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ARE BORED UFO PILOTS DIVEBOMBING US?

BORED UFO PILOTS may be amusing themselves by causing automobile accidents, an expert warns.

Leonard Falcone, executive secretary for Pacific UFO Watch in San Francisco, says a sudden spurt in UFO-related accidents and near-accidents in recent years may be caused by UFO-nauts "having a little fun with Earthlings."

Falcone, an astro-engineer at the California Institute of Technology, explains:

"UFOs have been around a long time now and, if their job is to watch us, some of them may be finding the job pretty dull.

"When I was in the Army, serving in Korea, I was assigned as a guard along the 38th Parallel. Nothing ever

happened so, to amuse ourselves, we sometimes shot at hawks, a few cows and, once in a while, scare natives by shooting close to them.

"UFO pilots may be doing something similar to relieve their tedium." According to

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the Center For UFO Studies in Chicago, 440 instances of UFO-related accidents have been reported around the world in recent years.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the center, says he knows no reason for the sudden spurt in such accidents.

Harold Gerson, a member of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) in Seguin, Texas, says the UFO-connected accidents appear to be most common in the Midwest.

"Most are probably the result of fear and/or surprise on the part of drivers," he said. "It's not surprising that a driver would lose

control of his car when he suddenly sees a UFO."

Falcone says that doesn't account for all the accidents.

"In many instances, the UFOs set off some sort of electrochemical or electromagnetic disturbances that cause engines to blow out or stall, cause drivers to lose control of their vehicles or their bodies, and knock out radio reception," he told GLOBE.

Falcone cited these UFO-caused accidents:

- Two teenage brothers from Missouri told investigators and reporters that mysterious lights from a UFO passed over their car, pinning them to their seats and causing their car to zoom off out of control into a ditch as though someone else were driving it.
- In two separate incidents earlier this year, a New York state trooper and a policeman

in Menasha, Wisconsin, chased UFOs for several miles before the mysterious objects suddenly directed blinding beams at them, causing their squad car motors to

"freeze" and their vehicles to run off into ditches.

Falcone says, "So far as I know, no one has been killed or seriously injured in any of the accidents."

Riddle of 440 car crashes

