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One of two photographs taken by Paul Trent, at McMinnville, Oregon, U.S.A., at 7.30 p.m., May 11, 1950. The image in this copy is reversed. The barn is actually on the left.

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# UFO'S AND THEIR PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS:

ARE THEY A BOON OR A CURSE TO MODERN MEDICINE?

by Harry Tokarz

In recent years, with an alarming increase in close-range encounters with UFOs, the world has been uneasily aware of an accompanying rise in harmful effects attributed to the phenomenon.

UFO witnesses around the globe have been exposed to a peculiar variety of physiological effects, ranging from temporary paralysis and blindness to radiation-type symptoms. In addition, those who have become involved in 'contact' situations have often come away with psychological disorders. Although this situation requires very urgent and serious consideration by physicians, biologists, psychologists and physicists, barely a hundred such professionals have openly recognized the problem as a field of legitimate concern.

Studies have now shown that many of the disorders are not psychosomatic and, indeed, the

symptoms contracted by witnesses bear a direct relation to their interaction with an unidentified flying object and/or its occupants. The prima facie evidence thus far indicates that medical problems are caused by a radiation "by-product", rather than from overt acts of hostility on the part of UFO intelligences.

## THE EM FIELD

Many researchers today recommend further investigation into the nature of the electromagnetic field as a possible clue to the ways in which UFOs function. The side effects of such fields as well as the radiating sources require serious study by scientists of all disciplines, in view of the increasing number of people inadvertently coming into contact with UFOs.

People needing medical treatment after close proximity sightings have filled the files of many civilian research groups over the past 37 years. In fact, certain symptoms show up so often in witnesses that specific induced effects in the observer have now become predictable if the type of sighting is known.

## ELECTRICAL SHOCK

Many UFO close range witnesses have experienced physiological effects such as nausea, conjunctivitis and severe headaches, simultaneous with the feeling of "electrical shock". Because of the close association between the above effects and the accompanying tingling or prickling sensations usually described, one is inclined to ascribe the cause of the symptoms to some electrical phenomenon. There is a definite correlation between the effects upon the biological system and the effects upon the electrical system.

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Electromagnetic energy has long been suspected as the causative agent since the occurrence of these symptoms in humans has often coincided with power blackouts and internal combustion engine interferences. It is known that electrical shock or paresthesia gradually increases up to the point where the electromagnetic energy disrupts the electrical systems.

Catalepsy and unconsciousness can occur if the electromagnetic energy increases further. Many a witness has ended up in the hospital after watching a UFO at close range for a prolonged period. Paralysis often follows on the heels of paresthetic effects, but there is evidence that this may well be a controlled, selective and temporarily induced effect.

#### BICYCLIST PARALYZED

On September 17, 1954, Yves David was bicycling along Route D1 between Vouneuil-Sur-Vienne and Cernon in France. At approximately 10.30 p.m. his bicycle light dimmed slightly and he felt a sensation of "prickling" and itching all over his body, somewhat like a sensation of shock.

Getting off his bike, he noticed, not far ahead on the road, a disc-shaped machine about nine feet long and three feet high. At this point, along with the tingling sensation, he also felt paralyzed, and as his eyes probed the darkness, he was startled to see a very small statured "being" in a tight-fitting coverall approaching him. The being came up to the immobilized witness, touched him on the shoulder, uttered an unintelligible sound and retreated back to the craft on the road.

As the craft ascended, it iss-

ued a greenish light and seconds later, David recovered the use of his limbs and headed for home in Pontagne, where he was treated for shock.

Paresthesia is an early symptom of the radiant energy emanated from a UFO, usually followed by, or in some cases preceded by, interference with the electrical system. Mr. David avoided catalepsy or unconsciousness, probably due to the short duration of his encounter.

Paresthesia generally affects the skin, fingers, facial muscles, and the limbs. These effects are relatively short-term, but there are cases of prolonged effects such as conjunctivitis and lingering skin inflammations. These cases are often intriguing to skeptical medical practitioners who are able to prescribe treatment in some instances, but are unable in all instances to satisfactorily explain the cause.

#### EYESIGHT AFFECTED

Mrs. Pauline Dudgeon, a farm housewife in Madoc, Ontario endured eyesight problems for several months after she observed an unknown, intensely glowing object near her home in the winter of 1975. On December 12, at approximately 9.30 p.m., she was attracted to her window by a very bright light and then noticed a large object covering the width of County Highway 12 and apparently resting on it. Due to the flashing red light on top, she assumed that a traffic accident had occurred.

She went outside and was well within 1000 feet of the now apparent "craft" when the lights shining from around its exterior bothered her eyes and forced her back inside.

During the 20 minutes she observed the dome-like object, she heard no sound, but she became "entranced" with the powerful lights which shone on her. Immediately afterwards, Mrs.

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Dudgeon noticed an "impression" of the light remained, distorting her vision and causing her to continually blink and wipe her eyes. She was eventually referred to an eye specialist in Belleville, Ontario, who told her the trouble was similar to that caused when one has been exposed to a welder's arc without the benefit of safety goggles.

Her vision did not return to normal until May, 1976. It is interesting that the doctor may have pin-pointed the type of radiation responsible in his diagnosis (apparently ultra-violet), but he failed to show any real interest in the source of the effects, despite the description given by his patient.

#### PROPULSION LINK

Prolonged ultra-violet rays can inflame the membrane covering the eyes and the lining of the eyelids. The eyes are also very sensitive to microwaves whose energy is readily absorbed by the internal fluid (the aqueous humour). Ultra-violet and microwave rays have been closely linked to UFO propulsion systems, in particular microwave radiation, which researchers now have found to be the cause of many soil and vegetation disturbances in landing trace cases. Microwaves appear to be responsible for destroying root structures of grass and plants while leaving the top parts intact. Microwaves can also create disorders in the human nervous system.

Although not all UFO witnesses suffer paresthesia or conjunctivitis, many do contract a wide variety of other symptoms. The degree of ailment seems to be directly proportionate to the nearness of the witness to the UFOs operational field and the duration of the sighting. Considering these two vital

safety factors, Steven Michalak, a Winnipeg prospector, is fortunate to even be alive today,

#### THE FALCON LAKE CASE

Michalak's unfortunate incident occurred on May 20, 1967. It was an event he would remember with agonizing clarity to this day. While prospecting near Falcon Lake, Manitoba one day, Michalak spotted two unknown objects approaching at a high rate of speed. One object was about 15 feet above the ground and the other a bit higher.

The first object landed near him, blowing vegetation from the area as it did so. The second object hovered for a few seconds and then sped off. Believing the landed circular machine was some secret American test craft, Michalak crouched in the bushes and kept it under observation. After about 25 minutes, a door in the side of the object opened and a brilliant purple light emanated from the opening. Sensing his eyes might be in danger from this high energy light source, he pulled his tinted welding glasses down over them and was then able to see flashing red, green and blue lights inside the object.

It is significant to note that although Michalak was initially cautious, hiding in the bush for 25 minutes and protecting his eyes from possible radiation, his wariness eventually gave way to strong curiosity and he went up to the landed craft and touched it. This proved to be an unfortunate error, although there is no evidence to suggest that what ensued was the result of an intentional act by the controllers of the UFO.

#### A BLAST OF HOT AIR

As he touched the machine with his rubber-coated glove, it immediately melted and slipped off the

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surface. At the same time, the object began to spin in a counter-clockwise direction and Michalak was hit in the chest with a blast of hot air which set his clothes on fire and sent him reeling backwards. The UFO then rose rapidly and disappeared from view within seconds. Michalak struggled but eventually reached Winnipeg where he was admitted to Misericordia Hospital in great pain. The doctors who examined him were baffled by his condition. They found second and third degree burns in a curious checkerboard pattern on his chest. (Ed.-he had been wearing a checkerboard patterned shirt during the incident) Explanations did not come easy inasmuch as the physicians could not accept the UFO story.

#### "FOREIGN SUBSTANCE"

Treatment was an even greater problem and as a result, Michalak became very ill, suffered from blackouts, nausea and a strange odor that "seemed to come from inside". He lost 22 pounds and his blood's lymphocyte count dropped considerably below normal.

The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota was later to refrain from comment since their top physicians could not prescribe proper treatment for this man. All they could muster for a conclusion after intensive examinations was that this man had a "foreign substance in his blood".

Michalak later attested that had these doctors not been advised of the UFO, they may have shown greater concern for his welfare. It appears they were more concerned with staying clear of controversy, as happens more than not. This despite the additionally curious

fact that the checkerboard burns on Michalak's chest would disappear for a time and then, just as mysteriously, reappear--an anomaly that certainly begged for medical explanation. One can only wonder whether a cure for cancer has not been overlooked because of similar attitudes of physicians.

In this case we have another credible witness thrown into an incredible set of circumstances--a situation which left the witness in a deteriorated state of health which was largely ignored by people who are supposedly working in the interests of man's welfare. Michalak bitterly criticized the poor treatment he received and blamed the government for its failure to recognize a serious problem.

#### RADIOACTIVE POISONING POSSIBLE

Burns, usually of a second-degree nature, are commonly reported in very close encounters. Serious burns such as Michalak received, could have been caused by exposure to, among other things, intense infra-red radiation. Such radiation could produce enough thermal energy to "dissolve" a rubber glove upon contact. In Michalak's case there was a strong hint of radio-active poisoning, as his blood's lymphocyte count dropped and he lost weight.

In other cases, UFOs are reported to be surrounded by what appears to be a hot plasma. In these cases, UFOs could radiate energy over a broad spectrum which includes infra-red, visible and ultra-violet.

#### LEUKEMIA DEATH FOLLOWS SIGHTING

In 1956, Miss Muriel McDowell of Santa Cruz, California, felt intense heat as she watched a large UFO overhead. Following the sighting, her face, arms and legs turned lobster-red. Four years later, she died of leukemia. If there was any concern over this case and the several other fatal incidents over the years, it was being kept a bureaucratic secret. Inside reports indicate that the prevailing government attitude is that the public "is not mature enough to be told what is

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happening to them".

The same people who govern us have also put a tight lid on the real facts about the continuing bizarre cattle mutilations. Such events are actually on the increase, according to recent documented evidence, yet we are no closer to discovering the truth about the matter. Governments have publicly declared that UFO's are not a threat to national security. Neither is electricity.....yet the public HAS been educated about the hazards of sticking one's fingers into an AC socket or taking a radio into the bathtub!

#### THE HILL ABDUCTION

Lesions are commonly reported in close encounter cases. In one of the best publicised UFO abduction cases we find evidence of paresthesia and unusual lesions which developed on the witnesses. In the famous "interrupted journey", Betty and Barney Hill of New Hampshire first heard a beeping sound and then felt a prickling sensation just prior to their UFO encounter.

After their abduction, Barney discovered an inflammation of a small circle of warts in an almost perfect geometric circle around his groin. It seems clear that the rash that developed on Betty's umbilical region, can be directly attributed to examination with instruments by the UFO occupants. No evidence was found for a psychosomatic explanation in this case. In fact, Betty clearly described the insertion of a needle-like device into her naval, though it is doubtful that a pregnancy test

was being administered, as she was led to believe. Rather, there is a distinct possibility that the aliens were actually probing Mrs. Hill's lymphatic system. The lymph nodal areas are our biological defense centres and perhaps another intelligent species would be keenly interested in such vital areas.

#### BIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENT

Perhaps the medical associations around the world are under the false notion that physiological effects resulting from UFO encounters are very rare and the cases reported are localized and thus not worthy of a serious study. In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth, since the tell-tale signs of a "continuing biological experiment" keep cropping up at an alarming rate.

In the Antonio-Villas-Boas abduction case of 1954, the late Dr. Olaves Fontes and several other notable Brazilian specialists discovered penile lesions along with a rash on the victim's testicles. This after the peasant farmer described what appeared to be a "sexual experiment" conducted on him by small beings aboard a spacecraft.

Police Chief of Ashland, Nebraska, Herb Schirmer, who claimed to have been taken aboard a UFO in December, 1967, developed a spinal somatic nerve lesion after a UFO pilot applied a glowing cylinder to the back of his neck. Schirmer suffered from "dehydration symptoms", nausea, headaches and his sleep was disturbed by recurring nightmares about the UFO. Similar dehydration symptoms were noted in Travis Walton, the young man from Heber, Arizona, who was kept aboard a UFO for 5 days in 1975.

In the famous Pascagoula, Mississippi case of 1973, medical examiners from Keesler Air Force Base and private practitioners found that

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Calvin Parker had three red lesions in a triangular shape on his left foot. Some master plan seems to be unfolding--the patterns are becoming apparent, yet bias and fear seem to be inhibiting scientists from probing further. Direct contacts between extraterrestrials and the human race are creating a hazardous biological situation.

The effects themselves correlate to a high degree no matter where in geographical location the data may have been gathered. This fact alone would tend to rule out the possibility of a natural recurring phenomenon and the medical profession would stand to gain much in a comprehensive study of UFOs and their effects on mankind.

#### MASTER PLAN UNFOLDING

There is little evidence that conjunctivitis, paresthesia, lesions and radiation symptoms contracted by witnesses after a close encounter, are the result of overt hostile acts by UFO intelligences. After 30 years of civilian investigations, it is clear that the powers behind UFO's do indeed have the technology to incapacitate our planet, if that was their intention. Instead, we find them abducting people from all walks of life and from all geographical locations, and subjecting these people to curious medical examinations. The increase in such events in recent years surely indicates that a master plan is unfolding before our unbelieving eyes.

If these actions are not construed as aggressive manoeuvres against the human race, and the symptoms

contracted by witnesses are only side-effects, then something of a highly sophisticated experiment is going on--an experiment of which we have no control over, but one which we can decode. The distinct possibility exists that aliens are testing our biological systems for vulnerabilities. The long range plan may be for co-existence between the human race and another civilization.

#### CONTAMINATION THREAT

The Apollo astronauts were equipped with hermetically-sealed suits for more than just environmental sustenance. Harmless bacteria which exist in man could be devastating to another race of beings. The converse could be true as well. Immunities in different species could differ sharply and the threat of contamination is present. Therefore, before open contact can be established between one species and another, biological compatibility tests must be conducted, possibly covert, and long term studies made. A symbiotic relationship may in fact already exist between mankind and the denizens of other galaxies and all the bizarre UFO encounters may be the signs of consummation. If this is truly the case, then mankind at large and medicine in general have chosen to ignore the ramifications therein, primarily due to beliefs.

The facts are here, yet many of man's emotionally-rooted beliefs seem to dissolve them. It is obvious that UFOs and their occupants were created by the same Source that created us. In the interests of science and the welfare of mankind, it is mandatory that we find out exactly what our elusive aerial visitors' interest may be in coming to our troubled planet.

As previously mentioned, there is a strong possibility from the documented evidence that their interests are in future co-habitation. Perhaps the higher echelons of the scientific community are only too aware of this possibility and are fearful that such knowledge would

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tend to mess up the public's tender psyche. On the surface, though, it would appear that the medical establishment actually fears to tread on uncertain waters and would much rather prefer that the UFO phenomenon go away. Only time will tell what has really been overlooked. It is inevitable that mankind will discover the nature of UFOs and their intelligences, probably the hard way, despite the apathy of the modern medicine man.

(Editor's Note: Readers are reminded about the Cash-Landrum CE2 case of 1980. The severe medical problems of the incident are still the subject of a series of legal battles to this day.

### **'Flying cigar' prompts Soviets to probe UFOs**

MOSCOW (Reuter) — The Soviet Union has set up a commission to investigate UFOs — unidentified flying objects — following an incident last year involving a "flying cigar" near Gorky, the Moscow workers daily newspaper Trud says.

The Commission on Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena, set up in February, is headed by former cosmonaut Pavel Popovich.

On March 27 of last year, air traffic controllers at Gorky airport had located a craft flying toward them that did not respond to radio signals, he said.

The controllers, who watched the object as it approached the airfield, said it was a steel-gray "cigar" about the size of an airliner but without wings or a tailfin.

The craft was flying at about 3,000 feet and at a speed of 185 km/h (115 m.p.h.).

Popovich said the craft was visible on radar screens for about 40 minutes and then vanished after it had gone about 40 km (25 miles) north of Gorky.

The clipping above is from the Toronto Star, May 30, 1984.

## In Memoriam

CUFORN's Co-Director and President Joe Muskat recently suffered the loss of his mother, Mrs. Pearl Muskat. On behalf of all CUFORN members, we wish to express our sincere condolences to Joe, his father Louis and his brother Gary. Mrs. Muskat died on July 16, after a lengthy fight against the ravages of cancer.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, WATCH FOR HARRY TOKARZ' FEATURE ARTICLE, "TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER—MILBERT B. SMITH". IT'S A CLASSIC THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS.

The newspaper clipping below came from The Toronto Sun. We don't know the exact date of publication, but it was either in June or July, 1984. If you send in clippings, make sure you put the date in the margin of the newspaper item, along with the name of the paper.

## 'Monster UFO' shakes farmer

BRUNKILD, Man. (UPC-Special) — Farmer Karl Wroblewsky wonders if it was a "monster of a UFO" that left a circle of holes and compressed grass in his field.

There are 10 holes, the largest about 30 inches in diameter, and they are 18 inches deep, says a puzzled Wroblewsky, 66. The compressed grass covers 100 feet in diameter.

"According to what people are telling me, it must have been a monster of a UFO," says Wroblewsky, who wants an expert from the Manitoba Planetarium to investigate.

Wroblewsky said he didn't think too much of one large hole he found in the snow in mid-winter after his German shepherd dog howled strangely one night.

The farmer said he put his hand in the hole and found a rim around the edges. He also smelled sulphur but forgot about it.

"It was no interest to me, but when the thaw started I saw the other holes. Some of the ground is completely burned and that ground is still black today.

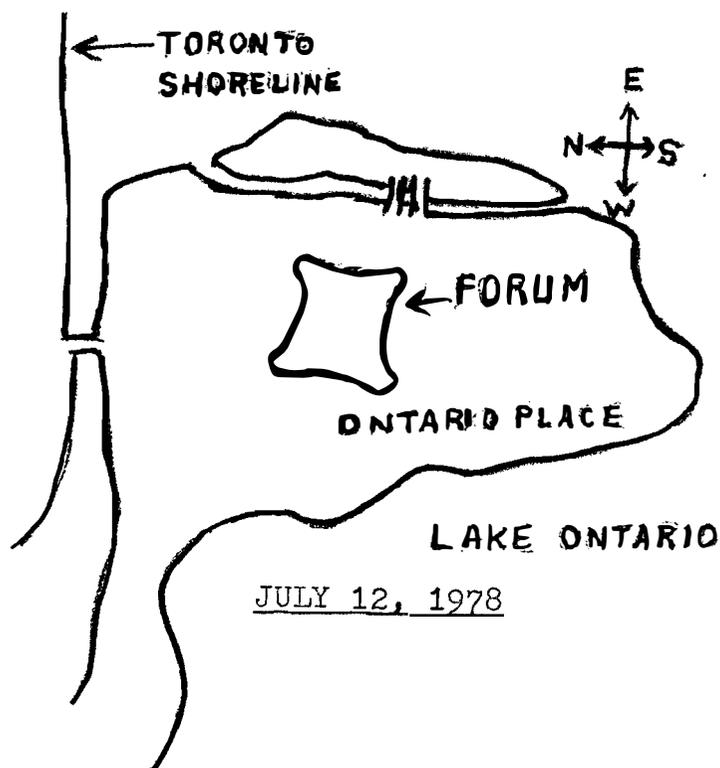
"I wouldn't believe it if I didn't see it."

Howard Bennett, publisher of the nearby Carman Valley Leader and longtime UFO researcher, said he has never seen such markings before.

"I don't know what the heck it is," said Bennett. "You have to put it down as a UFO. There were numerous UFO sightings 15 years ago in the same area."

# NINE NLS REPORTED IN TORONTO

UPWARD  
SPIRAL  
MOVEMENT  
RIGHT,  
THEN  
LEFT



A fifteen-year-old boy, R.C. was attending a musical performance at the Forum at Ontario Place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on Saturday, May 27, 1978, when he and an estimated 37 other persons observed an unusual light over Lake Ontario, one of the five Great Lakes of North America.

Ontario Place is a provincially-run entertainment and recreational complex built on a man-made island which links up to the shoreline of Toronto.

It was 9.15 p.m. and the show was at the intermission stage at the open air Forum. The observers saw the light move from side to side for about one

minute. It made a total of five side-to-side moves during that time period, said R.C. It appeared in the southwest. R.C. lived in Metropolitan Toronto at the time.

He reported the sighting to CUFORN Secretary Larry Fenwick on February 26, 1980 by telephone and later sent in a completed sighting report form, which was mailed to him. He had obtained CUFORN's hot line phone number from our cable TV show which we had presented the evening before.

R.C. also reported another sighting which occurred on July 12, 1978, at 8.45 p.m. when he was at another Forum show. It was a clear, cool night with a dull moon and a few stars in sight. He saw an oval white light with fuzzy edges, yet solid-appearing, move in a spiral from left to right five times as it ascended out of sight in one minute. (SEE DIAGRAM AT LEFT FOR THIS REPORT) The light looked to be the size of the eye of a needle if held at arm's length. It moved slowly, then swiftly, i.e., slowly to the right and swiftly to the left.

R.C. reported seven NLS on Monday, August 18, 1980 which were seen the previous night from 9.05 to 10.05 p.m. He was on his parent's apartment balcony (5th floor) facing Lake Ontario and the CN Tower. He saw seven lights, four or five of them moving and three hovering in a straight line. The moving ones descended to 1,000 to 2,000 feet.

The dull white lights were seen against a sky which had a few clouds. Winds were light, from the east. No stars were visible.

The round lights were the size of a dime if held at arm's length. He was observing them at a 45 degree angle. During the hour, two airplanes passed the area. The moving lights rotated clockwise one full revolution per second. All were the same size. They would rotate apart, then come together, and repeated this for an hour. He had been watching "The Bermuda Depths", a Triangle theory film on TV just before the sighting.



## MUFON's African rep spoke at recent Toronto meeting

Mrs. Cynthia Hind posed for the CUFORN camera prior to her speech at the home of Dr. George and Iris Owen on August 8, 1984.

She was on a tour of North America to speak at various MUFON symposia and local gatherings. The MUFON gathering was convened by Ontario Director Henry McKay. A few CUFORN members who are also MUFON members attended the speech. It was well received and consisted of a series of incidents related by Cynthia which occurred in her home country of Zimbabwe, in central Africa.

The speech was made out of doors as the evening was warm and the backyard of the Owen's house affords a degree of privacy. Our hosts had a fine variety of food on tables for the guests, along with some liquid refreshment. As the evening speech continued, Henry McKay lit a long candle a set it into the ground so we could see Mrs. Hind as she spoke to us. It was attended by about 50 people which was about capacity for the yard. Sylvia is an enjoyable person to talk to and an excellent speaker. She was one of the key speakers at MUFON's Symposium in Pasadena, California this summer.

## UFOs and the Electronic Media

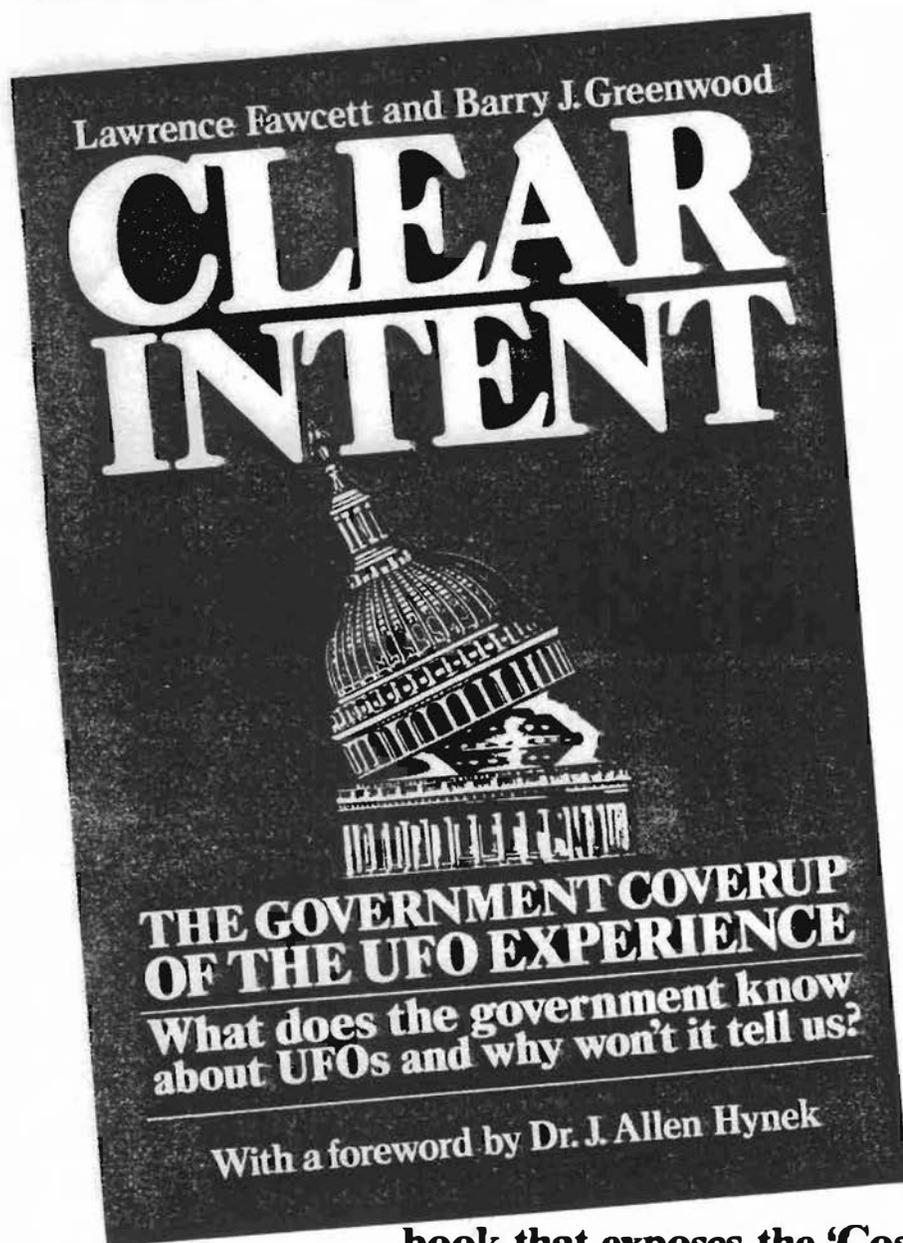
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Global TV in Ontario has a series entitled "More Real People", which takes a light-hearted look at anything whether it is serious or not. On June 26, 1984, at 7.30 p.m., it had a variety of people on camera talking about their abduction cases. The Toronto Star's TV magazine said "three women (sic) who believe they were abducted by UFOs". The Globe and Mail (Toronto) said "UFO convention", in describing this short segment of the show.

Naturally, the TV producers had to mention that the hotel where MUFON's symposium was held was the home of Shipwreck Kelly's Bar so that viewers would think the people who attended were alcoholics. One person dancing in the bar was interviewed, although she seemed to be someone who was not at the hotel to attend the event, but just went there to dance. The TV show announcer erroneously said that the attendees were there to hear the stories of three abductees, thus completely ignoring the fact that there were many excellent speakers whom people had in mind when they attended. One IFO report of the Goodyear Blimp was deliberately inserted into the show.

After a telephone call to your Editor, CBC-TV's show "The Journal" did a small segment about ufology which did a marvelous put-down of the earthquake light theory of Dr. Michael Persinger on July 7, 1984

P.M. Magazine, another TV show presented an excellent short item on a flap area near London, Ohio on Wed., August 15, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. on NBC-TV's Buffalo, New York station WGRZ-TV. A series of interviews with observers and investigators was given a balanced presentation, pro and con. The script was of high quality with several thoughtful questions.



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## THE FAIR-WITNESS PROJECT

In July of 1984, a group of professional people founded a non-profit organization, the purpose of which is to investigate certain specific cases known for their highly unusual parameters.

Headed up by author/lecturer William L. Moore (co-author with Chas. Berlitz of "The Philadelphia Experiment", "The Roswell Incident", and many more), and sculptor/scientist Evan Hayworth ("The Human-Sized Solar-System: A Model For Our Times", "Art From Science"), the group also includes Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist/author and lecturer, investigative researchers Kal Korff and Brad Sparks, as well as regional directors within the continental United States, whose job it is to coordinate the procedures, equipment and services called for by the investigators in that area.

Thanks to the efficiency of modern communications, the last several decades have seen innumerable stories from various levels of the Fourth Estate, concerning the occurrence of "unusual events" of one kind or another: supernatural, Fortean, psychic, extraterrestrial, para-normal, metaphysical, psychosomatic, etc. But as intriguing as the premise may be for any given event, extremely few cases receive the significantly in-depth investigation and follow-up reportage which should be 'de rigueur' in such matters. This condition exists due mainly to two causes: 1) a lack of funds earmarked for that purpose alone, and 2) a lack of qualified full-time professional investigators, which in turn is due to reason number 1.

Any number of incidents, 10, into the thousands, have been "handled" by well-meaning people who unfortunately have great gaps in their training and/or experience. This results in little more than some tabular material, a few poorly conducted interviews with eyewitnesses, and who-knows-what-kind of undiscovered physical evidence being overlooked by an earnest but inefficient observer.

The Fair-Witness Project hopes to be part of the answer to this increasing problem of presenting to the Public whatever facts are both obtainable and verifiable. To that end, the majority of the Project personnel have been selected for their backgrounds in either scientific and/or journalistic investigation. Instead of amassing drawers/diskettes full of data that perhaps someday may be run through endless pattern-analyses, the Project investigators (the Fair-Witnesses) each take charge of a specific case, chosen for either its potential richness in evidence, or for its being noteworthy as a 'high-strange singularity'.

The Fair-Witnesses make monthly reports to the Board of Directors, and as things progress in their cases, each sends an update to FOCUS, the Project's monthly newsletter, which is offered to the general public on a subscription basis. The Project will also offer a tri-annual VCR (vhs) version of FOCUS, which will feature highlights from the preceding four issues, plus on-the-spot interviews with the Fair-Witnesses in the field.

The Project maintains a Board of Advisors, consisting of professional people from the technical and scientific communities, and will also sponsor lectures by these individuals, whichever Fair-Witnesses are available, and guest-speakers from several disciplines, all to take place in the greater Los Angeles area during the coming year.

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