

## The Most Interesting Sightings of UFOs Over Germany Since 1989

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This is an account of UFO observations made over Germany since the publication of our last MUFON-CES Report No. 10 in 1989. Only the most interesting sightings will be presented in order to give the reader an impression of the most frequently observed UFO shapes. A summary of characteristic data is given on the following pages together with a short description of each sighting.

Numbers are assigned to the various shapes as shown in the table below:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Shape</u>
1	Sphere
2	Saturn shape
3	Hemisphere
4	Oval shape
5	Cigar shape
6	Domed disc
7	Triangle or boomerang
8	Geometrical shape
9	Unusual shape
10	Formation

The locations where objects were seen are indicated on the map of Germany. Numbers preceded by an A refer to similarly numbered abduction cases in the table on page 150.

The degree of confidence one can have in the credibility of a case investigation is characterized by the reliability index  $p_r$ :

Olsen in 1966 proposed that all UFO reports be given a reliability index in order to enable foreign investigators to estimate the trustworthiness of an individual case, since the interviewer usually is the only person in contact with the witness and thus able to estimate his credibility (cf. Olsen, 1966, in *Brilliantly Shining Objects and Strange Figures in Langenargen* in this volume). Characterization of a case by

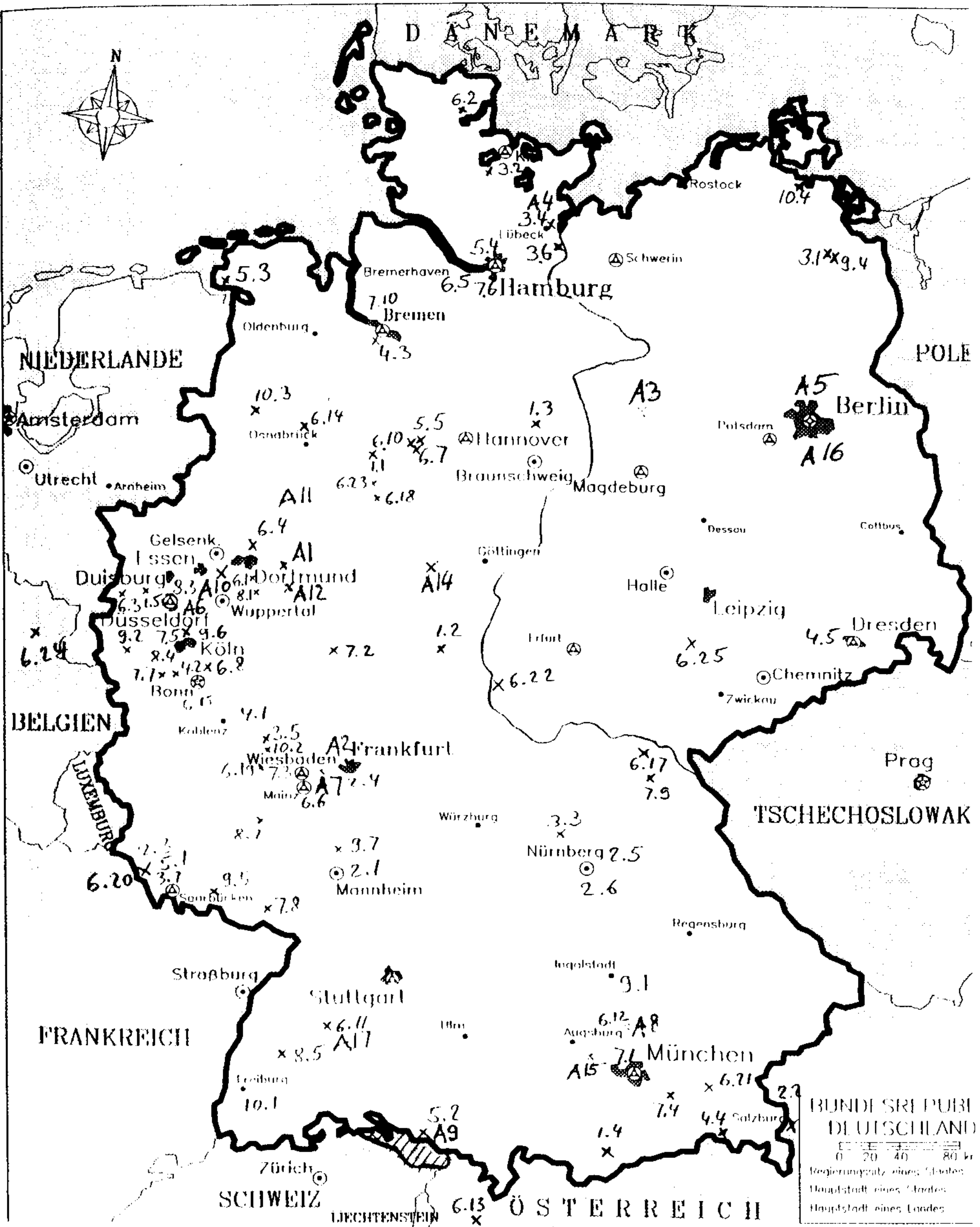
a reliability index is somewhat of an oversimplification, but we shall use it nevertheless, since several hundred investigations have already been evaluated in this manner.

The reliability index,  $p_r$ , allows sorting out reports that appear to be too untrustworthy, i.e. cases for which  $p_r < 50\%$ .  $p_r$ -values of 90% are considered reliable "to some extent", values over 95% are "reliable", and values exceeding 98% are classified as "very reliable".

For any case not investigated by known researchers the formula for the reliability index yields values for  $p_r$  of not more than 50%, regardless of the quality of the report.

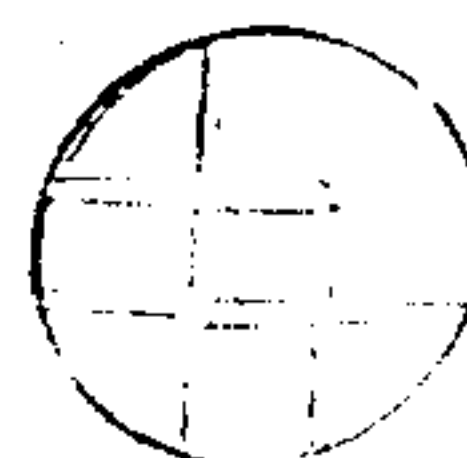
The definition of  $p_r$  may be too restrictive, since cases for which  $p_r < 50\%$  could include multiple witness reports, while direct investigations may be overemphasized.

Following are comments on several cases of special interest.



## 1. Spheres

**1.3**  
Location: Peine  
Time: summer 1990, 20:30-20:40  
Object: ball  
Distance: about 1 mile  
Altitude: 20 yards  
Size: 18-20 yards  
Witnesses: 3  
Peculiarities: high acceleration after hovering  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



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## 2. Saturn shapes

**2.1**  
Location: Hockenheim  
Time: 7/6/1989  
Object: Saturn-shaped object  
Distance: ?  
Altitude: ?  
Size: ?  
Witnesses: US Army Commander  
Peculiarities: possible abduction case  
Reliability index: <50%  
Interviewers: information from E. Blashak



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**2.5**  
Location: Nuernberg  
Time: April 1991, 10:45 p.m.  
Object: Saturn-shaped object  
Distance: 100 yards  
Altitude: 20 yards  
Size: 1 degree  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities: witnesses under shock  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: S.Auzins for MUFON-CES

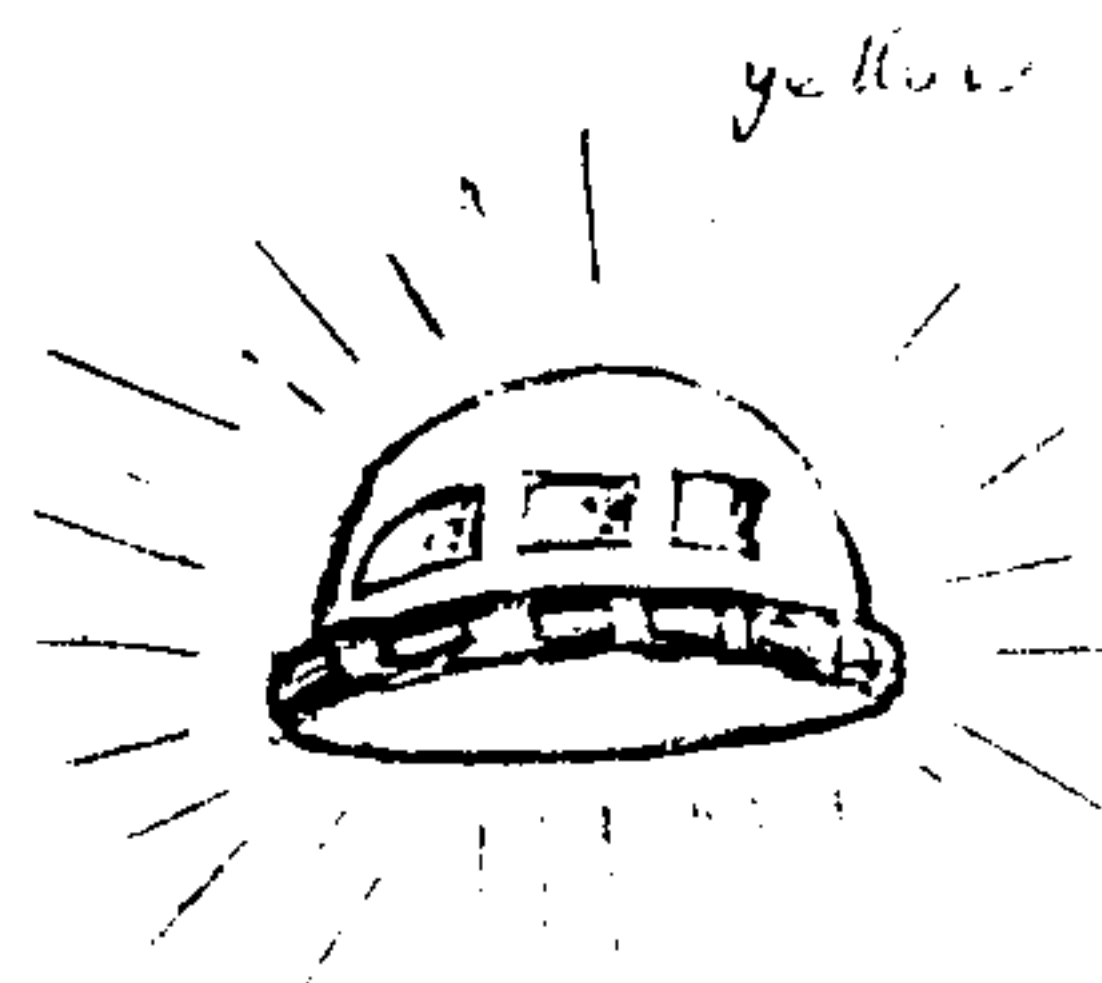


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## 3. Hemisphere

**3.6**  
Location: Lüchow (Hamburg)  
Time: 1/13/1989, >8:00 p.m., 4 min.  
Object: hemisphere  
Distance: <1 mile  
Altitude: 20 yards  
Size: 10-15 yards  
Witnesses: 7  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability Index: 95%  
Interviewers: GEP, JUFOF July-Aug., 1990



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**3.2**  
Location: Kiel  
Time: 1/1/1991, 0:45-1:15 a.m.  
Object: hemisphere  
Distance: 2 miles  
Altitude: 2 miles  
Size: 1/4 degrees  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



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### Case 9.3:

The witness in this case was Werner Utter, one of the most respected chief pilots of the German airline Lufthansa, who has transported several German chancellors in his plane.

#### **9.3**

Location: Atlantic; Newfoundland

Time: 11/21/1978, 9:55 GMT

Object: spider

Distance: < 1 mile

Altitude: 30000 ft.

Size: 20-30 yards

Witnesses: pilots of TWA and LH,  
LH-chiefpilot Werner Utter

Peculiarities: moving rays

Reliability index: **99%**

Interviewers: Rainer Holbe:

Phantastische Phaenomene, Munich: Herbig, 1993

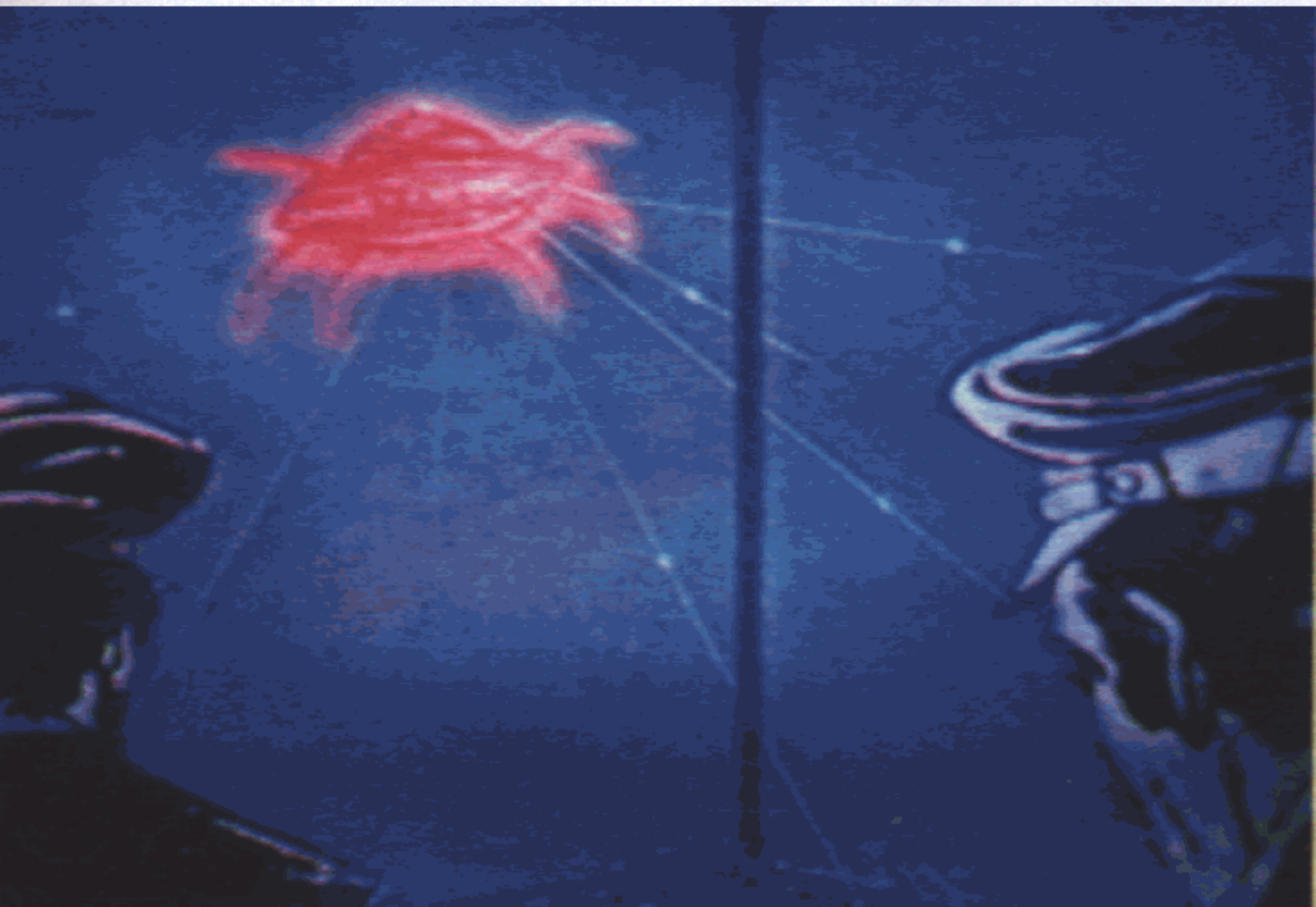


Fig 1. Drawing of Utter's sighting as it appeared on television.

## 6. Domed Discs

### 6.7

Location: Bad Salzuffen  
Time: 11/3/1992, 8:25-8:45 p.m.  
Object: lens shape  
Distance: >500 yards  
Altitude: >50 yards  
Size: 6 degrees  
Witnesses: >5  
Peculiarities: solid light,  
Reliability index: **99%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 6.10

Location: Brackwede-Bielefeld  
Time: 12/1/1992, 5:30-6:15 p.m.  
Object: disc  
Distance: >1 mile  
Altitude: >100 yards  
Size: 1 degree  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: 50%  
Interviewers: Neue Westfaelische, 12/4/1992



### 6.18

Location: Kassel  
Time: May 1991, 11:30 p.m., 15 sec  
Object: inverted domed disc  
Distance: >100 yards  
Altitude: 30 yards  
Size: 30 yards  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities: witness informed NASA  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



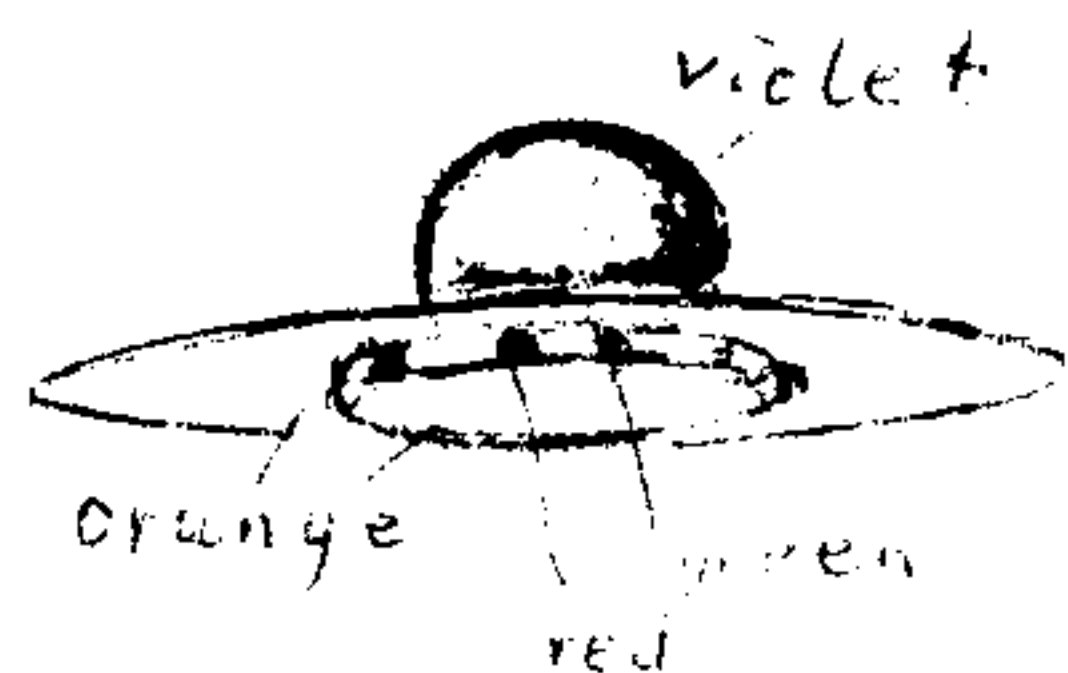
### 6.20

Location: Gerlfangen near Saarlouis  
Time: 11/20/1991, 7:30 a.m., seconds  
Object: 2 domed discs  
Distance: < 1 mile  
Altitude: <20 yards  
Size: <10 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 6.24

Location: Eupen, Belgium (!)  
Time: 12/2/1989, 6:10-6:45 p.m.  
Object: domed disc  
Distance: <100 yards  
Altitude: <100 yards  
Size: 15 yards  
Witnesses: 4  
Peculiarities: observation after formation  
radio report  
Reliability index: **95%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES





Case 4.5:

The object swooped down low and slowly flew over the car of the witnesses, who had the impression of driving through a dark tunnel. The underside of the craft was colored like the brown bark of a tree or like rusty iron. All of a sudden small blue lights began to flicker around the center of the object's bottom.

**4.5**

Location: Delitzsch near Dresden

Time: 2/9/1991, 5:15-5:20 p.m.

Object: oval shaped

Distance: 15-20 yards

Altitude: 15-20 yards

Size: 150-200 yards

Witnesses: 2

Peculiarities:

Reliability index: **95%**

Interviewers: MUFON-CES

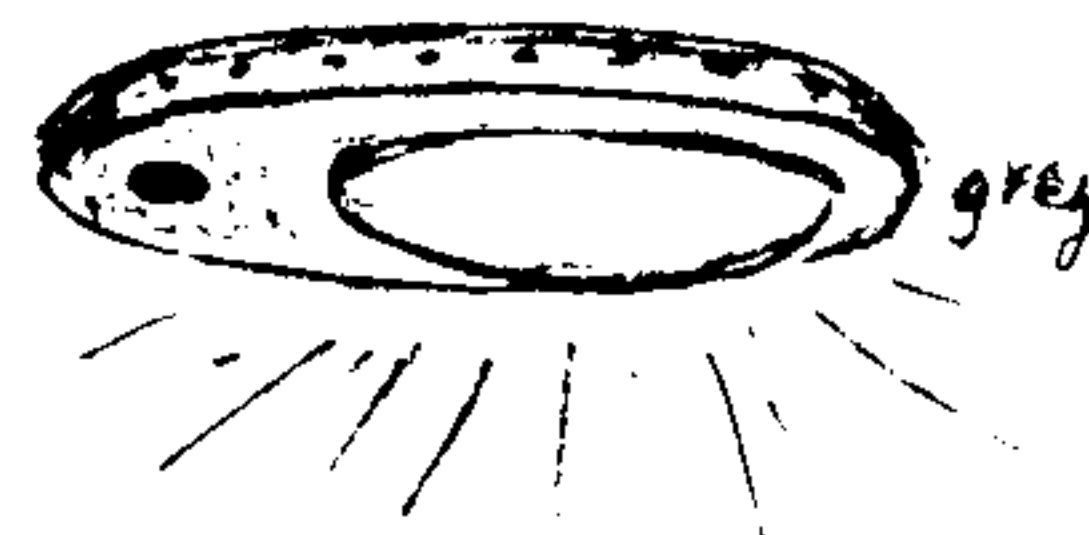


Fig. 2. Drawing of the unknown object flying low over the car of the witnesses.

## 7. Triangles

### 7.1

Location: Munich  
Time: 8/31/1989, 10:00 p.m., seconds  
Object: triangle  
Distance: <100 yards  
Altitude: < 50 yards  
Size: 20-30 yards  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: **99.9%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 7.2

Location: Bad Berleburg  
Time: Winter, 1990, >6:00 p.m., 5 min  
Object: triangle  
Distance: > 1 mile  
Altitude: < 100 yards  
Size: 30-40 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: **95%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 7.3

Location: Kelkheim, Hessen  
Time: 11/5/1990, 5:25-5:30 p.m.  
Object: triangle  
Distance: > 1 mile  
Altitude: > 1 mile  
Size: 1/4 degree  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities: mass sightings 2 hours later  
Reliability index: **99.75%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



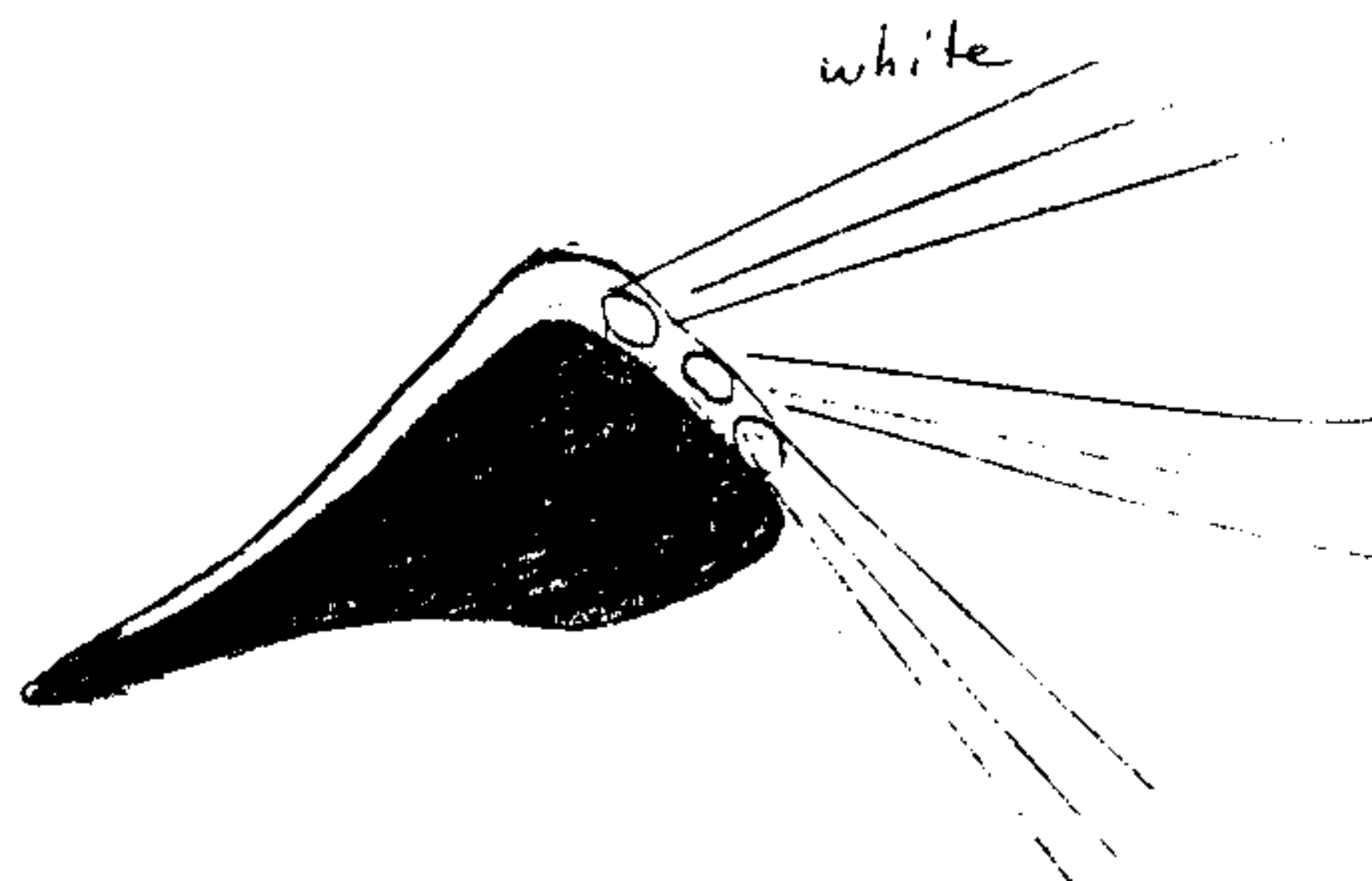
### 7.4

Location: Taufkirchen-Ottobrunn  
Time: August, 1991, 9:30 p.m., seconds  
Object: triangle  
Distance: <50 yards  
Altitude: <50 yards  
Size: 40 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities: humming sound  
Reliability index: **99%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 7.5

Location: Bedburdyck  
Time: 11/19/1982, 5:00-5:30 p.m.  
Object: triangle  
Distance: <50 yards  
Altitude: <50 yards  
Size: 10 yards  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities: humming sound, 3 headlights  
Reliability index: **99.9%**  
Interviewers: GEP/MUFON-CES





## 7. Triangles

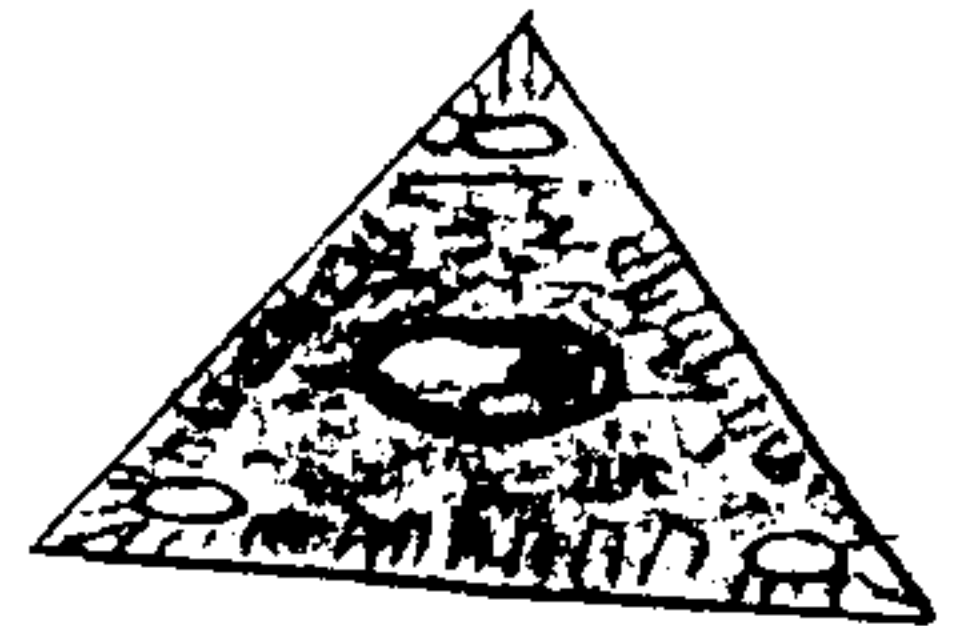
### 7.6

Location: Hamburg  
Time: 2/2/1990, 1:15 a.m., 7 sec  
Object: triangle  
Distance: 0.5 miles  
Altitude: 400-500 yards  
Size: 60 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: **99.8%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### 7.7

Location: Koblenz  
Time: 2/21/1990, 8:30-8:50 p.m.  
Object: triangle  
Distance: <50 yards  
Altitude: 25 yards  
Size: 20 yards  
Witnesses: 3  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: **99.88%**  
Interviewers: GEP, JUFOF July/Aug. 1990

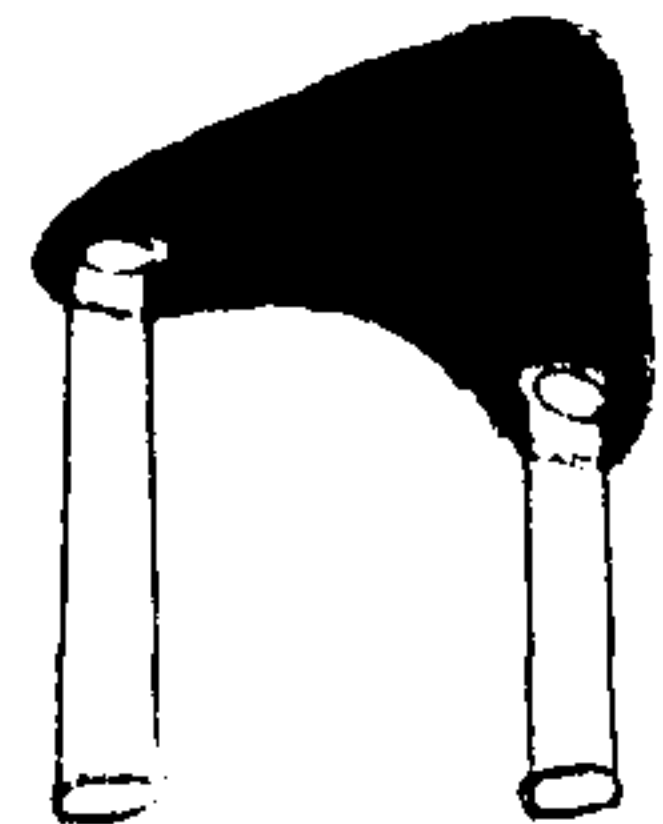


### Case 7.7:

The object came so close to the witnesses that they could see metallic tube-like structures on the underside of the triangle. The craft hovered silently only 25 m above the ground. The German organizations of skeptics GEP and CENAP interpreted the object as being an ultra light motorized plane (this unlikely interpretation led us to reduce their investigative reliability index from  $p_I = 1$  to  $p_I = 0.75$ ).

### 7.8

Location: Landau; Pfalz  
Time: 12/25/1992, 7:00 p.m., 1 min  
Object: triangle/ boomerang  
Distance: >100 yards  
Altitude: >100 yards  
Size: 100 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities: 2 light rays  
Reliability index: **99.8%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



### Case 2.3:

This object hovered at a distance of not more than 30 m from a control station recording temperature, air pressure, nuclear radiation, etc., near Cattenom, France, Europe's largest atomic power plant only 20 km away. We received the measurements recorded on the day of observation. Unfortunately, no significant signal could be detected among any of the recorded measurements (all values were integrated over a period of 10 minutes).

#### **2.3**

Location: Gerlfangen n. Saarlouis

Time: 12/6/1991, 6:10-6:18 p.m.

Object: Saturn-shaped

Distance: 100 yard

Altitude: 20 yards

Size: 20 yards

Witnesses: 2

Peculiarities: hovering near control station

Reliability index: 75 %

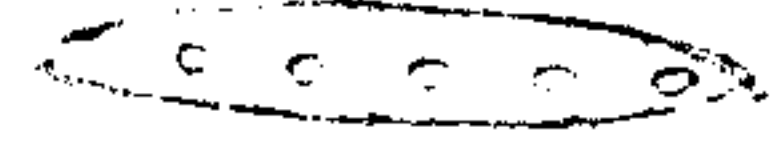
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



Fig. 3. The main witness, a police commissioner (left), in a photograph showing the control station and the position of the unknown object.

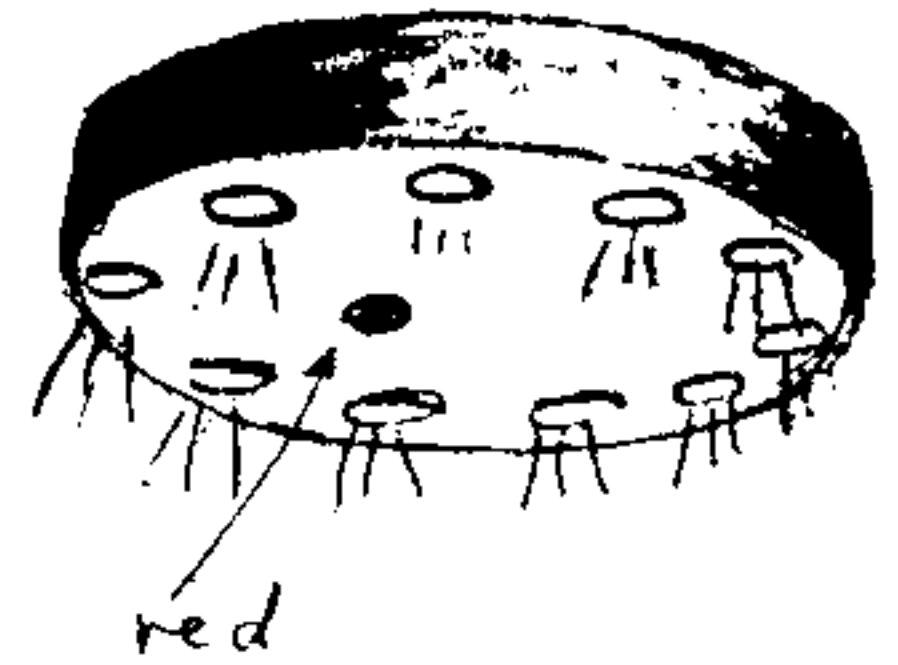
## 5. Cigar shape

**5.1**  
Location: Gerlfangen near Saarlouis  
Time: Oct-Nov., 1991, 10:00-10:10 p.m.  
Object: cigar  
Distance: 2 miles  
Altitude: 200-300 yards  
Size: 1.5 degrees  
Witnesses: 2  
Peculiarities:  
Reliability index: 75%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



## 6. Discs

**6.25**  
Location: Waldenberg, Sachsen  
Time: 6/22/1992, 10:15-10:16 p.m.  
Object: plate  
Distance: < 1 mile  
Altitude: < 1 mile  
Size: 1/4 degree  
Witnesses: 4  
Peculiarities: like Blue Book Case: 3/20/1950  
Reliability index: **99.86%**  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES



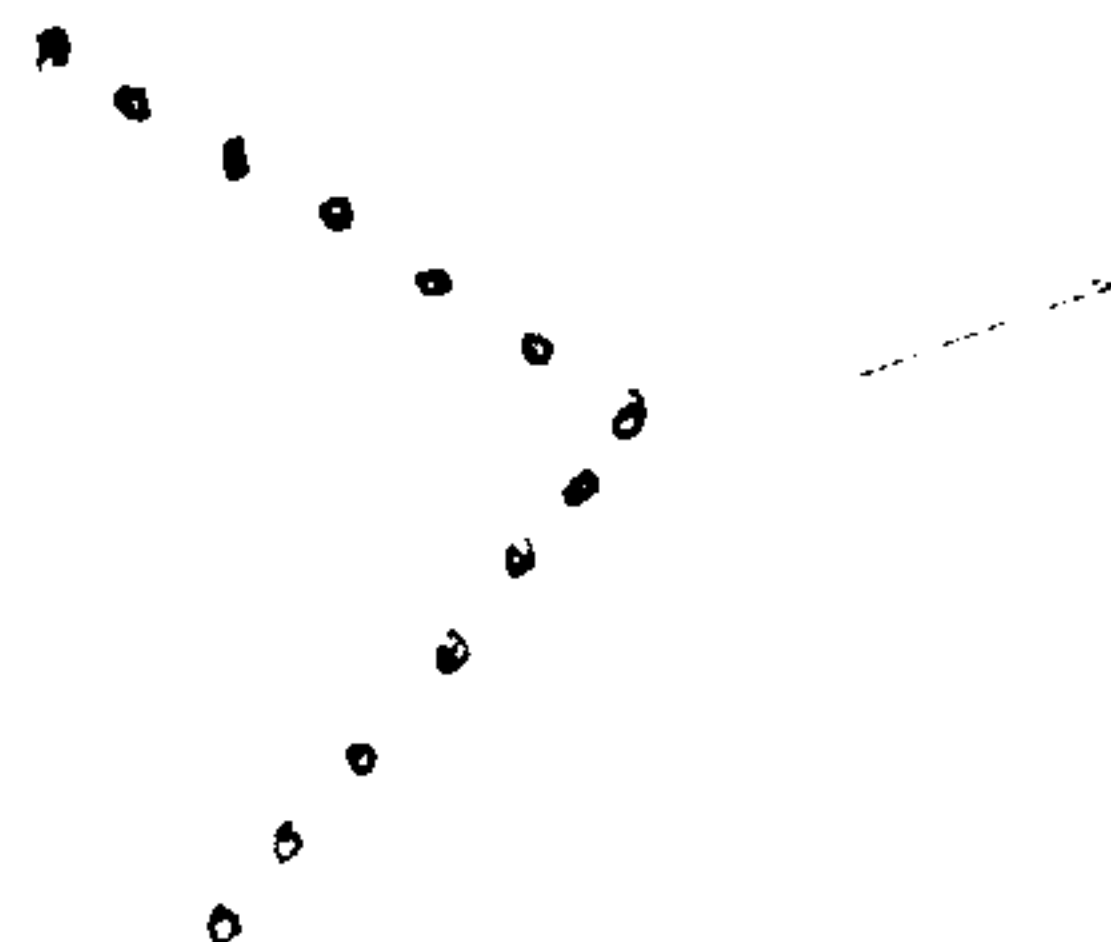
## 9. Unusual Shapes

**9.4**  
Location: Zollchow near Prenzlau  
Time: 1992, morning time  
Object: flounder  
Distance: >50 yards  
Altitude: <50 yards  
Size: 5-7 yards  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities: like Blue Book case: Rogue  
River, Oregon, 5/24/1949, 9-10 yards  
Reliability index: <50%  
Interviewers: information to MUFON-CES



## 10. Formations

**10.1**  
Location: Freiburg  
Time: 7/1/1991, 0:42 a.m., 10-15 sec  
Object: V-formation  
Distance: > 10 miles  
Altitude: > 10 miles  
Size: 1 degree  
Witnesses: 1  
Peculiarities: like Lubbock lights  
Reliability index: 90%  
Interviewers: MUFON-CES





Case 3.7:

This sighting was the result of a field investigation campaign by members of MUFON-CES. We chose a place in Gerlfangen near Saarlouis close to the French-German border for observing the night sky, since UFOs of many different shapes had been reported in the area. A strange object did appear after 84 hours of observation, but it was impossible to locate the rapidly moving image in the viewfinder of the video camera. The event was witnessed by two MUFON-CES members.

**3.7**

Location: Gerlfangen near Saarlouis

Time: 8/8/1992. 2:52-2:53 a.m.

Object: hemisphere

Distance: 4 miles

Altitude: 4 miles

Size: 1/4 degrees

Witnesses: 2 MUFON-CES members

Peculiarities: seen after 84 h nightwatch

Reliability Index: **99.99%**

Interviewers: MUFON-CES



Fig. 4 MUFON-CES members during field investigation.