

● TOP SECRET: EVIDENCE OF  
STRATEGIC "ALIEN" BASES

For the past 20 years amateur "flying saucer" investigators have been joyfully wallowing in pseudo-scientific speculations about the origin of unidentified flying objects, seizing upon fragile straws of observational evidence which, they have concluded, "proves" that the thousands of objects reported come from some extraterrestrial source. But these self-styled "experts," whose ranks include everyone from professional astronomers to obvious cranks who live in attics surrounded by books on black magic, have refused to recognize or even consider the simple and surprising solution clearly indicated in all the patterns of UFO activity. Because they have been unable to accept this solution, they have added mystery upon mystery to the phenomenon and have drifted further and further from the readily apparent truth.

Since 1948, a long line of patient Air Force officers have been soberly parroting the official "line," droning that "there is no evidence that unidentified flying objects are of extraterrestrial origin." Despite many efforts, the hard core UFO buffs have never been able to disprove this statement. At best, the massive observational data indicates merely that seemingly solid aerial machines of radical design and unusual performance characteristics exist and operate within our atmosphere throughout the world. Out of the approximately 2,500 cases in which witnesses have reported seeing the UFO pilots themselves, roughly 90 per cent of these "pilots" have been described as humanoid beings dressed in coveralls or tight-fitting "space suits." In about 30 per cent of these cases, the "pilots" were said to look exactly like us with only minor differences in facial features (over-large eyes, peculiar mouths, etc.).

While some have been described as wearing transparent helmets or apparent breathing apparatus, the majority seem to be able to breathe our atmosphere and function easily within our environment.

If even a small percentage of these reports are accurate, it would seem that the UFO pilots are very similar to ourselves, that they come from an environment identical to ours or that they have successfully adapted to the conditions on this planet.

Over the past 20 years, many substances have been dropped from "flying saucers" in view of innumerable witnesses, and other substances have been found at alleged landing sites. Analysis of such materials has determined that commonplace metals such as aluminum, chromium, tin, magnesium and silicone are apparently being used in the construction of the UFOs.

In short, the preponderance of available "hard" evidence clearly indicates that the elusive saucers are manufactured of earthly metals and alloys and that they are piloted by beings who are similar,

if not identical, to ourselves.

Hard-core UFO buffs choose to deliberately overlook all this and continue to champion the extra-terrestrial thesis, asserting that the millions of eye-witnesses have clearly described objects which **must** have originated on some other planet. These objects have frequently been picked up on radar and have been tracked by theodolite traveling at speeds in excess of 4,000 miles per hour, making incredible turns at those speeds. Such feats are beyond our current technology.

This kind of performance does not actually **prove** the presence of an "advanced technology," however. It merely proves a **different** technology. We have concentrated on the development of aircraft based upon aerodynamic principles, while the UFO builders apparently have utilized a non-aerodynamic system involving, perhaps, some distortion of the gravity field. The difference may be as slight as the difference between the outrigger canoes of the South Seas and the kayaks of the Far North, or the picture writing

## **EXCLUSIVE** **secret UFO bases** **across the U.S.**

**For 20 years, despite sporadic and slipshod news coverage, flying saucers have been consistently active in the same remote areas throughout the country. What has recently frightened investigators who have kept track of all this activity is that sightings have practically doubled in the last year and they have all the earmarks of being a mass military reconnaissance! By John A. Keel**

of the Orient and the script writing of the West. It may be a cultural difference, rather than a sign of an advanced technology.

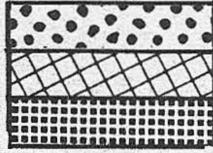
At a press conference in 1948, Gen. Carl Spaatz of the Air Force declared that there was "no truth" to the "rumors" that the unidentified flying objects were "piloted by Spaniards or were from Spain." This was an astonishing pronouncement because a review of all the UFO reports, clippings, etc., from that period failed to turn up any such "rumor." We can only surmise that the Air Force was then receiving reports from witnesses who claimed that they had observed Spanish-types around grounded UFOs. That is, beings with dark skin and of slight stature speaking in a rapid language resembling Spanish. Such reports did begin to circulate in the early 1950's and continue today on an ever-increasing scale. Again, this seems to be a clear indication that the "flying saucers" are occupied by terrestrial-type beings who can be easily mistaken for known racial groups. From General Spaatz's statement, it looks as if the Air Force had begun to receive such reports in the 1940's, and these reports may have been one of the factors leading to the creation of their inflexible policy statement that the UFOs are not of extraterrestrial origin.

Maybe the Air Force has been telling us the truth all along but the UFO buffs simply don't want to believe it!

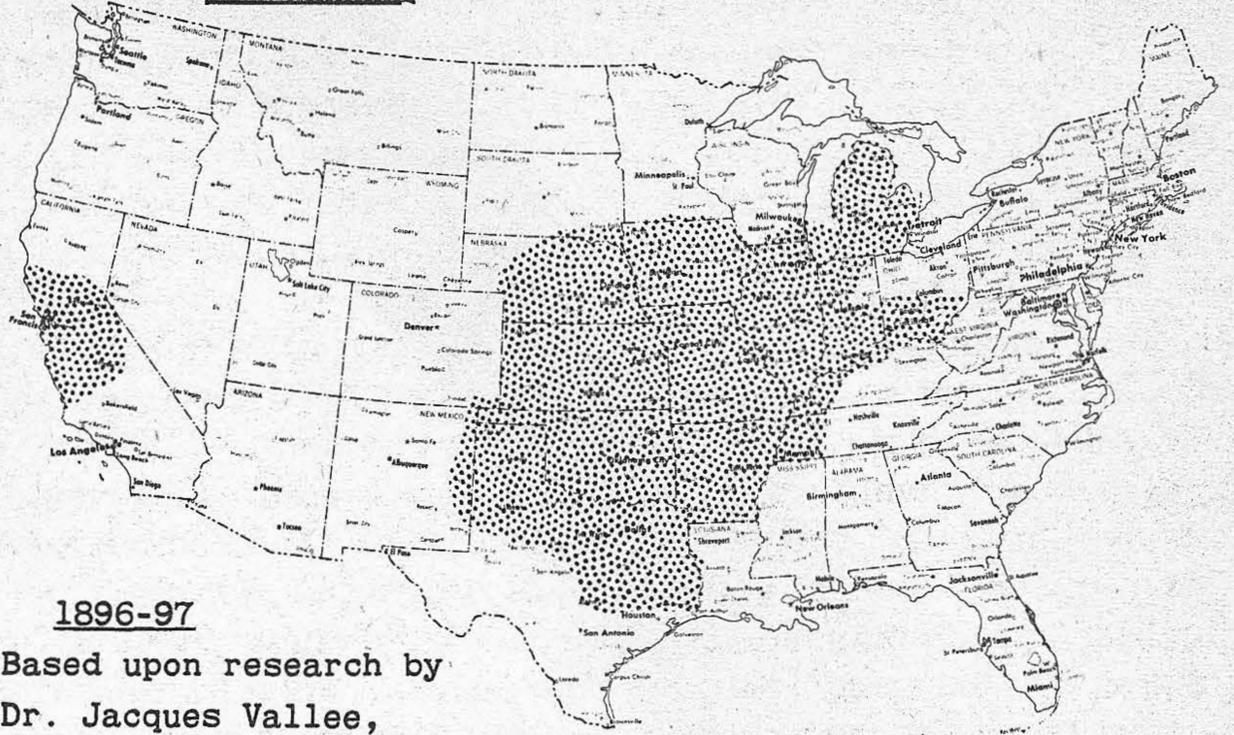
Could the "flying saucers" actually be native to the third planet from the sun? The answer is a disturbing "Yes!"

In the past two years the author has seen many different unidentified flying objects in many sections of the country. The majority of these objects were brilliant lights of a crystal white with smaller red lights on top or around the

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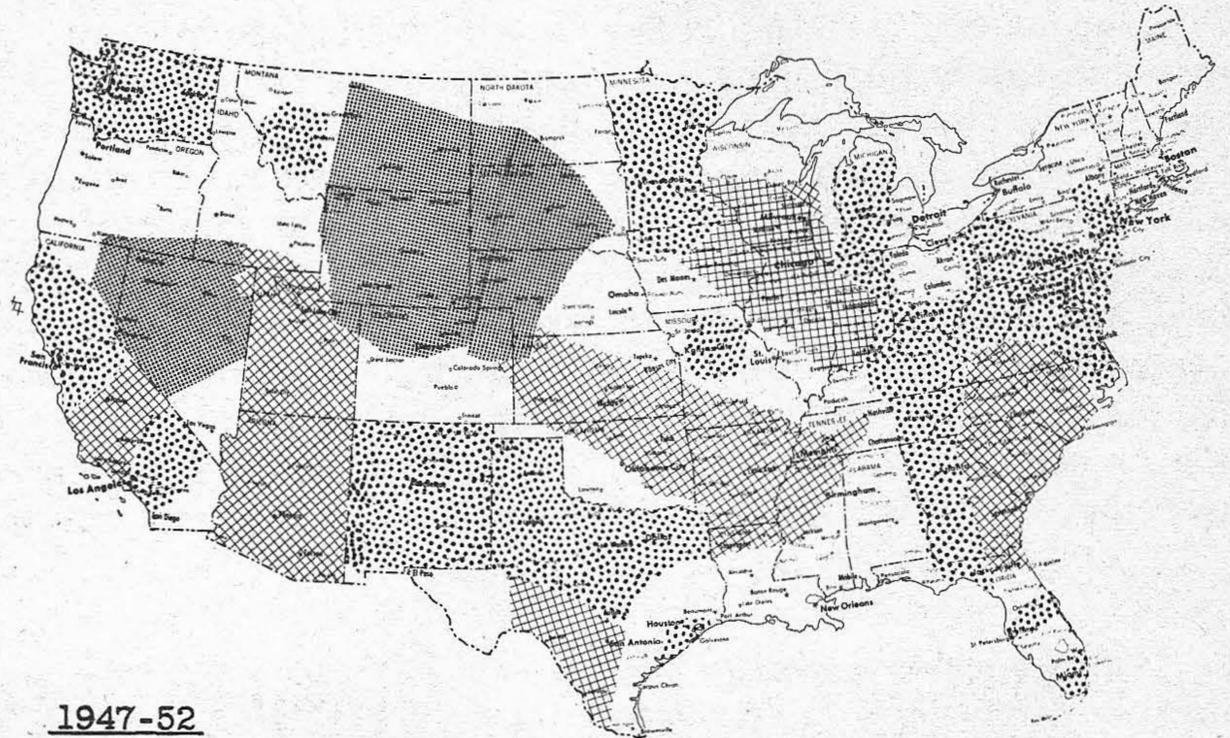


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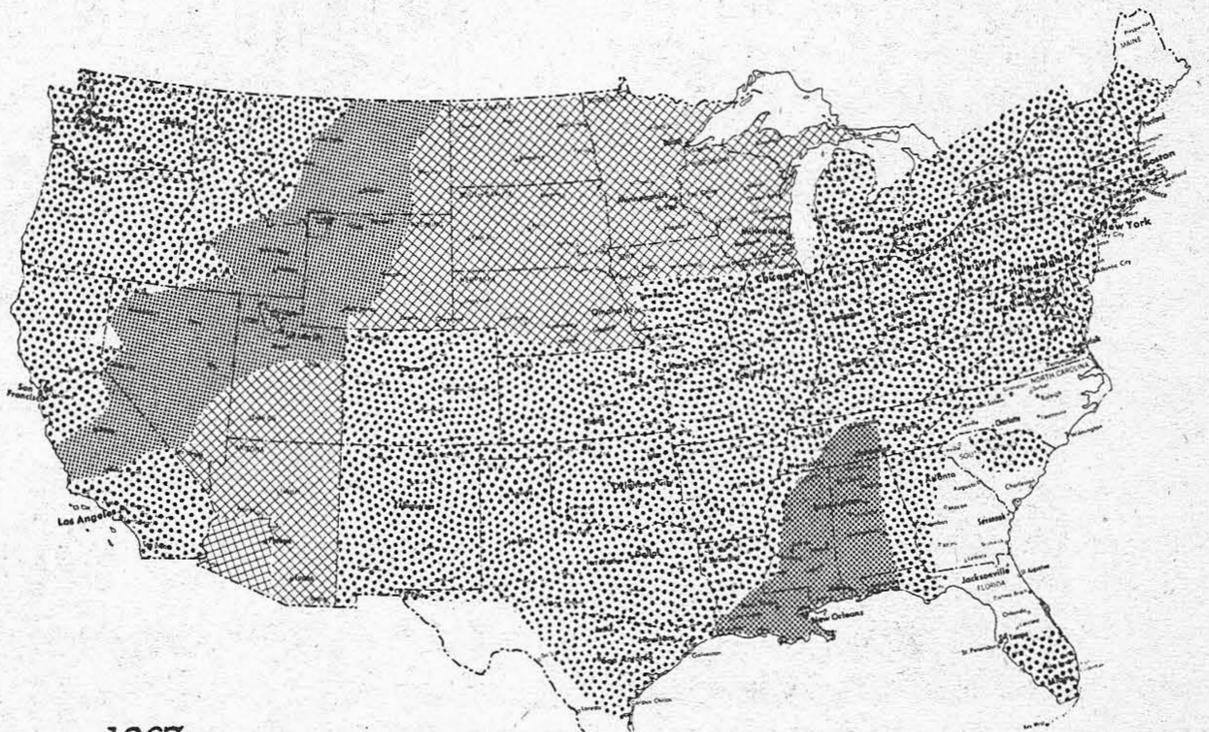
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 Dr. Jacques Vallee,  
 Jerome Clark and Lucius Farish with  
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-U.S. AIR FORCE "PROJECT BLUEBOOK" REPORT  
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perimeter. These lights maneuver with a peculiar bobbing motion, as if they were on a yo-yo string, and they often fly low over highways at treetop level. They are completely silent and apparently under intelligent control. Very often several appear at one time, flying in perfect formation. In some areas, such as the Ohio valley, these lights appeared nightly on a regular schedule for weeks and were viewed by thousands.

Early in April, 1967, the author "staked out" a remote hilltop near Gallipolis Ferry, W. Va., for several nights and observed many of these strange lights apparently landing and taking off from inaccessible hilltops about two miles away. Each evening these lights would suddenly begin to glow on the hilltops at about 10:30 p.m. and slowly bob into the air. At times they chose to pass directly over our parked car. On one occasion, in the presence of witnesses who later signed affidavits, the author flashed a light at one of the objects and **it actually returned the signal** by flashing a

brilliant light back three times. It was like a flashgun going off. On other occasions, these lights responded by instantly going out and disappearing the moment a flashlight was blinked at them. (Having witnessed the dull and diffused glow of "swamp gas" many times, the author can attest that these lights are not natural glowing gases.)

Reports of this kind of light have been coming in from all parts of the world for many years. In many cases, the lights are said to have deliberately pursued automobiles and railroad trains. In the early 1900's they chased men on horseback!

One such light is actually native to an area between Hornet, Mo., and Quapaw, Okla. Known as the "Spook Light of the Ozarks," it has been regarded as a local phenomenon for as far back as anyone there can remember. The Quapaw Indians have ancient legends about it, claiming that it is the spirit of a young Indian couple who committed suicide there long ago. Extensive published records of this

mysterious light go back 80 years. It has been described variously as a greenish-yellow globe four to six feet in diameter and sometimes as a brilliant white with a reddish glow on top.

Roy Grainger of Joplin, Mo., claims that when he was a boy in the early 1900's he was a member of a group who took rifles to the "spook light" area and actually fired at it. "As we shot," he wrote years later, "the light seemed to dance from side to side as though dodging the bullets." Since then, many others have fired at the thing without scoring.

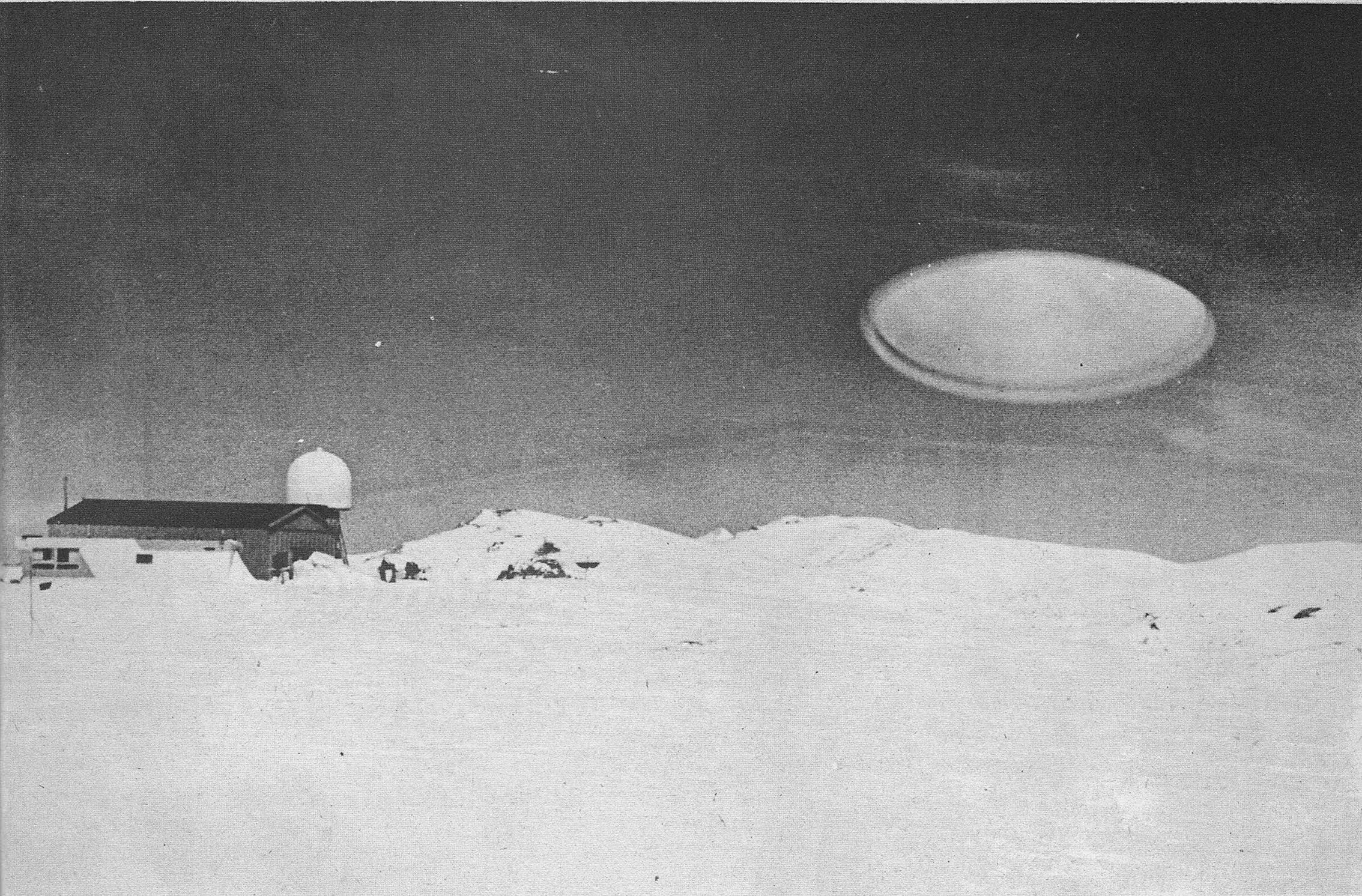
In many cases, the light has reportedly played tag with automobiles, just as UFOs do all over the world. Back in 1935, one girl told reporters that she fainted after the light flew toward her and "perched on the radiator of her car." Chester McMinn of Quapaw testified back in the 1930's that the light had chased him while he was riding a tractor. (Many farmers around the country have reported being "chased" by UFOs while riding tractors in 1966-67.)

One C. Paul Spidell of Baxter Springs, Kan. visited the area in 1946 and later recounted his experiences to a reporter of the Kansas City Star. "It (the 'spook light') seemed to be about 10 feet up from the ground," he said. "As it approached there was a reflection on the hood of my car. Four beams were like pipe-stem arms and legs. About 50 feet away it stopped and decided to climb a tree to our right where it perched for awhile, losing its brilliance and turning into a kind of ectoplasmic cloud."

That 1946 report is identical to thousands of UFO reports that would turn up later. A group of U.S. Army Engineers visited the "spook light" site in 1946 and could not find an explanation. A long line of scientists, meteorolo-



**John A. Keel accepts 1966-67 "Ufologist of the Year" award from James Moseley of Congress of Scientific Ufologists.**



gists, astronomers and just plain curiosity-seekers have been exploring the area since. Most of them saw the light and none of them were able to figure out what it was.

Similar "spook lights" haunt many other parts of the world and have apparently been around for years. One is supposed to "live" around Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa while another stands guard at Mt. Shasta in California. All of these lights display typical UFO characteristics, appear to be under intelligent control, and defy all efforts to capture them or explain them rationally.

The Missouri "spook light" gives us a substantial record of sightings going back many years

and everything indicates that, unlike many UFOs, it remains in a single area perpetually. It is therefore safe to assume that this particular unidentified flying object "lives" in Missouri and does not fly back and forth to Mars or Ganymede.

The massive amount of available data points to some obvious conclusions deliberately overlooked by the UFO buffs. We find, when analyzing the thousands of sightings reported in the past 20 years, that UFO activity is **not** sporadic but is constant and consistent in many specific parts of the country. Newspaper coverage of sightings is erratic and inconsistent, not the phenomenon itself. Self- (Continued on page 68)

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styled "Ufologists" have been so intrigued with their extraterrestrial theories that they have failed to take note of these consistent factors.

Sections of Ohio and West Virginia, for example, have had extensive sightings year after year in the same, relatively isolated and thinly populated areas. The region around Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., have had continuous activity (although poorly reported and poorly investigated by local UFO buffs), for many years. In North and South Carolina, UFO activity dates back to 1922 and is still going on in those states, although the local newspapers pay very little attention to the reports. Sections of Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma have a history of sightings going all the way back to 1860. (In fact, a farmer named John Martin was the first to coin the phrase "flying saucer" when he described the object he saw outside Dallas, Tex., in 1878.)

Recorded sightings of mysterious objects in the sky actually go back much further. Ancient Hindu manuscripts written 5,000 years ago describe things almost identical to those being reported today. The average UFO "believer" re-

gards all of these historical records as "proof" that the Earth has been "visited" throughout its long history. But when you dig deeper you are forced to realize that the recorded sightings represent only a fraction of the total.

Although only a handful of sightings have received national publicity in 1966-67, UFO activity has been constantly intensive and has extended throughout the world. The wire services and newspapers have neither the incentive nor the personnel to keep tabs on all of the reported sightings and collate them. One newspaper editor recently explained to the author, "When you've read one UFO report, you've read them all." Although he was receiving an average of three reports per day, he bothered to print only about one a month.

If a Frenchman in W.W. II saw a single Sherman tank rumbling down a country road he could reasonably deduce that the Americans had landed and that there were undoubtedly many other Sherman tanks in France. He did not need to know that thousands of other Frenchmen were also seeing American tanks in order to confirm his de-

duction. Applying this same simple logic to the UFO phenomenon, we can assume that if two published UFO sightings survived from the year 1840, there may have been hundreds or even thousands of such sightings that year. Indeed, the late Charles Fort *did* burrow into yellowing newspaper files and old scientific journals and uncovered many such sightings.

To belabor this important point: It is obvious that unidentified flying objects have been consistently active in the same areas for many years. Therefore it is quite reasonable to speculate that these objects actually originate in some unknown manner *from these areas* rather than traversing great spatial distances to make brief random and apparently pointless "visits."

In short, many of the thousands of observed "flying saucers" and "spook lights" are more apt to be a part of the Earth's environment than extraterrestrial craft flying in from some distant point. We have mistakenly misled ourselves into believing that unidentified aerial vehicles *must* be extraterrestrial merely because they do not conform to the known patterns of behavior of man-made flying machines. By the same token, UFO buffs now take the numerous "little men" sightings more seri-

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ously than the reports of normal-sized, normal-looking UFO occupants in coveralls because the "little men" seem to substantiate the outerspace theories while the normal-type pilots do not. Also, the normal-looking characters have been repeatedly described in many of the controversial "contactee" reports and, until very recently, very few "ufologists" took such reports seriously.

The unbelievable scope of the UFO phenomenon provides such a broad spectrum of contradictory data that it is possible—even probable—that several different "groups" are involved. The "little men" that have been reported may not be at all related to the nine-foot-tall giants who have also allegedly been seen. However, there is abundant historical and archaeological evidence to indicate that both giants and dwarfs once inhabited many parts of the world. Giant coffins containing the bones of nine-foot-tall humans were unearthed in Central America in the 19th century. On the other end of the scale, traces of a civilization of dwarfs have been discovered in South America, Africa, and even in the New England states.

Who were these bizarre people and where did they eventually go? No one seems to know and scientists sweep these "erratic" artifacts under their carpets. Clergymen, on the other hand, point to the Bible and Genesis 6:4: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that . . ."

Researchers who have plunged into the vast literature on elves, fairies and leprechauns have come up with equally fascinating cases carefully documented throughout history in which apparently sober and reliable people have actually seen "little people." In many of these cases, the reported behavior of these "little people" is very similar to the behavior of the "little men" who have allegedly been observed around grounded flying saucers.

As we examine this great mass of data, much of which is impressively documented, we are forced to wonder if perhaps these ancient groups may not have found it preferable to coexist with savage and unpredictable modern man while remaining aloof of him (us). Perhaps they even developed their own hidden cultures safe in some forbidding jungle or mountain range. Few people seem to realize that four-fifths of our planet is largely unexplored (since it consists of water, deserts, jungle and icefields, and that only Europe and the United States have been adequately mapped. There are, in addition, many places where only three or four white men have passed through in all of recorded history. The world is full of hiding places. Some of them are right here in the United States.

Remember that UFO activity seems to be most intensive in isolated, thinly populated areas. In those regions, the activity reaches a peak between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., when most of the local population is fast asleep. Dr. Jacques Vallee and other patient researchers have charted these patterns and many ufologists fear that such obvious efforts to operate unobserved might suggest an ultimately hostile motive. Because of these patterns it is highly probable that a considerable part of all UFO activity has gone on totally unobserved and unreported. Thus we can almost be certain that for each observed activity there are hundreds or even thousands of flights, landings, etc., which we are not even aware of.

This kind of intensive and continuous activity would be logistically unrealistic if the objects had to fly back and forth between Earth and some home base on another planet. It would be far more practical for the objects to operate from bases of some sort in the barren plains of the Midwest, the little explored and rarely visited forests of Northern Canada, the jungles of Brazil and a thousand other isolated and inaccessible places.

One group of far-out cultists have advanced the theory that a super-race of giants resides in caves deep toward the center of the Earth and that these "Deros," as they are called, not only operate flying saucers but are also responsible for all our troubles, ranging from wars to epidemics of the flu. This "Inner Earth" theory was first expounded by one Capt. John Cleves Symmes in 1818. He actually petitioned Congress for funds to finance an expedition to the center of the Earth (he planned to enter through an opening he was sure existed at the North Pole), and he even succeeded in getting 25 Congressmen to vote for his scheme.

In 1944, a welder named Richard Shaver sent a long letter to Ray Palmer, then the editor of *Amazing Stories* magazine, outlining his alleged experiences with the Deros and their underground world. Palmer wrote a story based on the letter and published it. The magazine was flooded with letters from readers "confirming" Shaver's story—some 50,000 in all—and the "Shaver Mystery" was born. It is true that Richard Shaver even described saucer-shaped flying craft some three years before Kenneth Arnold's report of nine such objects near Mt. Ranier kicked off the nation's first publicized "flying saucer scare." For a time, Ray Palmer was even accused of having created the whole UFO mystery just to sell his magazine. But the events of the succeeding two decades cleared him of that ugly charge.

If anything, Shaver's tales appear to have been based upon weird hallucinatory experiences which might have been very real to him and which may have been part of the long campaign to feed us confusing misinformation. Certainly all that we know about the Earth and the mechanics of its motions rules out the possibility of a hollow interior. None of the advocates of the "Inner Earth" theory have been able to produce even a small shred of evidence to support it.

That "spook light" in Missouri must be originating from some spot within a 10-mile radius, yet no one has ever discovered its hiding place. If it were not for its apparently intelligent and controlled behavior we might be able to write it off as a natural phenomena. Ivan T. Sanderson, a renowned biologist, is one of the serious, scientifically-oriented ufologists who have dared to suggest that some of the mysterious flying lights might really be misunderstood natural phenomenon. In his recent book, *Uninvited Guests*, he proposed that some of these objects could be alive—living packets of energy drifting in from space to feast at the "free lunch counters" of our power lines. However, the "spook light" and its many counterparts were around long before this planet was girdled with power lines.

In 1947-48 another, more mundane, theory enjoyed brief popularity. It was suggested that the luminous blobs might be parcels of ionized air, electrical plasma, or ball lightning. Scientists quickly discovered however that ball lightning was a very rare phenomenon and followed a definite pattern of behavior quite different from UFOs. Tiny balls of electrical plasma were later produced in laboratories but they lasted for brief seconds and had to be created in a vacuum. It was also suggested that a "corona effect" around power lines might be producing spheres of electrical plasma. This theory was quickly discarded. Back in the early 1900's, General Electric's brilliant Dr. Steinmetz had carefully taken the "corona effect" into consideration when he designed the first power systems. The wires were spaced and insulated in such a way as to prevent the effect from taking place. Steinmetz's system has been constantly improved upon and today most modern power plants are equipped with a "corona meter" which tells them instantly if a sparking or corona is building up anywhere along their lines.

In 1966, an electronic engineer named Phillip Klass dusted off the electrical plasma theory and tried to reopen the whole subject. He did garner a lot of newspaper space, and the aimless and thoroughly disproven concept

again roused the ire of the UFO buffs.

There may really be a natural explanation for many unidentified flying objects but we haven't stumbled upon it yet. What could glow so brightly that it actually burns the eyes of many witnesses, responds to light signals from the ground, dodges bullets intelligently and makes absolutely no sound? For 20 years the ufologists have told us that such things are "space ships" from another world. But perhaps they are making a mistake by lumping these lights together with the large, metallic objects which have often been seen in broad daylight and which might possibly be "space" ships.

In hundreds of reports these objects have been described as gigantic in size (in contrast to the lights which are often only a few feet or even a few inches in diameter). Portholes, fins and other distinguishing features have frequently been observed on these mysterious objects. Are these huge machines hiding in our forests and plains or are they based at the bottom of our oceans? Or could it be that some of these things are extraterrestrial after all?

Let's open Pandora's box a little further. If some of these larger craft are extraterrestrial, and if they are visiting our planet repeatedly without establishing open and direct contact with us then they must have another, unsuspected purpose. If some—or most—of the observed UFOs are based here, then it might be plausible to assume that the extraterrestrial visitors are engaged in social or commercial intercourse with the beings who occupy those theoretical bases. The visitors may be coming from the home base of those other beings (if they are not from Earth) and may be bringing in supplies, additional personnel, etc., to establish new bases. Should this be the case, then the visitors might very well have hostile intentions. They could be busily setting up a sufficient number of secret bases preparatory to launching a sudden and totally unexpected attack against us. If the visitors come from a great distance, it might take them many years or even many centuries before their terrestrial bases would be strong enough to launch such an attack.

In the meantime it would be necessary to keep us from suspecting anything. A program of psychological warfare would have to be instituted to keep us in confusion and to blind us to the presence of the bases and the reconnaissance craft being used to study us, examine our strengths and weaknesses, and plan the ultimate attack. The strongest technique would be to engineer situations which would create a curtain of of ridicule around the whole subject of unidentified flying objects, instill fear in the accidental witnesses to UFO op-

erations, and avert official recognition or study of the phenomenon.

*Apparently, this is precisely what is being done.*

The rapid increase in reported UFO activity since 1964 indicates that new bases are possibly being installed and expanded throughout the world, under our very noses and without detection. If some of the UFO groups have always existed here, perhaps they have been somehow enlisted to participate in the visitors' operation. To keep us off-guard, terrestrials have occasionally been contacted and given messages of peace and good will, and handed a "line" about the visitors' place of origin and motives. The circulation of such stories kept the avid UFO believers off-guard and, at the same time, made the whole subject seem even more ridiculous to the skeptics.

Thanks to the UFO buffs' 20-year campaign to convince everyone that the "flying saucers" were from outer space, no one has thought of looking for an answer closer to home. While everyone has been studying the skies, searching for a clue to the origin of the UFOs, the objects and their occupants may have been happily nesting almost in our very midst, quietly preparing for their "D-Day."

Astronomers and physicists have tediously repeated the same arguments against the possibility of extraterrestrial visitations for 20 years. Everything we know about the planets in our own solar system seems to rule them out as possible sources. The nearest star is four light years away and, according to our concepts of celestial mechanics and the limitations of our own technology, it would be virtually impossible to travel that distance within a human lifetime. But we cannot overlook these sobering facts:

1. Entities from another star system would probably have a technology completely *different* from our own; 2. They might also have a much longer life span—or even immortality; and 3. They might know many things about the universal laws that we have not discovered, or even suspect exist. In other words, the factors which seem like insurmountable problems to us might not even exist to them.

Now, let us assume that such an extraterrestrial race exists and that interstellar travel is no problem to them. This is a mighty big assumption, admittedly, but there are some extraordinary "facts" to support a very interesting hypothesis. This alien race might have "discovered" the Earth in prehistoric times and established a base or two here, far removed from the areas where man was then living. Perhaps the giants and dwarfs were the most advanced life forms on Earth then and they were

either driven into hiding by the aliens, or they were drawn into a compact with them.

As the centuries passed, the aliens found it expedient to enlarge their bases on Earth. Perhaps they found that their home planet was orbiting a dying star and they realized that they had to find a new home. If all of the contact reports contain a grain of truth, then they closely resemble us and come from an environment similar to ours. Therefore the Earth might be more suitable to them than any other planet in our solar system, or even in the entire galaxy.

But while they were preparing to evacuate their own planet, we were breeding rapidly and also progressing technically. Recognizing this, and realizing our fierce, warlike nature, the aliens were forced to adopt a subtle, long-range plan, a plan to commandeer our planet as suddenly and as painlessly as possible. Additional bases would have to be established prior to the final, overt action. We would have to be kept either totally unaware of their activities, or confused and uncertain about it all. As the plan neared completion, more and more terrestrials would have to be enlisted to help prepare the way for the arrival of the final armada. The evacuation or transfer would be an enormous operation and the ultimate "take-over" would be on a global scale and probably would be achieved in a single day of our time.

More and more, the massive numbers of UFO sightings in 1966-67 seem to uphold this "hostility theory." The obviously covert activities of the objects in remote, thinly populated areas far removed from Air Force bases, radar nets and major military installations further indicates a planned operation based upon the element of surprise. In addition, we are confronted with the enigma of the unidentified people who visit UFO witnesses in these areas and harass or threaten them into silence (See SAGA, Oct. 1967). Reports on the activities of these mysterious individuals are now coming in from every state, and the government denies knowledge of their identity. Most of these "mystery men" are described as being dressed in dark clothing and they are said to be dark-skinned with Oriental features. In a number of recent cases, very tall individuals with unusual features have also turned up, sometimes accompanied by females who usually have red hair. They use ordinary automobiles for transportation but rarely have a license plate visible.

Could it be that a "Fifth Column" is now operating amongst us, preparing for the final stage of the UFOs' unknown plan? In 1967, there were over 1,000 inexplicable power failures reported in areas of intense UFO activity, and

something new was added—*telephone failures*. Phone companies have their own power supplies and during the Great Blackout of November 9, 1965, the telephones continued to function in the stricken Northeast. Since then, telephones have become an object of distrust among ufologists. Innumerable UFO witnesses report bizarre telephone problems after revealing details of their sightings to the press or to local UFO investigators. Many ufologists throughout the country received strange threatening calls this past summer, warning them to get out of the UFO field. Whoever is committing these "hoaxes" must have either unlimited funds (for monumental phone bills), or they must possess the technical equipment necessary to cut into the phone system. To accomplish the latter, they would also need a thorough knowledge of how the telephone system works. It is improbable that this kind of telephone interference could be accomplished by equipment aboard objects hovering in the air. It would almost have to be done from the ground. The "special agents" of the gigantic A.T.&T. are baffled and apparently unable to do much about the complaints that are pouring in.

In a speech before the 1967 Congress of Scientific Ufologists in New York City, Prof. Gordon Evans, a political scientist and one of the best of the "serious-minded" ufologists, suggested that we may have made a grave mistake by trying to simplify the subject. "You don't simplify the extraterrestrial," he said. "You give him more credit than hitherto." In other words, if the UFOs are from an extraterrestrial source they are apt to be up to something far more complex than a simple aerial survey of our planet.

Unidentified flying objects are a part of man's long history on this planet. If they are extraterrestrial, and there is no evidence either contemporary or historical to prove this, then they have deliberately chosen to remain aloof of us. If they are of terrestrial origin, then they come from a group which has carefully remained hidden from us; or else they represent a natural phenomenon beyond the understanding of present-day science.

We have tried to find a simple answer to something that may be extremely complex. The amateur ufologists have struggled to support the extraterrestrial thesis despite the contrary evidence and the clear indications that the objects have been operating consistently in specific areas. When the UFO buff has been followed by a black Cadillac containing men in dark suits, he has reasoned that he was being harassed by the C.I.A. or "government" because he "knew" that the UFOs are

manned by three-foot-tall Martians. When his phone misbehaved, was apparently bugged, etc., he was sure that those same "government agents" were out to "shut him up" and destroy his collection of yellowing newspaper clippings. Unfortunately, the UFO buffs have spread their anti-Air Force and anti-government paranoia until today the general public is whispering about a conspiracy to suppress UFO information. As a result, fewer and fewer people are reporting their sightings and experiences to the government. And this may be precisely what the "aliens" had in mind all along. How could the government take any real action or investigate the situation properly if they have been cut off from their central source of information—the public at large?

Maybe it's all a sucker's game, and we're the ones who have been the suckers. So long as there are UFO skeptics in government and out, and so long as there are people who cannot comprehend the meaning of events beyond their own understanding of their environment, the UFOs can continue to play this game with us. They could hide

a flying saucer a mile from your home and you would never realize it. Even if you saw that saucer every night for month's on end, you would be more apt to believe that it was coming from Mars every night, or that each object was a different one. Such is our present fallacious line of reasoning.

The 1964-67 outbreak of rarely publicized incidents in the air and on the ground should, at the very least, impel us to launch a crash program to find out exactly what these things are and what they are really doing here. Our government spends millions of dollars annually on such things as fisheries and studies of butterflies, but the Air Force could only filter out \$500,000 to a handful of physicists and psychologists at the University of Colorado for UFO investigation.

We'd all better pray that they discover and *are able to prove* that the UFOs are merely natural phenomenon. Because if these things are manufactured objects we are in deep trouble. We may have already lost a war without even knowing that one existed.

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