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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

By Jimmy Ward

In the annals of UFOlogy, one often runs across tales of someone being hit by a beam of light, knocked down, paralyzed, and often blinded for a time. There are stories of victims being burnt, becoming violently ill and even developing leukemia which soon kills. But what about the other side of the coin? What about those who have been helped or even cured of some illness? It is rarely, if ever, mentioned outside of the tabloid press. Indeed, it is generally considered too unbelievable to even consider.

In the summer of 1973, Bernadette Gomes, the daughter of a wealthy Brazilian general, fell ill with incurable Chagas disease. Within weeks she had puffed out like a balloon and was taken to Santa Lucia Hospital in Brasilia where the family was informed that "her time was near." Not willing to accept this finality, and against the pleas of the doctors, the general took his daughter to the country's leading psychic. They were taken, along with a journalist named Luiz Macedo, to a clearing in the jungle. There they waited in the car. Suddenly a blue light descended from the sky and landed about 150 yards away. The psychic, Wilson Gusmao, walked into the glow and then returned for Bernadette. Ten minutes later they returned and the light rose up and was gone. Bernadette had two noticeable puncture marks on her neck and left arm. The following day the girl reentered the hospital and four days later she was released in "perfect health".

Fantastic? Certainly. Unbelievable? It does stretch the imagination. But there are the medical records of a "miracle" cure.

Another even more bizarre report also comes from Brazil. In 1957 a Rio de Janeiro woman was dying of stomach cancer. Seven members of her family were gathered at her bedside when a beam of light came through her bedroom window. As the seven looked on in shock, a saucer-shaped UFO landed in the yard and two small beings emerged. They entered the room and appeared to perform surgery on the

woman's stomach. Doctors later said it was a case of "spontaneous" cure.

In 1965, deputy sheriff William McCoy and deputy Robert Goode were patrolling Highway 36 near Denton, Texas, when a huge saucer flew overhead and shot a beam of intense light into the car. Goode had his left arm and hand resting on the window and felt an intense wave of heat from the light. The day before he had been bitten on his index finger by his son's pet alligator and the wound was infected and swollen. He soon noticed that the throbbing had stopped and, stripping off the bandage, he saw the swelling was gone and his finger almost healed.

Aime Michel wrote in Flying Saucer Review about a doctor who was cured. Dr. "X", as he was called, was partially paralyzed on his right side as a result of having stepped on a mine during the Algerian war. He walked with a noticeable limp. On November 1, 1968, he wounded his left leg with an axe while chopping wood and was in severe pain. About 3:00 the following morning, he got up to feed his infant son and noticed a flashing light outside. Going to investigate he saw two lighted disks moving toward him until they were perhaps 200 yards away. A beam of light shot out toward him but went over his head. Then the disk tilted forward causing the beam to hit him squarely. He covered his eyes to shield them from the intense glare and when he was able to look again, they had just "dematerialized". A short time later his wife noticed he was not limping and upon examining his wounded leg observed no swelling and only a thin scar where the axe wound had been. The pain had gone too. Several days later, the doctor began to gain control of his right arm and leg, and today has normal movement—no paralysis remains.

There have been hundreds of UFO-related cures over the years and all over the world, ranging from "clearing up acne" to enigmatic treatments and cures such as those related above. Many are fully documented—medical records,

x-rays, test results, etc., yet almost all are explained away as merely "spontaneous recovery". But what IS spontaneous recovery anyway? When a body malfunctions, it is ill; when it functions properly, it is well. Medication and even surgery can certainly turn a malfunctioning body into a functional one; but these are cures, not spontaneous recoveries. Only when the cause of the cure is unknown is it spontaneous.

If we ignore the alleged personal contact treatments and examine the beam cures, we may find a possible answer as to how the body is

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healed as well as damaged. The body is a very complex electro-biological organism with billions of electrical circuits, switches and regulators all operating from a central control panel—the human brain. We stick a finger in a fire and electrical impulses rush to the brain saying "HOT! DANGER!". A circuit cuts in automatically and sends a message to the muscles saying "Remove that finger immediately!", and at once an involuntary reflex pulls the finger out of danger without any conscious effort on our part. It is well established that the state of the human mind can cause a number of serious illnesses, the most common being ulcers. Conversely, the mind can bring about cures from some illnesses as well. A closer look at how the body operates is in order here.

Every organ, gland, muscle, part of the body, etc. is linked to the central nervous system through a system of nerve cells that relay minute electrical impulses. These impulses do not travel along a biological "wire" *per se*, but rather through individual nerve cells whose ends are near but not touching the ends of other cells. A cell stores the electrical charges it receives until a critical mass is reached. It then discharges and this discharge jumps the gap between cells and charges the next cell in line.

The discharged cell must rest for a time before it can recharge and discharge again. All this takes so little time that the effect appears to be a virtually continuous flow of electricity. A cell can malfunction and in severe cases seriously affect the normal rhythm of flow. An extreme and dramatic example of this can be seen on many TV shows. A patient's heart starts beating rapidly and then suddenly stops. "Paddles" are applied to the chest and a jolt of electricity is sent through the body. The monitor shows a smooth, straight line that slowly turns into peaks and valleys as the heart begins to beat regularly again.

The nerve cells controlling the heartbeat began to charge and discharge erratically, causing various parts of the heart to beat out of synch and affecting other nerve cells nearby. Eventually this charging and discharging became so chaotic that the heart was unable to respond and it stopped. The jolt of electricity sent through the body caused all nerve cells in the affected area to discharge simultaneously and go into the rest phase. Without any further stimulus from other "resting cells" nearby, these cells remained inactive until the normal control impulses made their way to them as can be seen on the monitor, the peaks and valleys increasing in amplitude. Some electromagnetic fields can also produce these effects but to a much lesser degree. So, an exposure to such a field could, at least in theory, reset the timing of the nerve cells and, as a result, cause the body to become ill or, conversely, heal it.

Is this what happens to people who have encounters with UFOs? It is widely known that many UFOs have electromagnetic fields surrounding them. This is why some skeptics insist UFOs are nothing more than plasma or ball-lightning. Is this why UFO-nauts are so often reported wearing one-piece jumpsuits? Instead of modesty or uniforms, these suits could be protection from exposure to the EM field. This would explain why they remain unaffected by even harmful fields while humans are not. Perhaps one day we may learn the truth, but until then the next time you see a UFO on the ground be very careful. Remember what the Surgeon General says about cigarettes—they "may be hazardous to your health."



NOW IT'S THE ANTI-CHRIST V/S THE GULF BREEZE SIX

Gulf Breeze, Florida: UFO sightings, photographs, alleged abductions by alien beings, claims and counter-claims; a major book by Ed Walters (who experienced most of the sightings and took most of the photographs), followed by bizarre disclosures from a young man who says it's all a hoax and that he helped Walters perpetrate it! Then one of the major private UFO organizations (MUFON) holds a convention in near-by Pensacola, has Walters as a featured speaker, and endorses him 100%. The city, the public, and UFO enthusiasts take sides; and the whole thing begins to take on the appearance of the mid-summer silly season.

As if that isn't enough, on July 13th (Friday, as fate would have it) Gulf Breeze police routinely stopped a van with a broken tail light and discovered its driver was a soldier who had been reported missing four days earlier from the 701st Military Intelligence Brigade in Augsburg, West Germany. His detainment led to the arrest of five other AWOL soldiers who were staying at a nearby apartment (occupied by one Anna Foster, an alleged lady friend of one of the soldiers who was identified by a local TV station as "a self-styled psychic") and a local campground. All, according to military sources, were members of an Army-N.S.A. (National Security Agency) unit whose mission it is to intercept and decode enemy messages during wartime, and all reportedly held Top Secret clearances. (This report, however, is inconsistent with information received from our own sources here at Fair-Witness, which indicates that "the six" held only collateral Secret clearances and were not cleared for either Top Secret or Crypto material.) Early reports stated that all were also members of a radical fundamentalist Christian cult known as "End of the World". According to the European edition of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes, the six destroyed or gave away personal belongings and left "doodles" saying "End of the World" behind before leaving Germany on or about July 9th. The ages of the five men and one

woman ranged from 26 to 19. After their arrest, all six were held incommunicado for a time at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and later transferred to Ft. Knox, Kentucky while the government considered filing charges of desertion. Then, around August 1st, the six were stripped of their security clearances, given general discharges from the Army, and quietly released without further explanation to the press.

So what were they doing in Gulf Breeze, Florida? Strangely enough, according to press releases and news reports, their purpose was allegedly to hunt down and kill the anti-Christ, whom they believed to be living in that area. Once this was accomplished, according to the man who sold them the van, they would all meet on a Pensacola beach in October and be taken up to heaven in "the Rapture"—an event anticipated by many right-wing fundamentalists who believe the faithful will be swept off the planet and into heaven at the end of the age.

So who is this alleged anti-Christ, and why did they expect to find him (her?, it?) in Gulf Breeze? That's where things begin to get a bit confused (as if they weren't already). Perhaps the anti-Christ is none other than Ed Walters himself, or perhaps he (it?) is an infant child conceived as the result of demonic space aliens having abducted and impregnated its mother. It's not certain just who (or what) these six believed they were looking for. It is, however, a fairly common belief among certain fundamentalists that UFOs represent demonic forces preparing to take over and enslave the planet; and Gulf Breeze certainly has had its share of sightings (more than 200 on record) over the past three years. Since the focus of these sightings has been Ed Walters, it is conceivable that "End of the World" believed him to either be the anti-Christ surrounded and being served by his evil minions in UFOs, or some vile entity placed there by the powers of darkness to oversee the forthcoming demonic birth (a sort of anti-John the Baptist).

As if this story wasn't bizarre enough already, it took another strange twist when three of the six ex-soldiers returned to the Gulf Breeze area immediately after their release. There they told a television reporter that they had never been interested in either the Rapture or the anti-Christ, and that they had come back to Florida for no other reason than to visit a friend.



UFO SIGHTING REPORT

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 1990
TIME: Approx. 10:31 PM (PST)
DURATION: 45-60 seconds
LOCATION: Beverly Hills, California, near intersection of Bedford and Roxbury Sts.
AZIMUTH: 80-85 degrees.
CONDITIONS: Extremely clear, no clouds, haze or overcast. Wind barely discernable.

While walking from car to nearby apartment, rapidly moving, pulsating object passed overhead moving north to south at very high altitude. Brightness about that of 1st or 2nd magnitude star. Apparent diameter was about 1/3 the size of a dime held at arm's length. No sound was heard. Object did not appear to be satellite or aircraft. About half-way into sighting, object appeared to slow momentarily, changed course to slightly more southerly direction, and then picked up speed. Shortly thereafter, object began a steep climb and ascended out of sight. Pulsation or blinking (not twinkling) of object atypical of navigation lights—indeed, entire object seemed to pulsate.

Barry E. Taff

UFO SIGHTING REPORT

DATE: January 13, 1981 (Report submitted 4/19/90)
TIME: Approx. 3:30 PM (PST)

DURATION: Estimated at 5 min.
LOCATION: 15000 block of Arminta St., Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: Southeast to northwest
CONDITIONS: Unknown

I was standing in the doorway of my shop speaking to Mr. Robert Cataldo, one of my customers, when I looked into the sky towards the east and noticed an unusual aerial object moving from southeast to northwest over the eastern San Fernando valley. After calling it to Mr. Cataldo's attention, I went inside and got a solid-frame 20x telescope with which to get a better look.

The main body of this object was cylindrical in shape with ogive ends (i.e. the ends didn't come to a point, they were rounded off). The long axis of the cylinder appeared to be horizontal and it was slightly off-white in color. Emplaced on top was a box-like structure, the base of which was radiused into the top of the cylinder. The base of this "cabin" appeared to be twice as long as its height. Trailing width, when visible, appeared to be slightly less than half the base, with slight inward curve at top. There also appeared to be two window-like structures on the side of this "cabin" facing us. These were elliptical in shape and, judging by the way they reflected light, appeared to be convex. The entire "cabin" seemed to be surrounded by a black-colored "belt" which passed right across the "windows" and appeared to protrude a few inches out from the surface of the craft. We could not discern any doors or hatches, nor could we make out any sign of fasteners, rivets, welds, joints or written symbols or insignia. Also, no propellers, rotors, intake or exhaust ducts, control surfaces or vapor trails were apparent. Motion was uniform, and based upon apparent speed and the way it reflected light, I strongly doubt it was "lighter than air". Object disappeared over the San Gabriel mountains at the north end of the valley.

David Katzman
Robert Cataldo



ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH!

An Editorial By William L. Moore & Jaime H. Shandera

Did a Balloon Crash at Roswell?" is the title of a two page piece by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle which appears in the current (July-August, 1990) issue of the International UFO Reporter published by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Illinois. While we have no problems with the tone or thrust of the article, which concludes, as we did much earlier, that whatever crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, on July 2, 1947, was clearly not a balloon, we have some very serious reservations about the much touted claim that the Schmitt/Randle effort is "original" research. We also have problems with the competency and motivations of these two characters. Let's take a look.

Whereas Schmitt, Randle and their colleagues at CUFOS have continuously ballyhooed their claim that S/R's forthcoming book Roswell is the product of "original" research, and that "it is the result of an extensive independent investigation based on primary source material"¹, this particular excerpt provides us with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that this just isn't true—that in fact the S/R book relies upon and liberally borrows (without due credit or permission) from material previously published by Moore, Berlitz, Friedman and Shandera.

Specifically, the S/R piece constructs its case upon 8 principal points as follows:

(1) *The men of the 509th Bomb Group stationed at Roswell Army Air Base that summer of 1947 were an elite group—the only atomic bomb group in the world at that time. S/R argue that such men "selected for their expertise, training and skills" would have been able to recognize the Roswell object as a the wreckage of a balloon if indeed that's all it was.*

(2) *In a similar case involving the crash of an*

actual balloon with attached radar target near Circleville, Ohio, everyone involved with the find immediately recognized the object for what it was. By extrapolation, S/R argue that had the Roswell object been of a similar nature, it would have been similarly recognized.

(3) *W.W. "Mac" Brazel, the rancher who first discovered the Roswell object, had found real weather balloons in the past, and knew what they looked like. The wreckage he found bore no resemblance to such similar finds.*

(4) *Brazel's closest neighbors, Floyd and Loretta Proctor could not recognize the material either. Further, their description of the wreckage's very unusual characteristics tallied with that given by Maj. Jesse Marcel, Roswell Base intelligence officer, by Counterintelligence Corps agent Lewis Rickett and by one Robert Smith. S/R make special reference to ultra-thin metallic-like material which could not be dented with a sledge hammer, and to unusual strands of material which resembled "fiber optics."*

(5) *Maj. Marcel's description of the crash site did not tally with what one would have expected from a balloon.*

(6) *Civilians who tried to get to the crash site were turned away by a military roadblock, an unusual precaution for a mere weather device.*

(7) *The crash site was swept clean of debris by a team of military men, another unusual precaution for a balloon.*

(8) *Brazel was held in Roswell by the military for a week and forced to take an oath of secrecy before he was released.*

While all of these are certainly valid points, and while all of them together definitely suggest that the Roswell object was not an ordinary, garden variety weather balloon or radar target

device, we must take serious exception to the Schmitt/Randle claim that this sort of plagiarism represents "original" research or that it derives from an "independent investigation based on primary source material." In fact, it is patently obvious that every one of the eight points above has been liberally lifted from previously published material without due credit or permission! Consider:

(A) *The observation concerning the special status and degree of expertise of the men of the 509th was made on page 62 of The Roswell Incident and again on pages 3-4 of the 1981 Friedman-Moore MUFON paper "The Roswell Incident: Beginning of the Cosmic Watergate." Nothing new here, and certainly not "original" research.*

(B) *Reports of the Circleville, Ohio balloon incident were discovered by William Moore while conducting research for The Roswell Incident in 1979, and an account of it, complete with witness Sherman Campbell's name, appears on page 37 of that book. It is highly doubtful that Schmitt/Randle would have known of it without Moore's prior work, yet no credit is given. Worse, their piece reports that it occurred "a few days earlier" than the Roswell Incident when in fact it occurred three days later, on July 5, 1947. In this instance we have a double fault: unoriginal research and erroneous reportage!*

(C) *The fact that Mac Brazel had discovered the wreckage of two weather balloons previously and that he thus had some knowledge of their appearance can be found accurately set forth on page 87 of The Roswell Incident. Once again, this is neither a new nor an "original" revelation; nor, since the source for it had to have been Mac Brazel's son Bill, was the information obtained by means of an "independent investigation" using "primary source material." Rather, it was conveniently lifted from previously published material and then merely verified by contacting Mr. Brazel.*

(D) *Testimony from Floyd and Loretta Proctor is reported on pages 77 and 83-85 of The Roswell Incident and elaborated upon in several of the subsequently published update papers. Moreover, Floyd passed away several years ago and thus could not possibly have been one of S/R's sources as is implied in their excerpt. Equally,*

references to Maj. Jesse Marcel's description of wreckage cannot possibly have been obtained first-hand by S/R since Marcel had also died before they began their effort. Virtually identical descriptions of the wreckage and its unusual characteristics can be found in the Moore/Berlitz/Friedman/Shandera material. Former CIC agent Lewis "Bill" Rickett was located and first interviewed by Moore, and an account of this appears in his exhaustive 1985 update paper "Crashed UFOs: Evidence in the Search for Proof", pgs. 40-43 as well as in Moore/Shandera's "Roswell Revisited" (FOCUS 6/30/90, p. 17 ff). As for S/R's statement that certain parts of the wreckage resembled "fiber optics", it was none other than Moore himself who suggested this analogy to Bill Brazel (S/R's source for the term) during a conversation with him at his dinner table in 1982!

(E) *As we have already pointed out, S/R could not possibly have obtained Maj. Marcel's description of the crash site from Maj. Marcel, unless of course they did so via seance. Consequently, this material had to have been lifted from previously published accounts, yet S/R carefully avoid either citing or crediting same thus leaving the reader with the erroneous impression that it derived from their own "original" research. Foul!*

(F) *The fact that numerous civilians tried to get to the crash site and were turned back by the military is not "original" research either. Rather, it can be found reported on pages 88-89 of The Roswell Incident as well as on page 12 of the Moore/Shandera piece "Roswell Revisited".*

(G) *Equally, the fact that the crash site was swept clean by a team of military men has been previously reported by Moore and Friedman in several different writings, most specifically in The Roswell Incident on page 89. It is certainly nothing the Schmitt/Randle team dug out by means of an "independent investigation" or discovered through "original" research.*

(H) *The same thing goes for the report that Mac Brazel was held incommunicado at Roswell for a week by the military, or that he was sworn to secrecy before his release. Indeed, this is either reported or referenced in virtually all of the previously published material, yet by reading the Schmitt/Randle excerpt one would be led to be-*

lieve that they had dug it out themselves.

In summary, there is not one single example of original research anywhere in Schmitt/Randle's entire excerpt; nor is there one single hint that they obtained leads, facts and ideas from previously published material. Indeed, the average reader encountering this material for the first time would be erroneously led to believe that Schmitt/Randle had done it all themselves. Why they insist in such blatant misrepresentation is anybody's guess. For our part, we suspect that both ego and greed play a large part in it.

Ego and greed aren't the only problems here, however. Far more serious is the question of competence. Take for example S/R's insistence upon misreporting what happened once Maj. Marcel and his planeload of wreckage arrived at Ft. Worth Army Air Base on July 8, 1947. "Once in Fort Worth, Marcel was photographed with a balloon. It was not, Marcel said, the real wreckage." So state Schmitt/Randle on page two of their excerpt (IUR op. cit., pg.5). Remember that Marcel is dead, and that the only interviews with him exist in previously published material. Consequently, either S/R can't read, or they have miraculously managed to receive contradictory messages from the beyond. Here is what Marcel had to say about that very matter, as quoted on page 68 of The Roswell Incident:

"They took one picture of me on the floor holding up some of the less-interesting metallic debris.... The stuff in that one photo was pieces of the actual stuff we had found. It was not a staged photo. Later, they cleared out our wreckage and substituted some of their own. Then they allowed more photos.... I was not in these."

Marcel, of course, was mistaken in his belief that wreckage was substituted before other photos were taken, and it was that mistaken belief which led to erroneous conclusions about the event which can be found in The Roswell Incident. (What seems very unusual and at the same time very revealing here is that these same erroneous conclusions are repeated by Schmitt/Randle in their allegedly "original" version of the event. Either this is an extremely

unfortunate coincidence, or it is evidence of plagiarism pure and simple!) All of this, of course, was ultimately sorted out by Jaime Shandera, whose well-researched piece "Three Hours that Shook the Press" accurately reconstructs the sequence of events and sets the record straight (FOCUS, 6/30/90, pg.3). At the same time, Shandera's research exposes and virtually demolishes an earlier Schmitt/Randle excerpt on the same subject. (See S/R's "Ft. Worth, July 8, 1947: The Cover-up Begins", IUR, Mar-Apr '90, pg.21 as well as Shandera's additional, and as yet unpublished, critical piece "CUFOS Goes to Roswell: the Disaster Begins" which is available from us for the asking.) Unfortunately we seem to have strayed from the point here, which is that Schmitt/Randle report Maj. Marcel as saying that he was photographed with the wreckage of a balloon when Marcel himself clearly stated that the material he was photographed with was "the actual stuff". Whether or not balloon wreckage was later substituted has nothing to do with the fact that S/R have seriously misreported here.

Misreporting seems to be something they are good at. Not only does Shandera cite no less than 29 instances of it as well as 22 instances of "lifted" information in the 26 paragraphs of S/R's previous piece (both op.cit. above), but still more examples of the same problem can be found S/R's "Did a Balloon Crash at Roswell" piece which is the subject of the present editorial. For example, S/R state (IUR, op.cit. pg.5) that when rancher Mac Brazel first came into Roswell with some of the wreckage he had found, he "showed some of it to the Chaves County sheriff, George A. Wilcox, who thought enough of it to call the military at Roswell Army Air Field. Maj. Marcel, Col. William Blanchard, the 509th commanding officer, and a counter-intelligence (CIC) agent in civilian clothes responded to the call. Unable to identify the material easily, Blanchard dispatched Marcel and the CIC agent to the Brazel ranch." Reading this, one would naturally conclude that all three men went to the sheriff's office and that Marcel and the CIC agent (S. W. Cavitt) were dispatched directly from there. Now read what Maj. Marcel had to say about the sequence of events in his own words (The Roswell Incident, pg.63):

"We heard about it on July 7 (sic. typographical error: should read July 6. Ed.) when we got a call from the county sheriff's office at Roswell. I was eating lunch at the officers' club when the call came through saying that I should go out and talk to Brazel. The sheriff said that Brazel had told him something had exploded over Brazel's ranch and that there was a lot of debris scattered around.

"I finished my lunch and went into town to talk to this fellow. When I heard what he had to say, I decided that this was a matter that had better be brought to the attention of the colonel (Colonel Blanchard) right away and let him decide what ought to be done. I wanted Brazel to accompany me back to the base with his truck, but he said he

....They had blantly lied to us all along concerning their motives and intentions....misrepresenting themselves as friends wishing to assist us in our efforts....

had some things to do first and could meet me somewhere in an hour or so. I arranged for him to meet me at the sheriff's office and went back to see the colonel.

"In my discussion with the colonel, we determined that a downed aircraft of some unusual sort might be involved, so the colonel said I had better go out there, and to take whatever I needed and go. I and a CIC (Counterintelligence Corps) agent from West Texas by the name of Cavitt... followed this man out to his ranch...."

Since Marcel, Blanchard and Sheriff Wilcox are all dead (Blanchard and Wilcox for many years), and since Schmitt/Randle state elsewhere that Cavitt refused to talk to them²; Marcel's previously published account of the affair is the only first-hand version extant. And since Marcel's reliability as a witness has never been successfully challenged, we can only wonder why S/R have seen fit to change the facts for no apparent reason. Blanchard clearly did not "respond to the call" by accompanying Marcel to the sheriff's office, nor did Cavitt, who (ac-

cording to what Marcel told Moore in 1982) came into the picture only after Marcel had asked him to go along on the trip to the ranch. Given the facts, it would appear that Schmitt/Randle are guilty of a serious misrepresentation of events here.

They commit yet another gaffe when they make the unqualified statement (IUR, op.cit. p.4) that "the Army announced within hours that Mac Brazel had discovered a balloon." How they get "within hours" out of a sequence of events that began with Mac Brazel's discovery of the wreckage on the morning of July 3rd, continued through his reporting of the event to the Chaves County sheriff on July 6th resulting in Marcel and Cavitt's trip to the ranch site that same day, the return of Marcel and Cavitt the evening of the 7th, the press release from Roswell Air Base on the morning of July 8th, and finally, Gen. Ramey's weather balloon announcement that evening, one cannot imagine. Even discounting the three day lag before Brazel reported his find, the military's involvement with the wreckage was well over two days old by the time Ramey provided his balloon explanation to the press—hardly a time frame which falls within what one would normally interpret the phrase "within hours" to mean.

Since CUFOS spent considerable time extolling the virtues of the Schmitt/Randle reinvestigation of The Roswell Incident, we naturally expected that the results would be exemplary—a crowning tribute by an independent team to Moore, Berlitz, Friedman and Shandera's many years of dedication to getting the facts of The Roswell Incident before the public in a fair and accurate way. What we have found in the several portions of their work we have seen so far however, is nothing short of a journalistic outrage! Misplaced facts, great leaps or absolute absence of logic, second-hand gossip, hearsay and speculation treated as if it were first-hand testimony, persistent lifting of information from previously published material without permission from or credit given to source, and outright incompetence disguised as factual reporting— all presented to the unsuspecting reader as if it were gospel truth and Schmitt/Randle were the only ones on earth who had ever looked into the matter. Even

worse is that when we became aware S/R were preparing a book on the subject (after repeated assurances from Schmitt that they had no such intentions), and began questioning their treatments, methods and motives, we discovered that a vicious smear campaign had been mounted against us in which it was alleged, through rumor and innuendo, that we "held considerable antipathy" toward their effort and "had refused to cooperate" with it. This in spite of the fact that they had blatantly lied to us all along concerning their motives and intentions, had succeeded in milking us of considerable information and leads by fraudulently misrepresenting themselves as friends wishing to assist us in our efforts, and had never once suggested that they would like our help with anything they were doing.

In the final analysis, what we have here is a disgraceful travesty of behavior and journalism which cannot go unchallenged. Accordingly, on August 17th, 1990, Schmitt/Randle, CUFOS, their literary agent and their publisher were served with a list of no less than sixteen specific grievances against them along with a demand that they open negotiations in good faith aimed at finding an equitable solution to the situation or face a serious lawsuit in consequence. As of this writing, Jerome Clark of the CUFOS board has generously offered his services as mediator in the dispute, but we have received no reply whatsoever from Schmitt/Randle themselves.

We are fully aware of the seriousness of this situation, and of the drastic and divisive consequences to the UFO community should it erupt into a court battle. Nonetheless, we feel we have been grievously wronged and fully intend to seek redress by whatever means will produce results. In other words, *enough is too much!*

(1.) *Letter from Sharon Jarvis (S/R's literary agent) to Moore dated July 20, 1990.*

(2.) *"Mystery of Roswell hot topic at UFO gathering", Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, Daily News, July 8, 1990.*

AUTHOR D. SCOTT ROGO FOUND MURDERED

The body of well-known parapsychology researcher and author D. Scott Rogo (40) was found on the floor of his home in the affluent Northridge section of Los Angeles by police on Thursday, August 16, 1990. He had been stabbed to death apparently a day or two earlier.

Police told reporters that there appeared to be no readily apparent motive for the slaying in that the premises had not been ransacked nor did any doors or windows appear to have been forced. Authorities, however, were quick to state that they had no evidence which would link Rogo's murder to anything connected with his work.

Scott was the author of more than two dozen books on parapsychological and UFO-related topics, such as *Beyond Reality*, *The Poltergeist Experience*, *Miracles*, and *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts* (with UFOlogist Ann Druffel). He was also a respected lecturer on such topics at John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California. Neighbors and friends characterized him as a quiet individual who worked at home and kept mostly to himself.

His body was discovered after a neighbor became suspicious because a lawn sprinkler had been left running for two days, and called police.

In April, 1990, Rogo appeared with William Moore and Ann Druffel as contestants on the nationally televised game show "Third Degree", where they split a \$2,000 prize after a panel of stars (including Burt Reynolds) failed to guess their occupation ("UFO Investigators"). Curiously, the show had appeared on reruns the same week of the murder.

"(Rogo) was top rank," said Raymond Bayless, former president of the Southern California Society for Psychical Research. "This is a tremendous loss to the field."

We here at Fair-Witness couldn't agree more.



PANIC IN THE STREETS: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By William L. Moore

Quito, Ecuador, South America; February 12, 1949: Rioting in the streets. An enraged mob attacks the offices of Radio Quito and Comercio, Ecuador's principal newspaper, with rocks and firebombs. Hysteria drives most of the city's population into the streets. The Comercio building is set ablaze, forcing many of the more than 100 occupants to leap from third story windows as flames swirl upwards out of control. The fire completely guts the building, destroying all files and printing machinery. Radio Quito is forced from the air and all of its broadcasting equipment smashed. Thousands flee their homes in terror, many clad only in night clothes. Police are slow to react because all of their mobile units have been sent to a nearby town in response to a hoax. Finally the army is called out, tanks and tear gas are brought to bear, and the riot is quelled. In the end, fifteen are dead, as many are seriously injured, an official of Radio Quito is in jail, and the government orders its Ministry of Defense to conduct a complete investigation.

More politically inspired unrest in a third-world nation? Nothing so mundane. The cause of all the destruction and loss of life was nothing more than a Spanish language dramatization of H.G. Wells's science fiction thriller War of the Worlds—a broadcast done so realistically that many Quito residents actually thought their city was being invaded by hideous creatures from the planet Mars. Even the local police were fooled into sending all their mobile units to a nearby suburb which was reportedly under attack by advancing aliens using death-rays against the populace.

Radio Quito's dramatic director, Eduardo Alcaras, got the idea for the broadcast (of course) from a similar stunt pulled in the United States a decade earlier by Orson Welles (no relation to H.G. Wells) and his popular Mercury Theater of the Air. Orson's dramatization, produced on national radio as a Halloween gag on the night of October 31, 1938, also caused something of a national panic due to its extremely realistic treatment of the subject matter. Welles, already a controversial character, was catapulted into the national limelight, and his ill-conceived

broadcast has gone down in history as one of the all-time classics of the pre-television era.

In Ecuador, Radio Quito officials went on the air in mid-broadcast frantically appealing for calm once they realized the effect their program was having. This, however, only served to focus the attention of an already hysterical crowd against the offices and personnel of the radio station itself, which were headquartered in the Comercio building. In the U.S., protests against the 1938 broadcast were many and loud, but strictly vocal. In Ecuador, violence ensued and lives were needlessly lost.

The above story is true. What does it have to do with UFOs? Simply this. For years it has been rumored that our government's withholding of the truth about UFOs from the American public is predicated on the belief by those in authority that mass hysteria and national panic would ensue if the real facts were made known. Thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, we now know that the official policy of publicly debunking UFO sightings and discrediting witnesses was formulated in the late '40s with just such considerations in mind. How much influence the Quito incident had on the formulation of this policy is anybody's guess. The fact that the story got sober, front-page coverage in the New York Times (Feb. 14, 1949), however, suggests no one was laughing.

There is no question that several of the national intelligence agencies take a very serious, but covert, interest in the subject of UFOs. Nonetheless, one must sympathize with those in-the-know officials whose responsibility it is to make to-tell-or-not-to-tell decisions. When the consequences for opening Pandora's Box might mean another Quito on a national scale, perhaps we shouldn't be too hard on government career-minded individuals for choosing the latter, easier course of action. Besides, in this era of burgeoning, often mindless conservatism, making decisions which involve radical political consequences just isn't as popular as it used to be.



MORE NEVADA NONSENSE

By Gene Huff

I've just received the June 30, 1990 issue of FOCUS from an anonymous source by mail. They had marked that joke of an editorial "Nevada Nonsense" for me to read. Since I was witness to the actuality of many of these allegations and distortions I thought I'd clarify a few things for you, so you will have cause to reassess your opinions.

Bob Lazar installed some computers, a security camera, did some data processing, etc., for Toni Bulloch, the owner of a small Las Vegas brothel. Lazar admitted this in an on camera interview with George Knapp here in Las Vegas. The cops had to bust the brothel because Lazar referred to it on television. This presented a problem because Las Vegas Vice knew about the brothel as Toni Bulloch was one of their informants and one of the Vice cops periodically got laid there. In the meantime, Toni Bulloch had fallen in love with Bob Lazar and he had rejected her. The cops decided to bust the brothel including their informant, Ms. Bulloch. They then took statements from Bulloch who blamed the whole operation on Lazar. Ms. Bulloch's "friends" on vice then dropped her charges and charged Lazar with 5 felonies without ever asking him a question. What the cops didn't know was that Ms. Bulloch had informed Lazar and many of his friends about Vice's connection with her brothel. The cops and D.A. also didn't know that Lazar had such a world wide following and that so many people would pay attention to this, they just thought they were burning some young guy to save their own butts, as well as Ms. Bulloch's, whose butt they knew intimately. When word started to surface that Vice was involved, the cops' reputation suffered another blow when three vice cops strangled a man to death here in Las Vegas. So they, along with the District Attorney changed their tune and both Vice and the D.A. requested no jail for Lazar at his sentencing, so Lazar would not reveal his information about the Vice-Bulloch connection. The judge gave Lazar probation. The court proced-

ings (sic.) are on video tape which show the D.A., who was also speaking for Las Vegas Vice, down playing (sic.) Lazar's activities, and also show the judge's observations of the peculiarity of the case.

Clients did not enter through one apartment and exit through the other. The doorway between the apartments was for Toni Bulloch's girls to come through and give Bulloch the money.

The video camera was trained on the front door and there were no recordings of any sort of "customers at play", and this was stated on camera, in court, by the District Attorney.

The license plate numbers were for Bulloch to check the phone callers (sic.) true identities through the Nevada DMV computer.

It was made clear in court that there was NO insinuation of blackmail and your article is the first to inaccurately allege this.

The Las Vegas Review Journal has never requested an interview with Bob Lazar and the RJ is currently at odds with George Knapp, so their adversarial stand is hardly an unbiased, accurate, information source.

Bob Lazar simultaneously owned the Honey-suckle Ranch, a legal Northern Nevada brothel, and a 1 hour photo developing business in Los Alamos. This was after he had left employment at the lab to enable him to do independent contractor work for the lab, as it is against policy to be employed by LANL and be a sub-contractor for it. The rest of the massage parlor garbage is such bullshit, I'm surprised that you even printed it.

As of this letter, Nippon television has not notified Bob Lazar of any law suit, and it is not probable that this will happen. Nippon agreed to pay \$1500 while in Las Vegas 1-90, \$1500

while in Las Vegas 2-90, and \$2000 upon Lazar's arrival in Japan. They did extensive filming in Las Vegas during both visits. After Lazar was threatened by telephone, he decided that he could not risk his life and his potential future contributions for a television program. Nippon was notified a day in advance that Lazar would not be coming to Japan. Lazar offered to do a satellite link from Las Vegas, or even L.A. if necessary. Nippon declined and requested Lazar to do a live phone hook-up for their Saturday night program. Lazar's contract stated that he had to be available to go to Japan in early March. The contract also stated that the contract could not be changed, unless it was in writing and agreed to by both parties. Nippon decided they wanted Lazar there "live" at the END of March, and did not amend the contract in writing. So to the letter of the law, Nippon still owes Lazar \$2000, as he allowed them to use the footage of him for their program, and he WAS available to go to Japan in early March, though they did not request him to do so. He has not pursued the \$2000. Nippon was offered the airline tickets one day prior to departure time, but declined to try and exchange them. The tickets have not been cashed in and there has been no attempt made to do so or no investigation to even see if this is possible. Nippon also promised that their program would be of "60 Minutes" quality and after viewing the tape it appeared to be more like an excerpt from the Mickey Mouse Club.

I can't understand how Fair-Witness could have gone to considerable time, effort, and expense to take a look at this whole "Lazar thing" when no one who is "in the know" here in Las Vegas has been contacted, and you were not aware of any of the things I have stated in this letter. During the course of Lazar's legal proceedings he was fortunate enough to find copies of some W-2 forms from LANL and he received his W-2 from Naval Intelligence. If you really continue to collect data and your opinions are not cast in concrete, this letter should help upload some reality and accuracy to the knowledge base from which you make your judgments. Of course, this is assuming you're interested in truth, and that this is not just a weak effort to discredit Bob Lazar so someone can "fly away" with a lot of money by making Falcon and

Condor the only alleged links between the government and the public. And if the shoe fits, Bill Moore, wear it.

FOCUS Replies:

It is in the spirit of the Fair-Witness that we have printed the above piece exactly as received (from the same "anonymous" source who supplied a copy of our "Nevada Nonsense" editorial to Mr. Huff.) In all fairness to our readers however, there are a number points which we feel must be raised here just to keep the record straight.

First of all, it is important to note that Mr. Huff is one of Bob Lazar's closest friends and has been one of his staunchest supporters from the very beginning. Bill Moore met Huff and spent a couple of hours with him (in the presence of George Knapp) while in Las Vegas earlier this year. He came away with the impression that Huff is a well-meaning but credulous individual who is totally devoted to Lazar in all respects and believes every word the man utters without question. Consequently, when Huff points the finger at the Las Vegas Review Journal and alleges inaccurate reporting of Lazar's circumstances due to bias against Knapp, we are led to observe that in doing so, Huff is demonstrating the same sort of bias on his part that he complains about in others. Apparently Huff's definition of biased reporting is any statement made by anyone who doesn't see things the way he sees them.

The problem here is that Lazar's checkered background is sufficiently controversial so as to call to question anything the man says, and to lay the burden of proof directly upon Lazar himself to show that what he says is true. Admittedly the case is still open with no immediate resolution in sight. Our point, however, is that to date we have seen nothing which would cause us to have much faith in either the man or his exotic claims. Huff's article has certainly done nothing to change that position and everything to reinforce it. In our opinion, the man means well—he just doesn't display much common sense.

Take for example Huff's long drawn-out account (in paragraph two above) of alleged corruption in the Las Vegas vice squad, and of the services Lazar allegedly provided for Ms. Bulloch's admittedly illegal brothel. Perhaps it's true and perhaps it isn't. The point is that much of it is strictly hearsay, and most of it came from Lazar himself. No proof or even evidence of truth is offered. Huff has simply accepted his friend Lazar's version of events as being unquestionably true, and has repeated same accordingly—an act which is every bit as biased on his side as he has alleged the Las Vegas Review Journal to be on the other. From our perspective, accepting Lazar's claims as true in the absence of at least some form of independent verification and corroboration is roughly on a par with expecting to hear the truth about cancer from the American Tobacco Institute. Somewhere in this whole mess there has to be a benchmark. We haven't seen one yet.

Almost humorous is Huff's statement about how the doorway between apartments was used in the brothel set-up (para. 3 above). One wonders whether he knows this as a result of personal observation (in which case Mr. Huff has just admitted to having been present in Ms. Bulloch's brothel during "business" hours—conceivably an illegal act in its own right), or whether he simply heard that such was the case from Lazar (or whomever), in which case the information is hearsay and therefore worthless as evidence.

Moving on to Huff's allegation that we "insinuated" blackmail may have been involved in the Lazar-Bulloch operation, we hasten to point out that it was not our purpose to suggest that blackmail was in fact being committed, but rather only to report on observations made to us by others to the effect that the presence of surreptitious surveillance cameras and the listing of clients' license plate numbers were "both practices... (which) are typical of certain blackmail operations." Certainly there must be other reasons for the operator of an illegal brothel to maintain a videotaped record of her clientele and to verify identities via automobile registrations without their knowledge.

Equally, there must be some legitimate reason for Lazar having maintained a New Mexico checking account in the name of Honeysuckle Ranch Lotion and Massage Parlor when the only business he had going there was a "1 hour photo developing business."

As for our report concerning a lawsuit against Lazar by Nippon television of Japan, all we can say is that our information came from a source within the Nippon corporation itself who has proven reliable in the past. That individual told Bill Moore directly that such a suit had been filed, and our report was based upon that statement. Whether suit actually was filed or not, however, is less important than the several questions and contradictions which are present in the Huff/Lazar account of this matter. Notice:

(1) *Lazar claims that a telephone threat on his life caused him to cancel his trip to Japan because travelling would be too dangerous, yet Huff goes on to blithely assert that Lazar immediately offered to travel to Los Angeles "if necessary" to appear via satellite and discuss the same information.*

(2) *Huff states on the one hand that Lazar's contract with Nippon specified a final payment of \$2,000 to be made "upon (his) arrival in Japan", and then goes on to argue that Lazar is owed \$2,000 because he failed to arrive! (Readers, if we're missing something here, please let us know.)*

(3) *As for Huff's claim that Lazar offered to return Nippon's airline tickets and that Nippon refused to accept them, we are once again inclined to ask how he knows this? Did he actually witness this first-hand, or is it only what Lazar told him (in which case, more hearsay presented as fact)?*

All three of the above are excellent examples of the kind of silly, sub-standard reasoning that many of Lazar's most ardent supporters have displayed from the very beginning in this case. It is also one of the reasons we have remained unconvinced.

Another example of such reasoning is Huff's proudly flaunted statement that "During the course of Lazar's legal proceedings (i.e. sometime between late May and late August) he was fortunate enough to find copies of some W-2 forms from LANL and he received his W-2 from Naval Intelligence." Huff's point is, of course, that this quite naturally constitutes proof Lazar was employed at both places. Assuming that the documents are authentic, we agree. Before we accept their authenticity, however, there

are several points to be made which suggest that they could be convenient forgeries:

(A) By law, an employer must complete and mail W-2 forms to all employees not later than January 31st of each year. Furthermore, the income listed thereon must be reported to the IRS by April 15th of each year. How then to explain why Naval Intelligence would be mailing Lazar's W-2 form to him sometime between late May and late August?

(B) The "employer" listed on Lazar's Naval Intelligence W-2 form is "Department of Naval Intelligence", even though there is no such agency, unit or department within the U.S. Navy. The correct designator is "Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)", not "Department".

(C) Everyone who operates a business (as does Lazar) is automatically sent a booklet of blank W-2 forms as part of their tax package from the IRS every year. In addition, such forms are readily obtainable from most any office supply store. Therefore, anyone can easily obtain such and type in whatever information they desire. Doing so would only be a criminal act if one attempted to defraud or deceive the IRS by such means, and the amount of civil liability incurred by one attempting to use such a form for purposes of identification would be negligible unless fraud involving money or property resulted therefrom.

In other words, we have proof of nothing here until someone can verify these conveniently proffered W-2s as authentic. That process is presently underway and we shall report results, if any, when in hand.

Finally, we take umbrage at Mr. Huff's implication that we are anti-Lazar when quite the contrary is true. Indeed, no one can hope that Lazar's story is true more than we do. Hope, however, is not proof or even evidence. Nor are proof and evidence built upon hearsay, or opinion, or belief. Unfortunatley, we've heard plenty of the latter and have yet to see any of the former. Until we do, we'll remain friendly, but highly skeptical. Do we have an open mind on the subject? Certainly. That's why we printed Huff's piece above, and that's why we just finished calling it into question. (We hope you'll keep in touch, Mr. Huff; and thanks for the input. *And by the way... Bill Moore says to tell you he tried that shoe on, and by golly it just doesn't fit.*)



AN OPEN LETTER TO UFOLOGISTS

From
ISLAND SKYWATCH,
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

As co-founders and former members of the Island Skywatch steering committee, we the undersigned feel it is our duty to inform UFOlogists of certain situations existing within Island Skywatch which have led to our resignations.

Ironically, this letter comes one year almost to the day after Island Skywatch was formally organized by a five-person committee. We had all been involved with other organizations, and we were all frustrated by the lack of attention paid by other groups to what was going on in our own area. One of our members, Mr. Bill Knell, seemed to have his finger on the pulse of New York UFOlogy and we deferred to his guidance, apparently more than we should have, as one by one we have come to the realization that we have been misinformed time and again about crucial issues.

Our original goal in founding Island Skywatch was to research and investigate local sightings reports, filling the void left by other organizations. We created an infra-structure to relegate responsibilities in keeping with each founding member's particular interest in the field... historian, journal editor, chief investigator, research coordinator, spokesperson. Each would be "in charge" of his or her area and accountable to the other four for actions taken.

For the sake of expediency we agreed to use the home address and hotline number of one of us, Mr. Bill Knell, as the official Island Skywatch location, thus channeling any and all information through him. He also agreed to lend his UFO newsletter to the organization as its official monthly publication. This seemed to work well at first, as the lines of communication were always open.

Unfortunately, the best laid plans often go awry. As time passed, Island Skywatch became more and more a public information agency and less

and less an investigative group. An article published in the October 1989 newsletter was hotly disputed by the alleged author, who claimed that some of the material accredited to him was fictitious. Attempts to get at the truth were met with conflicting explanations. This was followed by questionable information given out in an unauthorized interview and to the public concerning the South African crash/retrieval case.

At this point, the steering committee began to resign.

The clincher came recently when it was learned that a certain Dr. William G. Fately, professor at Kansas State University, who has been touted many times as Island Skywatch consultant on soil sample analysis, was interviewed in conjunction with a Long Island Monthly article on Bill Knell and Island Skywatch. The reporter subsequently informed the public in his article that Dr. Fately had told him he had never heard of Island Skywatch or Mr. Bill Knell, and furthermore that he does not perform the kind of soil sample analysis he supposedly had been conducting for us for some time. (Fately reaffirmed these statements to Phil Lord, undersigned, in a May 25, 1990 phone call.) Although Fately did work for Project Blue Book, he never did soil sample analysis for us as claimed by Bill Knell. This final revelation led to the resignation of four more of the steering committee members, leaving, Island Skywatch, in effect, a one-ring circus.

We feel the time has come to voice our collective disillusionment and anger over the situation at Island Skywatch. A worthy endeavor has been turned into a publicity machine, with its hunger for the truth reduced to an unquenchable thirst for sensationalism.

Robert Atlas 6/9/90
Phil Lord 6/9/90
Herbert Taylor 6/9/90
Diane Montrose 6/9/90

Anyone interested in obtaining evidence documenting the above claims should send \$1.00 to Bob Atlas, 516 Grundy Ave., Holbrook, NY 11741.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Moore:

My first and daylight UFO encounter occurred in 1914 or 1915 when I was about 8 years old, which makes me possible the oldest living experimenter of such preceding the "flap" of the forties. Accordingly I am aware of the probable ancientness and paranormal aspects of the phenomena, the latter from subsequent encounters and experiences. It was about such that I appeared and testified before the Condon Committee with plenty of supportive proof, only to find them interested in what they wanted to hear rather than facts, so I know what you're up against.

Regardless of doubtless good intentions prompting it, our government policy re the UFO phenomena "stinks". Although fiendishly effective in curtailing truth and honesty, particularly by the legitimate news media who have been cowed into silence because of their fear of ridicule, government policy has been and still is disastrously harmful. It has seriously undermined confidence in the capability and credibility of government in millions of us "in the know" and constitutes an insult to intelligence. Difficult to conceive is any policy more stupid and inept than that instigated to cope with an obviously superior and paranormal phenomenon not bent on conquest but on aid.

Yes, my 76 years of familiarity with the phenomena tells me that their intentions as a whole are benevolent, and mankind is at fault in failure to recognize that aspect of their presence. They could be of aid and eventually will be, but not necessarily will such aid be in accord with mankind's expectations now. They are ancient and have functioned as "watchers" and probably as "guardians" as man kept on repeating his same old mistakes, resorting to warfare and fighting instead of learning to live in empathy and cooperation with his fellow man and animal brothers, thus defying "natural" or "cosmic" law for which the penalty is unavoidable. My personal experience however indicates that the penalty is not exactly what most believe, i.e. that life continues, like it or not, until man

learns the proper way of living. Meanwhile, the "modus operandi" of the UFOs will be kept from mankind's knowledge because of his untrustworthy nature. His "think tank" is believed incapable of the task.

"Fear of the unknown" is one of the greatest inhibitors to man's progress and to control of such he devotes little effort. Personal experience aboard UFOs and contact with their entities indicates the need of "thought control" to attain and benefit from such. With their aid, and admittedly somewhat involuntarily, I attained sufficient control of my thinking to enable me to cooperate voluntarily and without fear with the entities involved, of which various echelons of intelligences and appearances exist. Strangely enough, my experiences have been largely with blacks, all completely human (not a humanoid type), cordial, considerate, reassuring and possessed of a good sense of humor, and all attired in white and functioning as medics. Incidentally, they were about seven to nine feet tall, thus differing greatly from the usual reported cases. Puzzling was the physical examination I was subjected to, reassuring and knowingly on my part, an OBE-type experience. "You certainly will do well," they assured me. I think they referred to "astral travel" capability which I have experienced repeatedly, enabling me to visit and view other realms of human habitation.

Hallucinations? No. At first I thought so but subsequently was assured otherwise. Doubtless it is a common denominator and not contingent upon education. Witness my experience with a "foretold future" by a "Seeress" with about a sixth grade education. She concisely foretold events impossible of other than an interdimensional informational source, all of which transpired without deviation, datewise, placewise and otherwise. Unmistakable therein are implications that "There is a Plan for but not of man" and that other realms exist. Also apparently that "The future coexists with the present"? Man needs a more open mind, and one of the cherished precepts of Democracy, that "all men are created equal" is hogwash.

Well, even limited deductive reasoning capability, without Biblical prophecy in support, should make mankind aware of his "Endan-

gered Species" category due to overpopulation and limited productive land available, which presages a crisis and one which exceeds human capability to handle peacefully. So accordingly I believe Biblical prophecy will prevail in settlement. "Acts of God" by their very nature will force human acceptance without warfare despite the unpleasant implications overall. About then, I believe the UFOs will take a hand in evacuation measures, but not before, meanwhile giving mankind all time possible for learning needed lessons.

I believe the paranormal and interdimensional factors involved in the phenomena will prevent mankind's determination of not only "modus operandi" but also purpose because of his untrustworthy nature. Anyhow, your investigative effort and disclosures are commendable. Keep it up.

Lloyd L. Arnold
Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Bill:

I thought the editorial "Nevada Nonsense" (FOCUS, June 30, 1990) a tad premature and perhaps smacking of yellow journalism. One of the things I am most concerned with in today's UFOlogy is the effort of one set of "experts" to verbally destroy another set of "experts." I don't feel that accomplishes very much. If anything, it must please the folks tasked with keeping the lid on the UFO topic.

This does not say I am convinced regarding everything Bob has said. I have felt, from day one, and have so stated to Gene Huff (see "More Nevada Nonsense" herein, Ed.) that the possibility is real that Bob has uttered words not of his own making but rather placed in his head while under the influence of either drugs and/or hypnosis.

How could Toni Bulloch be Bob's "partner"? She wasn't even tried. You make a point of the sentence of 1 to 6 years and a fine of possibly \$5,000, Bob received neither. He walks freely.

Bob did have a security clearance at Los Alamos and a W-2 from both his work at Los Alamos and, as best we can tell, from S-4. I am attempt-

ing to verify this. (NOTE: So are we, but no luck so far. Once again, see "More Nevada Nonsense" herein. Ed.)

Bob Lazar is consistent. His story hasn't changed one iota. I find it unfortunate you and others have failed to allow time to develop his case. In the meantime, you make a point of continuing the Roswell Incident. Bob's story began a little over two years ago while Roswell has run since 1947. Don't you think it fair to allow this case to properly develop before you toss it all aside? (Certainly. It's just that all we've seen from the developing tank so far is a large batch of negatives. Ed.)

The full story of Bob Lazar is not yet in. My personal feeling is that he is a true cut above most other folks in UFOlogy. He cares about other people. That quality confounds many of us but it should also be a clue. I do not agree with you, but I nonetheless wish you well.

John Andrews
San Diego, California

Dear Editor:

When I was 5 years of age, I had a dream... a dream so real, I remember it as if it happened yesterday. I was in a bright room lying on a table. I recall 2 beings examining me with a device resembling a large microscope aimed at my forehead. The tip was illuminated and it also emitted a high pitched tone. I really thought nothing of my experience until I reached the end of my teens. I strated to dwell on that experience as I began to question the reasoning behind it. I thought I was crazy.

While in my early twenties, I felt compelled to read all material related to UFOs and abduction cases. I currently have over 80 books which I had purchased within that time period, but I wanted to learn more.

I wasn't satisfied with the information I had gathered, there were still more pieces of the puzzle missing and a lot of unanswered questions. After several years, I decided to take it one step further and placed a classified ad in various newspapers.

At that point my reason for placing those ads was simple— I wanted to find others in the Toronto area who have had experiences similar to mine. I needed further information to fill in the missing pieces.

The response was tremendous, but I really didn't find what I was looking for— not until I received one specific letter— and that's when this whole scenario strated to gradually unfold.

This letter was from a person who seemed to be on the same "wavelength" as I was... I knew that I had found what I was looking for. He left his phone number, so I immediately contacted him. I was struck as to how much knowledge he possessed. I contacted him once every month for about a year and a half, talking for about 45 minutes to an hour each time. He gradually told me what was going on. The pieces of the puzzle slipped into place.

You may be asking yourself "Who is this informant?" Through conversations with him, he has revealed to me that there are several types of "alien races" currently visiting and residing on earth. He belongs to the race which recreate themselves as humans in order to study and to assist mankind. Sound too far fetched? Read on.

During the first few conversations with him, I was naturally very skeptical. He just said that I should accept the fact I was chosen. Those people are selected because of certain personality traits they possess. I began to question whether this person was putting me on or not, but I began to realize that this was no joke. He told me to go outside at 12 midnight on December 23, 1988 and that I should look directly above my house. I did so and was astonished at what I saw. I noticed a bluish-white light approaching from the eastern part of the night sky. It wasn't a star and it definitely wasn't a plane. It approached and hovered over my house about 500 feet. Then within a couple of seconds, it shot upwards and disappeared. This was all the reassurance I needed— this person was "definitely" for real.

The reason for many abduction cases is that these beings are basically "implanting" individuals who are systematically chosen by them

for a "definite" purpose in the near future. This implant is basically a storehouse of knowledge containing a vast array of information, for example; formulas for food processing and growing, medicine, space travel, transportation, generic (sic.) imbalance, utilization of crystals, applications of light, etc. What I have mentioned is only the tip of the iceberg— there is much, much more. The main purpose is for the implantees to educate the people by gradually spreading this knowledge. It is like comparing it to a locked drawer. Once the drawer is unlocked, the knowledge will become like second nature. All implantees will have a sudden interest in an area that they never had previously. The event that will release the information contained in the implants is called the "formation" and it will occur within the next two years. It is the key that will unlock the drawer.

It is not important that you believe this now, but to file it away for future reference. In a year, perhaps two, when the truth finally becomes known, you will look back on this and realize that it was indeed "actual fact."

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Dear Editor:

UFOlogist/writer Jerome Clark has recently written that "in 1990, UFOlogy has three serious schools of thought: extraterrestrial, psychological/neoskeptical, and geophysical." (IUR, 15/1:Jan-Feb '90) After due consideration, it is patently obvious that this view is somewhat simplified if not incomplete. First of all, I would hesitate to call them schools of thought because, as their names reveal, all that is considered is the origin of the manifestations that we loosely define as the UFO phenomenon. No demonstrable and/or convincing evidence, either in the scientific or judicial sense, is ever offered in support of these viewpoints, and the immense majority of the papers appearing nowadays in the literature are of the "arm waving" variety. In addition, there are

other approaches to the UFO phenomenon, of which I will mention only three.

(A) The scientific approach, long ago championed by the late Dr. Hynek, in which the need to study the phenomenon in depth before coming to premature conclusions is recognized. It is, of course, the hardest way, requiring dedication and perseverance, and consists of the systematic application of the scientific method. There are many researchers around the world who follow this path, but the work in general is done without public fanfare, as has always been the way of science.

(B) Another approach is what could only be described as "political UFOlogy." I think it is about time to be specific about this "school" of thought, which has not been properly defined until now. A "political UFOlogist" (which I shall refer to as "P.U." from here on) is an individual who in fact does not believe in the objective reality of the UFO phenomenon, but uses it for personal aggrandizement and intellectual stimulation, fomenting debate which gives him public exposure. He writes extensively, not about the phenomenon itself but on controversial issues—the researchers, their hypotheses and opinions—not as they are but as he perceives them, and finding them almost invariably lacking. His conclusions are seldom substantiated by logical argument, and he makes a point of not providing references which others could verify. Often enough he is sorely deficient in his education, a fact that is masked very efficiently by his excellent prose and a flair for passionate rhetoric.

The P.U. is not a Johnny-come-lately on the UFOlogical scene—he has been there for years, but like the chameleon, his protective coloration allows him to go undetected unless some extraordinary event removes his disguise. Perhaps due to the universal dissatisfaction generated by lack of progress on the UFO problem, his numbers have increased all over the world.

He possesses very typical characteristics which set him apart within the UFOlogical community, but so far no effort has been made to systematically specify those traits. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the P.U. is his com-

plete lack of scientific knowledge, which in most cases does not prevent him from making Solomonic judgements on matters totally foreign to his training and experience. From his limited viewpoint, he believes that anyone with common sense can issue valid opinions on UFOlogical issues, and is oblivious to the fact that such pronouncements will always be just that: opinions.

P.U.s seem to be unaware that what makes a scientist is not only knowledge, but a mental perspective which can't be improvised. Acquired only after years and years of familiarity with his discipline, a scientist's outlook allows him to focus on a problem and attack it in a way which only his training can provide. This is not only a prerogative of science, but in fact is found in all professional disciplines: a lawyer, for instance, or a mathematician or a doctor or even a policeman faces the daily events of his life from the reference frame provided by his professional experience. Perhaps only in UFOlogy does every person believe himself qualified to deal with whatever situation confronts him.

But the case of the P.U. is perhaps worse, as many of them have a very limited education. Many indeed are only high school graduates whose interest in the UFO phenomenon can be no more than a hobby for them. The need to make a living pushed them in different directions: a clerk in a bus company, a postal worker, a gas meter reader, a civil employee, a freelance artist, even an occasional unemployed mental case. Yet for those with some talent for writing, there was always the opportunity to earn some money while pursuing their hobby.

The typical P.U. does not do field work. He has not investigated many cases— if any— and his overview of the subject is based exclusively on his readings, which often enough are heavily tainted by his preconceptions of the nature of the phenomenon.

(C) A third school of thought is the total skeptic, typified by the approach promoted by the CSI-COP organization. Their philosophy is simple: there is no such thing as a UFO. All cases are either misinterpretations of natural phenomena or hoaxes, and their aim is to prove their viewpoint by dissecting each UFO incident which has acquired notoriety. Needless to say,

this is not a scientific approach, because even if they succeeded in providing an alternate solution for all cases they study, there is no guarantee that hidden in the myriad of cases still to be considered there is not one— and one is all it would take— which could not be explained in conventional terms and which would verify the reality of the UFO phenomenon. The approach, then is vitiated in principle, and I personally don't believe they have succeeded in offering satisfactory explanations for many of the incidents they have allegedly analysed.

Dr. Willy Smith
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Dear Mr. Moore:

With respect to your "Still More on Aztec" piece (FOCUS, March 31, 1990, pgs. 7 & 9), it should be noted that the Apache Powder Co. of Glendale, California (to which you refer), was also a principal purveyor of dynamite for use in oil exploration. Perhaps this is how their sales manager, Mr. Ray L. Dimmick, came to know Silas M. Newton.

A. Mojave Knight
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CORRECTION

The December 31, 1989 issue of FOCUS reported on page 5 that a rumor that two CIA agents had visited the Dulce, New Mexico area the spring before had been solved when the tribal secretary's office identified the two as Ed Biebel and Allen Benz of the Tucson-based Foundation for UFO Research. While these, in fact, were the names given to Moore by the Jicarilla Apache tribal secretary's office, both Biebel and Benz have subsequently denied that either has ever been in Dulce. With that, the matter is once again open. If the men in question were not Biebel and Benz (who apparently are feuding and don't even speak to each other any more), then who in fact were they, and why were they using false identities???

In any case, our apologies to both gentlemen for not having first verified the story.



TIDBITS OF WISDOM & INTEREST

According to a Los Angeles Times feature story which ran in the November 6, 1989 edition, a recent "White Paper" report from Los Alamos on the subject of using modern weapons technology in the so-called war on drugs "proposes to disable traffickers or terrorists by bombarding their vehicles with microwaves or gasses. Even in low concentrations," the paper says, "such weapons directed at internal combustion engines could leave cars and planes powerless."

A 1989 study conducted by Mary K. Matossian, historian for the University of Maryland, concludes that witch trials, societal panics, plagues, and similar examples of mass hysteria throughout history can be traced to instances of widespread contamination of the food supply by an organism known as ergot—the microscopic fungus from which the hallucinogen LSD was first extracted. According to Matossian, certain favorable climatic conditions can cause the highly toxic ergot to grow on and seriously infect crops of rye, which (before potatoes) was a widely consumed staple often used in bread. "When consumed even in minute quantities in flour made from infected rye, ergot can cause an astonishing range of symptoms—including gangrene, fertility suppression, loss of motor control and severe hallucinations, delusions and even death." (Article by Malcolm Gladwell in *The Washington Post*, 11/24/89)

Roger D. Nelson and colleague Dean I Radin, both engineering researchers at Princeton Uni-

versity, startled attendees at the March 31, 1990 symposium of the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia by announcing that results of a study of more than 800 experiments strongly indicated that "some people can use extrasensory perception or some other unknown force to control random events around them." "The effect is not large," Nelson said, "but it's statistically significant and it opens up, in my opinion, a lot of work that has to be done on the way humans interact with their environment." "Of course," Nelson went on to say, "I suppose the people who say it's hogwash just won't talk to me. This is, after all, saying that the human mind—from a distance—can change the way a computer adds or subtracts." (Knight-Ridder news service article in *The Orange County <Calif.> Register*, 4/1/90)

Japanese scientists Hideo Hayasaka and Sakae Takeuchi of the engineering facility of Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, announced experimental results in December, 1989 indicating that small, mechanical gyroscopes exhibit a significant weight loss when spun counterclockwise (when viewed from above). Efforts will be made to substantiate the claims by further tests, even though the Japanese scientists' research paper indicated that they had undertaken an extensive search for possible sources of error before releasing their results. (Article by William J. Broad, *New York Times News Service* story, 12/28/89)

After a delay of 35 months, the CIA released six almost totally expurgated pages of material on

UFOs in response to an appeal initially filed by Stanton Friedman. The only meaningful material therein were the following three sentences which appear on page two of an otherwise totally expurgated memorandum entitled "International Congress of Space Medicine", Mexico, and dated 29JAN76:

"United States scientists believe that low magnetic field (sic.) do not have a serious effect on astronauts, but high magnetic field, oscillating magnetic field, and electromagnetic field can or do have considerable effect. There is a theory that such field are closely associated with superconductivity at very low temperatures, such as in space. This in turn is related to the possible propulsion system of UFOs. There is a rumor that fragments of a possible UFO found in Brazil bore a relationship to superconductors and magnetohydrodynamics." (Copy of document available for self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Author Whitley Strieber (Communion, Transformation, etc.) and his film production company Phesantry Films, Inc., were awarded a default judgment of \$113 million by a Texas judge on September 5, 1990 in their lawsuit against Virgin Vision Inc., home video distributor of the film Communion. Whether the judgment will ever be collected appears to be an open question however, in that Virgin Vision and its parent Management Company Entertainment Group (MCEG) are widely reported to be in serious financial difficulties. The film Communion earned just under \$2 million from its rather brief 1989 theatrical release, but has since been reported to have become something of a "cult" item in the home video market.



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