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## **TOP UFO CASES FROM 2015 IDENTIFIED BY MUFON'S SCIENCE REVIEW BOARD**

2015 was the highest year for submission of UFO reports since the inception of CMS, MUFON's Case Management System, with 10,918 world-wide sightings reported to MUFON<sup>1</sup>. Much of this increase is believed due to the popularity of the TV show "Hangar One". The historical record of UFO reports into MUFON is shown on the next page in Graph 1.

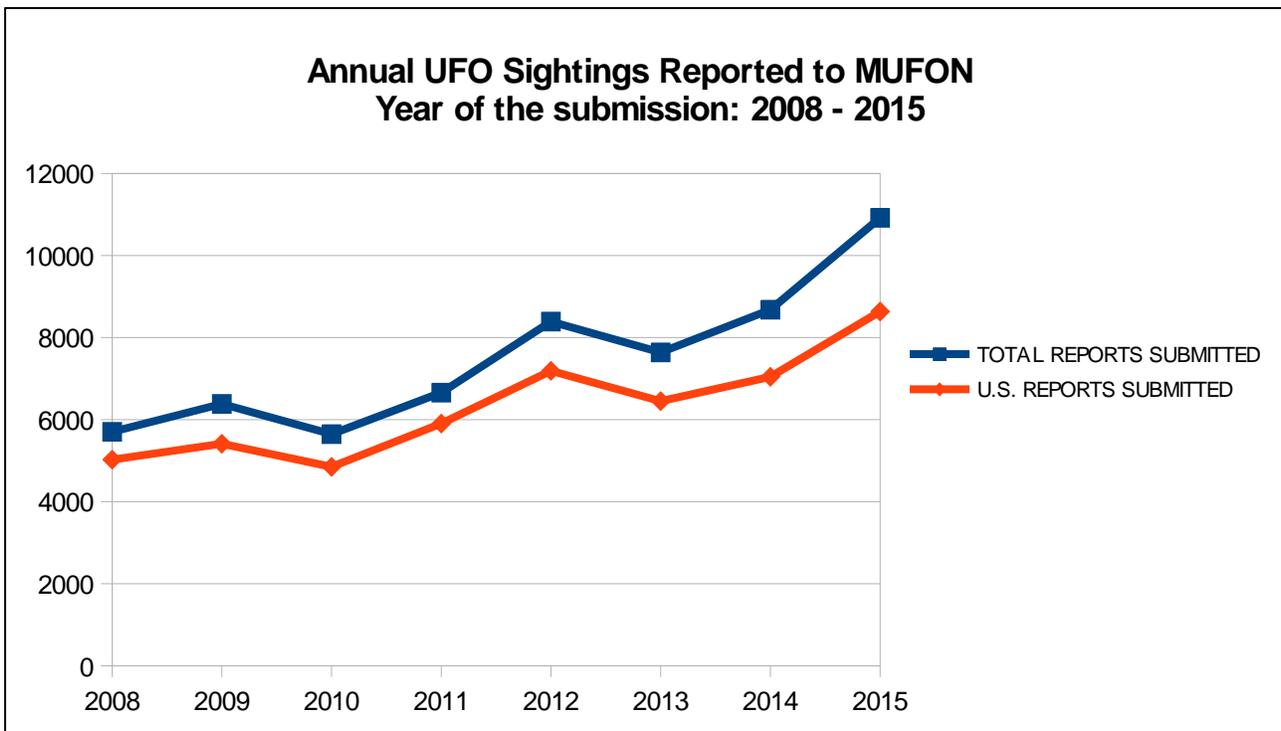
MUFON employs trained field investigators with backgrounds in science and law enforcement that interview witnesses to "identify" UFOs. Although most of the reports are identified as known celestial objects, aircraft, meteors, etc., there are always a small percentage of the cases that remain as true "UFOs." These latter cases are carefully reviewed by a science board.

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<sup>1</sup> MUFON was founded in 1969 and is the leading civilian UFO investigating body operating in the United States.

MUFON's Science Review Board (SRB) consists of scientists with degrees in physics, chemistry, geology, optics, and electrical engineering. Their work experience includes NASA, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Advanced Mico Devices, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, university professors, and France's national space program, CNES. The SRB has reviewed the best cases from the year 2015 and have identified the strongest cases that cannot be identified as any known object.

The top cases in 2015 include perhaps one of the strongest cases that we have received in recent times. Three witnesses, one with an electronics background and tied to the Department of Defense, encountered a bar-bell shaped UFO in the Canadian wilderness. In the words of this witness, “While the contents of this document journaling my experience in this amazing event and observation surely might sound far-fetched and a stretch, I can assure you that I have lost significant sleep these past weeks and likely more to lose in pondering THE most amazing experience of my natural lifetime to date.”



**Graph 1**

## SUMMARY OF TOP CASES OF 2015

All cases below are summaries of witness testimonies. Full investigative reports have been completed on all of these cases. Some case analysis is pending further study.

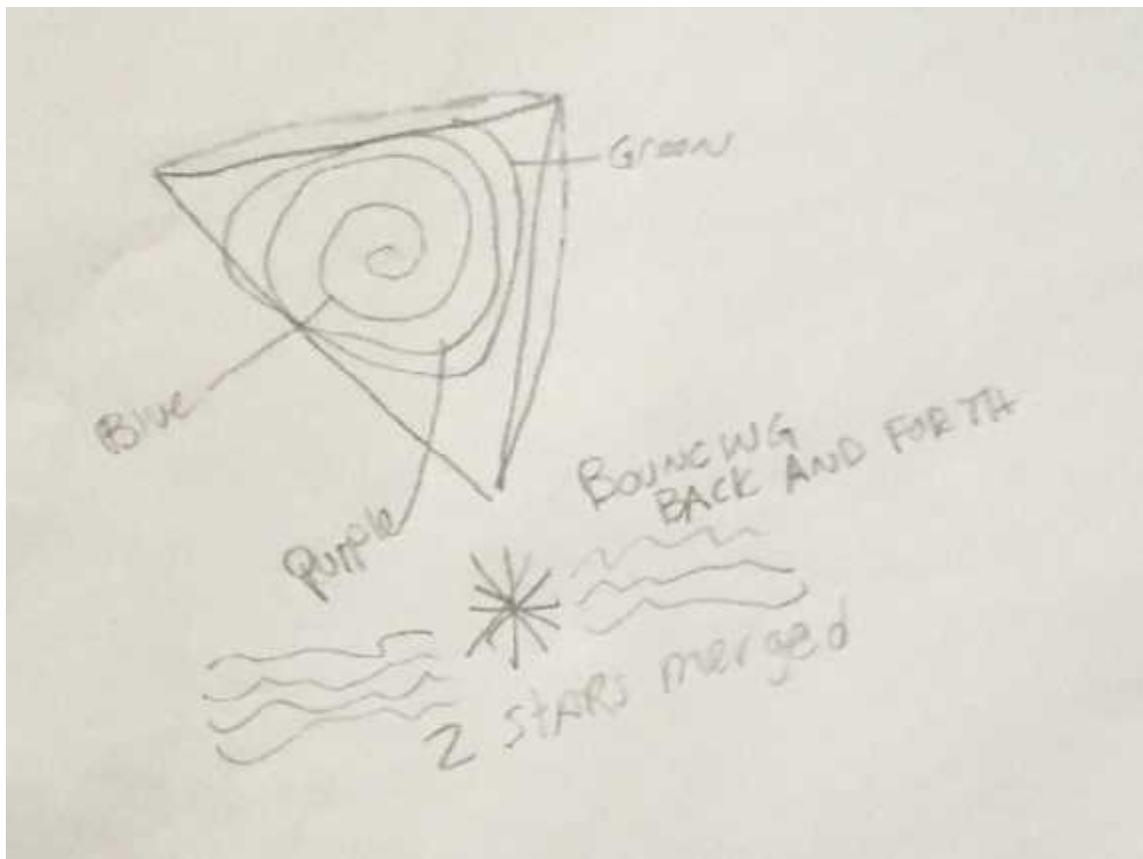
### **Case 72021: 7:20 p.m. October 30, 2015 ; Dunwoody, Georgia. Investigator is Ralph Howard.**

At about 7:20 PM local time on October 30, 2015, a resident of nearby Chamblee and his father-in-law (Mark, Jason) were driving southeast on North Shallowford Road just north of Interstate 285, Atlanta's beltline interstate, in Dunwoody GA. Following behind in another car were Mark's daughter-in-law's sister (35) and two of her children, plus two of Mark own grandchildren (one adult, two teens, two minors). While still north of 285, Jason noticed off to his right (the SW direction) what appeared to be two parallel fireballs falling from the sky, moving together, their straight path on a line angled down and left (ahead) at about 20-25 degrees. Jason pointed these out to Mark, who advised he was seeing them, and Jason continued to intently watch for about 5-10 seconds at which point the "stars" seemed to stop and become one star-like object. Jason recalled saying excitedly, "OMG! Are you seeing this? Are you seeing this? This is really weird!" and Mark confirmed that he was seeing the same thing.

Suddenly no fireballs were visible and instead, a dark, triangle-shaped craft was stationary in that spot. It had slightly rounded corners and a hint of some sort of dome or superstructure on top. As they faced due south, a star-like object was moving back-and-forth in a kind of "wavelike dance" around the triangle. Both witnesses could see luminescent green, blue and magenta lighting under the triangle, in a kind of bull's eye pattern. As they approached 285, still observing in astonishment, Jason's view was obstructed periodically as they passed buildings or trees, but he kept sight of the object even as they passed through the underpass under 285. Immediately after passing under it, Jason was able to glance upward out his passenger side window, at the entrance to an apartment complex, seeing the object at a high angle on a line later determined to be due west. Continuing south toward their neighborhood and home, due to the heavy tree cover they eventually lost sight of it. During the entire time after a triangle was seen, the witnesses felt sure the triangle remained in the same general place, though not necessarily completely stationary. From the initial sighting of the two fireballs to losing sight of the object, about four minutes elapsed. Later, within a few hours, the family members in the second car (who drove on to a friend's home) confirmed that they too had seen both the dual "sparkler" fireballs, and the triangle.

At their closest to the triangle, which was when Jason and Mark were close to 285, the triangle's apparent size was the width of two fingers (1.25 inches) held at arm's length. This estimate was determined by careful reenactment with the FI pressing hard to prevent over-estimation of this size. Distance to the UFO was difficult to judge with no reference points in the sky, but their

sense was that the triangle was “much bigger” than a small plane such as a Cessna. However, Jason’s final glimpse upward at the apartment complex allows for estimating the UFO’s size. Depending mainly on exactly where the car was corresponding to the apparent size estimate, the UFO was in the range of 36, 54 or 72 feet across; the latter figure being 2-1/2 times the size of a Cessna 172. Astonishingly, this sighting by seven (7) witnesses appears to have been seen by others too distant to see the triangle, but reporting mainly the two fireballs travelling together. These may be viewed on the American Meteor Society’s (AMS) website under “Fireball Logs” as event 2015-2839. All four of the Atlanta-area incidents appear to be reporting this event, and one AMS reporter noted “There are 2 fireballs . . . and it looks like something black came out of the 2nd one before they disappeared.”



Drawing of the object from case 72021

**Case 62960: very early morning in mid-October 1996; South Sheffield, Yorkshire, England.  
Investigator is Robert Spearing.**

On or around October 15, 1996, between 3 and 4 am, a police officer on car patrol near a huge wilderness area called Peak District National Park near Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England observed a white searchlight projecting downwards from the sky. Using his radio to inquire about a potential traffic accident helicopter, the airborne object shut off its beam and rapidly approached his position as if knowing it was being monitored. Suddenly, a brilliant blue beam illuminated his vehicle for several minutes causing the officer great fear as it apparently scanned him and his vehicle. When the beam ceased, the officer immediately exited his car and looked up to see a black triangle several hundred feet from stem to stern. The officer stated the triangle gave off a very faint whirring sound as it hovered. He believed the white spotlight had come from the front of the vehicle and the blue beam from its belly. The craft was a dull matte black color and had three "old fashioned" looking red beacons twirling at its corner points. The object took off at terrific speed and made several incredible maneuvers including instantly going in reverse at one point before disappearing over the horizon.

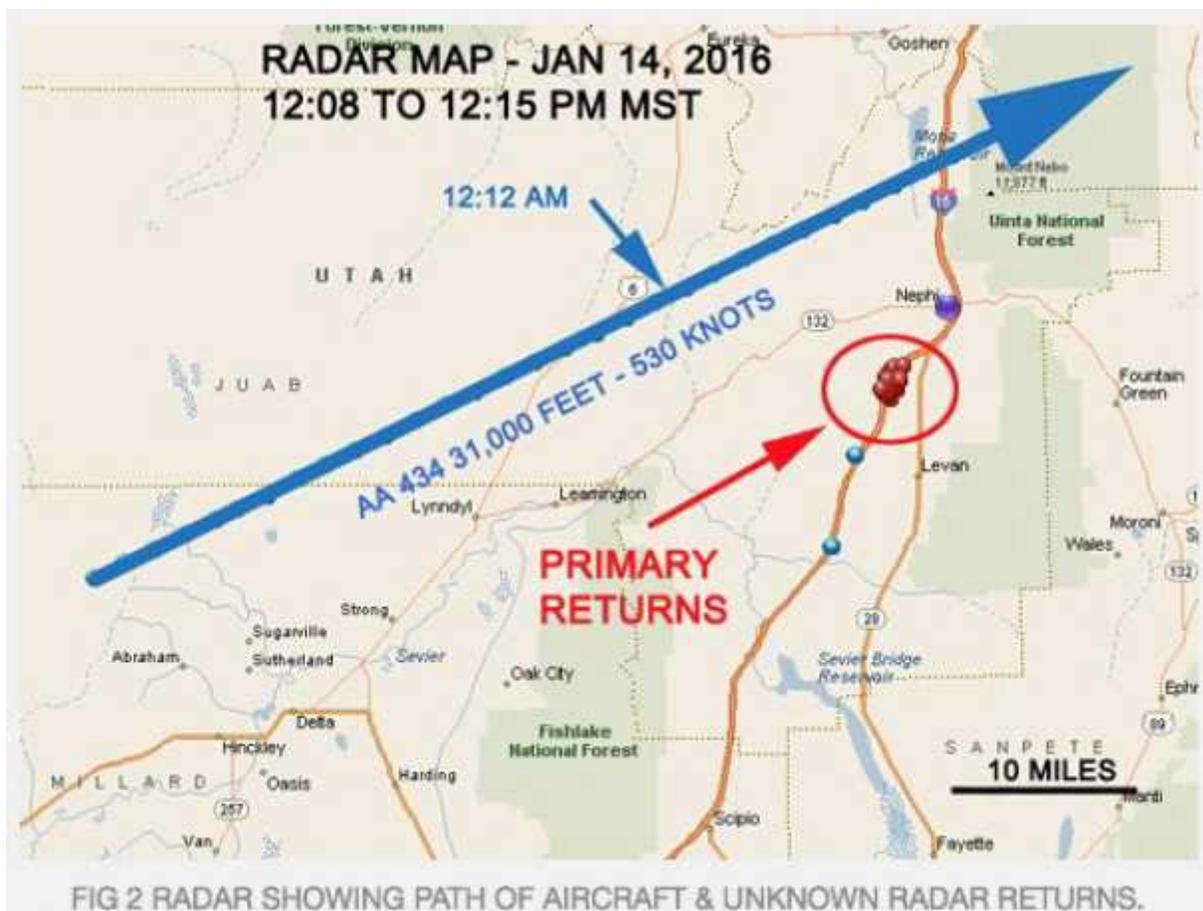
The officer involved wrote over 2000 words describing his ordeal. A portion of his report is shown below:

*"The next thing I knew was that as I was still seated in the Police vehicle the whole street around my vehicle was suddenly illuminated by a fantastic bright blue light which was clearly coming from directly above my vehicle in the night sky. I had never experienced any such light before or since. It was similar to an intense blue neon sign light. Sodium street lighting was illuminated in the street at the time but this blue light was tremendous in its power. I bet you could have found a needle on the road it was so intense. I sat in the Land Rover with the engine running (it did not stop at all during any of the incident). I tried to look up above the vehicle through the front windscreen but this is very difficult in a Land Rover Defender model as the screen is near vertical. At the time I was actually scared to get out of the vehicle because of the bright blue light which I believe WAS being directed down on my vehicle lighting up the surrounding area also. It was very worrying what was happening and I was concerned what may happen to me if I alighted the vehicle with the blue light above me. The blue light was illuminated for maybe a few minutes (or so it seemed) and then it went off. At that time I felt more reassured to exit the vehicle. I jumped out of the door and looked directly above me. At that time I could see that there was a very large black triangular object hovering above me/moving forwards very slowly in the night sky. At this time I could see the underside of the object only. I could clearly see the triangular shape. It was black but visible through contrast with the sky. It was making very little noise other than a sort of whirring noise that would not be heard at a distance."*

**Case 73931: 12:08 a.m. January 14, 2016; commercial aircraft over Nephi, Utah.  
Investigators are Erica Lukes, William Puckett, and Geoff Cox.**

On January 14, 2016 just after midnight an experienced HAM radio operator was monitoring communications between air traffic and Salt Lake City Air Traffic Control (ATC) when he overheard the pilot asking whether ATC knew what the bright orange square was that was flying off their nose at the 2 o'clock position and below them.

The HAM operator notified MUFON and the investigators verified the communication by obtaining the audio transcript of the conversation by sending a FOIA request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). They also requested radar data for the area from the FAA. The radar data was overlaid onto a map and is shown below. Radar shows unknown primary returns at approximately the 2 o'clock position and at the time indicated by the audio transcript. The returns are isolated and very numerous. It is not likely these are birds, ground targets or anomalous propagation. A simulation of the data provided by radar is shown below.



**Case 69105: 10:20 p.m. June 4, 2015; Marengo, Iowa.  
Investigators are David Kreiter and Beverly Trout.**

A Williamsburg, Iowa witness was driving his friend to her home in Marengo, Iowa on a clear starry night around 10:20 p.m. on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015. They were headed north on county road V77. About one mile before they reached Highway 6, they noticed a bright light low in the western sky. At first they thought it was a bright planet, but then realized it was not in the correct position in the sky to be either Jupiter or Venus. Never taking their eyes off the light, they turned left (west) toward Marengo on Highway 6. They traveled the 4 miles to Marengo getting closer and closer to the light, and by the time they got to the Ampride gas station on the outskirts of Marengo, they realized that the light they had been watching was coming from a large, solid-black, triangular object hovering above a field across the road. They pulled their car into the gas station to observe the object which was now directly south of their position and extremely close and low to the ground. Measurements taken at the site by investigators suggested that the object was only 278 feet in land distance and 288 feet above the ground. The two witnesses watched the object for a moment or two and then, “in a blink-of-an-eye,” the object traveled about 4 miles east in a straight line path and hovered once again. A moment later it vanished from view.

The witnesses described the object as a large, solid-black triangle measuring about 25 yards on each side and about 10 feet in thickness with a fluorescent looking bluish/white crisscross pattern on the edge facing toward them. They reported that the incident had shocked them and that they talked about the incident often. The male witness said that he was not a believer in alien visits prior to sighting, but this close encounter has now convinced him of visitors from other worlds.

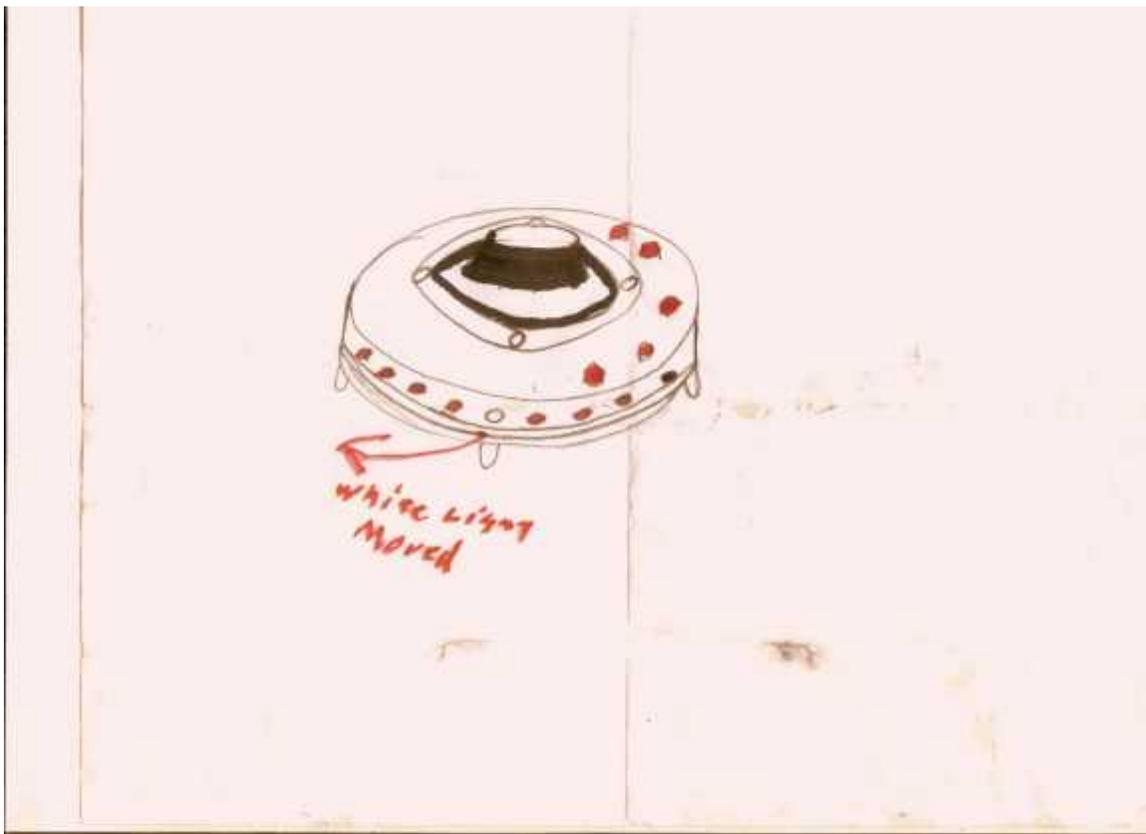


**Case 69443: 9 p.m. August 15, 2015; Montgomery, New York.**

## Investigators are Joseph Flammer and Sam Salvo.

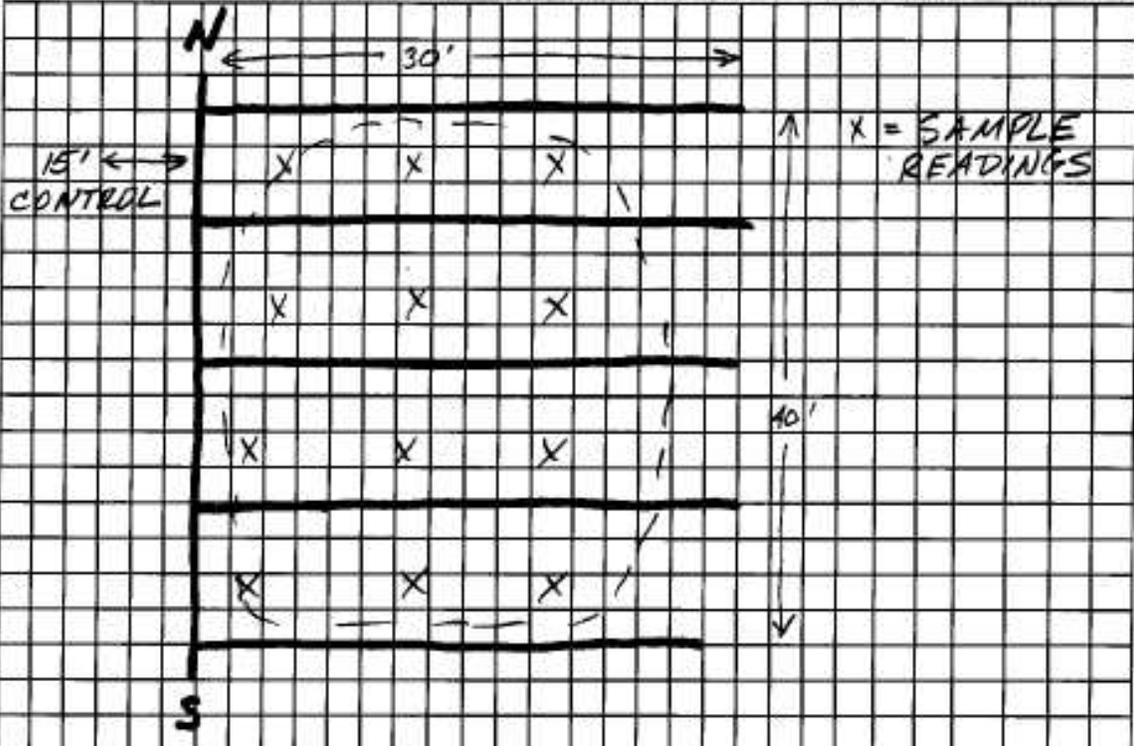
A 17-year-old boy was watching heat lightning with his foster mother when the boy decided to run through tall grass in a large field to see what he thought were different colored lights cast by the heat lightning. In the field, he came face to face with a 30 foot wide flying saucer type craft with a dome and circling red and white lights. (A drawing made by the boy is shown below.) The craft in this case immediately shot down beams of white light in three separate spots in the field, leveling the grasses into wide circles. The mother's older daughter shortly thereafter saw two large orbs – one red, one orange - traveling together over the field.

The two investigators rushed to document what the chief witness called "crop circles," with Mr. Falvo driving three hours from his home in upper New York to photograph the circles, take soil samples, EMF and Geiger counter readings, and search for other trace evidence. This had to be done before the next rain should fall on the evidence. He found gamma radiation readings of .78 micro sieverts in the depressed grassy area which was six times as high as the normal .12 micro sievert background radiation just 12 feet outside of the area of interest. A copy of the area measured is shown on the next page. Mr. Flammer, meanwhile, also traveled three hours from his home on Long Island to document the case by interviewing witnesses and locals, photographing the area, and spending three days studying the skies.





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 Include Data On The Battery Check, Background Level Determination, and The Location Of Any "Spikes".



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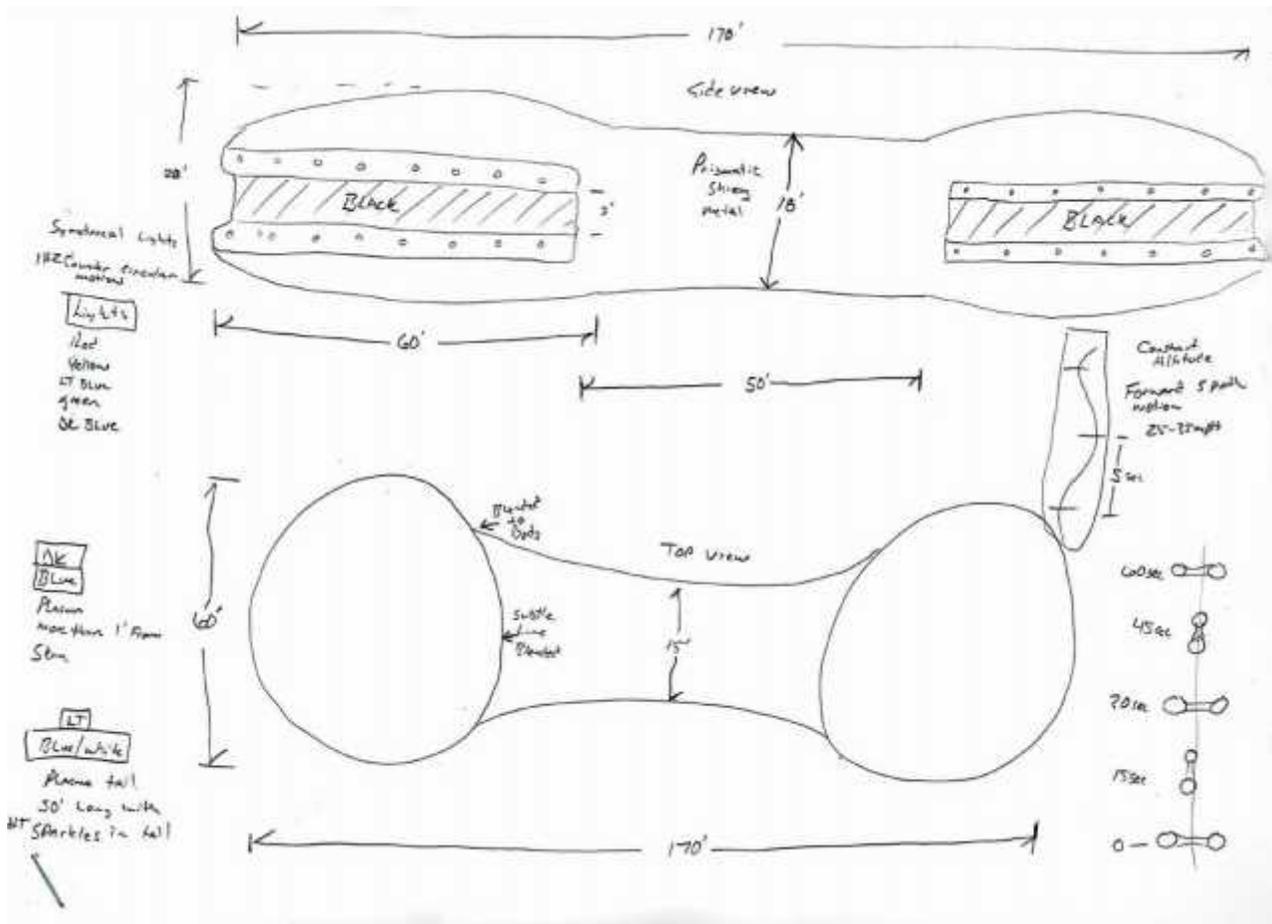
## **Investigators are Phil Leech and Robert Powell.**

The top case submitted in the year 2015 is quite unusual. The primary witness wishes to remain anonymous. However, his identity is known to both investigators and they have both independently spent several hours in person with the witness at his home and his place of business. The witness has 43 patents, verified by the investigators, and is the owner of a company that develops and sells patented products to the Department of Defense. The March and April 2016 MUFON Journal were dedicated to an analysis of this case. Both investigators continue to be in contact with the primary witness on a weekly basis.

Three men had completed their hunt for black bear in a desolate area of lower Ontario and were returning home along an old logging road. They noticed unusual lights approaching from their right and thought it was unusual for a helicopter to be out at night in the middle of nowhere. The lights continued to approach until they were within about 400 feet and the hunters were then able to make out the craft just above treetop height at 250 to 300 feet. The object lit up the area. It was shaped like a barbell with a huge tail of sparkles similar to the aurora borealis and was covered in an indigo colored plasma. It was large and silent; 170 feet long, 60 feet deep, and 20 feet tall. Each end of the barbell was composed of a disk with lights moving in the opposite direction of each other. A drawing and a simulation of the object has been created by the primary witness and is shown on the next page.

The main witness tried to acquire photos of the object. His cell phone was in a boot-up mode as if it had just been turned off, the field radio was dead, and when he tried to use his Sony video camera it would turn on and then immediately turn off. He spent the next 4-5 minutes examining the object with his 9x rifle scope. Once the object began to move away the main witness tried his camera again and was able to activate it. He took a little more than two minutes of video. After the object left he reviewed his video and could hear audio but the video was only noise. The voices of the witnesses can be heard discussing the object.

Since this case was first released in March 2016, the primary witness has continued to work on his video camera and has been able to obtain a cable from Sony that allows the camera's signal to be connected to an oscilloscope, as shown on the last page of this summary. He continues to work on trying to identify some of the EM signals from the UFO that the witness believes are the cause of interference with the camera. Both investigators can vouch that this witness has spent hundreds of hours and engineering resources in analysis of this case in hope that he can better understand the types of EM emissions that were generated by this UFO. This case will remain open as this work continues.





Oscilloscope capture of camera signals from the Sony video camera .