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NEWSLETTER - JUNE, 1994

For our March meeting, we attended a UFO Symposium in Bradford. The particulars of this follow.

The minutes of April's meeting follow, as recorded by Stefan Szpular.

The guest speaker for the May meeting was Anna Mitchell Hedges, with her Crystal Skull.

She showed us slides, explaining how, in 1920, in Lub aatun, an ancient Mayan village in Belize, she found the Skull. I have attached newspaper articles pertaining to the Skull, which goes into more detail.

Anna gave us a very descriptive storey surrounding the discovery:

- father was looking for Atlantis, believed it was in British Honduras.
- took 6 weeks to get to destination, through jungle.
- trees poisonous, Lubaantun had to be burned - was there 1920-1927.
- took 4 years to clear the site.
- Lady Richiband, helping, had cancer, given 2 months to live, lived to 1948, with help of Manyan herbal medicine.
- found many beautiful jade artifacts, placed them in British Museum.
- Mayans say they are descendants of Atlantians.
- found sacrifice stones throughout jungle.
- erected tent on crocodile nest, found out when mother crocodile

- came back to nest, rather frightening, to say the least.
- four other skulls found in South America, skulls similar.
 - Mayans said took 150 years to make the skull, was worked on for four generations.
 - made from local crystal mine.
 - skull was given to Frederck Albert Mitchell Hedges on leaving Lubaantun in 1927.
 - 1948-1951 Anna was in South Africa and lived with the Zulus.
 - Anna lived in castle for 4 years, had 36 rooms, had 7 tunnels in which king of gypsies brought his loot.
 - they found 3 Henry Morgan's chests with gold coins, this financed their archeological expeditions, for quite some time.
 - Anna held record for largest shark ever caught, 1,250 pounds.
 - Anna was born in 1907, she is 87 years old.
 - skull is going to be kept in the family, her family is in New Jersey, Canada and France.
 - the skull will be moved around where needed.
 - after war went into antique silver business.
 - museums want to purchase skull.
 - her father wrote several books which are now out of print, but are still available in Salsbury, England - Land of Wonder and Fear, White Tiger, are a couple of the books.
 - father died in Devonshire, England, in 1959.

Anna Mitchell Hedges has lived the most fascinating and adventurous life. Our lives appear dull compared to what she has been through and has experienced.

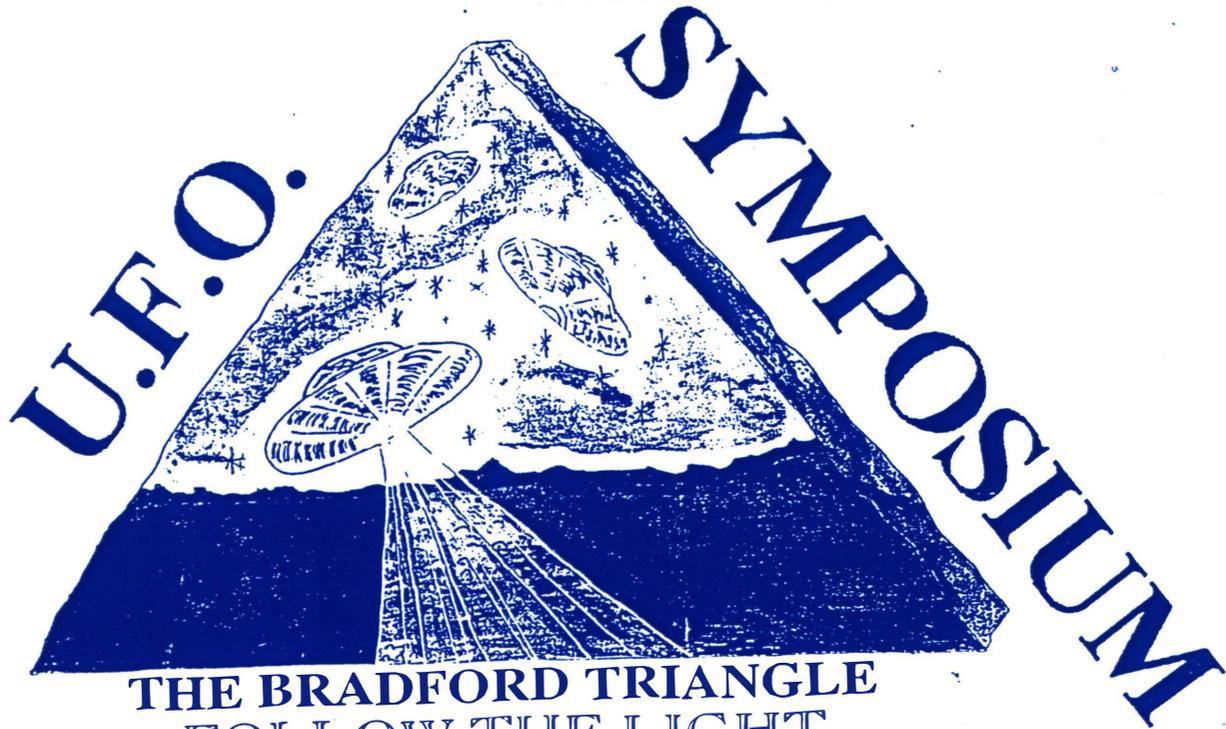
Bonnie Wheeler

Bonnie Wheeler, President,
Cambridge UFO Research Group.



The above picture was taken on MACKINAC ISLAND, Michigan - a beautiful, remantic Island where no motorized vehicles are allowed, only horses and bicycles. I eloped and am now married. However, my last name will remain the same.

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THE BRADFORD TRIANGLE
FOLLOW THE LIGHT

BRADFORD, ONTARIO
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FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
JOHN ROBERT COLOMBO (CANADA'S MASTER GATHERER)
AUTHOR OF THE BEST SELLING "UFO'S OVER CANADA"
-TED MANN, AUTHOR "VITAL ENERGIES"
-OSCAR MAGOSCI, AUTHOR/CONTACTEE
DR. ADAM CRABTREE, AUTHOR "FROM MESMER TO FREUD"
DR. DAVID GOTLIB, PSYCHOTHERAPIST

PLUS:

CHANNELER DON CHEFF, MASTER ASTROLOGER ALAN
GREYWOLF, JOVICTOR CEEL, CONTACTEE

REFRESHMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

UFO BOOKS/TAPES ON SALE

UFO Symposium in Bradford

Bradford West Gwillimbury could be the focus of media attention in March.

That's the Town will be the site of the 1st Annual Southern Ontario U.F.O. Symposium.

The one-day Symposium is expected to draw Ufologists and interested members of the public from across Ontario and the United States, to hear authors, psychics and psychotherapists discuss Unidentified Flying Objects, and the possibility of contact and UFO abductions.

The idea of a symposium was first suggested by well-known Ufologist, Betty Stewart, "because there aren't any in Canada. The last one was in Vancouver, ten years

ago," says organizer Joyce Halfin. "We need something in Canada, and so I decided to do it."

The event, which is dedicated to the memory of Stewart, who died in December of 1992, will take place on March 12th, at Bradford & District High School, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scheduled speakers include John Robert Colombo, author of "UFOs Over Canada", psychotherapists Dr. David Gollib and Dr. Adam Crabtree, who have worked with individuals reporting contact with UFOs, and Doug Gray, Psychic.

Oscar Magosci, a "contactee", will also be on hand, to talk about his experience.

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UFO Seminar in Bradford

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Why Bradford? "Because it is a hotbed of UFO sightings, and because there is actually a triangle of energy over this area, including down into Newmarket and across to Barrie... It's like a portal, a multi-dimensional portal," says Halfin.

She is hoping to attract up to 500 participants for this first Symposium, and if the interest is there, will hold a similar two-day event in the fall.

So far, interest has run high. In the first four days of ticket sales, forty-four tickets were sold, by word-of-mouth only.

Tickets are \$20 before February 28th, and \$25 after the 28th, and can be purchased at Joyce's Curio Shoppe, 38 Holland Street East. The price includes admission to the Symposium, free refreshments, and door prizes. A wide variety of books and tapes on UFOs will also be available for sale, as well as

sweatshirts featuring the "Bradford Triangle."

Not only will the Symposium fill a need in Canada, Halfin says, it will be a boost to the local economy, and could put Bradford on the map.

The Far Side



Hours later, when they finally came to, Hal and Ruby groggily returned to their yard work — unknowingly wearing the radio collars and ear tags of alien biologists.

Jovictor Ceel is a professional artist who is fascinated by both the earthly and unearthly. As a child, he remembers seeing "light beings" from another world and conversing with them telepathically. Subsequent meetings with E.T.'s have brought more joy to Jovictor's life and an enthusiasm for sharing his vast intuitive knowledge regarding multi-dimensional beings.

Don Cheff is an energy therapist, channeler and "light body" teacher. Don has practiced various forms of meditation for many years and his involvement in spirituality is widely recognized. It is through positive reinforcement and a strong connection to higher consciousness that Don brings his own gifts to help those in need of higher connection through energy work, channeling, and teaching the "light body".

John Robert Colombo is nationally known as Canada's "Master Gatherer" for his many and varied compilations of Canadiana. Among his most recent best-selling books on the paranormal and the supernatural are *Mysterious Encounters*, *Mysterious Canada*, *Extraordinary Experiences*, *Mackenzie King's Ghost*, *UFO's Over Canada*, and *Dark Visions*.

Adam Crabtree, Ph.D. brings over thirty years of scholarly pursuits to this symposium. A psychotherapist, he specializes in dissociation and multiple personality. Author of *Multiple Man: Explorations in Possession and Multiple Personality*, *Animal Magnetism*, *Early Hypnotism and Psychical Research from 1766-1925: An Annotated Bibliography*, and *From Mesmer to Freud: Magnetic Sleep and the Roots of Psychological Healing*. Dr. Crabtree has also made many radio and television appearances. He has also written and narrated documentaries for CBC Ideas and CJRT radio.

John German is a visual artist who took an early retirement from his professional and academic careers to follow his bliss; a pursuit which in addition to developing his own personal creative work, has led him to an ever widening area of enquiry, interests, and experiences. His interest in UFOlogy arose from seeking his life purpose in following the often lonely path of the spiritual warrior.

David Gotlib, M.D. is a physician psychotherapist and hypnotherapist in private practice in Toronto. The focus of his practice is diagnosis and treatment of anxiety and depressive disorders. For the last seven years, he has been providing psychotherapy and counselling to individuals who report UFO abduction, experiences, and other anomalous experiences. He has written on medical and ethical issues in the abduction field, and is co-author of a comprehensive Code of Ethics for Abduction Experience Investigation and Treatment to be published this spring in the *Journal of UFO Studies*. Dr. Gotlib also publishes *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience*, a bimonthly informational and networking newsletter for mental health professionals, scholars, and others interested in the UFO abduction experience and anomalous experiences in general.

Douglas Gray lived for many years with the native people in Canada's north lands teaching the Cree and Ojibway. While on his journey he began intuitive visions under spiritual guidance of "Mushum," wise one of the "Broken Head" people. Today, he is a past life therapist and carrier of the sacred medicine which sets free the spirit within.

Alan Grey Wolf is a master astrologer, teacher, and spiritual traveller. His insights into the UFO abduction phenomena include astrological interpretive techniques to analyze specific UFO incidents.

Joyce Halfin organizer of today's symposium is a UFO contactee whose experiences form a chapter in John Robert Colombo's *UFO's Over Canada*. She has shared her experiences of UFO contact on CBC national radio, and has appeared on various talk shows to discuss the UFO experience. She is also proprietor of Joyce's Curio Shoppe in Bradford Ontario.

Oscar Magocsi is a contactee and author of *My Space Odyssey in UFO's*, *Beyond My Space Odyssey in UFO's*, *Odyssey in UFO's: The Buzz Andrews Story*, and *Odyssey in UFO's: About My Space Friends*. Oscar's experience on board a space craft is both exciting and entertaining and makes one think twice about taking a walk alone at night in the Muskoka woods.

Edward Mann is a sociologist with twenty years experience as an Anglican priest. He has published twenty books and is an authority on the radical Freudian Wilhelm Reich who wrote about flying saucers in the early 1950's. Mr. Mann has written two books on the experiences of Reich who saw UFO's as a fascinating energy phenomena. Aside from articles, Mr. Mann has written the book, *Vital Energies and Health*.

Heartfelt thanks go to those who have made this journey such a joy:
John Robert, Dr. Dave, Leah, Marlene, Janet, Christina, Judy, Albert, Wolfgang, Carrie, Mufon, and all the other light workers who have shone their light upon today's symposium.

Morning Agenda

11:00 - Welcome

11:10 - Douglas Gray:
Remembering Betty Stewart

11:30 - John Robert Colombo:
"Seven Phases of UFOlogy"

12:00 - Dr. David Gotlib:
"Medical and Ethical
Considerations in Anomalous
Experience"

12:30 - John German: "The
Curiosity of the Lonely Warrior"

1:00 - Ted Mann: "Vital Energy
and Health"

1:30-2:30 - Lunch Break/
Networking

Afternoon Agenda

2:30 - Don Cheff: "Awakening
Your Light Body"

3:00 - Alan Grey Wolf:
"Astrological Interpretation of the
Fire in the Sky Contact"

3:30 - Jovictor Ceel:
"Multi-dimensional Aspects of
Extraterrestrials"

4:00 - Oscar Magocsi: "My
Space Odyssey"

4:30 - Adam Crabtree, Ph.D. :
"The Role of Dissociation in
Abduction Memories"

5:00 - Farewells

**UFO videotapes will be played in
the library throughout the day.*

Minutes of APRIL 29/94 MEETING
BY STEFAN SZPULAR

Seminar location:

Corner of Bloor and St. George O.L.E. building.

Tom Theofanous spoke first concerning upcoming seminars. Seminars to start 8 consecutive Thursdays from May 26 to September 94.

252 Bloor St. E. and is from 7:30 - 10:30 PM.

Doctor Gottlieb, Stanley Friedman, Colombo, and others to be engaged in speaking.

William Knell seminar described by one CUFOR as interesting, unsure of accuracy of statements. Brought out Tesla information spoke quickly covered a great deal of facts.

Tom's analysis of Knell was that his information was inaccurate and misleading particularly the Carp case. Tom noticed that Knell would evaluate his audience to know of their familiarity of the subject before proceeding. Several of his seminars were held in Toronto and Hamilton in March.

Regarding Binocular Astronomy Night

Still tentative more details next month.

Henry Ramanburg was our guest-speaker. Jan 25/55 Henry bought his first book in 1955 in Latin America on the subject of Ufology. Henry saw a disc along with one of his friends. Came home to tell his mother she was not interested in witnessing the event. Henry's eyes were transfixed on the cloud where the U.F.O. went. Gazed at it for one hour then went to his mother's bed in a state of shock.

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Massive amount of detail found in Spain on Ufology. Massive amount of ufological literature is staggering in the nations of the world. Since 1955, Henry has been studying the subject ^{of ufology} as a monk studies his religion or liturgy. Hubble discovered that the Universe was expanding and found out that the further away an object was the faster it would move. ~~Revising~~ ^{Reviewing} this concept cosmologists have concluded that the universe is 15 billion years old.

Some interesting formulas that Henry introduced was that $\frac{e^2}{M_p m_e}$ divided by the gravitational attraction of protons and electrons equals 10^{40} .

The radius of the Universe divided by $\frac{CT}{e^2}$ the electrical charge equals 10^{40} .

$\frac{P_0 C^3 T^3}{M_p}$ what is interesting that with this formula it is possible to calculate the number of particles in the universe.

The mathematical precision of these formulas indicate some form of mathematical precision in the Universe.

If one studies these laws or magnitudes one will learn something about the U.F.O.'s. U.F.O.'s can neutralize electrical phenomena when they are in close proximity to objects.

U.F.O.'s discovered winds of the universe in the same way that Columbus discovered the new world through the winds of his sails.

There are sub atomic particles that travel at the speed of light. In our solar system our sun is three times younger than other objects in the universe. Our sun is referred to as a G sun.

There are seven types of stars
O B A F G K M

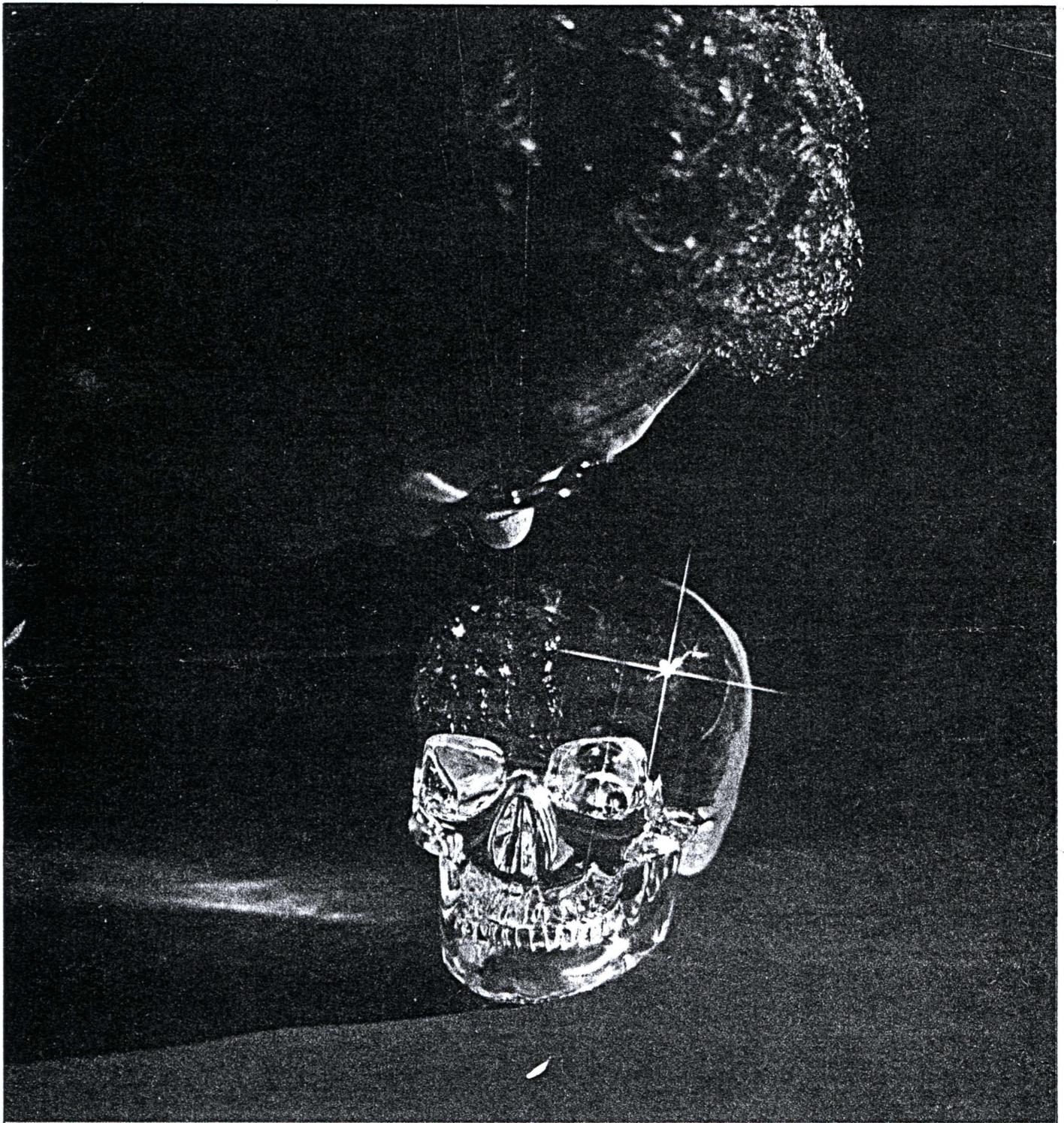
The youngest and largest are O types.
The oldest and smallest are M types.

K or M type stars are older and more developed than the earth and could indicate that far more advanced civilizations are in existence. Are UFO's products of such civilizations or one such civilization?

Dealt with a ^{Sith} Latin American case of an encounter. Gave a very clear description of the sighting in infinitesimal detail. Did not remember seeing eyebrows. Physical characteristics were German. No mask, a real face perfect teeth. Speech was telepathic. Female's name was Maria and he was a young lady.



Photo taken at May meeting of Anna Mitchell Hedges, myself and Gwen Whittall, whose camera was used.



Simon Alexander, an English clairvoyant who does regular private readings in Canada, agreed to give the Skull a free one. It isn't a fake, he pronounced, but he doesn't think Anna Mitchell-Hedges will have it much longer

THE CASE OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

A god of the Mayas — or a skeleton in the closet?

BY KASPARS DZEGUZE

On that New Year's Day, 1924, the sunshine poured like theatrical lighting through a tear in the jungle foliage, illuminating the stage on which Anna Mitchell-Hedges was unwittingly acting out the events that would complicate her life forever.

The young girl from the Ontario town of Port Colborne was standing in the glare of the tropical sun over British Honduras when something dazzling caught her eye, something half-hidden under the green cobweb of vines that gripped the ruins of the lost Mayan city of Lubaantun.

Anna tore the glittering object from the ground with her bare hands and gazed, awestruck, at the transparent skull she held. The Indians around her fell back in reverence.

"They recognized the Skull at once as the long-lost god of their ancestors," she explains now, in the rounded, precise, mid-Atlantic tones she's acquired in the 55 years since then. "They were enthused but terrified, because they knew its power over life and death."

Unknown hands had whittled it down to 11 pounds, 7 ounces, to form an anatomically correct human skull — 3,600 years ago, according to Indian legend. But to skeptics, Anna's find — known ever since as the Skull of Doom — was nothing more than a chunk of rock crystal, a substance almost as difficult to carve as diamond. Some cynically suggested that the hands of her adoptive father — a British gentleman-adventurer and amateur archeologist, Frederick Mitchell-Hedges — had conveniently planted the Skull for Anna to find. It was, after all, her 17th birthday.

Today the alien god has temporarily settled for middle-class exile in a row house on the outskirts of Kitchener, Ontario. It's the kind of tract, instantly distinguishable from Mayan civilization, where the streets fold upon themselves like intestines and the way to tell one house from the next is by the color of the front door. Those who pass (by appointment only) through the red door that leads to the Skull's living room shrine are attracted by the stories of its power. Anna Mitchell-Hedges — "please call me Sammy; father always did" — was a skeptic herself in 1924, but says she has since discovered that at least

some of the magical powers the Indians claimed for it go quite beyond the force any normal skull ever had.

Sammy became the Skull's keeper until, not without argument, her father took it away when they left British Honduras in 1927. In Paris during the '30s, some of Sammy's smart friends who dabbled in psychic phenomena told her they found the Skull "disturbing." The Skull was by now outfitted in its own travelling case of blue velvet and went everywhere with father and daughter. But Sammy was still far from being convinced the Skull had any occult power except for primitive minds.

Her doubts were swept away forever one day in 1942 — Sammy was now living in England — when Adrian Conan Doyle (youngest son of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes) came to visit. "He was unsettled from the first. He felt the presence of something strange, almost ominous. And he didn't know I had the Skull at the time.

"We soon found it was the Skull that made him go twitchy. It got so he could tell me which room of the house it was in — and then he'd never go in that room. I tried to trick him but he always knew it was there, even when I claimed it was in the next room."

Sammy was wary now, watching for the next display of the Skull's power. She hadn't long to wait. During the latter stages of the war, the Mitchell-Hedges entertained Allied soldiers — Generals Omar Bradley and Eisenhower among them — at Burgate Manor, their country home in Hampshire.

"At the very first party our neighbors' butler served. He claimed he felt something chill and forbidding about the house. He came back a second time and a third, but then wouldn't return, saying there was something evil there. So we did without him and forgot the incident.

"A while later, I was moving to another house and carrying the Skull in its case down a long, long corridor to the car. I was halfway along when the phone rang. I had to put down the Skull to answer. It was an angry, male voice — our neighbor. 'Sammy, are you touching that darn Skull of yours?' he demanded. 'Something has knocked my butler right off his feet. He's lying on the floor, quite rigid and unable to talk.'

"I couldn't believe it. That neighbor lived 20 miles away! The butler certainly believed it was the Skull. He quit their service because, he said, their friends were evil."

Seventy-three in three days' time, Sammy is now the very model of white-haired, tea-in-the-afternoon gentility, a woman who has counted the Duchess of Windsor among her friends. "I've simply come to believe," she says, "that the

"Sammy — are you touching that Skull of yours? Something has knocked my butler off his feet"

Skull returns good to you if you mean good, and evil if you've evil intent. I know many people who've visited agree with me — as I think Peter O'Toole did." O'Toole, actor and amateur archeologist, visited the red-door shrine twice. "I left him upstairs to meditate with the Skull for several hours. I've done that for a good number of people.

"Why shouldn't I share something so beautiful? There are only two other crystal skulls in the world, and they're locked up in museums. The one in the British Museum isn't too bad, though it can't talk like mine. See, the lower jaw is a separate piece — I found it three months after I found the Skull itself. The Mayan priests would attach threads that let them work the jaw; inside the darkened temple, it looked as if the Skull was telling the people what to do.

"There's another skull, much smaller, in Paris, in — is it the Museum of Man, Cynthia?" she calls to her companion of 25 years. "Yes," says Cynthia Cowles, who acts as majordomo, bouncer and memory aide.

"That skull in Paris is very primitive in comparison with this," Sammy says, walking to the table where the Skull rests on its altar-throne of blue velvet. She picks it up gently, much the way a mother might take her infant from its crib for visitors to admire. The Skull is certainly a member of the household —

and a valued one, too. "I recently turned down \$400,000 from an American collector," says Sammy, saddened that someone would think her loyalty was for sale.

She gazes into the Skull's clear depths, like a mother who can always find something new in her progeny. "There are seven faces inside the Skull — see the beautiful woman's head along this edge? And that lion's head over there? There was a coffin inside it, in the middle of the skull, for the longest time. One of the neighbors could see the lid open and close, open and close. It did that for weeks and weeks . . . until they got poor Louis Mountbatten. Then it disappeared."

The Skull doesn't merely reflect the grand events of the world. Like a retired artist it keeps from going stale in the suburbs by performing the occasional small wonder: the allergy cure that Sammy says one Kitchener neighbor received this fall by resting his head upon the Skull, or the use of an arm — previously arthritic to the point of paralysis — that was restored to another Kitchener resident in 1973.

The Skull's 32 even teeth are set in a smirk that looks anything but powerful. Perhaps it's just bemused at being an AWOL national treasure: the British Board of Trade declared it such after Sammy took it out of England under licence in 1974. Somehow she has not yet gotten around to returning it. It is her private possession, she points out — though even that is being contested by the government of Belize (the modern name for British Honduras), which is most anxious to have the Skull back. The Belizians point out that it's moot whether Mitchell-Hedges was given the Skull in 1927 as a parting gift by the Mayan chiefs, as he claimed, or if he simply took it. The law prohibiting the export of artifacts had been passed three years earlier, in 1924.

But soon the Skull will be returning to England. "I don't want to spend another winter in Canada," says Sammy, shivering at the thought. She has lived here for the last 13 years, but now plans to abandon North American life for a Devonshire home for herself and Cynthia and a nice private museum for the Skull. "Not the British Museum," she says archly. "Not after the way they treated my father." ▶

Indeed. Archeologists and art experts on both sides of the Atlantic tend to agree that Frederick Mitchell-Hedges's career is the stuff of newspaper headlines rather than academe. Dr. David Pendergast, Mayan expert at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, considers him an adventurous amateur at best: "He had no scientific training — none." Frank Dorland, a California biocrystallographer who studied the Skull over a period of six years, says that one German academic told him icily: "You are taking seriously the man who was the British Baron Munchausen" (the classic German spinner of tall tales whose best adventures took place in his imagination).

More than a few experts, in fact, suggest that the Skull is simply a skeleton in Mitchell-Hedges's closet. The notion upsets Dorland, who says "the Skull is genuine, even if most of the stories around it aren't."

Robert Sonin, a research associate at the New York University Institute of Fine Arts Conservation Centre, cheerfully takes a sledgehammer to what others have called "the world's most beautiful jewel." "It's no good at all," Sonin snorts. "I think it's a fraud. Around the 1880s there was a great vogue for things Aztec — especially things connected with blood sacrifice, as skulls would be. Artisans in Taxco, Mexico filled the European demand for reproductions, just as others fill it today for King Tutankhamen items."

The Skull's supporters are infuriated and amused by turns, though they do admit there's no way of establishing the Skull's age scientifically. In 1970 Frank Dorland took the Skull to the electronics laboratories of the giant Hewlett-Packard company in Mountain View, California, where they specialize in grinding precision crystal oscillators from chunks of electronic quartz crystal. "They couldn't date the Skull but tests proved the cranium and jaw came from the same piece of crystal. And even under the highest magnification there was no evidence at all of modern tool marks — or any tool marks at all."

Dorland argues, "by the process of elimination," that the Skull is approximately 12,000 years old. Others, like Don Potter, a Toronto business entrepreneur and longtime investigator of the unexplained, have their own theories. "The Skull was made with total disregard for the natural axis of the crystal," says Potter, "which means that even with modern tools it would have split during carving. The only alternative explanation is that it was made — and left behind — by a civilization superior to ours."

Potter — who gives the Skull partial credit for his being cured of a serious illness — points the finger at the legendary civilization of Atlantis which, he



Mitchell-Hedges and Alexander ponder the Skull: no more than 200 years old, the psychic said later, "but I didn't want to say so"

suggests, made the skulls as forms of walkie-talkies or radios. "What was the first modern radio — the 'cat's whisker' — if not a chunk of crystal?" Erich von Däniken, the German who drove his *Chariots of the Gods?* up the bestseller lists while he ground archeology into a comic-book subject, agrees, though he repeats his tiresome notion that, like everything else unexplained, the Skull was left behind by visitors from outer space.

"I agree with a lot of what von Däniken says, but not this, no," says Sammy softly, emphatically. She's aware of the effect such theories have on the Skull's — and her father's — reputation. The Skull's worst enemies are boosters whose enthusiasm threatens to turn it into the sort of psychic freak show populated by pyramid power, the Bermuda Triangle and close encounters of the most ludicrous kind.

But since archeology can neither discredit Mitchell-Hedges's account of the Skull (in his autobiography, *Danger My Ally*), nor dislodge his critics, and since even six years of research can't give the Skull a scientific birthdate, Sammy ponders an alternative road to the truth — and hits sudden inspiration. The details take time, but one afternoon in late fall, when the bell beside the red door finally rings, Sammy flies down the stairs to greet her savior, her ace in the hole.

"Simon Alexander!" she cries, hugging the nonplussed young man at the door. By the bold stripes that adorn his clothing, Alexander might be a salesman; by his glib patter, a game-show host. In fact, he's a well-known English clairvoyant who flies in regularly to do private readings across Canada. His public reputation rests on the accuracy of his predictions that the U.S. Democratic

Party would nominate Carter for president; that Britain's Margaret Thatcher would form a majority Conservative government; and that Joe Clark would limp into office with a minority. He also predicted a funeral in the royal family — it would be the first since Queen Mary's in 1953 — half a year before Lord Mountbatten's assassination. Sammy was so impressed by his readings that she knew immediately he was the man to decipher the Skull. Alexander, sensing a challenge, agreed to give the god a free reading.

"Oh dear," Alexander grimaces, walking into the house. "I hope this doesn't alarm you ladies, but I don't see the Skull being with you much longer — even a year from now." Alexander bumps against something heavy and looks down: a policeman's truncheon, a foot of heavy oak, turned and finished with a leather thong, dangles from the hall banister. "Well, I guess nobody's going to nick it," he grins.

(Not without one large fight, anyway. Part of the Skull's mythology includes an incident — confirmed by Sammy — that took place in Spanish Honduras in 1930. Sammy, travelling with another woman, was accosted by three outlaws, who did not have archeology on their minds. Sammy calmly drew her .45 calibre pistol and, with three bullets, shot all three dead. "We had to jump a train to the coast and then a boat out of the country," she admits with relish, "but I loved it.")

In the living room, much as Alexander ignores the Skull, he can't escape it. "I'm being drawn to it," he complains. "It's forcing me." And though there are at times eight people and two dogs in the room, Alexander begins to receive images from the Skull.

He describes the pictures to Sammy, who interprets them. "Three rocks are being moved by Indians," he intones. "There were three rocks around the Skull," she interprets. Alexander: "I see something curved, like an axe or pipe, in the ground underneath one of them." Sammy helps him along: "It's a curved neck piece, worn by the priests." "And the ground is soft and damp." "No," she says. "No?" "No," she repeats. Alexander stirs: "Wait ... that's not it. I'm seeing the Skull covered in this wet, soggy stuff..." Sammy's eyes open wide: "That's right! That's how the Mayas carved crystal, with the grinding sand worked into an herb poultice."

It's like a tennis match now: one's eyes move from Alexander to Sammy, back to Alexander. "Did anyone have trouble with their leg?" Alexander asks. This time, both Sammy and Cynthia start. "Why, my father did; he had four bullets in it. It was later amputated." Alexander describes a pastoral scene in a small, hillside village where the Skull is being worked by a chief or priest. Sammy takes over: "The Skull was made by five generations of one family of high priests. They were the only ones allowed to touch it." Now Alexander is getting feverish, ranging in on the moment of discovery in 1924: "They're yelling something ... one word. A short word — not in English — over and over again." Sammy beams: "Doom. The name of the Skull. The name of the beloved high priest in whose image the Skull was made."

Now Alexander puts himself in the Skull's place to "see" through its hollow eye sockets. "I'm seeing a woman — a young girl, really — something about her needing a baby, to prove herself. She's wearing a long dress ... maybe she's royal?" Sammy is silent, pondering, fitting the image, like clothes, to a ghostly set of memories. "Noooo," she exhales in disbelief. "It can't be ... maybe it is that girl! The Mayas gave my father a girl, maybe 12 or 13, to be his wife. Cynthia — where's the book?"

Frederick Mitchell-Hedges's autobiography is quickly referred to. There, in one of the plates, is the half-naked young bride-to-be. Alexander lets out a sigh of relief and retires from the field, looking utterly drained. "It's not a fake," he sums up. "I mean, it was made in Central America, somewhere up in the hills, but I'm stuck at 1924. I can't read how old it is."

A day later — privately — Alexander recounts. "I just didn't get back any more than 180 to 200 years," he sighs, as if disappointed in his own vision. "But I didn't want to say so in front of all those people, in front of Sammy." He needn't worry: his disbelief won't affect her. After all, Alexander was only called to the Skull. Sammy was chosen. ■

Donors raise questions about future of crystal skull

By Margaret Terol
Record staff

A Kitchener woman says she's getting enquiries from people across Ontario about the fate of the crystal Skull of Doom that was once kept in a private Kitchener home.

"They also want to know why the skull left Canada when they donated money for a foundation to keep it here," Hermina van Herpt of Glen Avon Crescent said in an interview.

Van Herpt said the phone calls have been coming "on a regular basis" since the skull, said to be an ancient Mayan artifact, and its owner, Anna Mitchell-Hedges, moved to the United States.

One of the calls was from a Niagara Falls, Ont., woman who said she had donated \$500 towards a foundation, said Van Herpt, who purchased her home from Mitchell-Hedges.

Over the dozen or so years the skull was kept in Kitchener, Mitchell-Hedges collected donations at her home and at lectures she gave. The purpose was to set up a foundation so the skull would remain in Canada, said Van Herpt, who lived with Mitchell-Hedges for seven months in Kitchener and assisted her with lectures.

She said Mitchell-Hedges also raised money from the sale of pictures and videotapes of the skull. Pictures sold for up to \$18 and videotapes for \$75.

But to date, no foundation has been set up and the skull was taken to Valparaiso, Ind. last February, Van Herpt said. She said she believes the skull should be put on public display and not be used as a "money-making object."

Van Herpt said she visited the 85-year-old Mitchell-Hedges at her home in Valparaiso in the summer of 1991 and attended a meeting there with lawyers to draw up legal documents for a foundation. But it was never established.

"Anna told me later there was no money" to operate a foundation, she said.

Mitchell-Hedges said in a telephone interview from Valparaiso, however, that a foundation will be set up soon to protect and care for the skull after her death. But she said she "couldn't divulge any information" until the foundation is established.

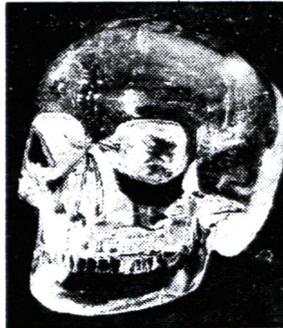
A number of Mayans from Belize and Mexico have come to see the skull and they told her it could be more than 100,000 years old, she said. However, other authorities have discredited the age and source of the skull.

Believed to be one of only four in the world, the skull is life-size, has conical eyes and a detachable jaw bone with 32 teeth.

Mayans told her they believed the quartz crystal skull was endowed with supernatural powers for healing, Mitchell-Hedges said.

In a 1980 interview she claimed the skull was discovered by her and her adoptive father, Frederick Mitchell-Hedges, an English archeologist, explorer and author, on Jan. 1, 1924, while they were excavating at Lubaantun, an ancient Mayan village in the former British Honduras, now Belize.

It was given to them by Mayans as a parting gift in appreciation for the medical supplies and doctors her father brought to the village, Mitchell-Hedges said.



Skull of Doom

Skull conceals its secrets

By MARGARET TEROL
Record Staff Writer

Like a woman, the crystal Skull of Doom is reluctant to reveal its age — or anything else about its mysterious past.

Neither scientists and archeologists, nor psychic researchers have been able to pinpoint the year of its creation.

When British psychic Simon Alexander said in a Canadian Weekend article last month that he could not "read" the skull's history any further back than 200 years, members of the Waterloo-Wellington Society for Psychological Research decided to give it a try this week. Especially since the skull is located in Kitchener, enthroned on a royal blue velvet on a table in the small living room of Anna Mitchell-Hedges.

Miss Mitchell-Hedges found the skull on her birthday, Jan. 1, 1924, while helping her adoptive father, Frederick Mitchell-Hedges, an English archeologist, explorer and author, excavate Lubaantun, an ancient Mayan village in the former British Honduras.

Several members of the society have been practising psychometry — attempting to receive impressions from an object — for the past three years, and they decided to do readings on the skull, which Mayan Indians told Miss Mitchell-Hedges was god of their ancestors. The Mayans believed it was endowed with supernatural powers.

To prevent the power of suggestion from influencing them, members of the psychometry group did separate readings and wrote down their impressions independently.

When they compared notes later, they found several impressions were common. They all had the feeling it was used in some way to heal people in ceremonies performed by priests and priestesses, some of whom were light-skinned.

Two of the four, Trevor Bissel and Dr. Ken Keeling, "saw" crude surgical instruments nearby and Keeling saw figurines in the form of birds and snakes. He also "saw" reddish clay in the area.

These images were later confirmed by Miss Mitchell-Hedges, who said they did find pottery made from the reddish clay and beads carved in the form of human heads, birds and snakes with the skull.

Keeling also said he felt the skull had been taken away and hidden for some time to protect it from attacks on the village and Bissel "saw" the skull sitting high above an altar in a building with an open shaft in the ceiling, but there is little evidence about the building when it was found.

Anna Spee felt the skull was not only able to heal, but also able to "change people's thoughts," and she "saw" high terraces rising to a precipice." Miss Mitchell-Hedges confirmed there were stone terraces and a 10,000 seat amphitheatre among the ruins.

Other members of the group only received physical sensations from the skull. They felt warmth generated from around the detachable jawbone while the top of the skull felt cool.

The skull, with its finely polished transparent surface, is a work of art. It is a faithful reproduction of a human skull, even to the tiny bumps found on human craniums. The hollow eye sockets are conical and have an almost hypnotic attraction for the viewer.

The detachable jaw contains 32 teeth and can be opened.

What scientists have discovered is that the skull was made from a single hunk of rock crystal without the use of tools. It is one of four in the world, but the only one that is life-size. The other three are in a private collection in Italy, the Paris Louvre and the British Museum.

Frank Dorland, a California biocrystallographer, who studied the 1½-pound skull for six years, took it to a company specializing in grinding precision crystal oscillators. But even under the highest magnification no evidence of any tool marks was found. The company also could not date it.

Mitchell-Hedges, in his book, *Danger My Ally*, wrote that Mayan legends say the skull is 3,600 years old and was made by five generations of one family of high priests over a period of 150 years. It was sculpted by constant rubbing with a sand and herb poultice "all the days of their lives."



INDIAN MYSTERY — Anna Mitchell-Hedges of Kitchener says she won't part with her crystal treasure, which she found while excavating Central American Indian ruins.

Record Photo by Brian Clark

Although both the governments of Britain and Belize (the modern name for Honduras) are seeking the skull, Miss Mitchell-Hedges has no intention of parting with it.

Although her father never explained in his book how he obtained possession of the valuable artifact, she said he was given the skull as a parting gift by the Mayans in appreciation of the aid he gave them.

"He provided them with medicines, and supplies and brought in doctors, and they looked up to him as a white god."

Miss Mitchell-Hedges dismissed Simon Alexander's prediction that she would not have the skull much longer; that it would be removed from her possession within a year.

"I won't part with it until I die," said the 73-year-old, Port Colborne-born woman who was adopted by Mitchell-Hedges when she was a 10-year-old orphan.

"Then it will go to a nice, private museum in England."

In addition to calming her when she feels nervous or upset, she feels it warns her about evil people or people she should avoid contact with. Also on a couple of occasions, she said, it warned of an impending tragedy — the deaths of President John Kennedy and Lord Louis Mountbatten.

It does this by sweating or by the image of coffins within the skull.

She says its most recent warning of bad news occurred within the past couple of weeks, before one of her two beloved pekinese dogs died while in

quarantine in England. She had sent the dogs over ahead of time because she and her companion-secretary, Cynthia Cowles, are planning to move back to England as soon as she sells her townhouse at 18 Glen Avon Cres.

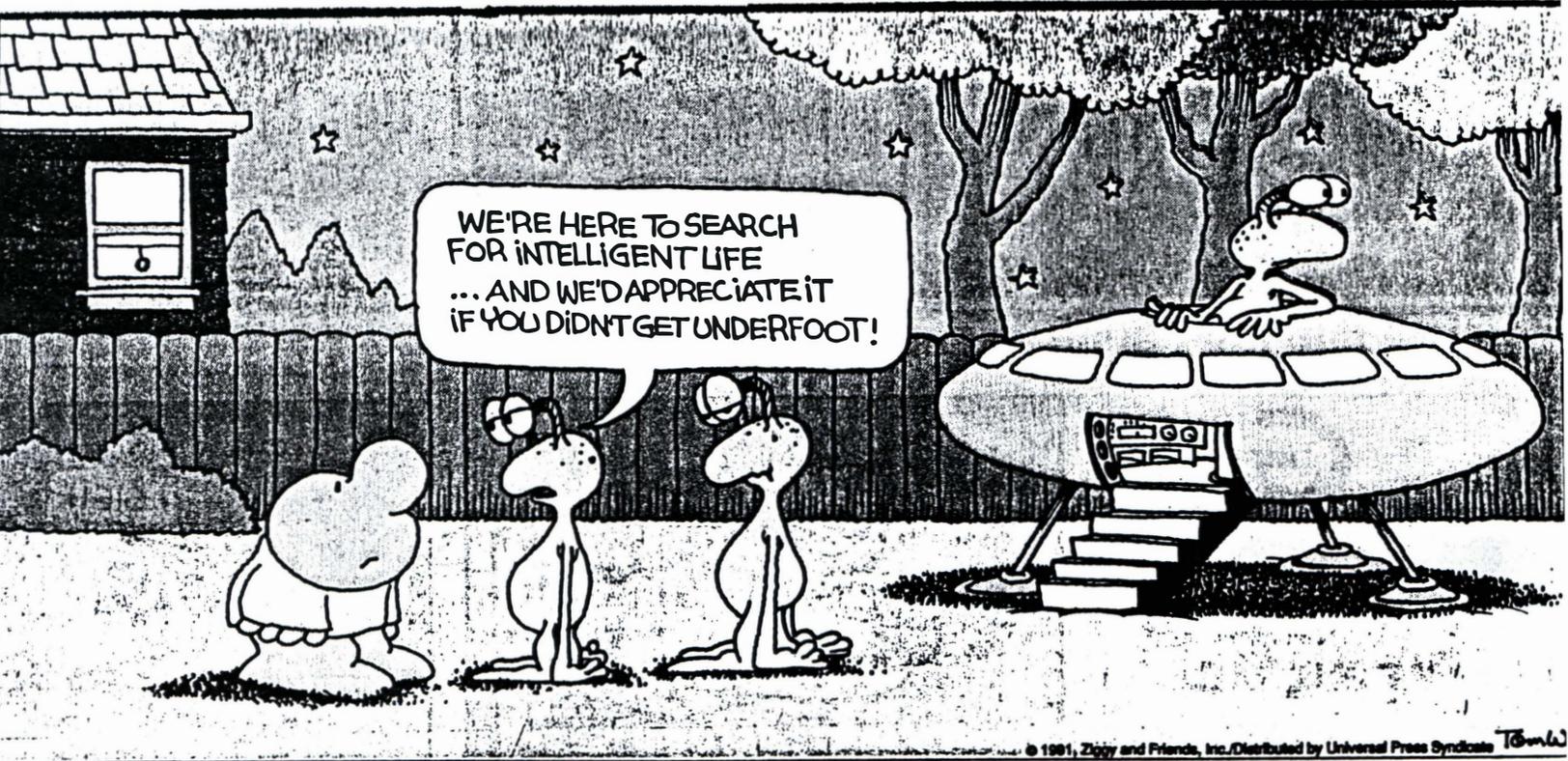
She called on its evil power to bring about death (according to Mayan legend) only once, Miss Mitchell-Hedges said.

"He was an evil man," she said. He had been in charge of raising funds through the sale of pictures and postcards of the skull at the San Francisco World's Fair for a church which planned to buy the Russian Black Virgin of Kazan icon from her. He collected more than \$200,000 but kept the money for himself, she said.

Whether it was the skull's power or coincidence, the man died about three months later.

But whether the Skull of Doom has supernatural powers or not, it has attracted international attention. Celebrities such as actors Peter O'Toole (who searched for it for 12 years before locating it in Kitchener) and William Shatner of Star Trek fame have beaten a path to her door.

The skull has appeared on television and in a movie entitled *Mysteries of the Gods*. And more than 100 Twin Cities residents have filed through her living room to glimpse the skull after reading about it in *The Canadian Weekend* magazine. It is also the subject of a book, *Gifts of The Crystal Skull: The Dorland Discoveries* by Alice Bryant, which should be on the market this spring.



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Skeptics try to explain the 'unexplained'

SEATTLE (AP) — Forty-seven years after the first "flying saucer" was reported, skeptics are still trying to shoot it down.

Scientific debunkers of the paranormal gather today to swap down-to-earth explanations for everything from astrology to alien abductions.

"The paranormal is all the rage in America today. My view is that the key to much or most of this phenomenon is in the eye of the beholder, and what we're dealing with is the psychological distortion of so many people to accept these claims without adequate evidence," said Paul Kurtz, of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

The four-day conference is for people who encourage scientific investigation of paranormal and fringe-science claims. Up to 750 people were expected for the annual conference sponsored by the Buffalo, N.Y.-based group.

The theme of the conference is "The Psychology of Belief." Participants say most people who believe in UFO encounters and other supernatural experiences need to believe for comfort.

"The unknown is sometimes vaguely threatening, and simply having an explanation for it in some ways relieves that anxiety," said Barry Beyerstein, psychology professor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

The conference coincides with Friday's 47th anniversary of pilot-businessman Kenneth Arnold's report of mysterious disc-shaped objects flying over the Cascade mountains of Washington state. The 1947 sighting made headlines around the world and gave birth to the modern-day UFO movement.

Aliens on Campus?

The reality of local abductions

as reported by
Kelvin Mason

What's the total population of students, faculty, and employees of the University? Say around 20,000? According to a Roper Poll administered in the United States, there are approximately 400 people on campus who have been the victims of alien abduction. The poll suggests that 2% of the population in general, have had close encounters, and most have no recollection of it.

Walter Andrus, the International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Seguin, Texas is not surprised by the overwhelming response he gets to his organization's phone support lines. He says that of the hundreds of calls he gets, only a fraction of a percentage are what he considers to be pranksters. People abducted by aliens all seem to report certain similarities in the experience—if they remember anything at all. This makes it very easy for a trained specialist to identify someone who is making up stories. A study done by Carleton University's psychology department found that all the victims that described the standard abduction experience were of sound mind and genuinely believed that the events of the abduction really did happen as they reported them. Similar studies show that mentally unbalanced individuals almost never tell the standard scenario or anything even approximately. This suggests that aliens are interested in

abducting only mentally healthy people. This seems to be the most intriguing piece of scientifically acquired evidence yet—however you want to interpret it.

If campus is a little too close to home, then how about Elora? I spoke with Bonnie Wheeler who heads a UFO organization in Cambridge.

Bonnie investigates, on average, 3 local abduction cases per year.

She also echoes what

Walter Andrus says

about hoaxes—she

rarely sees a

case with-

out valid-

ity. Bonnie

related to me

the details of a

case of an Elora

woman who,

through relaxation

therapy, recalled being

abducted 3 times since she

was a child. In the most

recent abduction she was

taken from her bed one night

last year while she had friends

staying with her. She was brought

aboard a "scout ship" that provided

transport to a larger mother ship. She

was taken to a room inside the mother

ship where three other people were being

examined. She was then given an examina-

tion herself. (See—they even do exams in space,

it's not just a University thing) She was then lead

through other rooms where she saw people watch-

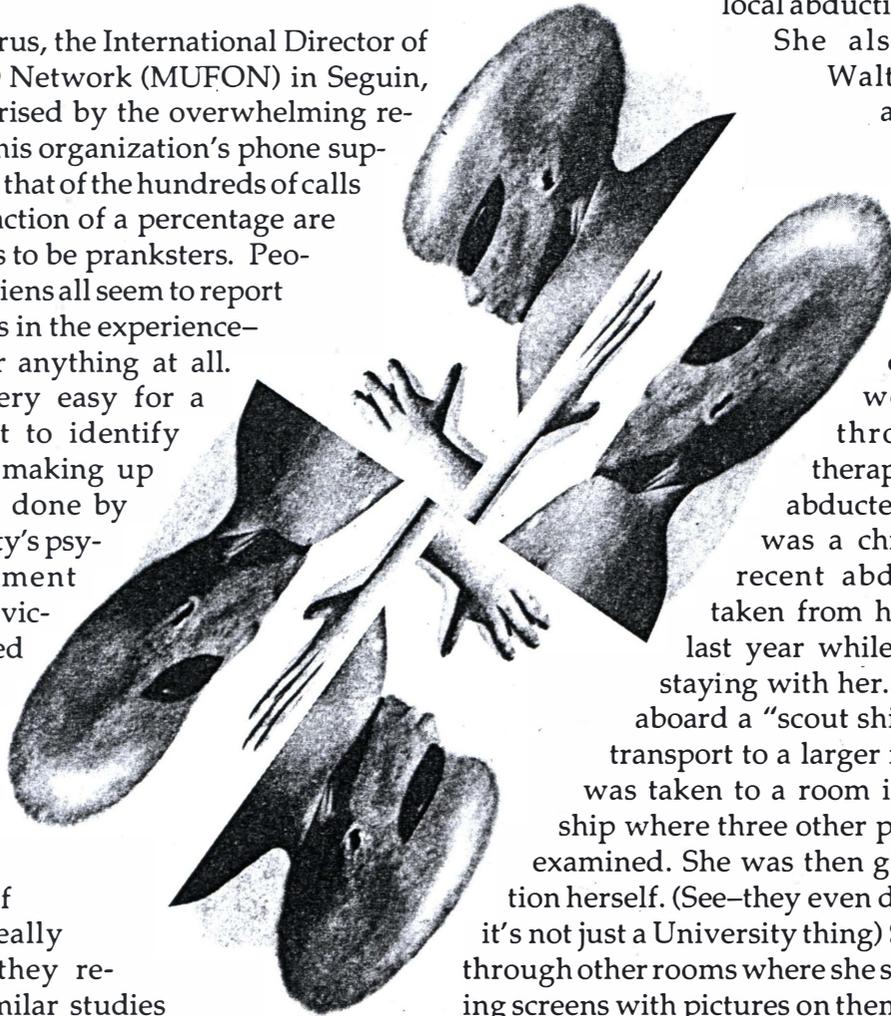
ing screens with pictures on them. She then had an

experience that she cannot remember at all. (Possi-

bly because it was severely traumatic) She was

then brought back to her home where she found

herself in bed next to her husband, who was asleep.





Alien sightings have occurred around the globe

In front of her was one of the beings that had been responsible for her little away mission. Her husband would not wake while the being was there, no matter how hard she tried. The creature she saw in her bedroom is similar to ones other abductees see—thin human-like bodies standing about four feet tall with large heads. Their most remarkable feature by far is their eyes. They are large, black, almond shaped and appear as if they belonged to a cat. The eyes are a dead give away; when you see them, you know an alien and not just your average anorexic from Chernobyl is staring down at you. Upon awakening the next morning, she thought the experience may have been a dream. However, the seven-year-old son of the friends who were staying with the family that night described the same being and said that it had visited his room that night also. True story.

And aliens aren't just for geeks anymore! They're becoming mainstream North American culture. Many of us lapped up 15 or so episodes of the *X-files* on TV this season and are waiting for more. Starting at the end of June, another Fox Network show called *Encounters* will be gracing our boob tubes. Why all the alien hysteria? How can Whitley Stieber's book *Communion* become a number one best seller? How can the Toronto Star report that 69% of Canadians "believe that some UFOs are directed by an unknown intelligence"? How can such perfectly straight forward, sane

and frail bodies, then you probably haven't talked to one of the handful of alien abductees that study or work on our campus.

people be telling such bizarre stories? Probably because it's the truth, but if you don't believe that people are being taken from their beds at night and brought to strange unearthly places, poked, prodded, examined, and sometimes modified by strange beings with large eyes

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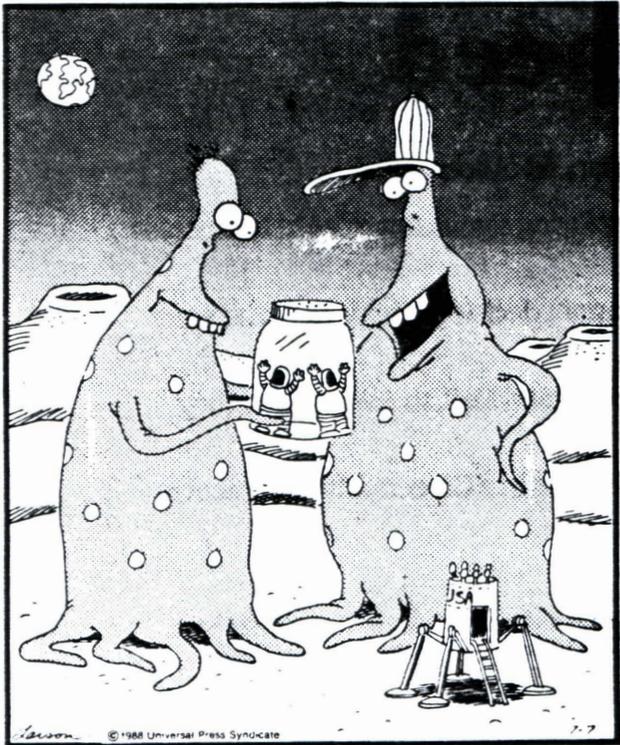
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Pretty cool, Dewey. ... Hey! Shake the jar and see if they'll fight!"

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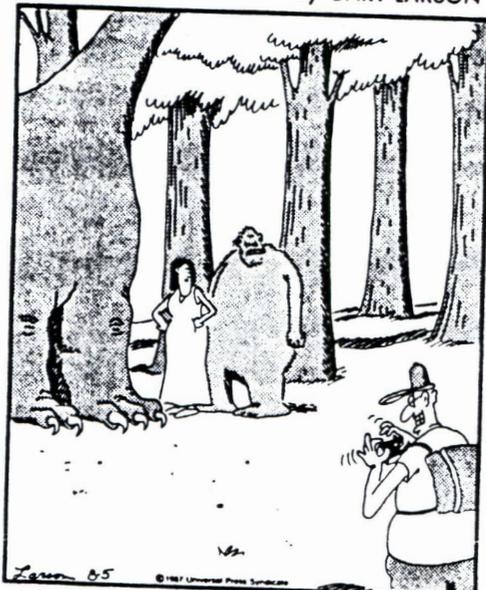
"Aaaaaaahhhhh! Earl! ... We've got a poultrygelst!"



"We come from a planet with an overpopulation problem."

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Just as Dale entered the clearing and discovered, standing together, the Loch Ness manster, Bigfoot and Jackle Onassis, his camera jammed.

encounters

LOCAL UFO SIGHTINGS:

1954

Two London women reported unrelated sightings of "flying saucers" during the same week in November. One woman was hanging out her washing when she saw three objects "far bigger than a full moon" in the sky. The other said she saw "a silver bowl, upside down heading south."

1955

An 18-year-old high school student said he and a group of others saw a "dark spinning object travelling west at a terrific rate of speed" as they came from lunch in the Catholic Culture Centre.

1966

Six London residents reported seeing flying saucers in the sky on April 12.

1967

On Oct. 12, two women and their children claimed to have been chased in their car by a UFO in Glencoe.

1975

In March, a Woodstock real estate agent spotted red and white lights in the sky and an oblong object that remained in sight for 10 minutes before it disappeared.

1977

Seventy-six people in London phoned police to report 10 UFOs in the sky one night in April. It was later discovered that the objects, highway flares attached to weather balloons, were created by university engineering students as part of a hoax.

1993

Richard Cote and Diane Cryer claim to have seen a UFO in the night sky.

Long relegated to tabloid headlines, an increasing number of reported UFO sightings are gaining serious consideration in academic circles.

Ruth Dunley

The London Free Press

It's not always a dark and stormy night. In fact, quite often it's on a day just like any other that people report seeing unidentified flying objects or extraterrestrials.

Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of North Americans believe they have seen a UFO or have encountered one of its alien crew. Some authorities say the number of reports of alien abductions has been increasing over the years.

It's a phenomenon that has split scientists — and the general public — into two camps of believers and disbelievers.

Tom Theofanous documents dozens of UFO sightings across Ontario every year as the assistant director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Toronto. The organization has offices around the world and works with more than 1,000 consultants in researching UFO sightings.

ENIGMA: UFOs are "starting to become treated as real science, a scientific enigma," he says, "which it always should have been."

Theofanous, who has never seen a UFO or encountered aliens, says his office receives about 200 calls a year.

Of those reported sightings, 85 to 90 per cent can be explained by natural phenomena such as stars, planets and meteor showers. The rest have not been explained.

Forty per cent of the unexplained sightings, he says, are reports from people claiming to have met or been abducted by aliens.

"We know something is occurring to these people, but we don't know what," Theofanous says.

While MUFON receives six to 12 reports of sightings in Southwestern Ontario every year, the office has recently received a disproportionate number of calls from the area.

Theofanous believes this may be due to his recent appearance on a Windsor television show. He says publicity about MUFON always influences the number of calls the office receives.

STRANGE OBJECTS: Bonnie Wheeler is a self-employed distributor of microwave popcorn in Cambridge. She is also a UFO researcher, who has been investigating sightings of strange airborne objects over Southern Ontario since 1976.

Wheeler, president of the Cambridge UFO Research Group, has never encountered an alien. But she receives about three phone calls a year from people who think they have been face-to-face with extraterrestrial beings.

"I would have to be very naive to not believe that there's something going on," she says.

One of the most frustrating things for people who think they've seen a UFO or been abducted is the disbelief they encounter from friends, family, the news media and the general public.

Despite people's reluctance to step forward with UFO stories, a 1993 study by late Carleton University professor Nicholas Spanos suggested that those who believe they have had a close encounter with aliens are just as intelligent and psychologically healthy as others.

Some, like Londoner Richard Cote, turned to the television show *Unsolved Mysteries* for help.

Tim Rogan, co-ordinating producer of the show, says the program receives hundreds of calls a year from people like Cote.

Rogan says that while the show has been helpful in solving many crimes and mysteries, it has failed to come up with any clues about UFOs and alien abductions.

UNEXPLAINED: "The unexplained stories in that category have remained unexplained," said Rogan from his office in Burbank, Calif., adding that *Unsolved Mysteries* will focus on the issue in a special show next season.

Dorothy Lewis, a Sarnia telephone salesperson and field researcher for MUFON, says she has been investigating UFO reports across Southern Ontario since 1967. Lewis says there are several steps involved in reporting a UFO sighting or abduction.

Lewis first interviews the person about the experience. If the person reports that the UFO touched down, Lewis will visit the site and take photographs. There are also a series of forms and questionnaires to be filled in, but Lewis says the person who files the report always has the option



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Psychologist Robert Baker

"They don't want to believe! It's the last thing they want to be told. They want to be told that this is a dream."

Harvard psychiatrist John Mack

SIGHTINGS: 'Hoax,' says scientist: 'Truth,' say believers

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to remain anonymous due to what she calls "the ridicule factor".

When a file is complete, Lewis forwards it to MUFON's provincial directorate in Mississauga. Eventually, all reports are retained at MUFON headquarters in Texas.

The National Research Council of Canada has been recording UFO sightings since 1947. NRC officials say they receive about 100 sightings annually — the majority of which are forwarded from the RCMP, Transport Canada and the Department of National Defence.

The NRC holds reports on sightings for one year and then transfers them to the government archive division.

CONFIDENTIAL: An NRC spokesperson says privacy legislation requires that the names of people who report the sightings be kept confidential, but all reports from 1966 to 1981 are open to the public because all confidential information has been removed. The files on reports beyond 1981 are closed because confidential information has yet to be removed.

Some of those convinced of alien abductions believe government officials are actually hiding the truth about UFOs and extraterrestrials, cloaking it behind the veil of official confidentiality.

Some have even suggested the government is reluctant to release the information because it might incite panic.

Second Lieutenant Mike Bellavy works in the public affairs division of NORAD's Canadian region headquarters in North Bay. He says it's true that not all aircraft in Canadian airspace can be identified, but

unidentified craft are not assumed to be UFOs with aliens aboard.

In most cases he says it may be a legitimate aircraft that could not be identified quickly enough, or drug smugglers who are skilled in avoiding detection.

While the total number of these "unknowns" is classified information — again, a sore point for those convinced of a government conspiracy — NORAD will say that 22 unidentified craft were charted in Canadian airspace in the last three months.

"If we are getting other visitors from other areas, I'd love to talk to them," chuckles Bellavy.

But "as far as any government conspiracy, I'm definitely out of the loop."

Psychologist Robert Baker

says there is no conspiracy.

Baker, a retired professor at the University of Kentucky, is a specialist in hypnosis and has done extensive research on the paranormal.

NO EVIDENCE: "There is no scientific evidence to support these claims," he says flatly.

Baker, a member of the Scientific Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, says alien abductions can be explained by a sleep disorder that is experienced by 45 per cent of the population.

"Practically all sleep specialists recognize this," he says. "All of the symptoms the abductees report are the same as the symptoms of sleep paralysis."

Baker says psychologists who support abductees' claims have

relied on hypnosis to gather information from the abductees.

"When you hypnotize someone and then talk to them you are turning on their imagination."

Baker argues that improper use of hypnosis has "created all kinds of problems."

"Human memory doesn't work like a computer or a tape recorder and we fill in the gaps. It's not a reliable guide to the truth."

Baker says media reports about abduction and popular culture have created an environment in which more and more people become eager to report abductions.

ATTENTION-GETTERS: "The more attention it gets, the more people claim to have been abducted."

He dismisses evidence like bruises, scratches and puncture marks, saying people can "simulate these marks quite easily."

Many abductees claim to have been used in breeding experiments with aliens — a claim Baker dismisses as ridiculous.

"We can't even breed with chimpanzees, which are our closest relatives. How in heavens are we supposed to breed with aliens?"

"The stories these people tell reveal a terrible ignorance of science."

Baker says those claiming to have been abducted fall into two categories: those who truly believe it but who really have had hypnagogic (sleep paralysis) experiences, and hoaxers who are popularizing an urban legend.

"One hundred years ago we had literally hundreds of people going to seances and talking to the dead, and times haven't changed."

He says we have replaced traditional myths of dragons, elves and fairies with a more modern version involving aliens from

other planets.

As for UFO sightings, Baker says people aren't using common sense. He says there are three possible explanations for objects in the sky: natural phenomena, military aircraft and vehicles being navigated by aliens. He says any sensible person would rule out the third option.

"This whole thing is one gigantic hoax. It's pulling the wool over people's eyes," he says. "Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary proof, and we don't have that."

Harvard professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning psychiatrist John Mack stands in diametric opposition to Baker. His new book, *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*, suggests abduction claims are true.

"I have come to see that the abduction phenomenon has important philosophical, spiritual and social implications," says Mack.

He believes the number of people who have experienced alien abduction may be nearly three million.

"I really knew when I first talked with [people claiming to have been abducted] that this was something I could not explain psychiatrically.

"They don't want to believe! It's the last thing they want to be told. They want to be told that this is a dream," Mack told the *New York Times Magazine* in a March 20 article.

TIRED OF DOUBTERS:

UFO investigator Dorothy Lewis from Sarnia says she gets tired of listening to people who tell her that UFOs and aliens don't exist.

"The fact that there are skeptics doesn't mean they're right," she says.

For those who remain skeptical, Lewis says UFO and alien encounters usually happen when

people least expect it — at night when they're alone.

"If you happen to be driving down a lonely road and it's late at night, you may have a close encounter," she says.

Sarnia family just as sure

A 43-year-old Sarnia woman whose family is convinced they encountered aliens two years ago is not scared of the sky. She is, however, scared of public reaction to her story. She has asked that she not be identified.

Her young son, she says, was actually abducted from his bed and returned with strange scratch marks that resembled cuts made by a knife.

"All I really remember is another light shining in my eyes and I saw a shadowy figure," the 14-year-old boy told *The Free Press*.

Later the woman took her son to a doctor because he was experiencing pain in his ear. She says the doctor removed something from her son's ear but didn't know what it was.

"We're wondering if (aliens) didn't put an implant thing in, like a tracking device, but we don't know," says the woman. "We have no proof."

The woman requested that her son see a school counselor but she says his claims were never taken seriously.

"Some people definitely do not believe in it. And the ones who do, society is really rough on those people."

"We all believe in God," says the woman, "but we definitely believe there is something else out there.

"Someone else."

Londoner thinks he was taken

There was nothing unusual about the weather on October 18, 1993 when a London man and his girlfriend spotted what they believe was an extra-terrestrial craft moving slowly over the city.

Richard Cote, 33, and Diane Cryer, 29, had just returned to their home a few blocks from downtown about 8 p.m. when they saw a boomerang-shaped object moving across the sky over south central London.

Cote, a musician and model rocketry enthusiast, says the craft — about the size of an apartment building, with 12 orange lights at its base — searched the sky with a bright beam of white light from a height of 250 to 300 metres.

After Cote and Cryer lost sight of the object, he hurriedly reported the sighting to London airport and the North American Aerospace Defence Command — the Colorado-based Canada-U.S. radar system that monitors all air traffic over the continent. But neither could tell him what he had seen.

Cote went to bed that night, but did not awake, he says, until two days later — time enough, he now insists, to have been abducted by the crew of the strange craft.

Although Cote has no recollection of his abduction, he thinks he was subjected to medical testing. When he awoke from his deep sleep, he discovered two puncture marks on his arm and began to experience ringing in his ears, severe headaches and an intolerance of high-frequency sounds. He says doctors could offer no explanation for his health problems.

"My God, I'm not making this up," he insists. "When I look up at the stars, I'm scared."

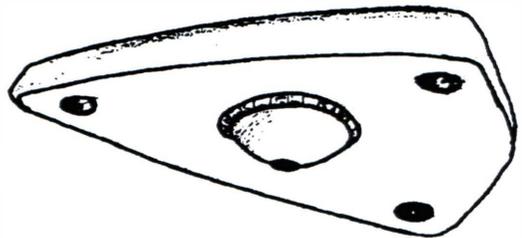


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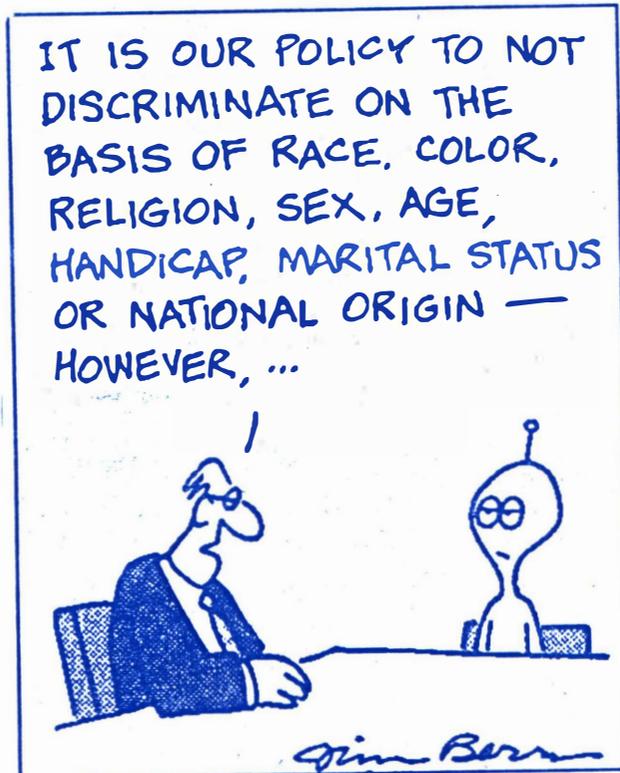
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Frank and Ernest



The search for a UFO coverup: Encounters of a GAO kind

By WILLIAM CLABORNE
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Where television's "Unsolved Mysteries" has tried and failed, the General Accounting Office is unafraid to venture.

At the request of Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., Congress' investigative branch has begun a study to determine whether the government covered up a story alleging that the bodies of alien space voyagers were removed from a crashed flying saucer found near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

After the purported crash of the spacecraft, the bodies of the extraterrestrial visitors were said by a local undertaker and other conspiracy theorists to have been autopsied and then secretly flown to an Air Force base in Ohio.

The "Roswell Incident" has been repeatedly dismissed by the Defense Department as nothing more than UFO fantasizing triggered by the discovery of a downed weather balloon.

In 1989, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" investigated the controversy, which the program's host, Robert Stack, concluded remained unsolved.

But now the GAO has begun searching for documents to prove allegations that the Air Force suppressed information sought by Schiff, a member of the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

GAO spokeswoman Laura A. Koppelson said, "As far as I know only one investigator had been assigned" to the case so far, and that not enough work had been done to report any results back to Schiff.

She said there was no way to estimate how much the investigation would cost, and that the GAO does not release such information anyway.

The GAO conducted 1,380 inquiries into government operations in 1992. Its budget has risen from \$46.9 million in 1965 to \$490 million last year. The agency has been criticized, especially by Republicans, as the "lap dog of the requesters," producing reports that tend to support whatever conclusion the requesting member of Congress suggests.

Schiff said that at a routine meeting he had with GAO Controller General Charles A. Bowsher in October, he had merely complained about the Defense Department's lack of responsiveness but that a GAO official said, "We're willing to take a stab at it."

Schiff said that last March, after receiving inquiries from "UFO believers" and some Roswell residents who were in the military in 1947, he wrote to Defense Secretary Les Aspin asking for more information.

Schiff said that after he called Aspin to request a Defense Department briefing on the Roswell incident, he received a call from an Air Force officer who brusquely told him the documents had been turned over to the National Archives.

Schiff said Archives' officials told him they did not have the records on Roswell.

"I was getting pretty upset at all the running around," Schiff said. "Generally, I'm a skeptic on UFOs and alien beings, but there are indications from the runaround that I got that whatever it was, it wasn't a balloon. Apparently, it's another government coverup," he said.

HBO Plans New Film on Roswell Crash

New Witnesses to Alien Bodies Emerge

by Michael Norris

HBO is presently in the casting stage for a new movie that will appear on the cable station sometime by the end of this year. The movie will be a dramatization of *UFO Crash at Roswell*, a 1991 book written by Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt. The film's release will occur simultaneously with that of a new book by the two authors, which promises to rewrite what happened on an extraordinary day in July 1947 near Roswell, New Mexico.

After learning of HBO's plans, I called Don Schmitt for the inside info and the latest on their continuing investigation into the most important event of our century--the crash of a craft from another world and the recovery of alien bodies. Before I cover my discussion and interview with Schmitt, I would like to briefly discuss the history of UFO crashes.

UFO Crash Reports

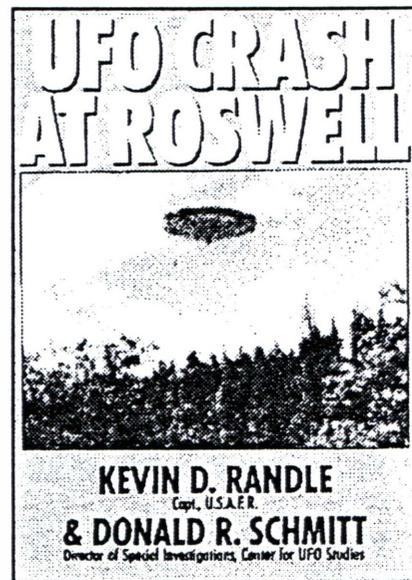
The first stories about flying saucer crashes unfortunately were hoaxes. The *Nebraska Nugget*, in 1884, wrote about a blazing object that plunged to the Earth spreading "fragments of cogwheels and other pieces of machinery . . . and glowing with heat so intense as to scorch the grass for a long distance around each fragment and make it impossible for one to approach it."

The crash was reportedly witnessed by a few Dundy County cowboys, and the object was

supposedly so bright that it blinded one of the witnesses. Well, it was later learned that the incident was a fanciful hoax, which made interesting reading for the *Nugget's* readers, and perhaps sold a few extra papers as well.

More Hoaxes

Frank Scully, author of the 1950 book *Behind the Flying Saucers*, wrote about crashes of Venusian spacecraft in New Mexico and Arizona. Two years later, it was learned that Scully's informants were nothing more than professional con artists. These and other spoofs left a bad taste in the mouth of principal UFO organizations of that time, such as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP), the Aerial



Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), and the Civilian Saucer Intelligence. These organizations dismissed most of the crashed saucer stories, desiring not to be embarrassed victims of hoaxers.

The early UFO organizations felt the U.S. Government was covering up information about UFOs, but they never felt the government had actually recovered any of them. Perhaps if their attitudes were different, ufologists would have suspected sooner that our government possibly had at least one UFO in its possession.

Fictitious Claims?

Rumors began surfacing in early ufology that Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Ohio, was where flying saucer remains and *gray-skinned humanoid beings* were being studied by scientists. The whole matter was rumored to be highly classified because of fears of public panic, and to keep the Soviets from realizing that the U.S. had access to alien technology.

Again, these were only rumors, almost impossible to verify, and serious ufologists continued to dismiss them.

The Roswell Case

It was veteran ufologist Leonard Stringfield, one of the world's present day experts on UFO crash/retrievals, who, in 1978, began to push for the investigation of UFO crash stories. It was also in 1978 that Stanton Friedman, author of *Crash at Corona*, and William Moore, author of *The Roswell Incident*, got together to discuss an event that took place in early July 1947.

On July 8, 1947, the *Roswell Daily Record*, a small paper in Roswell, New Mexico, printed a story headlined, "RAAF Captures

Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region." The story broke like wild fire. Calls flooded into the area from around the world. However, the next day, the same paper ran a story announcing that officials from Roswell Army Air Field were mistaken; the debris recovered from a desert ranch was nothing more than a crashed weather balloon. After being shown debris from a weather balloon rather than from the actual wreckage, the reporters were convinced, and so ended the story . . . at least for a while!

Friedman and Moore decided to begin investigating the incident, and discovered enough evidence to strongly suggest that it was not a weather balloon but an actual extraterrestrial craft which crashed on that day. The two also learned that the military organized a retrieval operation, reprimanded local officials for their press release, and created a cover-up story involving a weather balloon to kill interest. The plans for a cover-up originated from high ranking officials at the Pentagon.

An illustration of the extent of cover-up can be seen in one story Friedman looked into. Linda Sleepy, a teletype operator at the KOAT radio station in Albuquerque, received a telephone call on July 7, 1947 from Johnny McBoyle, a reporter at sister station KSWs in Roswell. KSWs had no teletype of their own, so they used KOAT's whenever they wanted something to get out.

McBoyle excitedly told Sleepy

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that a genuine flying saucer crashed near Roswell, and that the Army was presently picking it up. He claimed that he had seen the object himself, and described it as looking like a "big crumbled dishpan." McBoyle also said that the Army personnel were talking about "little men" that were found with the craft. McBoyle asked Sleepy to begin putting the story immediately on the teletype.

As McBoyle began dictating the story, Sleepy typed. A few sentences later, the teletype stopped. Thinking there was a mechanical problem, Sleepy explained to McBoyle what happened. However, McBoyle was distracted and Sleepy could hear him talking to someone else. In a strained voice McBoyle said, "Wait a minute. I'll get back to you." Immediately the teletype began again, this time it said: "ATTENTION ALBUQUERQUE: DO NOT TRANSMIT. REPEAT DO NOT TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE. STOP COMMUNICATION IMMEDIATELY."

Now amazed, Sleepy told McBoyle what she was reading.

Roswell Daily Record

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**RAAF Captures Flying Saucer
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McBoyle answered by saying she could forget everything he told her; she wasn't supposed to know what he had said. Later, when Friedman asked McBoyle about the incident, McBoyle was quoted as saying, "Forget about it . . . It never happened."

Eventually, Friedman and Moore gathered about 100 informants involved with the case, and they pieced together a fascinating tale. Each man later co-wrote his own book about the investigations.

In 1988, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) decided to conduct its own separate investigation into the Roswell incident, spearheaded by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt. Randle is a former Air Force intelligence officer, and Schmitt is the Director of Special Investigations for CU-FOS. They were able to turn up

of Roswell, New Mexico.

On the following day, Brazel discovered a large amount of debris in a remote pasture. The debris was scattered over a 3/4 mile area, and there was a gouge in the ground 200 to 300 feet wide and some 500 feet long. There appeared to be some sort of metal scattered about the crash site. It was very lightweight like balsa wood, but was much stronger. The metal was as thin as foil, but couldn't be cut or dented. There were also some I-beam shaped pieces with purplish geometric symbols on them. The language was unidentifiable to the witnesses. Brazel found one large circular piece of debris and stored it in his shed.

On July 6, Brazel drove to Roswell and reported his discovery to Sheriff Wilcox, who in turn

four alien bodies, for later that evening, a Sgt. Melvin Brown looked under a tarp on the back of a truck at the impact site and saw several alien-looking bodies. Also that evening, local mortician Glenn Dennis received several calls from the base about preserving tissue, and was asked about the smallest caskets that he had.

Dennis was told that there were three mortalities--two of which had badly mangled bodies, but the other was in good condition. Records show that there were no deaths at the Roswell Army Air Field during that time, and there were none at the base hospital either.

After the inquiries from military officials, Dennis drove to the base hospital out of curiosity, but was warned by a nurse friend of endangering himself by being present.

"My God, you are going to get yourself killed," the nurse told him.

He was then abruptly forced to leave by two military police, who grabbed him, lifted him off his feet, and carried him outside. Later, the nurse told Dennis privately why he was so rudely treated. The military, she told him, had recovered from the desert the remains of bodies that were not human!

Through their investigations, Randle and Schmitt have learned what these creatures looked like. The bodies were non-human, and were smaller than adults in size. They weighed about 40 lbs. and were about 3 1/2 to 4 feet tall. The hands had four fingers with no apparent thumb. Heads were very large in proportion to the bodies--

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more informants than had previous investigations, and disagreed with some of the information from the Friedman/Moore research. Their results were later published in a book, the basis for the upcoming HBO movie.

Information From The Case

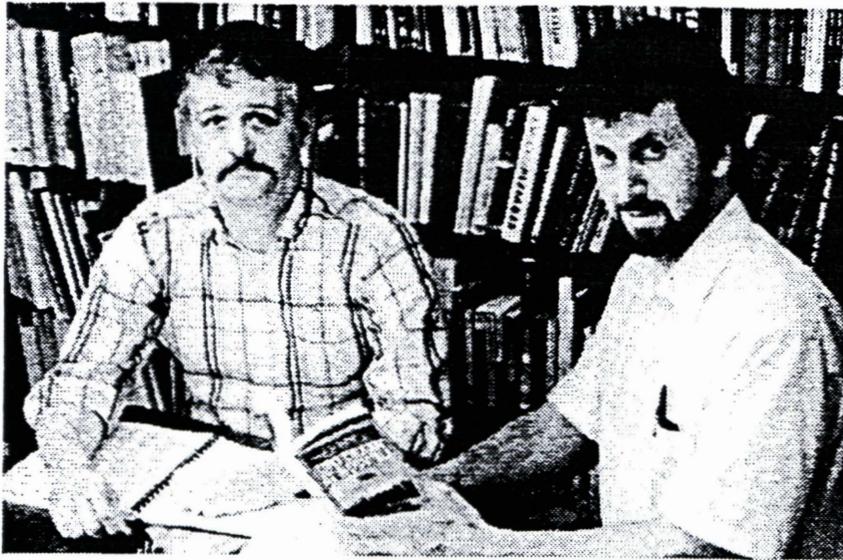
Despite some differences, all investigating parties agree that a craft not of this world crashed, there was a military retrieval of debris (followed by a cover-up story), and alien bodies were discovered. With all this in mind, we can briefly summarize the Roswell case as follows:

On the evening of July 2, 1947, Mac Brazel and others heard a loud explosion near his home northwest

notified the Roswell Army Air Field. Officials from the Roswell base examined the crash debris at the site, along with the piece in Brazel's shed.

On July 8, Roswell Base Commander Col. William H. Blanchard, dictated a press release to Public Information Officer Walter Haut that a flying disk had been recovered. Meanwhile, military officials began flying out the debris, and guards were posted on the access roads to the debris field to turn away visitors. That same day the *Roswell Daily Record* printed the "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer" story. The military at that point was flying over and searching the area. At some time during these early events, the military discovered

Sgt. Melvin Brown looked under a tarp on the back of a truck at the impact site and saw several alien-looking bodies.



Kevin Randle (left) and Donald Schmitt. Photo: The Roswell Report, CUFOS

larger than human's--and were bald. Their eyes were large with a concave shape. In fact, the nose, ears and eyes were all slightly concave. They had a slit for a mouth, an indistinct nose, and small openings on the side of their heads for ears. The bodies were pinkish gray in color, and overall, the skull and bones were very fragile.

An interesting feature of the bodies were the arms. The bones from the shoulder to the elbows were shorter than the bones from the elbow to the wrist. Allegedly, the bodies were frozen and flown to Wright Field, which is today Wright-Patterson AFB.

This case, along with the tremendous amount of witness testimony surrounding it, surely represents one of the most important events in man's history. If all is disclosed (the craft and the bodies) by our government, it would represent solid evidence for the existence of other life in our universe.

It would curb the narrow-minded thinking among the NASA SETI folks that life is everywhere in the universe but just never comes here. It would also humble humanity. No

longer would we view ourselves as the highest forms of life in the universe. And, it would create a domino effect, revealing that the government has orchestrated large-scale cover-up programs on this subject, and perhaps countless others.

We may be able to learn more about our past, our future, and possibly our links and relationships to extraterrestrial lifeforms, when we fully know the truth. Many questions researchers have asked may be answered by those who we elected to rule over us, but who have lied and denied us the truth.

So this case represents a lot. And although for over 45 years the cover-up has been successful, it may not last, for the efforts of researchers such as the one we will introduce next are making a difference, and may turn things around for us all.

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Interview with Don Schmitt

After learning that HBO was going to do a movie based on the book *UFO Crash At Roswell*, I was elated about the idea. I immediately contacted Don Schmitt to find out more, and he had quite a lot to say.

Schmitt told me that HBO first approached him and Randle with the idea for a movie before their book was ever released. The co-producer for the project wanted to write his own script based solely on their information. The movie will be a dramatization of the Roswell event, based 100% on their book. Schmitt and Randle will be working as technical consultants for the film. Location for the shoot will be somewhere in the Southwest with the exact location still undetermined. HBO is striving to release the movie by the end of this year. At the moment, no filming has been done--they are "still in the process of casting." Schmitt was asked not to release any info on characters.

I asked Schmitt if the movie will portray any actual ufologists. He told me that so far all scripts submitted have included Kevin and Randle, played by actors. However, they asked to be taken out so as not to appear "too self-serving." HBO also offered Schmitt and Randle small appearances but they declined.

I switched the conversation to the recent movie "Fire In The Sky," and the harsh criticism it received from ufologist for fictionalizing the abduction events (See *U.E.* Vol. 1 #6). I asked Schmitt if he was worried that the HBO movie might suffer the same fate--criticism because the movie makers change the story to create mass appeal. Schmitt explained that they were very fortunate to have met numerous times with the co-producer, the director, and the writer for the movie to ensure that the story remained accurate. In going through

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the different drafts, Schmitt explained that there was a great deal of effort to stick to the original story.

The challenge was how to depict the events. Should they be described by retired military officers reminiscing about them, or should they be presented in a story set at the time of the incident? There were many different avenues to choose from, "but they always depicted the event itself almost entirely as we described it in our book," Schmitt explained. What HBO had to create was the dialogue, and even for this they consulted experts.

"What do you think about this line?" Schmitt said the producer would ask. "Would this person say this?" and so forth. "They kept very close contact with us," Schmitt explained.

As technical advisors, people are generally involved in the production, but are seldom allowed to have much input into the script, as have Randle and Schmitt. And to make sure everything is correct, HBO's legal department has been heavily involved in verifying the testimony of Randle and Schmitt's key witnesses.

I was curious to know what those involved with the production actually thought about the Roswell story.

"What's great about the entire production," Schmitt explained, "is that everyone from the producer, to the director, to the screenwriter, is 100% behind the Roswell case. . . . They really didn't know much about it until they read our book. Now they stand behind us."

To give me an example of the

commitment HBO has to the story, Schmitt read me a statement from Mr. Kopit, the screenwriter: "Randle and Schmitt's work is based on hard, extensive and rigorous journalism. *UFO Crash At Roswell*, a scrupulous examination of a purported government cover-up, is such a work. It makes a very serious charge. If proved true, *and I really think it is true*, what is being covered up is of major historical significance."

Latest Investigations And The New Book

Schmitt told me during our discussion that their investigation has uncovered a staggering 600 first-, second-, and third-hand witnesses to the events at Roswell. What is even more amazing is that they now have over a half-dozen living, first-hand witnesses to the alien bodies! And with their new book, "we will be including first-hand drawings--and certainly all first-hand testimony," Schmitt said. "Based on first-hand testimony, we will be rewriting much of what people's overall conception of what the Roswell case is. It isn't what most people have thought all these years. It won't be just an update. It is in fact a complete rewrite. I would say about 75% new information."

In Randle & Schmitt's first book, they were relying solely on second-hand witnesses to the alien bodies, such as "the Glenn Dennis story," Schmitt said, "even trying

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to tie in the Barney Barnett story, which we have thoroughly dismissed." That's not all they have dismissed from previous investigations. "As far as everything that we have been unable to uncover, the entire Plains of San Agustin story is nothing but a rumor," he said.

Schmitt hopes that the simultaneous releases of the movie and their book will motivate some of the remaining witnesses to come forward. Their previous book, which was released in paperback, brought

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in hundreds of letters with leads and information. Their future work will be published in a hardback edition, a more climactic ending to their years of investigation.

I asked Schmitt if he hoped to help initiate a congressional hearing on the Roswell events using the witnesses he and Randle have. He responded by saying that has been in the works for a couple of years, but because of the sensitive nature of the material, they were not ready to release all of their witnesses--not without more reassurance that the individuals won't be harassed into silence.

"Has there been any evidence at all," I inquired, "of any effort by any agency, government or civilian, to stumble you in your investigations, or keep you from getting your information out to the public?"

Schmitt answered, "Sadly, and as you mentioned earlier, Torme' [screenwriter for *Fire In The Sky*] ran into the same situation. Most of the roadblocks, most of the distractions, most of the harassment, if not

all, has come from the field [ufology] . . . everything from efforts to censor our book, letters to our publisher and threatened law suits."

Schmitt commented that his only regret is that he didn't begin investigating Roswell years before when many of the first-hand witnesses were still alive. He said that looking back on previous investigations, there was "a very half-hearted effort, very incompetent in many respects."

"The Roswell investigation until Kevin and I started five years ago," Schmitt remarked, "was in limbo . . . nobody was doing anything . . . it was all MJ12. And all of a sudden we start and it's like, 'Oh my God, we have to stop these people . . . we have to stop these guys.' Again it raises some very serious questions. What are the priorities in this field? Is it the truth? Or, is it totally monetary--totally self serving? I mean, how do you claim priority on a historic event? There are over 200 books on the Kennedy assassination, and they threaten to sue because we are doing our own independent investigation of Roswell. . . . I'm not going to name names here--people know who they are."

Schmitt talked about another obstacle that, for the last 45 years, ufology has had to negotiate--the media. "I think once the media would start looking into this and asking the hard questions and pushing for the true nature of the phenomenon, we could really open some doors overnight."

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difficulties he and Randle have experienced. "We've had some mild threats and have questioned whether or not our phone has been tapped," Schmitt said. "Vehicles with government plates, for example, have pulled in front of my house and even in front of my driveway on a number of occasions. . . . They occasionally put out little test flags, to see how we respond. 'What will it take to shake these guys?' . . . But we are encouraged by it; again, it must mean we are on to something."

I asked Schmitt where he would like to see the case go from here.

"There are still witnesses that we have been in hot pursuit (of) for the last five years--firsthand witnesses that we know were directly involved, not only with the debris and the craft itself," Schmitt said, "but certainly with the bodies. We've heard that there were hundreds of photographs taken. Certainly there had to have been a ton of documentation."

I asked Schmitt what it would take for him to back away from the case. He said he has been asked this before, even by two generals.

"Not by threat, not by harassment, not by intimidation and not by word," Schmitt responded. "They would have to show us--they would have to demonstrate to us that it would indeed be a threat to national security. Documentation won't do it; photographs won't do it. In other words, we would

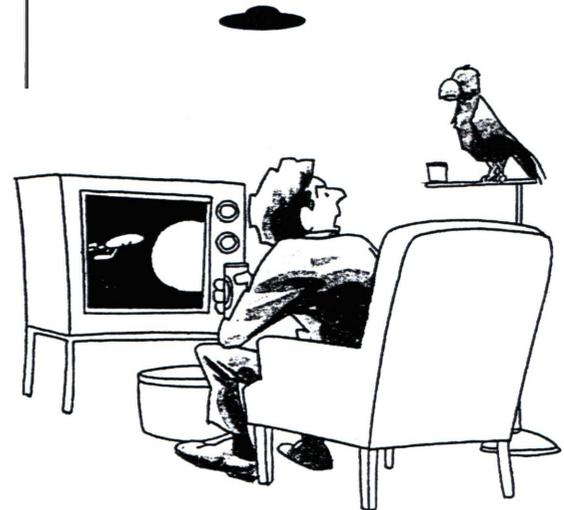
have to see the genuine article, and then they would have to demonstrate why this is such a terrible secret. After all these years, why are we still unable to handle such an acknowledgment?"

"The point is if we can all concede that some event, some very extraordinary event took place down in Roswell and is still being covered up today, then the next question is, 'what?'"

"We have always been objective enough to go wherever the evidence leads us. And today, with over 600 witnesses unanimously telling us this was extraterrestrial, we are pretty well left with that explanation."

What Roswell has proven, Schmitt explained, is that no matter how old a case is, if there are witnesses still alive, there is great potential for significant discoveries. "There are files just sitting, begging to be reopened, because if a case is classified as unidentified, it is still an active case."

Surely there is another case as significant as Roswell that has never been investigated. We just have to keep searching. But who knows what tomorrow may bring? Another UFO crash could happen anywhere. This time we just have to beat the government to it.



"If you don't stop calling me 'Earthling,' I'm going to cancel the Sci-Fi Channel."

Further to the Missing Link article, Bill Knell's UFO Newsltter, 164-22 77th Road, Flushing, New York, 11365, Number 27A, had a special "Roswell Issue. This issue was packed full of interesting data. He spoke in Roswell, as well as touring both UFO museums, appeared on radio and television. This issue is worth obtaining. The following paragraph was taken from this issue.

Not good news.

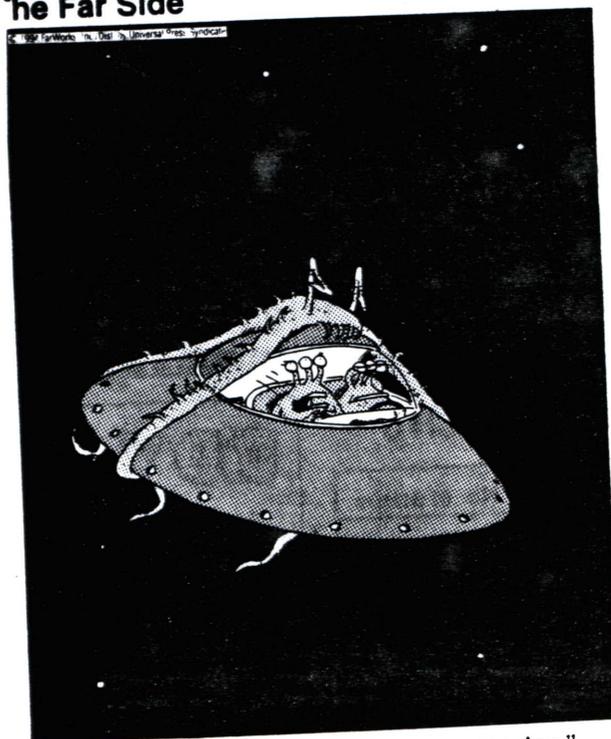
First the bad news. HBO had slated a new special on Roswell for production this year. After dragging their heels on the project all summer, the official word came from their offices about cancellation the last week in September. While I was in Roswell, I had heard from a local actor (who often does Extra work for TV specials when they come to Roswell) that the project had been scratched. To be sure the information was accurate, I called HBO offices in New York City and their production company in Los Angeles. The cancellation was definite. The reason? I was told by a source at the L.A. production company that when HBO hired a research consultant to check on the facts mentioned in the book UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL, they hit one dead end after another and finally decided that HBO should not risk their reputation on a special with so many spurious leads. Lack of cooperation from other Researchers who had knowledge of Roswell was also cited. It seemed that since the Randle book was the main gist of the special, others who had their own books out (you know who they are) didn't want any involvement unless their side of the story was told as well. I can sympathize with that. I'm often approached by TV and production companies from around the world that want my information and material, at virtually no cost, to use to make other UFO Researchers look good. Since I put just as much work into my research as they do, I believe I should also get as much credit.



How alien moms dress up ordinary meals.

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The Far Side



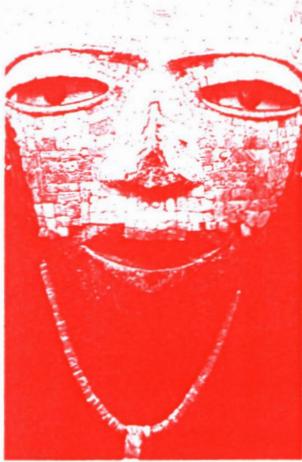
"Aaaaaaaa! ... Oh, sorry — it's just the dog."

Cbac-mool, a reclining figure at the Temple of Warriors, whose chest apparently served as a place for offerings to the Gods.



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At TULA, in the early evening, you study the statues of the "Atlanteans" atop the main pyramid.

Their eerie life-like appearance makes you believe, as the legend states, that they do, indeed, walk at night. Unique in architecture and design, no one knows the exact origins of EL TAJIN, but that doesn't stop you from trying to solve the puzzle. Maybe the answer can be found with the Totonac Indians who still use the site to perform their flying pole dance. Your heart plunges with the dancers as they fly from atop a hundred-foot pole swinging on ropes attached to their ankles.

It's all part of Mexico's legendary magic. And the magic never leaves you.



The stunning artistic abilities of the Mayas is represented through their sculptures, urns, vases, figurines, palaces, pyramids and religious tools.

tall Temple of Five Stories and smaller sites like LABNA and SAYIL surrounded by dense tropical jungle also beg exploring.

At the Parque Museo de la Venta in VILLAHERMOSA, you study the enormous sculpted Olmec stone heads and try, as others have before you, to solve the mystery of why they were never imitated.

At PALENQUE, you find the secret entrance that eventually leads you to a funerary monument much like the pyramids in Egypt. At BONAMPAK, you wonder why such magnificent frescoes, artistically the finest and largest in Mesoamerica, were painted in such a simple building.

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At CHOLULA, you try to uncover the mysteries of one of Mexico's largest pyramids which remains mostly buried beneath a giant mound of earth.

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The Central Region. The Legendary Magic Of Mexico City And Beyond.

You come to see the sights of MEXICO CITY, a modern world capital, and discover the capital of an ancient empire. One is built upon the other, yet the magic of the ancient cultures remains visible at legendary sites all around you. See mysteries



*Opposite page:
An ancient Mayan fort at Tulum
overlooks the rugged coastline of
the Yucatán Peninsula.*



HBO Drops Roswell Movie, Showtime Picks It Up

by Michael Norris

In a previous issue of *UFO ENCOUNTERS* (Vol. 1 #8), we unveiled HBO's plans for a new movie about the alleged crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, and the following military retrieval and cover-up of the event. The movie was to be based on *UFO Crash At Roswell*, a book written by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle. Since our article on the upcoming film, HBO has dropped the project altogether.

Don Schmitt explained to me in a telephone interview that HBO ran into budget difficulties, and they felt the "topic was too contro-

versial," so they planned to lean toward sensationalism with the story to protect themselves. Schmitt said he was unhappy with the actors HBO was considering for the roles as well. All these factors combined resulted in a cancelled film. However, all was not lost.

Showtime Grabs Opportunity

After HBO dropped plans for the movie, everyone who was involved with putting a film together, including Schmitt and Randle, the director, the executive producer, and the screenwriter, moved over to Showtime Networks, Inc., which has just finished 29 days of shooting for the film titled, *Roswell*.

I spoke with Paul Davids, Executive Producer for *Roswell*, who said they were currently in post-production with a release date scheduled for late July of this year to air on the cable channel Showtime. Davids, who has had a UFO sighting himself, says he spent nearly 4½ years working to put this project together, which included obtaining the rights to do a feature film based on Schmitt and Randle's research.

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Schmitt admits the whole turn of events in getting the Roswell story in a film was a "blessing in disguise." With Showtime, he explained, "we were able to get the script that we preferred."

Roswell will star Martin Sheen, Kyle MacLachlan, Kim Greist and Dwight Yoakam. MacLachlan (of *Twin Peaks*) plays Colonel Jesse Marcel, the intelligence officer from Roswell Army Air Force Base who investigated the crash. Greist is Marcel's wife Vy.

Country singer Dwight Yoakam stars as Mac Brazel, the ranch hand who discovered the crash debris. Martin Sheen (*Apocalypse Now*) plays Townsend, who is said to be a "deep throat character" in the film.

Director/Producer for *Roswell*

is Jeremy Kagan, and Arthur Kopit wrote the final script. Steve Johnson, creator of special effects seen in *Ghostbusters*, was hired to capture what the alien bodies should look like.

The movie is set in two time periods. The first is in 1947, the time of the crash. The second is 30 years later, at the time of the reunion. *Roswell* will not be seen on the big screen in the U.S., but will be seen in theatres overseas. Blockbuster Video, which along with Showtime belongs to VIACOM, will most likely have a video version of *Roswell* in their stores. Hopefully, the video will be

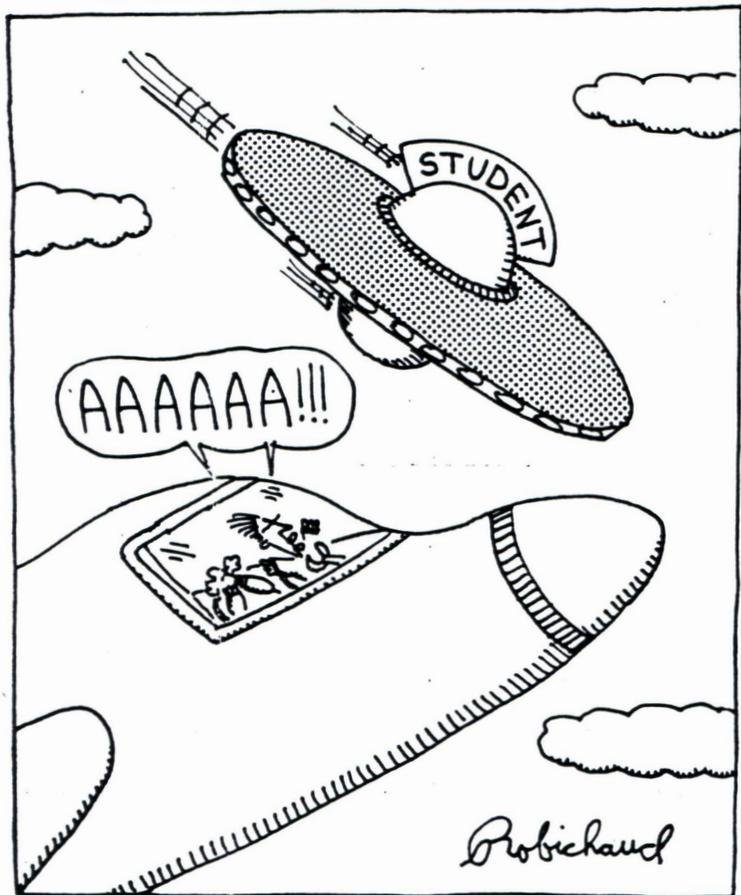
available by Christmas.

The new Roswell book by Schmitt and Randle that was talked about in an earlier issue should be released a few weeks after readers receive this issue.



The following information was mailed to me from Joachim Koch, Stadtrandstr.550 g., 13589 Berlin, Germany, and Hans-Jurgen Kyborg, also of Berlin, Germany. They have requested that I distribute this material, which is reproduced on the following pages.

Robichaud's Ripon



Tired tree

The winner of a January contest sponsored by the Washington Mutual Bank, to select the most unusual places or events in the Washington-Oregon area, was the Douglas fir tree in Vashon Island, Wash., that contains a bicycle trapped inside the tree's bark. Residents say that the bicycle was parked beside the tree years ago and that the bark eventually grew around it and completely enveloped it. The tree's growth has lifted the bicycle 7 feet off the ground.

A frightening U.F.O
encounter

Ripon (Wis.) COMMONWEALTH PRESS, Sep. 2, 1993

AN EXPLANATION OF THE ROSWELL DECLARATION

The "Roswell Declaration" is part of a worldwide effort to end U.S. Government secrecy surrounding the 1947 Roswell incident. It contains an appeal to the Administration for an Executive Order to declassify any U.S. Government information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. You can help by signing and returning a copy of the Declaration.

The effort is being supported by three independent nonprofit organizations in the United States devoted to the serious study of the UFO phenomenon. The membership of the governing committees of these organizations consists of researchers, scientists, and Ph.D.s. The three organizations are the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155; the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), 2457 W. Peterson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659; and the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), P.O. Box 277, Mt. Ranier, Maryland 20712.

UFO organizations throughout the world are involved in a drive to obtain signatures, especially from scientists and professionals, in support of the "Roswell Declaration." On a yet-to-be-determined day later this year, the news media in different countries around the world will be notified and furnished with material about the Roswell incident in an effort to bring international attention to the Roswell case.

On that same day, in the United States, a copy of the "Roswell Declaration," along with a listing of the total number of signatories from each of the fifty states as well as from other countries, will be delivered to the offices of all members of Congress and to the White House. Also on that day, if finances permit, a copy of the "Roswell Declaration" will be placed in the first section of the national edition of a major U.S. newspaper as well as in other major newspapers around the world.

Polls have shown that more than fifty percent of the people in the United States believe in the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence. Unfortunately, that interest has never been galvanized into a large-scale grassroots movement. With the "Roswell Declaration," this may now become a reality.

Since this will be primarily a word-of-mouth, grassroots effort, your help in making copies of the Declaration and distributing them to as many people as possible will be of great importance. The Declaration is being made available on computer bulletin boards throughout the world. A five-page position paper, "Time for the Truth About Roswell," from which the Declaration is derived, will also be made available. The position paper includes a detailed summary of the Roswell event, an analysis of the media and government treatment of it, and arguments for allowing the public to know the truth.

The position paper and the Declaration were written by Kent Jeffrey of Fairfax, California. Mr. Jeffrey has researched the Roswell event extensively, worked with several of the leading investigators, and interviewed a number of the Roswell witnesses. He is an international airline pilot whose interest in the Roswell case stems in part from the fact that his father, a retired colonel and former air force pilot (and WWII fighter ace), at one time knew and worked with one of the key Roswell figures, General William Blanchard.

Although it is felt by the organizers of this effort that there is a high degree of probability the U.S. Government is withholding information regarding the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence, the primary goal is to get the matter into the open so that the truth can be conclusively determined, one way or the other. It is hoped, therefore, that all individuals, no matter what their opinion on the subject, will support this effort.

Please send signed Declarations to either organization:

CUFOS
2457 West Peterson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60659
USA

MUFON
103 Oldtowne Road
Seguin, TX 78155
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ROSWELL DECLARATION

Forty-seven years ago an incident occurred in the southwestern desert of the United States that could have significant implications for all mankind. It involved the recovery by the U.S. Military of material alleged to be of extraterrestrial origin. The event was announced by the U.S. Military on July 8, 1947, through a press release that was carried by newspapers throughout the country. It was subsequently denied by what is now believed to be a cover story claiming the material was nothing more than a weather balloon. It has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since.

The press release announcing the unusual event was issued by the Commander of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field, Colonel William Blanchard, who later went on to become a four-star general and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. That the weather balloon story was a coverup has been confirmed by individuals directly involved, including the late General Thomas DuBose who took the telephone call from Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. Numerous other credible military and civilian witnesses have testified that the original press release was correct and that the Roswell wreckage was of extraterrestrial origin. One such individual was Major Jesse Marcel, the Intelligence Officer of the 509th Bomb Group and one of the first military officers at the scene.

On January 12, 1994, United States Congressman Steven Schiff of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announced to the press that he had been stonewalled by the Defense Department when requesting information regarding the 1947 Roswell event on behalf of constituents and witnesses. Indicating that he was seeking further investigation into the matter, Congressman Schiff called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and concluded it was apparently "another government coverup."

History has shown that unsubstantiated official assurances or denials by government are often meaningless. Nevertheless, there is a logical and straightforward way to ensure that the truth about Roswell will emerge: *an Executive Order declassifying any information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence.* Because this is a unique issue of universal concern, such an action would be appropriate and warranted. To provide positive assurance for all potential witnesses, it would need to be clearly stated and written into law. Such a measure is essentially what presidential candidate Jimmy Carter promised and then failed to deliver to the American people eighteen years ago in 1976.

If, as is officially claimed, no information on Roswell, UFOs, or extraterrestrial intelligence is being withheld, an Executive Order declassifying it would be a mere formality, as there would be nothing to disclose. The Order would, however, have the positive effect of setting the record straight once and for all. Years of controversy and suspicion would be ended, both in the eyes of the United States' own citizens and in the eyes of the world.

If, on the other hand, the Roswell witnesses are telling the truth and information on extraterrestrial intelligence does exist, it is not something to which a privileged few in the United States Government should have exclusive rights. It is knowledge of profound importance to which all people throughout the world should have an inalienable right. Its release would unquestionably be universally acknowledged as an historic act of honesty and goodwill.

I support the request, as outlined above, for an Executive Order declassifying any U.S. Government information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. Whether such information exists or whether it does not, I feel that the people of the world have a right to know the truth about this issue and that it is time to put an end to the controversy surrounding it.

Signature

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TIME FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT ROSWELL

Forty-seven years ago, an incident occurred in the southwestern desert of the United States that could have significant implications for all mankind. The incident was announced by the U.S. military, subsequently denied by the U.S. military, and has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since. Although it is in a category fraught with false claims and hoaxes, it is not a hoax or false claim, but rather a known event that is thoroughly documented. It is the objective here to summarize the details of that event, affirm the right of all people throughout the world to know the truth about what occurred, and propose a course of action that will allow that truth to emerge.

The event took place during the first week of July 1947 and involved the recovery of wreckage by the military from a remote ranch northwest of Roswell, New Mexico. There is now considerable testimony from former members of the military known to have been involved, including two brigadier generals, that the recovered material was not of terrestrial origin. Admittedly, such a claim taxes the limits of credibility for discerning and rational individuals. It also tends to evoke a response of immediate dismissal. The preponderance of evidence, however, indicates the event occurred.

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Most people are not aware that there exists an event of this nature so well substantiated. In the next year public awareness of the Roswell incident should grow. A new hardcover book has been released, a television movie will premiere, and a serious documentary is forthcoming. Questions, controversy, and a general distrust of U.S. Government policy in this area are bound to increase.

Detailed information on the recovery of the wreckage at Roswell and of related events is extensive. Some years ago investigators were able to obtain a copy of the 1947 Roswell Army Air Field yearbook. This enabled them to locate witnesses throughout the country. Newspaper accounts show that during late June and early July 1947, there was a wave of reports of "flying disks" (UFOs) throughout the United States and Canada. Many of those reports came from credible witnesses, including pilots and other trained observers.

Sometime during the first week of July 1947, a local New Mexico rancher, Mac Brazel, while riding out in the morning to check his sheep after a night of intense thunderstorms, discovered a considerable amount of unusual debris. It had created a shallow gouge several hundred feet long and was scattered over a large area. Some of the debris had strange physical properties. After taking a few pieces to show his neighbors, Floyd and Loretta Proctor, Brazel drove into Roswell and contacted the sheriff, George Wilcox. Sheriff Wilcox notified authorities at Roswell Army Air Field and with the assistance of his deputies, proceeded to investigate the matter. Shortly after becoming involved, the military closed off the area for a number of days and retrieved the wreckage. It was initially taken to Roswell Army Air Field and eventually flown by B-29 and C-54 aircraft to Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Roswell Army Air Field was the home of the 509th Bomb Group, which was an elite outfit -- the only atomic group in the world. On the morning of July 8, 1947, Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of the 509th Bomb Group, issued a press release stating that the wreckage of a "crashed disk" (UFO) had been recovered. The press release was transmitted over the wire services in time to make headlines in over thirty U.S. afternoon newspapers that same day.

Within hours, a second press release was issued from the office of General Roger Ramey, Commander of the Eighth Air Force at Fort Worth Army Air Field in Texas, 400 miles from the crash site. It rescinded the first press release and, in effect, claimed that Colonel Blanchard and the officers of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell had made an unbelievably foolish mistake and somehow incorrectly identified a weather balloon and its radar reflector as the wreckage of a "crashed disk."

One of those two press releases had to be untrue. There is now solid testimony from numerous credible military and civilian witnesses who were directly involved, that the "crashed disk" press release issued by Colonel William Blanchard of the 509th Bomb Group from Roswell was true and that the subsequent "weather balloon" press release from Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, was a hastily contrived cover story.

Those who knew and worked with William Blanchard say he was a solid, no-nonsense, business-like individual, and not someone who would make a fool of himself and the Air Force by ordering a press release about something as out of the ordinary and dramatic as the event at Roswell without being certain he was correct. In other words, if Blanchard issued a press release saying there was a crashed disk, there was a crashed disk. Colonel William Blanchard would later go on to become a four-star general and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

The first witness located by investigators who was willing to testify and allow his name to be used was retired Lieutenant Colonel Jesse Marcel, the intelligence officer of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell. He was a highly competent individual and one of the first two military officers at the actual crash site. In a 1979 videotaped interview, Jesse Marcel stated, "*...it was not a weather balloon, nor was it an airplane or a missile.*" As to the exotic properties of some of the material, he stated, "*It would not burn...that stuff weighs nothing, it's so thin, it isn't any thicker than the tinfoil in a pack of cigarettes. So, I tried to bend the stuff. It wouldn't bend. We even tried making a dent in it with a sixteen-pound sledge hammer. And there was still no dent in it.*"

It is inconceivable that a man of Jesse Marcel's qualifications and experience, the intelligence officer of the only atomic-bomb group in the world, would have mistaken any kind of conventional wreckage, much less the remains of a weather balloon and its radar reflector, for that of a craft or vehicle that in his words was "*not of this earth.*" Even if he had initially made such a gross misidentification, he would certainly have been able to see his mistake later after it had been brought to his attention. When returning to the base, he stopped by his house with a few pieces of the unusual wreckage to show his wife and eleven-year-old son. One piece, a small section of I-beam, had strange hieroglyphic like symbols on its surface. His son, Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr., now a practicing medical doctor and qualified National Guard helicopter pilot and flight surgeon, remembers the incident well. He has been able to produce detailed drawings of some of the symbols. During his career, Jesse Marcel Sr., went on to other important assignments, including the preparation of a report on the first Soviet nuclear detonation, which went directly to President Truman.

The late General Thomas DuBose was a colonel and General Ramey's chief of staff at Eighth Air Force Headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1947. Before his death in 1992, General DuBose testified that he himself had taken the telephone call from General Clements McMullen at Andrews Army Air Field in Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. The instructions were for General Ramey to concoct a "*cover story*" to "*get the press off our backs.*"

Retired General Arthur E. Exon was stationed at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, as a lieutenant colonel in July of 1947 during the time the wreckage from Roswell was brought in. In a 1990 interview, General Exon said of the testing, "*Everything from chemical analysis, stress tests, compression tests, flexing. It was brought into our material evaluation labs. (Some of it) could be easily ripped or changed...there were other parts of it that were very thin but awfully strong and couldn't be dented with heavy hammers...*" Of the men that did the testing, he said, "*...the overall consensus was that the pieces were from space.*"

The testimony of Mr. Glenn Dennis leaves little doubt about the nature of what was recovered in 1947. Glenn Dennis still lives in the Roswell, New Mexico, area and is a respected businessman and member of the community. He is down-to-earth and straightforward. In 1947 Glenn Dennis was a young mortician working for the Ballard Funeral Home, which had a contract to provide mortuary and ambulance services for Roswell Army Air Field.

Prior to learning about the recovery of the unusual wreckage at Roswell, he received several telephone calls one afternoon from the mortuary officer at the air field. He was asked about the availability of small, hermetically sealed caskets and questioned about how to preserve bodies that had been exposed to the elements for several days. There was concern about possibly altering the chemical composition of the tissue.

Later that evening, as a result of unrelated events, he made a trip to the base hospital. Outside the back entrance he observed two military ambulances with open rear doors, from which large pieces of wreckage protruded, including one with a row of unusual symbols on its surface. Once inside, he encountered a young nurse whom he knew. At that same instant, he was noticed by military police, who physically threatened him and forcibly escorted him from the building.

He met with the nurse the next day, and she explained what had been going on at the hospital. She was a very religious person and was upset to the point of being in a state of shock. She described how she had been called in to assist two doctors who were doing autopsies on several small nonhuman bodies. She described the terrible smell, how one body was in good shape and the others mangled, and the differences between their anatomy and human anatomy. She also drew a diagram

on a napkin showing an outline of their features. That meeting was to be their last -- she was transferred to England a few days later.

The main part of the craft apparently came down some distance from the "debris field" at the Brazel ranch. Researchers were only recently able to confirm this second site because few people knew about it. According to witness testimony, this is also the site where the bodies were found. Most of the witnesses to this site have not, in fear of government reprisal, allowed their names to be used. A prestigious law firm has recently been retained to provide legal counsel to any such witnesses who might consider going public with their testimony. Attorneys from the firm have already met with several Roswell witnesses.

In addition to Glenn Dennis, other witnesses were physically threatened or intimidated. According to members of Sheriff Wilcox's family, he was told by the military, in the presence of his wife, that he and his entire family would be killed if he ever spoke about what he had seen. The rancher who originally discovered the wreckage, Mac Brazel, was sequestered by the military for almost a week and sworn to secrecy. He never spoke about the incident again, even to his family. In the months following the incident, his son, Bill Brazel, found and collected a few "scraps" of material, which he kept in a cigar box. The material was eventually confiscated by the military.

Despite the fact that there has been publicity about the Roswell case since 1980, no witness involved in the recovery has ever come forward to corroborate the "weather balloon" story or to provide some other explanation for the wreckage, such as a V2 Missile or experimental aircraft. (Both possibilities have been thoroughly checked out and eliminated.) If there had been a more mundane explanation for the unusual debris, it seems certain someone would have come forward with it by now.

While it is possible that the Roswell witnesses, who live in diverse parts of the country, have been engaged in a perfectly orchestrated, long-term hoax with no clear motive, it is unlikely. It is true there are a few minor gaps and inconsistencies in some of the accounts, but that is to be expected. There were many individuals involved and it has been a long period of time. Human memory is not perfect. For those familiar with the Roswell evidence, however, it would be hard to imagine a scenario in which the core event was not true.

With Roswell so well documented, the question that arises is why the mainstream media has not pursued the story. Two factors stand out. The first is that of a negative mindset. There is a tendency in human nature to resist anything that challenges our preconceived perceptions of reality. In most cases, such an attitude serves us well and manifests itself as a healthy skepticism. In other instances, it may result in a close-minded refusal by otherwise intelligent people to consider compelling evidence -- especially when that evidence seems to defy common sense or prevailing scientific theory. Many past revelations of science, for example, have met such resistance -- a round earth, evolution, relativity, continental drift, quantum theory, an expanding universe -- to name a few.

The second and most damaging factor is ridicule. Unfortunately, UFOs have long been associated with tabloid stories, hoaxes, and the "lunatic fringe." In addition, people tend to put UFOs in the same category as ghosts, mysticism, magic, and other forms of the occult or the supernatural. As a result, anything even remotely related to the area of UFOs is a difficult subject to broach without risking a loss of credibility. Consequently, members of the mainstream media rarely approach the subject, much less treat it with any degree of seriousness or depth. No one wants to make himself an easy target for cynicism or ridicule.

Moreover, it is not necessary to resort to the supernatural to explain UFOs any more than it is necessary to resort to the supernatural to explain the Space Shuttle. UFOs could probably best be looked upon as an extrapolation of where our own technology might be thousands of years from now. A television, jet aircraft, or nuclear bomb would have seemed magical or supernatural to a person from the Middle Ages. Similarly, by virtue of the fact that they apparently violate the laws of known physics, UFOs are perceived by us as an aberration of reality. They are, however, probably quite explainable under laws of science we aren't even close to discovering yet.

Further exacerbating the credibility problem has been the extreme negative position taken by the U.S. Government. Almost everyone has heard pronouncements from government officials claiming there is no evidence to support the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. Ironically, no matter how high their rank or position, those touting this line may be uninformed, yet telling the truth as they know it. With the U.S. Government's high degree of compartmentalization and need-to-know philosophy, chances are that few agencies or individuals would be briefed on or have access to such information.

Agencies in which something might be known, such as the CIA, have refused to cooperate with investigators. When seeking Roswell or UFO-related documents through the Freedom of Information Act, researchers have been repeatedly stonewalled. Claims are made that documents don't exist or can't be released for national security reasons. The few documents that have been released have often been so blacked out that they are rendered meaningless.

By way of contrast, in 1991 the Belgian Ministry of Defense released radar tapes from two Belgian Air Force F-16s that had been scrambled to pursue a UFO detected by four ground-based radar stations and seen by numerous citizens and by police. The tape was impressive -- showing digital readouts of incredible altitude and speed changes made by the UFO. Under present government policy, it is hard to imagine such a scenario ever taking place in the United States. Perhaps the world's greatest democracy could learn a few things about a free and open society from its small NATO ally.

There was actually hope at one time that U.S. policy might change. It came when Jimmy Carter was elected President in 1976. In October 1969 while Governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter had reported a UFO sighting. Later, in 1976 as a presidential candidate, he pledged: "If I become president, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFOs available to the public and the scientists." He then somewhat mystifyingly never said one more word about it publicly after taking office. If he found there was no information to release, why did he not announce it? Doing so would have been a natural and easy way to honor his commitment.

Why the U.S. Government defiantly maintains there is nothing to the UFO phenomenon and why it would want to withhold evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence remain a matter of speculation. Three possible reasons have been suggested: fear of mass panic, perceived national security problems, and concern about offending religious groups. Whether arguments in any of these areas have merit is questionable. Most would agree, however, that whatever reasons there may be for withholding such information, they are far outweighed by those for releasing it.

The classic argument for government withholding of information on extraterrestrial intelligence from the public is that it might cause a response similar to that of the famous 1938 Orson Welles *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast. (The program featured a simulated news broadcast announcing an attack by Martians on Grover's Mill, New Jersey, which panicked a small number of listeners who had tuned in late.) The argument, however, is flawed and the comparison is invalid. It is not realistic to compare a simulated emergency news broadcast graphically describing a devastating, ongoing attack or invasion to a low-key, formal announcement confirming that other intelligent life exists in the universe and occasionally visits earth.

Furthermore, we are nearly 35 years into the Space Age and at the brink of the 21st century. This is a generation that until recently lived for years under the threat of nuclear destruction and that now must deal with such threats as AIDS, rising rates of violent crime, international terrorism, etc. The possibility that the confirmation of extraterrestrial intelligence would cause mass panic in this day and age is so remote that it hardly merits mention.

The arguments for maintaining secrecy based on national security are just as specious as those based on mass panic. Assuming the wreckage the military retrieved from Roswell was that of an extraterrestrial craft, it would be understandable that the U.S. Government would want to reverse-engineer the technology. It would be reasonable that the government would want to keep certain details of that technology secret. As with any technology with the potential for misuse, such precaution would be prudent and justified. However, the very existence of such a craft would have profound implications. The mere knowledge by the public of that existence would not pose any kind of threat. Denying the public such knowledge would not be justified and would be an abuse of the power entrusted to those who oversee the country's national security.

When the Carter campaign pledge was not carried out, it was speculated that concern about offending certain religious groups was the reason. If true, it would represent a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. It would also be placing the interests of a small minority above those of the majority.

Like the discoveries of Darwin and Copernicus, the Roswell evidence could have implications that challenge certain religious doctrines. Darwin's theory that there could be fossil evidence linking modern man and other present-day higher primates to a common primate ancestor conflicted with the creationist view on the exalted position of man with respect to other forms of life. Likewise, the Roswell evidence, which would imply the existence of a superior nonhuman intelligence, could be seen as equally threatening to the creationist viewpoint. It could be interpreted as implying that on a scale comparing the evolutionary development of different advanced species throughout

the universe, human beings may not rate very high. Such a humbling realization might bother some people, but probably not most.

Copernicus' finding that the earth along with the other planets circled the sun contradicted the teachings of the time that the earth was the center of creation. That notion persists today in that many perceive the earth to be the center of intelligent life in the universe. The Roswell evidence could dispel such an ethnocentric view by confirming that the human race is just one single member in a large community of other intelligent races in the universe. Specific effects, if any, that such a revelation might have on society would be purely a matter of speculation. Generally, however, when knowledge replaces ignorance, the long-term result is positive. There is no reason to think that that would not be the case here. If nothing else, the knowledge that it is possible for a civilization to survive the growing pains of becoming technologically advanced, without completely destroying itself and its environment in the process, would in a sense provide a renewed hope for the future of man and his environment.

Despite the media's inattention to the matter, and contrary to what some in the U.S. Government would like people to think, Roswell is not a figment of someone's imagination or the product of modern folklore. It involves real people and a real event. The man who issued the press release announcing that event, Colonel William Blanchard, was not someone prone to making mistakes, much less monumental blunders. He would go on to achieve the highest peacetime rank attainable in the U.S. military, four-star general. Credible witnesses, including retired generals, have testified that the original press release issued by Blanchard was correct and that the Roswell wreckage was of extraterrestrial origin. A United States Congressman was recently stonewalled by the Defense Department on the matter and has expressed his belief that there is a coverup. Yet the U.S. Government steadfastly maintains it has no evidence indicating extraterrestrial intelligence. Something does not ring true. There is a gross inconsistency here, and it involves an issue of great magnitude, an issue that should transcend domestic politics and that demands an explanation. It is time to lay the cards on the table so that this matter can be resolved, one way or the other.

History has shown that unsubstantiated official assurances or denials by government are often meaningless. Nevertheless, there is a logical and straightforward way to ensure that the truth about Roswell will emerge: *an Executive Order declassifying any information regarding the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence*. Because this is a unique issue of universal concern, such an action would be appropriate and warranted. It is essentially what presidential candidate Jimmy Carter promised and then failed to deliver to the American people eighteen years ago in 1976. Additionally, it would cost nothing, offend no one, and be applauded by all.

To provide positive assurance for all potential witnesses, the Order would need to be clearly stated and written into law. Security-clearance violations can bring heavy fines and long prison sentences. In addition to the original witnesses from 1947, there are most certainly individuals involved with the Roswell material today who would be affected by such a declassification. Undoubtedly, many of them, along with the original witnesses, would want to see this information shared with others -- be they friends, family, grandchildren, or all mankind.

If, as is officially claimed, no information on Roswell, UFOs, or extraterrestrial intelligence is being withheld, a declassification order would be a mere formality, as there would be nothing for anyone to disclose. What legitimate concern could there be about declassifying "nonexistent" information? If, however, information *is* being withheld, there could be significant resistance to officially disclosing it. This resistance could range from contriving excuses as to why an Executive Order should not be issued, to ignoring the matter altogether.

In the end, however, whether information is being suppressed or whether it is not, the effect of an Executive Order declassifying it would be positive. If nothing is being withheld, the result of such an Order would be to set the record straight once and for all. Years of controversy and suspicion would be ended, both in the eyes of the United States' own citizens and in the eyes of the world.

If, on the other hand, the Roswell witnesses are telling the truth and information on extraterrestrial intelligence does exist, it is not something to which a privileged few in the United States Government should have exclusive rights. It is knowledge of profound importance to which all people throughout the world should have an inalienable right. Its release would unquestionably be universally acknowledged as an historic act of honesty and goodwill.

Rep. Schiff has initiated a federal probe of a purported 1947 UFO crash near Corona. As of now, the investigation is still up in the air.

Schiff Reopens UFO Case

Agency Takes New Look At 'Roswell Incident'

By Steve Brewer *Page A1*
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 46 years now, and Rep Steve Schiff thinks it's high time the federal government came clean on whether space aliens crashed their flying saucer in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Republican has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether a government cover-up followed the crash of a mysterious object near the little ranch town of Corona on July 2, 1947. And the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, has begun such a probe.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said Wednesday.

The congressman admitted he's curious about the incident, but added, "I would not ask for an investigation of something I was just curious about. The issue is whether the government is being forthright with the American people, and that is a serious issue to me."

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The 1947 crash, known as the "Roswell incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel, and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and, perhaps, the bodies of aliens.

They also assert the remains of the crash were taken first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Air Force said the day after the recovery that the material was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar reflecting gadget.

But UFO believers say the incident was the beginning of a government secrecy program that has hidden proof of the existence of extraterrestrial visitors for more than four decades.

"For sort of all-around thoroughness, Roswell's the best case we've got," said Michael Lindemann, a

Santa Barbara, Calif., futurist who does research on UFOs. "If we had no other UFO case at all, the elements of the Roswell case would go a very, very long way to proving we have had alien visitation."

Philip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who's worked for decades debunking UFO sightings, said, however, that there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell. He said declassified military documents show high-ranking Air Force and White House officials never had any knowledge of such a find, and it's absurd to think lower-level operators could have kept such a secret from their bosses.

But Schiff said long-standing suspicions of such a conspiracy make the GAO investigation worthwhile.

"I just assume that if there were alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, somebody would have discovered them during all these years," he said. "On the other hand, you have to say anything is possible as long as the government won't talk. The government

promotes these things with its silence."

The congressman said he decided to look into the allegations after receiving letters from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

Last March, according to Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, Schiff wrote to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin requesting an Air Force briefing on the Roswell incident. Schiff said Wednesday that Air Force officials told him later they couldn't brief him because all the documents from the investigation known as Project Blue Book had been sent to the National Archives.

He contacted National Archives officials, who said they're not in the business of giving briefings.

"We went back and forth a little bit and, frankly, I got tired of going back and forth," he said. "I talked to the people at GAO (in October) and I told them about this."

Schiff has frequent contact with GAO officials because he's on the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

"I asked them, 'Is this anything that you might be able to assist me with?'" Schiff recalled. "They said, 'We've never done anything like this before. We mostly look into fiscal matters... but it sounds interesting. Why not give us a stab at it?'"

Since then, said GAO spokeswoman Laura Kopelson, an investigator has begun studying documents and looking into the cover-up allegations. She said the results will be reported back to Schiff.

Schiff said he was told a few days ago the investigator had nothing to report yet, and one of his aides was told the investigator was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," he said.

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An "alien" depicted on NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries," which concluded case is unsolved. UFO sightings. That study, Schiff said, did deal with the Roswell case. "I was getting pretty upset at all the rumors around," Schiff said, adding that at his meeting with GAO officials, "they made us offer a help."

"Generally, I'm a skeptic on UFOs and all that, but there are indications from the Air Force that I got that whatever it was, it wasn't a balloon. Apparently, it's another government cover-up," Schiff said.

He called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and said government accountability was an issue "even larger than UFOs."

Asked if the GAO might not be extending itself, Schiff acknowledged that the agency "usually does basic investigations and at present I can't find a fiscal impact" in the Roswell incident.

Had the agency said, "This is beyond our means of expertise," Schiff said, "I wouldn't want to do it." He added, "If the Defense Department had been responsive, it wouldn't have come to this."

GAO Turns to Alien Turf in Probe

Bodies of Space Voyagers Said to Have Disappeared in 1947

Schiff, however, said that at a routine October meeting he had merely complained about the Defense Department's lack of responsiveness but a GAO official said, "We're willing to take a stab at it."

Schiff, in a telephone interview from Albuquerque, said that last March, after receiving inquiries from "UFO believers" and some Roswell residents who were in the military in 1947, he wrote Defense Secretary Les Aspin asking for more information about the reported spacecraft crash and the alleged disappearance of the aliens' bodies.

The crash of a mysterious object 75 miles northwest of Roswell, which the Air Force later claimed was a weather balloon equipped with a radar-reflecting device, was the subject of several books and remains many UFO buffs' greatest niddle.

A privately owned museum in Roswell contains a number of documents and photographs purporting to prove existence of the aliens. It also displays a recreation of the spacecraft surrounded by figures portraying the dead extraterrestrials.

UFO buffs contend the incident marked the beginning of a government conspiracy to suppress evidence of alien life.

Much of the speculation stems from claims by William Haut, a former Air Force public affairs officer, who said that on July 2, 1947, he was told to prepare a news release reporting the Air Force had recovered parts of a flying saucer and then was told to change the story to report a weather balloon.

Also, a nurse reportedly told a local funeral home director that she witnessed the autopsies of the spacemen, whom she described as having oversized heads and beetle-like features. The nurse subsequently died in a plane crash.

After the autopsies, conspiracy theorists said the bodies were flown to Fort Worth and then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

In 1989, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" investigated the controversy, which the program's host, Robert Stack, concluded remained unresolved.

Schiff said after calling Aspin last March to request a Defense Department briefing on the Roswell incident, he received a call from an Air Force lieutenant colonel, who brusquely told him the documents had been turned over to the National Archives.

However, Schiff said, Archives officials told him they did not have the records on Roswell, even though they did have records of "Project Blue Book," a 1969 Air Force study of reported

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Where television's "Unsolved Mysteries" has tried and failed, the General Accounting Office is unafraid to venture.

At the request of Rep. Steven Schiff (R-N.M.), Congress' investigative branch has launched a study to determine whether the government covered up a story alleging that the bodies of alien space voyagers were removed from a crashed flying saucer found near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

After the purported crash of the spacecraft, the bodies of the extraterrestrial visitors were said by a local undertaker and other conspiracy theorists to have been autopsied and secretly flown to an Air Force base in Ohio.

Even though the "Roswell incident" has been repeatedly dismissed by the Defense Department as nothing more than UFO fantasizing triggered by the discovery of a downed weather balloon, the GAO has begun searching for documents to prove allegations that the Air Force "suppressed" information sought by Schiff.

Schiff is a member of the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

GAO spokeswoman Laura A. Kopelson said the office's investigation, first reported in the Albuquerque Journal yesterday, stemmed from a meeting in October between Schiff and GAO Controller General Charles A. Bowsher. Schiff complained then that the Defense Department had been "unresponsive" to his inquiries about the 1947 incident.

Kopelson said "as far as I know only one investigator had been assigned" to the case, and that not enough work had been done to report any results to Schiff. At another point, Kopelson said "the people doing it are either on sick leave or are unavailable."

She said there was no way of estimating how much the investigation would cost, and that the GAO does not release such information anyway.

GAO conducted 1,390 inquiries into government operations in 1992. Its budget has risen from \$46.9 million in 1965 to \$490 million last year. The agency has been criticized, especially by Republicans, as the "lap dog of the requesters," producing reports that tend to support whatever conclusion the requesting member of Congress suggests.

Kopelson said Schiff had asked the GAO to see if there is any evidence that information regarding UFOs had been suppressed following the Roswell incident.

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The effort to end the secrecy surrounding Roswell is now underway on an international level. Information packets, which include the final versions of the "Roswell Declaration" and the position paper, "Time for the Truth About Roswell," will be mailed from Germany over the next few weeks to numerous organizations in at least 23 countries. Also included will be a letter supporting the Declaration, signed by the Director of MUFON, Walt Andrus, the President of CUFOS, Mark Rodeghier, and the Chairman of FUFOR, Richard Hall.

The "Roswell Declaration" has been published in the current issues of both the *MUFON Journal* and the *IUR*, and it will be mentioned in an upcoming issue of *OMNI Magazine*. Copies of the Declaration are being handed out at UFO conferences throughout the country. Michael Lindemann, who strongly supports this effort, has promoted the "Roswell Declaration" on at least one national radio talk show. Signed Declarations have already started to arrive in significant numbers at the offices of MUFON and CUFOS.

With the publicity from Congressman Schiff's inquiries, the recent broadcast by *48 Hours*, the new book by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle, and the upcoming *Showtime* movie paving the way, the Roswell effort could well succeed. With some of the principal Roswell witnesses still alive, a window of opportunity now exists for bringing this matter into the open during our lifetime.

The basic strategy behind the "Roswell Declaration" is to gather thousands of signed Declarations to be used later this year in a well-planned, well-orchestrated media event. The objective is to bring the matter, in a *credible* way, to the attention of members of Congress and, even more importantly, to members of the *mainstream* media. Genuine and serious interest by the mainstream media is the key to success, as only they can generate the large-scale public pressure necessary to bring about government action.

If, as a result of Congressman Schiff's activities, a full-scale Congressional investigation becomes a reality, the existence of large numbers of signed Declarations could help garner support for such an inquiry. Once the information from the Declarations is stored in the databases of MUFON and CUFOS, printouts of all signatories to the Declaration will be possible at any time -- broken down by country, state, Congressional district, occupation, etc., if necessary.

I would appreciate any help you can provide with increasing the distribution of the Declaration or with bringing it more media exposure. Please call me at (415) 454-7243 with any ideas or suggestions at your earliest convenience.

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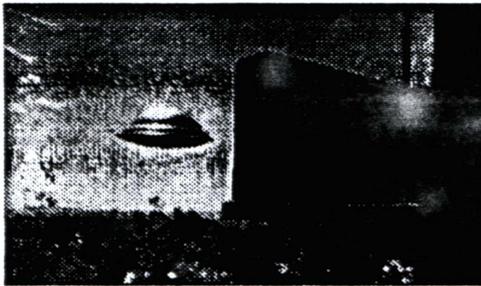


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UFOs: THE BEST EVIDENCE

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Dear Ms. Wheeler,

I'm taking this opportunity to write to you because of our mutual interest in a controversial subject---UFOs. As you may know, in my career as an investigative journalist, I produced several award-winning television programs and documentaries about the UFO mystery. It wasn't easy. Despite an intense public hunger for credible UFO information, most major news organizations have curiously chosen to either ignore or ridicule the topic. Big-name scientists also give it little credence, even though very few of them have conducted any legitimate research.

It seems abundantly clear that you and I are not getting the straight story about UFOs, from the media, from science, or from the government. Contact with another intelligence would certainly rank as one of the most profound events in human history, and yet, the powers-that-be seem to think that we can't handle the truth. They're wrong.

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As mentioned, I'm writing to you, Ms. Wheeler, because you have previously contacted me concerning UFOs. I wanted to let you know about the three volume documentary series. We are selling the three programs right now for the introductory price of \$59.95 + 6.95 shipping and handling. It's a lot of money, I know, especially in tight times like these, but you won't be disappointed. If you purchase the handsomely-boxed videos, we will also send you a few dozen pages of authentic UFO documents, squeezed out of our reluctant government through the Freedom of Information Act. And, as an additional incentive, you will also receive a year's subscription to UFO Quarterly, a wide-ranging newsletter which will provide updates on UFO activity, sightings, and research from around the world.

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very rare footage of both a nuclear rocket and an electromagnetic submarine in operation. Includes good footage of Marjorie Fish and a star model-map. It also unfortunately includes (in the last 2 minutes) the Billy Meier story touted by Wendelle Stevens and which I consider fraudulent and which I could not keep Group-1 from using.

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Close-Up

"The moon DOESN'T DANCE"

More unidentified flying objects have been spotted hovering in county skies. This marks the second appearance of strange lights in the last two months.

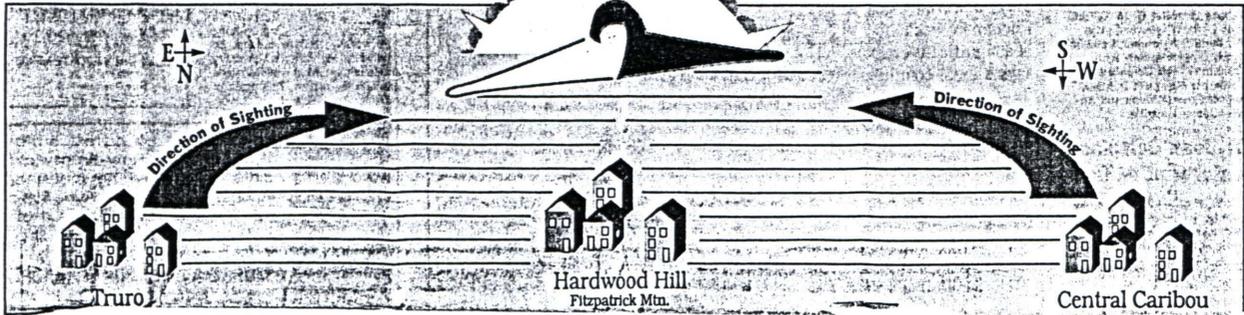
... this time however, a Truro man has caught them on videotape.

A number of witnesses saw the object that performed in the night sky over Hardwood Hill for about two hours Saturday, March 19. Long enough for George Clyke, to get pictures of them.

The sightings began in Tatamagouche and spread westward across the county to Central Caribou and Hardwood Hill and Truro.

The Evening News has contacted witnesses in all three areas and their stories coincide. But the most amazing witness was the camera.

Story by Jeff Fulton
New Staff Writer



"I was putting the dog out and I heard on the scanner that people were calling the police about lights in the sky. I didn't see it out the back door but there it was out the front." Mr. Clyke says he watched the object hover just about the tree line over his neighbor's house across the street. Then he went for the camera.

The tape contains about 20 minutes of a large round white object dancing in the sky. "It looks round but it was actually four lights close together. It looked like a ball but it didn't stay that way." The object on the film, dances, hovers, darts, changes shape, size and color. Sometimes it splits in two and grows back together. Sometimes it seems to explode into a million tiny lights then reassembles itself.

Near the end of the tape it changes shape again and becomes a small light at the front end of what appears to be a jet-black cone.

"I shot this at about 11:30 to 1 a.m. and it was dark. But look you can see that this thing is blacker than the background sky." Mr. Clyke said his daughter joined him on the step to watch the strangest sight.

"I didn't know what it was. I knew it was not the moon or the stars. It wasn't a plane and it wasn't a helicopter. I think it was a UFO," said 10-year-old Tasha.

During the time it was visible, the family dog looked up whimpering and whining at the lights, both father and daughter report.

George Clyke is not a man who is prone to fancy. As a writer and a journalist he has compiled a history of the Black Community in Colchester County. His soon to be published book is called the Forgotten Road. He is an active community volunteer and is busy working with his church.

He has lectured in schools on Black History and is regarded as a man who

deals in fact not fiction.

But yet the Bible Hill RCMP and Truro police do not report any calls of sightings on that date although Mr. Clyke and two of his neighbors say the scanner was full of chatter among a number of officers out looking after receiving numerous calls.

From the Clyke's front porch the object was off to the north east. A direct line to Hardwood Hill and Central Caribou where the residents there saw the show.

That same night at the

took another look and saw they had just moved, but they were still there." He described the flickering lights as hovering and fluttering like a leaf then after a while they would shoot off "fast as lightning" to the left. Then back to the right, to the same spot.

They did that about four times in the hour and a half I watched them," Mr. Corbett said.

He said it was no airplane, or a helicopter, nor a star,

white lights off to the right of the tower. We watched them blinking on and off for about five minutes."

He said the lights appeared to be two distinct objects and they seemed to be communicating with one another. "It was like Morse code."

He said with every flash, the light lit up the tree tops on the hill where the objects hovered.

He said they were as big as a silver dollar and were about five kilometres

forth was so fast it was easy to miss. A couple of times it shot right off camera. But said it was easy to relocate because it was a clear night and it stayed very bright.

The environmental recording weather station in Bedford reported clear skies March 19 with only slightly cloudy conditions in the afternoon. The moon was in its first quarter and could not be reported as a ball, four lights, or even two. Plus, as Mr. Clyke says, "the moon doesn't dance."

The Canadian Forces Bases in

same time calls alerted the Pictou RCMP that unknown lights were seen in the sky over Hardwood Hill. A patrol car was dispatched.

Staff Sgt. Kevin MacKinnon said while the investigating officer did not report seeing the lights himself, he did call Canadian Armed Forces Base, Shearwater, Operations Centre, to see if anything was picked up on its radar.

The Armed Forces duty officer there at the time, later told The Evening News that nothing was seen on the screen that night.

Pictou RCMP had nothing to add except they investigated the call and had nothing to report.

But local witnesses who have come forward say there is more than the official version going on.

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"It was amazing," said Central Caribou resident, Doug Corbett, who also watched the lights for nearly two hours.

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life." Mr. Corbett reports that around 10:45 p.m. that Saturday he noticed out of his kitchen window a series of four blue-green lights hovering over the tree tops in his backyard.

The lights seemed to be about eight kilometres away near the microwave tower on Hardwood Hill. "I called to the family and they laughed at me. So I shrugged and went back to making a sandwich. Then I looked up and they were gone. I

planet or satellite. "I don't know what it was. But it was amazing."

Looking at a map later he figured the light darted about 12 kilometres back and forth from Scotsburn to Hardwood Hill and back. Mr. Corbett's son Kent, a West Pictou high student said he finally looked out as well. "It was weird," he said. "There were these lights just hanging there. He too said it wasn't anything he had seen before."

"I thought it might have been a helicopter but not after a while and there wasn't any sound."

At the same time another county man and his friend heard the news on the scanner and went racing up Fitzpatrick Mountain to get a better look.

John Smith, not his real name, said he heard the Mounties confirming the sighting before they called it into the Air Force. "He said he saw the four lights over the hill," Mr. Smith said in a later interview at his home. "So we went to look."

But what the men found on the hill-top was different from the other witnesses. "We saw two distinct very bright

away. Unafraid and excited the two men decided to get closer and got in their car and sped to Hardwood Hill to get a better look.

When they got there the objects were gone and eventually the men gave up and returned home. Mr. Corbett feels this only reinforces his statement about the objects moving.

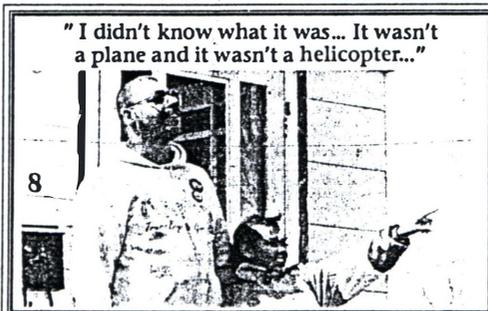
Both men viewed their individual sightings through binoculars that magnified the phenomenon to a power of 30. No further details were revealed about the objects through the glasses.

Plotted on a map and drawing a straight line through Hardwood Hill from Fitzpatrick Mountain to Central Caribou.

It is clear the two men saw similar sightings in the same place at the same time.

Others in the county may have seen the show but have not come forward.

During an interview in his home in Truro, Mr. Clyke says he can understand why the Pictou sightings varied from his own. "I saw four lights but they didn't stay that way. It o f f i c e n appeared as two. To the naked eye the lights c h a n g e d from white to red and then to greenish blue. So I can see how others would describe it as that."



George Clyke and daughter, Tasha look to the northeast where the UFO was seen.

(News photo by Jeff Fulton)

These only one George Clyke in Truro at 128 Young 902-8972075

Debert, Station Administration officer Capt. Michael Cormier says there have been no military operations of any nature in the area that could account for the sightings that he was aware of.

"We are a communications base and have no air command here," he said, referring questions to Shearwater. They had no operation there either.

Sgt. Bill Price, media relations officer for the RCMP in Halifax, says the force does have a policy for dealing with UFOs but it only applies if the officer responding to a call feels there is substantial evidence to warrant a report.

"Like any response to a situation, how the officer perceives the situation determines how he will handle it. It is up to his or her discretion." Sgt. Price said in his own experience earlier in his career he responded to a UFO report and discovered the sighting was in fact the moon behind the clouds.

Needless to say no report was required.

Officially when RCMP officers spot unidentified flying objects they are required to notify the National Research Council Meteor Centre by priority unclassified message on CPIC ON 10078 to Headquarters, bringing it to the attention of the telecommunications branch.

No one could offer any explanation as to why the sightings are becoming more frequent in the county this year.

Mr. Clyke says he does not know what he will do with his tape. But he feels he has something of value and thinks someone would be willing to analyze the tape.

"I don't know what I have here. I am hoping someone can tell me."

What he has may in fact, be the first hard evidence on film that UFOs exist.

He said the darting-back and

Students spot sea monster in bay

VICTORIA (CP) — In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of — sea monsters?

That's what two university students say they saw Thursday in suburban Saanich.

Damian Grant, 19, and Ryan Green, 18, said a twin-humped, snorting sea creature swam across Telegraph Bay, about 45 metres from the beach they were sitting

on. "At first I thought it may be a whale or something," but it was like nothing they'd ever seen before, declared Grant.

The University of Victoria arts student said he and Green, a business student at Simon Fraser University, were sitting on the beach in the sunshine not far from Grant's home.

Grant saw the creature first. "It wasn't an otter or a seal," said Green.

It came up three times and snorted heavily, then dove below the surface for good, he said.

They saw it for about 15 seconds and estimated the length at four to six metres. Grant said the round body was thicker than a large inner tube.

There weren't any boats or divers in the area and Grant stressed they weren't drinking.

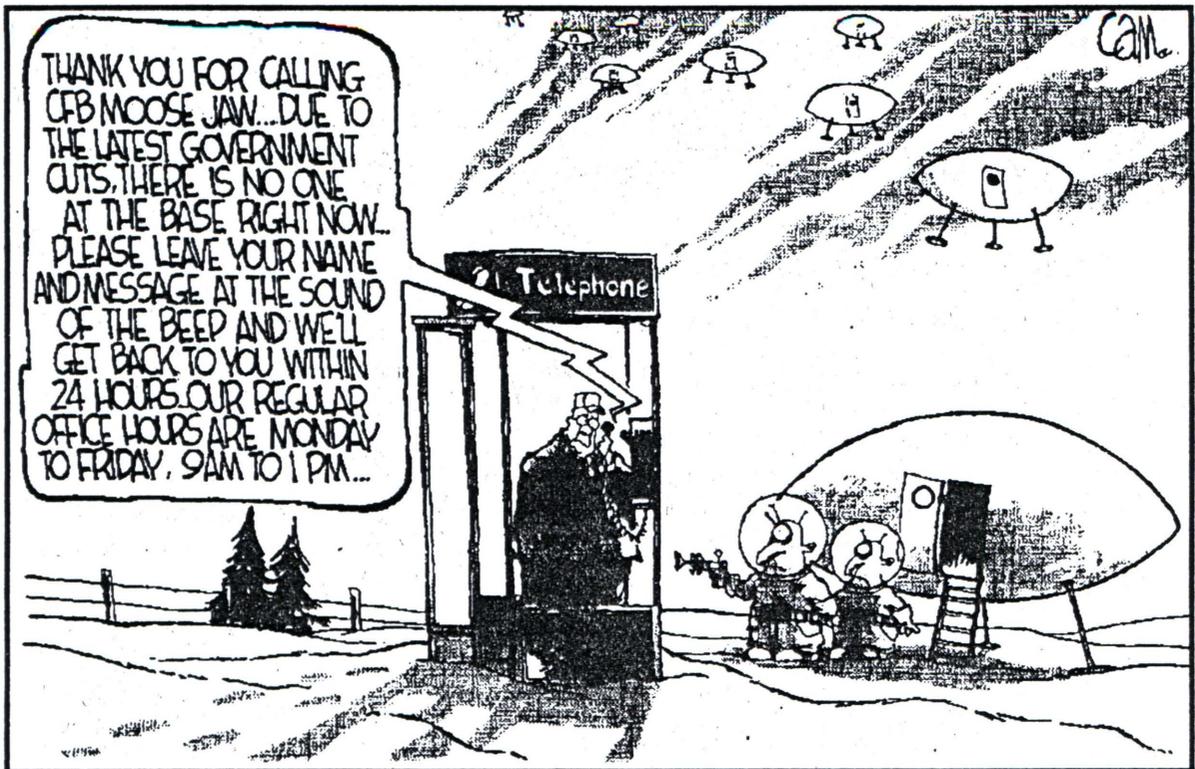
Ed Bousfield, a Royal B.C. Museum research associate writing a book on the so-called cadborosaurus with scientist Paul LeBlond, said he talked with the two and believes them.

"There seems little doubt that's what they saw," he said.

Nearly 500 UFOs reported last year

WINNIPEG (CP) — Nearly 500 unidentified flying objects were reported in Canada last year but only 28 of them were unexplained, an organization that collects UFO data said Thursday.

Among the unexplained cases was a black cigar-shaped object which hovered near witnesses in Ontario and a yellow triangular object seen by five people in Alberta, said Chris Rutkowski of Ufology Research in Manitoba.





ENGLAND

On the Salisbury Plain in southern England is Stonehenge, an awesome arrangement of stones that may have been part of an ancient, brilliantly conceived astronomical observatory.