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Socorro Officer Saw Two Men Step Out of Big UFO

SOCORRO, April 25 (?) — A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here yesterday has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile mile southwest of Socorro in a draw.

State Police Sgt. [illegible] Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Officer Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:30 p.m. yesterday he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 130 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill.

He continued driving to the draw and parked. He walked to within 200 feet of the object and again heard a roar. Taking cover behind his car Zamora saw the object of brilliant white metal, rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the west, rising gradually.

"I was scared," said Zamora, when he heard the deep roar. "I thought it was going to blow up."

Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object. [illegible]

Chavez said the depressions were irregularly spaced with the distance between them varying from about nine feet to 15 feet. He estimated the length of the object at about 15 feet from the position of what apparently were landing gear legs.

Zamora said men who identified themselves as [illegible] Sands Missile [illegible] samples of [illegible] something [illegible] ly landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

Besides the landing gear marks, Zamora said he found what appeared to be two round prints like heel marks. Another man who visited the site described the marks as looking like mountain lion pad marks.

An FBI agent visited the spot this morning.