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During a radio talk-back program last April, an Astronomer was discussing astronomy in general, including the Comet collision with the Planet Jupiter, when a lady from Canberra 'phoned in and said:

"Doctor, we saw a large bright orange light tonight, that separated into two bright orange lights and one flew over Mount Stromlo, while; the other flew over the mountains in the opposite direction. An aeroplane was chasing the bright light over Mount Stromlo. Is there an explanation?"

The Astronomer answered,

"Well, these are like interesting sightings that appear from time to time, but I would say, the aeroplane that you saw, was flying in that direction by coincidence and the two objects you saw were weather balloons"!

Now, a meteorologist would know immediately that the two lights were NOT weather balloons, going in opposite directions, but the bright orange lights were out of the astronomers field of endeavour.

During a later radio talk-back program, another astronomer admitted that colleagues in his field did see strange, unexplained objects in the sky, but they were some sort of natural phenomena. Just what kind of natural phenomenon, he did not know, and showed no interest in trying to find out. So, it is left to the UFOlogists to pursue the study of Unidentified Flying Objects if we are to ever learn the Whither, Whence and Why of the UFO. Unless the initiative remains with the intelligence behind these mystery objects.

QUOTE :

Truth will always be truth regardless of lack of understanding, disbelief or ignorance.

ELECTIONS:

At our Annual General Meeting to be held on December 5th, a new Committee will be either declared or elected. All nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper; must be also signed by a nominator, seconder, who, together with the nominee, must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary NO LATER than the 1st November, 1994.

A few days after listening to the "explanation" of the UFO's over Canberra; as given by the Astronomer on talk-back radio, (see Editorial), I left Melbourne for San Francisco on 22nd April, to commence my 1994 journey ON THE UFO TRAIL.

For the following three months, it was good to associate with the informed scientists who actually study the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Upon arrival, I commenced 'phoning individuals from a list sent to us, of people who had responded to the Fredrick Valentich Documentary televised by Unsolved Mysteries on 30th December 1993.

The first call was from a pilot whose encounter occurred on the 9th November, 1978, twelve days prior to the Valentich incident. At 17.25 Eastern Standard Time, (USA), an egg-shaped object, which the pilot said was a real enigma to him, at first thought it to be the landing light of a Business Jet overtaking his aircraft on the right. As he was still on a runway heading, off Runway 29, from HANSCOM FIELD, BOX BOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts. On that assumption, he took a careful look at the object wanting to avoid a collision.

The object was a brilliant white and moving on a closing course, at approximately 45 degrees

to his flight path. It moved from a 3.30 - 4 o'clock position behind and below his right wing to 11 o'clock position where it went out like a light bulb being switched off. The pilot remembered remarking out loud (a passenger was also a witness), that he had never seen any aircraft move so fast. Even 'planes on Air strikes when passing his De Haviland Beaver, in Vietnam were slow in comparison. He also remarked on the improper colour of the light, he should have seen a red 'position' light as the object passed right to left, but as it switched off, it passed through a soft green and as its light faded, the shape was revealed.

The entire encounter lasted no more than 5 seconds. During that time, it covered a distant of 3 - 5 miles and passed in from of us at a distance of 1/2 - 3/4 mile, at an estimated altitude of 1800 MSL, or 400 feet below our altitude of 2,200 feet. Very close to the ground.

Other witnesses - were pilot of C-172 on approach to Hanscom Field, and operator on BOSTON Approach Radar. All reported to Federal Aviation Administration.

I contacted the crew member of a U.S. Air Force C130, flying in Australia about the same time as the Valentich disappearance, who heard the Captain of a Qantas Air Line flight reporting that an unknown flew across his bow. The ex Air Force man is currently writing

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continued

other members of that crew for additional details.

One of the most outstanding encounters reported, involves a similar incident as the Valentich Case, the only difference being, the craft was seen disappearing into the water. The victim was an aviation instructor and an excellent pilot. The incident occurred off a New York State beach. A colleague who is a pilot is assisting with this case which is still under investigation.

By May 9th, I was caught up with telephone calls and correspondence that were awaiting me in California, as well as visits with researchers in that area. With only three months in the U.S., it was necessary to fly more than usual to keep on schedule.

From 11.20 pm, I flew overnight to Orlando, Florida, to begin my tour in the Eastern States. Meeting with those who had requested appointments to discuss their reports and experiences, as well as visits with friends and relatives. My first appointment was with Dr. Willy Smith for an update on UNICAT, his outstanding computer system of investigated UFO reports.

From Orlando, I began a thirty day bus pass, with the intention of travelling north as far as New York State and Massachusetts, where I have a colleague who is a pilot and is assisting with investigations of three aircraft and pilot incidents in the north east.

While in the Greyhound Bus Station, at Tampa,

I was robbed by a gang of ruffians. Fortunately, they got the wrong wallet with no money, but they snatched the one with my passport and travellers cheques, which I immediately blocked. However, my schedule was interrupted, as I had to fly back to California for necessary papers to apply for a replacement Passport.

While in Florida, I was contacted by a researcher from the Fox TV recently organised department ENCOUNTERS, who wanted an interview and information concerning Australian UFO activity, so on my return to California, I decided to oblige the Fox TV program, by making an appointment for interview which was to take place in Los Angeles on 23rd May, before resuming my schedule in the Eastern States.

I travelled from San Francisco to Los Angeles for the interview and when I arrived, the program researcher informed me that Encounters refused to do an interview unless I gave them the telephone numbers of the people who had responded to the Unsolved Mysteries Program. I replied that I did not betray confidence and besides, it was the business of another company. I bid the Encounters researcher good-bye and hung up! That trip cost me 24 hours delay and \$200 expense!

I had already recognized that Encounters was following a similar characteristic to other media patterns - to prey on non-profit organisations without remuneration. Encounters was aware of my recent

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unfortunate experience and chose to ignore it, which proves that all they are concerned with is making money, regardless of another's circumstances. They have had as free ride, for far too long, without appreciation. Encounters is of the same group as Paramount, the Company that messed up the Travis Walton, Fire in The Sky film.

The trip to Los Angeles was not altogether lost however, because it provided me with the opportunity of meeting with Ann Druffel, who is writing a book on Professor James McDonald, and was interested in any information I had on his visit to Australia in 1967 as well as the difficulties Philip Klass had caused him while on his visit here.

In addition, I was invited to attend the Board of Directors meeting of Los Angeles MUFON that night, where I gained some useful information with regard to their investigation and research plus giving them an up-date on our activities.

Next morning, I returned to the Eastern states to resume my interrupted schedule, beginning with a visit to retired Dewey Fournet, the former Pentagon's liaison officer for the USAF's official UFO research department's Project Blue Book.

The following few days were spent travelling day and night visiting. With relatives and observers who had reported UFO sightings, encounters and/or experiences, including pilot cases in Massachusetts and New York State.

The most outstanding occasion was in the home of a cousin near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Marilyn had mentioned to me in previous years that she would like me to meet a friend of hers who had reported several fascinating experiences involving UFO's. One of the great surprises of the trip was when she introduced me to Dr. Edward CARLOS, Professor of fine Arts, an Artist, who on Easter Sunday, 1990, on the HEBREDEAN ISLAND OF IONA, experienced several hours of **missing time**, during which he photographed an orange light descending from thick clouds over a bay and across the waves of a large circle from which mist rose. The experience inspired many works of art and led to X-rays, an MRI scan, and 30 hours of hypnotic regression.

His is the most outstanding event in the newly published book "ABDUCTIONS" by Dr. John E. Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Medical School and founding director of the Center for Psychology and Social Change. The book is published by Maxwell Macmillan International.

Needless to say, it was the mention of the bright orange lights report, which I have been noticing, for the past few years have been increasing on a global scale, that compelled me to listen to his whole experience, and for the next three hours I recorded his story. Beginning with this edition, we will publish, with permission of Dr. Carlos, some of his experiences and/or articles. He is the co-author of Chapter 14 in the book. If any of our members have had similar experiences, we would appreciate hearing about them and so would Dr. Carlos.

On the 17th June, I was invited to attend the Organisation for Paranormal Understanding and Support (OPUS) at the ROSEBRIDGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTEGRATIVE PSYCHOLOGY, CONCORD, CALIFORNIA. This is a recently formed support group for counselling people who have undergone these most unusual occurrences and request assistance.

For three days - June 23 to 25 - the Rocky Mountain Conference, headed by Dr. Leo Sprinkle at the University of Wyoming, was in progress, primarily for people who reported LOST TIME, and other experiences. The highlight of this Conference was the lecture given by Dr. John Mack, Author of the above mentioned book. We will include an article or two in next editions by Dr. Carlos, concerning lost time and related events, including his own, for the benefit of those who are interested in that field of UFOlogy.

The MUFON Symposium was at the Hyatt

Correction - Page 1 - On The Trail. - 19 days after the Valentich Encounter.

Hotel in Austin, Texas from 8th to 10th July. Philip Klass was on hand as usual, but I noticed the dwindling group he attracts each year has dropped to six, two less than last year.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. VLADAMIR RUBTSOV from the UKRAINE, at this Conference and to exchange information.

In my opinion, the highlight of this Symposium, was the paper given by Robert Dean, who began his UFO research while on active duty in the U.S. Army, where he served for 27 years, including time at Allied Powers, Europe with NATO as Intelligence Analyst with Top Secret Clearance. He was on duty at the time of the series of UFO appearances which almost set off hostilities between NATO and Warsaw Pact Nations, almost triggering off World War 111.

These events, of which veteran UFOlogists are aware, occurred during the early 1960's, will be discussed at our September Meeting.

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EDITORIAL

POST-SOVIET UFOLOGY: A VIEW FROM INSIDE

During the many years, before "perestroika", information on Soviet UFO sightings was for Western researchers a real gem, because of the high barriers that it had to overcome on its way to the West. These were the barriers of the dead silence of mass-media and the witnesses themselves, as well as the problems of translating and sending abroad unauthorized materials. Some Soviet amateur ufological groups began contacts with their Western colleagues as early as the 60-s, but these contacts remained for decades rather cautious. One could receive with gratitude free copies of American, English, or French UFO books and journals, but he would have thought twice before sending in return any description of a UFO sighting that had not been published in the "central press".

Of course, the feeble streamlet of the Soviet UFO data that did reach Western ufological organizations and periodicals¹ contained both reliable and not so reliable reports, being a usual mixture of obvious IFOs and quasi-UFOs with UFOs in the strict sense of the term. This was fully explainable and did not raise much discontent on the part of Western ufologists. After all, everyone understood that these data were obtained with difficulty in a totalitarian state, being another — and valuable — confirmation that flying saucers under socialism do not differ significantly from their democratic counterparts. And thank goodness for that.

Beginning from 1986, this streamlet turned, however, into a real flood. It became possible for Soviet citizens in general, and for Soviet ufologists in particular, to go abroad by invitations of their foreign friends and colleagues (although the exit visas were not abolished until the disintegration of the USSR), which resulted in considerable expansion of the data exchange. Mutual visits and participation of ufologists from the C.I.S. in international ufological conferences are no longer something extraordinary. Even the secret UFO reports, collected by the Ministry of Defense of the former USSR, are getting open in the atmosphere of the new-found freedom. This is in fact quite a new situation that can influence very much the world ufology. And it surely requires a correct evaluation.

Such an evaluation is the more needed since at the present time two opposite viewpoints on the situation — over-enthusiastic and over-sceptic ones — have become widespread. Over-enthusiasts believe that declassified Soviet UFO data will solve the UFO problem and will prove the ET hypothesis; over-sceptics are certain that the Soviet UFO files contain only rubbish which is not worthy of serious analysis, and on the whole that cunning Russians are simply trying to earn the longed-for dollars, foisting on credulous Western ufologists fairy tales instead of real information. "In fact, given today's economic crisis in Russia, — exclaims the science writer James Oberg, — thousands of people of all classes, but particularly from the military services, are desperately seeking — or deliberately creating — anything that can sell to Western buyers with

bucks. UFO files are one of the few exportable raw materials with a market in the West...³

Is this a sound approach to the UFO reports from the former Soviet Union? The Soviet government, though not democratically elected, was neither more stupid, nor more clever than other — democratic — governments. It could not, of course, ignore the UFO phenomenon, since it does exist and cannot be fully reduced to misinterpretations of identifiable natural and technological phenomena by untrained observers. After all, the UFO problem is a practical one: a pilot in the sky encounters "flying saucers", let's say, more often than a scientist in his laboratory. As such, it cannot be thrown away even if the leading scientists are inclined to regard it as a piece of nonsense. At the same time, it is (or seems to be) a practical problem of secondary importance — since such encounters rarely lead to any real damage or other appreciable consequences. Therefore the Soviet government, deeply stuck in the arm race, conflicts in the "third world", economic difficulties, etc., simply was not able to pay "excessive" attention to the problem. The UFO reports were being collected and analyzed, but no real breakthrough could be achieved under such conditions.

"Independent ufologists" in the USSR (first of all, Dr. Yu.A.Fomin, Dr. F.Yu.Zigel, and their colleagues) also collected UFO data and tried to understand the realities that manifested themselves in them. Sometimes they even issued typewritten works (in a very limited number of copies, but avoiding the vigilant eye of Glavlit — the Soviet censorship). There is in these works a lot of important information, as well as a good deal of "noise". Having no access to secret data about space and military tests, the researchers could, in a number of cases, mistake rocket launchings and atmospheric reentries for genuine UFOs. But it is sufficient to scrutinize the seven volumes of Dr. Zigel's collections of UFO reports, to understand that this ore is rich in metal. In fact, it can be noted that the intellectual and professional levels of the "underground" Soviet ufology were high, despite the hard conditions, under which these researchers worked.

In short, the "over-enthusiasts" seem to be somewhat too hasty in their conclusions. Most likely, there will be no startling revelations in the UFO files of the former Soviet military, although there certainly can be important information there on UFO sightings in the USSR, the statistical data, and the views of the Soviet establishment on the UFO phenomenon, as well as on Western investigations of the phenomenon. These data will probably expand existing UFO files, not transforming, however, our understanding of the phenomenon too radically.

But the "over-sceptics" are also wrong. In fact, this information is quite worthy of serious — and unprejudiced — analysis. In the 50-s, 60-s, and even in the 70-s the ufological "research field" in the USSR remained practically "clean", not contami-

nated by numerous sensational newspaper articles, so usual for the Western countries. Then a UFO observer in the Soviet Union rarely knew anything concrete about the established traits of the UFO appearance and behavior. At best, he knew that, according to the official point of view, UFOs did not exist; and if he made up his mind to send his report to a newspaper, a popular-scientific journal, an observatory, or directly to the Academy of Sciences, it meant he regarded the event as very unusual and worthy of complications. It concerned both "official" and "non-official" observers. The military pilots, for example, sometimes refrained from reporting their UFO encounters even when there existed an instruction "from the top" to do this: the consequences of following the instruction could not be foreseen.

J.Oberg rather arrogantly judges the post-Soviet ufology as if on behalf of the Western one. His criterion is simple: those who disagree with Mr. Oberg's opinion on the nature of some UFO (or rather "UFO") sightings are incompetent and must not be tolerated in the civilized society. "Serious UFOlogists will have to quarantine the obviously hopelessly infected UFO lore from Russia and disregard it all. <...> Every decade or two, the question can be reconsidered with a simple test: Do leading Russian UFOlogists still insist on the alien nature of the 1967 crescent UFOs and the 1977 "jellyfish" UFO? If so, slam the door on them again."⁴

Really and truly, having read such a passage, any Russian (and, just in case, Ukrainian) ufologist will hurry to swear that never in his life he believed in the alien nature of these damned "UFOs"! We Russians remember well what the word "quarantine" can mean and do not want to take risks. When such a prominent American ufologist does all he can to set us in the right way, it only remains to obediently follow his instructions. Thank you, Mr. Oberg, for our happy future!

To be on the safe side, I must confess that it seems to me quite plausible that the 1967 "crescents" were in fact missile warheads reentering the atmosphere after an incomplete circuit around the globe. Does it totally exclude the question of the crescent-shaped UFOs out of ufological consideration? Not necessarily. This question needs, to my mind, a more detailed examination.

As for the Petrozavodsk "jellyfish" phenomenon, it was certainly closely connected with the launching of the "Cosmos-955" satellite, but there were some important anomalous features as well. I hope to publish a paper discussing this phenomenon in some detail in a future issue of RB.

Is ufology in the states of the C.I.S. perfect? Of course, not. Not more than American or European ufology is. In some respects our ufology is even "less perfect", for the simple reason that it is just beginning to develop under the new conditions of freedom and market economy. As a result, it is not

immune against the "illnesses", typical for such conditions. For a long time we struggled against quite different "illnesses", and the rapid process of "tabloidizing" of the UFO subject took many researchers by surprise.

Nonetheless, the general situation is not so bad. We have such serious specialists, engaged in ufological studies, as Dr. L.M.Gindilis (contrary to J.Oberg's opinion, the famous Gindilis Report⁵ was neither sponsored, nor inspired by official structures), Dr. Yu.V.Platov, Dr. A.F.Pugach, Dr. M.Yu.Shevchenko, and many others. We also have (and this is extremely important) a considerable number of scientists, scholars and engineers who are not prejudiced against the UFO subject matter (as distinct from the majority of their Western colleagues) and are therefore ready to study it seriously and professionally. This can lead, in its turn, to achieving a very essential "intermediate aim" — assimilation of the UFO problem by science. The current difficulties of the everyday life in the C.I.S. may slow down this progress, but will hardly stop it. As is known, the human mind can display its creative abilities not only "owing to", but "in spite of" as well.

Contacts and collaboration between serious researchers from the Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe and America will certainly continue and develop. One of the instruments for such a collaboration is the recently-created Joint USA-CIS Aerial Anomaly Federation, headed by Dr. Richard

F. Haines. It is engaged, in particular, in translating from Russian into English and distributing ufological materials from the C.I.S. Interested persons and organizations can contact the Federation at its USA office.⁶ At least, you will have an opportunity to form your own opinion on the advantages and disadvantages of ufological studies in this part of the world.

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— Vladimir V. Rubtsov

MORE NEWS FROM PUERTO RICO

The following note will be found highly corroborative and interesting. It has been supplied, in November 1992, by FSR reader Dr. Eugene Bauer of Dover Plains, New York State, USA, and came to him from the family (residents of Puerto Rico) of one of his work colleagues. EDITOR.

"In the south-western part of the Island of Puerto Rico, in the towns of Cabo Rojo and Lajas, there are many reports about UFOs for the last couple of years, and at present the reports are still coming in from these two towns more than ever, especially from Lajas, where Lake Cartagena is located.

"Near that Lake there is a small village named Parmarejo, whose residents have on many occasions seen strange flying objects. This small village is one of the "hottest flap spots" for UFOs that have been reported anywhere since the great "Flap" some years ago over the Hudson Valley in New York State.

"At Parmarejo the people are living in fear. They are

seeing UFOs flying noiselessly over Lake Cartagena and hovering above their own houses and their farms, shooting down beams of light on to groups of teenagers in the parks at night. These UFOs are described as orange-coloured, with white domes on top, and many square rotating lights or windows of many colours on the bottom. One lady residing there has had many sightings of these "strange lights", over and over again. She has seen a "small red object" pass by her front door one night and another night a huge white dome-shaped UFO with a rotating light hovered over a nearby hill shooting down beams of light towards the ground. On yet another night, the same hill was lit up by an enormous bright light so vivid that it hurt the eyes to look at it. All these strange happenings, they say, are caused by the "OVNIs" (Spanish for "UFOs")."

THE CHINA SCENE

By Gordon Creighton

Early in December 1993 we saw several brief but amusing little news agency reports in British newspapers (for example, a *Reuter's* report in the *Times* and the *Independent*, both of December 8), about the "UFO situation" prevailing between the "Two Chinas", the Communist Mainland and the free and democratic Nationalist Chinese Government on the Island of Taiwan (Formosa).

The reports made it clear that while — on account of the prevailing hostility between the two regimes — no direct air-link can possibly exist between Beijing and Taipei (Taiwan's Capital) — "Aliens" haunting Far Eastern skies are patently under no constraint to pay heed to such trifles as our man-made frontiers and boundaries or for that matter to any other "artificial constructs" of our wee terrestrial minds. Consequently, so the reports said, the UFOs have been coming and going very frequently indeed between Taiwan and the Mainland.

And even those few Chinese in the two camps whose consciousness has expanded sufficiently to take in such a thing as the concept of "alien craft" also seem to have shown scant respect lately for political distinctions, because they have just recently concluded their very own first *Joint Mainland/Taiwan UFO Conference*, held in Beijing!

According to a statement put out by the Communist regime's *Xin-Hua News Agency*, the delegates at the conference spoke of possessing logged records of almost 6,000 of these UFO trackings to and fro across the Formosa Strait!

We are indebted to FSR's Malaysian Consultant, Ahmad Jamaludin, for the following rather fuller account, published in the English-language newspaper *The Star*, of Kuala Lumpur, on December 9, 1993:

UFOs SEEN ABOVE TAIWAN STRAITS

BEIJING-AFP. Bewildered onlookers have spotted nearly 6,000 unidentified flying objects (UFOs) hovering above the Straits separating China from rival Taiwan, the Chinese *Xin-Hua News Agency* quoted experts as saying.

Some of the UFOs — seen by astronomical observatory workers and civil and military pilots above Taiwan Strait — defied rational explanation, said the 50 experts from the two sides who have just concluded a three-day symposium here.

The *Xin-Hua Agency* said that more than 5,000 of the 6,000 "flying saucers" were seen from the Mainland.*

Some of the experts believed that they came from remote galaxies, while the more rationalist delegates argued that they were natural phenomena like

lightning bolts or man-made objects such as balloons or satellites, the report said.

The last sighting was on August 7, when two linked hat-like objects floated above Taipei International Airport for 15 minutes.

There have been more than 400,000 UFO sightings worldwide since the first was reported in the United States in 1947, said *Xin-Hua*, adding that China herself set up a body to investigate the phenomenon in 1978.

CHINA'S UFO RESEARCH JOURNAL

This is a suitable moment for brief mention of the Communist Chinese journal on UFO Research, FEIDIE TANSUO. We have no idea how long it has existed. It is published in Lanchow, an inland city far to the south-west of Beijing, and we first received a few copies in 1987. It is said to be produced monthly, and is printed on very poor paper, of the size and general format of the American *Time Magazine*. Its monthly circulation is claimed to be no less than 300,000, a figure that would sound staggering anywhere else in the world. And I find it difficult to credit.

In theory they are now sending the journal to me regularly, but so far only about twenty issues have reached me since 1987. The contents usually include a great deal of padding (articles about Space Travel, Astronomy etc.) and they seem to be careful never to publish anything of serious interest from China itself except humdrum reports of the usual type about sightings of objects seen at great altitudes, spirals in the sky, and sky phenomena in general. They have indeed often carried excellent translated accounts of exciting close encounters with UFOs, and with entities, but in all the issues that I have seen they have been careful to select these from the early (foreign) writings of Antonio Ribera, Aimé Michel, Donald Keyhoe, and so on. In other words, all nice "safe" material, because from far-away foreign sources.

To judge, then, by the few issues of FEIDIE TANSUO that have been permitted to reach me (I assume that somebody either in China or here avidly purloins them, along with a great deal of other material that never reaches me) the magazine strikes me as very much of a write-off. However, I might possibly be wrong on that, for all those missing issues since at least 1987, and maybe even earlier, could possibly have contained something of value to us. If it has been running for at least seven years to date, that means at least 84 issues to date — of which I have just 22.

With regard to kidnappings and disappearances and killings in China, our readers will be aware that a few such reports have arrived on the FSR editorial desk, but these have always come *via other channels*, not by

the FEIDIE TANSUO. In FSR 38/4 (pages 21-22) we gave some details of two alleged cases of kidnapping in China, but it is important to realize that I had translated these from Paul Dong's excellent little book FEIDIE BAI WEN BAI DA (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON UFOs), published, in Chinese only, in Hongkong in 1983 and never, so far as I can ascertain, circulated or available on the Mainland.

I have heard of only one other Chinese who has published a book on UFOs. This was Shi Bo. So far as I know, his book was issued only in France, in French. I have a copy, and found nothing very interesting or exciting in it. *So far as I know, there has been no open discussion yet anywhere in print, either in Chinese or in any foreign language, about any signs of "genetic and sexual tinkering" in China such as is now being so widely reported in the USA, Canada, South America, and Britain, and I am still waiting in vain for replies to my enquiries about this. (For, should it turn out that the Aliens are spurning good*

Chinese sperm and good Chinese eggs, then it is a grave case of racial discrimination which must be reported and denounced to the Race Relations Industry instantly).

All in all, one would get the impression that the Red Chinese authorities have got the situation very well under control on the Mainland. It will be recalled that, some years ago, our American/Australian friend and colleague Paul Norman paid a brief visit to China and tried to make contact with the investigators there, but — as I warned him would be the case — the accompanying Government officials kept a close eye on him the whole time and never left him alone with anyone very long, so that he did not learn much.

In my "tailpiece" on page 22 of FSR 38/4 I also mentioned a very serious case of kidnapping which was recently related to an important British legal official by officers of the Communist Chinese KGB, but at present it is not possible for me to say anything more about this.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

by Jean Waller-Seifried
Oklahoma MUFON State Director

Jane Pauley's *Dateline* interview with Dr. John Mack, Harvard University Professor of Psychiatry, on May 24, 1994, appeared to be a concerted effort to "shut him up" via discrediting his research. He has perhaps become too powerful a voice? The program offered a truly shoddy attempt to present the work of this prestigious man—editing his comments to the degree of unimportance desired by the editors.

Dr. Robert Baker's attempt to debunk Dr. Mack's findings was obviously uninformed and incompetent in his analysis of the work being done by Mack and other highly qualified researchers in the field of abduction trauma. He should be held accountable for his ignorance. Why would NBC allow such an ignorant person to comment on the work of a Pulitzer prize winner? It was absurd! Let this guy explain how sleep-paralysis can account for all the multitudes of multiple subject abduction experiences—or the abductions which have been witnessed by other uninvolved persons! Let him explain why some of the "alien" descriptions were documented before Steven Spielberg ever came into the public eye with his *Close Encounters* movie! Let him explain the numerous occurrences of similar physical markings, implants, simultaneous nose bleeds, wet bed clothes, etc., reported by researchers!

When we consider all the facts, this man

obviously has no capacity to comment on the problem, much less pronounce solutions for it! It is a problem, you know! One which has touched the lives of thousands of individuals, frightening them and confusing them, challenging their paradigms beyond their ability to cope. It is becoming so wide-spread one has to wonder if the whole of mankind is demented? I think not! The reasonable assumption is that something unique and profound is taking place, and we had better start taking it seriously if we want to gain some controls with regard to it!

I am not attempting here, to prove anything to the public. I don't have to prove anything to justify my position. I've done my research and I know something is going on! I do hope to take some of the pressure off these courageous and determined abduction experiencers and their counselors. Due to the development of scientific process our western culture has placed a moratorium on personal beliefs based on faith or circumstantial evidence. We can not seem to resist an opportunity to publicly ridicule those who attempt to show the progress they've made toward proving their belief, assessing this as wrong and unacceptable social behavior.

Think about it! Scientific Proof is not possible—nor necessary to all subjects. Whatever happened to common sense, faith, and sensitivity? Perhaps the lack of these "old fashioned" ideas is one of the reasons our civilization is becoming the most corrupt, savage and destructive in the history of man. You have only to watch

the news every day to learn that! Somehow we seem to be purposely directing ourselves down the path to fulfillment of the Bible's ominous prophecies. We better wake up or our days are indeed numbered!

The following is a letter that Jean sent to Jeff Lazalier, a reporter for KFOR television station in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Jeff Lazalier
c/o KFOR
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May 26, 1994

Dear Jeff,

Let me thank you for your careful and competent handling of Richard Seifried's interview for the abduction news segment, May 25th. I was particularly pleased when it became necessary to wait until the next night to air it, considering the embarrassing segment on *Dateline*, addressing Dr. Mack's efforts in behalf of the abduction experiencers. I realize the difficulty in trying to do justice to a complex subject when putting together a tiny segment for a show or newscast. However, my sensitivity to this particular subject will not allow me to overlook the impropriety of the comments presented during Ms. Pauley's *Dateline* presentation of Dr. Mack's efforts in behalf of the abduction experiencers. (May 24, 1994).

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The result is my Directors Message to be published in the upcoming summer edition of the *Oklahoma MUFONews* (MUFON Oklahoma's Quarterly Newsletter). I also intend to send this message to Ms. Pauley. I want to assure you that I am in no way attempting to criticize the *Dateline* show as a whole, for there are often well done segments of great interest and/or much importance. Thank you again for your great reporting!

Sincerely,

Jean Waller-Seifried
Oklahoma MUFON State Director

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Members of the University of Oklahoma Physics Department met recently. They decided that **there can not be life anywhere in the cosmos except Earth!**

UFO conference attracts believers, skeptics



Robert Dean, a retired U.S. Army command sergeant major, spoke about a highly classified report on UFOs he had seen while working at North Atlantic Treaty Organization offices in Europe in the early 1960s.

Philip Klass, a UFO debunker who lives in Washington, D.C., and writes for aviation magazines, questioned Dean's story, and the exchange quickly became hostile.

When a reporter asked Klass about the exchange, Klass called

Dean "a liar and a con man." Dean's wife, Cecilia Dean, heard the comment and became upset. "He can say he doesn't believe him. He can't call him a liar," she said.

Klass and Cecilia Dean began arguing about Robert Dean's comments, and Klass hit her on the nose with his pen. Klass quickly apologized, but the men agreed they had a longstanding conflict.

"This subject generates this kind of emotion," said Robert Dean, 65, of Tucson, Ariz.

Klass said he would love to write a story about a real alien spaceship, but "in 28 years I have never found a case that I cannot (explain) in prosaic and earthly terms."

Dean said NATO officials wrote an in-depth report about space-

ships because mysterious, high-flying metallic objects almost provoked a confrontation between NATO and the Soviet Union in the early 1960s.

Only 15 copies of the report were printed, but Dean — who at the time did not believe in UFOs — managed to read it. "It changed my life," he said. "It convinced me not only that it (the UFO phenomenon) is real but also that the implications are much greater than we realize."

Dean acknowledged violating an oath he took not to divulge military secrets but said that he only does it on the UFO issue and that he felt compelled to speak out.

"This is too important," he said. "The American people have a right to know."

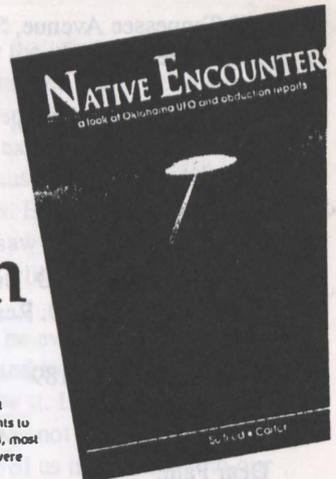
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Paul Norman
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Dear Paul,

You were a delight to meet. I appreciate that Marilyn brought us together. I have not heard from Leo Sprinkle; I realize you won't receive this until you arrive back in Australia after the conference, so I guess that is out as a possibility for this year.

I have enclosed the form, filled out....my handwriting isn't all that legible, so I thought I'd explain on the word processor:

"Patterns - Somewhere on the Path of Reconciling Repetitive Sightings and Encounters"

The sighting I am to describe took place on a Friday or Saturday evening in September, 1993. Besides me, my son and a friend were working three miles out of town in a rural, wooded setting, digging a ditch for a waterline up the middle of a 400 ft. lane, with a machine we rented for the day; it was a long tiring day of outdoor heavy work. The sighting occurred around 9:00 p.m.

The setting:

From a main rural road, Rt. connects Sewanee and Sherwood, Tennessee (ten miles apart over steel mountain incline). From Rt. cutting off in a C form giving a two way access to Rt. is a less travelled rural paved road. On the back corner foot of the C shaped road is a lane leading off 400 ft. through trees to a small house (my son's) (it having just been moved there from Sewanee). We were digging a ditch with a rented machine up the middle of that lane for a water line extending from a 'town' waterline connecting the small village (located along the backside of this C shaped road) to Sewanee. It is almost entirely wooded and edged by a cliff.

The friend and I were working on loading the digging machine onto a u-haul type metal cart; I had just moved the car to accommodate this manoeuvre, backing into the beginning of the lane but still along the small rural paved road. My friend was, if I remember, messing with the gate and a chain, either the chain connecting the cart to my car or to hook the gate. We were standing together and he

was bending over. I was standing upright beside him. I looked up and saw the ufo flying slowly over the trees, but visible to me because of a break or abrupt deep dip in the tree line. The low flying, quite large, craft flew slowly from west toward the south from our spot on the road. My friend is talkative and was talking loudly, and there was a lot of other external noise if I remember correctly - either my car was still running or the noise was because of the chain being pulled through the digger and being wrapped on the metal sides of the cart. But, I saw the ufo and shouted out, "Look! Look!," and pointed, but he never heard me speak or saw my gesture. This was ironic because earlier that day talking about encounters (mine) he said he'd like to believe but he never even had seen a ufo. And, he missed it. I said nothing more though about it to him then, but did tell my son when he eventually appeared and we were ready to drive home, the three miles to Sewanee for dinner, and to return the rented machine. I asked my son to watch the sky on the way home to see if he saw it. Later by eleven we were free but exhausted; I felt guilty for not going back out to look for it but not enough to go. My son was not interested, he had to get up at 5:30 a.m. to go to work. Neither of us mentioned it to our friend - I thought, 'What was the point of doing so?'

It was just after dark, about 8:30 - 9:00 p.m., I estimate (I don't wear a watch, won't run on me) when the sighting occurred.

The craft:

It was large - larger than an automobile or a van. It was three levelled with the top level being the lowest, and had windows around it - maybe circular - I'm not sure, but each was separate or isolated from the others.

The craft glowed orange and seemed orange perhaps because it was surrounded or covered with an orange hazy bright glow. Therefore the edges were softened somewhat but it was still clearly visible as to its structure and form. The haze reflected orange as well. The windows seemed lighter, more light yellowish than the craft itself. The three tiered structure was circular in form and looked like a child's toy top, the kind one plays with on the floor, and causes to run by pushing up and down with a spiral metal handle. The middle section of the craft was the largest in height; the lower one was a smaller circular form like the top level compared to the middle section.

There was no sound I could hear. It was travelling slowly in a horizontal line just above and across the tops of the trees by perhaps fifty to one hundred feet at the most.

In the vicinity less than a tenth of a mile away, as it was, is a cross country huge electric power-line, but not in sight of where we were; one would have to be on the edge of the cliffs all along this area to see it. The cliff edge of this wooded rural area was, I estimate, also about a tenth of a mile away - certainly the craft was only a few hundred yards from us and just above the tree tops. Yet it was far enough to not loom huge to me in its size.

Am I becoming blase about sightings, I wonder. I have had three sightings during the fall, winter and spring....and two encounters one of which was related to a sighting.

Scientists face battle with aliens

SCIENTISTS still have some way to go in educating the public, judging by the number of people who believe in paranormal events such as alien abductions, says astronomer Carl Sagan.

He blames scientific illiteracy for such beliefs.

Dr Sagan was countering claims that creatures from outer space regularly abduct humans, subject them to sexual abuse and use them for breeding experiments with aliens.

"It's not that we're grumpy about lost continents or UFOs," he said. "It's just that the world can ill afford such scientific illiteracy."

Surveys indicated 25 per cent to 50 per cent of adult Americans did not know the Earth went around the Sun once a year.

"Almost every newspaper in the US has an astrology column... and none has a daily science column," he said.

Dr Sagan was joined by UFO investigator Philip Klass and psychology professor Elizabeth Loftus at a news conference during the annual conference of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal in Washington State.

Both attacked claims of alien abductions and Professor Loftus said research had shown hypnotherapists could lead people to believe they had had experiences that never occurred.

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Coast UFO sightings on increase: Expert

Reports by SALLY BENNETT

SUNSHINE Coast residents have come out of the closet to reveal an increasing number of UFO sightings.

Last month alone five people reported separate incidents of Unidentified Flying Objects and a local expert said they were becoming more frequent.

Coast co-ordinator of UFO Research Queensland Jeffrey Spiro said about 50 sightings were reported on the Coast each year.

And reports were always more frequent when there was a lot of military activity, regardless of where it was happening in the world.

"We have had people who have seen incredible things," Mr Spiro said.

Mr Spiro said interest in UFOs was so strong as many

as 200 people had attended the association's monthly meetings.

Tomorrow's meeting at Maroochydhore's CWA Hall from 7pm will discuss the reported UFO testing site at Pine Gap.

Mr Spiro said the meetings, which had been going since May 1990, aimed to help people deal with UFO sightings.

And he said sceptics were welcome.

"Critics and sceptics are great. They keep us on track to be thorough in our investigations," Mr Spiro said.

While he conceded that some of the reports he received could be put down to something more believable, he said he refused to accept all could be explained.

Tomorrow's meeting cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for pensioners and includes a discussion, video and supper.



MR SPIRO... welcomes sceptics.

Yandina manufacturer 'knows what he saw'

A YANDINA man who has reported three UFO sightings will never be convinced earth has the only form of life.

He knows what he saw and no amount of contrary evidence will make him change his mind.

"I've seen a lot of strange lights and there's always been a reason for them," the man, who did not wish to be named, said.

"But these ones are so distinct, I have never seen anything like them."

The man, who holds a pilots licence, said he did not believe in UFOs and thought most sightings were figments of people's imagination.

"I still believe a lot of things are."

The self-employed manufacturer said he had his first "extra-terrestrial" experience when he was just six years old.

Since then, the 44-year-old has reported two sightings including one at Yandina about two months ago.

"About two months ago this ringing began to drive me crazy. I looked up in the sky and there was this object."

The man said he saw a bright red and green object hovering over Mount Ninderry which his wife witnessed.

"It made the hair on my arms and my head stand up and the crickets on the ground became quiet and still"

He said it was similar to his second experience which saw a group of smaller objects leave the main one and speed along the ground at high speed.

About 14 years ago, when the man was living in western Victoria, he said he had another un-earthly experience which began about 8pm and continued through the night.

"I was in the paddock servicing a machine when something started emitting light," he said.

"It made the hair on my arms and my head stand up and the crickets on the ground became quiet and still."

"It was a white light that was extending in height. I would say it was a few hundred feet away."

The man said he felt to leave his property and head for town but his car, which he had not had any problems with, would not start.

BEGA DISTRICT NEWS

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Locals report UFO sightings

REPORTS of Unidentified Flying Objects are not common in the Bega Valley - until now that is.

In recent weeks several local residents have reported seeing what they described as UFOs.

In one reported sighting, a woman travelling from Candelo to Bega said she was followed by a bright light which kept appearing and disappearing immediately behind her car.

The situation scared the woman so much that she stopped and the light surrounded her car for a moment and then suddenly disappeared.

The other reports range from night time sightings of bright orange lights in the sky which appeared to be moving to a day time sighting of a football-shaped object with windows and lights.

The object was reported by a young Bega West resident who immediately informed her parents.

All the sightings have occurred in close proximity to Bega and in many instances have been reported by several people.

A UFO investigative group says sightings have been reported from all along the east coast between Melbourne and Sydney in recent weeks which tallies with those reported in Bega Valley.

UFO SIGHTINGS LAST MONTH

■ May 7: A person reported seeing a bright light with two red shafts reaching the ground in the Noosa area.

■ May 8: A UFO was reportedly seen over Peregian Beach. People in an aircraft reported seeing a light come down over scrub and land. When they went to investigate they failed to find any trace of the object.

■ May 10: A couple driving a car reported seeing a bright light in the Tewantin-Cooroy area about 4am. They said the light had a bright red glow and appeared to be following their car. They said it was about five times larger than a star and moved from one side of the car to the other. Mr Spiro said the light could not have been mistaken for Venus, which becomes brighter, because it frightened the people and had a red glow.

■ May 24: Two brightly coloured objects were reportedly seen in the Yandina area. They had an orange glow which moved in a half moon direction and bounced. The objects were said to have been there for about an hour and about 15 degrees above ground.

■ May 26: A yellow-white light was reportedly seen in the Gympie area.

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September, 1993: the sighting described above.

November, 1993. Mid-month, the night of the full moon-eclipse which occurred in the late evening the night before my sighting/encounter. At 5:20 a.m., still dark outside, I awoke to find myself sitting on the end of my bed. The room was full and lit up by a dull but bright low bluish-whitish subtly pulsating light. The source of the light was a white glowing orb, with radiating haze surrounding it which spilled into my bedroom through double glass doors. I first thought the full moon was brilliant to so light up the room (it's not done that during any of the consecutive four months following), but I looked then over to my left and out the doors and saw the orb. I wanted to distinguish this from the full moon, which would had to have been low in the sky but in its orbit 'fall' near that spot; I knew it was a craft but I kept trying to rationalize it as the moon.

I stood and walked to the window after marking its spot from the seated position. I looked back to see my wife sleeping peacefully and deeply yet, on the bed. I then returned to the bed, sat down and fell over on my back into a deep sleep.

My habit is to awaken about 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. and make tea. This morning, then, I slept in until 9:30 a.m., it is very, very, unusual for me to do this.

I realized though that the sleep before and after as a deep black sleep; and I frequently have light sleeping habits and am often an insomniac, having to change beds or couches or rooms, upstairs and down, in order to return to any kind of rest or sleep. I have done this for years actually. I used to wake up and feel an uneasiness or fear and restlessness. Now, I am not so frightened of going to sleep; I'd love to sleep soundly and dream every night. For a few years though my sleep seemed dreamless, at least not remembered.

On Easter Sunday eve, Mid March, 1994, I had another of the longer deep black sleeps - awakening to find on each forearm, inside on the soft part, two identical sets of two puncture marks on each arm. The slits were small but horizontal in the same direction across from each other and about a quarter inch apart. On the right arm the slit puncture marks were closer toward the wrist than on the right arm, and each puncture had a rounded bruise mark around it. I had them photographed that day but the images are a bit blurry, not as clear as I would like. I had no sighting in correspondence with this event but I felt certain an encounter had occurred.

I went within two weeks to a psychologist for a regression under hypnosis. It was not altogether successful, I could not be in his regular office because of a new carpet and toxic fumes which make me ill so we met in his home beside his indoor swimming pool. But it also a recreational room and laundry area, and a maid was going in and out and the machines were running, while I was attempting to relax enough to be induced. I had to work at it to remain within the hypnosis, I felt, and had only two relevant images: one was my being 'drawn' from my bed (not exactly being pulled) by at least two small creatures (the thin, elongated, larger heads, almond shaped eyes around the side of the face a bit, bald); I kept seeing the light beyond them or behind them which with the movements of their heads, and arms and my own arms, kept shadowy forms moving against the light causing a flashing.

Visually, imagically, it was beautiful: full of a haze of whitish light, forms moving in and out before the light which seemed directed toward us. Later, the image flashed to my standing in this long 'tunnel' of light and seeing a small creature far ahead of me at the entrance to the craft it seemed, who turned and stared at me with those large eyes; the eyes here seemed dark to me (they are not always so in other regressions - this was my 31st such hour of hypnotic regression, six of these hours were with Dr. John Mack. Harvard University).

Those were the only two images other than a 'light haze' that sometimes is there when I move into my memory or awareness of images. This haze is kind of yellow-green, dull also, with a mauve-colored center (more reddish-dull also) in the interior of it, lighter around the outer sides - this always seems like a light poured on me to keep me in trance state; I eventually or sometimes anyway see figures moving in the distance through this haze as I become more or less aware of details in the surrounds. At first I thought when this haze of light appeared 'over me' that nothing was happening; eventually though, with repetition of its appearance I began to realize this is how I am induced into a state of being in trance (or hypnotized) once brought onto the craft. It was initially confusing because it was like a hypnotic state within a hypnotic state.

The next sighting occurred, again momentarily like the September sighting, in mid May, 1994. I was driving with a senior major in my department; we were escaping campus for the afternoon to buy some bayberry bushes for my yard. The young woman and I both saw an instantaneously large flash from a metallic structure that appeared and disappeared as if turning. It was extremely bright, golden metallic color, reflecting the sun on its side (but not the whole craft) and then it was no longer there.

We both saw it; I stopped the car immediately pulling over to the side of the road and both of us scanned the sky for any evidence of anything. Nothing. It was a clear day other than a few fleecy clouds here and there....and no other craft or airplanes or sounds in the sky at all. She knew about my 'stories' or 'narratives' of encounters and if she had been skeptical, this made her wonder. This was near the town of McMinnville, Tennessee. I'm not sure of directions but the sun which reflected was to the left of the craft and it was between noon and 1:00 p.m.; we were watching for a place to eat when we saw it. It was like the sky opened up for an instance to see a bright part of a craft as it seemed to be turning in a u-formation and then was seen no more. Had we not been watching the sky for some reason we would most likely have missed it, it was so instantaneous.

Now, the interesting thing about two of these sightings/encounters is the time of the year, the dates of their happenings. I've been trying to keep some sort of diary thought/notes about my states when these occur, when, sleep habits, day or night, etc., to see if there is a pattern. I am doing this since hypnosis has indicated through regressions that these encounters/visions are a recurring part of my life since infancy; I have come to be aware of at least nineteen events by now. There is no consistency as to time of day or night; some have sightings; some do not. Sometimes I remember something, and sometimes I do not. In the past I attributed these 'imagic' instances to being visionary, no more helpful really than attributing these instances to ufo implications.

As a youth, in college, I saw a fireball spinning in the sky about 40 feet off the ground in a field

beside me when I was driving home one night in rural Pennsylvania. I tried to be home by 1:00 p.m. to not worry my mother (my father had recently died; she worried I thought when I was out late, and being young I was out late). I saw it travel along side of me and then split into four smaller fire balls and dart off in four directions through the woods and over the trees at the end of that field. The field seemed long, in time, to drive; it actually is not. When I arrived home the kitchen clock said 3:30 a.m., and I thought someone must have changed the clock. But they had not. This was around 1960 or '61.

Within a year of that probably in the summer of 1962 at a picnic-outdoor family reunion at my grandmother's farm, a huge (football size) circular craft, like two saucers facing each other concave opening to concave opening, with a row of duller metal windows between the top and bottom. It was highly reflective metallic and very bright to look at. We were all amazed; I ran inside to get my mother and grandmother, and any aunts that would come, to see it as it hovered about a 100 feet or so above my grandmother's blacksmith shop next door to us. "Must be a new fangled army something or other" was an uncle's comment.

No one knew about ufos, no one, including myself, took a photograph of it, yet it was early afternoon - lunch was being prepared, and there were a good forty of us there. I was aware of the fear, anxiety and worry my grandmother's face expressed when 'glancing' at it; my mother showed little interest (lunch had to be 'set out' for everybody); none of my aunts bothered to come and see it. It hovered for at least twenty minutes before taking off in a horizontal fashion and out of sight within seconds. I never spoke of it again to anyone until recently at my mother's 90th birthday celebration; no one had any recall other than my sister who seemed to remember some sort of blimp had appeared. But I remember it as clearly as the word processor before me appears.

The only other sighting I remember was once when my son was in late high school or his early years of college (circa 1982 or '83), and a severe lightning/thunder storm blew into our neighbourhood. I awakened hearing the thunder and went downstairs to unplug the television fearing lightning would come in on the line and ruin it. I walked into the television room, went immediately into a sleepy daze, did not unplug the television but instead lay on the couch although I knew the television was in danger. And, then lightning hit outside the room I was in, with a huge, loud terrible strike, ruining the television, the spark of all of this then leapt over me and out a side window and hit again outside the window on the ground behind me and near where my son slept awakening him momentarily. He sat up in bed and expressed himself in a curse and fell back asleep, but he remembered it all the next morning.

Meanwhile I was aware of a pervasive light everywhere. I was lifted somehow and being moved. I heard my son crying. While being carried I looked up and saw my son being carried before me by small creatures - over their heads in the air, as I was.... miraculously right through the window and wall to a small circular ball shaped craft standing in our flower bed where the lightning must have struck. I realized I heard my son laughing and thought I must be dreaming, and then I saw that he was crying. When we were taken to the craft it was so small I could not believe we and these little creatures would all fit into it. The top of it opened up. My memory then disappeared...

I awoke asleep on the couch in the morning. I thought it must be a nightmare but the television was

destroyed. A six foot circle was burned into the dense flower garden, which I climbed on our porch roof to photograph that day then, and the mickelmas daisies blooming beside it were strong and healthy, but everything was dead, bent and brown inside the circle area; I photographed details comparing the spot with the flowers beside it.

Then, that next day a young college student living in a garage apartment across the street from us, came over and said he had really been scared. He looked out his window to see our house so lighted that he could not make out the framework - like it was lighted by brilliant spot lights or something, and he thought it had to be on fire. But, he was so scared by this, he called his girlfriend who lived in another state to talk for three hours through the night until daylight. He apologetically stated that he did not phone either the police or the fire department when I quizzed him about his reaction, feeling myself nonplussed by it all.

I've had an MRI, in 1993 (January) and am normal/healthy, and have had psychological tests and am not schizophrenic or multiple-personalities, etc. No hallucinatory psychomotor epilepsy. No neurosis other than a compulsiveness for four years now to study this strange, wonderful (I think), phenomenon, once I took a set of photographs of a strange event, a lightfall (also on Easter Sunday) coming from dense clouds and hitting a bay of water in the Hebrides - on the isle of Iona. That image set up four years of reading, writing, research, creating images, etc., eventually carrying me to the path of the elusive ufo.

However, in my recent study a friend gave me a book to read, "The Lion Path: You Can Take It With You" (subtitle: A Manual of the Short Path to Regeneration for our times) by a person named Musaios, Golden Sceptre Publishing Company, ISBN 9615117-0-2, paper back, third enlarged edition, Berkeley, California, 1988 - Copyright. Reading through its density to try to understand it better, I realized that two of the dates for 'regenerational' spiritual development, somehow astrologically determined from ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, were the two dates of my last two encounters. I found this coincidental to say the least, and checking the next date in this sequence of every fourth months, is July 11th, the anniversary of my wife and my marriage eons ago. So, I shall be studying these dates which run through the turn of the century from here on to see if further correspondence occurs.

The thing that is interesting to me besides the actual siting of dates of two of my encounters is that my apprehension of this phenomenon from the first stages of my awareness of it four years ago or so was that it was spiritual in orientation, stimulating my creative expression as an artist and teacher, and that it was connected with ancient shamanic paths of healing (not my own, obviously, but as art has transformative powers, it seemed fitting).

If any of your readers would like to share any common occurrences with me, I'd be glad to reciprocate with correspondence.

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OR "HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE 'ENCOUNTERS'"

People often ask us: "Psychosp, you've been interviewed by every major TV network, several national magazines and a dozen local news outlets. What's it like being a big-time media schmuck?"

Some readers may be frustrated that they have yet to receive their own fifteen minutes of fame while Psychosp has monopolized what seems like an hour and a half. Fame is easy, we contend. Just find yourself a Cold War military base the government won't admit, set up permanent residence beside it and write a tourist guide inviting the world to visit. The government will expend great energy in stonewalling you or overreacting to your presence, and you will feed off that energy to generate still more attention. Soon, many reporters will arrive, and your face and name will be everywhere.

Follow those simple instructions and your fifteen minutes will come. Guaranteed. In the meantime, we would like to brief you on what to expect when you arrive at the top. As an aging veteran of over six months of interviews, Psychosp knows what it takes to generate a sound bite or pose dramatically on a mountaintop. As our own media career winds down toward inevitable has-been status, we want to share with the next generation our accumulated wisdom and our philosophical musings on news and how it is reported.

PRINT MEDIA

As editor of the Rat and other publications, Psychosp has long been familiar with the medium of print. When you read a newspaper or magazine article, you can never be certain the writer is telling the truth or has just made the whole thing up, but if you do trust his honesty, print can convey a lot of information. Print is a medium of ideas. It is not very efficient in conveying emotions or the visual appearance of a scene, but it can describe complex issues and hidden connections more clearly than television can.

When a newspaper reporter visits you at your research center near your chosen secret base, he comes with no tools except his notepad and perhaps a tape recorder. Sometimes he brings a photographer, who just sits quietly in the background most of the time. After talking with a newspaper reporter for a while, it's easy to forget that he is one of "them" and you may quickly revert to your natural, unrehearsed self. Of course, this can be dangerous, because once you relax you may say something casually that you would rather not see in print. You must be particularly circumspect about the topic of UFOs; no matter what you say on this subject, one group or another of your supporters is bound to be upset. Sometimes, the reporter may ask you if he can contact your parents back in Boston to see what kind of boy you were and ask what they think of you now. At this point, you have to draw the line.

When the article reaches print, some inaccuracies and omissions are inevitable. Due to length restrictions, the article will be, at best, a highly distilled record of a very narrow slice of reality. The words will not convey the full depth and breadth of your personality; they will portray only your social role. To crystallize the issues that you want reported, it is important to say you represent an impressive sounding organization, even if you are its only active member. Give yourself a title, like "President" or "Research Director," and that is how you will be reported. Even if you choose to be only a "Local Representative," do not be surprised if the article portrays you as the sort of heroic, larger-than-life figure that is normally seen only in comic books. This sometimes fawning attention results in part from the refusal of the military to respond to the charges and provide any counterpoint to your own one-sided story.

TALK RADIO

In the course of the current Media Feeding Frenzy, Psychosp has had an opportunity to participate in a number of talk radio programs around the country. There are dozens of these shows in every major city and they are constantly on the prowl for new material. If your name appears in the newspapers in any almost any capacity, chances are a host will call you up and ask you to be a guest on his show.

Radio talk shows are usually conducted live by telephone from the comfort of your own home. It is hard to embarrass yourself or do anything wrong on them, because no matter what you blurt out, some callers will make you look good by saying something even more foolish. Radio talk shows are perhaps the most revealing medium because you never know what questions are going to be thrown at you. Many callers will be hostile to your position, and being able to respond to them calmly and rationally greatly enhances your credibility with everyone else.

TELEVISION

On the surface, television seems like the most "real" news medium. Television doesn't just report an event; it takes you there. Not only do you hear the subject's words; you see his surroundings, feel his emotions and seem to be participating in his life in an intimate way. In one sense, television doesn't lie. Unless the picture has been doctored by special effects--which is forbidden--what you would see in person is exactly what appears on the nightly news.

In another sense, television can tell as many lies as print can. There are two important factors that aren't obvious on the screen that can transform the story into total fiction. One is editing. A crew can shoot an hour's worth of tape of a speech or interview, but due to the time constraints of broadcasting, only a few seconds of it is likely to air. For the person being interviewed, the benefit of editing is that you can muff your lines repeatedly and only your best ones will be used. Even if you are a babbling idiot, the show can make you look infinitely wise by editing out most of your drivel. The downside is that it is also easy for the editor to take your quotes out of context and make you seem to be saying something you never intended. A classic case is that of a local Sheriff's deputy who was once interviewed near the Black Mailbox by a crew doing a UFO story. His actual quote was something like: "I've seen the sky alive with activity--flares, dogfights, bombing runs--but everything I've seen is routine military maneuvers."

The quote that actually aired was missing all the qualifiers. It was something like: "I've seen the sky rip open with activity..." In the context of the show, the quote implied that the policeman believes in UFOs and sees them here all the time.

The other invisible factor influencing the story is the presence of the camera itself. When a print reporter hangs around for a while, it is easy to forget he is reporting on you, and you soon return to your natural behavior. A television camera is impossible to ignore. It is big

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and the lens is often just a few inches from your face. Nothing can really be natural as long as the camera is present. Due to the constraints of lighting and space, you can't do much of anything the way you normally do. Often, the cameraman offers "suggestions" about where to stand and which way to look as you go about your "natural" activities.

As a transitional element in the story, you may be asked to drive up in your car and walk into your research center—and do it repeatedly until it comes out right. Most scenes of moving from place to place and performing routine actions are timed for the camera. The cameraman sets up first and then tells you when to go. The only rule that most reputable organizations observe is that they can't tell you to do something you wouldn't do normally. Sometimes, they'll ask you to repeat an action several times, but they want it to be consistent with your real personality and with what you would do if the camera wasn't there. Of course, they can only take your word about what your real actions would be. The charge of "staging" a scene usually makes cameramen bristle. They'll admit to doing it for routine movements but insist they wouldn't do it for anything important. Unfortunately, what constitutes an "important" action that shouldn't be staged varies from crew to crew.

THE STRUCTURE OF TELEVISION

The crew for a local television station usually consists of just two people: the reporter and the cameraman. Their function is straightforward: The reporter collects the facts and asks the questions, and the cameraman handles the camera and sound.

A network TV crew usually adds at least two more people: a sound technician and a producer. There can also be others: production assistants, writers, maybe even a second cameraman and sound guy. At that point, it's hard to call the story news anymore. It's show biz.

In a national news program, the reporter is called a "correspondent." This is the person talking into the camera and interviewing the subjects. The viewer would think, when watching the report, that the correspondent is the person in charge. He must be the one who conducts the research, sets up the interviews, rakes the muck and comes up with the startling conclusions reported in the piece.

Wrong. In most cases, the correspondent joins the story only on the day of the shoot. The correspondent is the high paid "talent," hired as much for his screen presence as his reporting skills. The person who really assembles the story is the producer. He or she rarely appears on camera but could have been working on the story for weeks. The producer does the research, handles the logistics and briefs the talent. When the correspondent conducts an interview, the producer is usually lurking just off camera to feed him questions and make sure he hasn't forgotten anything. When it comes time to do a "stand up," where the correspondent talks into the camera, he first huddles with the producer to decide what to say.

One news program, like "60 Minutes," can have many producers, each working on a different story. The business is highly competitive, and enemies are everywhere. The opposition is "PrimeTime Live" and "20/20," but each producer is also competing with others on the same show and within the same network to get their story on the air. Whenever a new producer calls us about the Groom Lake story, the first thing we have to do is brief them on who else in their own organization has already been looking into it; otherwise they might never know.

We get the impression that the news business regards producers as expendable and eats them alive in mass quantities. The only time you see a producer on screen seems to be when he or she is carrying a hidden camera into a crack house or some other dangerous place where they would never send Mike Wallace. Many of the producers we have met have been young, idealistic former film or political science students willing to work 14 hour days for what we suspect is a lot less money than they deserve.

The correspondent lives more in the show business sphere. His pay may be negotiated by an agent, and it is more likely to be based on the star system than objective abilities. Networks want a familiar face that the viewer can bond with, in essence creating brand loyalty. Many people feel attached to Hugh Downs and Barbara Walters and the nice correspondents on their show and will tune in on these familiar faces even if they have nothing to do with producing the stories. Many correspondents are highly professional, do their homework, ask good questions and deserve at least some of their rewards. A few others are whiny prima donnas who haven't a clue as to what the story is and who are despised even by their own film crews. Nonetheless, the unbroken rule is, the correspondent has to look good—smart, tough, insightful—and through the magic of editing, it always comes to pass.

When the correspondent arrives for the interview, you are supposed to bond with him like he's your old buddy even though you've already bonded with the producer and don't know this guy from Adam. You are supposed to pretend there is no one else in the room. The big camera, the bright lights, the microphone on a boom floating six inches above your head, the half dozen people lurking behind the cordon of cables.... Like the secret base itself, they all are not supposed to exist.

In practice, though, focusing on the correspondent makes the interview relatively easy. You do forget the camera with time, and you don't have to remember any lines, just respond to the questions. You know that the interview will be edited down to a couple of sound bites, so verbal stumblings aren't a problem. You are not going to be able to cover any complex issues here because, of course, this is television. Your only job is to provide an inventory of pithy, self-contained statements—a sound bite library—to be chopped up and used as fodder for the editing process.

As long as you stick to the facts and pick the right secret base to complain about, you can't go wrong. Editing will make you look good, and as long as the military declines to respond, the report will be supportive. The limelight will be all yours until the public grows tired of your story and spits you out like used chewing gum.

AN "ENCOUNTERS" ENCOUNTER

After the article on Groom Lake appeared in the New York Times last week [Synopsis in next DR.], we felt that an apex had been reached and now was time for the story to evolve into something different. We wanted the focus to shift to Washington and to serious issues like the hazardous waste injury lawsuit. We feared that after hitting the Times, there was no place to go but down. We felt the Watchers-on-Freedom-Ridge story had achieved saturation in all the respectable markets. We almost wished that the government would just take the damn land and be done with it.

The MFF was becoming tiresome, and we wanted to put on the brakes, but that was easier said than done. The Times story itself generated additional media interest. On Monday, we got a call from ARD German television. Germans, we were told, have a special interest in Cold War relics, and our secret base reminded them of how they used to be. Their film crew came a few days later, and we were happy to cooperate with them. (Aired 7/4.)

On Tuesday, we got a call from a new Fox UFO/paranormal series called "Encounters." They had talked to us in previous weeks about doing a segment on Area 51, but the project did not interest the Fox executives and was shelved. When the Times story hit, it rose again from the dead, this time on a fast track schedule.

Upon hanging up the phone, we were filled the same feelings of dread and foreboding we last experienced several months previous when a reporter and his psychic from the "Weekly World News" came to town in a white limousine. (Yes, we were as surprised as you are: They DO have reporters who actually leave the office.) In that case, we were able to hide under our bed until the limo left town. When the story hit the streets ("SPACE ALIENS

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HANG OUT AT NEVADA BAR"), we were elated to find ourselves not in it.

It was harder to hide from "Encounters." At the time of the phone call, only two episodes had been aired, but we already knew their style. A stern anchorman introduced slickly produced segments on an ominous government conspiracy to keep UFO information from the public. While we are as interested in UFOs and government secrets as anyone, we felt that "Encounters" was more fiction than news. Our main objection was the unscrupulous editing. Interviews and footage from unrelated UFO cases were meshed together as though they were from the same case. Sound bites from credible UFO researchers were interspersed with those of hucksters we have met personally and regard as completely unreliable. The production was breathlessly paced, visually compelling and overlaid with a sinister soundtrack, but after watching each segment, we felt that no reliable information had been conveyed and no real investigation had taken place.

We had also been interviewed in January for the "Encounters" pilot. They really wanted underground alien bases. "Proof" wasn't necessary; all they needed was anecdotes. We sensed that simply the fact that somebody had said something was enough to put the claim on the air. Evidently, we did not provide the quotes they wanted, because none of our interview made the cut. Only our hands were seen opening a road sensor.

Now, they were baaaack, like the unkillable monster of a "B" movie, and they wanted to interview us again. We spent a sleepless night or two trying to figure out what to do. We finally decided that our participation would probably do no lasting harm. We would stick with the script we were comfortable with--on the land grab and perils of government secrecy--and let others speak about UFOs.

The "Encounters" expedition was lead by "Agent X", a frequent visitor to the area whose real identity is no more secret than Psychosp's. X readily admits to being "shameless" with regards to publicity, but his claims about Area 51 are relatively rational. He does not predict earthquakes, heal the sick or claim any psychic communication with the aliens. X is the sort of powerful screen presence we feel honored to hide behind.

Agent X escorted the "Encounters" crew to the top of Freedom Ridge on Friday night (7/1), while Psychosp was at home and sound asleep. Through the magic of editing, however, Psychosp will become part of this expedition on the small screen, along with the "Encounters" correspondent who wasn't there either. In industry parlance, this story was shot "out of sequence." First, they filmed the scene on Freedom Ridge, then, on a different night at a location many miles away, they shot an imaginary hike to the top. Later, back in Las Vegas, they would shoot the correspondent meeting Agent X to prepare for the expedition that had already taken place.

As X put it: "They're even more shameless than I am."

On Saturday afternoon, the correspondent arrived in Rachel in a white limousine, the first one we've seen in town since the "Weekly World News." He was supposed to be here in the morning, but his driver took a wrong turn, and they ended up taking the LONG way from Vegas, through Beatty and Tonopah, a six hour drive instead of two and a half.

After the correspondent arrived, Psychosp participated in two of the location shoots: "Rachel Departure" and "Base Camp". In Rachel, the crew energetically loaded their equipment cases onto the top of the four wheel drive vehicles and lashed them down while the camera rolled. The idea was to convey the appearance of a very serious and professional "Encounters" expedition just getting under way. It was the mythical start of our journey to Freedom Ridge, which had actually been conquered the night before. We did three takes of the convoy turning onto the highway and heading out of town, Then we returned to Rachel, gassed up, had some snacks, and REALLY left town with no camera running.

We didn't go to Freedom Ridge but to a location near Hancock Summit that was closer to the highway and judged more visually interesting. Here, we set up a "base camp" for our imaginary hike. We propped up some camouflage netting in a tent-like structure, built a campfire and stacked our equipment cases in an impressive-looking configuration. The sole purpose of this exercise was to provide an out-of-focus backdrop for the correspondent's interview with Agent X. Psychosp and three members of the seven-man crew served as extras for this scene. Our job was to move around the campsite doing serious and purposeful looking things. We moved cases around and pointed at maps as though planning our next move. At one point, Psychosp walked around with a clipboard and pretended to take inventory, an action that has always impressed us on TV.

After the interview had ended and dusk was falling, we commenced our "hike". In several takes, X, the correspondent and we four extras, marched up a nearby hillside in tight single file, deliberately taking the most rugged route. We marched down again, then up again, then down again, and during each leg of the journey the director actually said "Action" and "Cut." At one point, Psychosp was asked to stand on a ridge, silhouetted by the setting sun, and look through his binoculars at an empty sky. It's the sort of dramatic posturing we do so well.

Lest you ask, there is no reason at all to hike to Freedom Ridge if you have a four wheel drive. The road goes all the way to the top, and this is indeed how the crew got there when they visited on Friday night. There is also no particular reason to set up a "base camp" when Rachel is less than an hour's drive away. Hiking seems much more dramatic, however, and our camouflage tent, no matter how shoddily constructed, made an impressive looking backdrop.

After darkness fell, the night vision lens was attached to the camera, and we climbed the hill yet again to film our arrival at "Freedom Ridge." We stood on a rocky outcropping and X pointed out to the correspondent the features of the base below. Of course, we were looking only a blank hillside--a TRULY nonexistent base--but the magic of editing will fix all that. At one point, Psychosp was invited to point out the locations of the nonexistent security patrols. We politely declined this opportunity and passed it to the shameless X. We were happy enough to be an extra in this drama; something told us we didn't want a speaking role.

At the time of filming, the "Encounters" segment was expected to air on July 15. Check it out.

INTEL BITTIES

TRESPASSER TRIAL DATE. The oft-delayed trial of the four of seven accused trespassers is now scheduled for July 6 at 1 pm at Alamo Justice Court. (The June date was canceled when one of the defendants was hospitalized.) Best to confirm with Psychosp or call the court before you show up.

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Sighting Reports

Victorian Sightings

Unknown lights in the sky commenced early this year starting with the bright object photographed over Lake Makoan in northern Victoria, written up in last edition. Then in February the D.L.'s; damn lights, Professor McDonald called them, because once they have gone, there is nothing left to investigate.

All we can do is to record, print what we can of interest and file the rest for some future reference. Some of the reports may be hoaxes, a few were of natural phenomena such as satellites; some were obviously stars or planets seen when people were interestedly watching the Planet Jupiter for any possible repercussions. We will however, print the majority of the reports to give you an idea of the type of reports we have been receiving.

Table 1: Victorian Sightings

Date/Time.	Location	Details
Feb.13. 23.30	Shepparton Vic.	Like very bright yellow star. no sound, moved slowly upwards.
Feb.15. 16.20	Richmond	Diamond or square shape with the point upwards. No sound. Lipstick pink colour. Weather windy, grey & overcast. Object appeared to tumble. Came from NE - to N. Disappeared behind trees near the City.
Mar.18. 2050	Pheasant creek.	Domed disc hovered for 20 mins. approx. Bluish to white with pinkish top. About size of walnut at arms length.
Mar.19. 2030	Narre Warren	Large yellow/orange light with flame from tail. Flew from NE to S." About 1/4 to 1/2 size of the moon" Weather fine - possible hoax.
Mar.20 1900	Berwick	Object 1/2 size of 10c piece at arms length - oval, no sound, as fast as a jet plane. Flew from N changed direction to W. Duration 10 seconds. Could be flare or hoax.
Mar.22. 1720	Cranbourne	Object shaped "somewhat like a bell - with plenty of white lights" - no sound. Height, just off the ground. Travelled from N to NE. Extremely bright lights.

Reports

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Date/Time.	Location	Details
Mar.26 2015	Healesville	4 round objects initially in position close to a diamond shape after 2-3 mins. all moved very slowly westwards. After a further 5 mins. the formation accelerated, and broke up with first 3 moving closer together. The 4 which had gone to the S, rejoined the other three, they then began to vary in appearance by pulsing steadily-high to low, eventually disappearing into smog, close to the horizon.
Apr,3 1920	Nar-Nar-Goon	A small star-like object crossed the sky in large zigzag pattern." Each time it came to the Milky Way, it would go thru' turn and come back again," 8 witnesses. It obviously covered some considerable the object obviously travelled some considerable distance across the sky.
Apr.4 1600	Tocumwal	Cigar-shaped object in SE about 80 degs high when first seen - estimated size "about 50 m. about 2/3-length of jumbo "jet. white, not glowing. Aircraft about 4 to 5 lengths behind. Not sure if plane was military or Jumbo.
May 1 1800	Wandin	Round object size of 5c piece at arms length travelled in straight line from NE to NW at speed similar to F1.11 at full speed. Slight breeze from NW. Duration 2-3 seconds
May 1 2245	Warragul	"Circle" bright orange/pink, like fluorescent street light - straight line from SSW - SSE 1/2 size of 5c piece at arms length.
May 4 11 am & noon	Noble Park	Oval white object flew SE across the Bay in straight line.
May 4 2005	Mildura airport	One cluster of 3 - 4 lights - 70 to 80 degs from horizon-erratic manoeuvres at altitude impossible to perform sharp corners and reversing. Object was able to stop & speed in any direction with 90 deg.corners & reverse with just the same ease. Lights appeared to revolve by stay in circle. - moved as a group.
May 12 2140-2215	Wantirna	Silver star-like object 25 degs above horizon, no sound, flight pattern direct W - S.
May 19 2145	Ringwood	Bright, white/yellow light, no sound, was stationary for 2 minutes had red lights around it moved very fast and vanished as if switched off. Travelled from SW to SE in horizontal flight.

Date/Time.	Location	Details
May 19 1950	The Basin	Three bright orange lights - one brighter than the others - like large street light. Lost sight of one, another went straight up third moved sideways, observation 10 secs.
May 26 1315	Richmond	A very white round object "1/3 size of a penny, came from behind trees, on its edge, then passed behind another tree and was lost to sight in the clouds" Object was the "length of a biro" when observed.
Jun. 6 1915	Wodonga N.Vic.	Flare-like object, no sound, seen for a couple seconds. Path - a straight line. Had long tail.
Jun. 6. 1915	Shepparton	Rocket-like round object, green in colour, flight pattern "an arc of about 20 degs." "Faster than satellite." Reported by other people and the area press. 2-3 secs.
Jun. 6. 19-1930	Between Chewton & Castlemaine	Fluorescent green object, more rounded at the head than the tail travelled very fast without sound from W to E. Observer stated it was "as large as a fist in width and the size of two fingers in length and flew "parallel to the earth".
Jun.6. 1930-2000	Wangaratta NE Vic.	Green light with yellow end - looked like "it landed" nearby.
Jun. 6 1915	Shepparton	Policeman heard crackling sound saw sparks and 'trails' as object passed over. Lady 'phoned police and stated she heard a loud bang near Dartmouth at 1915 and saw an object travelling from N -SE
Jun. 6 0700	Koo Wee Rup	Cloudy, foggy morning. "thought it might have been falling star except it was a very bright, fluorescent green. Larger than star", no sound and travelled from N to E.
Jun. 6 1915	Karrungal	"Round ball - thought it was rocket cracker but extension of arced tail was huge - not high above but on the horizon". Very fast.



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Date/Time.	Location	Details
Jun. 6 1915	Yarram	"A distinct parallelogram craft. whitish- silver, but with multi-coloured emissions. the ship directed a whitish beam of light at our car. It was about 10 times as big as any star we see (I believe it was massive) First observed as a luminous or lighted body moving silently; it was easy to tell it was not a shooting star. It was a solid metallic object, even tho' a great distance away, its shape was sharply defined and angular and emitted its light in a halo.
Jun. 6 1930	Between Peterborough & Warrnambool	Witness travelling east to Melbourne - noticed a group of lights for a split second Object going S, changed direction, did 270 Deg. turn then disappeared.
Jun. 16 2200	near Ouyen	Object about size of 50c piece at arms length. Came from SE to NE. Slight spin. Colour, red and green, moving slowly.
July 3 1835	Diggers Rest	Brightness and size drew attention to a stationary white object with "an aura emanating around it". Could have been planet Venus.
July 3 0300	Heidelberg	"Opaque/white oval object in NW in erratic flight pattern, darting rapidly. Light cloud. Observation 20 secs." Second witness stated object was "slightly smaller than the apparent size of Moon"

SOCIETY NEWS

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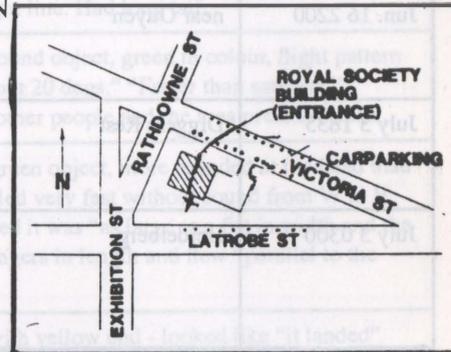
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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