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UFOs bring out the strange in some

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What have I gotten myself into? Someone spotted the column I wrote in April about people who reported seeing a UFO at Lake Nasworthy and sent it Chris Lambricht, who is a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies. Chris wrote me a letter and we also talked on the phone.

Here's the thing: Chris thinks there may be something to this, and he wants to hear from the people who reported the sightings. He has seen the letters, and he said there was information in them that had been reported in other sightings, but which the general public probably wouldn't know.

Chris also took note of the similarities in descriptions of the UFOs, but he said he has a "healthy degree of skepticism" and wants to talk to the people. "However, if several independent witnesses could be found (we still have to be certain that the same person did not write the three letters) who witnessed this object, then the incident becomes more believable and significant."

Chris asked if I would write about this again but requested that I not "give out any significant details so we could distinguish between any potentially valid reports and any hoaxers. . . It has been estimated that, on an average, for every sighting that is



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reported nine go unreported, so perhaps there are other witnesses who for one reason or another have kept quiet."

Since I don't know any significant details, it won't be difficult for me to keep my mouth shut. Besides, I'm still wondering how I got in the middle of this. It's all a little unsettling, if you want to know the truth. I feel pretty strange writing about UFOs. It's not too, uh, normal. Not only that, if this is all for real, I'm not crazy about the idea of being a go-between since some aliens who like their privacy might find out about it and get cranky.

Anyway, I was pleased to learn that Chris wasn't just going to swallow those reports before checking them thoroughly. He told me he had personal involvement with just

four or five UFO sightings that he considered legitimate. "The first thing I intend to do is to see if I can find some way to substantiate that the people aren't in cahoots," he said. He doesn't think that's the case, but he wants to make sure.

Right now, he said it looks "intriguing." Chris said that if he can locate the witnesses, "it could be an extremely compelling case."

OK, you folks know who you are. One of you signed your name. Another signed his letter "Teacher X" and the other gave a first name and last initial and added, "an excited citizen." Chris said that any information given would be kept confidential and no names would be released without prior consent.

If you want to write to him, address your letters to Christian P. Lambricht, 9944 Walnut Street, No. 1093, Dallas, Tx. 75243. Or you can call him at (214) 234-1685 or (214) 644-9390.

And you'd better do it. I've gone out on a limb here. People are starting to wonder about me, and Chris promised to let me know how this thing turns out so I can have some evidence to prove that I'm not strange. . .