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Group Says Radar Traced Saucers at 3,600 MPH

WASHINGTON, July 11—(INS)—A private investigative committee said today that Civil Aeronautics Administration control-tower operators have tracked four "flying saucers" over California, operating at speeds up to 3,600 miles an hour.

Eight members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, including Rear Adm. Herbert B. Knowles, USN (Ret.), certified they had seen the signed radar report.

Admiral Knowles criticized the veil of secrecy that surrounds Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). He declared: "There is a real need to break through the official Washington brush-off and get the truth to the people."

The NICAP, a private organization, also announced the names of five new board members: Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN (Ret.), former director, Central Intelligence Agency; Lt.

Gen. P. A. Del Valle, USMC (Ret.); Maj. Dewey Fournet, former Air Force UFO investigator; J. B. Hartranft Jr., president of the 65,000-member Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.; and Dr. Marcus Bach, noted author and professor of religion, Iowa State University.

These and other new UFO developments were disclosed today in the first issue of the UFO Investigator, the NICAP's magazine report to members. Copies also were sent to all members of Congress.

The radar report certified by the NICAP was made at an airport in the Los Angeles area. The first of the four UFOs appeared on the tower radarscope shortly before midnight, the night of March 23.

The NICAP also proposed to Air Force Secretary James H. Douglas an eight-point plan of cooperation to end controversy and public confusion over flying saucers.