



UFO—Gulf Breeze, Florida

# UFO'S

## PROOF POSITIVE

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It seems that the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) phenomenon has boomed into the international public consciousness this year;

In Maryland the government appears to be focusing a great deal of energy into top secret projects involving facilities along the Chesapeake Bay. These projects seem to be attracting the interest of intelligently guided alien crafts of all sizes, shapes and capabilities. Reported evidence by Maryland research efforts has attracted the enthusiastic attention of Congressman Tom McMillen; and has involved correspondence directly with the President of the United States and top naval military officials.

In years past, as if on command from some cyclic wave signal, stories and headlines would surface to record a series of events involving UFO's; and occasionally include direct contact of some form. In 1968 a series of UFO related 'skyquakes' occurred and were officially reported by the Mexican government. Since then New Zealand, Australia, England and New York state became the focus of attention spawning best selling books like "Night Siege", "Above Top Secret", "Missing Time", "Communion" and "Intruders". These books detail alien abductions of human beings and the worldwide governmental efforts to cover it all up. But there was the evasive and compelling question, "Where's the Evidence? Why don't they land on the white House lawn in front of TV cameras?"

This past year it finally happened! On August 21, 1988 the Joint Chiefs of Staff met at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida, to review the events that had been occurring there. It all started on Veteran's Day in 1987 when an area businessman, from Gulf Breeze, just across Pensacola Bay, encountered an alien UFO craft witnessed that day by several other residents of this small Northwest Florida community. He took daylight pictures with a Polaroid camera, and it didn't end there, with him or the pictures.

Attempts by alleged government officials to confiscate the photos were foiled when the alien visitors returned twenty-two times over the next six months. Eighteen times more pictures were taken as well as a videotaped flight of a UFO over the adjacent high school.

After two landings, one leaving physical trace evidence, and a series of encounters by several dozen other residents, it became the most compelling evidence of the existence of UFO's in forty years of investigation into the phenomenon.

"What is the single most compelling piece of evidence that proves this case valid?", is one of the most often asked questions by those unfamiliar with the Gulf Breeze Case.

In the final analysis of the Gulf Breeze UFO Photographic Sightings Case, it's not the photographs or the 8 mm Home Video of the Flying UFO, or the landing site, or any one particular sighting or piece of physical evidence that makes this case authentic.

The people behind the story make this case believable in spite of it's incredibility. The UFO Phenomenon is rich in a foundation of historical documentation. This case has a certain uniqueness with no precedence in the available literature. It has challenged the investigation team to the core of their individual areas of expertise.

Putting the case into perspective however, has been an even greater challenge. There is probably no single piece of the puzzle that would conclusively validate the case. Given adequate resources the photographic evidence probably could be duplicate. Missing however is evidence that any of the principals in this case, involving over a year of active UFO sightings, has the technological background, resources or ability to duplicate the evidence.

So ultimately we must evaluate the human factors. We must ask ourselves, "Can more than 135 witnesses be lying

about what they saw? Is it possible for a dozen well trained investigators and professionals to be so naive and incompetent as to allow even a sophisticated hoax to go undetected before their eyes for more than a year? Are at least nine victims of missing time collectively hallucinating? And how can we deny the concerns of a mother whose three year old daughter has, since last summer, reported ghosts in her room, ghosts with big black eyes, who take her away and bring her back. Upon seeing photos of the UFO's, the child told her mother that she'd seen that and had been in it!

The photographic and video evidence in the Gulf Breeze case was brought to my attention approximately two months after the first reported UFO sightings, on November 11, 1987. An exhaustive series of polygraph tests were conducted on the primary photographer in the case, one of five known to the investigative staff. It seemed pertinent under the circumstances that additional methods be employed to verify the truthfulness of the witnesses. Following a background check of the primary photographer (with his verbal permission), various investigation interviews were subjected to Voice Stress Analysis. State of the art Psychological Stress Evaluator equipment operated by one of the nation's top expert analysts was used. No reactions in the analysis indicated that any of the three witnesses interviewed were telling anything short of the truth about what they had observed.

On May 9th, 1988, I initiated an official appeal for assistance through the Office of the President of the United States and various members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Government and/or military interest in the events that were occurring in Gulf Breeze, was quite apparent in light of newspaper reports bearing photographs of vessels with elaborate radar gear, military vehicles with telescoping radar gear (all deployed in the vicinity

of the sightings) and a reported visit to the primary photographer's residence by purported officials requesting original photographic materials.

Responses received from the Office of the Secretary of the Navy revealed concern over evidence of federal airspace rules violations, responses from congressional representation revealed concern over human rights violations. The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare) ultimately declined to investigate, citing scarce Navy financial and personnel resources. It might be interesting to note that in a civilian capacity, Navy physicist, Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee conducted an extensive photo analysis of the evidence and found no evidence contrary to the existence of anomalous objects in the photographs.

The evaluatable evidence in this case is abundant and is available for close scrutiny. It is imperative to note that no specialist, to date, has been capable of duplicating even one single piece of the evidence and I've personally witnessed a number of such attempts. One day someone will inevitably duplicate some of the evidence as will we one day be capable of duplicating the technology many have witnessed this year. But for now we must consider, has an alien culture from the stars initiated a long awaited Glasnost Policy of their own. If indeed that is the case, what will it mean to our society and the rest of the peoples of the Planet Earth in the years to come!

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