

KIDNAPPERS FROM OUTER SPACE

AFTER the long and intensive exploration of the amazing case of Barney and Betty Hill a number of points emerge which are not contested by any of the experts who examined the couple:

- A SIGHTING** of some sort took place.
- THE OBJECT** sighted appeared to have been a craft.
- THE SIGHTING** caused a severe emotional reaction.

THE ANXIETY and apprehension caused by their inter-racial marriage—she is white, he is coloured—served to intensify the emotional response to the sighting.

THE HILLS had no ulterior motives to create such a story. They had confined their experience to a small group of people for four years.

THE CASE was investigated by several technical and scientific persons who support the possibility of the reality of the experience.

THERE IS a measurable amount of direct physical circumstantial evidence to support the validity of the experience.

UNDER hypnosis by a qualified psychiatrist, both the Hills told almost identical stories of what had taken place during the amnesia.

DARE WE BE SCEPTICAL? The poet Tennyson wrote:

"Maybe wildest dreams are but the needful preludes of the truth."

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BETTY HILL: "Not just dreams..."

BARNEY HILL: "Understood their thoughts..."

NOT LYING' a Saucer?

happened — didn't they happen in your dreams? Couldn't this all have been in your dreams?

BETTY: No.

DOCTOR: How can you account in this experience for these men who seemed to speak our language and yet didn't know a lot of things about our lives. You felt they came from another world, didn't you?

BETTY: Ummm—yes.

DOCTOR: Did you feel that they could communicate with you in any other way than words? Were they able to transfer thoughts?

BETTY: I don't know about thoughts.

DOCTOR: Have you been able to transfer your thoughts to those of someone else?

BETTY: Barney and I are always saying things together.

hills. The implications are self-evident, and it is now to continue the interviews at a subconscious level."

Some weeks later, Dr. Simon asked Betty: "Do you recall much of your experience now?"

BETTY: Yes, I think so. I've had a couple of nightmares again. . . . And Barney's been having nightmares all week. Are they going to come back?

DOCTOR: Are you going to come back?

BETTY: The UFO. The people on it. We are quite convinced that they are going to come back and . . . And I think this is because—because they had told us to look about it. And we looked.

ON APR. 3, 1964, the day of the next session, the Hills knew they were going to hear some of the tape-recordings.

Betty's reaction was: "I began to get scared. I said to myself, 'Oh, good Lord—I'd just as soon go home and not hear them!'"

Said Barney: "I felt so overwhelmed and relieved. Now parts of my life that had been missing were added to it again." The

playback of the recordings stimulated release of further details into their conscious minds.

Barney found himself remembering that "The men had rather odd-shaped heads, with a large cranium, diminishing in size as it got toward the chin. And the eyes continued around to the sides of their heads, so that it appeared that they could see several degrees beyond the lateral extent of our vision."

"And something that I remembered, after listening to the tapes, is the mouth itself. I could not describe the mouth before.

"But it was much like when you draw one horizontal line, with a short perpendicular line on each end. This horizontal line would represent the lips without the muscle that we have."

"The texture of the skin was greyish, almost metallic looking. I didn't notice any hair—or head-gear for that matter. Also, I didn't notice any nose, just two slits that represented the nostrils."

WAS THE EXPERIENCE DREAM OR REALITY?

In a sense, among the principals, there were three points of view. Dr.

Simon felt he could accept the probability that the Hills had had an experience with an unusual aerial phenomenon.

He felt that the "abduction" itself was improbable. Betty felt that the hypnosis had demonstrated marked evidence that her dreams were a reflection and remembrance of reality.

Barney vacillated between these points of view, although his ultimate conclusion was that he could not distinguish between known reality and the sequence of events that finally came out under hypnosis.

In other words, once the amnesia was overcome, he could sense no difference between what he remembered consciously and what he recalled revealed under hypnosis.

The entire journey had been a complete uninterrupted continuum, including the "abduction" sequence.

AS the sessions drew to a close, the question of illusion or reality dominated the discussions.

The doctor pointed out that he was not going to say it was either; ultimately the acceptance or non-acceptance of the occurrence would have to rest with the Hills.

So there are no final answers.

Barney and Betty Hill are not crusading to convert non-believers or sceptics into acceptance of the phenomenon.

They are content now to let their story speak for itself.