

It Started With a Bang: Oregon UFO History

An Oregon MUFON Presentation

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Introduction (I)

- Oregon has over 1000 UFO cases documented at various levels, mostly uninvestigated reports and news article documented cases. They are in UFOCAT, NUFORC, MUFON, and various other databases.
- Oregon has most of the usual types of UFO cases: abduction reports, triangle cases, classic saucer cases, photo cases, a radar case, videotape cases, but entity and landing reports are rare. Only one possible (uninvestigated) crash case.
- Oregon has UFO-related cases, too: bigfoot sightings, crop circles, cattle mutilations, a rare flying entity case or two. No “Loch Ness monster” cases to our knowledge, however.
- Cases come from all over the state equally. Distributed from 1947 to the present like the national average (in waves).

Introduction (2)

- History of UFO investigation in Oregon is hit and miss.
- Early history is not known. Some early contactee groups existed in Portland in 1950s and 60s.
- In 1980s, John and Hellen Zeller carried on MUFON investigation. Skip Schultz and then Mike Downey were state directors in 1990s. Tom and Keith took over in 2000s.
- Think about joining and supporting MUFON and perhaps pursuing the “rewarding” career of certified UFO investigator!
- Let’s look at some UFO and UFO-related events and cases.

Kenneth Arnold Sighting (I)

- **When and where:** June 24, 1947, between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams.
- **Evidence:** Eyewitness only.
- **Description:** Arnold was flying a light plane from Chehalis to Yakima when a flash alerted him to nine odd-shaped objects moving fast in a skipping motion from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams.
- He calculated the speed at 1300 to 1700 mph.
- He was on a mission to find a downed airplane.
- He stopped in Yakima and told some local pilots about his strange sighting. Then he went on to Pendleton.

Kenneth Arnold Sighting (2)

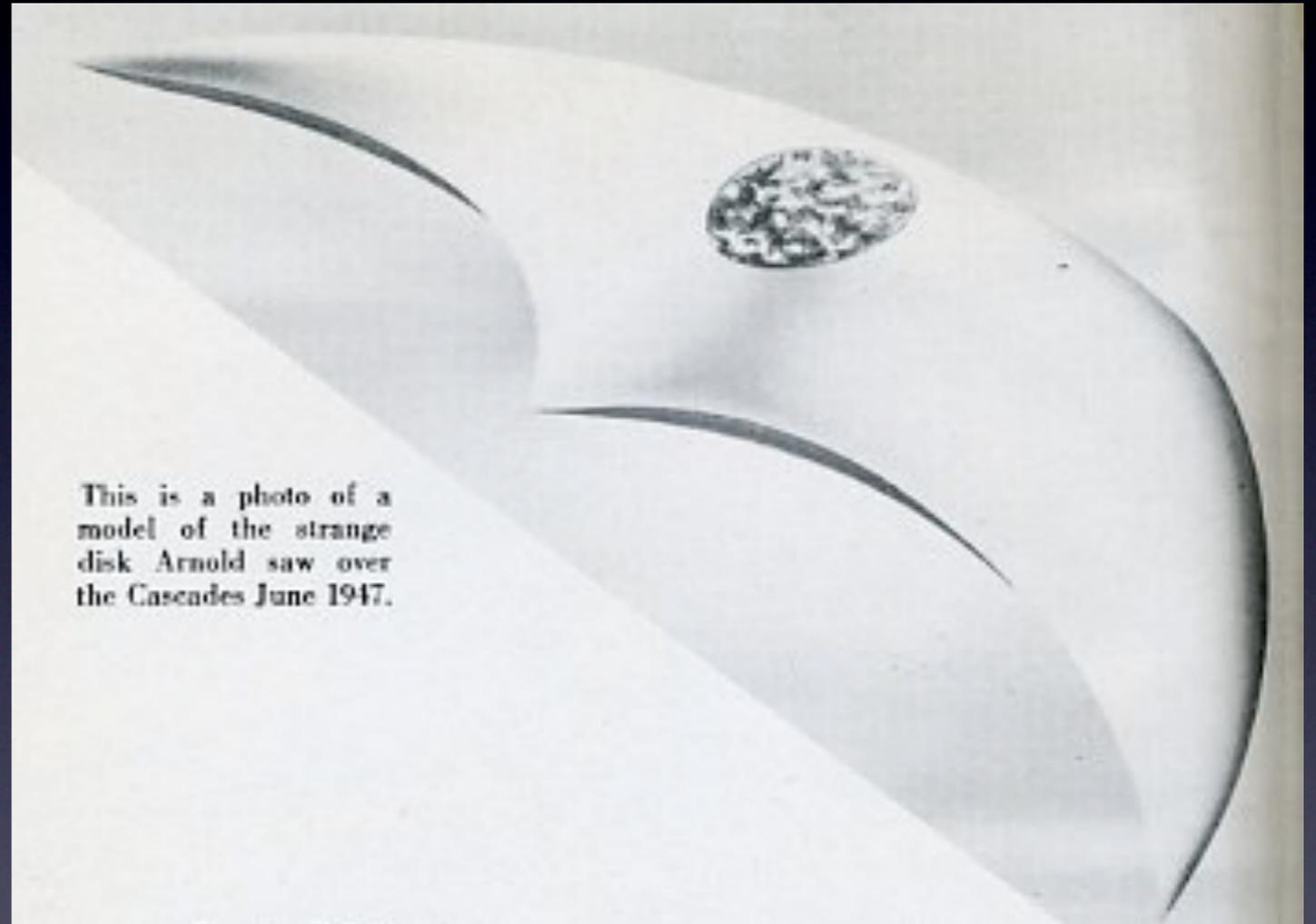
- A headline writer in Pendleton coined the term “flying saucer” from the flight motion of the objects. The story went world wide.
- Many people began reporting the new “flying saucers.”
- The military investigated Arnold’s sighting.
- Arnold played an investigatory role in the Maury Island “Hoax,” which may have been an early U.S. military intelligence disinformation operation.
- WWII foo fighters and Swedish ghost rockets occurred before Arnold’s sighting.

Kenneth Arnold Sighting (3)



Source: *The Coming of the Saucers*

Kenneth Arnold



This is a photo of a model of the strange disk Arnold saw over the Cascades June 1947.

Source: *The Coming of the Saucers*

Model of One of Arnold's Flying Saucers

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (I)

The Sunday Oregonian  **Eight Sections**

PORTLAND, OREGON, JULY 5, 1947 CITY EDITION PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS

Carol, Magda Finally Wed in Sad Deathbed Ceremony

New Notes Offer Reds Aid Chance

Flying Saucers Everywhere; New Tales Convert Skeptics

The Great Flying Disc Mystery: It Evokes Theories From Scientists and Stargazers, Preachers and Pilots

Puzzle Alerts Entire Nation

Revelation Hoped By Bethiah, French

Byline on the mystery of the aerial whizz. Most of our air is in the hands of the military and the airlines. The scientific world has been turning the attention of its eyes upon the sky since the first reports of flying saucers were received in the United States.

Reports Come in From All Over Nation Telling of Sighting Mysterious Discs

Reports of the unexplained "flying discs" came from all points of the continent Saturday.

AUGUSTA, ME., July 5 (AP)—The civil aeronautics office said it

Public Advised Discs Harmless

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 5 (AP)—The public relations officer of nearby McClellan Field cautioned Saturday against undue concern about the mysterious flying discs reported to skies over the United States.

Mars Signals Now Suggested

DETROIT, July 5 (NS)—A Detroit meteorologist theorized Saturday that the mysterious flying discs may be signals from Mars.

"It's not too far fetched," he insisted. "For a long time people have speculated on

Air Liner Crew Confirms Flying Discs Over State

Many Seen During Day Over City

Airborne Writer Winds Up Disc-Gusted After Fast Sky Search for Flying Discs

By PAUL F. DAVIS

At 2,000 FEET OVER PORTLAND, WED. THE ORIGINATOR OF THE FLYING DISC HUNTING MANIA

Mr. Adams and the crew of the United Airlines plane flying from Boise to Portland Friday

He said he saw four or aluminum pieces nearby, swirling away on air currents, and it appeared they had been thrown together.

Harassed Saucer-Sighter Would Like to Escape Fuss

PENDLETON, June 29 (UP)—Kenneth Arnold said Friday he would like to get on one of his 1200-mile-an-hour "flying saucers" and escape from the furor caused by his story of mysterious aircraft flashing over southern Washington.

"I haven't had a moment of peace since I first told the story," the 32-year-old Boise, Idaho, business man-pilot sighed.

He said a preacher called him from Texas and informed him that the strange objects Arnold claims to have seen beading through the haze actually were "hastingers of doom."

Arnold said he didn't get the preacher's name during their public conversation, but the minister said he was getting his flock ready for the end of this world.

That was unkind, according to Arnold, but it wasn't half as disconcerting as the episode in a Pendleton cafe.

Arnold said a woman rushed in, took her look at him and then dashed out shrieking, "There's the man who saw the men from Mars!" She rushed out of the eating place "bobbing that she would have to do something for the children," Arnold added with a shrug.

Arnold, a representative of a Lincoln equipment firm, started the country Thursday by reporting he had seen nine shiny round objects skimming through the air in formation between Mt. Rainier, Wash., and Mt. Adams. Arnold said he was able to check them with the stop watch on his own plane's instrument panel. He said they were spinning off a beat 1200



KENNETH ARNOLD
He started "whatzit" hunt

View of 'Flying Saucers' Over Ontario Dumbfounds Veteran Pilot, Other Crew Members of Airliner

(See story on page 1, also)

Dumbfounded crewmen of a United Airlines plane flying from Boise to Portland Friday

the plane reached a height of 8000 feet the discs still were in sight and somewhat lighter. The first group viewed in the

He said he saw four or aluminum pieces nearby, swirling away on air currents, and it appeared they had been thrown together.

Southern Pacific railroad, said he saw silvered discs, which seemed to be tied together.

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (3)

New Craft Hit As 'Nonsense'

People Imagine Speeds of 1200

BY RON MOXNESS

Pictures on Wirephoto Page

Those space sailing discs which have given skygazing residents of the Pacific Northwest a collective pain in the neck might be secret army

Disc' Found in New Mexico Declared Weather Balloon

Joseph Watt

The story of how this indelible picture landed the disc which will in the West appear in next Sunday's Oregonian Magazine.

The Oregonian

Weather Report

Tuesday's temperature—Maximum 73 degree minimum 54 degree
Wednesday's forecast—Partly cloudy
Complete report on page 13.

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Lewis Orders Miners Back, Asks: 'Who's Looney Now?'

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Western Union Previews 'Push-Button Telegraphy'

PHILADELPHIA, July 8 (AP)—The Western Union Telegraph company announced Tuesday it is planning to introduce a new type of push-button telegraph system which will permit subscribers to call long distance numbers by pressing buttons on a push-button telephone.

House Passes Tax Slash Bill By Big Margin

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The House passed Tuesday a bill to reduce the top rate of the federal income tax from 94 to 70 percent.

Wallace Hears Soviet Speech

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—The Soviet premier, Joseph Stalin, today addressed a group of 100 persons in the city of New York.

No Disc—It's Only a Radar Kite



This discarded device, shown with Maj. James A. Madril, GAF intelligence officer at Maxwell, N. C., was believed to be a "flying disc" until the Yett Watts army air field weather officer announced it was a high-altitude weather radar target. (Associated Press Wirephoto)

Airmen Excited Over Old

Shiny Kite
In Regular
On Radar

WASHINGTON, July 8 (AP)—Airmen here today were excited over the discovery of a shiny, crumpled object on a radar screen.

The object was found on the radar screen of the 44th Fighter Group at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

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'Discs' Swoop Over Angler

See Story on Page 1. Also

The mysterious "flying saucers"—big and little, black and luminous—still are plentiful at the Pacific Northwest, according to the unflagging volume of reports from wide-eyed sky gazers.

More than 50 telephoned "disc" reports came in Tuesday to the Oregonian and station KZV, which interrupted its regular broadcast to give listeners the vital statistics on aerial thungama.

Air Forces Deny Discs U.S.-Made

Material Command Chief Says Probe Getting Under Way

If there is any such thing as a flying saucer disc, thousands of luminous balls of any kind flying around loose it was not made in America. That was the official announcement from the army air forces Monday night in answer to the epidemic of reports from 40 states hanging

Guard Planes Plan Search

Pictures Sought Of Mystery Discs

See Story on Page 1. Also
Northwest national guard air squadrons went on an emergency footing Monday, determined to keep Oregon, Washington and Idaho skies under constant surveillance until the mystery of the "flying saucers" is solved.

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (4)

- Forty UFO stories in the first two weeks after June 24, 1947. The usual sighting consisted of silvery, solid discs, sometimes in formation, traveling at variable speeds—sometimes faster than the fastest plane of the day, sometimes slower than the prevailing winds—lasting seconds to minutes. Many sightings had multiple witnesses.
- Almost all sighters were convinced they had witnessed intelligently controlled craft. Sighters included former military and current airline pilots, hunters, attorneys, business people, housewives, teenagers—you name it.
- The wave of reports started west of the Mississippi from Oklahoma City and Mt. Rainier first, then all over the west. Then by July 4 sightings had spread to the entire nation.

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (5)

- Reports of saucers seen before Arnold's June 24 sighting surfaced from other people—one was a navy man (Kenyon) seen aboard a ship while on duty with others in 1943.
- On July 4, two independent groups of 60 and 100 picnickers in Idaho reported saucers in the sky.
- By the end of the two weeks, over 40 states had sighting reports.
- The national guard of Washington and Oregon were concerned enough to send up patrols of search planes with gun camera film sent in from Washington, D.C.

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (6)

- The nation was told by Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey in Fort Worth that a weather balloon “crashed” near Roswell, N.M., and the captured saucer story was false. (The Oregonian failed to pick up the official press release from Roswell AAF.)
- The most credible explanation offered was secret U.S. experimental craft or “guided missiles.” We know today that these are not the solution to the mystery in 1947.
- One landed and one exploding saucer story already made their appearance in these first couple of weeks (along with the “captured disc” Roswell story, which was quickly retracted as part of the coverup that continues today).

The Big Bang: Flying Saucers (7)

- Official military response was mostly to deny they were responsible for the saucers and also that they knew nothing more than reporters and the public. But all the military responses taken together were contradictory.
- The phenomenon was treated as a genuine mystery by all concerned, though some initial stories had a ridiculing tone. The tone turned more serious in the second week, however.
- Many of the “explanations” of today were already offered within these first two weeks.

Trent Photo Case (I)

- **When and where:** May 11, 1950, near McMinnville, Oregon, on the family farm.
- **Evidence:** Multiple eyewitnesses; photos.
- **Description:** Evelyn Trent spotted a 20 to 30 foot diameter, silver/bronze, maneuvering disc and called her husband, Paul. He re-entered their house, got his camera, and took two photos. They alerted their in-laws next door. The father-in-law, Evelyn, and Paul saw the disc move off to the west.
- The photos were published in the *McMinnville Telephone Register*. The photos went world-wide. *Life* magazine published a story.

Trent Photos Case (2)



Source: Bruce Maccabee

Paul Trent Photo #1

Trent Photos Case (3)



Source: Bruce Maccabee

Paul Trent Photo Blowup #1

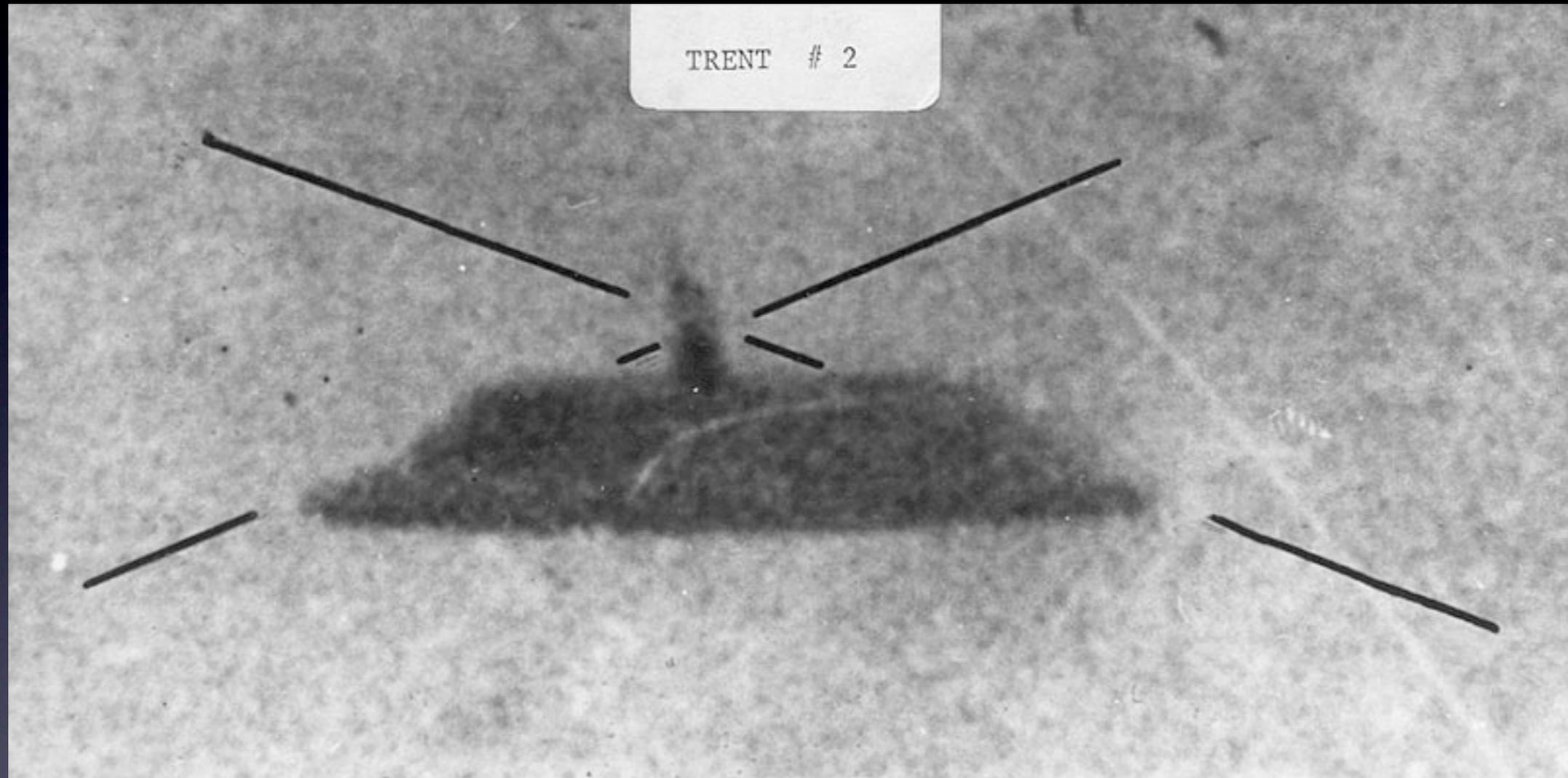
Trent Photos Case (4)



Source: Bruce Maccabee

Paul Trent Photo #2

Trent Photos Case (5)



Source: Bruce Maccabee

Paul Trent Photo Blowup #2

Trent Photo Case (6)

- The Trents appeared on TV in *We The People*.
- The FBI and Air Force questioned the Trents.
- An Air Force agent demanded and got the negatives from the *Register*.
- The negatives between 1950 and 1975 were lost and found many times.
- In 1975, the negatives were (mysteriously) returned to the *Register*.
- The Trents lived out their lives in McMinnville and never changed their story.

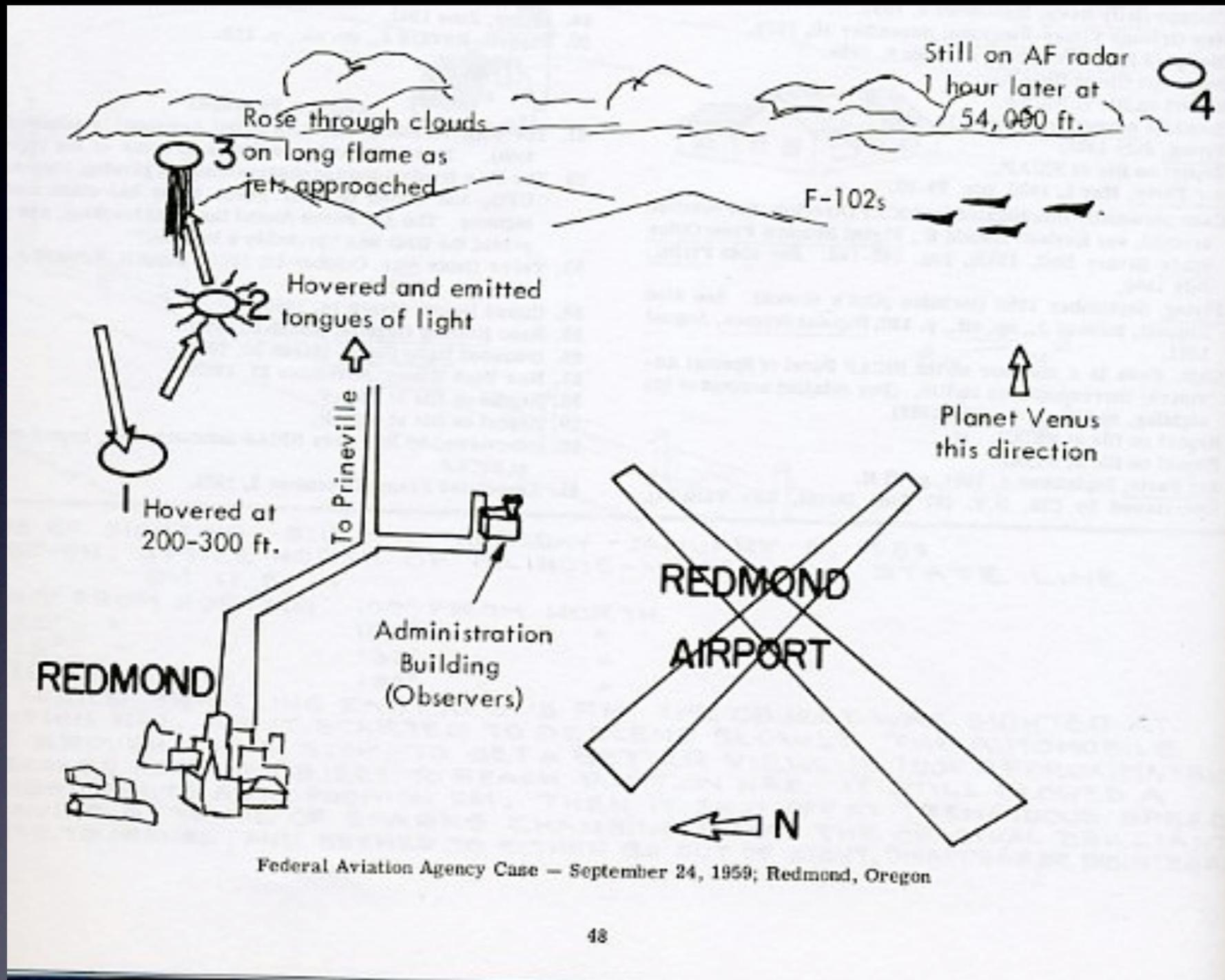
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- In 1969, Dr. William Hartmann of the Condon Committee concluded that “This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical [,] appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two [sic] witnesses.”
- In 1974, debunkers Philip Klass and Robert Sheaffer of CSICOP did superficial analyses of the photos, trying to prove the “close up model theory.”
- In 1975, optical physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee of MUFON, CUFOS, and FUFOR determined that both photos show what is beyond a reasonable doubt a distant object and not a hoaxed model close up.

Redmond Airport Case (I)

- **When and where:** September 24, 1959, at Redmond, Oregon airport.
- **Evidence:** Multiple eyewitnesses with binoculars; radar.
- **Description:** At dawn, Policeman Dickerson saw a falling, bright object stop 200 feet above the ground and hover. It grew bigger and lighted up junipers. He drove toward it; it changed to dull red and moved to just NE of the airport. Airport FAA employee Wertz, Dickerson, and others viewed the object through binoculars.
- Official FAA logs showed the UFO was reported to the Seattle Air Route Control Center.

Redmond FAA Case (2)



Source: *The UFO Evidence*

Sketch of Layout of Redmond Sighting

Redmond FAA Case (3)

- Seattle relayed the sighting to Hamilton AFB.
- Seattle log said, “UFO also seen on the radar at Klamath Falls GCI [Ground Control Intercept] site. F-102’s scrambled from Portland.”
- Log continued [from Redmond ground observers] “ As aircraft approached, UFO took shape of mushroom, observed long yellow and red flame from lower side as UFO rose rapidly and disappeared above clouds.”
- UFO was seen again 25 miles south of airport. Radar showed the UFO south of the airport for two hours.

Columbia River Audio Case (I)

- **When and where:** March 17, 1981, over Columbia River near St. Helens, Oregon.
- **Evidence:** Thirty minute audiotape with two police officer witnesses and a “CBer.”
- **Description:** St. Helens police officer Russell Yokum saw a 30 foot diameter bright, pale orange light hovering 80 to 100 above the middle of the Columbia River. It lit up the river and banks like daylight.
- It emitted a powerful diesel(?) or electric motor(?) sound recorded on audiotape by the police. A CB police radio buff, Donald Askins, dangled his microphone out his window to pick up the sound since he was nearest the UFO.

Columbia River Audio Case (2)

- The St. Helens police and a few townspeople drove to a nearby bluff to finish the 30 minute sighting. The UFO moved south (upstream) somewhat down the Columbia.
- The UFO light and sound disappeared all of a sudden when near Ridgefield.
- The audiotape was analyzed by an acoustics expert. He noted the sound had strong peaks at 1000 Hz and 3000 Hz *with no appreciable harmonics* — the sound was practically pure 1000 Hz and 3000 Hz sine waves.
- Pure sine wave sounds with minimal harmonics are virtually impossible to produce in a natural environment such as the outdoors.

Columbia River Audio Case (3)

- Here is about a minute of the UFO sound with the voices of CBer Donald Askins and a police officer.

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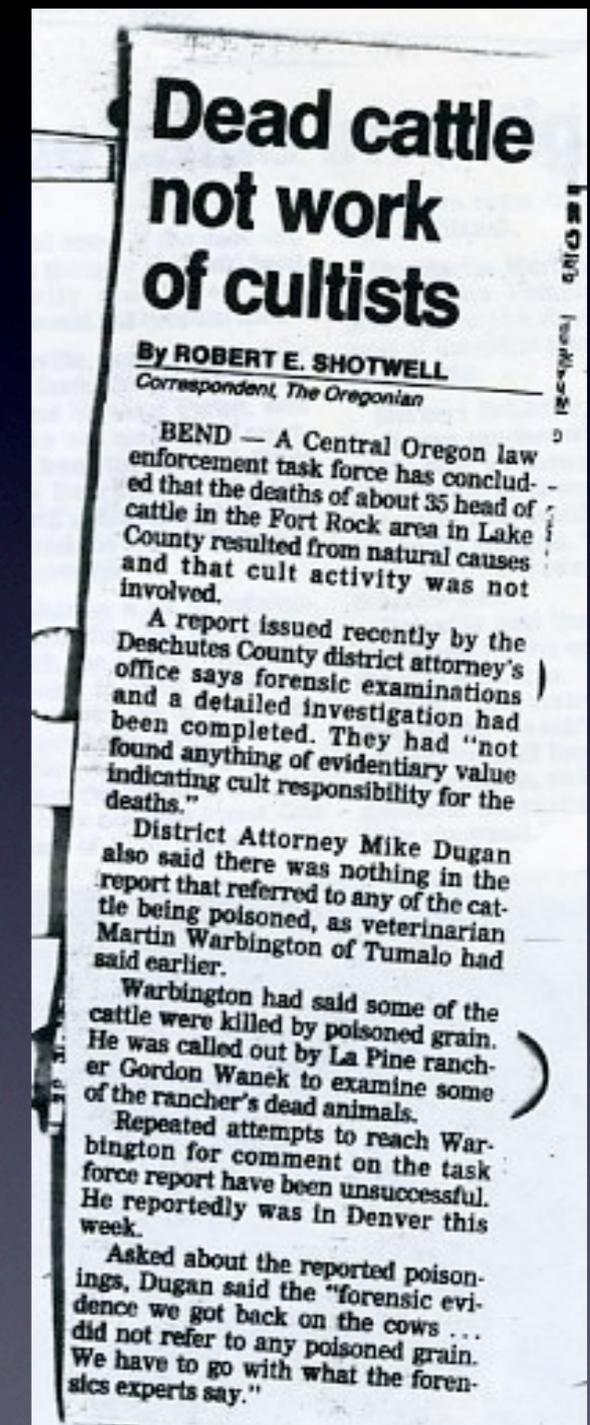
Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (I)

- **When and where:** Spring and summer 1989, near Bend, La Pine, and Fort Rock, Oregon.
- **Evidence:** About 35 carcasses of cattle, photos, District Attorney report.
- **Description:** Rancher Gordon Wanek and others of La Pine, Oregon, lost at least 35 cattle to “cult mutilation.” The cattle were fine in the morning and dead the next day. Many ranchers were “standing watch” over their herds the concern was so great.
- Veterinarian Dr. Martin Warbington looked at Gordon Wanek’s cattle and called the deaths poisoning.

Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (2)



Source: *The Oregonian*



Source: *The Oregonian*

Fort Rock Cattle Mutilations (3)

- Bob Rainville of the Forest Service said the authorities were looking into the problem, but not sharing all information. Assumption was “satanic cult” killings.
- The Deschutes and Lake County sheriff’s offices, Oregon State Police, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM formed a task force to look into the mutilations.
- By July 12, Deschutes County district attorney Mike Dugan issued the official task force report stating that poisoning and cult activity were not responsible for the cattle deaths.
- The official report was not made public at the time and apparently remains “secret” to this day. UFO researchers Greg Long and Tom Adams could not obtain reports at the time.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (I)

- **When and where:** June to October 1990, outside of Vancouver, WA, along the Columbia River on New Columbia Garden Farms, Inc., property.
- **Evidence:** Five carcasses of cattle, photos, veterinarian examination, OSU Diagnostic Veterinary Lab report.
- **Description:** Owner Richard Fazio found eventually five cattle mysteriously mutilated on his property. He called the Clark County sheriff's office. They investigated, but never suspected or prosecuted anyone for killing the cattle by cutting out hunks of them.
- Investigators Carlo Sposito and Keith Rowell in cooperation with the Clark County sheriff's department pursued the investigation.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (3)

New
Columbia
Garden
Farms,
Inc.
property

Mutilated cattle
locations shown
by red stars.



Source: Google Maps

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (2)

- Vancouver veterinarian Randy Lee oversaw the dissection of the last mutilated cow (#4).
- Tissue samples were sent to the Oregon State University Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory.
- The mutilated cattle were clustered within a mile in three different fenced pastures.
- Cow #1 was discovered by a field hand. Fazio called the sheriff's department. They took information and called Randy Lee to examine it. He found no bullet holes.
- Cow #2 was discovered by another field hand. Fazio called in Sposito and Rowell since the sheriff's department was not interested any longer.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (4)

- Fazio, Sposito, and Rowell discovered cow #3 in the same field. cursory examination was made and photos were taken. Cow #3 was in rigor mortis (dead within 36 hours earlier).
- Cow #4 (a steer) was discovered by Fazio north of #1, #2, and #3. Sposito, Rowell, Fazio, and Lee participated in a dissection. Blood samples and tissue samples were taken. Video and photos were taken.
- All cattle showed at least some of the typical anomalous cattle mutilation characteristics: removal of eye(s), ear(s), tongue, hide around the mouth, rectum, udder, vagina, penis, belly skin, sometimes inner organs, etc.

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (5)

WARNING: The next slides show graphic evidence of a mutilated cow (steer).

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (6)

Cow #4
(steer)

Penis and Rectum
Are Missing



Eye Is Missing

Source: Keith Rowell



Source: Keith Rowell



Source: Keith Rowell

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (7)

Cow #4



Source: Keith Rowell

Part of Lips and
Tongue Missing

Belly Skin Missing with
Classic Serrated Excision

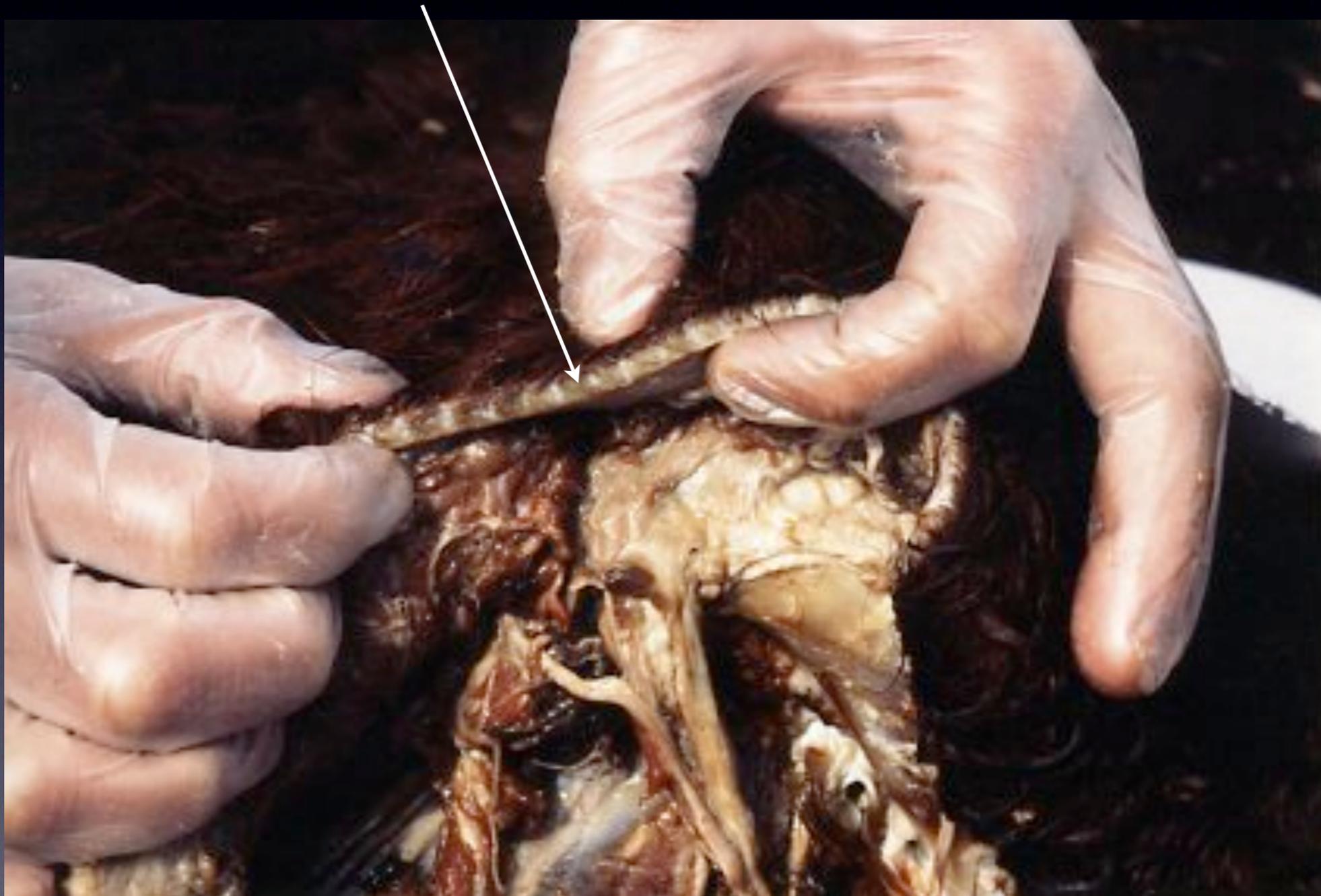


Source: Keith Rowell

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (8)

Cow #4

Classic “cookie cutter” (serrated), non-scavenger-caused excision, heat hardened. Not natural! Can only be caused by humans or UFO intelligence(!?).



Source: Keith Rowell

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (9)

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Report, OSU

VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY
College of Veterinary Medicine
Oregon State University
P.O. Box 429
Corvallis, Oregon 97339-0429 (503) 737-3261

Accession Number: D91-08123

REPORT OF LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

Specimens submitted: FIXED TISSUE
Animal ID: HEREFORD CROSS STEER
Species: BOVINE
Age: 2 YEARS
Sex: MALE

Mail to - Owner:
RICHARD FAZIO

Date Specimen Received: 02/12/91
Preliminary Report On:
Final Report On: 02/22/91

Communications: oral phone
Dr. Lee by FAX on 2/13/91

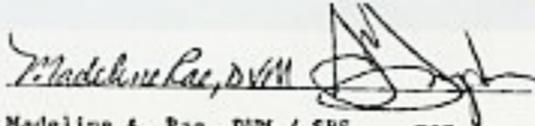
Submitted by: FANDY LEE DVM

PATHOLOGIST REPORT:

HISTOPATHOLOGY: Sections of skin from a steer are examined. All sections display moderately severe post-mortem autolysis. The notched edge does exhibit a band of coagulation necrosis consistent with a heat induced incision, such as with an electrosurgical unit. Numerous bacteria are present on the skin, except in the area of coagulation necrosis. This is consistent with a specimen collected via electrosurgical excision.

DIAGNOSIS: Coagulation necrosis of the skin.

COMMENT: It is not possible to tell whether this lesion was caused by a laser. It does appear consistent with a heat-induced injury.

SIGNED: 
Madeline A. Rao, DVM / SPS 

Source: *Glimpses of Other Realities*

Vancouver Cattle Mutilations (10)

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Report, OSU

Randy Lee sent a tissue specimen consisting of "fixed tissue" from a "hereford cross steer" male, 2 years old, which was received by the lab on 12 February 1991. Madeline A Rae, DVM, signed the "Report of Laboratory Examinations".

The "Pathologist Report" states:

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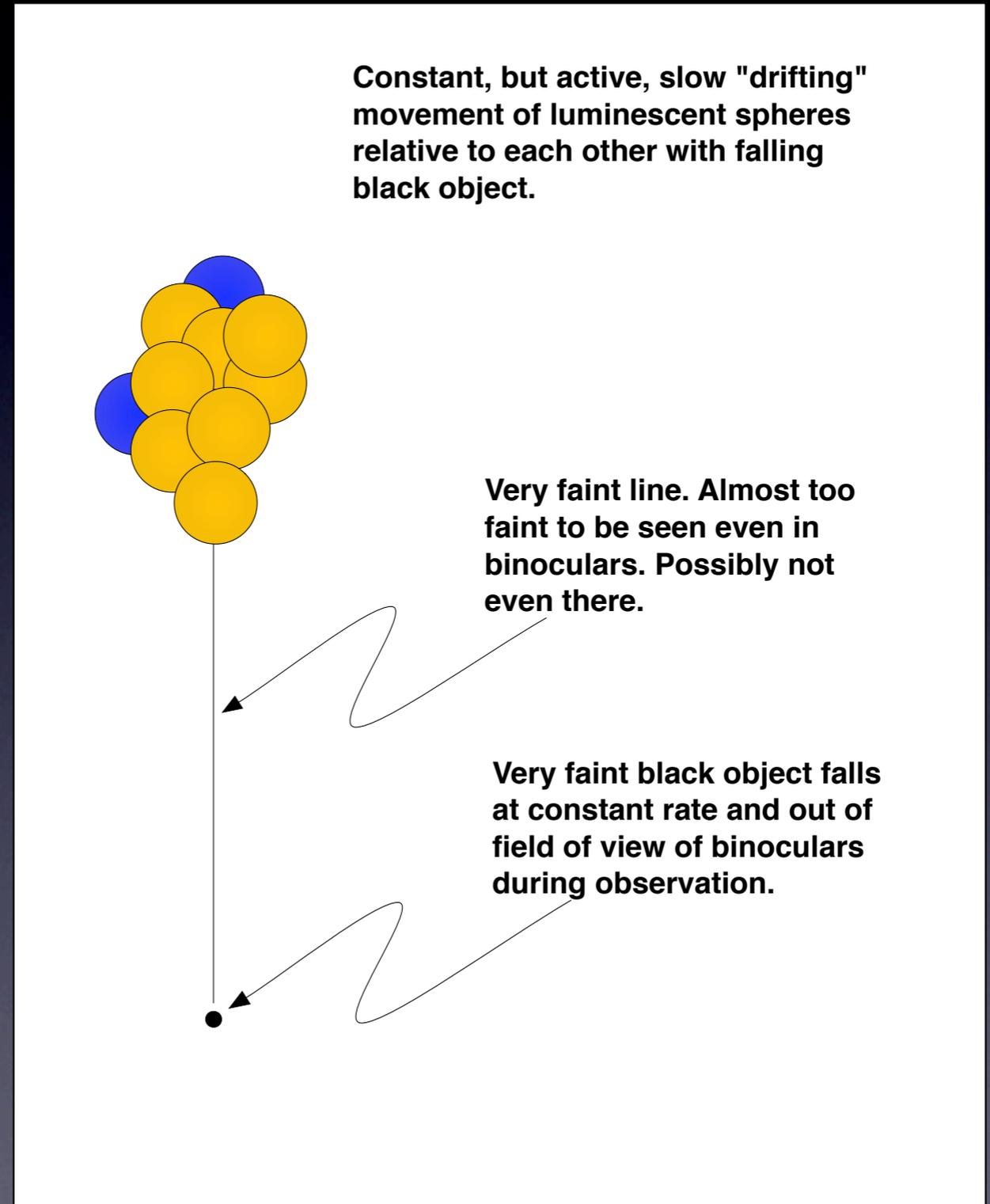
Lake Grove Multiple UFOs (I)

- **When and where:** March 24, 1996, at Lake Grove, OR.
- **Evidence:** Two eyewitnesses with binoculars; video.
- **Description:** Keith Rowell and Tony (pseudonym) saw at least six luminescent, variously-clustered gold, blue, or pink, mostly “drifting” spherical objects.
- Seen in partly cloudy daytime sky from 2 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Seen from 30 seconds to 8 minutes a piece in nine power binoculars.
- Tony saw one UFO accelerate and rapidly leave the area.
- UFOs usually disappeared into one of two cloud layers at 6000 or 10,000 feet.

Lake Grove Multiple UFOs (2)

Sighting #1

Most impressive in nine power binoculars was the beautiful luminescent glow of the spherical objects.

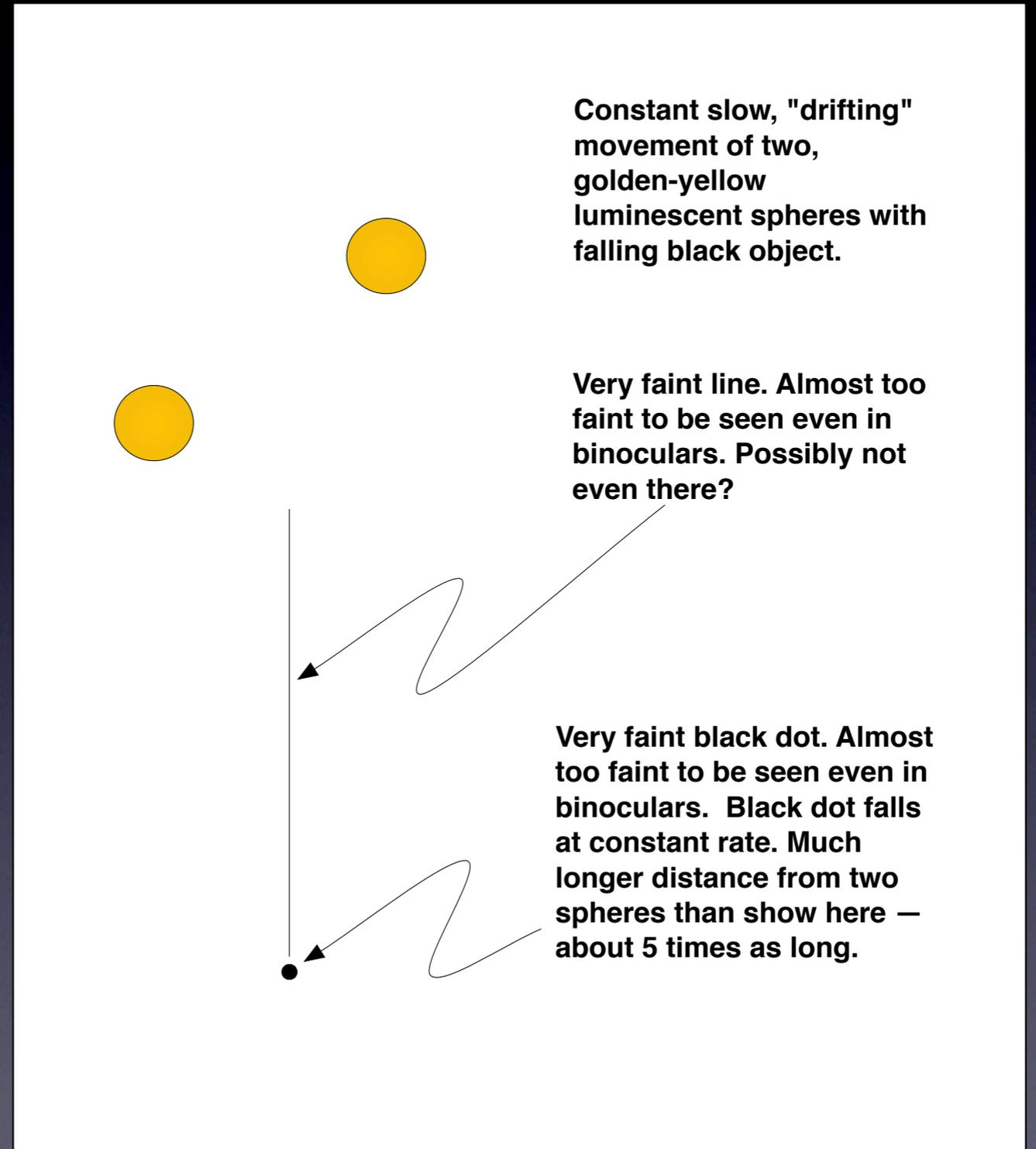


Source: Keith Rowell

Lake Grove Multiple UFOs (3)

Sighting #3

Note the odd black dot falling downward from the golden spheres.

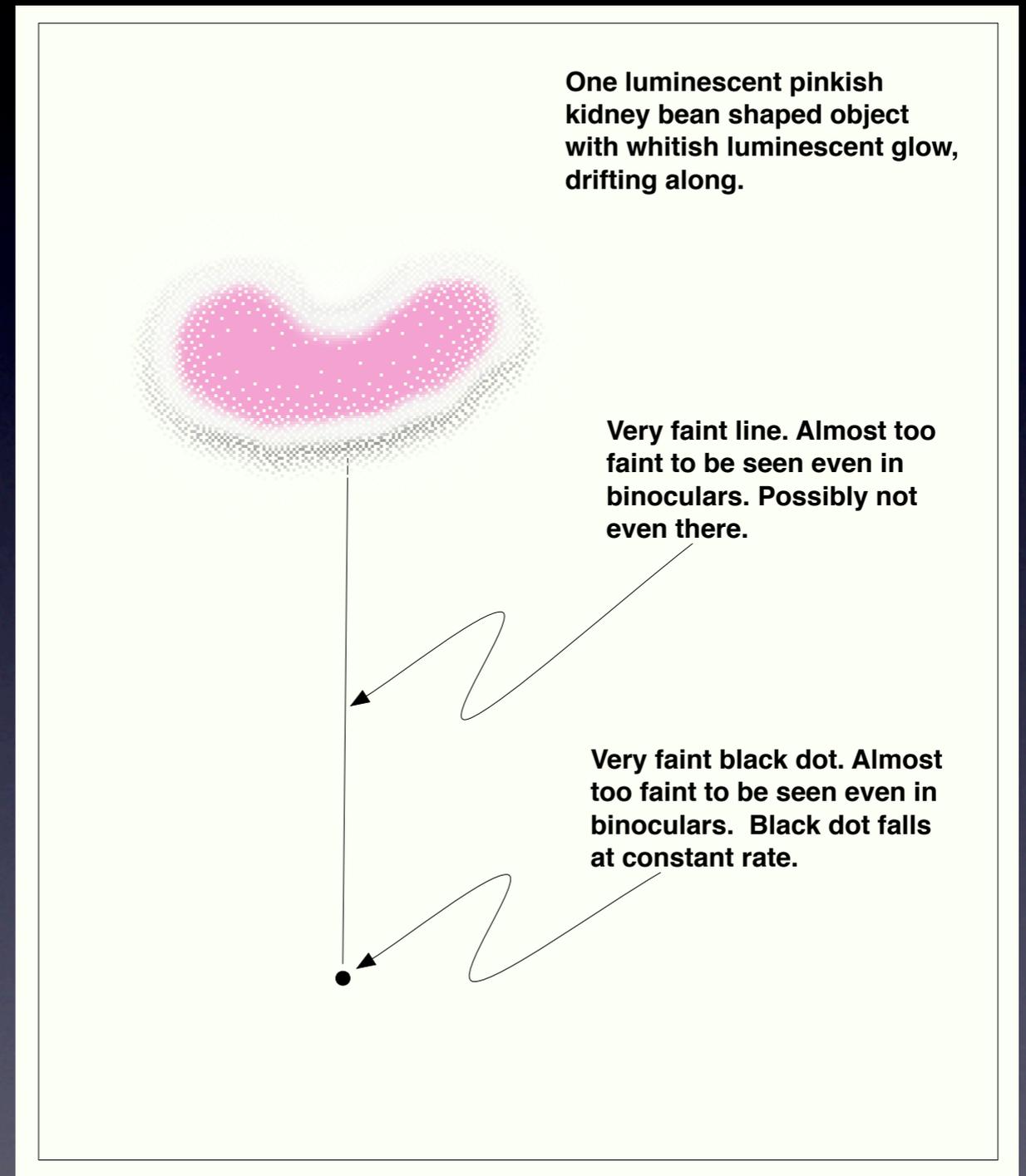


Source: Keith Rowell

Lake Grove Multiple UFOs (4)

Sighting #6

Note the odd black dot falling downward from the beautiful pink and whitish luminescent “kidney bean” shaped object.



Source: Keith Rowell

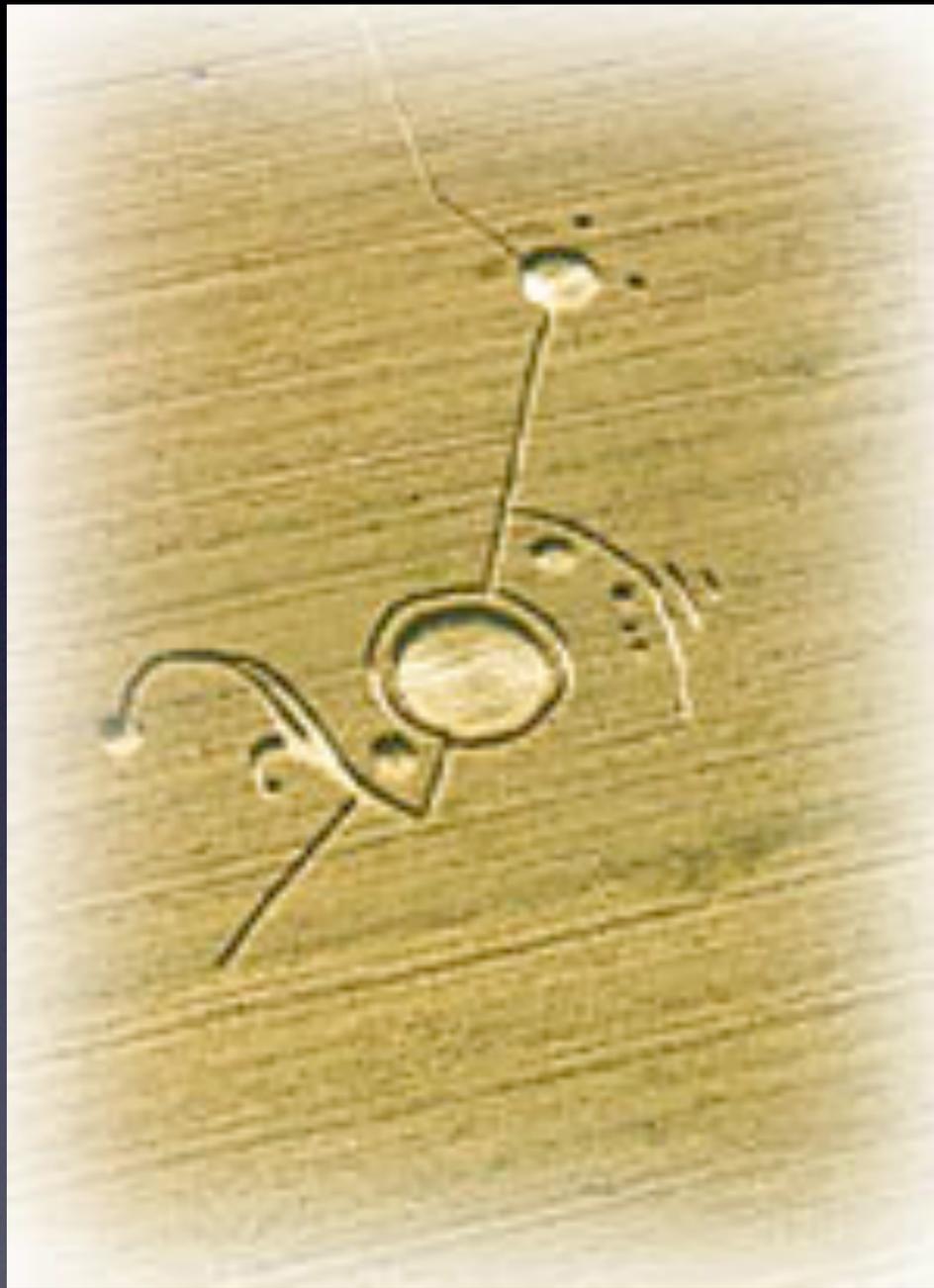
Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (I)

- **When and where:** July 21-22, 1998, near Lenhardt Airport and Hubbard, OR, near S. Whiskey Hill Rd.
- **Evidence:** Crop circle in field of dry wheat; results of BLT Research.
- **Description:** Apparently overnight, a crop circle appeared in Doug Aamodt's wheat field. Crop circle researchers Ken Ardinger and Carol Pedersen alerted him to it.
- It was discovered by a pilot probably from Aurora Airport or Lenhardt Airport less than a mile away.
- An aerial view was shown on KOIN TV July 22.
- Many enthusiasts showed up due to publicity.

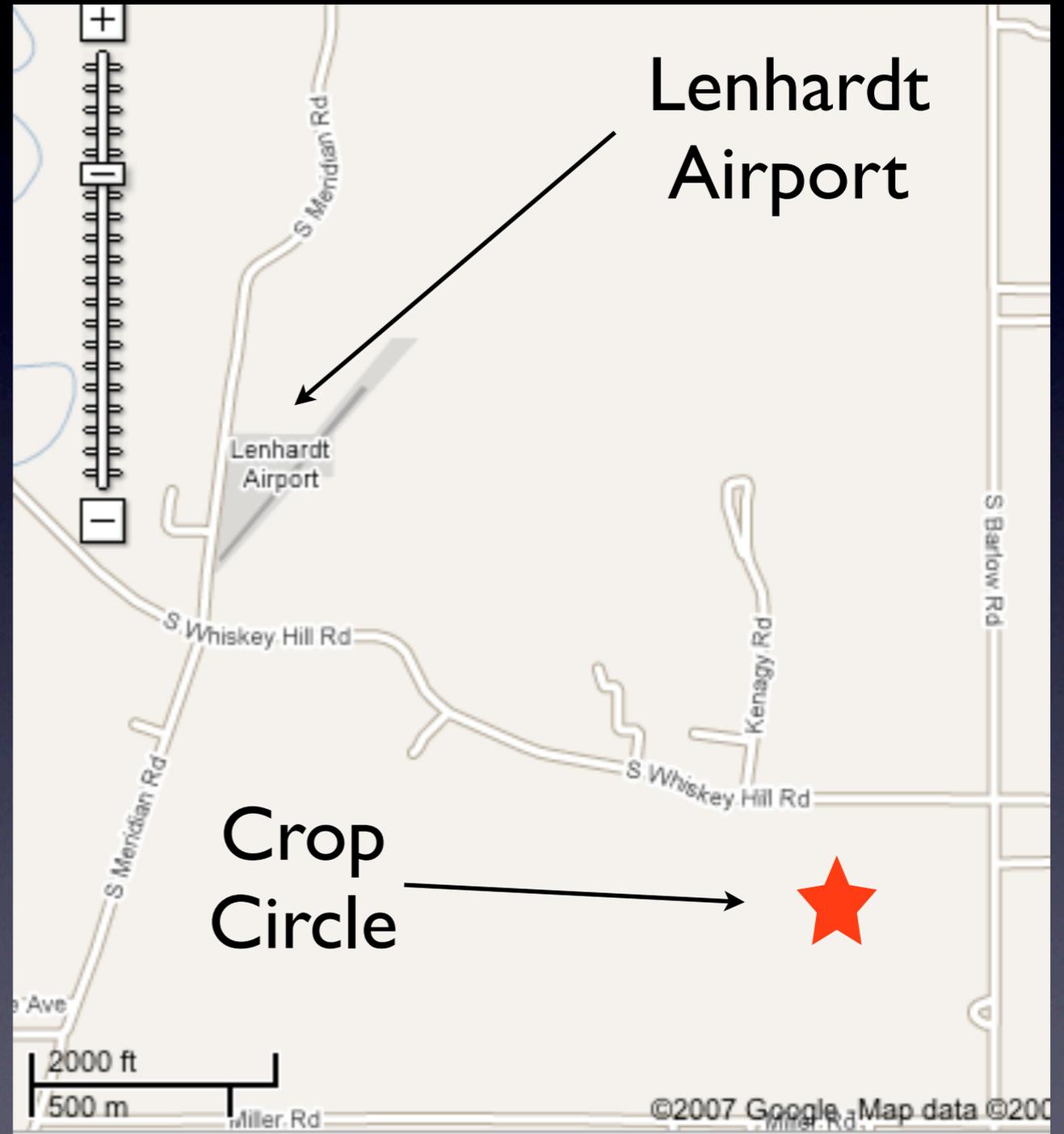
Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (2)

- 240 KV power lines run through the field.
- The formation could not be seen from S. Whiskey Hill Road.
- Ken Ardinger and Carol Pedersen, crop circle researchers with Centre for Crop Circle Studies investigated.
- Mike Downey and Keith Rowell of Oregon MUFON investigated. Took measurements, crop samples, soil samples, photos, etc., and sent them to Nancy Talbot at BLT Research.
- BLT Research found the characteristics of genuine crop circles in the Whiskey Hill material. See *bltresearch.com*.

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (3)



Source: Dave Olson



Source: Google Maps

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (4)



Source: Keith Rowell

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (5)



Source: Keith Rowell

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (6)



Source: Keith Rowell

Whiskey Hill Crop Circle (7)



Source: Keith Rowell

Gresham Triangle Case (I)

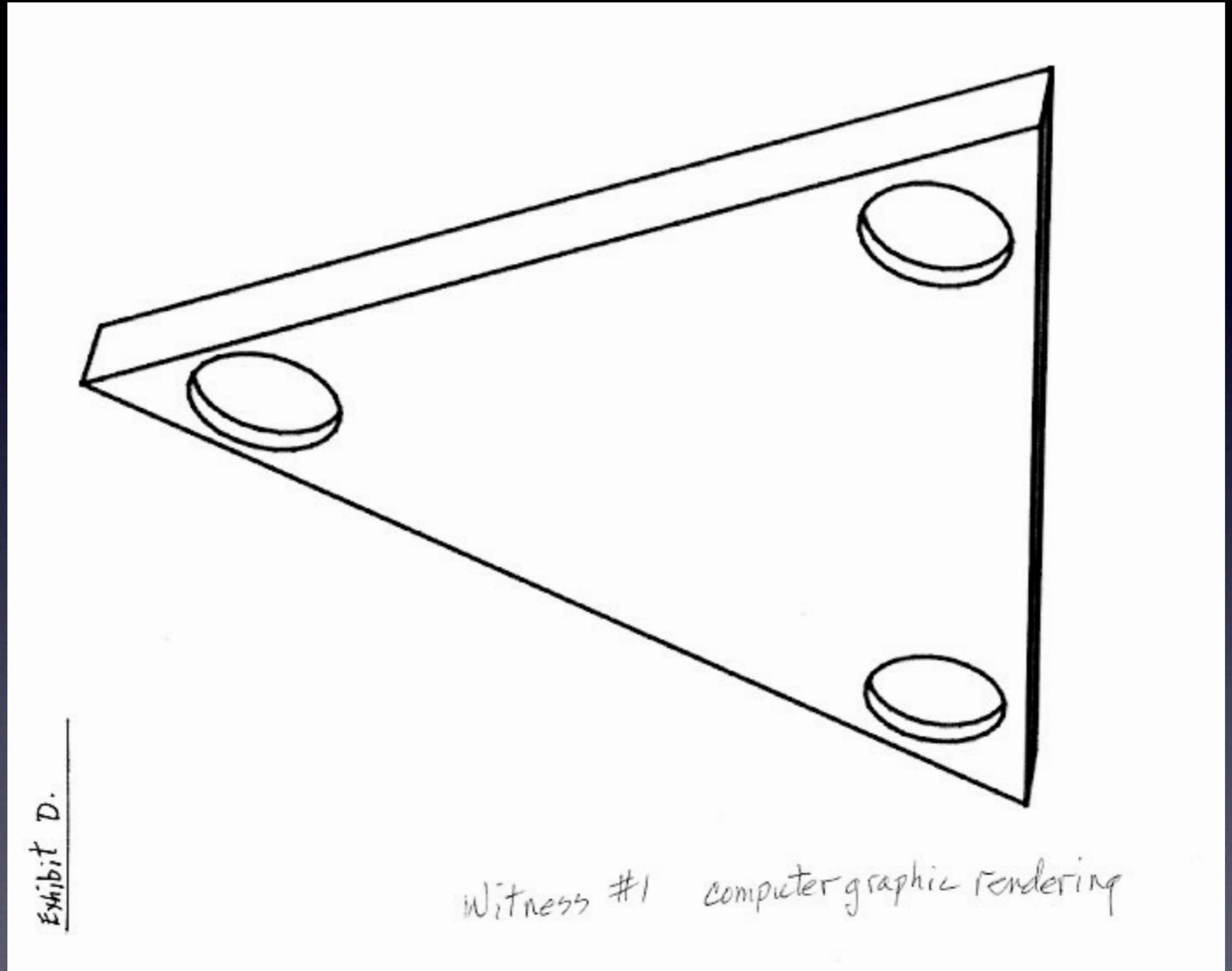
- **When and where:** August 29, 2003, on SE Division St. in Gresham, OR.
- **Evidence:** Two witnesses: Victor (pseudonym) seven minutes; Luann (pseudonym) eight seconds. (Tom Bowden, investigator.)
- **Description:** Victor drove east along SE Division and spotted a brilliant white light. He realized it was stationary. He was curious and got closer by driving on neighborhood streets toward it.
- Wanted to photograph it, but ended up not.
- Close enough eventually to see it had three lights—two white, one red—and its shape was distinctly triangular.

Gresham Triangle Case (2)

- It was totally silent.
- Victor noticed other people in the neighborhood looking at the triangular object.
- Luann was at home outside smoking. She saw through trees a triangular shaped object with three bright lights on the underside.
- After three or four seconds of hovering, it seemed to vanish.
- Both witnesses agree very much in their basic drawings of the object they saw.

Gresham Triangle Case (3)

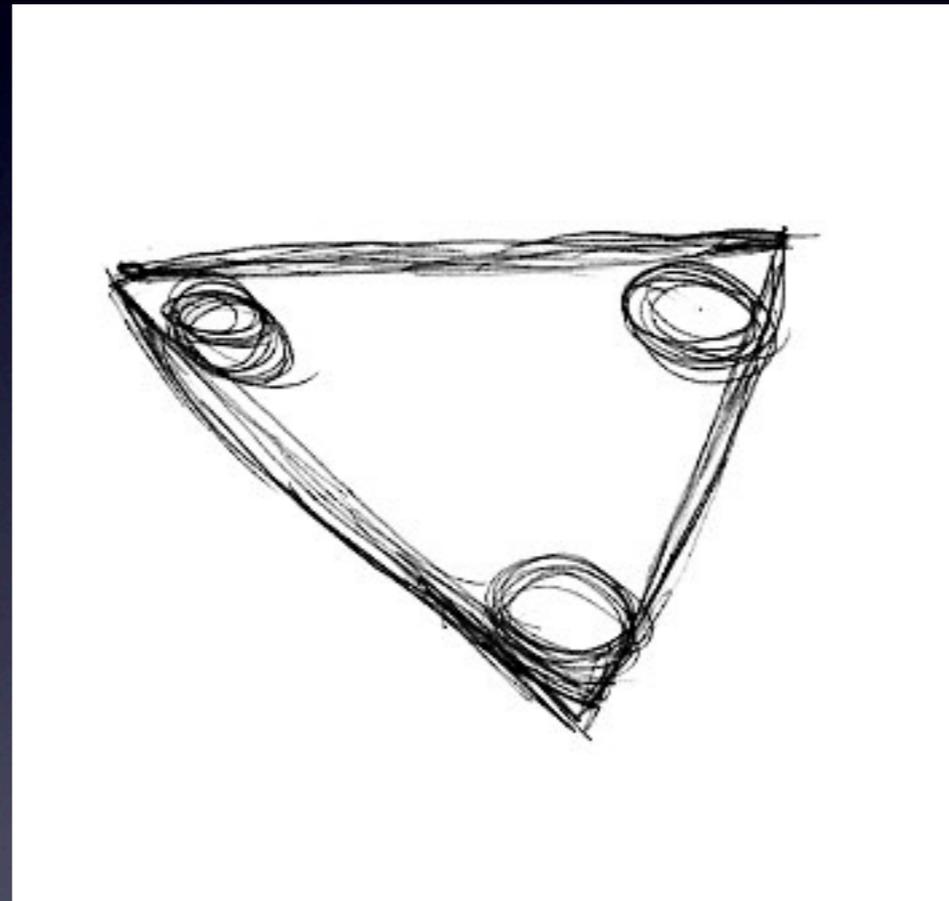
Victor's
computer
graphic
drawing at
closest
approach.



Source: Victor

Gresham Triangle Case (4)

Luann's
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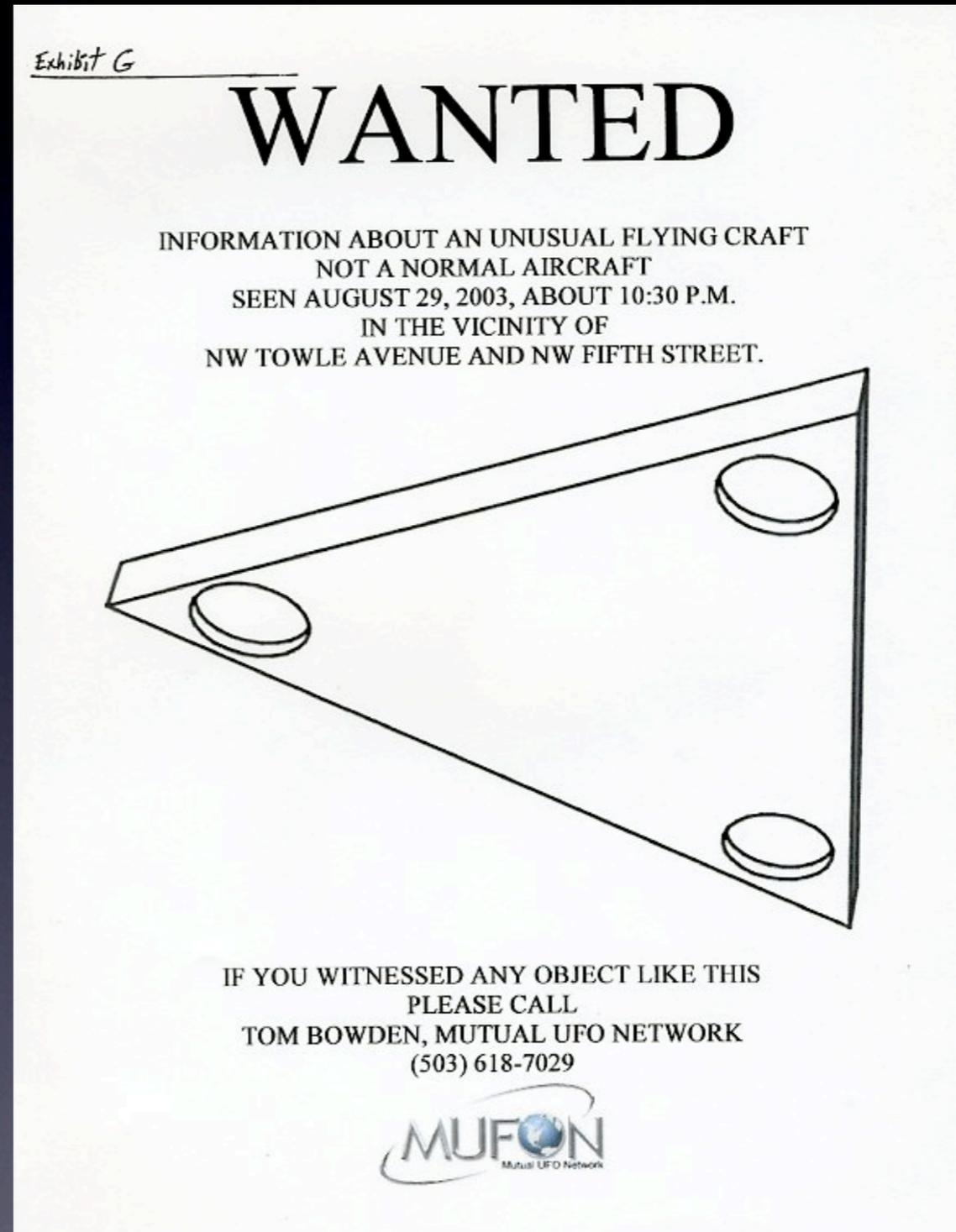
Source: Luann

Gresham Triangle Case (5)

- **Investigation:** Independent UFO researcher Eric Byler referred this case to Tom Bowden, who contacted Victor.
- Tom received airline flight path information from Jerry Gerspach of PDX.
- Tom made up a flyer for the neighborhood and posted it.
- Luann called Tom after seeing the neighborhood flyer.
- Tom achieved the “holy grail” of UFO research: enough information to calculate an accurate size and distance!
- He triangulated the distance and height of the UFO from observations at two different locations. The object was at 500 to 800 feet altitude and 70 to 90 feet in size.

Gresham Triangle Case (6)

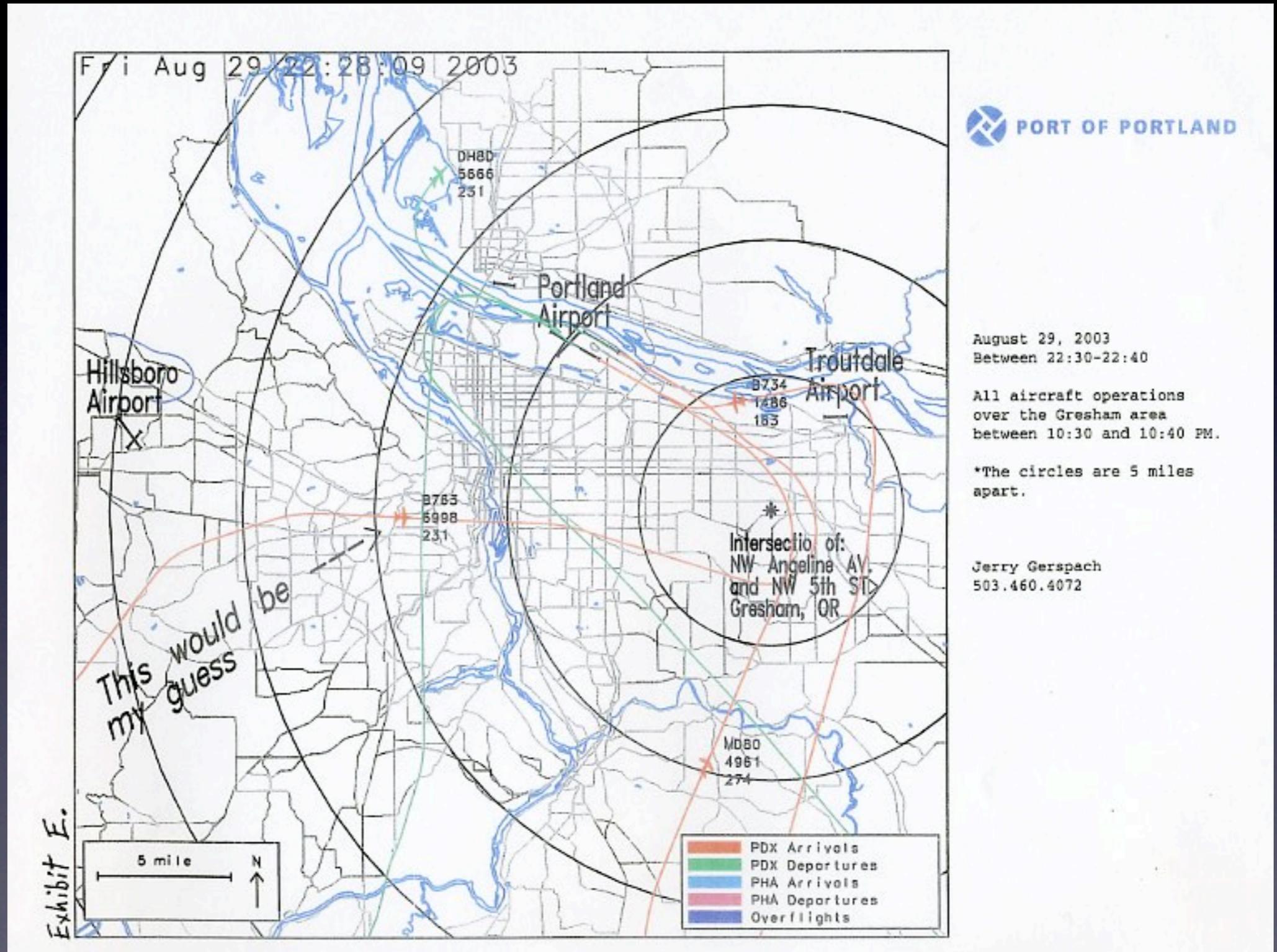
Poster for neighborhood created by Tom Bowden.



Source: Tom Bowden

Gresham Triangle Case (7)

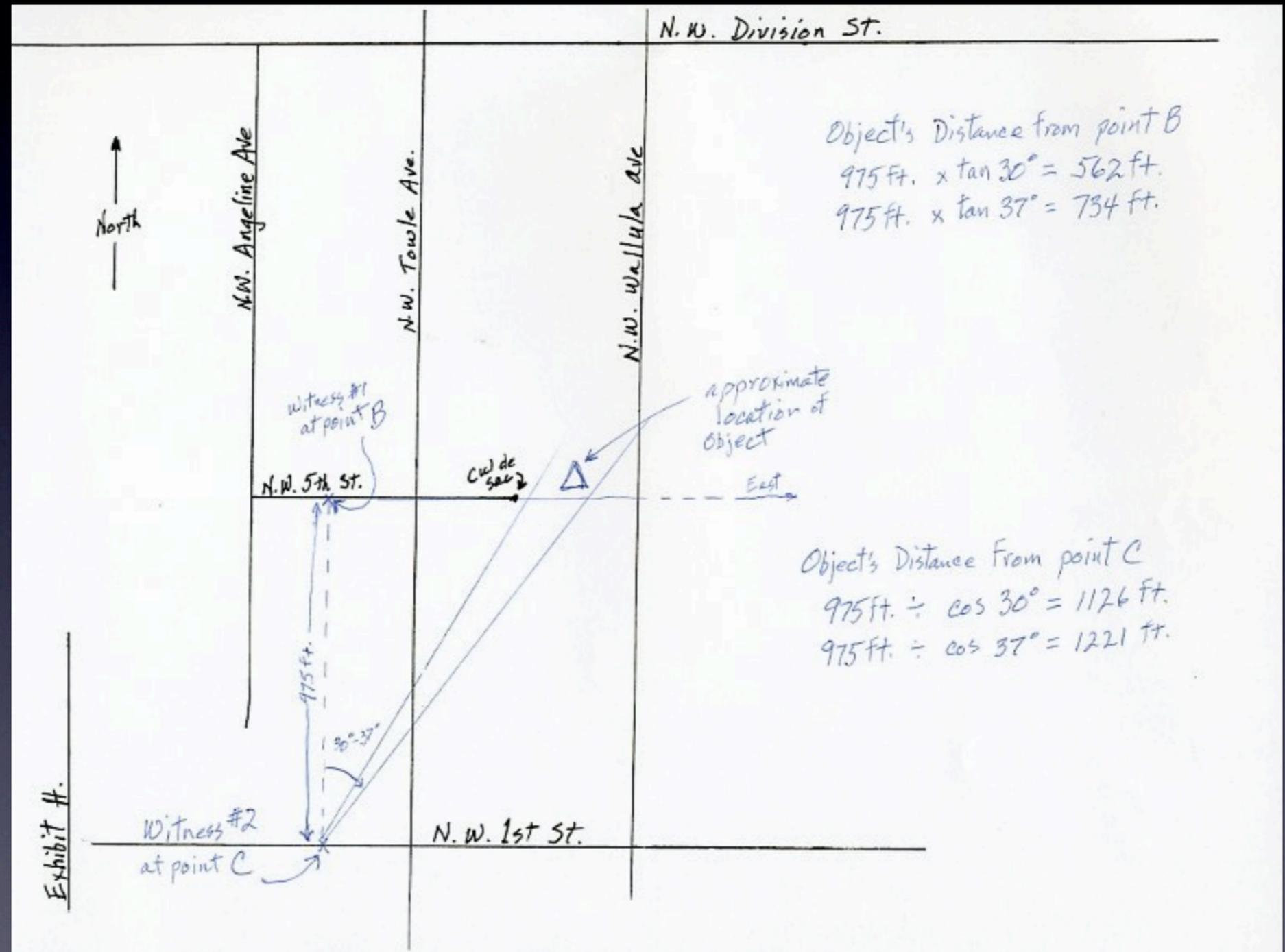
PDX air traffic at 10:30 PM, 8-29-07.



Source: Jerry Gerspach

Gresham Triangle Case (8)

Map of neighborhood with two witness positions.



Source: Tom Bowden

Gresham Triangle Case (9)

Computer
graphic
simulation by
Victor.

Source: Victor

Gresham Triangle Case (9)

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View from NW 5th and NW Angeline in Gresham, Oregon Sept. 29, 2003 10:35 PM

Source:Victor

Astoria Classic Saucer Case (I)

- **When and where:** December 30, 2005, about 6:10 AM, just outside Astoria, OR, on Highway 30.
- **Evidence:** Three witnesses: Elizabeth (pseudonym), her son, and his wife. (Jerry Shifman, investigator.)
- **Description:** Elizabeth, her son, and his wife and infant son got up to drive to PDX early in the morning. They drove east along Highway 30 about 15 minutes. It is hilly and curvy in this section of Highway 30.
- They all saw bright strobing lights to the left of the road.
- They lost sight briefly, then saw for about 15 seconds a classic flying saucer hovering about 200 or so feet away.

Astoria Classic Saucer Case (2)

- It was at tree top level. Brilliant white light poured from apparent windows from a domed object about the size of a large SUV.
- The saucer lit up the surrounding ground and area.
- Elizabeth slowed the car. The object hovered motionless and apparently soundless.
- Five or six strobing lights were seen on the bottom. They strobed in unison. Flash, flash, pause. Flash, flash, pause. About a second or two long per cycle.
- All agreed it wasn't a hoax or helicopter or ?????? It was a flying saucer!

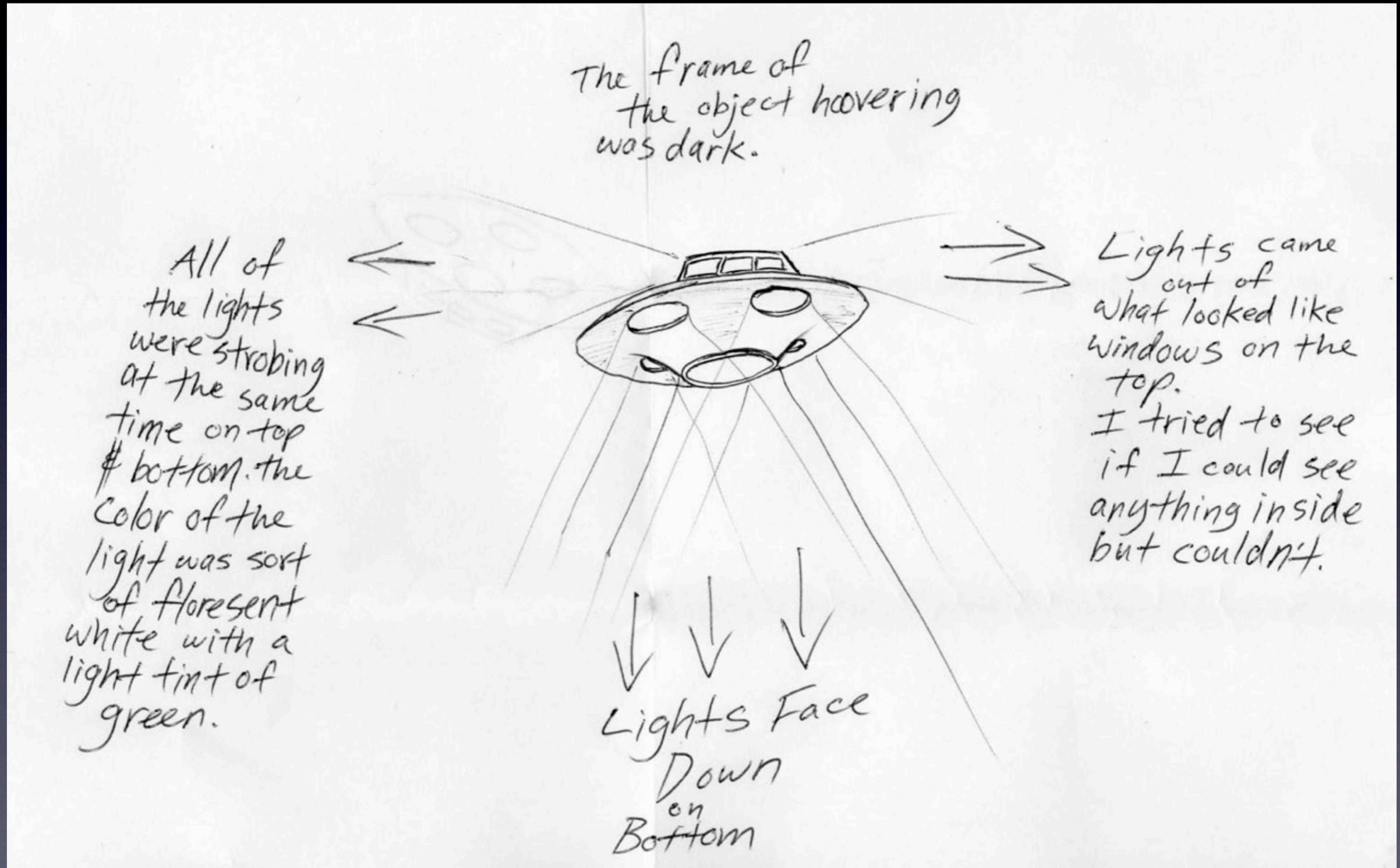
Astoria Classic Saucer Case (3)

Region
close to
area, but
not exact.



Source: Elizabeth

Astoria Classic Saucer Case (4)



Source: Son of Elizabeth

Appaloosa Way Video Case (I)

- **When and where:** September 24, 2006, at 2:45 PM at West Linn, Oregon, front yard.
- **Evidence:** Witness Keith Rowell; video. (Keith Rowell, investigator.)
- **Description:** Went out to front yard, looked up, saw balloon(?) or UFO(?), decided to videotape it; ran back inside, got camcorder, taped six seconds; dead battery; ran back inside for new battery, failed at that; grabbed camera, put on long lens, ran back outside; object was gone; walked up and down street looking for object; it was gone for good.
- See Case Report at oregonmufon.com.

Appaloosa Way Video Case (2)

Depiction of
object and its
general path



Source: Keith Rowell

Appaloosa Way Video Case (3)

Big blow up of
object from six
second videotape.



Source: Keith Rowell

Appaloosa Way Video Case (4)

Comparison of Balloon Cluster and UFO



Source: Keith Rowell



Source: Keith Rowell

At same blowup, balloon cluster shows string plus greater contrast than UFO. Getting photographic “proof” with UFOs is difficult. No photo or videotape is proof without credible witness testimony.

Appaloosa Way Video Case (5)

Six Seconds of UFO Video

Source: Keith Rowell

Appaloosa Way Video Case (5)

Six Seconds of UFO Video



Source: Keith Rowell

Modoc Road Video Case (I)

- **When and where:** March 20, 2007, about 11 AM, near Medford, Oregon.
- **Evidence:** Multiple eyewitnesses; videotape.
- **Description:** Karen and Richard Brown (pseudonyms) were driving south along Modoc Road into Medford when a flash caught Karen's eye. She saw an odd object and began videotaping it as they drove along. They couldn't pull over because they were hauling a long trailer.
- The object moved slowly along among the clouds. A plane landing at Medford Airport (videotaped also) was clearly different.

Modoc Road Video Case (2)

UFO shows
alternating
light and
dark along its
length.



Source: Karen Brown

Modoc Road Video Case (3)

Airplane and UFO Comparison From Same Video on Same Day.



Source: Karen Brown



Source: Karen Brown

The plane and UFO were at different distances and different zoomed lens lengths. The UFO was not on a usual airplane flight path to Medford Airport.

Modoc Road Video Case (4)

Calculation of Actual Size of UFO

Parameter	UFO	Landing Airplane
Angle of View	0.08° (calculated)	0.40° (calculated)
Pixel Length	42 (known by measurement)	75 (known by measurement)
Distance	4 to 6 miles (?)	3 miles (15,840 feet) (known by measurement)
Actual Length	30 to 44 (?)	110 feet (known from specs)
Camcorder Lens Focal Length	1440 mm (known from witness)	567 mm (calculated)

Modoc Road Video Case (5)

Seventeen Seconds of UFO Video

Source: Karen Brown

Modoc Road Video Case (5)

Seventeen Seconds of UFO Video



Source: Karen Brown

Conclusion

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