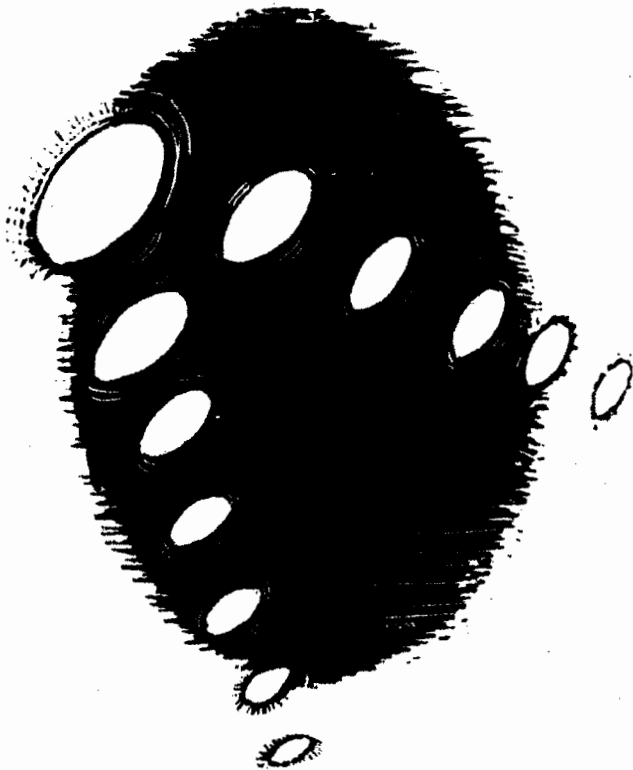


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THE MIDLAND SIGHTINGS OF MAY 12th. 1961

In the British Isles at present the most prevalent type of UFO is that of the meteor-like flashing white object. On the evening of May 12 an object was seen in Hull, the Midlands, Nottingham and Boreham Wood round about 8pm. The sightings were not especially outstanding, but the simultaneity is interesting. In the Humber area the same evening, a mysterious distress signal (Mayday) was picked up on car radios in Lincolnshire. The message reported that an 'English fishing vessel' was making water rapidly E.S.E of the Humber. After an intensive search by air-sea crews nothing was found. 'It is very unusual for anybody to fool around and make hoax reports of this kind,' the Air Ministry said.

THE HUMBER AREA - "Space experts are unable to explain the mystery of the object which was seen to burn up over the Humber on May 12."

"The object in question was seen in daylight at about 8pm. Mr. J.W. Gower of Hessle watched it disintegrate in a white flash. Seven Roth-erham firemen had seen a similar object heading from the direction of Sheffield towards the East Coast at about this time."

"I have received confirmation that there is no record of the de-mise of a satellite on that date," says Mr. S. Wrightson of Hull, editor of the Journal of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Interplanetary Society.

'But this does not rule out the possibility that the object re-ferred to was one of the 'pieces' resulting from a satellite launch.'
-Hull Daily Mail (15th & 26 May)

MIDLANDS - Mr. F.A. Lucas of Bilston, Staffs. describes the object as a torpedo shape with a long spark trail travelling slightly north of east. The time was 7.58 pm. Seven people reported the sightings all of which tallied in every respect.

NOTTINGHAM - "Mr Allen, who lives at Coston Bassett, told the (Notts) Evening News today that he was looking upwards when suddenly he saw an 'object' move quickly from North-west to South-east. It was apparently circular in shape and was certainly shining with a silver sheen. 'It had behind it what some people might call a tail' said Mr Allen but he thought this might have been a reflection of the sun.

It bore no comparison with anything he had ever seen. It moved completely silently and because of its incredible speed was gone within seconds. 'It would have made a jet aircraft look as if it were standing still' he added.

It resembled illustrations of flying saucers previously seen by other people, he said. He checked on the time by phoning TIM - it was dead on 8 pm."

The Notts. County Golf Captain, Harry Johnson, noticed the object while playing at Wootton park at 7.30 pm. last night. He said there was a 'smoke trail' across the sky - rather like a Very light, and suddenly the object disintegrated. It was seen by several other people on the course." - Nottingham Evening News, May 13th. Credit D.J. Tate.

Reports from Birmingham residents of 'mysterious glowing blue and white object falling from the sky' were sent to Edgbaston Observatory where an Observatory official said - "We have no idea what this was... It is unlikely that anything natural like a meteorite would have been seen in daylight. It might have been connected with an R.A.F. exercise." Meanwhile back in London.... "We have no information of any such incident and no aircraft was involved" said an Air Ministry spokesman. Birmingham Mail May 13.

BOREHAM WOOD - (North London) The Edgware Post of May 18th reported an account from one of the eyewitnesses of a sighting on May 12:-

"Mr. Arthur Allen - a man not prone to flying saucer fantasies .. thought he had witnessed the unusual phenomenon of a falling meteor being seen in broad daylight. Mr Allen told the Post: 'I was just turning into Theobald Street from Elstree station when I saw a blue light in the sky. It disappeared quite suddenly. It came down very fast and at an angle. I immediately thought of a meteorite, but it was difficult to tell for certain. An unusual point was that it could be seen so clearly in daylight. It was only 8 pm. At first I thought it was going to hit the ground, but at that moment it vanished.'"

There it is - in each case an object was seen at 8 pm., appeared to vanish. The Boreham Wood object could not have been the one seen by the Midland observers, the distance of 110 miles between each point discounts this idea. It seems a remarkable coincidence that a meteor was seen in each case - broad daylight, simultaneous times! (Your Editor recalls that at 1.20 am. May 13 last year he, together with another witness, observed a dazzling blue globe which literally swooped down at a 90° elevation but swerved upwards and vanished.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir - The object of all UFO societies is to solve the mystery of the 'flying saucers' - what they are, where they come from, how and why. Fair enough. My query is, will the study of countless facts concerning size, shape, colour, weather conditions etc. really help us to discover the answers to these questions? I can quite understand that such questionnaires will enable researchers to weed out seemingly bona fide sightings from those which could easily be misinterpretations or hoaxes. If, for instance, there were many 'planes' about, or the observer was watching through a window, there is a possibility that the thing seen was either a 'plane or reflection. But once all doubtful material is eradicated and one is left with good, hard facts what does one do with them? They can be checked against others and filed, but will all this solve the 'mystery'? There are already, as you say in your May editorial, stacks of reports held by Governments throughout the world, and I cannot see that any more will make much difference, one way or the other.

Surely the only real knowledge regarding the Saucers will come from their occupants, if any, usually through contactees. As it is, the 'serious U.F.O. researchers' you mention generally reject as unproven or invalid any information gained in this way. If contactees are to be trusted, and of any use whatever, then the 'mystery' has already been solved for us by such men as Adamski. Those whose theories or trends of thought do not agree with Adamski's story will continue to consider saucers as a mystery until someone's story tallies with their views. Because of this the solution will never be found by us at all; it will come from the 'Saucer Gentlemen' themselves.

Roger G. Wyld
Northwood, Middx..

I would point out that UFO researchers are only too willing to meet contactees who have some sort of evidence of a meeting with extra-terrestrials. The lamentable fact is that in nearly every case concerning contactees the material evidence is either non-existent or extremely vague. The only way to convince many sceptics is to lug your saucer back on a truck! - Ed.

Sir - Your deferential tone in your editorial May '61 with regard to your critics is quite uncalled for. To be apologetic about your beliefs to your critics is one way of giving in to them. What does it matter whether UFOs are Flying Saucers or vice versa. It is quite irrelevant, and this sort of hairsplitting is more damaging to Public Opinion than anything.

I have read Lt. Col. Tacker's book 'Flying Saucers and the USAF'. For me it has been an education. It has given me keener sight, and I hope keener perception, for I did face up to the fact that I do not examine carefully what I think before I jump to conclusions. Has it killed 'saucers' for me? No! Rather it has given them a more realistic perspective.

Mrs. E. Crowe, Accrington, Lancashire.

HOSTILE SAUCERS

The constant influx of new ideas within the subject of UFOlogy is indeed refreshing and encouraging. It is probably the most fascinating subject which will affect the future of mankind.

While some might regard the arrival of extra-terrestrial peoples as a 'salvation', others are of the opinion that they show aggressive tendencies. The mysterious 'West Midlands Flying Saucer Society' tells us in the 'Strong Delusion' that all these visitors are 'the Devil's angels in disguise', they also inform us that they have found the key to the whole thing and couple it up with Al Bender's cloak and dagger affair in the U.S.A. some years back. This is the extremist viewpoint. But in many cases there is evidence of deliberate open hostility by these objects.

We have collected a series of articles on this aspect the first of which is condensed from 'UFO Gids' now 'Information Bulletin No. 3' edited by the Netherlands Study Group for UFOlogy, Amsterdam, Holland. It has been translated for us by Miss S.R. Stebbing, and written by A.F. Van Wieringen.

'While on the one hand it can be ascertained that the UFOs have already been entering our atmosphere for some considerable time, people must, on the other hand establish that acceptable ways have not been made to make contact with us. Some of you will disagree with me in this respect and will mention George Adamski, Daniel Fry, Cedric Allingham and others. But contrary to these cases of doubts and controversy, many other cases exist in which shyness, strange behaviour and even aggression are present.

When we take into consideration the uncontrollable, unscientific contradictory and sometimes plainly unacceptable character of the many contact stories then we can only state that by no means is it ascertained what the true nature of the UFO crews could be. I will for my part take a neutral attitude with respect to UFOs and their pilots but there are many ^{other} cases of which I shall take one example out of which follows my obvious proof that not always are the occupants angels or even superior beings.

Most of you will have heard of Capt. Mantell. This outstanding war pilot encountered an enormous UFO in the surrounding area of the Godman Air Base Kentucky on the 7th January 1948, and died under mysterious circumstances. Out of this case there are many divergent world opinions. The official statement is that he ran out of oxygen at a great height; a very improbable explanation, seeing that Mantell was a pilot of great experience. The wreckage of the aircraft was found over a wide area. Other explanations included the possibility of the aircraft coming too close to the vacuum created by the UFO while others thought that the incandescence emanating from the stern could have caused the crash. I must remark here that more cases are known of flyers who apparently were exposed to the action of an infrared or other radiation by which great heat originated in the cockpit so that continuation of the flight became impossible. It was remark-

-able that Mantell's machine came down in a steep dive and only after coming down to a low altitude started to disintegrate.

The disappearance of the pilot from the machine could be explained as a type of 'spacenapping', a notion that, especially in connection with UFOs has found some acceptance these last years in some circles. Probably one must think this is a form of teleportation, but it is a fact that disappearances under very mysterious circumstances have already occurred many years ago.

I must stress that, on the whole, it cannot be disputed that UFO occupants from different camps have each other under supervision, and may fight and destroy one another. Perhaps this could account for the falls of flesh and blood and other objects.

A strong case is that of Capt. Mantell, however, for a case with much more material damage, we must go back to Dayton, Ohio in June '51 where 8 jet fighters came to grief. About ten minutes after the take off they saw a huge 'black cloud.' Motors exploded and three pilots were found dead. "This event was not due to known meteorological conditions" declared one of the survivors. What was the cause then? It is known that UFOs sometimes disguise themselves in clouds of fog or smoke.

On a hot summer day of the year 1943 a mine owner,^a prospector and a Mexican miner saw over the mountains in Arizona a most astonishing drama. It was 5 o'clock in the afternoon. These persons saw on the one side a military airplane approaching while on the other side were two big balloon-shaped UFOs which shined in the sunlight while hovering over the heads of the eyewitnesses. Suddenly both Ufos rushed at the plane and projected a strong beam of light on it. A tremendous explosion followed and the airplane crashed. Two pilots jumped out but as soon as their parachutes unfolded, a new ray was directed from one of the Ufos after which the parachutes caught fire and the pilots crashed to their death. A third Ufo joined the first two and they disappeared to the south.

On August 19th 1952 a scoutmaster Sonny Desvergers encountered a Ufo in Florida. He told that the occupants had shot a fireball at him and showed as a piece of evidence his hat with burned holes in it. At first his story was doubted, but when it became evident that the roots of the grass were charred under the place where the Ufo had hovered his story was seen in a different light."

December 16 1958 - Tampa Bay Florida - A B-47 Stratojet crashed and exploded. UFOs reported seen in the vicinity.

April 1959 - McChord Air Force Base, California - Air Force C-118 Transport crashes, 3 persons killed. UFOs reported in the vicinity.

November 4 1957 - At the Brazilian fortress of Itaipu near Santos an orange UFO appeared with a humming sound and a wave of heat that overcame two sentinels on duty, rendering them unconscious and burning them on various parts of the body. The UFO caused lights all over the fortress to collapse. Turrets, heavy cannons and lift systems also

systems also collapsed. Intercommunications were disrupted and alarms on electric clocks began to ring without reason.

September 13 1952 - At Sutton West Virginia, Mrs Kathleen May, a National Guardsman and 5 boys were investigating a landed globe-like object on a hillside. All the witnesses were repelled from the hill-top by a noxious sickening odour of the landed object. They all suffered choking and vomiting spasms because of their incident.

December 5th 1945 - Five TBM Avenger Bombers and one PBM Martin Mariner with a total of 27 men disappeared without a single trace during a training mission in good weather and with good radio contact. UFOs were being reported by the news during that time near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Above reports from 'Flying Saucers' - the Ray Palmer magazine, copies of which are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary.

One of the most recent cases of apparent hostility by a UFO is that of the death of 34 people in a Braniff Airways Lockheed Electra turboprop airliner flying from Houston, Texas to New York via Dallas, Texas. Here are the details given in Interplanetary magazine published by Robert Gribble 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle 8, Washington USA.

About the time that Flight 542 (the above mentioned 'plane) was approaching Buffalo, Major R.O. Braswell was flying a C-47 at 6500 ft. east-northeast of Buffalo, when he saw 'a large red fire that looked like an atomic cloud,' about five degrees above his 'plane. 'It was a massive thing, It was red with varying hues and some orange. The base was at an altitude of 12000 to 15000 feet. The top at about 16000 feet.'

As Braswell watched the aerial phenomenon from the air, Billie Guyton of Centerville, Texas was watching from the ground. He said he watched the glow spread over a large portion of the sky, Then he saw an object come from the glow, first going forward and then straight down. Shortly after the object fell, he heard a tremendous explosion.

W.S. Webb of Buffalo was watching the sky too. He had just gone to bed. While gazing out of the window, he 'saw a light in the sky. I thought it was lightning at first, but it didn't disappear. A few seconds later a ball of fire that looked like a star shot through the sky. Then I heard a noise like something falling through the sky. It was a wooshing shrill sound."

As the fireball passed overhead the night was filled with shrill whistles in a dozen keys. Suddenly, debris began falling in the scrub oak all around, four miles southeast of Buffalo. Richard White, a farmer said, "That stuff hitting the trees gave me a funny feeling - I didn't know which way to go, you can't imagine how terrible it was." Debris continued to fall from the sky "a good little bit".

The giant airliner, its 28 passengers and six crew members had been torn into thousands of fragments. Officials in the inves-

investigation said a plane crash usually leaves 20 or 30 major pieces, but not this one. R.V. Carleton, Braniff vice president of operations said he found nothing among the wreckage to indicate a fire or bomb aboard the plane.

The inquiry following the crash brought many important facts to light. 1 .. There was no fire or explosion aboard the airliner while in flight or after it crashed. 2.. Scorch marks found on the glass window ports, the rear of the fuselage and across the parting of the tail showed signs of being exposed to tremendous exterior heat. 3.. The force which caused the airliner to disintegrate did not come from the interior. 4.. Moments before the fireball appeared in the sky, every dog for miles around the Buffalo area started howling ominously.

The mysterious glowing cloud; the object emerging from it; The flash of light; the explosion; the fireball; the shrill whistling sounds; the howling dogs. All phenomena, which, for the past 13 years have been associated with non-terrestrial spacecraft activity. At the same time, in the same location; a shredded airliner shredded bodies; scorched wreckage.

If there was no explosion or fire aboard the airliner, what did the witnesses see and hear? And what tore the airliner into thousands of pieces? It appears that Flight 542 was destroyed by a large, fast moving non-terrestrial spacecraft.

On December 29 1959 Major General Richard E. O'Keefe acting Air Force Inspector General at the time, issued the following warning to all Air Force Commands; - "Unidentified Flying Objects ... must be accurately identified as serious U.S.A.F. business."

It must be mentioned in connection with this aspect, that of the extremely large number of UFO reports, only a relatively small percentage could be said to display hostile tendencies.

BRITISH AND OVERSEAS REPORTS

'NAVY IN HUNT FOR PLANE - A report of an aircraft crashing into the North Sea 20 miles from Walton-on-Naze Essex, started a big air-sea search last night.. But the R.A.F., the U.S.A.F. and Civil aviation authorities said they had no planes missing. The hunt was called off after four hours.

The report came from the crew of a pilot cutter. They radioed that they had seen an object drop eight miles away." (Daily Mail - July 5)

'UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SEEN - Unidentified Flying Object seen by hundreds in Dundee, parts of Angus and Perthshire last night. (18th June) Air Ministry denied report that object was runaway missile from Barra range. (Daily Telegraph 19 June)

'MYSTERY OBJECT WAS BALLOON - A brilliant star-like object seen

apparently stationary over Exeter yesterday (19 June) afternoon was identified by the Air Ministry last night as a high altitude balloon. 'Skyhook' balloons are launched from Bristol University to radio back soundings from the upper air, said a spokesman."(D.Mail 20/6)

'MIRROR' TYPE DISC SPEEDS ACROSS BRISTOL SKY - On June 8th Mrs B.Lines of Bristol 5 observed a flash in the sky between 7.30 and 8.00 pm. It was travelling very fast from east to west without noise or trails. The apparent size was about 3". It was like a circular mirror, turning from an edge-on view, through the full disc to edge-on view again as it traversed a clear blue sky; exactly as a normal mirror would behave if turning in a plane at right angles to the observers field of view while travelling very fast along a line just above and parallel to the natural horizon, until suddenly cut-off due to reflection angles. The duration of view was only a few seconds, the motion much faster than any normal aircraft. The sighting was purely incidental no compulsion being felt to look in any particular direction.

The sighting was considered unimportant to the observer until her son reported similar experiences on the following two days.

An identical object was seen 15 minutes later by Mrs Lines's son who also saw very bright objects travelling at high speed across the clear sky next day at 7.00 pm.

June 14th - 3.45 pm. Bristol Grammar School - Observer, C.E.Lines
A bright silver object like an inverted saucer about 2" in apparent diameter, travelling very fast in a southerly direction followed by a darker object of similar size and form. (Persistence of vision or a shadow perhaps) This was low in the sky and lasted for about 3 or 4 seconds then there was an apparent explosion, like a 'photoflash' when the first object speeded up rapidly and disappeared from sight along its line of flight, the darker object having vanished at the instant of the 'explosion'. Report submitted by Mr.F.A.Lines, A.R.A.S.

Assessment by G.F.N.Knewstub:- Assuming an arc of vision of the order of 45 degrees, an object flying at Mach 1 at a distance of half a mile from the observer would cross the field of vision in 5 seconds. It be clearly audible and identifiable. At a distance greater than one mile the speed would lie at the limit of aircraft performance while within identifiable range.

MYSTERY FIREBALL FLASHES ACROSS NORTHERN SKY - A mystery object in the sky was seen late last night by hundreds of people in Dundee and parts of Angus and Perthshire, and in the north of England.

Some described it as a bright light, flying noiselessly and tremendously fast in a straight line from west to east at a few thousand feet. Other description from 'a brilliant bright light like a ball with a tail' to 'a pinkish object with a long green tail'. A suggestion that it was a Corporal Missile from the Barra missile range off the West coast of Scotland was refuted by the Air Ministry.

An object seen in the sky over Consett Co. Durham looking like 'the oblong flame of an acetylene burner! Three Darlington men re-

reported seeing a low flying 'white round object' flash across the sky. An Air Ministry spokesman said today that a radar check had not shown anything unusual. A retired R.A.F. officer near Neville's Cross Co. Durham described seeing an incandescent object with a slight green tinge and a long tail like a shower of sparks flying west to east. - Bristol Evening Post, 19th June. Credit British Flying Saucer Bureau for the above two reports.

'FLYING SAUCERS-BY A VICAR - Be ready to meet their owners with friendship, not a gun.

The Reverend F. Vere Hodge, 41 year old Vicar of Kingswood, Surrey considers that 'flying Saucers' are far from being a myth. Spacemen Gagarin and Shepard 'are not the first beings to have flown in space and their capsules are very primitive in design and performance compared with other craft which have been exploring space for many years and particularly - so far as the Earth's corner of space is concerned - for the last twenty years,' he says. 'It has been unfortunate that one type of these craft somewhat resembling a soup-plate upside down was called a 'flying saucer'. This name immediately became a target for humour.

'However, there is now such a weight of evidence coming from all over the world from many competent and reputable observers that it is difficult to see how any fair-minded person who examines the facts can deny the existence of flying machines from outside our Earth.'

Mr Hodge, an officer with the First and Sixth Airborne Divisions during the War adds; 'I think the owners of these machines, probably from Venus or Mars are concerned that we are liable not only to blow ourselves to bits but may damage other worlds in our madness also.'

'I think it is a good thing to accustom ourselves to the idea of them. Then when they do land in numbers - which is quite likely - we can accept them as friendly travellers and not grab a gun and start a terrible war with people who probably more peace-loving and may be better Christians than ourselves.'" - the Evening Standard
Fri. 16 June.

RADIO HEARS SPACEMAN - Bochum West Germany. Friday 1 July Daily Mail. "Bochum Observatory reported tonight it had picked up snippets of a Russian radio conversation, including the words, 'Earth, I am hearing you well', on the Soviet satellite frequencies"-Reuter.

OVERSEAS REPORTS

Reports from UFO-NYT May 1961

20th November 1960 - Gudbjerg on Funen. A drop-shaped lighted object seen flying slowly from west to south. It was seen clearly through binoculars that the object had a corona. There were four witnesses

14th January 1961 - At Linkoping Herr Petterson saw an object travel sideways, backwards and forwards in the sky whilst changing colour

from red to green and vice versa. Duration 10 minutes.

13th March 2.15 pm. Herr Dalskov of Van Løse (suburb of Copenhagen) saw a shining orange object about the size of a 2 krone piece (size of penny). It was shaped like a flat mussel-shell equipped with 3 spheres underneath. From the top and down towards the edge were a number of lines. The object flew with an undulating motion. The speed was estimated to be a couple of hundred k.p.h. (about 125 mph.)

From E.Jensen - "I will just mention an observation I myself had on 11th April from my apartment in Amager (Copenhagen). The time was 11.41 pm. and I had stood for a couple of minutes on the look-out when I suddenly caught sight of first two blue-green objects. A little later (3-4 secs) a third object joined the first two, so that they formed a triangle. After a further 3-4 seconds the objects simply disappeared into thin air. The shape of the objects was oval, the light from them, weak. I am of the opinion that they were telemeter discs."

Translation for us by R.Caswell.

SWITZERLAND-Report from Basla Naachrichten

13 June 1960, 1410 GMT . Duration 2 hours.

Description: A white needle, standing upright in the blue sky, colour white, brightly shining, looked like a rocket. After 5 minutes it was joined by a bigger, similar object, which flew in a zig-zag around the small one, as if looking after it.

A white round object passed over the two 'needles' from North to South, crossing Lago Maggiore. The small upright needle was seen until 1600 hrs. Its position remained constant. The disappearance of the large needle was not observed. (Credit Miss Lou Zinsstag for above)

From the Rev. N.E.G. Cruttwell at the Anglican Mission, Menapi, we have details of two sightings over the Territory. These have been the only sightings in 1960 which he says, 'is surprising after the wave of sightings in 1959. However, I was away on furlough almost the whole year and it is quite possible that other sightings may have occurred... Apparently there were many sightings in Fiji suggesting that their survey had moved eastwards (as was expected)' - Report in next issue.

This report came to my notice which may strike one as amusing - TERRITORIALS DEAL WITH 'SPACEMEN' - Territorials of the 211 field Squadron.. beat off an attack 'from outer space' as part of their trainingⁱⁿ at their summer camp. Shortly after 'men from Mars' landed reconnaissance parties from the squadron were sent over a wide area of Dorset and Somerset to deal with them" - Ev. News and Star June 13.

A WORD ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE BULLETIN - It has been found that the labour in typing stencils, duplicating etc. is halved by this slight reduction in size. The index reports will now be included as a supplement, the whole bulletin containing editorial matter.

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