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A Prophecy

Both representative UFO encyclopedias of the 1980s, by Mr. Ronald D. Story and by Ms. Margaret Sachs, gave no entry for Mr. George Hunt Williamson; we have to wander about in these thick books to find his name. But he had a strong influence on early Japanese UFO students.

Other Tongues—Other Flesh (#1) is one of his books translated and published by CBA (Cosmic Brotherhood Association), Japanese legendary UFO group, in 1960-1961. I do not judge this book with many patches from other authors to be "a bible for study of saucers and space people," but the following word in a chapter entitled *The Guessers* moved my heart: *If man on Earth can conquer space, then he will extend his miseries to the Universe. . . . The vast astronomical distances which are God's "quarantine" regulations must somehow be overcome.*

I cannot help foretelling that subversive activities to interplanetary travel will appear in the not-too-distant future. Some years ago the UFO world sent "the biggest hacker of all time" off. I do not know whether the anti-space-development radicals who cry "No more Columbus!" also will come from us.

#1 According to Mr. Story, this book was published in 1953. But the CBA version deals with things of 1954. According to Ms. Sachs, published in 1958.

In Appreciation to *SUFOG* and *IRAAP*

In January of this year, I received a printed letter by Mr. Steve Gerrard, the founder and chairman of Southampton UFO Group (SUFOG: Hampshire, UK), with the last issue of his newsletter, *SUFOG Magazine*. The letter told the dissolution of the group founded in 1990.

And in February another printed letter arrived from Mr. Raymond W. Cecot, the organizational director of Independent Researchers' Association for Anomalous Phenomena (IRAAP: Albany, New York State, USA). This letter also told the end of a work: his neatly edited newsletter, *The Messenger*, gave up publishing in print format. Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Cecot are among overseas UFO researchers who showed a favorable response to my first issue of 2001.

SUFOG was very energetic. And they practiced "Sky Watch," that is, waiting for a UFO/UFOs. I sent Mr. Gerrard some of my UFO videos, and he sent me his videos, but my poor language ability hoards this treasure. However, his newsletter brought not a few valuable bits of information to Japan. I shall be very happy if Mr. Gerrard continues being my reader.

Mr. Cecot reproduced numerous articles from this *Criticism* for his readers; it is a great honor to me (of course, those articles were English translation of my English). But in contrast, I could reproduce only one article, a majestic essay written by Mr. Cecot after that September 11, from his newsletter for my Japanese readers; because I concentrate my efforts on this English version *Criticism* these years. IRAAP continues to be, and has its Website (see also the 5th issue p.3).

■The peculiarity of Japan was brought to light in December 2007 (see the last issue p.2). Our politicians need no courage to declare themselves to be a UFO-believer, though Mr. Ryuji Yamane, a Diet man whose interpellation sparked off this fuss (#1), needs a quarrel with his wife (#2). As far as I know, no scientist blamed them. They, Chief Cabinet Secretary, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, were blamed only because of being out of their regular business. A blogger who believes in UFOs blamed them. In short, Japan has never been tormented by UFOs, unlike USA. And May 15, 2008, that Secretary gave his opinion, in unskillful Japanese (#3), about the previous day's UFO-sighting-document-release by the National Archives of UK: "maa (well; now; then) soyu hanashi (that sort of stories; stories like that) wa aru (exist; there are) no kana (I would like to suppose) to omoi masu (I think that) ne (I would like to say; I dare say)."

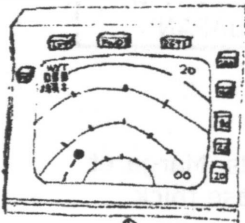
#1 This is the second interpellation on UFOs by him (see the 8th issue p.2).

#2 *Purei-boi* (*Playboy*) magazine, Jan. 21, 2008. The original text is not "wife" but "family."

#3 From *Sankei Shinbun* (*Sankei Newspaper*) Web version May 15, 2008.

Views in Japan: JAL Sighting over Alaska (1986)

デジタルWXレーダーで捕獲した時の画



レンジ 20海里
アイト 0°
7.9海里
0.2海里
緑色 = 雨

At the beginning of 2007, I was planning an exhaustive study on that JAL (Japan Airlines) sighting over Alaska in November 1986, because the December 7 issue, 2006, of *Shukan Shincho* (*Weekly Shincho*), a popular weekly magazine, said that Captain Terauchi regretted his publication to the press.

If space people showed him a UFO or UFOs, if he was elected by space people, I have to help him. When the incident happened I was out of the UFO world, so I have only limited materials. I got a certain person to inform me of Mr. Kenju Terauchi's address. He lives in a prefecture near Tokyo in retirement. However, it was not long before I learned through www.ufoevidence.org that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of USA had already announced his very detailed testimony (#1). I have not yet written to him.

In March 2008 a book entitled *UFO-gaku Nyumon (A Primer of UFOlogy)* was published by Rakko-sha (282 pages, ¥1,600+tax). The author Mr. Ryutaro Minakami, a skeptic, enumerates "some important points that have somehow never been reported in Japan." That is, (1) two airplanes flew toward the JAL plane did not see any UFO; (2) Captain Terauchi is a UFO-sighting repeater; (3) after around two months, and at around the same air spot, Captain Terauchi mistook a reflected light on a cloud for a UFO. But this vague story can satisfy only vague studies.

Captain Terauchi's testimony contains what seems to be the result of his supposition: the side view of the "mother ship" drawn by him that shows a shape like squashed Saturn. He saw this object only as a silhouette made by background city lights. Therefore, to say nothing of the side view, he must not have been able to know even the plan view.

However, it is worthy of notice that his digital weather radar showed a huge round object as the figure (#2) shows. This fact means that it was not an object but a group of numerous objects. A cloud is a group of minute particles, and a radar screen shows us these particles; this is why we can see the hidden side of a cloud on the screen. The round object, 2 kilometers in diameter!, went out of the screen.

Captain Terauchi reminds me of Mr. Kenneth Arnold, who was a UFO-sighting repeater and whose testimony was in a bit of confusion (see the 2nd issue pp.4-5: *UFOs Called Mr. Arnold*). If the JAL airplane met a genuine UFO, we will be able to find simple evidence.

#1 Mr. Ryo Takemoto (1957-), an author of several UFO books, asked Japanese "Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism" to disclose "investigative report documents" on this sighting, and got an answer dated April 25, 2001: " ...there is no administrative document concerned with your demand to disclose" (*Takemoto Report 107*, April 28, 2001, in his Website of those days). I am sure, as a Japanese, that this answer shows not an intrigue but an incompetence of our bureaucrats.

#2 From the Website of Tama-shuppan (tamabook.com), a publishing company specializing in anomalous phenomena. This Website contains Captain Terauchi's long testimony taken from an interview tape, and its English translation. But this Website is not so easy to look for something.

NEW BOOK *UFO wa ...Tondeiru! (UFOs are ...flying!)*
/ March 2008 / 238 pages / A translation of a French good book, *Troubles dans le Ciel (Disorders in the Sky : 2007)*, written by Mr. Jean-Jacques Velasco who commanded the French Government's official UFO investigation for more than 20 years. / Translator: "OVNI Study Society" (Mss. Yuki Fukuda, Kaori Noda, Tetsuko Hatakeyama, and Wakana Saeki) / Publisher: Takarazima-sha (Tokyo) / ¥1,500 + tax (5%) / France was visited by little "Martians" in 1954, and this book introduces three of such events. They took place 29 years before Mr. Velasco took up his post. They were recorded by the Military Police of those days. But not all dents made by 30-ton-power are made by 30-ton-weight object. And four triangular poles can not make four triangular holes on the earth, if those poles are fixed on the bottom of a UFO with an inclination of 45 degrees.

CORRECTIONS

(Page 2 of the Last Issue)

The 12th line:
exolained ⇒ explained

The 13th line:
on sky people ⇒ "on sky people

These resulted from scratches made by the printer to the original.