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THE "STONEHENGE" INCIDENTS OF JANUARY 1975

PART 2: THE EVENTS

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Based on investigations by Budd Hopkins, Jerry Stoehrer and the author, this is the complete account of a paper presented at the CUFOS Conference at Lincolnwood, Illinois on April 30, 1976

THE FIRST PART of this report was a general account of events in the early part of 1975, their later "unveiling" and investigation, and subsequent UFO reports in the area of the "Stonehenge" Apartments, a prominent tower block in North Bergen, way across the Hudson River from Manhattan, New York City. I will now relate the original events in detail.

II: Events in January 1975

The following four reports of UFO experiences all occurred in the same locality and within one week of each other. Two of these reports are most certainly independent corroborations of the same event. The chronological order in which they occurred presents an excellent example of the escalation of strangeness: the first example, of the observation of a structured object several hundred feet over the site, does not qualify as a close encounter by the strictest definition; the second experience by multiple witnesses, on the other hand, is a classic example of a Close Encounter, Type I; the third example, in which a near-landed object was seen at the same time that striking physical effects took place, qualifies as a Close Encounter, Type II; the final example, which appears to be the same object seen at even closer range, involved a group of small, sample-gathering occupants and is an example of the Close Encounter, Type III. These four reports, of course, did not come to our attention in the order in which they actually occurred, as they are presented here.

The following narrative accounts by the witnesses are excerpts from taped interviews conducted by the investigators. These statements have been edited and re-arranged to present an orderly sequential of each incident, as it occurred at the time. Complete transcriptions of all tape-recorded interviews are on file with the Center for UFO Studies and the Mutual UFO Network. In addition, a complete set of all transcripts are in the personal files of the investigators.

1: The Gonzalez Sighting, January 6, 1975

The earliest appearance in North Hudson Park of a UFO in 1975, so far as we can determine, occurred on the morning of January 6. The observer was 39-year-old Francisco Gonzalez, a Cuban emigre living with his family in West New York. At that time, Gonzalez was employed by Stonehenge as a

part-time doorman. His schedule for duty was on Monday mornings, from midnight until 8.00 a.m. On January 6 at approximately 2.30 a.m., the doorman was on duty in the lobby:

"I was standing at my desk, right? Looking out, almost beside the door, in front of me, when I saw that thing."

The large 8 x 9 plate glass window is to the left of the front door. The doorman was amazed to see a sizeable object hovering motionless several hundred feet above the playing field some 200 yards west of the building.

"I saw something round," he told me in our telephone conversation on January 29, 1976. "It was very bright, with square windows. I was really shocked!" Not believing his eyes, the doorman stepped over to the lobby entrance to examine the object more closely. "I was standing in the door without opening it and I saw this thing very clear - the bottom of the object." He said it was at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees, was circular in plan-form with the windows around the perimeter, and had a flat bottom that was brightly illuminated. Observing from below, Gonzalez was unable to describe the top of the object. He compared its angular size to that of the full moon.

After a minute or so, Gonzalez went outside to the driveway for a better look. "When I opened the door, I heard that sound," he told Hopkins and Stoehrer in their February 1 interview. "Then I was really shocked!" He said the sound was unlike any conventional aircraft, and compared it to the "buzzing or humming" of a bee, going "straight into your ear" and creating a vibrating sensation in the inner ear. It was such a "heavy sound," he said, that he thought "it was going to wake up everybody" in the building.

After several minutes, the object began to ascend slowly, going straight up. "Not like a helicopter," he said, "and not like a plane, no-no. Straight up! And I said to myself, 'My God!'" Disturbed by what he saw and heard, he went back into the lobby and tried to call the Stonehenge security guard, "but he wasn't there. He was down in the garage looking at the boiler." In the meantime, the object gradually rose out of the doorman's line of vision in the lobby. When he reached the security guard, Alberto Perez, the latter did not take him seriously; by the time he was finally persuaded to go out into the street, the object was gone. Gonzalez estimated he had seen it from four to five minutes. In a telephone

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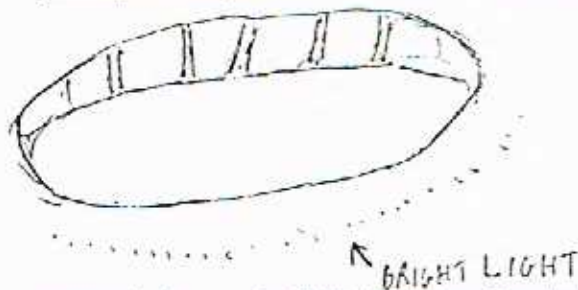
interview with Perez in February, the security guard affirmed the doorman's report but admitted that by the time he got to the street the object had disappeared.

Gonzalez had been impressed by three things: the bright light on the bottom of the object, the lighted windows and the penetrating sound. He told the investigators that he had been able to see short sections that separated the windows, "like a frame." He said six to eight windows were visible from his angle, each of which emitted a yellowish light. The bottom was a bright white light without any apparent source.

Apart from the security guard, the only person he mentioned the sighting to at the time was his wife. "You know, I got home at eight o'clock next morning, and I explained to her what I saw. But I never talked to nobody else." Gonzalez *did*, in fact, tell one other person about one week later: after the accident with the lobby window, he mentioned his sighting to the building superintendent, Bernard Mydland. Mydland, in turn, told his assistant, Amaury Perez. Perez, who took over as superintendent some time later, recalled the incident during our January 25 interview with doorman Bill Daliz, and he referred us to the observer at that time.

The doorman's description of the object is similar to the object seen by others less than a week later. The odd noise, the object's flat bottom, and its "windows" around the perimeter were features of other sightings that Gonzalez knew nothing about. There is no reasonable possibility of collusion amongst the various witnesses. Gonzalez did not even know of George O'Barski until more than a year later, nor had he ever heard of the Wamsley family. He was, of course, acquainted with Bill Pawlowski, but they were not close friends and neither mentioned his UFO experience to the other. While Gonzalez knew of the accident to the window, he did not associate it with a UFO, and understood that it was believed to have been broken by vandals. It is this element of silence and containment that argues persuasively against the possibility of a hoax, or of a fabricated report.

The date of the sighting was based on the witness's recollection of the fact that it occurred in early January. He was certain that it had been before the lobby window was broken; since his schedule was for Monday morning duty, the only possible date is January 6. Independent corroboration came from



Sighting of January 6, 1975: Francisco Gonzalez's drawing

Amaury Perez, who recalled being told about the sighting about the time the window was broken, and Gonzalez himself told us that he had spoken to Bernard Mydland about a week after it happened.

2. Close Encounter in West New York, January 11

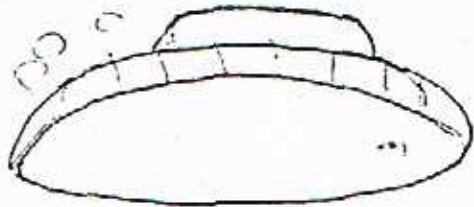
The second incident of the January 1975 series was a low-level Close Encounter, Type I, by a family of five at a location 12 blocks south of North Hudson Park. Following Jerry Stoehrer's talk for the Robert Fulton School PTA in North Bergen, on March 25, on the subject of the Stonchenge incidents, he was approached by 12-year-old Robert Wamsley, who told of a UFO sighting by his whole family. Stoehrer also spoke to his mother, Mrs. Alice Wamsley, the only other family member present at the meeting. Preliminary information was obtained at the time and Stoehrer interviewed all who were involved on March 27 and April 1, 1976. The sighting had taken place at the family's former residence at 67th Street and Boulevard East, in West New York. Robert Wamsley saw the object first:

"It was about 9.30 [p.m.], and I usually look out the window and look at the stars; and I saw something that was about 30 yards off the ground, above a three-storey building — just almost looked like it was going to land on the building. It stopped above the building and it hovered for about two minutes, and I told my brother, my mother and my father. They saw it, really got a good look at it; and then it moved — coasted along so — and then it went past the building and you couldn't see it any more, so we ran outside. And then we saw it moving down this way (toward North Hudson Park—TB). It had like a dome on the top of it, lit up, like a fading white and green light; and then there was the round shape. On the bottom it had like four-by-eight lights, a rectangle shape. We saw there were windows, and the lights were in them, going around. They looked like colours, like blue, red, green, all mixed together, and they went around the ship. It hovered for awhile, and then it moved, coasted; and then it went toward the Boulevard, and then it went out of sight, so we ran downstairs. There was like a humming sound, and when it went away, we couldn't hear it any more. It was warm out, and we saw it going down toward the 'round house' (Stonchenge), and then we lost sight of it."

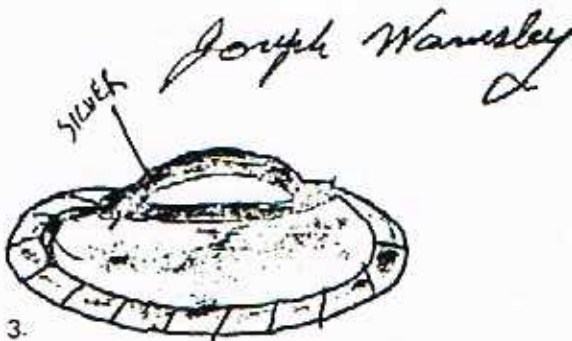
Robert's mother, Alice Wamsley, was the next person to see the object: "My son was looking out of the window with his binoculars at the stars... I thought he was all excited about a star. I go to the window and I couldn't believe what I saw myself. I said, 'Robert,' and he said, 'Mommy, that's a flying saucer,' and I said 'I know, I know!' We saw the shape of a saucer and could see the windows, and you could see this thing that's going around. You know what it is right away because the way the lights are revolving... It's not flying straight, like a plane; that is going — like, *up*. (It's) doing a funny thing, like a 'hmmm,' and it looked like it was right on top of the three storey building. I couldn't believe what I was seeing! And the lights



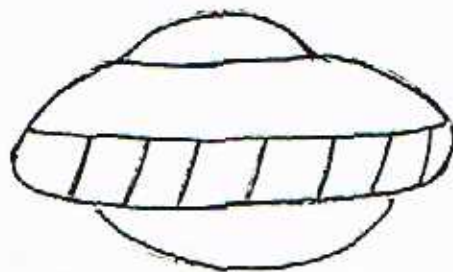
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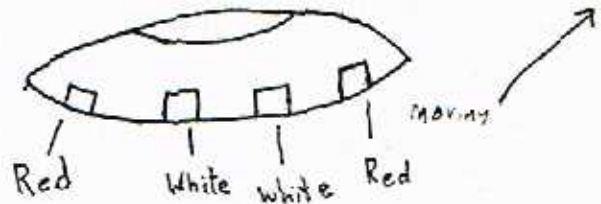
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Sighting by Joseph Wamsley's family on Saturday January 11, 1975, at West New York, New Jersey. Drawings as indicated:

1. by Robert Wamsley;
2. by Mrs. Alice Wamsley;
3. by Joseph Wamsley, Sr;
4. by Debbie Wamsley;
5. by Joseph Wamsley, Jr.



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were gorgeous, and I think there's a dome... it was not a very bright light, the lights came from the ship itself, but the dome was a reflection. It could have been a reflection from the lights going around. There was a lot of windows, and they were not big - they were like square, oblong. They go right around the whole ship - that was where all the action was, on the top. It kept rotating around, a whole row of lights all different colours, and that's beautiful. I wanted to get a better look... because it was going above the building, and I had no shoes on, I'd just a bathrobe. It was not that cold, thank God, as it usually is in January. My husband and my children, we ran down, across Boulevard East, by the river, and it was all windy from the river. It was headed for the park. The building blocked it and you couldn't see it any more."

Mr. Wamsley got to the window too late to see it from inside. "Bob saw it and called me, and then we went across the street and I caught the end of it (It was) like a flying saucer. It was round - say, from a distance, three foot high, maybe five foot high. It had a dome, a round dome, and was all lit up... Then it went over by this 'round house,' and that was the end." He had seen it only for a minute, he said, and described its movement as "very slow, coasting nice and easy." The object had windows, Mr. Wamsley told Stoehrer. "They were small and they were long - they were like longer than they were wide. They went around the whole ship." He added that the rotating lights were of all colours, and they revolved around the base of the object.

Joseph, Jr., 16, had seen it only from the window and did not go outside with the others. "My brother said he seen something; we looked out the window

and I seen a -- you know, it looked like a flying saucer. It had some lights, red and white, and it was spinning. I seen some windows in front. (They were square." He said that the spinning lights were "underneath the windows," and described the top of the object as "roundish."

13-year-old Debbie Wamsley said, "My brother called me, 'cause he was looking out the window, and he says, 'Ma, there's a UFO.' My mother didn't believe him. And then... we all ran downstairs to look at it. It was roundish, and had lights revolving at the bottom." Debbie also described the windows as "not square, but rectangular," taller than they were wide. "It was going straight and was heading for the park. It went behind something and then I couldn't see it."

These five accounts contain minor discrepancies and some ambiguity. It is not certain, for example, that the "windows" and the revolving lights are separate features. Even so, there is sufficient consistency to conclude that an object with a domed top, rectangular "windows", and emitting a humming sound, was seen at close quarters by a family of five; moreover, that an object of very similar description would again be seen in the same area only a few hours later lends even greater weight to the Wamsleys' report.

All of the witnesses recalled that the sighting occurred just as the "Bob Newhart Show" was about to begin on television, confirming the night as Saturday, and the time as 9.30 p.m. The family recalled it as the middle of January, a month before Mr. Wamsley's birthday (on February 12). As mentioned by several family members, the night was mild. Their choice of dates was January 11. A check of the *New York Times* weather data tells us that the temperature on January 11, 1975, hit an all-time high of 63 degrees. At 9.30 p.m., on January 4, it was 39 degrees; on Saturday, January 18, at the same hour, it was 42 degrees.

3. The Saucer and the Broken Window, January 12

Early on Sunday morning, January 12, William Pawlowski was on duty as doorman at the Stonehenge Apartments. "I was working like from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to the following morning till 8 o'clock, almost 16 hours. On Saturday, a lot of people go shopping, that's how I remember; and

I was working for Eddy (Obertubessing, head doorman) at the time, because that was his day off.

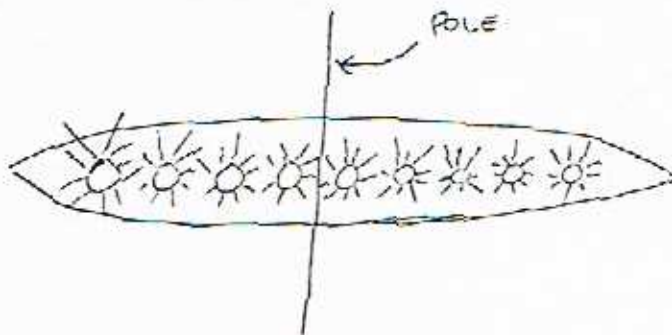
"Now, around that time -- say about 2.30, maybe 3.00 -- I'm standing at the desk... The window's here and the door's over there. I'm looking up at the hill and I see all these lights up there, and they were so bright that you couldn't look. It was like looking into the sun, you know? It's always dark up there -- always dark, and they were so bright that I was wondering, at that time of morning, what the hell's coming off here?"

"Then I ignored them because I figured perhaps (it was) a bunch of cars up there. I had to make a call so I turned around; I was looking up one of the tenants' telephone numbers at the time. My back was to the window. Then I got the number, closed the book and put it down, and picked up the phone. The phone is not behind the desk, but on the wall, over here.

"I'm standing there, on the phone, looking up at the hill at all these lights up there and I thought it was a string of cars, you know? But apparently it wasn't, because the lights were too high. I'd say about ten feet off the ground. I was on the phone and I'm thinking to myself, How the devil can that be, so high up in the air? That is impossible -- either that or my eyes are tired, or something, you know? I mean, it was ten feet up in the air! This is what I couldn't figure out, you know? Now this is just a guess, but there were eight to ten (lights), and it looked like they were spaced apart about two, maybe three feet, in a round circle. I'll tell you the truth: this thing gave me the idea that it was a flying saucer."

Pawlowski said the lights appeared to be fixed around the edge of a dark object not clearly seen behind the glare, but definitely round and wider than it was high -- perhaps 20 feet wide. Asked about the shape of the individual lights, Pawlowski replied, "The way I pegged them was round, that's why they gave me the idea they looked like. Maybe it was a different shape, because, you know, when you've got a light, it could be an angled-job (square-TB) and still give off a circular glare. I mean to the human eye, it's like an optical illusion.

"I'm talking to the tenant and I'm looking up there, thinking to myself, That looks like a flying saucer! Now, all of a sudden, bingo! I hear a noise -- it sounded like a 'boom!' I said: 'What the hell was



Sighting of January 12,
1975: William
Pawlowski's sketch

that?" Then I looked down and saw the glass, you know? Shattered. I says to the party; 'I'll call you back.' I put the phone down right away and checked the window. The lower corner of the window by the door, right in the corner, was shattered. I'd say the cracks were a foot, maybe a foot and a half long. I bent down, like this, and I looked at it. Then I looked up and the lights were gone.

"I went outside, and it's got a little nick out of it (the window—TB). It looked like the size of a marble, like a piece was nicked right out, out of the outside. It didn't go all the way through. This is what puzzled me, see? I thought maybe it might be kids outside throwing rocks, or something like that, you know? Then I stopped to figure, how in the heck are they gonna throw it over the wall that high from the street, down below? So I threw that one out, and then I remembered this thing on the top of the hill, so I figured either somebody was up there with a rifle, you know, taking pot-shots... But then when I figured the angle — the wall, and the corner of the window — it'd be impossible. Now, you figure for it to be down here, it's utterly impossible with a rifle, because I got down and looked. (You can't see the top of the hill because of the wall—TB.) Now, when I stand by the wall, the wall is that high; it'd be utterly impossible to turn around and put a bullet in the corner of the window, so it had to be something higher up in the air. It had to be something higher than the top of that hill! I searched the area, the whole street there (the drive-way—TB); I had a flashlight, and I didn't find anything. So I called the cops.

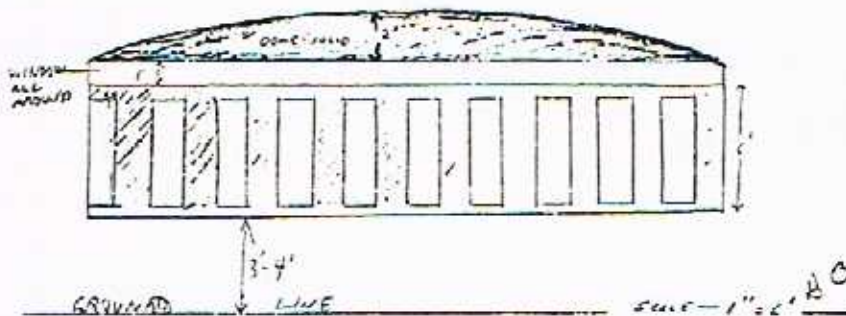
"Matter of fact, when the cops came down, I said; 'Hey, why don't you go up on the top of the hill and check?' I says: 'Maybe there's somebody up there with a rifle, or something like that. I says: 'I seen a flash of lights up there, maybe there's a bunch of kids up there with a — you know, with cars, or what-not. But I don't want to tell them, you know, the damn thing was ten feet off the ground, because, they'd say, this guy's either cracking up, or he's drinking the wrong kind of booze. So the cop says: 'Well, maybe they're gone by now, you know?' Just like that! He let it slide and just wrote up the broken glass, cause unknown, and that was that.

"I told (Police Lieutenant Al) del Gaudio that I had seen lights. He works at the police station but he lives in the Stonehenge with his wife and son. So he told me, if anything ever happens down there, just call him, you know? So, when I seen him in the morning, I talked to him about it."

Then there was the damaged elm tree, across the street from the apartment building. Pawlowski told us about it: "They got a big tree over here, and that tree is maybe a hundred, or a hundred and a half (years—TB). That thing was split right down the middle. I don't know if that happened at the same time, but it was around the same time. Because Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock when I got off work, I went across the street to the bus stop, waiting for the bus, and I noticed this tree was split, split right down the middle, and I was thinking to myself, it would take a lot of lightning to do that, you know? This is the same morning, and I'll never forget that because it was such a nice tree, you know?"

Two significant points stand out in Pawlowski's account. The first has to do with the trajectory of a rifle bullet: from the top of the hill it is not possible to see the lower half of the lobby window because of the driveway wall; any bullet fired from that spot would have to be fired from a height of well over six feet to miss the top of the wall and hit the glass near the floor. The second significant point is the fact that the chip at the impact point on the glass was missing from the outside of the window. Any normal physical impact from the outside world would drive the fragment in the direction of the impact in this case, nicking out a chip from the inside.

The date of the Pawlowski sighting was based upon the observer's own recollection; he was certain that it could not have been later in the month, as he was ill with pneumonia at that time. It could not have been earlier, as it would conflict with Gonzalez's testimony regarding his earlier sighting. But most important, Pawlowski's testimony coincides so agreeably with details provided by George O'Barski regarding his own sighting at the same spot, that the likelihood of two separate events is far less compelling than that of a single occurrence seen by two independent observers.



George O'Barski's drawing, done with the assistance of Budd Hopkins

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4. A Classic Sample-Gathering Operation

George O'Barski works the graveyard shift at his liquor store in New York City — that is, he comes in at 6.00 p.m., closes the store around midnight, spends an hour or more checking stock and taking inventory, then locks up and drives back to North Bergen around 2.00 a.m. His movements are almost carbon copies from day to day and so far as he can remember, there was nothing different about the night of his close encounter in North Hudson Park with a UFO and its occupants.

It was George's custom to drive to a nearby all-night diner for a late snack before returning home. To get there, he'd drive through North Hudson Park to avoid traffic lights. On this night in January 1975, he had barely turned into the park when his radio began to emit heavy static. He slowed down to fiddle with it, grumbling to himself about the anticipated high cost of repair. His left-hand window was half-open, as it was a mild night. The radio then cut out altogether, just as other things began to happen:

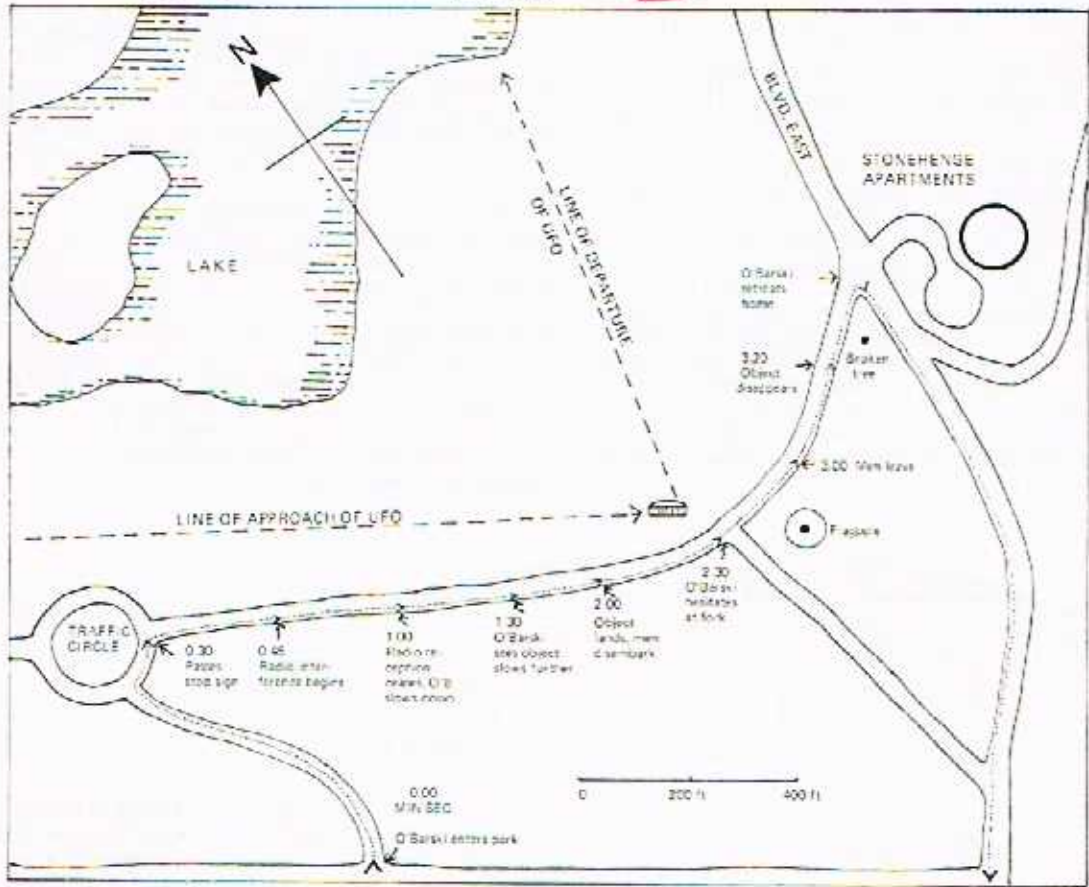
"I heard this damn noise. I thought: 'What the hell was that? No trucks (are) allowed in here...' and I saw over my (left) shoulder this — thing coming.

It looked like a great big pancake that had puffed up, you know? It was flat, I would say, maybe six feet high, and the thing landed, right in front of me, in the park!

"There's some trees there (along the sidewalk on the left—TB)... It landed just the other side of the trees. Then when I came ahead, there's an opening there, and Jeez! I seen 'em there, you know? I seem 'em, people come right down!... It came in about ten feet off the ground, and that's when they came out, and then it settled to the ground... but the little guys came out before the rest came down.

"It was off the ground, and I seen this thing come down like a stairway, or ladders — I don't know what the hell it was — and I seen all these guys come down... like kids coming down a fire escape. I'd guess, in round figures, ten — might have been eight, nine, eleven. They were short! Maybe three and a half feet tall... and they had helmets on, or something. I couldn't see their faces... But you could see their arms — they had gloves on, I could see that. The whole thing was a uniform, or something... It was dark (in colour). And they had feet, legs same as any other person — only they were short!

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Sketch showing the sequence of events on the night of George O'Barski's close encounter at North Hudson Park

"They had these little shovels... like a hand, or, like little bags, and they had these little shovels... might have been large spoons, or something - and they were working like little beavers, you know? All over the ground... Well, they filled these little bags up... There was light all through there because there were a lot of windows all the way around, like slits... maybe a foot wide, six to eight inches, and spaced apart about a foot, a foot and a half.

"It was three minutes and they must've scooted up. As I say, they got out before it landed, got filled up, and by the time it landed they were able to get back in, right? and they took off. It was that quick. I hear this droning, you know? And I notice this thing - it just took off... and there was no propellers on it, or nothing! It just seemed to float, but boy! it went just like that!... It wasn't a big, loud noise, it was a drone... that quiet hum... it was just like part of the air. Just like something blowing on the wind!

"All I know is to get the hell out of that park. I was goddam scared. I was scared to death! I figured the goddam world had come to an end, or something. I didn't know what to think. I thought, Man, either I'm going crazy, or something's awful wrong going on there, you know?... You know, even after I got through the part, (if) I seen a cop I wouldn't've said a thing!"

George forgot the late snack and headed straight for home. "I was sweating and I immediately made some tea. I thought, Jezz, I don't even wanna stay up - I'm scared! I went to bed - I was that scared. I pulled the covers over my head! I got up and took two aspirins... And I went back the next day. I thought I was dreaming. I went back there and there were all these little holes in the ground. They were about four inches, five inches wide, and six inches deep. I'll tell you something: I even felt the holes, you know? Because I didn't believe it looking at them... When I saw the holes, I was even more scared! I came home and drank some more tea. Then my son was asking me, several times during the day, 'You look awful upset.' So I told him what happened. He says to me, 'Well, I'll tell you: if anyone else had told me that, I'd figure they were drunk or something. But you don't drink.' He says, 'man, you must've seen something!' I says, 'I sure did!... I went over there and I seen them holes!'"

Intrigued by his father's story, Frank O'Barski went to the park to see the holes for himself. Ten months later, at the site with the witness, we were

able to find 12 to 15 small triangular spots in thick, untrampled earth where the sod-roots and all was missing. Each spot was slightly depressed, and the effect was exactly what one would expect after ten months: while rain had gradually refilled the holes, the roots still had not grown back into the spots.

In that first visit to the site with George O'Barski, we were able to get additional details on many points of his encounter not covered in his first taped interview with Budd Hopkins. He drove through incident step by step, providing a reliable timetable, and he clarified a number of details regarding the description of the UFO. For example, O'Barski said he saw several antenna-like projections standing straight up above the dome. The sides of the object, he explained, were approximately six feet high, with another two or three feet at the highest point of the dome. He said the colour of the object was dark, or black, and he described another "window," or foot-wide band of light, that encircled the object where the sides and the dome met; this emitted the same incandescent-coloured light as the vertical panels around the sides. The doorway from which the occupants emerged was on the side of the object facing George's closest position; it opened inward and was in complete darkness, about as wide as two of the vertical "windows." The object did not descend all the way to the ground, but came down to about four feet, at which time the figures quickly re-entered in pairs. They looked like "little kids in snowsuits," according to O'Barski, complete with shoes or boots that did not appear to be separate from the rest of the uniform. The covering over their heads was more like a ski-hood than an actual helmet. O'Barski said that the humming noise was more pronounced during the arrival and departure of the object, and he compared it to "a refrigerator that's starting up."

George O'Barski was unable to provide a specific date in January for his encounter. The similar details described independently by Bill Pawlowski, such as the time of night, the precise locale, height from the ground, number and position of windows, its general shape and size, and the duration, all argue persuasively for a single occurrence involving two separate witnesses. In addition, the description of the weather conditions by O'Barski is consistent with the weather data for January 11/12, 1975, as obtained from the *New York Times* (see table).

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Weather data for January 11/12, 1975						
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9 p.m.	63	93	SW 10	29.89	Sunrise: 7.19 a.m.	7.18 a.m.
10 p.m.	62	93	SW 12	29.92	Sunset: 4.47 p.m.	4.48 p.m.
11 p.m.	61	87	SW 9	29.94		
Midnight	58	64	NW 9	29.96	Moonrise: 6.33 a.m.	7.11 a.m.
1 a.m.	59	46	NW 10	29.99	Moonset: 4.24 p.m.	5.23 p.m.
2 a.m.	56	38	NW 8	30.04		
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4 a.m.	52	38	NW 7	30.07	January 12, 1975.	

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When George O'Barski disclosed the details of his encounter with a UFO and its occupants in November, 1975, we had no idea what a Pandora's Box of surprises was being opened. Within a period of five months following that disclosure, our growing dossier of reported incidents now totals more than a dozen for the area in and around North Hudson Park. This clearly establishes the site as an apparent "repeater" locale for UFO manifestations. Even so, we have good reason to believe that we have seen only the tip of the iceberg: additional reports by local residents who refused to be identified continue to be received. The sheer number of unpublicized incidents from such a contained area affirms the problem of the "curtain of invisibility" that obscures the UFO phenomenon. How so many extraordinary events can occur, involving so many different people, and still go unnoticed by authorities and the public-at-large, begs an interesting question: What sort of outrageous situation must finally occur before alarm bells ring and someone pays attention?

NOTICE ON PHOTOCOPYING OF BACK ISSUES...

Assistant Editor Eileen Buckle thanks all those readers who have availed themselves of our offer. She regrets to announce that due to pressure of work the service now has to be discontinued.

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We have two contradistinctions here in the Netherlands: scientist → non-scientist (fantast, etc., any word you like) and amateur → professional. So "amateur" is generally speaking never used as the opposite of "scientist," for these notions do not oppose at all. But the only difference between amateurs and professionals here is that an amateur is not paid for his activities (in any field) and a professional is. See the good example in sports. And an amateur as well as a professional can be a scientist or a non-scientist. For this is just a question of attitude, the scientist has only one purpose in mind, that is to objectivate the subjects in hand, and the non-scientist doesn't bother.

I don't think it is necessary to add anything to this, the implications are clear. Mohammed Ali is a professional, but no scientist, and professor Hynek is a scientist, but an amateur (as far as I know he is not paid for his UFO-activities):

Yours sincerely,
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Stonehenge and Stonchenge

Dear Sir,—What an astonishing likeness there is between George O'Barski's drawing of the UFO he encountered (FSR Vol. 22, No. 4) and artists' reconstructions of Stonehenge, England, especially the drawing done by Charles Hamilton Smith in 1815* The wierdly long arm of coincidence seems to have stretched a very long way in this instance, considering that the incidents in which George O'Barski was involved took place near "Stonehenge" New Jersey. Could someone be trying to draw our attention to something?

Yours truly,
Pat Austin
292 Walstead Road, Walsall.
January 6, 1977.

* Drawing reproduced in Earth Magic by Francis Hitching.

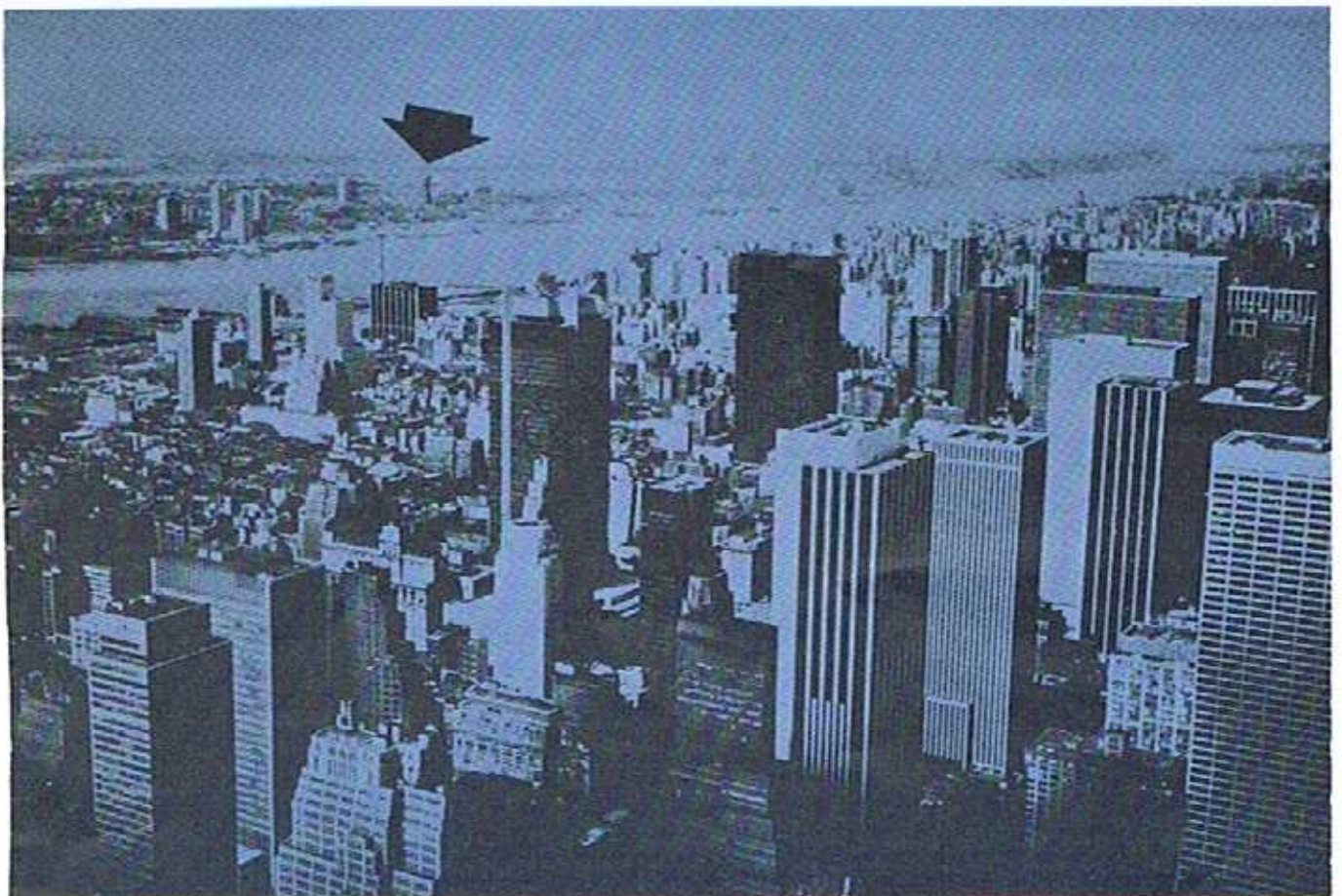


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Scene of repeating UFO and occupant
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Occupants sighted in New Jersey

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Date: January, 1975 (possible related case on Jan. 15, 1976).

Location: North Hudson Park in North Bergen, New Jersey, just across Hudson River from New York City.

Witnesses: George O'Barski, principal witness; and Bill Pawlowski, possible corroborative witness. (Additional witnesses in possible related sightings.)

Type of sighting: Occupants, object, electro-magnetic effect, possible ground traces.

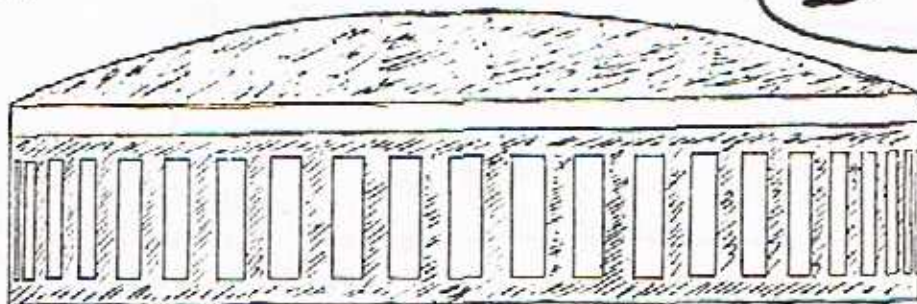
Investigated by: Ted Bloecher, MUFON state director for New York; Budd Hopkins; and Jerry Stoehrer.

George O'Barski, 72, had left his place of employment and was driving through North Hudson Park on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River when static began to interfere with his car radio. It was just past 2 a.m. (estimated). The window on the driver's side was partially rolled down, since the temperature was mild on this January night in 1975.

Says O'Barski: "I begin to notice my radio....Got scratching in it, and it's a tinny sound; it's just like, you know, something is loose, you know? And I thought it was coming from my radio! And I turned up a little more volume and I got more scratching, you know? The radio stops! There ain't nothing, see?"

O'Barski continues: "Right now, here's this--this droning, like the noise of a refrigerator, coming, and I seen this thing coming like that, just like that. It was a floating thing, and here I am here, you know, and I figured, where in the hell will I go?"

O'Barski said the object seemed to be round, about 30 feet in diameter and six to eight feet tall, with some sort of dome on top. The object was described as being dark, with a series of lighted vertical windows around the main body. Each window was estimated to be about one foot wide and four feet high, spaced about one



Sketch based on description by O'Barski.

foot apart. The witness said he saw nothing in the windows except light, which he described as being about the color of ordinary household lights. He said there was also a lighted strip around the object at the base of the dome (or upper part of the main body).

After moving into the park, parallel with O'Barski's auto, the object stopped about 100 feet away. At first it was about ten feet off the ground, then it moved to about four feet above the grassy area. The witness could not tell whether the object was resting on some sort of legs or landing gear or whether it was hovering without mechanical support.

Occupants Appear

Suddenly a square, lighted opening appeared on the craft (it is not clear exactly where on the object the opening appeared) and some sort of mechanical steps extended from the opening. Quickly, nine to eleven occupants came down the steps "like kids coming down a fire escape."

The occupants, about three to four feet tall, were dressed the same--"like little kids with snowsuits on." Each occupant "had some kind of thing" on his head, like some sort of helmet. O'Barski said the helmet was round and the same dark color as the rest of the uniform. The occupants also ap-

peared to be wearing gloves.

As the occupants came down from the object, the witness noted that each was carrying a small dark-colored bag and a small shovel (or spoon). Each bag seemed to have a string or some sort of handle. "When they came down, they knew what they wanted to do, they done it, and they were gone, just that quick," says O'Barski.

"What they wanted to do," apparently, was to collect soil samples, since the witness observed them digging in various locations near the object and placing soil in the bags. O'Barski, following the curving road, was now within 75 feet of the object and occupants.

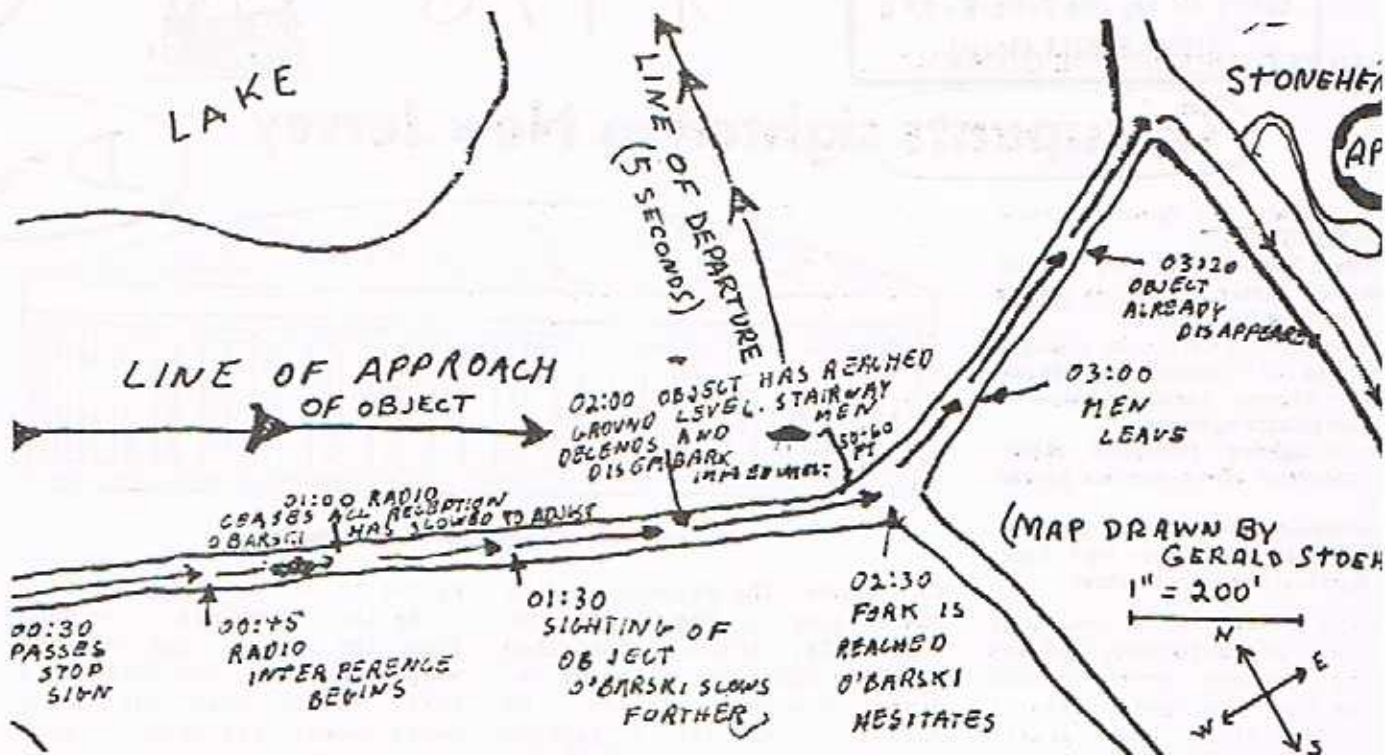
The witness said the occupants appeared to move normally, not like robots. He was most impressed by their apparent efficiency. "They were digging away," he explains, "and as far as they were concerned they didn't know I exist. They came down the steps as though they had one mission in their entire life--to fill these little bags they had with these little spoons, or shovels, they had. The minute they got down, they started working."

Occupants Return to Craft

After about one minute on the ground, the occupants returned to the object, apparently climbing the same steps back

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into the object through the same opening they had come out of. (The opening was described as being wide enough for two occupants to enter the object at the same time, but the witness did not indicate that they had necessarily reentered in this manner. "They went up, just like normally.")

O'Barski said that although the occupants had ignored his presence, he was still very frightened and apprehensive. "Someone is running this thing," he explains, "and I figured maybe they're watching me, and I figured at the end they're gonna say...they're gonna get that old bird, you know? I'm 72 years old, but I was scared to death. Cause I'm poking around they might have said, 'let's have that old son of a bitch of a guy that's nosing around here.' They was sitting over there and I was practically stopped, you know? So I'm thinking maybe they'll press a button that'd blow me up here, or something, you know?"

O'Barski said that after the occupants returned to the object "this thing here, it's like the icebox started up a-

gain, you know? The motor's started up, out there now that noise was a-humming."

Sees Bottom of Object

As the object left, O'Barski said he could see the underside, which was dark and "it seemed to be as though it was hollowed out underneath, you know? It looked like a depression in there, you know? I said gee, there must be a big fan in there, or something, that runs this thing, you know? And I'm looking, but I can't see nothing." He said the object gradually, but quickly, rose and disappeared from sight.

O'Barski said the object had lifted and disappeared within 20 seconds after the occupants had gone back aboard. "When they went, it was just like that," says the witness. "Right straight like this, tcheoooo! Just that fast."

As the object left, his radio again started playing--after being off for the approximately 2½ minutes the UFO was in the area.

Instead of going to a restaurant at Fort Lee, as he had originally intended, O'Barski

went straight home. The owner and manager of a small liquor store in Chelsea (though does not drink), he explained the extent of his fear by saying. "I've been held up in store lots of times in 30 years by men with pistols and knives and I've been plenty scared but nothing like this, ever. I was petrified."

O'Barski said he was sweating when he got home, pulled the shades, made some tea then decided not to stay (normally he would stay until 11). "I went to bed. I was terrified. I pulled the covers over my head. I figured the whole damn world had come to an end....I didn't know what hell to think....I thought either I'm going crazy or there's something awfully wrong down there."

Finds Holes

The next morning, still unsettled, he went to the scene of the sighting and found several small holes in the ground, each about five or six inches deep. He relates, "You know, when I went there and saw those holes

I got even more scared. I'll tell you something. I even felt those holes. I didn't believe it looking at them. I put my hand in one."

During the subsequent investigation of the site, investigator Gerald (Jerry) Stoehrer noted that, even after 10 months, eight to ten patches of ground at the site, devoid of grass, seemed to indicate that holes had been dug at that location. The patches were in an area about six feet by eight feet. While the patches formed no particular pattern, Stoehrer said "they seemed to appear as definite triangles, with clearly defined edges, and of roughly the same size." He said the length of each triangle ranged from five inches to eight inches on each side.

One of the investigators, Budd Hopkins, has been casually acquainted with O'Barski since 1958. Says Hopkins of O'Barski, "He is street-wise, astute, and reflective. He and Bill Burns, his partner, have been my friends, my evening cashing service, and the source of my dinner wine for over 17 years. They are truthful men."

O'Barski told no one except his son (O'Barski is a widower) about his experience for many months. His son advised him to keep quiet, since people would think he had become mentally unstable. O'Barski also wondered if the occupants "would come and get me" if he told about the experience. Finally, on Nov. 19, 1975, he mentioned the sighting to Hopkins, although he did not know that Hopkins was a UFO investigator (O'Barski had never shown any prior interest in UFO's). O'Barski had delayed reporting the experience so long that he is now unsure of the exact date.

Other Witnesses?

In an effort to locate other witnesses to the O'Barski sighting, personnel at the fashionable Stonehenge, a tall apartment complex located at 8200 Kennedy Blvd. East, about

300 yards east of the location of the alleged sighting, were questioned. The west side of Stonehenge has an excellent view of the alleged sighting area, and the main entrance to the apartment building, manned 24 hours a day by a doorman, is on that side.

Eventually a man by the name of William Pawlowski, a former doorman at Stonehenge, was uncovered as a possible corroborating witness. Without knowledge of the O'Barski report, and without coaching, Pawlowski recounted an episode that he termed "frightening."

The Pawloski Sighting

While on duty at Stonehenge--he thinks it was about 2:30 or 3 a.m. on Jan. 12, 1975--he was attracted by very bright lights in the vicinity of North Hudson Park. "When you look out," explains Pawlowski, "you see a view of the park, and all of a sudden I see something out there--lights, you know? And it looked like they were spaced about two feet or maybe three feet apart, in a round circle."

He ignored the lights at first, thinking perhaps there was a string of cars in the park facing toward him. He estimated there were eight or nine lights in a horizontal row, but he was not sure of the number.

As he made a phone call to one of the residents of Stonehenge (the call was not related to the sighting) he began to think that the lights could not be cars because they appeared to be above the ground.

At this point he wondered if he was observing a UFO (he says that he and his wife had seen one in the summer of 1970 or 1971 over a meadow). Explains Pawlowski, "I'm looking at it and I'm talking to the party (on the phone), and I'm thinking to myself, what the devil is that?"

Suddenly, while he was still on the phone, he heard a loud report and the large plate glass window he was looking through cracked at one corner

near the floor. He quickly hung up the phone and investigated the crack, which he thought might have been caused by a rifle shot--perhaps from the area where he could see the strange lights.

After investigating the glass and finding only a small chipped area along the 12-18-inch crack on the outside, he looked back toward the park and the lights were gone. He called the police, who investigated the crack and said it had not been caused by a bullet. Pawlowski told the police he had seen lights in the park area, but did not tell the investigating officers of the suspicious nature of the lights.

He did, however, tell Lt. Al Del Gaudio of the North Bergen Police Department of his suspicions, since this officer lived at Stonehenge. Officer Del Gaudio, contacted later by Hopkins, verified Pawlowski's description of the events, but added that he did not believe any of them "because you can't believe things like that."

Del Gaudio said he had returned to Stonehenge from his night shift about 6:30 a.m. and noticed the broken window. He said Pawlowski had mentioned a "flying saucer" or "UFO," but since "such things are impossible," Del Gaudio thought the doorman had somehow broken the glass and had made up the story to cover an accident. He said he had no evidence of this, but that he believed Pawlowski was a heavy drinker--though he did not think Pawlowski had been drunk when he saw him at 6:30 a.m.

Tree Split?

In addition to the window, Pawlowski reported that a tree between Stonehenge and the location of the lights (on the hill opposite Stonehenge) had split or been split that same night. This was one of a clump of three trees which had grown from a common stump. The tree has since been sawed.

Pawlowski has expressed some

confusion as to the exact location of the lights. While he indicated while revisiting the area that they were in the same location as O'Barski's sighting, he also felt they were behind a flagpole (which has since been removed).

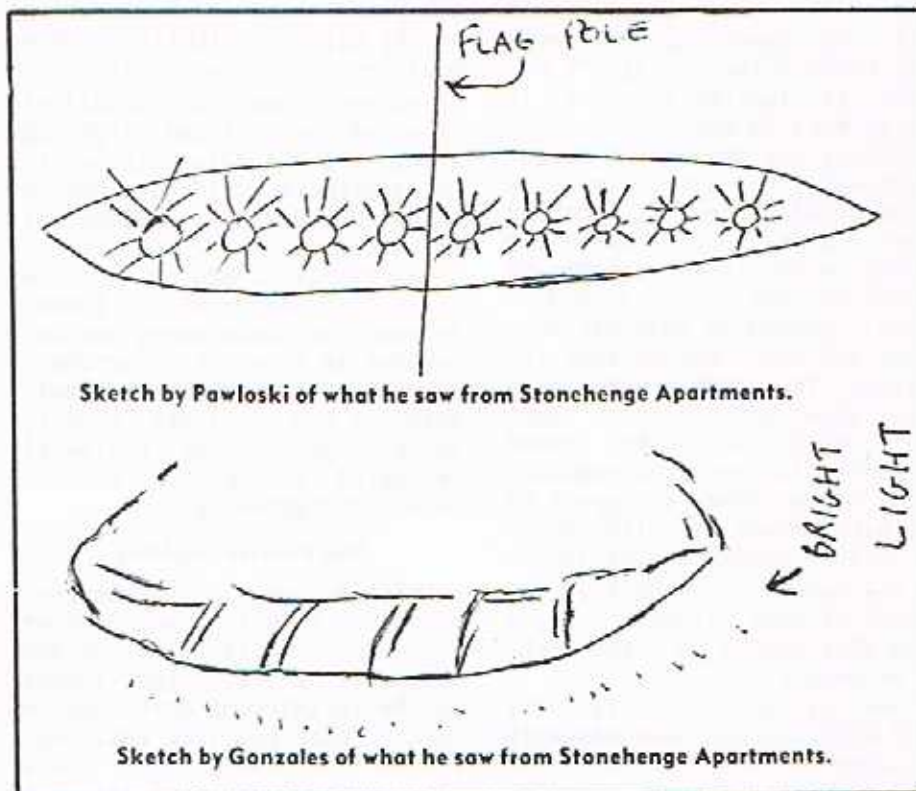
In a drawing from memory, he had located the flagpole between Stonehenge and O'Barski's observation area, but a check at the scene indicated that the flagpole had actually been located some distance to the south. Investigators surmised that Pawloski had confused a street light or other object with the flagpole on the night of the sighting, but the witness still felt he had seen the object behind the flagpole.

Pawloski's description of the light from the object does not exactly match that of O'Barski, since O'Barski indicated the light was more like that produced by incandescent bulbs, while Pawloski seemed to feel it was more like light produced by fluorescent bulbs.

Still another difference in the two reports is the statement by O'Barski that the weather was mild (he had the car window partially down), while Pawloski thought the weather had been cold. (He had had a run-in with the management of Stonehenge because they would not allow doormen to wear coats in the winter--he had quit after losing the argument--so this may have had some bearing on his general feeling that the January sighting date had been cold.) Weather records indicate that the temperature at 2 a.m. on Jan. 12, 1975, was 56 degrees--rather mild.

Overall, however, the two independent reports are remarkably alike in terms of the description of the object, the location of the sighting, and the duration of the sighting.

It is, of course, only conjecture that O'Barski and Pawloski saw the same object at the same time, since O'Barski was not certain at all of the exact date of his sighting. Pawloski's date is more exact,



but not completely confirmed.

Gonzales Sighting

While the Pawloski sighting was being checked, the current superintendent of Stonehenge, Amaury Perez, said that another former employee and personal friend, Frank Gonzales, had told him of a sighting in January of 1975.

Ted Bloecher talked by phone with Gonzales, who said that he had seen "something round, very bright" like an aluminum plane with windows, in the park in front of Stonehenge at 2 or 3 a.m. on a Monday in early January, 1975. Gonzales said that after seeing the light he went to the door, opened it, and went into the driveway. Then he heard a noise "NOT like a helicopter, something DIFFERENT. Something like a buzzing, like when a jet takes off. Whooooo. Whooooo. Then I was afraid." He says he went back inside and closed the door, then saw the light go straight up.

Gonzales could not estimate the distance to the object he had seen, but said it was directly in front of Stonehenge

in the direction of the park. He thought the object was round, with windows around the bottom. The light from the windows was bright, "like cool white tube."

Gonzales said his sighting took place, he thought, before the plate glass window had been cracked. This would probably put his sighting on Jan. 6, about six days before the Pawloski (and O'Barski?) sighting, although none of the date is known for certain. Gonzales said it was a cold and clear night.

Daliz Sighting

While video taping the Pawloski and O'Barski statements on Jan. 17, 1976, the investigators were told by the current doorman at Stonehenge, William Daliz, that he had sighted a strange light in the vicinity of the park just two days earlier--on Thursday, Jan. 15, about 2:30 a.m.

In a subsequent interview Daliz said he was attracted to a strange light in front of Stonehenge, even though he was watching TV with his back

the front door. He said the light was "big," and that the left side was orange and the right side was red.

He said he rang for the security officer downstairs, but the officer at first did not want to look. "Well, by the time Roberto went to look out, I seen this light just go right up," Says Daliz. "I even opened the door and walked out. I seen it just go straight up. Oh, it was really fast."

Daliz said the color of the illumination became lighter as the object was near the ground, but got darker as it lifted into the sky.

Security Officer Roberto Perez was contacted later, and he verified the fact that Daliz had called him about the strange light, but he looked too late to see the object himself.

A Strange Mist?

Another doorman at Stonehenge, Edward Oberterbessing, told investigators that in the period beginning in late January and continuing into May (1975) he had often seen a fog or mist that would gather at the spot where he had seen the investigators standing (the O'Barski landing site).

He said the fog was extremely localized and would be dissipated after being "swirled around by the wind." He said it would appear both in the day and night. Investigator Stoehrer says he feels this witness did observe what he claims, and is not just "jumping onto the bandwagon." Oberterbessing reportedly had a 1961 observation of several anthropod figures at Ridgfield, NJ.

Investigation Continuing

The total investigation is continuing, since there have been additional indications that other residents of Stonehenge may have seen something. Stonehenge Superintendent Amatory Perez, who has been very cooperative, has given the

names of the investigators to several residents, but says he cannot give investigators the names of the residents unless they ask to be contacted.

Summary

The sighting by the principal witness, O'Barski, seems to have been at least partially or tentatively collaborated by at least one other sighting, possibly more. The scene described by O'Barski is, of course, common to many other occupant sightings. It is, however, unusual for a sighting of this type to take place in such a heavily populated area as metropolitan New York.

Correction

Miss Margo Metegrano, office manager of the Center for UFO Studies, has informed SKYLOOK that a statement in the February issue of SKYLOOK regarding the amount of her salary as CUFOS secretary which was paid by NATIONAL ENQUIRER is incorrect.

The incorrect account in the February issue stated, "Half of Miss Metegrano's salary was reportedly being paid by the NATIONAL ENQUIRER."

The correct information, as supplied by Miss Metegrano, is as follows: "In the very early days of the Center, for several months, the Enquirer did make a donation to the Center from which a small part of my salary was paid."

Las Vegas occupant report requires study

An alleged occupant case near Las Vegas, NV, on Jan. 30 involving a country and western singer is being withheld by Skylook, pending additional investigation.

MUFON investigator Mike Schutz told Skylook he is highly skeptical of the case, reported in the Las Vegas SUN, for various reasons. If additional significant information does become available it will be printed in a future issue.

MUFON Symposium speakers announced

Henry H. McKay, MUFON provincial director for Ontario and regional director for Canada, has been added to the list of featured speakers for the 1976 MUFON Symposium at Ann Arbor, MI, June 12 and 13.

McKay, a veteran researcher, will speak on "Canadian Landing Trace Cases."

Other featured speakers at the symposium will be Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies; William Spaulding, western director of Ground Saucer Watch, who will speak on analysis of UFO photos; Ray Stanford, director of Project Starlight International, who will speak on the PSI instrumented research project; Jacques Vallee; and Dave Webb, co-chairman of the Humanoid Study Group, who will speak on humanoid cases.

The 1976 Symposium will be hosted by Bob Stinson and the Michigan Section.

Illinois woman reports strange encounter

The Associated Press reports that an investigator from the Center for UFO Studies is checking into a case involving a woman who encountered unidentified "beings" in Southern Illinois.

Authorities said the middle-aged woman was driving on a country road northwest of Nashville, IL, on the night of Feb. 25 when she encountered two "humanoids" who flashed a blue light at her before she sped away. The woman described two very tall humanoids "with large feet and no necks." The woman's identity was being withheld.

NEW CUFOS ADDRESS

The Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) has moved into a three-room suite outside the business area of Evanston, IL. The new address is 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60202.