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■The day was June 24, 1967, and the weather in New York City was brutally hot. But inside the Commodore Hotel an icy shiver swept the audience as Jim Moseley, Chairman of the first World UFO Convention—officially called the Congress of Scientific UFOlogists—made this startling announcement.

"Your attention, please," he said. A silence fell over the assembly. "We just heard some shocking news. Frank Edwards, the noted broadcaster and champion of flying saucers, died of a heart attack today. He was only 59 years old."

A single gasp rose from 2,000 throats. Frank Edwards had been a leading champion of the existence of UFOs and had forced the public and the government to pay attention to this puzzling phenomenon. He brought respect to the subject because of his stature as a news reporter.

"I need not remind you of the extremely odd coincidence of this news," Moseley continued. "that Frank Edwards' death occurred 20 years after—to the day—the UFOs first made big headlines in America. It was on June 24, 1947, that Kenneth Arnold

made his famous sighting of nine flying saucers."

Actually, Frank Edwards died on June 23rd, a few hours before midnight. But the coincidence is still there—as if his death had been timed for that significant date.

Timed? By whom? Or was it chance?

Was it chance that two other prominent UFOlogists died on June 24, 1967, while two more died on June 24th of other years. The four were:

Arthur Bryant, June 24, 1967. The contactee who claimed to have met three Venusians, including the apparent reincarnation of George Adamski, the most famous contactee in UFOdom.

Richard Church, June 24, 1967. The brilliant young chairman-elect of the UFOlogy group, CIGIUFO, and an expert on UFOs.

Frank Scully, June 24, 1964. Scully wrote the first significant book about UFOs—*Behind the Flying Saucers*—in which he mentioned the "little men" or alien humanoids, electro-magnetic powerplants of saucers, EM effects, and the Air Force's campaign to hide the truth about UFOs from the public, all

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INVESTIGATORS!

Over the past 10 years, no less than 137
flying saucer researchers, writers,
scientists, and witnesses, have died—many
under the most mysterious circumstances.
*Were they silenced, permanently, because
they got too close to the truth?*



"ridiculous" ideas that were later accepted.

Willie Ley, June 24, 1969. A well-known writer on rockets and astronautics, Ley wasn't directly involved in UFOlogy but he wrote about space travel.



Willie Ley, science writer.

Flying saucers are space travelers.

So we have those directly connected with UFOlogy, plus Ley, all of whom died on June 24th, three within hours of each other.

Why on *that* date?
Chance?

Could it have been a warning?

Whatever, the fact remains that over the past 10 years, no less

than 137 UFO researchers and contactees have died. Many of the deaths were surrounded by peculiar circumstances. The list is too extensive to be covered in its entirety; only the most prominent, then, will be named.

George Adamski, April 23, 1965. Victim of a heart attack (according to the death certificate) in Silver Springs, Md. Dead within hours despite emergency treatment. Cremated and buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Adamski claimed to have seen a flying saucer land in southern California. He said he had spoken to its pilot, a Venusian, in front of witnesses, including George Hunt Williamson. (Williamson disappeared mysteriously in 1965) Adamski also claimed to have traveled to Venus and to have been in telepathic communication with saucer men. He toured the world until his death, lecturing and relaying messages from "our space

brothers" to live in brotherhood and peace.

Truman Bethurum, May 21, 1969. Also claimed to have ridden to other worlds in flying saucers. He was a quiet man who seemed incapable of making up the fantastic adventures he had. He wrote two books about them before dying quietly in bed.

Barney Hill, February 25, 1969. One of the most celebrated contactees—with his wife Betty. John Fuller wrote a book about them—*The Interrupted Journey*. The title refers to an experience the Hills had in 1961 when they encountered a landed saucer. They remembered nothing of the incident. But later, under hypnosis, they described being conducted aboard the saucer by little humanoids, and undergoing physical examinations. The Hills told their story on TV and in lectures. Their sincerity left little doubt as to the truth of their experience.

Mark Probert, February 22, 1969. The most prominent psychic in BSRA (Borderland Science Research Associates), an organization founded by Meade Layne. Probert acted as a



Dag Hammarskjöld

"cosmic telephone" link between Earth and an "inner circle" of departed spirits; these spirits enabled Probert to contact saucer men. Reports of the contacts were then published in the BSRA journal. He never claimed to have seen saucer men in person or to have traveled in saucers.

Meade Layne, 1968. Wrote several books on his beliefs in flying saucers.

***Before the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists, Gray Barker, the chairman, received two letters and one phone call telling him that Frank Edwards, the noted radio newscaster and champion of flying saucers, would die during the convention. One day after the meeting was convened there was an announcement that Frank Edwards had succumbed to an "apparent" heart attack. How could anybody know that Edwards was going to die, unless it was planned?
AND THAT'S CALLED MURDER!***

Dr. George Hunt Williamson. The first of two great mysteries. Williamson disappeared while on an anthropological expedition to Peru in 1965. He was noted for his explorations of ancient Indian sites in the Andes, which he suspected were saucer bases, landing fields, and cave headquarters. He believed the saucer men were still there. Later, he experimented with shortwave radio contact, claiming in 1952, that he had established communications with UFOs. Saucers were observed hovering over his radio shack during these broadcasts. Williamson wrote several books about UFOs, the most noteworthy was *The Road in the Sky*.

Dr. Raymond Bernard, Sept. 10, 1966? The question mark is used because some believe Dr. Bernard is still alive. He produced many books about the inner Earth. (*The Hollow Earth, The Inner World, etc.*) which he believed to be inhabited by saucer men, making them "inner Earthians" not extraterrestrials. Their flying saucers rise out of the earth at the North and South Poles, which, according to Dr. Bernard, are deep pits.

Dr. Morris K. Jessup, April 20, 1959. A scientist who firmly believed in UFOs and who devoted his life to proving their existence. Dr. Jessup was a distinguished astrophysicist. He supervised the installing of the first important telescope in the Southern hemisphere. He wrote several books on flying saucers; the most famous was *The Case for the UFO*, 1955. Dr. Jessup was found dead in his station wagon in a Coral Gables (Fla.) park. Suicide was apparent; a rubber hose was attached to the exhaust pipe and looped back into the interior. The death certificate reads, "acute carbon monoxide intoxication." Dr. Jessup's theory about UFO's is that they are vehicles by which a pygmy race from outer space visited the Earth millions of years ago. The pygmies built a civilization later destroyed by natural calamity.

Barney Hill, who, with his wife Betty, was conducted aboard a landed saucer by humanoids and given a physical examination. The Hills remembered nothing of the incident until hypnotized by a psychiatrist.

Vestiges do exist in the pygmy tribes living on Earth today. His hypotheses were rejected by the scientific establishment.

Capt. Edward Ruppelt, 1960. Capt. Ruppelt headed the Air Force's Project Bluebook for two and a half years. He was more sympathetic to the cause of UFOs than his critics admitted. In 1956, he wrote *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects* in which he proved that the Air Force had no basis for denying the existence of UFOs, eventually forcing it to release UFO statistics. He kept the UFO pot bubbling before the public and counteracted the anti-UFO theories of Dr. Donald Menzel.

Wilbert B. Smith, December 27, 1962. A leading scientist, he was appointed head of the Canadian government's Project Magnet in 1950; the project was designed to investigate flying saucers, taken seriously by the Canadians at that time. But the idea was ridiculed by _____ (Continued on page 92)



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the press, and unsympathetic officials shelved it four years later. Smith claimed to have received telepathic messages from UFOs. He aided UFO groups in their researches; he analyzed the famous "Ottawa chunk" and found traces of "oddities" indicating that it was perhaps dumped from a UFO.

Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, May 9, 1968. Dr. Fontes, a distinguished young Brazilian scientist, was South America's foremost UFO booster. He investigated and reported innumerable cases, including the classic Itupai Fortress attack by a UFO using heat rays. Unlike hesitant U.S. scientists, Dr. Fontes boldly challenged the "official" viewpoint. He concluded that saucers were "sizing Earth up" for conquest. He maintained this grim view until his death.

The Rev. Della Larson, October, 1965. A contactee who claimed Venusians were living on earth among us. She committed suicide in a rest home by hanging herself with a nylon stocking.

Gloria Lee (Byrd), December 1, 1962. She said space people had told her to go on the fast during which she died.

H. T. Wilkins, 1966. Died following a heart attack. Well-known for his two books on UFOs, *Flying Saucers on the Attack* and *Flying Saucers Uncensored*. Like Dr. Fontes, Wilkins was convinced the saucer men were here for the possible conquest of earth.

Dr. Charles A. Maney, November 8, 1965. A scientist who risked his reputation by taking UFOs seriously, he wrote—*Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects* (in collaboration with Richard Hall of NICAP). A professor at Defiance College in Ohio, he utilized scientific statistical methods to promote the case for UFOs, and "scolded" science for its indifference toward the UFO phenomena.

Capt. Robert Loftin, November 21, 1968. Ironically, Loftin's book—*Identified Flying Objects*—was published just a few months before his death. In it he demonstrated that aerial flying objects were "identified"—that is, were identified as real, not illusory.

Clara John, 1968. Former editor of *Little Listening Post*, after a long illness.

Hazen Coon, 1968. One of Joan Whritenour's staff of reporters at *Saucer Scoop*.

Ralph Holland, January 26, 1962. Former editor of *A Voice From the Gallery*.

Chuck Roberts, February 13, 1969. A police radio dispatcher who joined the staff of *Saucer Scoop*.

Bernard Cox, January 1969. Member of SAUCERS, the Australian UFO organization.

Edgar Jarrold, 1960. Australian UFOlogist who vanished mysteriously.

Marie Ford, Suicide. A young UFO enthusiast who found the body of the Rev. Della Larson.

Doug Hancock, 1968, Suicide. A UFO researcher who was confined to a mental hospital. He managed to obtain a gun and shot himself.

Damon Runyon, Jr., April 14, 1968, Suicide. Son of the famous sports writer. Involved with the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination; and a writer on UFOs. *Saucer Scoop* said that young Runyon "fell, jumped, or was pushed off" a Washington, D.C., bridge.

Henry F. Koch, 1966. Publicity director of the Universal Research Society of America. He was written up in *Flying Saucers* as having made a UFO sighting on April 3, 1966, and dying mysteriously a few weeks later. The death certificate said of a heart attack. The magazine suggested the cause of death was saucer radiation.

Dr. B. Noel Opan, August 23, 1959. Dr. Opan made a UFO a sighting and later was allegedly kidnapped by three MIBs (Men in Black) from his home in Wellington, Ontario, Canada. He was never seen again.

Bryant Reeve, December 1968: Author, with his wife, of *Flying Saucer Pilgrimage*. Bryant and Helen Reeve traveled extensively and interviewed many UFO celebrities—Adamski, Mark Probert, Truman Bethurum, and others.

Dag Hammarskjöld, September 19, 1961. Known for his general "saintliness" as head of the U.N., and no disbeliever in UFOs, Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in Southern Rhodesia. A witness, Timothy Kankasa, swore he saw a

craft above the airliner. The UFO emitted beams of light resembling a "flashing torch." The question is: *Did saucer men tamper electronically with the airliner, causing it to crash?*

And this leads us to the broader question: *Did saucer men engineer the deaths of those in our above list?*

Let's examine this carefully before condemning it as utter "nonsense" or an attempt at "sensationalism."

First, various UFOlogists have revealed threats against themselves either from MIBs or other mysterious sources. In the publication *MIB: A Report on the Mysterious Men in Black Who Have Terrorized UFO Witnesses and Investigators in All Parts of the Nation*—Robert S. Easley writes: "The first real act of violence on the part of the 'Three Men' came on February 25, 1968. On that date I had given a UFO lecture to a group of Boy Scouts and their parents. As I was walking out to my car afterwards, at about 9:45 p.m., I was shot at by two men in a car without any lights on. Later that same evening I received another mysterious phone call. . . 'If you and your buddies are not out of the saucer field by next Sunday we will have to take other means of action (to put you out).'"

Gray Barker, well-known publisher in the UFO field, tells (in *Spacecraft News #3*) how, when investigating the notorious "mothman" rumors near Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., he found a note on his door saying—somewhat ungrammatically, "ABANDON YOUR RESEARCH OR YOU WILL BE REGRET. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED."

Similar stories have come from dozens of other UFO investigators. They can hardly all be hoaxes or pranks. Somebody, or something, has been threatening those involved with UFOs, threats that in some cases seem to have been fulfilled.

We might also heed the words of John Keel, who more than any other investigator has sought to uncover the mystery of UFO's and MIB's. Keel said in *Saucer Scoop*, that he believes the MIB's to be "the intelligence arm of a large and possibly hostile group;" and that they are professional terrorists. "Among their many duties is the harassment of the

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UFO researchers who become involved in cases which might reveal too much of the truth."

"Many duties" may well include outright murder of victims, though in such a skillful way that the police aren't aware the murders even occurred. How is this done?

Frank Edwards and Frank Scully presumably died of heart attacks; Wilbert B. Smith and Dr. Olavo Fontes of cancer; and Barney Hill of a brain hemorrhage. All of them died relatively young, none over 59.

We will now ask: can heart-attacks, cancer and other diseases be induced in people in some unusual way?

Consider this angle on Frank Edwards, as reported by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour in SAGA: "Edwards was warned to lay off UFO investigation," we (the two authors) were told. "He had been visited by the same three men in Black that shut up Albert K. Bender" (a former UFO investigator who was hounded into silence by MIBs.

"Nonsense," another delegate said (the authors reported). "Frank had been ill for six months . . ."

"Not true," argued yet another UFOlogist in the SAGA article. "Frank has never been ill. Check the obituary. It reads that death was 'apparently' due to a heart attack. How many other researchers have died of an 'apparent' something or other?"

This conversation occurred at the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists following the announcement of the death of Frank Edwards. And radio personality Long John Nebel, in his recent book, *The Psychic World Around Us*, tells how Gray Barker, just before the convention, showed him two mysterious unsigned letters stating that Frank Edwards would die during that convention. "On Thursday afternoon," continues Nebel, "just a few hours before he was due at WNBC (for an interview), Barker phoned again. 'John', he said, 'something happened a few minutes ago that really shook me up! I got a phone call from a man who said that Edwards would not live to see the end of the convention. That's all he said before he hung up. The tone of his voice scared me. It was like nothing I've ever heard before, like something not human!'"

So before the convention and before June 23rd when Edwards died, Gray Barker is on record as having received two letters and one phone call, all predicting the death of the newsmen. How could anybody know Edwards would die in advance? . . . unless it was planned? How was the heart attack induced? We must also ask ourselves if all the heart-attack cases, plus those involving cancer, brain hemorrhages, and pneumonia should be suspect? And even if such "natural" deaths can be induced, suicide would still be easier to accomplish. You can't tell a man (hypnotically or by telepathy) to have a heart-attack, but you can tell him to take his own life.

This brings us to the greatest mystery of all—the alleged suicide of Dr. Morris K. Jessup. Most of his closest friends had no idea he would kill himself. But John P. Bessor, one of Jessup's intimates, points out that Jessup was a very "dis-

appointed" and "discouraged" man, over his losing battle to make UFOs "respectable" among scientists.

Capt. Bruce Cathie of Australia, author of *Harmonic 33* (about a UFO "grid" around earth), says, "When Dr. Morris K. Jessup died in 1959, he had just completed a long and detailed report claiming to prove that the U.S. Navy, during a top secret wartime experiment, caused a warship and its crew to become invisible . . . That the full story has not yet been released is due, in part, to a restriction imposed by Dr. Jessup himself, when he decreed that his report should not be published less than five years and not more than 10 years after his death. The present ending to his story is as fantastic as the invisible ship itself. In 1959, Dr. Jessup handed all his documents on the case to a close friend to be held in trust, and he then headed for a holiday in Florida . . . Three days later he was found dead in his car . . ."

But Gray Barker, in his book *The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup*, gives the most startling data. He reports that Richard Ogden, a UFO researcher of Seattle, Wash., sent a message saying, in part: "Now as for Jessup, his suicide was a frame-up. Jessup fell victim to hypnotism. He was sent a tape-recording that contained self-destruction suggestions . . . This is what happened to Jessup. It was cold-blooded murder!"

Ogden never documented his claims so the validity of his charges is open to question. But Jessup did write "suicide notes" to several of his friends, including Long John Nebel.

The most intriguing of the suicide theories stems from the fact that Jessup was a great friend of the medium, Mark Probert, and believed in spirit communications. Jessup was quoted by members of BSRA as giving a strange farewell comment before his death: "I go to prove for myself the reality of worlds beyond time and space." After Jessup's death, Probert received a long scientific dissertation on life-after-death but the sender would not name himself, but hinted that it was indeed Jessup.

Jessup always seemed to be a special target for weird happenings. A copy of his book—*The Case for the UFO*—was returned with marginal notes throughout, made by three men who referred to themselves as "aliens." Many of their notations indicated they knew superscience and were familiar with saucer craft. This marked copy was sent to the Navy, which took it seriously and consulted Dr. Jessup, who could throw no light on the mystery.

Jessup also received letters from a "Carlos Allende" (the famous "Allende Letters" case) referring to a Navy ship becoming invisible and being teleported from one city to another. This mystery was never cleared up.

The whole Jessup affair remains an unsolved riddle to this day.

Another riddle is the strange disappearance of Dr. Raymond Bernard. Dr. Bernard lived his later life on the island of Santa Catarina, off the coast of Brazil. Although he himself never reached the "inner world" he wrote about, he claimed to know others who did, and who disappeared before they

could lead him below.

Bernard once wrote UFO researcher, Timothy Beckley, that his (Bernard's) life was in constant danger from the inner-earth beings. Bernard presumably died at his home in December 1966, but Gray Barker said ". . . efforts to obtain a copy of the death certificate, or proper information from the American Embassy, have been to no avail." Bernard said he would allow Barker to publish his book, *The Hollow Earth*, only if he had died or was "successful in finding an entrance into the inner earth." This was included in Barker's brochure for the book, "Was Dr. Bernard Swallowed up by the Inner Earth?"

Thus we don't know if Dr. Raymond Bernard is buried six feet under—or 1,000 miles under.

Another mystery is the disappearance of Dr. George Hunt Williamson in 1965. We can add little to this enigma except a rumor that has him "living quietly on the West Coast." If true, why has he dropped all contact with his friends and become such a mystery figure? Could he have been silenced by the MIBs?

We might add one other "death" of a different kind—the TV show "The Invaders," killed in 1967. According to *Saucer News* the show was not dropped due to poor ratings but because of the impending resignation of Roy Thinnes, the star. Thinnes was supposedly threatened on various occasions when the show dealt with topics "too hot to handle." When Thinnes himself was asked for a comment on the show's demise, he said: "I have no comment other than the fact that there is more truth behind the TV plots than most people realize."

The point is obvious. Thinnes may have received threats to quit—or run the risk of joining Frank Edwards, George Hunt Williamson, and the others. His show always featured aliens posing as humans, and acting quite like the MIBs—cause enough for the real MIBs to get after him.

All of this is not meant to frighten anyone who takes an active part in the UFO field. In fact, another and very startling viewpoint can be taken in regard to the "premature" deaths of UFOlogists.

Can it be that when such important "UFO evangelists" as Frank Edwards, Morris K. Jessup, Mark Probert, and the others have "fulfilled their task" in behalf of "preaching" UFOlogy, they are "taken away" deliberately for their own sakes? That is, having met the scorn and blind opposition of the unheeding world long enough, are they then mercifully removed from the "battlefront"?

This, you see, puts a different light on the deaths of UFOlogists. Maybe they are being rewarded, not punished. Maybe they are "taken within the fold." *Who knows?*

At any rate, something must account for the high death rate among UFOlogists. That "something" may either be the secret machinations of the UFO hierarchy who decides which earth-people "know too much about flying saucers," or the planned removal of UFO crusaders who have done their job nobly. Take your choice . . .

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