

The following is an excerpt from an article "Flying the Gusmobile" about the Gemini missions. Published at "Air and Space" magazine July 14, 1998. <http://www.airspacemag.com:80/ASM/Mag/Index/1998/AS/ftgm.html>

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At almost twice the length of Gemini 5, Commander Frank Borman's Gemini 7 mission may have been even more trying, but it grabbed the attention of at least one Hollywood producer.

"Right after we got into orbit we were supposed to 'station keep' or fly formation with the booster," Borman says. "We were flying formation and taking photographs and infrared measurements and I started calling it a 'bogey,' which is an old fighter pilot term. Well, a lot of the UFO freaks on the ground picked this up and said we had seen a UFO because we had referred to our booster as a bogey.

"Just this past year I got a call from a producer at 'Unsolved Mysteries' and they said, 'We read your account about your seeing a UFO on Gemini 7 and would you come on the program?' I told them: 'I'd love to come on your program because I'd love to straighten that out.'

"I explained what it was I saw, and I said, 'I don't think there were UFOs,' and the producer said, 'Well, I'm not sure we want you on the program.' "

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Interview with CBC News space reporter Bill Harwood:

HARWOOD : Were there any other things from your Gemini mission that—and they specifically want you to tell, maybe things that weren't in your book Countdown? Any stories that you've—?

BORMAN : No. I—the interesting thing—one of the interesting things was flying formation with the second stage that put us into orbit and using an infrared sensor to track that. We referred to it as a "bogey" all the time, which was natural, normal parlance for it. And when we got back, True magazine wrote a big story about how we'd been tracking a UFO and all that nonsense. So I've been plagued with that ever since. People say, "Well,"—if you run into UFO circles today, they'll still tell you, well, we saw a UFO. Which is just foolish