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Greetings Lists,

While doing the research for the compilation of the 1993 UFO Chronology, I came across a very thick file of 20 reports from NE Indiana that I, as State Director of MUFON Indiana, had worked with FI's Bruce Engstrom & Robert Taylor securing. These complete reports were submitted to MUFON, CUFOS, with one complete set retained at this office, the UFO Filter Center in Mt. Vernon. When the investigation was concluded, Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS had done as complete an analysis as could be done. Something unusual was going on during the evening hours of July 13, 1993. This involved bonified UFO reportss, confirmed helicopters sightings, and incidents involving both copters and UFOs.

It all began with a phone call to this center. The FI-4 / Form "M" Message Slip is attached to this email.

Francis Ridge
NICAP Site Archivist

"News-Sun"

Dave Knapp (219) 347-0400
636-2851

9:50
c/o Sheriff

- () (NUFORC) National UFO Reporting Center P.O. Box 1607
Seattle, WA 98111
(206) 722-3800
- () (MUFON) Mutual UFO Network 103 Oldtowne Rd.
Seguin, TX 78155
(512) 379-9216
- () (UFOFC) UFO Filter Center 618 Davis Dr.
Mt. Vernon, IN 47520
(812) 838-9843
- () Other



NOTICE OF INITIAL REPORT (Message Slip)

To UFOFC Filed by _____

The following UFO incident report was received at our office on 9pm 7/13/93

The incident occurred on Tue 7/13/93 at _____ AM 9:30 PM

at/near N.W. Noble Co. State Indiana County Noble

7 people in
3 hr.
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REPORTING PARTY:

() Witness
() Reporting for witness

Name Dave Knapp

Address 208 E. MAIN ST

City Argion State IN

Zip Code 46701 Age _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

DESCRIPTION:

Shape _____ Size _____

Witnesses _____ Sound _____

Distance _____ feet Altitude _____ feet

Observed for: _____ Sec. _____ Min. _____ Hr(s)

() Light Form Only () Time Loss
() Vehicle/Device () Memory Loss
() Animal Reaction () Passed Overhead
() Physical Trace () Within 200' of Gnd
() Psychological Event () Under Cloud Ceiling
() Parapsycholog. Event () Change In Motion
() Physiological Event () Continuous Flight
() Electromagnetic Event () Stationary Target
() Landing/Touchdown () Anomalistic Motion
() Humanoid or Creature?

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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY LOG

INCIDENT: JULY 13, 1993, NE INDIANA

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(Current date of this log is date of last entry)

930713 Incident date.

930714 Article in several newspapers.
Preliminary reports on Stoner, Glasson & Bish cases.

930715 First notification at UFOFC (State HQ). Landline from Dave Knopp of the "NEWS SUN" about sightings in NW Noble County. Seven witnesses in three locations, 5 miles apart.
Select Points Bulletin sent out to FI Bruce Engstrom, FI Norma Croda, & FIT Linda Dahlkemper. Copy to David Knopp.

930716 Story in FORT WAYNE JOURNAL-GAZETTE, Saturday. "Some Think UFO May Have Been Helicopters". (Dave Knopp).

930719 Message Slip/Preliminary reports on Rowe & DeHaven cases.

930720 Investigation I/V & Form 1 completed on Glasson case.
Message Slip/Preliminary Report & Form 1 on Mangus case. Form 1 completed same day.

930722 Investigation I/V on Mangus case.
Letter to FI Engstrom. Enclosed were entry form printscreens for cases already logged on the Regional Sighting Information Database. Message slips were provided for sightings not listed, as well as a Case Submittal Checklist.

930724 Letter from FI/Staff Artist Taylor to State Director. (Glasson case, Bish case).

930803 Letter to FI Engstrom. Possible help from FIT Linda Dahlkemper on remaining cases.

930805 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Priestley case. Form 1 completed same day.

930811 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Anderson case.

930812 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Baker case.

- 930813 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Yoder case.
- 930814 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Meyers case.
- 930815 Message Slip/Preliminary reports on Michael, Mason, Rowland & McGuire cases.
- 930817 Letter from FI Engstrom to State Director. Update on I/V's. Yoder case appears to be a hoax.
- 930818 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Krider case. Form 1 signed same day.
Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Anglin case. Form 1 completed same day.
- 930819 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Taylor case. Form 1 completed on same day
Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Alcalá case.
- 930820 Letter to FI Engstrom. New leads and copy of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
- 930823 Message Slip/Preliminary Report on Pollack case.
Form 1 completed on Mason case.
- 930825 Form 1 completed on Michael case.
- 930826 Letter from FI Engstrom to Allen, Whitley, County Sheriffs.
Letter from FI Engstrom to Military Affairs Department at Indy and FAA at Fort Wayne.
- 930828 Letter from FI/Staff Artist Taylor, working on the Mason drawings.
- 930830 Letter from FI Engstrom to St. Joseph County, Kosciusco County, Elkhart County, LaGrange County & Noble County Sheriffs.
- 930902 Letter from Allen County Sheriff to FI Engstrom.
- 930907 Letter to State Director from FI Engstrom about civilian and military airfield checks.
- 930908 Drawings on Mason case completed.
Letter from FI Engstrom to Public Affairs Officer at Selfridge, MI. This was suggested by Indy ANG at Indianapolis.
Letter to State Director from FI Engstrom about contact with Captain Joseph Drury of Indiana ANG at Indy.
- 931103 Letter to FI Engstrom asking for final thoughts on incidents.
- 931214 Copies of all reports to MUFON, DDI, CUFOS. Included was two printouts: 1) chronological listing of all 20 cases, plus the Terre Haute incident, which occurred the same evening. 2) INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY covering 6/1 to 8/30 showing increase in "blimp" reports, the best encounter in the 7/13 micro-mini flap being the Mason case, a low-flying blimp-like object.

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- Undated Note from DDI Jerold Johnson with assigned log numbers for investigated cases.
- 931227 Letter, preliminary analysis with two computer maps, received from Mark Rodeghier of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies.
- 931230 Letter to Mark Rodeghier, CUFOS, advising that I requested FI's Engstrom & Taylor to investigate and document the Myers case, as suggested by Rodeghier in his letter of 12/24.
Letter to FI Engstrom, along with copy of CUFOS preliminary analysis, requesting Myers investigation. Also requested FI/Staff Artist Taylor to create a duplicate set of color drawings for CUFOS.
- 940121 Letter to FI Engstrom, checking to see if he received letter of 30 Dec.
- 940122 Letter from FI Engstrom, dated 17 Jan. Has drafted letters to Myers AND Anderson, requesting an I/V at the place of their sighting. Also received copy of letter from Engstrom to artist Taylor dated same day.
- 940209 Received Myers investigation report (note spelling correction on Myers from Meyers), FI notes (3 pages) dated 5 Feb, copy of letter from Myers approving I/V, and two maps.
- 940210 Copy of report and other materials pertinent to case sent to CUFOS and MUFON DDI.

END OF UFOFC LOG

SPB MESSAGE

SELECT POINTS BULLETIN

To: District 09 Personnel
Counties: Noble, Allen, LaGrange, Steuben, & Whitley.

From: Francis Ridge, State Director, MINDY/Indiana Group
UFO Filter Center
618 Davis Dr.
Mt. Vernon, 47620

Source: Dave Knopp, Kendallville SUN-NEWS

The following UFO incident report was received at our office at 0900 hours on 15 July 1993:

Incident occurred on July 13th at 9:30 PM
at/near Kendallville, IN, Noble County.

REPORTING PARTY:

Name: Dave Knopp
Address: 208 E. Main St.
City: Albion, IN 46701
Phone: (219) 347-0400 Home
(219) 636-2851 Work

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Noble County Sheriff's Department was alerted to UFO sightings on Tuesday, July 13th. The object was observed at approximately 2130 hours (9:30 PM) and described as a dark object with numerous red lights, flying at a very low altitude, heading in a NW direction. One preliminary report suggests the object was less than 50' off the ground. Three groups of witnesses, (7 persons) separated by a distance of approximately 5 miles reported an object that apparently was traveling in a NW direction without any sound.

The progression of times/locations of the three sighting groups indicates a NW movement. Law enforcement personnel at one location actually got out of the patrol car to observe and were stunned by the lack of any sound.

District 09 has no SSD coordinating county efforts. However, a number of people are in that district who could help investigate.

Any personnel who wish to participate should contact me immediately. The number is:

(812) 838-3120

or messages can be left at:

(812) 838-9843

A number of individuals could work together and possibly get a video camera to the sighting area. However, investigation of the incidents is the prime focus at this point.

I will appoint someone in the group that responds to head the investigation.

Please contact me ASAP if you can be of service. A list of all active/inactive personnel is enclosed.

END OF MESSAGE

UFO sighted near Cromwell

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By DAVE KNOPP

KIMMELL — At least seven people, including two Ligonier police officers, spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) Tuesday night around 9:30 p.m. in northwest Noble County.

"I thought it was fire trucks at our house at first," said Sparta Lake Road resident Elizabeth Glasson, who saw a red glow in the distance as she was driving home about 9:10 p.m.

But as she got closer to her home she saw an object about 50 feet in the air across her yard and behind some trees, with red lights flashing. The object was dark and difficult to distinguish in outline, but appeared to be at least 20 feet in diameter.

"It was quiet, you couldn't hear anything," said Glasson, who ran inside her home and returned to the yard with her husband, Jim, and her 19-year-old son,

Adam Bish.

The object was no longer near their property but flying toward Cromwell, and "we stood out until we couldn't see it anymore," Glasson said. "It was very strange. I used to think stories like this were baloney."

A short time later Glasson's daughter, 15-year-old Angie Bish, returned home from a drive with her boyfriend, 17-year-old Shaun Brown.

Glasson said that when her daughter walked in, "She looked like she'd seen a ghost and said, 'You wouldn't believe what we just saw.' I said, 'Oh yes I would.'"

Bish and Brown described how they had seen an object with flashing red lights hovering no more than 10 feet off the ground in a field off Sparta Lake Road,

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north of the Glasson home, where they watched it hover about five minutes before it took off rapidly toward Ligonier.

They also had trouble distinguishing its shape, but thought it was plate-like.

Glasson reported the object at 9:50 p.m. to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, where dispatcher

Dave Resler requested Ligonier officers check it out.

"We didn't need to because we saw it too," said officer Mike Stoner, who was with officer Tom Lock when they saw an object with two flashing red lights in the sky above treetop level around 9:40 p.m., while driving in the area of West Noble High School.

"At first we thought it was going down like an aircraft in trouble," Stoner said, "but it made no sound at all." It was also moving northwest.

The officers tried to track the object but could not keep up with it, and gave up trying about four miles west of Ligonier on U.S. 6.

"If I had to guess, I'd still have to say it was some kind of military aircraft," said Stoner, who added the object had been too far away to determine its shape.

"We didn't have anybody flying there," said Sgt. Ellen Jefferies of the Indiana Air National Guard at Fort Wayne International Airport. "If it was an F-16, they would have heard some noise."

Paul Sheridan, manager of the control tower at Fort Wayne International, said he was also unaware of anything in the area that could explain the sightings.

"Boy, would I like to see something like that," he said.

In Glasson's case, "It made me a little nervous, because it just didn't make sense. Hopefully someone has an answer."

UFO sightings excite investigator

By DAVE KNOPP

KIMMELL — Sightings of an unidentified flying object (UFO) Tuesday in northwest Noble County have excited at least one veteran investigator of the phenomenon.

"It sounds like a very good case," said Francis Ridge, Indiana director of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON). "This has some real potential and I'd like to get it documented."

At least seven people, including two Ligonier police officers, spotted an object in the air around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday that made no sound and had flashing red lights.

All had difficulty making out the object's outline, although three saw it hovering at close range before it headed northwest.

If the incident turns out to be unexplainable, "It will be listed as a close encounter," said Ridge, explaining that in UFO terminology what was seen is known as an OWL (object with lights).

They are a common type of UFO which some people have described being as tough to distinguish as an object made of brick would be if it went floating by with bright lights on it, Ridge said.

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being logically explained, while 1 in 10 defies earthly explanation.

Spokesmen at Fort Wayne International Airport representing the Indiana Air National Guard, the control tower and the National Weather Service bureau are all without explanation for Tuesday's sightings, as is a spokesman for the weather station at Grissom Air Force Base near Peru.

While UFO sightings have sometimes been attributed to reflections off of weather balloons, "the balloons don't have red lights," said Russ Marshall, director of the weather service bureau in Fort Wayne. "Most of the time you can explain these, and it was probably some type of aircraft because of the red lights, but there have been times I couldn't explain them."

Ridge said that in cases where a UFO has stopped to hover or land instead of simply flying overhead, reoccurrences are not unusual.

"I don't really think it's over, I think there are going to be more sightings," said Ridge, who hopes law enforcement officers and others will keep video cameras handy just in case.

According to statistics kept by

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MUFON, Indiana and Florida have been neck and neck since 1986 in leading the nation with numbers of UFO sightings reported, with 1988 having been a peak year for Hoosier sightings.

Part of that is because MUFON is well-organized in Indiana, Ridge said, with several state section

directors who handle multi-county areas.

UFO investigations are dependent on MUFON and other voluntary organizations; the U.S. government officially stopped its investigations of the phenomenon in 1969, when the Air Force concluded it could not justify the expense on the grounds of national security or in

the interest of science.

Prior to Tuesday, the last time a UFO was reported to law enforcement agencies in Noble County was in December 1988, when an octagonal object with a purplish light blinking in the center, and plain white lights blinking in sequence around the edge, was spotted at Skinner Lake.

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Some think UFO may have been helicopters

By DAVE KNOPP

WOLF LAKE — It is still not clear what quiet, red-lighted object was in the air Tuesday night around 9:30 in northwest Noble County, but some people say around that time four helicopters headed northwest over the Wolf Lake area.

They include Harlen Miller, captain of the Noble County Sheriff's Department, and Mark Hines, a conservation officer for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

"Four choppers went over the house in a diamond formation, heading northwest," said Miller, a U.S. Army veteran who lives south of Wolf Lake. "They were loud, but for night flying they were extremely low."

In the darkness it was tough to see the outlines of the helicopters, Miller said, but they had red lights on.

Red lights were also seen by

some people who reported an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the vicinity of Cromwell and Ligonier, although those people did not hear anything.

Two Ligonier police officers who saw the object even got out of their car, thinking what they were seeing might be an aircraft in trouble, but could not hear any sound coming from the object.

Russ Marshall, director of the National Weather Service bureau in Fort Wayne, said the Doppler effect might explain why people did not hear a sound they were expecting to, although it would not explain a total lack of sound.

The Doppler effect is what happens to sound waves when the source or receiver of the waves moves, for example when the pitch of a train goes up as it approaches a

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person standing still.

"I think there's probably a logical explanation for all this," said Marshall. "It was probably an aircraft."

Spokesmen at Fort Wayne International Airport for the Indiana Air National Guard and the control tower were not aware of flight activity in the area that could explain the sightings, however, nor was a spokesman for the weather station at

Grissom Air Force Base near Peru.

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Terre Haute family sees similar UFO

By GARY KAUFFMAN

TERRE HAUTE — A Terre Haute couple telephoned the Ligonier Police Department Friday afternoon to see if what they saw from their front porch matched the description of objects seen Tuesday night by two Ligonier police officers.

Robin and Earl Todd and their two daughters saw two objects about 11 p.m. Tuesday, and videotaped it for about four minutes. But it wasn't until Friday morning when they read a newspaper story about the sightings in Ligonier that they considered the objects to be something extraordinary.

"When we read the paper this morning, it kind of clicked," Robin Todd said.

The Todds reviewed the tape,

then called the Ligonier Police Department.

"From the way they described it, it sounds the same," Todd said. "We're not saying it's a UFO, we just don't know what it is."

Numerous people in the Cromwell and Ligonier area saw bright flashing lights about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Many said they heard no sound. Two Ligonier police officers also saw the lights, but they believe it was either a formation of helicopters or some type of military aircraft.

The Todd's daughters, ages 12 and 13, first saw the objects at about 11 p.m. as they did some stargazing, a popular pastime for the Todds.

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"They're always looking at the sky," Todd said of her husband and daughters.

The daughters called their father to the porch, where he saw a bright sphere hovering above the house. He hurried for the video camera and a tape and began recording the object.

As he recorded the object, the daughters spotted another similar object nearby. The object made no noise. Because the Todds live about

a mile from an airport, they're used to the sounds of aircraft, and were puzzled by the lack of noise.

As they watched, a plane approached the area. The plane is audible on the videotape. Suddenly the object took off, disappearing from view. But when the plane had passed out of sight, the object returned. The second object then joined the first.

"They two came together and all of a sudden they took off, like a little thin line," Todd said. "Just as quick

as it came into view, it was gone."

Earl Todd had difficulty estimating the altitude of the object, since he didn't know the size of it. He estimated, though, that the plane was about 1,000 feet up, and the object was about another 2,500 above that.

Because he is an avid stargazer, he is familiar with most objects in the night sky.

"He's never seen anything like it," Todd said.

As strange as the object appeared, the Todds dismissed it as a passing phenomenon, not even viewing the tape until after they had read the newspaper account on Friday. It was then that Todd discovered her husband had inadvertently taped over her "Buns of Steel" exercise video.

But the quality of the recording is good, she said, and the object and plane are clearly visible.

The Todds are still reluctant to say what they saw was some type of flying saucer.

"Nobody wants to say it's a UFO," Todd said. "But it was something that didn't act natural."

"We don't know whether to say anything or not because people think you're weird." 7/17/93

More reports of UFOs in area

By JANICE KARLOVICH
Staff Writer

"It had lights, it was quiet, it was low and it was slow." That's how Shriner Lake resident George Rowe described the unidentified flying object that he said appeared near his Whitley County home Tuesday night. Rowe and his 14-year-old son were watching the Major League All-Star baseball game shortly before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when they saw a group of six to eight red

lights outside.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Rowe, who is a finance manager at Evans Toyota in Fort Wayne. "I don't know what it was, but we definitely saw something."

Rowe said the object made no noise and hovered right about tree level.

"That's why I ruled out anything like a plane because there was no noise," Rowe said. "It was so weird because it was so quiet."

The number of people who say they saw an unidentified flying object in the night skies Tuesday in Whitley and Noble counties continues to grow.

In addition to Rowe and another Whitley County man, a Ligonier family and two Ligonier police officers reported seeing a strange flying object Tuesday night.

So far, military and weather officials have been unable to explain the incident completely. Walt DeHaven, an engineer at

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Dana Corp. in Churubusco, said he was on Whitley County Road 550 East northeast of Columbia City, when he saw what he thought were three helicopters flying in formation.

But something wasn't quite right. DeHaven, like others who claimed to have seen the object, said he didn't hear the loud noise associated with helicopters or aircraft.

"I stopped my truck and looked," he said. "When I first saw it, it was very spooky. It was a little freaky when you looked at it."

Fort Wayne International Airport did not report unusual objects on radar Tuesday night.

A spokesman at the Indiana Air

National Guard unit in Fort Wayne said Wednesday that there were no flights Tuesday night in the Ligonier area. A spokeswoman at Grissom Air Force Base in Peru said Grissom does not send aircraft over northeast Indiana.

Lt. Shirley Zumbuhl, a public affairs officer at Grissom, said she could not be sure, but thought there might be new military helicopters that are quieter than usual.

Russ Marshall, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Fort Wayne, said the lack of sound may have resulted from something called the Doppler effect.

That phenomenon occurs when sound frequencies shift and noise sounds either greater or less appears either stronger or weaker than the emitted frequency.

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UFO may have been copters, veteran says

By JANICE KARLOVICH
Staff Writer

A 33-year Air Force veteran who saw the strange configuration of lights near Ligonier on Tuesday believes the object was two high-tech Army Apache helicopters. Most Apaches are reserved strictly for active-duty bases, and one could have been flying Tuesday night in northeast Indiana, spokesmen from the Indiana and Michigan National Guard said.

Several people reported seeing the strange, red lights and were unable to identify the craft because of its quietness and its lowness to the ground.

Clarence McDaniel, a retired Air Force master sergeant, said he and his wife were on their way back to Fort Wayne from an auction in Ligonier when they saw the lights.

To some, the quiet, low-flying object looked like a spaceship. To McDaniel, the shape of the lights looked like two Apache helicopters.

"They're really quiet, and they're very swift," said McDaniel, who retired from the Air Force in 1988. "I didn't stop to analyze the situation because I thought they were helicopters. I'd almost stake my life on it that it was

helicopters."

The Apache is a quick-reacting, anti-tank weapon equipped to attack at night and during bad weather, according to an Army fact sheet. It is the Army's premier attack helicopter, but the Blackhawk is a similar Army helicopter designed for transport.

According to Sgt. Charlane Dusse of the Indiana National Guard's public affairs office, the Apache is "awesomely silent."

Paul Miller, a flight instructor at the Indiana Army National Guard's base at Shelbyville, said there are no Apaches or Blackhawks based in the state, however. And any other military aircraft would make considerable noise.

Lt. Col. Brian Downey of the Michigan National Guard's public affairs office said Michigan doesn't have any Apache or Blackhawk helicopters either, but an active-duty craft could easily have been in the area.

"There are hundreds of possible reasons for a helicopter to be flying there," Downey said, referring to various air shows and the recent floods in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

National Sighting Information Database
 Period: June 1 to Aug 31, 1993

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ST	HY	VAL	WT	DESCRIPT	F_USED	WITN	REF
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930614	1100	WAVERLY	OH	C1	I	01	DDISC			RUFOS
930702	0830	LOCKWOOD	MO	DD	IV	01	BLIMP		HART	ILMUFON
930709	0030	AMD	IN	NL		02	LIGHTS	1	LYDICK	
930712	2230	SYLVANIA	MO	NL		01	CIGAR			AUN,0893
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July 13, 1993; Kendallville, IN

9:30 PM. Knopp sighting. Noble County Sheriff's Department was alerted to UFO sightings. The object was observed at approximately 9:30 hours and described as a dark object with numerous red lights, flying at a very low altitude, heading in a NW direction. One preliminary report suggests the object was less than 50' off the ground. (MUFON Indiana, Form M, SD/FI Fran Ridge)

July 13, 1993; 8 mi. so. of Albion, IN

Bt. 9:00 & 9:15 PM. (16 mi. south of Ligonier). The wife and son saw an object AND lights. It was described as oval behind two red lights, size of object not determined. The object passed overhead on a continuous flight path. The husband heard it, but couldn't understand why he could not see the helicopter. (Anderson case. MUFON Indiana, Form M, not investigated, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Ligonier, IN

Bt. 9:00 PM & 9:20 PM. Krider (confidential) sighting. Kenedled dogs barking during 20 minute sighting of 3 rotating lights. (Animal Reaction cases, Joan Woodward). Five minutes. Upon returning from an auction in Ligonier and about 4 miles south of that city the car with four witnesses encountered several bright red-orange lights through the trees directly in front of them. They originally thought that the lights were some form of train light, because they knew the train tracks were just a short ways ahead. As they continued on south and approached the tracks, they couldn't tell if the lights were moving, but noticed a freight train going west. When they stopped the car to wait for the train they observed the lights above and slightly behind the train to their right. The lights, which did not blink or move at all at this point, covered an area of the sky longer than the length of one box car, and positioned about 2-3 times that height. This would put the lights at around 25 feet above the ground and 400-600' away. After the train passed, they drove over the tracks and stopped about a tenth of a mile down the road and jumped out of the car. The lights were behind them, back towards the train tracks to their right. After a couple of minutes the lights slowly drifted west. No sound was ever heard at any time. (MUFON Indiana, FI's Bruce Engstrom & Robert Taylor)

July 13, 1993; 2-1/3 miles ESE of Cromwell, IN

9:20 PM. (15-20 minutes after the Kxxxxxx sighting at Ligonier) The Krider woman's mother saw the same lights in the south as she let one of her dogs out. By then all four dogs were barking loudly. Then the primary witness arrived and she and her mother and her two teenage children watched the lights to the south, about 1/8th to 1/4th of a mile away, moving very slowly to the right in a northwesterly direction. When the lights reached a clearing they appeared to rotate (as one unit) and angle away at great speed. The two leading lights were closer together. Attempts were made to find possible witnesses from the train, but were unsuccessful. (MUFON Indiana, FI's Bruce Engstrom & Robert Taylor)

July 13, 1993; Churubusco, IN

9:00 PM. Pollack sighting. Three helicopters with red lights and noise that vibrated the house passed directly over the witness. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; 5 mi. So. of Ligonier, IN

9:05 PM. Glasson sighting. The primary sighting mentioried by the newspapers. The wife saw them first, later up close (within 40 yards), while driving home. She originally feared that they might be on a firetruck near her home. When she reached home about 5 minutes later the stationary object

consisted of two flashing red lights only, about 120' away and 20 feet above the ground. The lights seemed to be 30-40' apart <3-4" at arm's length). There was no sound heard as the object lit up the ground as it hovered below the top of the nearest tree. As she pulled into her driveway she noticed a couple of cars had stopped on the road and watching as well. The witness then ran into the house to get her husband and son, who saw nothing at first until they moved to another location. They also got to see the lights, but by then they had moved from their original position to about 190 yards away and were only very bright, flashing red lights now at about 200' altitude and in the distance.

July 13, 1993; 3-1/2 mi. so. of Ligonier, IN

9:30 PM. Two teenagers (one the 15-year-old daughter of the woman above, Glasson) were driving south on Sparta Lake Road saw several red lights moving at a low altitude and making a humming sound. They stopped and got out of their car to watch as the lights maneuvered over farm buildings and then go behind some trees. Source: MUFON investigations files, cases 931244J and 931245J, MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom).

July 13, 1993; 7 mi. N-NE of Columbia City, IN

9:15-9:30 PM. Baker sighting. A man and his neighbor reported points of light only. No sound reported or expected at this greater range estimated by the witness(es) at 1/2. mile. The lights were in view for about two minutes and were thought to be very low, about 100'. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Syracuse, IN

9:15-9:30 PM. Michael sighting. Three helicopters with noise, but nearly quiet, range two city blocks. (Form M, MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Whitley County, IN

9:30 PM. Rowe sighting. Witness not contacted. This man said in a newspaper interview, "It had lights, it was quiet, it was low and it was slow." He and his 14-year-old son were watching the Major League Oil-Star baseball game when they saw a group of six to eight red lights outside. "It was so weird because it was so quiet." It reportedly hovered about tree level. (MUFON Indiana)

July 13, 1993; Cromwell, IN

9:30 +. Three people traveling south on Rte. 3 saw a number of lights that appeared to be a multi-colored oval-shaped UFO. It made a whining noise. (Source: MUFON investigations files, cases 931244J and 931245J, MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom).

July 13, 1993; 3-1/2 miles south of Ligonier, IN

9:30 PM. The 15-year-old daughter of the witnesses in another case (Glasson), along with her boyfriend, had seen the lights. He had dropped her off in the driveway and she came running into her home. Her mother said, "She looked like she'd seen a ghost and said, 'You wouldn't believe what we just saw.' I said, 'Oh yes I would.'" They had been about a mile and a half away from her home when they had first seen the flashing red lights. The lights were moving, not hovering. At one point the lights were about 50' apart and began to slowly circle a metal barn. The lights were very bright, so bright an object in-between could not be discerned, but a low pitched hum could be heard at this closest approach which was at about 50 yards, after about two minutes the sighting ended when, after one slow circling of the barn, the two lights suddenly got closer together indicating a rapid departure in a westerly direction. The young couple then went home to tell her parents, whom had just witnessed the strange themselves. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Cromwell, IN

9:30 PM. Priestley sighting. A mother and her son were driving to Cromwell and observed an oval pattern of pulsating red lights in a straight line. A few minutes later they arrived home at their trailer and the lights were right over it, covering a little less than the same length of the 60' trailer, or an area about 50' long. The lights were 5-10 feet above the trailer. Her son's eyes are better and he described blue lights in-between the red ones. The red ones all brightened and dimmed at the same time. At one point the straight line row of lights separated into two equal rows moving left and right, then floated away in unison (as if they were part of the same object) and headed toward Cromwell. There was a high-pitched whine with this sighting which was witnessed by two people and at less than 30' away! (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; 3 mi. east of Syracuse, IN

9:15-9:30 PM. Mxxxxx sighting. Cigar-shaped object with red body lights maneuvered at low level. (Volume II, The UFO Evidence, Section I).. <>This man, a private pilot, was on his porch and heard a dynamo humming sound. He went to his backyard and saw a multi-colored cigar-shaped object drift slowly toward the west, rise up 50-70 feet, and then drift to the north. It passed in front of trees, and then behind some more trees and was gone from view. <>Blimp or cigar-shaped craft that was 100' long and 50-100' off the ground. He had it in sight for 5-minutes and said it had a pulsating hum associated with it. The object moved on a continuous flight path, hovered, moved. (Source: MUFON investigation files, case 931243J, MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; 2-1/2 mi. east of Ligonier, IN

9:30 PM. "I just came out of the barn when I noticed an object with a lot of big cherry red slow pulsating lights flying close to the treetops." They were flying from the south to the north, coming his way. He reported that he thought the object was an aircraft about to crash. The object turned and headed west. He said he went running down the driveway, watching it until it was out of sight. No sound reported. The altitude was estimated at 200-400', range 2-1/2 miles. Observed for 1-2 mins. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Wolf Lake, IN

Sometime after 9:00 PM. Myers sighting. Four members of the family were returning from a 4-H function in their pickup and saw three flashing red lights in the SW moving parallel to their movement and heading NW. The distance between the individual lights varied, indicating they were separate objects. No sound was heard due to distance (est. 2 miles) and the radio being on. When they arrived home 10-15 minutes later they saw two red objects that were KNOWN to be helicopters coming from the east and heading SE-SW. Helicopters could clearly be heard. Investigation indicated two separate incidents; first UFOs, then IFOs. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Cromwell, IN

9:35 PM. Taylor sighting. All three witnesses were teenagers and reported two separate sightings. One girl began to scream uncontrollably when she first saw the lights because she did not understand what they were. Both girls admitted to being afraid during their experience. The boy tried to make light of it at the time by saying that it was probably "just a UFO", trying to calm the girls down. However, he was serious all during the interview. They reported red lights behind some trees which were about 330 feet away and to their left. They weren't certain how far the lights were beyond the trees, however. About 3/4 mile down the road they had their second encounter. They all observed two red lights, not unusually bright, each about the size of a quarter at arm's length and separated by about the length of two standard size cars placed end to end. They came from the left (SE), passed almost directly overhead, and passed to their right (NW). They heard no sound. The altitude was estimated to be

about tree-top level, placing it about 30-40 feet off the ground. There was no shape or structure seen between the lights! Both sightings together probably never lasted longer than a two minutes. The lights went behind some trees and were not seen again. (MUFON Indiana, FI's Bruce Engstrom & Robert Taylor)

July 13, 1993; 4-1/2 mi. so. of Albion, IN

9:30 PM. Rowland sighting. A man and another witness reported red points of light and, no sound. Estimated range: 2 miles. Altitude: 1,000'. Duration: 5 mins. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Kimmel, IN

9:35 PM. Mangus sighting. This sighting took place within 2 miles of the primary sighting area. This particular lady was heading home and saw two bright red lights flashing alternately over a tree. When she pulled into her driveway the garage door opener only went part way up (worked perfect after the sighting), so she left the car in the driveway and ran in to get her husband to see the lights. They both observed the lights at close range, at around 250', altitude 40'. The report describes two red rectangular lights that blinked, but stayed relative to one another while slowly floating away. There was no sound reported. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; Ligonier, IN

9:40 PM. The Stoner sighting.. Here we have to rely on press accounts, for the Ligonier police officers who reported what they saw to the media refuse to file a report with MUFON. (This could be pressure from the department). However, their simultaneous report to the media lends credence to the primary report. They said they saw a quiet, low-flying object with red lights on it near West Noble High School. They also thought it was an aircraft in trouble at first, but then realized it was too quiet to be an airplane or a helicopter. "We saw this great big object, maybe like a 747 (jet)", one of them said. "We followed it for a while, (then) we stopped the car. There was no sound or anything." The other officer said all he could see were two red flashing lights just above the tree line. "I'm not convinced it was an extraterrestrial aircraft", he said. "A dark as it was, I can't say what it was." (MUFON Indiana, press)

July 13, 1993; E. of Topeka, IN

10:30 PM. Yoder sighting. Dogs were barking, which drew the attention of the witness, who saw a "half a football", 100-150' long and 20-30' thick which hovered very low over the Elkhart River within 100-200 yards of the witness for 20 minutes. The witness said he fired a rifle at it but heard no reaction from the craft! He tried to photograph it but he had no film in his camera. The craft was stationary, started moving and moved on a continuous flight path. Needless to say, there are many questions needing answers on this one! (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Enstrom)

July 13, 1993; Nr. Columbia City, IN

Evening. DeHaven sighting. An engineer at Dana Corp. in Cherubusco, said he was on Whitley County Road 550 ENE of Columbia City, when he saw what he thought were three helicopters flying in formation. But something wasn't quite right. He, like others who claimed to have seen the object, said he didn't hear the loud noise associated with helicopters or aircraft. "I stopped my truck and looked," he said. "When I first saw it, it was very spooky. It was a little freaky when you looked at it." (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom, not investigated).

July 13, 1993; Cherubusco, IN

Evening. McGuire sighting. Had been inside watching the All Star Game on TV, about the third or fourth inning. It wasn't dark yet and he heard a noise outside. He went out to see four helicopters go

almost straight overhead. All had red lights, but very quiet. Observed for about two minutes. Height was about 2-1/2 times tree-top level and he could easily see the bodies of all four aircraft, olive drab and no markings. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom)

July 13, 1993; south of Ligonier, IN

Evening. Alcala sighting. On Route 33 near Kimmel. Red lights were so bright they woke him up. No details but somehow connected with Angel Taylor sighting. (MUFON Indiana, FI Bruce Engstrom, not investigated)

September 7, 1993

Francis,

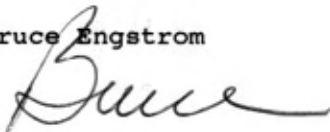
Just as an update as to where Robert Taylor and I are in our investigation right now, I thought I would drop you a note.

1. I have contacted Mr. David Vie, FAA Control Tower Manager, at Fort Wayne International Airport. He left a phone message for me on my home phone last week in response to my letter to the FAA for clarification of standards for aircraft lighting. He offered the following information to me.
 - a. They had NO unusual radar activity on the evening of July 13th.
 - b. The description of ALL the lighting configurations sounded to him like military aircraft.
 - c. Military aircraft, including helicopters, do NOT have to follow normal civilian requirements for standard lighting. The military have their own standards, and he suggested that I contact them.
 - d. Military aircraft, including helicopters, do NOT have to follow normal civilian requirements for maintaining standard altitude. They are to follow their own disgression as to what is safe and what is not. It is typical for military helicopters to hold maneuvers at low altitude over civilian areas. The time of night is also typical of when they do such maneuvers. The military have no standards as to lighting and altitude like civilian aircraft do.
 - e. He confirmed what we had heard from the Air National Guard station at Fort Wayne. There were NO military flights which originated from Fort Wayne on the evening of July 13th.
 - f. He could not understand the lack of sound coming from what was seen northwest of Fort Wayne, especially at close range.
 - g. He said he would keep my letter and name on file for future information exchanges. He was very receptive to discussing this with me.
2. Mr. David Vie gave me the name of a military public affairs officer, who he thought might be able to help me. The name was Sargent Cappmayer (no first name) with a phone number of (708)209-2620. I called that number only to find that Sargent Cappmayer was in the process of being discharged from the service and was unavailable. I discussed the situation with whoever answered the phone (I did not get his name, but he was military also). Since they are located in Forrest Park, Illinois, they could not help at all, but suggested that I contact either the Air National Guard in Indiana or the 123rd ARCOM unit of the Army Reserves at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. He did not know if they operated any sort of aircraft at all. I'll give them a try to see if they could be of assistance.
3. I have been trying to contact a Captain Joe Drury of the Air National Guard in Indianapolis for the past couple of days. He responded to my letter to the military in Indianapolis by leaving a phone message with his phone number. He requested me to return his call. I tried last

Friday, but he was not in the office at all that day. I have tried again today, but have been unsuccessful. I'll continue to pursue this until I contact him. FYI, his phone number is (317)247-3278, Public Affairs section.

4. Concerning the latest UFO Intelligence Newsletter (and the information packet you had previously sent to me - which I did not catch the following in), I have three corrections for you.
 - a. Item: Evening. S. of Ligonier, IN - where the lights were bright enough to wake him up. I followed up by calling this individual and found that this event occurred almost a month PRIOR to the July 13th activity. The way he described that situation, it could easily have been police helicopters using very bright white spot-lights. A white beam was seen coming down from an object and went back and forth across his house. They live in an isolated part of a rural area and it really scared them. Later he found out that a prisoner had escaped from a local jail, and he then assumed that what he had seen was the police, and he really never gave it much thought since then. His name was given to me by Angel Taylor, who thought that his experience could be related to the July 13th sightings. Please disregard this sighting. It does not apply.
 - b. Item: 10:30PM East of Topeka, IN - since I have tried to call the phone number supplied during the original phone conversation, and the folks who answer that number have no idea of what I was talking about and the names don't match, and the fact that I have tried to trace down the names of both the person who was supposed to have fired a gun at a UFO and the person who passed the story along to me, without any luck at all, - please disregard this report. I will assume that this was a hoax spurred by my appeal for additional information in the papers. Unless I receive a followup call from whoever made the original call, I am considering this as a non-event.
 - c. Item: Evening, Churubusco, IN - where you said ".. did not recall 3rd or 4th inning of the Allstar baseball game on TV." I have a feeling there was lack of communication on this one, and I apologize for it. I believe that this was picked up from some brief writing in the margin of the Form 1. The reference to not recalling was to mean that he did not recall if it was during the 3rd or the 4th inning of the Allstar game. It did not mean that he had lost time during that period. My error for not having clear notes. That one I'll buy for lack of communication. Sorry. Please rewrite that one to not include a loss of time. Thanks.
5. As an additional item, I'm including my first response from a sheriff's department. I was from the Allen County (Fort Wayne) Sheriff, and all he said was that there were NO reports to his office that evening, but he would keep my letter for future reference.

Bruce Engstrom



September 8, 1993

Francis,

Sorry for so much of this being sent back-to-back, but I'm trying to keep you as up-to-date as I can, while I can. I'll be out-of-pocket a couple of times over the next three weeks. I will be attending ASTROFEST (an amateur astronomer's conference) in Kankakee, Illinois, this coming Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Then beginning Friday, Sept. 17th, thru Sunday, Oct. 3rd, my wife Betty and I will be driving to Florida for a 2-week vacation. Her sister and her husband own a condo in Englewood Beach between Tampa and Fort Meyers on the Gulf side, so we will be staying there. I'll try to get as much of this wrapped up before I leave on vacation. I'm sure it will not be completed by then, and will get on it upon my return from Florida.

Yesterday I finally got through to Captain Joseph Drury of the Indiana Air National Guard in Indianapolis (317-247-3278). He appeared to be very friendly and open to discussing the July 13th situation. He seemed to be honest in his answers and offered his assistance anytime in the future. He said that there were NO Air National Guard flights anywhere in Indiana that night (this included Fort Wayne, Grissom, and Indianapolis). He had no idea what was seen in northeast Indiana that night. He did offer that some training missions are flown at night using night vision equipment, and this could account for the tight formations and the low altitude seen. The helicopters are normally limited to 500 foot altitude, but they can fly at treetop level and even land at the option of the pilot. What they normally fly in Indiana are UH-1's (Huey's) and they are definitely NOT QUIET, according to him. He said that even though there is "probably" a MUCH quieter modern helicopter being developed, they certainly would not test it over Indiana - it "would be" flown over the desert southwest. He could not elaborate, but he implied that the Air Force did have such a vehicle. He said that he could not understand what the people were seeing which did not have any sound associated with it. He appeared to be sympathetic to the sightings, or he may have heard this same story before, ... I could not tell which. On normal missions, the Air National Guard only sends out one helicopter at a time - it's too expensive to send out more than one. He was not familiar with Army National Guard missions or their specific maneuvers (more on this later). He said that there were no helicopters stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indy or at the Baer Field facility at Fort Wayne, and as far as he know there were only one or two at Grissom, and they did not fly out on training missions.

He did say that he knew of an Army National Guard unit in Michigan which flies over northern Indiana occasionally. I offered that I had heard the same, and that what I heard was that they fly "hide and seek" training night missions. He hesitantly concurred that they might be doing that. I think he honestly did not know. He offered that he has been called in the past with complaints concerning the Army helicopters from Michigan, flying very low over Indiana civilian areas. He thought that the Army outfit could be located in Lavonia, Michigan, (a Detroit suburb) and could be the 70th Division, 158th Aviation Unit, Training Headquarters. He did not have any way to contact that Army outfit but told me to call a Michigan Air National

NOTE: my wife is
receptive to stopping
at Grissom
to interview. May
contacts there?
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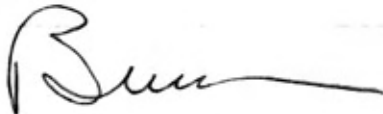
Guard station close by the Army location. I called them (313-293-9348, ... 313-293-8090 was an alternate number which I did not need) and asked for the phone number of the Army National Guard unit which flies helicopters. He said that the name of the facility is Selfridge and the 158th Aviation Unit does fly helicopter missions quite frequently.

Today I called the 158th Aviation Unit at Selfridge, (313-466-5152) and asked if I could have the mailing address of their Public Affairs unit. The person I talked to gave me the address which appears on the letter I have enclosed. I really prefer to make the first contact by mail in this case, rather than trying to make a "cold" phone call. It has worked for me in the past, not just with MUFON but with a number of other situations too.

I will give this about a week to process through the mail, and if I do not hear anything back, I'll then make another call to them. If we reach a dead end here too, then there is only one other avenue to look at. Captain Drury did offer that on occasion the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard get involved with "counter drug" flights. I did not ask, but I must assume that these are coordinated with civilian law enforcement agencies. These are normally night flights and are sometimes considered to be confidential in nature. I'm not sure how confidential they are with previous flights, but I could understand why they would be confidential if the flights were coming up in the future. The only other area which could be involved with this (other than local city police and county sheriffs) would be the Indiana Bureau of Investigation, or perhaps the federal Department of Alcohol and Fire Arms. I'm open to suggestions on this. Perhaps we are getting too far off the trail, but if this was some sort of counter drug mission, then I guess any avenue should be open.

By the by, I have not heard from any of the other County Sheriff's offices which had sent letters to recently. I'll keep patient for a while, then I just may followup. I am including a copy of the letter I'm sending to the Army National Guard in Lavonia, Michigan to see what they may have to give us to assist in our investigation. I'll keep in touch

Bruce

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce", written in dark ink.

SUBJECT: JULY 13, 1993 MICRO-MINI FLAP

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The Field Investigators who conducted this investigation, Mr. Bruce Engstrom and Mr. Robert Taylor, are to be commended for a job well done. There were twenty (20) reports filed where fifty (50) witnesses attested to something truly unusual being observed. A few of these witnesses suggested or stated that they thought the lights looked similar to lights on helicopters, based on their appearance or behavior, or both. Several witnesses reported helicopter sounds. At least one report described both unidentified objects/lights AND helicopters. But the presence of something unusual, based on proximity and total lack of sound, indicates that something unusual was in the area that evening.

Robert Taylor, The Indiana Group Staff Artist, assisted Bruce Engstrom in the investigation and carefully photographed the region of the sky where the phenomenon was observed in several key cases. Using these photos, he produced zerox copies to "overpaint" in order to show the appearance of the sky and the lights or object as described by the witness(es).

ALL attempts to locate or identify any helicopters, military or civilian, have been in vain. Letters were sent by FI Engstrom to the following:

8/26/93: FAA, Fort Wayne, IN, Captain Joseph Drury, Public Affairs Officer of Indiana National Guard, Indianapolis, IN. Sheriff Joseph M. Squadrito, Allen County. Sheriff, Whitley County.

8/30/93: Sheriff, St. Joseph County. Sheriff, Kosciusco County. Sheriff, Elkhart County. Sheriff, LaGrange County. Sheriff, Noble County.

9/8/93: Public Affairs Officer, Selfridge AFB, MI.

Numerous phone calls were placed by FI Engstrom in an attempt to get information in order to identify the source of these sightings. These lights were never positively identified as helicopters or a blimp or any type of aircraft.

Close encounters are technically more than just lights within 500'. Dr. J. Allen Hynek was suggesting cases where an object was close enough to be identified or listed as an "unknown" based on stereoscopic vision focused on a physical object, not just lights. This series of sightings made it difficult in most cases to qualify them as good close encounters. The classification chosen for each case and the reason given is described for each report considered on its own merit.

After four months of investigation and research it is doubtful that anything new will be gleaned from these incidents. Therefore these cases are considered concluded and unexplained.

It is impossible to align the cases referred to in actual chronological order, as the

exact time of some of the sightings is only guessed at by some of the witnesses or they gave a time-range. However, to the best of our knowledge the line-up is according to printout.

Status: NI=No complete formal Investigation conducted
 IC=Investigation Concluded
 UI=Under Investigation

Please use caution for the "Confidential" restrictions by witnesses.

Cases enclosed are as follows:

Date	Time	City	Witness	Status
930713	2100	Albion	Anderson	NI
930713	2100	Ligonier	Krider	IC
930713	2100	Churubusco	Pollack	NI
930713	2105	Ligonier	Glasson	IC
930713	2115	Columbia City	Baker	NI
930713	2115	Syracuse	Michael	IC
930713	2130	Whitley Co.	Rowe	NI
930713	2130	Ligonier	Bish	IC
930713	2130	Cromwell	Priestley	IC
930713	2130	Syracuse	Mason	IC
930713	2130	Ligonier	Anglin	IC
930713	2130	Wolf Lake	Meyers	NI
930713	2130	Cromwell	Taylor	IC
930713	2130	Albion	Rowland	NI
930713	2135	Kimmel	Mangus	IC
930713	2140	Ligonier	Stoner	NI
930713	2230	Topeka	Yoder	NI
930713	2245	Terre Haute	Todd	UI (Not part of this group)
930713	EVEN	Columbia City	DeHaven	NI
930713	EVEN	Cherubusco	McGuire	NI
930713	EVEN	Ligonier	Alcala	NI

A recent NSID (National Sighting Information Database) check was made to see if any pattern existed during the 60-day period. Of special interest was the increase in blimp-type reports. The first one was for June 6th at Lawrenceville, IL. On July 2nd another "blimp" was seen at Lockwood, MO, moving at high speed, eliminating an actual blimp. A cigar, which could be considered in this group, was observed on July 12th at Sylvania, MO. And the blimp-like object right in the mini-flap in NE Indiana was observed at Syracuse, IN, on the 13th. A football-shaped object was also seen the same evening at Topeka, IN. Finally, another football was observed on August 27th at McDonald, MO. A copy of the 60-day printout is enclosed.



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Dear Fran:

Thanks very much for the file of sighting reports from the July 13 incidents. I was intrigued enough by the reports to do some preliminary analysis of the data. First, though, please offer my congratulations to Bruce Engstrom (and any of his colleagues) for their efforts at investigating all these cases. I know how much work this must have been.

As for the sightings themselves, I have classified them by whether they seemed to be a) real unknowns, b) probable helicopters, c) uncertain designation and d) insufficient information. Using these categories, here is my list:

Unknowns: Krider, Glasson, Bish, Priestly, Mason, Anglin, Taylor, Stoner
Helicopters: Anderson, Pollack, Michael, Rowland, DeHaven, McGuire
Uncertain: Baker, Mangus
Insufficient Info: Yoder, Alcalá, and Rowe (unknown location)

I have left out the Meyers report and will return to it in a moment. If you turn to the first attached map for potential helicopter sightings, you will notice the following points. With the exception of Rowland, all the witnesses who thought they saw helicopters, albeit strange and very silent ones, were close to a straight-line path from near Churubusco to Syracuse. The exception, Rowland, lives on high ground, was looking to the south, and saw lights moving to the northwest, the correct direction. Since some of these witnesses actually saw the body of the helicopters and heard some engine noise, I am perfectly willing to conclude that real helicopters *were* the source of their sightings.

On the other hand, the same cannot be said for the Krider, Glasson, etc. reports, all of which occurred away from the line running from Churubusco to Syracuse. Of these reports, Krider and Bish, Glasson, Priestly, Anglin, Taylor, and Stoner all fell approximately inside the circle I've drawn on both figures. If you look at the second attached figure you will see that the only report that I consider probably not a helicopter and that has enough information to classify is the Mason report from east of Syracuse (the "blimp" sighting). All of these reports seem to have been true close encounters, even if all that was seen were lights, and since the UFOs seen hovered for some time while the witnesses were themselves stationary, it seems unlikely that they saw helicopters moving in a straight-line path. It also appears that most of these witnesses were typically not looking in the direction of the flight path of the helicopters to their south.

As Engstrom remarked, the Meyers report is crucial. As you can see from the diagrams, she was located south of the suggested flight path of the helicopters, looking north. She and her friends saw two sets of lights, and since they didn't consider them to be the same objects, it is tempting to conclude that one set were the helicopters, the other something unknown that is not a helicopter. Unfortunately, her report was not investigated. If one thing remains to be done with these sightings, I would strongly suggest that someone attempt to interview her, even at this late date. She should be asked to describe more details about the two sets of sightings and taken to the location where the reports occurred to reenact the events. Also, the exact direction and elevation angle she was looking should be recorded.

As is typical with UFO reports, the time of the sightings isn't well pinpointed. What studies have been done of witness estimates indicate a 10-15 minute error is common. However, what would have been helpful, and

something I do in every investigation, is to ask the witness exactly how they estimated the time (i.e., looked at my watch or clock, knew what time television program began, heard time check on radio station, etc.). With this information, the investigator can then use those reports where the time is based on some independent standard rather than a guess to ascertain the sequence of events more reliably. For most UFO reports, which are isolated events, this information is less crucial, so I understand why it isn't always collected.

In essence, what seems to have occurred, in my opinion, was the flight through this area of unusual helicopters, and an essentially simultaneous report of UFOs that were similar to, but not identical to, the helicopters. The distance from Churubusco to Syracuse is about 26 or 27 miles, which would be traversed by helicopters moving at, say 100 mph, in only 16 minutes, assuming that they didn't stop for a bit, hover around Cromwell and Ligonier and cause havoc, then continue on essentially the same flight path. This seems highly unlikely. Moreover, we still have the Meyers sighting with one set of lights that seemed to be helicopters continuing on steadily to the northwest and not moving to the north of her location toward Cromwell.

The helicopters didn't come from the northeast Indiana area, of course, but could have been on their way to Chicago (Glenview Naval Air Station), or some other location in my direction up here. That's why no one in northeast Indiana could verify that they had any helicopters flying that night that matched the reported characteristics. There are plenty of air shows in the summer, so high-tech planes flying around the country then is not that unusual.

But the helicopters don't begin to explain the other sightings that occurred in the circled area on the diagrams. All these witnesses reported objects so low and close that the helicopters couldn't have been the source, since the suggested flight path is often 5 miles distant or more. Moreover, all the witnesses who I consider to have seen the helicopters heard some sound; the witnesses in the circled area were close enough to also have heard sound, but instead reported, for the most part, only silence.

I hope you found these musings helpful. I believe this series of reports could be an intriguing article for *IUR*, if you and Engstrom care to write it up. If you do, I'd definitely like Engstrom to try to interview Meyers, as I suggest above, plus try to get some better time estimates, if possible.

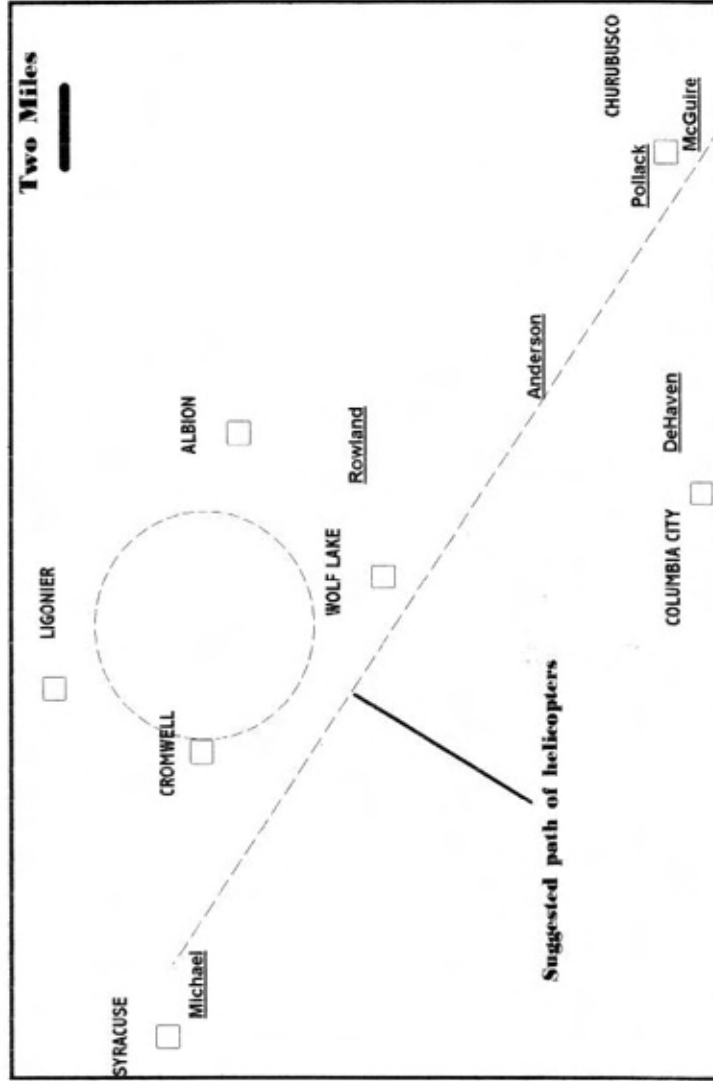
If you'd like to discuss all this with me, give me a call or send me a note. Once again, thanks for the reports and all the great work you do in Indiana. You and your colleagues have made Indiana one of the best-organized states for UFO investigation.

Happy holidays!

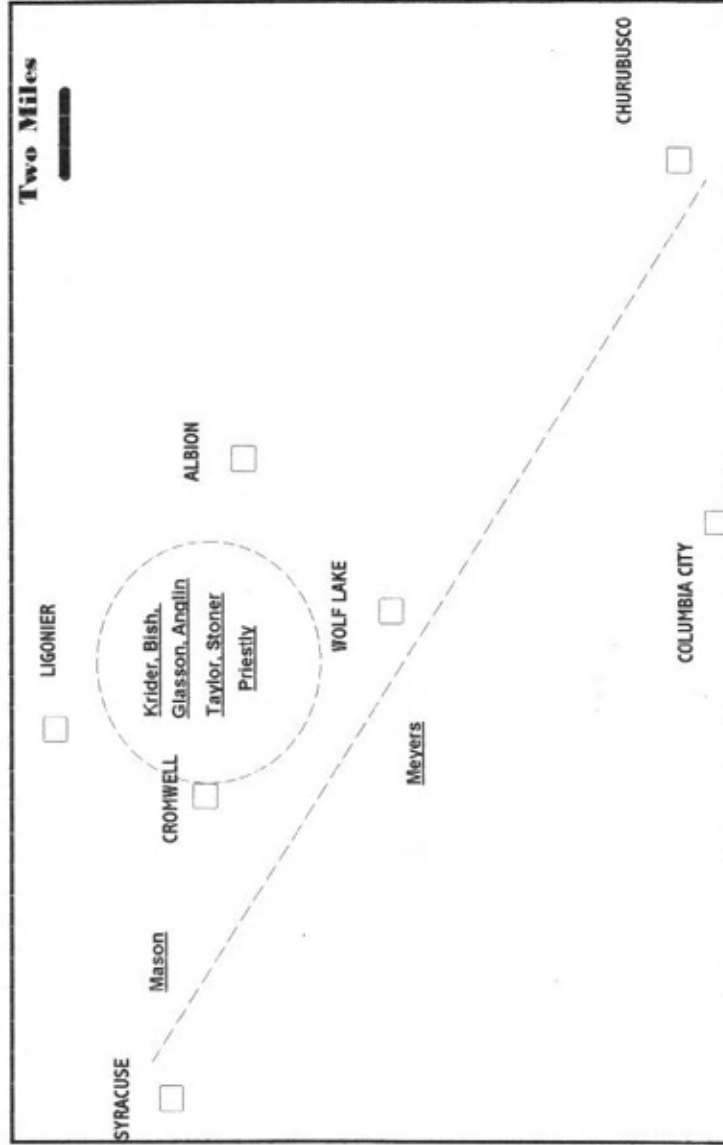


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AREA OF INDIANA FOR SIGHTINGS OF JULY 13, 1993 POTENTIAL HELICOPTER SIGHTINGS



**AREA OF INDIANA FOR SIGHTINGS OF JULY 13, 1993
PROBABLE UNKNOWN**



Form: FI-4, UFO Report

Date: Tue, 09 Dec 2008 07:46:06 -0500

MYERS

From: Francis Ridge <nicap@insightbb.com>

Subject: Myers Sighting; Wolf Lake, IN; July 13, 1993

Cat: 2, IFOs/UFOs

To: CE,SHG

Filed 5 Feb 1994 by MUFON Indiana FI Bruce Engstrom:

Please refer to the detailed map of the area surrounding the location in question for this interview. Route 33 runs diagonally from the lower right hand corner to the upper left hand corner. Just above the map is the town of Ligonier, Indiana, on Route 33, and below the map is the town of Churubusco, Indiana, also located on Route 33. The first of two sightings occurred between point A and point B on the map.

Four Myers family members (Mr. , Mrs. , and two young daughters) were traveling west on the county road indicated on the map. They had just left a 4-H meeting where the oldest daughter was involved in some activity. They estimated that the time of this first sighting was between 9:00 pm and 9:30 pm. They left the meeting shortly after 9:00 pm, but were not sure of the exact time. They all rode in the family pickup truck ... they had the radio playing at the time, and the windows were open. At point A on the map, one of the young daughters caught sight of three red lights in the sky to their southwest, and drew her father's attention to them. There were three flashing red lights, not unlike what they had seen before on helicopters. The lights moved parallel to their movement and appeared to be moving to the northwest. They did not feel that just the westward motion of their truck caused the red lights to appear to move with them, they appeared to be moving across the sky. When they made their left turn onto another country road, at point B, the red lights continued to move off to the northwest, and quickly were hidden by trees. The lights were always to their southwest and appeared to move from point C on the map to point D. The distance between the individual lights varied slightly indicating to them that these were three distinct separate things they were looking at, not one solid object. They estimated that they were about 2 miles away because they could not see any sort of silhouette behind the three red lights. They did not hear anything, but they did have their radio going at the time. The lights appeared to them to be nothing unusual from what they had seen in their area before, and assumed that by the intensity of the red lights, their flying in formation, the speed of the lights, and their direction, that they were nothing more than the usual helicopters. They estimated that the red lights were about 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon, which, after some trigonometry , results in an altitude of between 3,000 and 3,500 feet. This assumes exactly 2 miles distance. They dismissed the event after they lost sight of the formation.

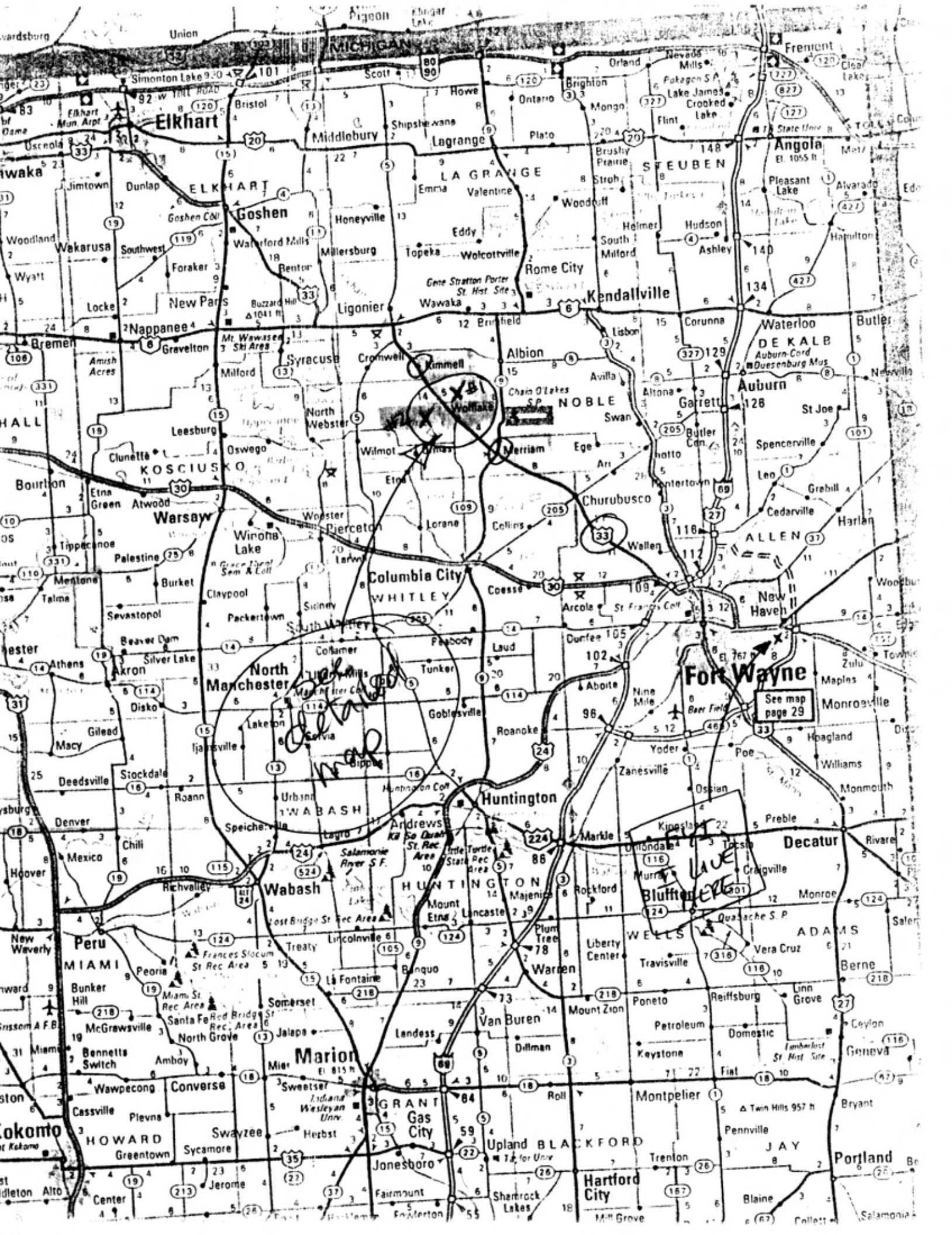
They then drove south through Wolf Lake, made a short, jog onto Route 33, then turned west towards their home, on Wolf Lake Road. After traveling the five miles to their home, they parked their truck in the driveway and walked to the front of their house, point E on the map. The elapsed time from the first sighting of red lights was estimated to be between 10 and 15 minutes. As they approached their front porch, they all noticed two red lights approaching them from straight east of their location, moving from their right to their left, which would be from a southeasterly direction to a northwesterly

direction. They all walked onto their front porch, which is really an open deck with a hand rail all around, and completed their observation from that location. Their view, as I mentioned above, to their southeast, and north is unobstructed, nearly to the horizon ... just open farm fields. This time they only saw two red lights, but since they were out-of-doors at this time, they definitely heard the sound of helicopters approaching them. At closest approach, which was to their northeast, the lights were only about a half mile away. They gave this estimation because they could now see the outline of two helicopters easily. They all agreed that this is what they saw. The speed of the lights was what they would have expected from a normal helicopter. They claimed to have seen a moon shine in the south at this time, but in checking my Canadian Observer's Handbook, the moon on the 13th of July last year was two days past, third quarter, and could not have been seen at that time. I left that reference in the Form 1 because is what, they told me.

When I asked Mr. Myers to estimate how large the helicopters were, he tried several things at arms length but could not get it right until he picked up an 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch piece of paper, and held that at arms length. The length of that paper is how large they appeared to him. Everyone else agreed. He estimated the angle above the horizon of the helicopters at closest approach was about 10 degrees. With a bit of trigonometry, this makes the helicopters only 500 feet above the ground, and if they were closer than the 1/2 mile, they would have been even closer to the ground. The length as described, is suspect because if we again resort to trigonometry, the length of the paper (the 11 inches) at arms length, subtends an arc of about 22 degrees, making them about 1,065 feet long. Even if the angle were reduced to 15 degrees and the distance reduced to 1/4 mile, the objects were 353 feet long. My suspicion is that what they saw were helicopters at a fairly close range, and the time span between July and yesterday did not lend itself to accurate estimation of how large they were.

Speed of the helicopters was not unusual from what they have seen before and since. They all watched them until they went out of sight behind their house to their north. They were continuing to fly in a straight line to the northwest. After losing sight of them, they retired to their home and did not give the experience a second thought. There was no question in their mind that this second sighting was in fact helicopters

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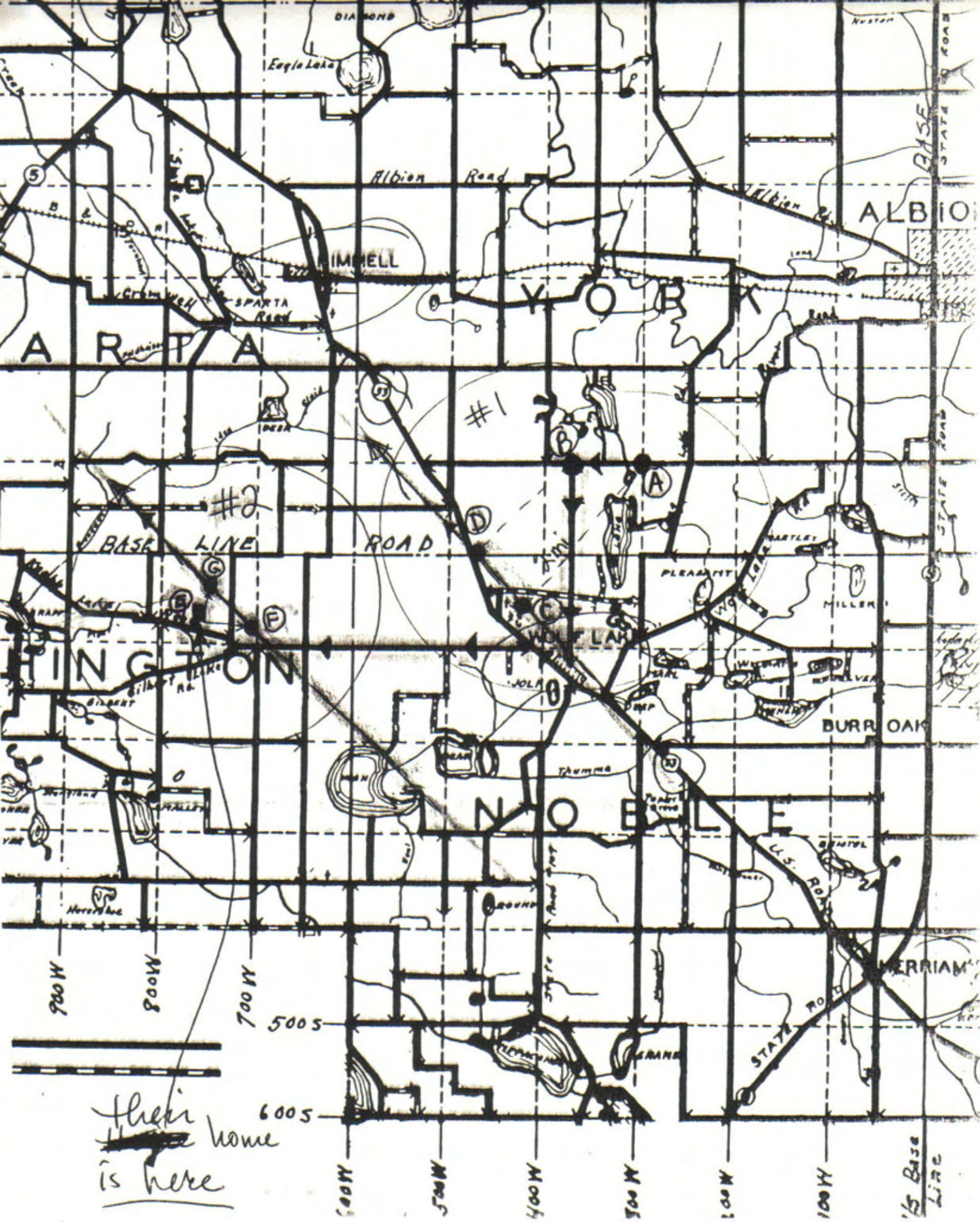
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Dear Francis,

Thanks for the copy of the investigation report into the Myers' sightings. I've re-evaluated the series of July 13, 1993 reports using this new evidence and found that the situation is basically unchanged, though it has become somewhat more confusing.

The Myers saw two distinct sets of lights, the second of which can now definitely be attributed to two helicopters. Those helicopters were travelling on almost exactly the path that I plotted on the map I sent along with my preliminary analysis. They were not silent, as other witnesses reported, but since the Myers seem to have been almost directly on the flight path, and the wind was from the east (the direction of the choppers), it is not surprising that they heard the aircraft but that others didn't, such as Pollack or Rowland.

The Myers' first sighting was also of a set of red lights, three in number, moving from southeast to northwest, on a path that was essentially parallel to that of the helicopters but a couple of miles to the north. The Myers saw these red lights moving as one unit, as did other witnesses who had sightings I classified as an "unknown." But the Myers saw these lights moving not toward the area where almost all the unknown sightings occurred, but instead toward the northwest where Mr. Mason was located. And given the uncertainties in time estimates, I can't tell whether the Myers first sighting occurred before or after the concentration of reports in the circled area on the maps.

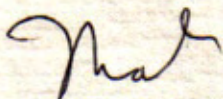
Nevertheless, although the Myers thought that the first set of lights could have been helicopters, especially given their lack of reaction at the time, the fact that they saw *three* lights, as did most of the other witnesses who did not see helicopters, convinces me that the scenario I outlined in my preliminary report is still the most reasonable one. To wit, both helicopters and at least one unknown object were in the area that evening, and the unknown object at times looked similar, but not identical to, helicopters, according to some witnesses, and it also moved for at time on a path similar to, but not identical, to that of the helicopters. Interesting and puzzling. You have to wonder what the UFO was up to, given these similarities.

Keep me informed if you get further information on the case.

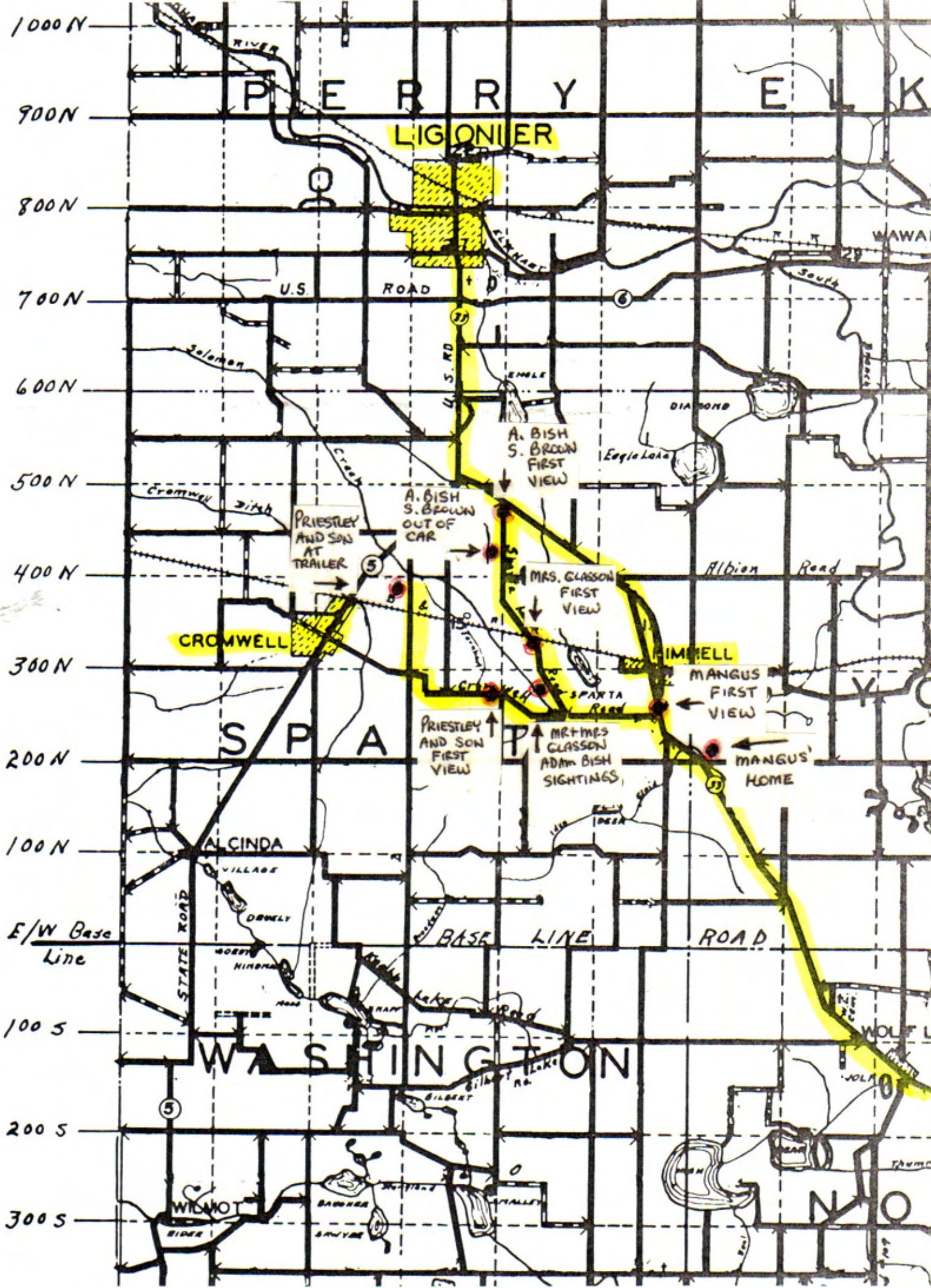
As far as the question about copyright problems, you won't have any problem with NICAP material, since CUFOS now owns the NICAP files and we hereby give you blanket permission to use such material in your publication. As for stuff from Ruppelt or Edward's books, both are dead, the books are long out-of-print, so I wouldn't worry about it (so long as you give proper credit, as you say). As for Stringfield, since he's still around, I suggest writing to him to get his permission.

You are certainly correct that someone should republish Ruppelt's book, but the problem is that no commercial publisher will do it (they believe the market is too small, and they might be correct), and the UFO groups have more current manuscripts to publish and limited funds. But I'll keep the idea in mind.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark', written in a cursive style.

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Current Cases

By T. David Spencer

MUFON Deputy Director, Investigations

- **Multiple Sightings in Indiana** - On July 13, 1993, near Ligonier, Indiana, nine sightings were experienced by different witnesses, and all of them occurred between 2100 and 2135 hours local time. They were all investigated and reported by Bruce Engstrom and Robert Taylor.
 - **LOG #931242J, CE-1, Cromwell**, at 2100 hours, for 10 minutes.
 As a mother and her child were driving home, a group of bright red lights and blue lights appeared to be following them. After reaching their mobile home, the woman saw the lights hovering at between two and ten feet over the roof. At first, the lights were in a horizontal line about 50 feet long. They then divided into two groups and revealed shiny, oval objects supporting them.
 Within 10 minutes, the woman and child heard a high-pitched sound, and the objects moved away in a westerly southwest direction, going out of sight behind the trees.
 - **LOG #931238J, CE-1, Ligonier**, at 2100 hours, for 20 minutes.
 A woman (main witness), her mother, and two children driving home were stopped at railroad tracks for a freight train. They noticed three red-orange lights hovering

above the tracks while the train passed. When they drove on by, curiosity made them stop and look back at the lights, which were floating but staying in one place no more than 400 feet away. The lights were about 25 feet above the road and spaced between 10 and 25 feet apart. They seemed to rotate as a unit, although no structure appeared to connect them.

After about 10 minutes, the lights moved off westward, and the witnesses continued their journey. As they neared their home about 20 minutes later, they saw the same lights moving northwestwards past their house.

- o **LOG #931239J**, *CE-1*, Ligonier, at 2105 hours, for 20 minutes.
As a woman drove toward home, she thought fire trucks must be there because there was a row of 8-10 bright red lights casting light. When she arrived home, she saw the lights begin to move to the northwest. She rushed into the house and summoned her husband and son, who managed to see two of the lights at a distance.
- o **LOG #931243J**, *MA-1*, Syracuse, at 2115 hours, for seven minutes.
A man standing on his porch heard what sounded like the hum from a generator coming from his back yard. When he checked on the sound, he saw a dark-gray, cigar-shaped object with bright red lights on either end slowly drifting westward. The object rose from near ground level to 50-70 feet, turned, then drifted northward. It passed through some trees and out of sight. After the incident, the witness felt dizzy and developed a rash.
Being an owner of a small airport and a previously licensed pilot, the witness gave a confident estimate from his viewpoint at 600 feet away that the object was about 280 feet long and 25 feet thick.
- o **LOG #940202J**, *FB-1*, Wolflake, at 2130 hours, for five minutes.
A family of three was driving homeward in their truck, westward on a state road, when the daughter pointed out three flashing red lights at tree level, possibly two miles away, moving horizontally in a straight path from southeast to northwest. A slight relative movement was noted, suggesting the lights were independent of each other. No sound could be distinguished through the open windows, but the truck's radio was on. The lights passed behind trees and out of view. Minutes later, at home, the family watched two other lights, which turned out to be rotating beacons on the underside of two helicopters moving in the same direction as the earlier lights.
This case could possibly be an identified flying object (IFO) -- helicopters -- but the coincidence with the other cases was thought to be too unusual to make the IFO classification.
- o **LOG #931241J**, *CE-1*, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for 15 minutes.
Two teenagers were driving southward on Sparta Lake Road when they saw two bright red flashing lights separated horizontally by 50 feet and moving at an altitude of about 300 feet. They stopped and got out of the car to watch the lights maneuver over farm buildings, then away. When the lights were less than 500 feet away, the young women could bear a low-pitched hum. As the lights left, the flashing stopped. Driving on, they briefly saw the lights moving behind trees.
- o **LOG #931244J**, *MA-1*, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for two minutes.
As a farmer left his barn, he saw "a lot of big, bright, dark cherry red, slow pulsating lights" coming from the south. At first, he thought there might be an airplane crashing, until he saw the lights turn westward and continue until he could no longer see them. He believed each light was at least two feet in diameter and that the pair was attached to a single structure about 50 feet wide, or more. They were at an altitude of less than 500 feet and more than one mile away from him.

- o **LOG #931241J**, CE-1, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for 30 minutes.
A woman driving homeward, southeast on Route 33, saw two red rectangular lights which were flashing at tree level. The flashing was at different rates and alternating between the lights. Separated by 10 feet, the lights were horizontal at first, but changed to vertical before the sighting was over. At home, the woman had her husband watch as the lights drifted away to the northwest.
- o **LOG #941245J**, CE-1, Cromwell, at 2135 hours, for 20 seconds.
Three teenagers traveling southward on Route 5 noticed several bright red lights beyond the trees. Three quarters of a mile later, two objects having a red light each passed less than 50 feet over their car. The objects had a length of between 10 and 30 feet, were separated by 50 feet, and were moving rapidly beyond the trees, going from the southeast to the northwest. Out of fear, one witness screamed during the fly over.