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**HOW THE U.S.S.R. COULD DESTROY THE U.S. SATELLITE DEFENSE SYSTEM**



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the data, a relationship between  
UFO sightings and  
earthquakes jumped out at us.

## ANTI MATTER

UFOs are not necessarily exotic beings that come down from the sky. They might be powerful natural forces that come up from the earth. So claims Canadian scientist Michael A. Persinger, who believes that 85 percent of UFO sightings are nothing more than luminous electromagnetic field effects produced at stress points along geological fault lines.

A psychologist and geophysicist at Ontario's Laurentian University, Persinger programmed a computer to correlate UFO reports with "high-energy natural phenomena such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and volcanic activity. The relationship between UFO reports and earthquakes, a very robust effect, jumped right out at us." Furthermore, Persinger notes that the relationship holds true from ancient to modern times.

Where tectonic plates interlock, Persinger explains, immense pressure builds up, grinding quartz and other crystalline rocks in these regions for brief periods. The strain causes the atomic bonds in the rock to vaporize, creating a plasma resembling "a tiny piece of the sun."

"This luminosity, surrounded by an intense electromagnetic halo, rises to the surface and follows the local topography. People see these fields anywhere there is an electrical charge source—near church steeples, the tops of hills, near radio or television antennas."

Since the Curie brothers discovered the effect in 1880, scientists have known that crushing crystalline rock under great pressure creates an electromagnetic field



## UFO UPDATE

reported in UFO encounters "frequently resemble the distorted perceptions created when the brain is electrically stimulated during surgery," Persinger adds.

Some UFO field researchers, including those who supply Persinger with reports to aid his studies, question his theories. One asks, "Could the UFOs be using the electromagnetic fields along fault lines as guidance systems the way airplanes sometimes follow railroad tracks?"

Persinger rebuts: "I could say that all human neuroses are caused by invisible pink elephants pissing on us. That's hard to disprove, but it has limited value to a scientist. For hard-core proof, you need data."

Persinger, who has published maps showing the relationship between fault strain, earthquakes, and UFO sightings, believes he has the data. Could UFO reports near fault lines predict upcoming earthquakes? "That's what we're looking for," he enthuses. "And we think we have the evidence."—ALLAN MAURER

But without a computer, says Persinger, "no one could have correlated all the data pointing to a relationship between sighting luminosities and fault strain."

Studies of the phenomenon have been further complicated by a problem in our powers of observation, Persinger says. "Since our minds are sensitive to electromagnetic fields," he notes, "our ability to measure them is impaired. Sometimes energy generated at these geological stress points can produce seizures and hallucinations."

The kinds of alien life forms most often