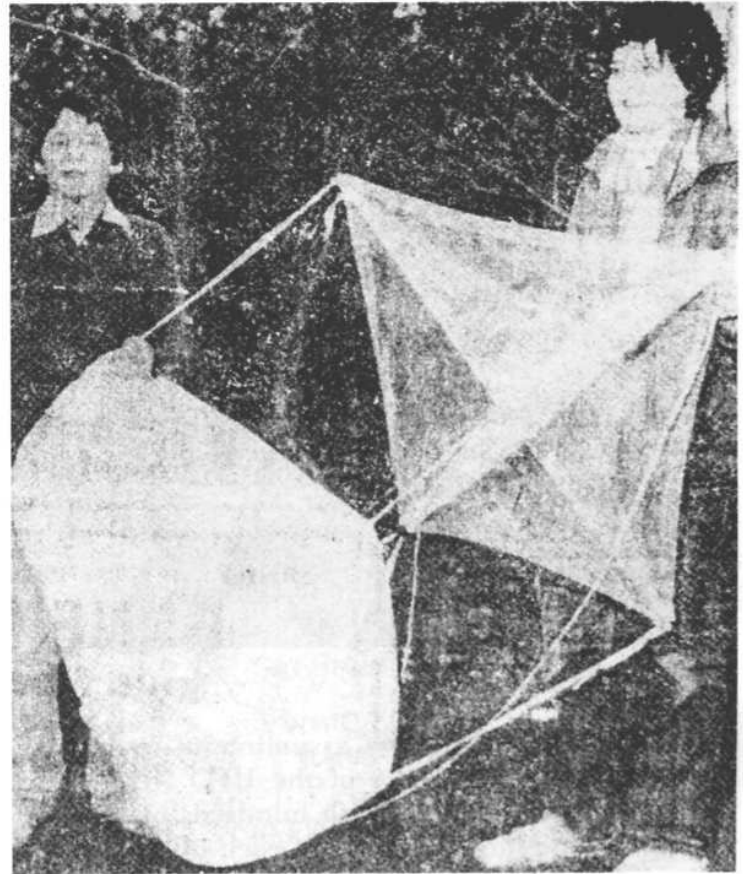


Sketch by Watford commercial artist Mrs. Elspeth C—.

caps on" and arrange a refutation. This was duly done, and it was announced that ALL HAD BEEN EXPLAINED! THE "UFO" HAD BEEN NOTHING OTHER THAN A SMALL WEATHER BALLOON WHICH (EXTRAORDINARILY CONVENIENTLY AS ONE MIGHT THINK), HAD JUST BEEN FOUND BY TWO CHILDREN, JONNY JACKSON, 13, AND HIS SISTER SALLY, 14, IN THEIR GARDEN AT HERONSGATE, CHORLEYWOOD. This explanation was added to the *Watford Observer's* account.

Police-Witnesses' Anger

We heard from Mrs Florence Scott, the journalist, and also, privately, from our own sources inside the Hertfordshire Police, that there was great indignation among the Police witnesses at the way in which they had been made to look so foolish. One of our informants inside the Police Force stated that it was the



The two children with the "weather balloon".

most blatant piece of lying and cover-up that he had ever come across. (This same Police source had already confirmed to me, on numerous occasions, that there is an official cover-up on UFOs.)

"BOOMERANG" OVER THREE COUNTIES: Part 1

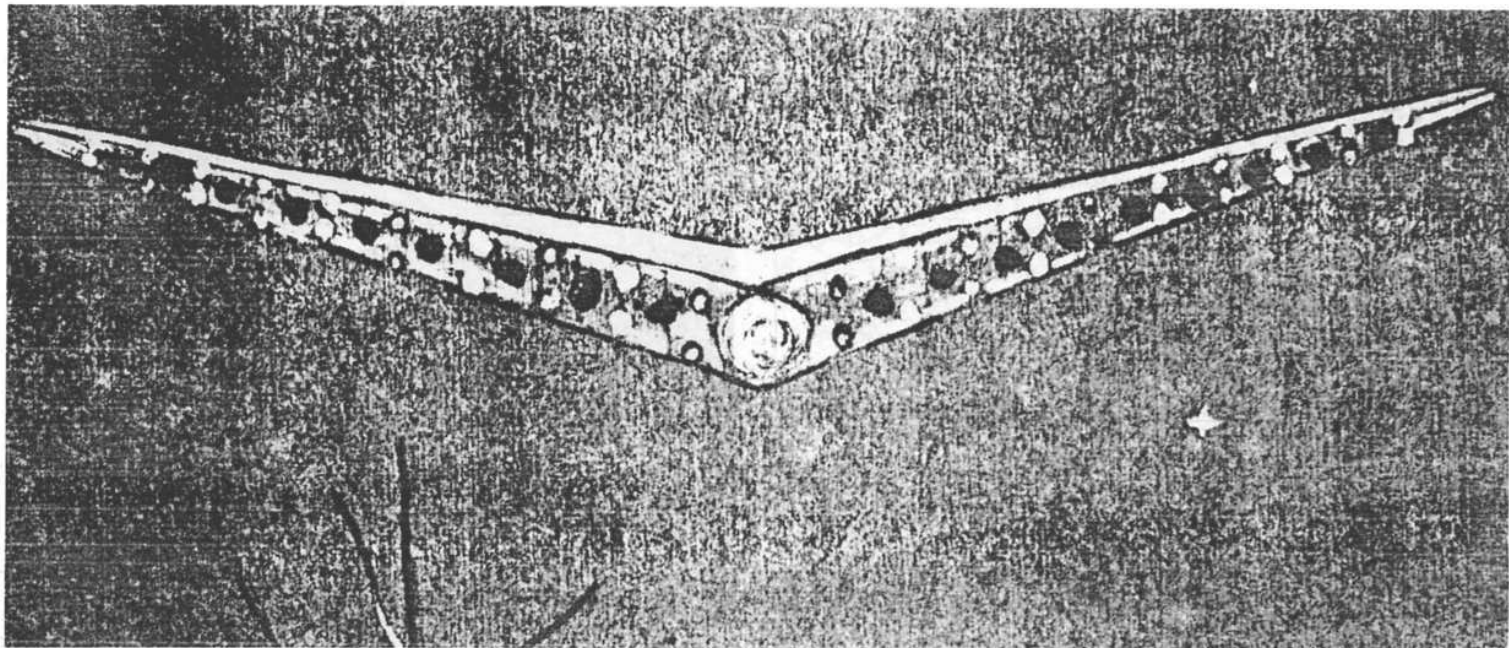
Philip Imbrogno

Just a month after the APRO report* of the astonishing and extraordinary great craft seen in February 1983 over the southern American State of Alabama, comes this further amazing account, in two parts, for which we are indebted to Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the Editorial Board of his *International UFO Reporter*, in which it appeared in Volume 8 No.4 (July/August 1983) and Volume 8, No.5 (September/October 1983). This story is of an equally huge craft, though of entirely different shape, observed over many places in New York State in March 1983. Evidently enormous alien machines are here in considerable numbers. — EDITOR

IT has been our experience that when UFO reports relating to an object seen by many people over a considerable span of time and over a wide area are investigated in depth, the result has been an IFO; Venus, the Goodyear Blimp, or a bright meteor have often been the culprits. Thus, when the present case first came to our attention, the initial response was to

feel that it, too, must have a pedestrian explanation.

Here, however, we have a case which has failed to yield such an explanation. Mr. Imbrogno and his associates have done yeoman service to the Center, interviewing far more witnesses than are usually available for such work, and their work continues. To the present, Mr. Imbrogno has not found a plausible solu-



The "Boomerang" Craft.

tion to these many reports, assuming, of course, that the features and dynamics of the UFO were, in the main, correctly reported. With hundreds of witnesses involved, quite independently of each other, it would in itself be a remarkable event should none of them have reported a pedestrian event, if indeed it had been that.

If any of our readers can provide us with a viable and demonstrable solution to this widely witnessed event, we would be most anxious to have it submitted.

This report deals with widely reported sightings on three nights of March, 1983, in areas of Westchester, Putnam, and Fairfield counties in New York and Connecticut, although similar sightings were made in those and other adjacent areas, to a lesser extent, in that general time period. The location of the viewers on March 24 are shown on the accompanying map. The report strongly suggests that the UFO was sequentially sighted along a circulatory flight path centered in points in those counties, although the presence of more than one object is not ruled out.

In a nutshell, there is general agreement among the percipients that the object was large (100-200 feet) and boomerang-shaped (sometimes reported as triangular, a deviation which might be attributed to different angles and distances of viewing). It carried a large complement of red, white, green, and blue lights, plus one large amber light, centrally located. The object cruised slowly, silently or with a low buzz or hum, remarkably near to the ground (estimates vary from 60 to 500 feet) but also sometimes hovered for as long as one or two minutes before it moved on. Some witnesses said they were within 100 to 200 feet of the UFO.

Following are individual summaries of sightings on the night of March 24, and a few from the nights of March 17 and 26th.

MARCH 24

Yorktown, New York, 7pm: At least 100 residents, including police officers, sight a large Boomerang or V-shaped object with rows of white, green and red lights heading north-east. A faint humming sound is heard. The object is 200 feet or greater from wing to wing; moving slowly towards Jefferson Valley, New York.

Mount Kisco, New York, 9:10pm (approx.): Ten witnesses report a large colourful object about 500 feet over Route 1-684. People stop their cars on highway to get a look and nearly cause multiple accidents. One observer notes that as the object comes directly over his car at a height of 300 feet he sees a pattern of very bright (he has to shield his eyes) red, greenish blue, and white lights in a very wide V-shaped pattern. He hears a very faint humming sound as the object passes less than 300 feet above his car. Another witness clocks object's speed at 35 mph.

Mahopac, New York, 9-9:20pm: A large boomerang-shaped object approximately 150 feet across, with 30 or more rows of greenish-blue and white lights on its wings is seen hovering over Taconic highway by hundreds (75 actual reports submitted). A police officer reports that he got right under the object and then heard a slight humming sound. Thirty more witnesses later report an object hovering over a lake off Route 6 for several minutes and then slowly heading north.

New Castle, New York, 9:10pm: A boomerang-shaped object the size of a 747, with red, blue, green and with a white light in the centre, hovers 100 feet over a field for about two minutes, then rises vertically about 200 feet and heads towards Yorktown, New York.

Yorktown, New York, Approx 9pm: At least 50 people report the same object as before, now heading east, very low, very large, with no sound, but hovering

at times over Taconic Parkway, stopping traffic.

Brewster, New York, Approx. 10pm: Many families living around Route 1-84 report a large triangle-shaped object with bright white lights hovering over the area and then slowly moving north-east. Witnesses report hearing a soft buzzing noise similar to an electric can opener.

MARCH 17

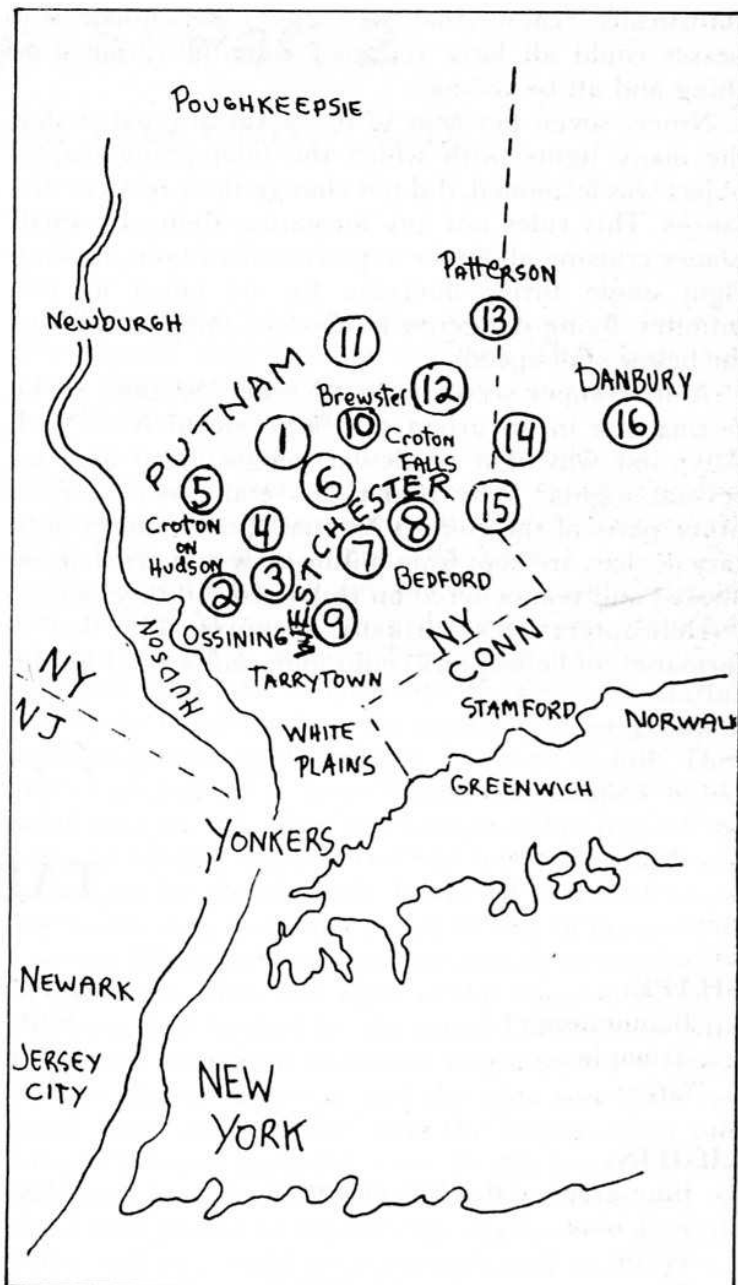
Brewster, New York, 8:30-9:15pm: Twenty-five local residents near Route 1-84 see a large boomerang-shaped object approximately 130 feet above the ground, moving slowly north-east, and approximately 100 feet across. (Ed note: One of these figures must be wrong; simple trigonometry shows that if both the 130 and 100 feet figures are correct the object would subtend an angle of 37 degrees, thus stretching across better than one-third of the sky! Witness estimates of sizes, and especially heights above ground are of little value unless it is also stated how they are estimated.) The object is seen hovering, and then making sharp turns. Several witnesses report that the object slowly passes over their houses; two report the object hovering over their backyard, less than 60 feet above the ground, then shooting a brilliant white light towards the ground. No sound, or at best, a faint humming sound heard.

Mahopac Lake, New York, 10:15pm: Six witnesses report seeing a large boomerang-shaped object hovering low over a reservoir on the town line. The object then tips from a horizontal position to vertical, with the apex of the boomerang pointing toward the water. As it slowly moves northward, all the lights blink out and the object is gone.

MARCH 26

Mahopac, New York, 9pm: Twenty observers, independent of each other, see a large boomerang-shaped object, with varicoloured lights on its wings and with a large amber light in the centre casting a beam of white light ahead. The object is first seen hovering over a large lake off Route 6. One observer reports noting a very dark metallic-like grey metal rod or rods connecting the lights.

Near Poughkeepsie, New York, 10:45pm: The State Police receive the first of 25 calls within 30 minutes from area residents describing an object similar to that described above. The police did not record calls in their log or take names of callers since they felt people were reporting nothing more than aircraft flying in formation. One State Trooper reports that while on patrol on the Taconic highway near Pleasant Valley (2 miles east of Poughkeepsie) he notes the object heading north at about 40 mph. He follows it for about 10 miles before it turns abruptly to the east, and he loses it as it starts to pick up speed (about 100 mph).



These are just samples from a host of similar reports. Table 1 summarises the three days of reports, and reports are still being received (at present writing) and investigated. To date, a round-up of reports reveals the following:

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(Dr. Hynek)

THIS case cries out for a natural solution on the basis of previous experience; UFOs just do not generally appear to hundreds of witnesses in adjacent towns for appreciable lengths of time, and then give "repeat" performances. No suggestions so far put forth, however, meet the reported facts. With hundreds of witnesses, largely independent of each other, it seems

statistically remote that so many independent witnesses could all have reported essentially the same thing and all be wrong!

Ninety-seven per cent of the witnesses stated that the many lights, with which the boomerang-shaped object was festooned, did not change their relative distances. This rules out any formation flying by small planes cruising about for a quarter of an hour, making right angle turns, hovering for as much as two minutes, flying dangerously close to the ground, and far below stall speed.

A new super-secret military craft? Strange to be testing one in an urban area so close to New York City, and why that particular geographical area on several nights? Why hasn't this craft been seen in other parts of the country? Usually, new, secret military devices are kept from public view and are demonstrated and manoeuvred on restricted military ranges.

Helicopters? It's virtually inconceivable that a formation of helicopters could maintain a rigid forma-

tion for 20 minutes and fly that close to the ground making only a faint humming sound. Yet these are the only craft that could hover without crashing.

A blimp like the Goodyear craft? The boomerang shape is hard to reconcile with this idea, and the relatively slow speed of this boomerang craft would be too great for a blimp. It is also highly improbable that a blimp would safely fly so low to the ground.

Apart from these difficulties, we have the testimony of technical personnel well acquainted with aircraft who have reported that they had never seen anything like this reported craft. Finally, the FAA stoutly maintains that there were no normal aircraft aloft in these areas at the times in question.

What then? If any reader knows what this boomerang craft might have been, something which satisfies the conditions of slow speed, hovering, essential noiselessness, low altitude and fixed positions of lights, we should be most pleased to have him solve this mystery for us.

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TABLE 1

SHAPE:		MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE:	
Boomerang	90 %	Went below horizon	75 %
Triangle	9 %	Blinked out and was gone	20 %
Other	1 %	Just disappeared	5 %
LIGHTS:		PERSONAL REACTIONS:	
Blue-green, red, white or amber	85 %	None	85 %
Red, blue	5 %	Some psychic connection	10 %
White	5 %	Not sure	5 %
Not sure	5 %	(3% reported animal reactions)	
RELATIVE MOTION OF LIGHTS:		SOUND:	
Shifting relative position		Buzzing or humming	65 %
NO	97 %	No sound	30 %
YES	3 %	Don't remember	5 %
SIZE:		DURATION OF SIGHTING:	
Over 100 feet	60 %	10-20 minutes	95 %
Over 300 feet	35 %	Less than 10 minutes	5 %
Over 900 feet	5 %		
SPEED:		MOTION:	
Very slow	90 %	Smooth and straight	60 %
Very fast	5 %	Right angle turns, sudden stops	40 %
Slow, then fast	5 %		
DISTANCE FROM OBSERVERS:		HOVERING:	
Within 500 feet	80 %	Yes	80 %
Over 500 feet	15 %	No	20 %
Not sure	5 %		

"BOOMERANG" UPDATE: Part 2

by Philip Imbrogno, George Lesnick and Chris Clark

THE "Boomerang"-shaped UFO described in the last issue continues to be a growing mystery. Investigation is in progress by the three authors of the present paper and by an investigative reporter, Ed Walzer, of the *Reporter Dispatch*, Kisco, New York, who is conducting a parallel co-operative investigation. Although a part of the mystery has been solved . . . in some cases a group of pilots were apparently deliberately conducting close flight formations in small planes to confuse the issue . . . there is as yet no explanation for the slow-moving, silent, and at times hovering "Boomerang". Yet, just because so many people have been witness to this object leads one to think that it would prove to have a natural explanation as some man-made device. But what? And who?

In the last issue of this Journal, we were able to give a quick summary of some very spectacular sightings that had been taking place just to the north of New York City and into Connecticut. Investigations have continued and it now seems clear that no one has been able to come up with an explanation for the large, hovering, and slow-moving boomerang-shaped object which was also reported, generally, as noiseless.

The large amount of local publicity these sightings received caused, as would be expected, many people in the sighting area to go out looking for UFOs and naturally they reported everything from aircraft to the planet Venus. To make things worse, a number of people did see three small aircraft flying in formation from the Stormville Airport in Dutchess County.

On July 14, I staked out the area of Stormville Airport, and verified that some of the reports were the result of these planes flying in formation. Apparently, a number of the pilots and staff connected with the airport were deliberately doing a little leg-pulling, and, my appearance for several hours at the airport didn't please them too much. I knew then that part of the mystery was solved, but this formation flying *cannot explain the bulk of the March reports* described in the last issue. This will be clear from the results of our continuing investigation. (Ed. note: There is so much material now available that we cannot publish it all at once. We will have to use the "continued in our next" technique reminiscent of the old mystery thriller magazines!)

Our investigations have revealed that the boomerang UFO may have made its first appearance as far back as 1980. At this time witnesses reported a boomerang or chevron-shaped object moving slowly and hovering at low altitudes. Witnesses were few and the

sightings were restricted to the back country of Westchester and Putnam counties. The object was never reported on successive nights and there were no collaborating witnesses.

It was not until February, 1983, that the object made its first grand entrance, so to speak. The first well documented encounter with this object occurred on Feb. 26 at Lake Carmel, New York.

Monique O'Driscoll and her 17-year-old daughter, also named Monique, were driving home from her mother's house at about 8:30pm. The night was clear and very cold. Mrs. O'Driscoll's daughter was staring out of the window when she noticed a large group of multi-coloured lights coming up over a hill. They both watched as a large boomerang-shaped object with rows of red, blue and yellow lights topped the hill and headed south at tree-top level. They followed the object for about a mile. It was off to the left about 200 yards away and only about 70 feet in the air. The younger Monique then said that it must be headed for White Pond. They lost sight of the object because of the trees, but headed for the pond. On the way, Mrs. O'Driscoll wondered what they might find. There was no one else on the road and the area was quite isolated. Sure enough, they saw the object again and Mrs. O'Driscoll parked her car. It was hovering over the pond less than 200 feet from the shore and no more than 50 feet in the air. "The lights were unbelievable and you could see them reflected in the ice on the pond. The back of the object seemed to be facing us." Mrs. O'Driscoll then got out of her car and started walking toward the lake, while her daughter screamed for her mother to come back. The object then slowly turned to face them. Blue, amber, white, and red lights numbering about 20 in all began flashing in sequence from left to right across the wings of this unknown object. The object then glided silently towards them. This silence, they told me, was the strangest part of all.

Monique continued yelling for her mother to get back in the car. Mrs. O'Driscoll called back that she was coming. She also told her daughter not to turn off the engine, since she was afraid that it wouldn't start again. The object was still moving slowly towards them. It then banked to the west and floated slowly away in that direction.

Mrs. O'Driscoll jumped back into the car and got on her CB radio, trying to call for someone else to see this thing. All she got was static. She then looked up and saw the object heading for Gypsy Trails Road.

She stepped on the gas, determined to see the object again. She had read about UFOs and knew that this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. She caught up with the object half a mile from the pond over a field. It was hovering 30 feet above a field. She got out of her car and walked toward the object until she was almost underneath it. Looking up, Mrs. O'Driscoll saw one large, massive, solid metal object. It was grey in colour with long tubular metal areas and heavy-duty grill work. She also saw what appeared to be circular mechanisms attached to the grill network.

She then ran back to the car as the object moved slowly towards the pond area. As she followed (her car speed was 25 mph), the object, which was no more than 300 yards ahead, suddenly blinked out. "All the lights just went out and I could not see it anymore", said Mrs. O'Driscoll. The object was gone. According to both mother and daughter, there was no way it could have moved out of sight. The object just vanished. A Mrs. Rita Rivera also saw the object at the pond, but was farther down the road. She verified Mrs. O'Driscoll's story. According to my calculations, the object they saw was about 150 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip.

As far as we know, the object was not sighted again until March 17th. On this date, between the hours of 7 and 10pm. EST, it was seen by hundreds of people in the north-eastern section of Putnam County moving slowly and hovering over Interstate 84, in the Brewster, New York area. Traffic jams resulted on this and other major highways in the area. This generated hundreds of UFO reports to the police in the area. Although there were quite a few reports on this date, the most incredible sighting comes from Dennis Sant of Brewster, New York. Mr Sant is in his mid-thirties. He is a Putnam County clerk and lives in the area of Brewster road with his two children, ages 6 and 9. The sighting was at about 8:30pm. It was a night the entire family will remember for quite a while.

He and his family were coming home from church on March 17th. As they turned down their road, they could see from their van an object hovering close to their home. It was in the north-west and about 160 feet in the air. The object was very large with multi-coloured lights, "like a city in the sky". As they got closer to their home, they lost sight of the object behind some trees. When they emerged from the obstructed area, the object was gone. Sant thought, "Given the time behind the trees and the size of the object, it should still have been visible. It should still have been there, but the object was gone." They reached their home and went inside, thinking the incident was over.

Sant was in his home less than a minute when he felt a pressure in his stomach similar to the sensation of riding in a fast elevator. He then had an impulse to go outside. As he walked out his front door, which is

very close to the 1-84, and looked in that direction, he saw a large boomerang-shaped object hovering silently over the highway. The object had red, white, green and blue lights on its wings with a large white or amber light in the middle.

He noticed that most of the traffic had stopped. People were getting out of their cars and looking at the strange object. After watching it for about a minute, he wished he could get a better look. As soon as he finished thinking this, the object made a sharp turn and headed directly for his home. The object slowly lost altitude and hovered about 30 feet from him. At this moment, the object was no more than 100 feet in the air.

Using a telephone pole as a reference point, Sant estimated that the object was about 80 feet high and over 200 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. Sant said, "It was so large it covered the sky in front of me."

The object hovered for about a minute, then started slowly drifting towards Sant's backyard. He ran toward the object. It was moving so slowly that he was able to jog underneath it as it headed for his backyard, which is several acres large. The object at this time was just above the trees, no more than 70 feet in the air, and he looked straight up at it. He saw a dark, grey metallic structure, but the lights were so bright that he could not get a good look at it.

When the object reached the centre of the yard it stopped, and Sant backed away from under. He said, "I thought it was getting ready to land." As he moved back towards his home, he noticed his children and father (who lives with him) looking at the entire spectacle. Then, looking back over his shoulder at the object, he saw it shoot down a brilliant beam of light that illuminated the entire ground beneath it. His children started screaming, "Daddy, come back." Sant headed toward the back door, still looking at the object and the brilliant beam of light that seemed to come from underneath the object. The beam lasted about fifteen to thirty seconds in all; then it went out. The object then headed slowly towards the north, now making a very faint humming sound.

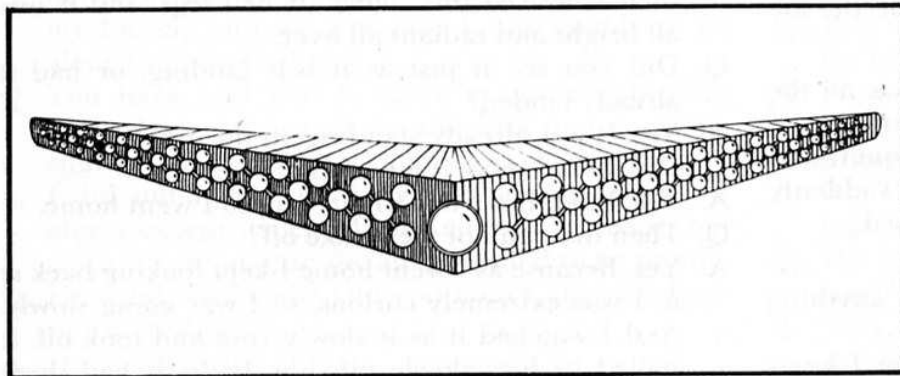
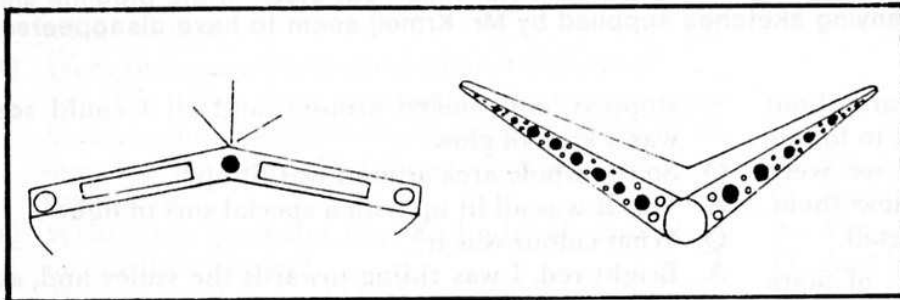
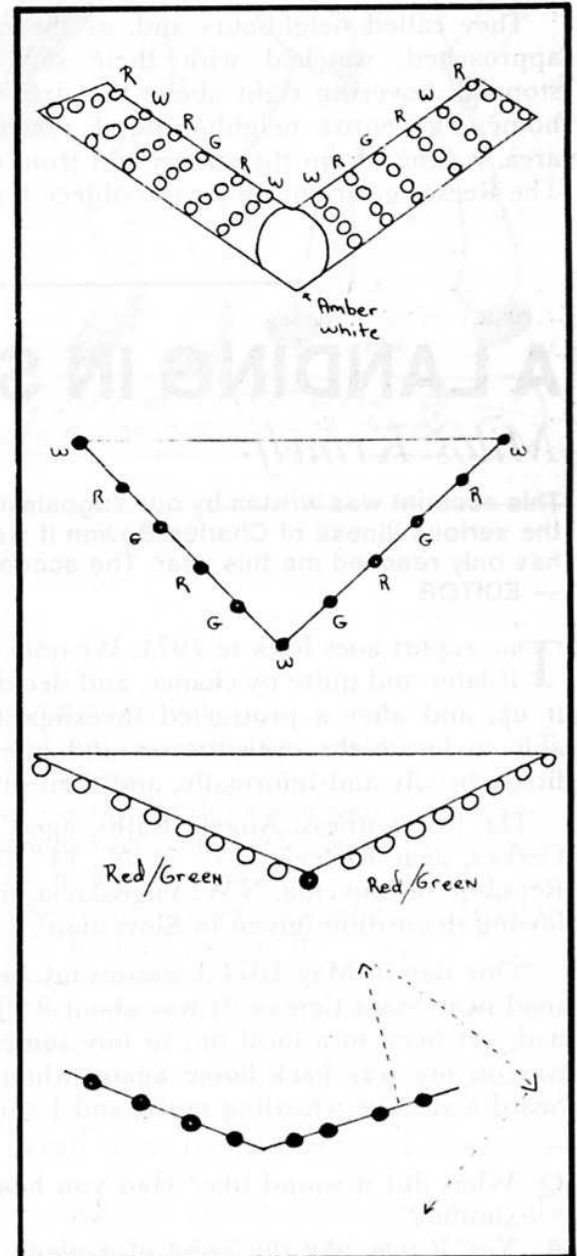
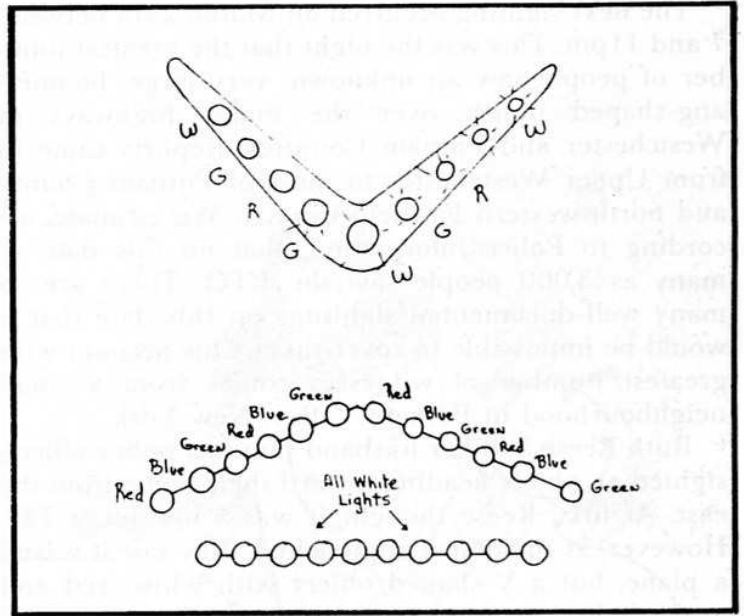
The story was corroborated by Sant's family and several neighbours who witnessed his incredible encounter. Also, it must be noted that reports were received by people driving on 1-84. During this time hundreds of more sightings were reported to police from residents in Carmel, Brewster, Mahopac, Kent, and Pawling, New York, in Putnam County. Sightings also came to my attention later in Fairfield County which is about ten miles east of Brewster.

Also on March 17 at about 7:30pm, Joan Lindauer, a secretary at GTE Inc., White Plains, New York, left work after a late corporate meeting. Driving north on Route 120, she noticed a brilliant object with rows of white lights off to her left pacing her car. She thought at first that it was a plane coming in for a

landing at Westchester county airport, which is close by. The object was keeping pace with her car and she realised that it was no plane. The object seemed to be gliding noiselessly just above the trees. She became frightened since the road was dark and her car was the only one on the road at the time. When she stopped for a red light at the intersection of Routes 100 and 120 in Millwood, (Westchester County) the object moved to the front of her, hovering above the light, just 30 feet from her car and about 50 feet in the air. When the light turned green, she made a left turn and headed to her home in Croton, the object following for about a mile at a much higher altitude. It then made a sharp turn and headed north where it was spotted in Yorktown, New York, at about 8:00pm.

The story was verified by people who live in the area of Millwood and by workers at a gas station 300 yards from the intersection. Also unknown to Joan was that a fellow worker and friend who lives in the Yorktown area saw the object after it left the Millwood area. Also, many residents between Millwood and Yorktown, at about 8:00pm, reported a UFO to the police. Joan described the object as a 'V' or boom-rang-shaped object with eight to ten lights on it. She noticed no sound and could make out no details besides the lights, which were very bright. This sighting was about an hour before the Sant sighting in Brewster.

Chris Clark and Philip Imbrogno drove over the route of the sighting area at night. It is a lonely road. The intersection of routes 120 and 100 in Millwood is populated and the red light there takes 22 seconds, so the object hovered for at least this long.



Sketches based on descriptions from various witnesses.

The next sighting occurred on March 24th between 7 and 11pm. This was the night that the greatest number of people saw an unknown, very large, boomerang-shaped object over the major highways in Westchester and Putnam Counties. Reports came in from Upper Westchester to most of Putnam County and north-western Fairfield County. We estimate, according to Police information, that on this date as many as 3,000 people saw the UFO. There are so many well-documented sightings on this date that it would be impossible to cover them. One account with greatest number of witnesses comes from a small neighbourhood in Putnam Valley, New York.

Ruth Reese and her husband James, a police officer, sighted an object heading toward their home from the east. At first, Reese thought it was a low jet, a 747. However, as the object approached, they saw it wasn't a plane, but a V-shaped object with white, red and green lights. As it came even closer, they heard no sound.

They called neighbours and, as the object slowly approached, watched with their son. The object stopped, hovering right above the driveway of their home. The entire neighbourhood, which is a circle area, watched from the streets and from their houses. The Reeses got right under the object, but could only

see the lights around some massive dark structure. They estimate the object was about 100 feet in the air and about 120 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. After hovering 10 minutes, it flew over the entire neighbourhood, flashing a bright bluish light from somewhere under the object, similar to a camera flash. It gave the residents the impression that the object was taking pictures or looking for something. The object displayed this behaviour for 45 minutes, then slowly left the area.

During the sighting, Mrs. Reese called the local police. She was told no one could be sent since they were all out chasing UFOs and an officer was not available at the time.

About 20 people saw the object with the Reeses. George Lesnich and Philip Imbrogno interviewed 10 of them.

The next series of sightings occurred on March 31, followed by sightings during the first two weeks of April. From mid-April to June 15, no sightings were reported. But, from June 15 until July 15 sightings once again occurred. The latter were proven by us to be nothing more than aircraft in formation.

* See FSR Vol. 30, No. 2: *A Huge UFO Over Alabama.*

A LANDING IN SLOVENIA

Miloš Krmelj

This account was written by our Yugoslavian correspondent in 1977 and sent to FSR in due course, but owing to the serious illness of Charles Bowen it was among a great deal of material which got stuck in the pipeline and has only reached me this year. The accompanying sketches supplied by Mr. Krmelj seem to have disappeared.
— EDITOR

THIS report goes back to 1971. We only heard about it later and quite by chance, and decided to follow it up, and after a protracted investigation we were able to locate the eyewitnesses and interview them, firstly briefly and informally, and then in detail.

The first witness, Angela Rajhs, aged 17, of Stara Cerква, near Kočevje (45° 51' N., 14° 50' E.) in the Republic of Slovenia, N.W. Yugoslavia, made the following deposition (given in Slovenian).

"One day in May 1971 I was on my bicycle on the road near Stara Cerква. It was about 8.00 p.m., and I had just been to a local inn to buy some liquor, and was on my way back home again, when I suddenly heard a strange whistling noise, and I stopped.

Q. What did it sound like? Had you heard anything similar?

A. Yes, it was like the noise of a plane. But I knew that it was too close to me to be a plane. So I

stopped, and looked around, and all I could see was a kind of glow.

Q. So the whole area around was lit up?

A. Yes. It was all lit up with a special sort of light.¹

Q. What colour was it?

A. Bright red. I was riding towards the valley and, as I have said, I stopped and got off my bike. And then I noticed this 'thing'. It had legs, and it was all bright and radiant all over.

Q. Did you see it just as it was landing, or had it already landed?

A. Yes. It was already standing on the ground.

Q. Did you observe it for a long time?

A. Yes, I did. But I was frightened, so I went home.

Q. Then did you not see it take off?

A. Yes. Because as I went home I kept looking back at it. I was extremely curious, so I was going slowly. And I watched it as it slowly rose and took off. It pulled its legs slowly into the body. It had three legs.