

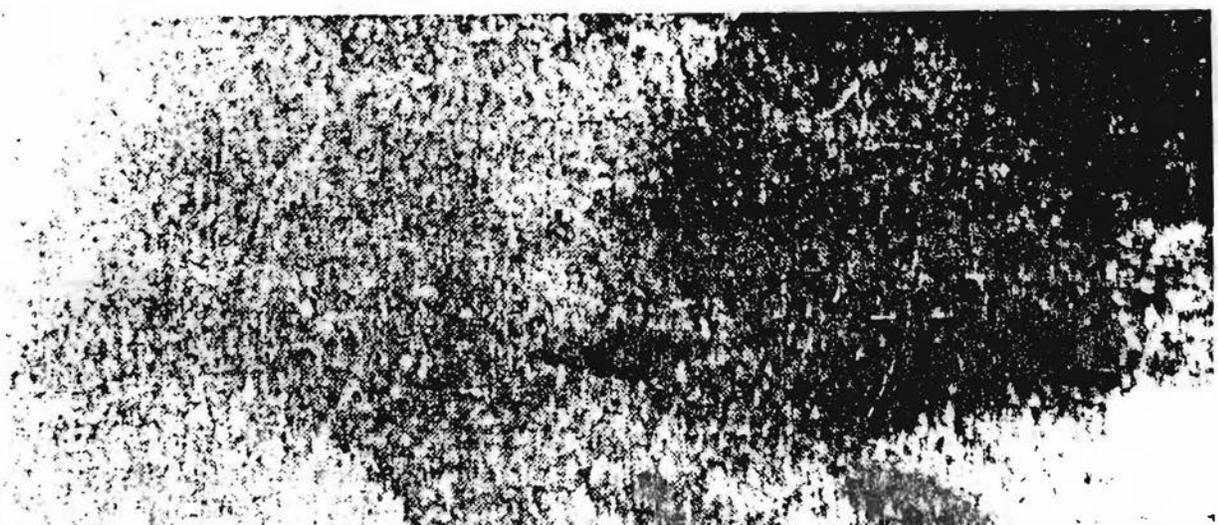


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A grainy, high-contrast black and white photograph showing a dark, irregularly shaped object in the sky. The object appears to be a UFO, possibly a saucer-shaped craft, with some internal structure visible. The background is a bright, textured sky. The image is very dark and has a high level of contrast, making it difficult to discern fine details.

*When it reappeared from
hind the peak, it was lower,
larger, and flying in
the opposite direction, so
fast that the next two
shots were lost.*

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One of six black and white photographs taken by Almirante Barauna at noon, January 16, 1958 from the Brazilian Navy ship, the NE Almirante Saldanha. He used a Rolleiflex for the occasion. The UFO was seen over the island of Trindade, 20 miles east of the coast of Brazil in the South Atlantic Ocean and was observed by 60 of the crew members. Tests by APRJ, GSW, the Brazilian Navy's Photo Reconnaissance Lab and an independent Brazilian lab, CDSAS, eliminated any possibility of a hoax.

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TORONTO, Ontario, Canada (SUN) Oct 9, 1975

I saw man from space says Ontario farmer

By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

Robert Suffern knows he saw a being from outer space near his Bracebridge-area farm house Tuesday night and skeptics be damned.

The 27-year-old carpenter says he saw a darkened space ship sitting in the middle of a gravel road — and a figure of some kind 300 to 400 yards away while investigating his sister's report of a "glow".

Suffern, father of two young boys and a life-long resident of the farming community 13 miles north of Bracebridge, said he saw it all — near and clear.

The spaceman he saw and almost hit with his car was wearing a globe-type helmet and a silvery-grey suit.

"He had very, very wide shoulders which were out of proportion with his body," said Suffern, between in-

terviews with a barrage of newspaper and television reporters last night. The "it" was four to six feet tall.

Suffern, patient with the curious, recalled everything that happened after his sister, who lives down the road, told him about the glow. He got into his car and checked out a barn where the light had been seen and was back on the road when he saw the space ship on the road.

The space ship was saucer-shape and about 12 to 14 feet in diameter and left no exhaust fumes when it travelled.

"I was scared. It was right there in front of me with no lights and no sign of life. I really hadn't come to a full stop when it went straight up in the air out of my sight."

Suffern said he quickly turned his car around and was heading home in a panic when the "it" walked out on

the road in front of his car. He braked and skidded and the "it" retreated over a fence into a field.

"When he got to the fence, he put his hands on a post and went over it with no effort at all. It was like he was weightless."

Suffern drove home and looking out his window, saw the space ship return, fly around a hydro pole and then disappear into the sky.

"I know what I saw and seeing is believing, but I don't care whether I ever see that creature again. He went his way and I went mine. I don't know why he landed there."

It was the third sighting for Suffern in the past two years. Two previous UFO sightings were of lights only.

Scientists and UFO researchers are on their way to his farm from as far as Chicago to follow up on the sighting.

NEW EVIDENCE - **TOP SECRET**

Government/Alien Liaison by Harry Tokarz

FOLLOW-UP ON 1975 OCCUPANT ENCOUNTER CASE REVEALS GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

By October 9, 1975, all the news wire services from coast to coast had picked up on Robert Suffern's unusual experience. The media as well as UFO investigators and hordes of curiosity-seekers from all parts of North America, turned up on his farm to scrutinize and exploit the 27-year old carpenter. Most of the serious researchers came away with the facts they wanted, however little did they realize that

there was a further sequel to this case, an important event that took place after the encounter itself, a scenario that may one day prove to be more important to the UFO mystery than the October 7 landing.

On July 15, 1976, freelance cinematographer Wayne Forsyth and myself were tracking down several UFO reports throughout Ontario. Forsyth was looking for material for his documentary

film-UFOs-~~The Canadian Per-~~
 spective --and I was trying
 to nail down some of the more
 interesting and elusive reports
 brought to my attention. While
 in the vicinity of Bracebridge
 we decided to pay a visit to
 Suffern and perhaps get a fol-
 low-up on his 1975 encounter.
 Being familiar with the details
 of this case, I thought perhaps
 he might, instead of rehashing
 the incident, consent to be
 filmed while expressing personal
 opinions on UFOs he may have
 formulated during the time that
 had elapsed. Little did we re-
 alize that Suffern was keeping
 a closely-guarded secret all this
 time which was so unnerving in its
 implications, that it may in fact
confirm the uneasy suspicion held
 by many throughout the 30 years of
 UFO investigations---that govern-
 ments have not only known all
 about UFOs, but have actually had
 some alliance with these alien
 intelligences as far back as WWII.

Suffern and his wife were not
 anxious to discuss UFOs and they
 were in particular not enthralled
 at seeing the sophisticated camera
 and recording equipment we brought
 with us. Having refrained from
 discussing October, 1975, we ap-
 parently put his fears to rest
 (the media) and after we agreed
 to keep the equipment out of the
 picture, his suspicions dropped
 quickly and he was willing to
 confer. We made it clear that we
 were only interested in getting
 any new details that may not have
 emerged during the initial harried
 investigations of the previous year.
 Once the Sufferns eased into the
 topic of UFOs, a couple of intriguing
 facts came to light. First, both
 Suffern and his wife believed them-
 selves to be totally enlightened on
 UFOs without necessarily attaching
 a lot of importance to the subject.
 Secondly, we discovered, they had
 not discussed the following matter
 with anyone previously, despite the

fact that they have been bar-
 raged by investigators of all
 types, who offered all types
 of hypotheses. Startling rev-
 elations were made after a 5-
 hour interview and although
 this information cannot be
 confirmed yet, due to "moral
 obligations" as Suffern puts
 it, it certainly adds weight
 to the government
 conspiracy of secrecy theory.

On December 12, 1975, after
 the Sufferns were beginning to
 feel some semblance of order
 again (their farm was liter-
 ally swamped for weeks by
 roving bands of curiosity-
 seekers) three men were de-
 livered to their home in an
 Ontario Provincial Police
 cruiser. The appointment had
 been pre-arranged in November.
 These officials arrived in
 full uniform, bearing impres-
 sive credentials and repres-
 enting themselves as the top
 brass from the Canadian Forces
 in Ottawa, the United States
 Air Force, Pentagon, and from
 the Office of Naval Intelligence
 in Washington, D.C. Suffern,
 previously perturbed about the
 nature of his UFO encounter,
 claimed that all his questions
 were answered point blank and
 with no hesitations by these
 three helpful gentlemen. They
 told him what UFOs represent,
 where they are from and why they
 are here.

They implied that the U.S &
 Canadian governments have
 known all about UFOs since
 1943 and have in fact been
 co-operating with the aliens
 in some unknown capacity
 since then.

As if this wasn't enough
 to swallow in one gulp, the
 military 'know-it-alls' threw
 yet another curve when they
 made a formal apology for the

unfortunate incident of Oct. 7. They claimed it was a mistake, to which Suffern immediately thought out loud that it must have been a super-secret military craft. No, they claimed. It was a malfunction in the saucer that brought the craft down, complete with aliens, on his property. Mrs. Suffern found all this quite impossible to accept, but when she quizzed them, the officers actually came up with the exact time of the landing-to the minute-a small detail that only the Sufferns knew and had not conveyed to anyone. They have had three different UFO sightings over their property, only the last of which they reported, and again the times and dates were duly related to them by the knowledgeable trio. The enlightened agents, carrying a battery of books and data, again emphasized that the landing was an accident and should not have occurred.

Suffern adamantly insisted that all his questions about the craft and the occupant were answered 'to his satisfaction' despite the fact that dozens of civilian investigators have visited him and offered alternate hypotheses to clear up the mystery for him. Many came close but none answered him with the same degree of accuracy. At this point, our own investigation took a different turn for we felt we were being 'put on' in order to get rid of us or to test our naivité. Perhaps Suffern was amusing himself at our expense. We proceeded on a different key, with this idea very much in mind.

Robert Suffern strikes one as an individual who carefully measures his thoughts. His sincerity comes through clearly as he slowly relates his concepts and ideas. His wife, a home-bred country girl, is quick to air her views and state what she believes to be fact. This part of her nature was responsible

for the slip she made in an obviously well-kept secret. Once we became alerted to the situation, Suffern dropped his guard and decided to confide in us. Reluctant at first, he soon began discussing the situation seriously. He seemed genuinely concerned with our own particular concern in this matter. The less we pried, more he revealed about the secret meeting in December. They were affirmative in their assertion that all three military personnel answered all their questions with uncanny precision and immediately. An interesting highlight prior to this meeting was that the Canadian and U.S. authorities did a thorough medical and psychological check on the Sufferns to ascertain their mental state. Only then were they judged responsible enough to be entrusted with the top secret information.

All this information seemed too cut and dry to accept as fact and in view of the fact that many UFO witnesses in the past had been duped by smooth-talking bogus officials, we suggested they had been handed a cover story. This was their means of placating witnesses. Granted, this was definitely a new tactic, opening the books to silence perturbed UFO witnesses. Suffern's belief could not be shaken. Furthermore he claimed that he was pleased and surprised that the Canadian officer was exceptionally informative on UFOs, having spoken more than his American counter-parts. The Sufferns deny that they are under the 'Secrets Act', however they intend to keep all details secret for "moral reasons". They simply want to keep their "part of the bargain" by complying with the government's wishes. At this juncture, a thought came to mind.....

Planned leaks?...am I the unwitting victim this time? As I report this information in this journal, Suffern could be busy denying it. Walter Cronkite pulled the same 'about-face' after discussing his intimate knowledge of NASA's UFO files!

Further along we learned that the military still refer to UFO occupants as 'humanoids'. Contact was apparently made in 1943 and now our forces are aware of the aliens' movements on this planet. We now know that governments no longer have any interest in investigating sightings or landings. In fact, most of the time they do not even go through the motions any more. Could this be relevant?

An interesting sidelight to this scenario is that although the Sufferns have been offered a small fortune in return for their exploitation by various media, the U.S.A.F. Lieutenant advised them to refuse all offers. Of course this was after they were filled in about the government's knowledge of alien intelligences. In reply to my

question about officialdom's secrecy policy, he said there would be "many disappointments on this planet". As to the identities of the three agents, Suffern claims that he can prove these visitors were not imposters...or M.I.B. In fact he has been threatened before, by phone calls and two visitors whom he ejected from his farm.

The critical key to Suffern's encounter is the fact that he had a near-miss car situation with a physical entity, dressed in a one piece silver suit and short in stature. If contact indeed has taken place then there could have been serious repercussions, had he actually run the being down. This could account for the military's intervention and unusual frankness. If it is a new C.I.A. ploy of satisfying the witnesses instead of threatening them it certainly achieved its goal.

In any event, the Sufferns are no longer puzzled about their three UFO sightings and perhaps one day the need for public truth will override the "moral obligations" clause!

NOTE-The preceding article originally appeared in The UFO Pulse Analyzer, May, 1977. NOTE-When Tokarz asked Suffern the reason for government secrecy, he answered: "What caused the Second World War?" We wondered whether he meant the aliens caused it? What do you think?

Since the appearance of this article, CUFORN has done some brainstorming about the case. We wondered why military officers would come to visit a civilian in a police car rather than in a military automobile. Upon checking with our member in the Bracebridge area, we found that he knows the O.P.P. detachment head well and when he asked if any military men had used a cruiser on the date Suffern had mentioned, the O.P.P. denied it. Of course, if they were told to deny such an occurrence, they would do so.

Secondly, a few similar such occurrences have taken place in the U.S.,

according to member Bill Moore.

It also seemed like a bit of a smokescreen was erected for Suffern. He said the Canadian Air Force officer was a lieutenant; yet he went on to say that these three men were "top brass". Lieutenants are not at the top brass level. It is now obvious that the Canadian was of a higher rank than he said he was. Even the U.S.A.F. man said he was a lieutenant. Of course, they would not give Suffern their correct rank.

Another appearance on the Ontario Government's TV Network for Stanton Friedman was long overdue when January 10, 1985 came along. And so did Friedman.

Channel 19 in Toronto relays its shows to all of the Province of Ontario. So it has a potential audience of several millions. This time the "Speaking Out" show was "Explaining(or Concealing) the Unexplained: UFOs, Ghosts and Monsters". As for the number of persons on the show, it was not easy to find out if you read the two TV guides in Toronto. The Globe and Mail said there were two guests while the Star stated there were three.

Michael Bradley, an independent film producer was just a film producer, according to the Star. He achieved independence in the Globe. The Globe and Mail also noted that there was to be a reporter from, of all papers, the Globe and Mail. He did get on the show, although Bradley could not do so due to a reason which was not specified. So the Globe was represented by Cameron Smith, a science reporter. Where was the Star's science expert?

The hour and a half show was aired at 9 p.m. on the Thursday night. And according to both newspapers, Stanton Friedman was (and still is) a UFOlogist and nuclear physicist.

Most of the show was taken up by the UFO topic with the rest concerned with the Loch Ness Monster. One panelist admitted he had gone to Scotland to investigate the Monster sightings. The Globe's Cameron Smith is a lawyer and is a retired Managing Editor and Executive Editor of the Globe. He said he was not

biased either pro or con the subjects at hand.

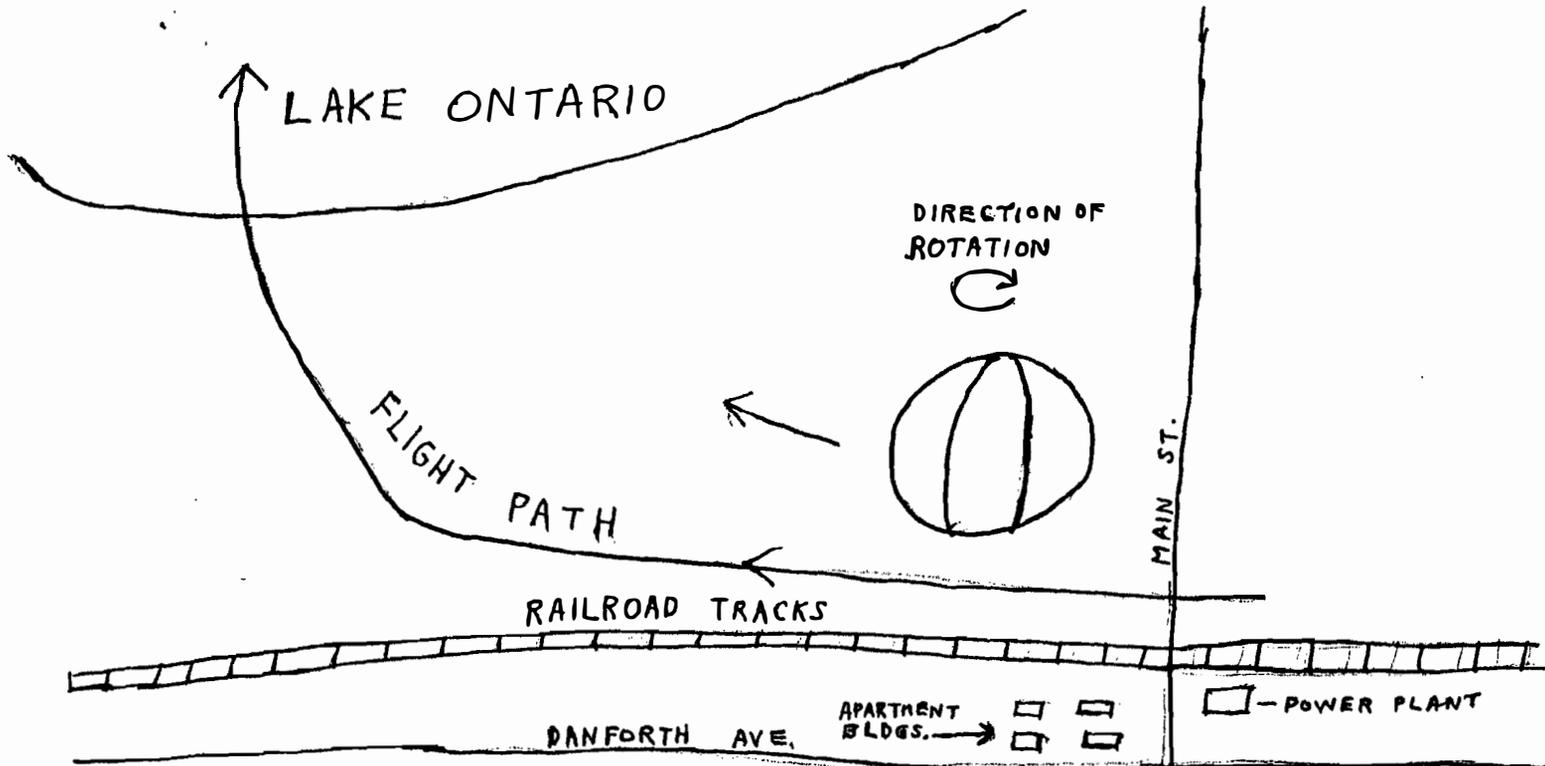
As a last minute substitute for Bradley, the Royal Ontario Museum's curator for paleontology Chris McGowan, proved to be merely adequate. He had gone to Loch Ness. Neither he nor Smith had done much reading in ufology, although Smith had read a few books.

The show itself always has a phone-in segment called Tallyphone, wherein viewers call in their votes for or against a question. This show posed the question: Should governments fund large-scale public investigations into the existence of UFOs and monsters? The 'pro-funding' vote won out that night. The show's moderator is Harry Brown.

Friedman did his usual superb job explaining the Roswell crash-retrieval and the Rendlesham Forest CE3. Interspersed with various calls heard on the show from viewers who phoned in, Friedman managed to discuss Project Blue Book, show a humanoid head in a clay bust, talk about the Wilbert Smith memo, and refute the Philip Klass criticism of the McMinnville photo. In fact, we do not hesitate in saying "Klass dismissed," despite the fact that the words have been used before.

The Rendlesham Forest, England CE3 case and the book about it, Sky Crash, were dealt with for one night running on CNN-TV News, based in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. in early 1985, although we do not know the exact date it was on TV. If any readers saw it, please let us know at CUFORN HQ.

1983 CE1 REPORT - RED & SILVER "PUMPKIN"



A retired man, Mr. W.F., living in the east end of Toronto, Ontario reported a 1983 observation to CUFORN on October 13, 1984.

The sighting occurred in June, 1983, but he does not recall the exact date. He lived in an apartment facing Lake Ontario at the time, although he has moved since to an unknown address. He saw a rotating red and silver pumpkin-shaped object at 5 p.m. on a clear afternoon, and observed it for ten minutes. It rotated as it travelled east toward the Pickering Nuclear Power Plant. In doing so, it passed a conventional power generating plant near the intersection of Main Street and Danforth Avenue. W.F. said it was comparable to a coin held at arm's length in terms of estimated size.

He stated on his completed sighting report form that the object looked solid and passed behind some buildings so he got a frame of reference.

He told no one about his sighting prior to CUFORN. He mentioned that there are high tension power lines and railroad lines in the area which is heavily populated. No other reports have come to CUFORN to corroborate his report. He has Grade 10 education.

There are other detracting facts which make one doubt he saw accurately what he said he saw. One is that he was wearing eyeglasses at the time and said his vision is "medium". He is only 49 years old, which is rather young to be retired. He said he had had four previous sightings, but did not describe them. He did not sign his sighting report form, nor did he put down his address. He said the object moved at five miles per hour. He was outside at the time and was alone.

ENCOUNTERS WITH OUR READERS

---A selection of letters received from our readers

Dear Sir;

I've just received the current issue of the Bulletin, and know of at least two courses on UFOs given in Canada that are not mentioned in your list: 1) I gave a non-credit course at Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, autumn 1972; 2) Tim Tokaryk gave a non-credit course in Drumheller, Alberta last year. It too was non-credit, but I'm not sure under whose auspices it was offered.

I hope this is of interest and use to you. Best wishes,

John Brent Musgrave,
169 Abbottsfield Road,
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T5W 4S9

Ed. note: Many thanks to John for his data.

Excerpt from a letter received:

Dear Editor;

I received the Nov.-Dec., 1984 issue today of CUFORN Bulletin, and was surprised to find a membership profile on myself. The story is not quite factual. At no time did I ever tell anyone that I had invented a type of plastic explosive, nor did I tell anyone I taught at Camp X in Oshawa during the Second World War. I am the second cousin of Sir John Alcock, and second cousin of Ann Morrow Lindbergh.

I was in an air race in 1969, but I did not win it. I did receive a bronze medal. I did see three UFOs at Warden Avenue over high tension wires just above St. Clair Avenue, east end Toronto in the first week of June, 1980. 24 other people, visitors in the hospital, saw them too. On the Friday before this, a friend of mine in the same hospital saw a UFO

drain electricity from the high tension wires, over a 20 minute period.

While flying home I did see a formation of UFOs flying in formation in 1972. I had seen UFOs in Sault Ste. Marie, over Lake Superior, over Sudbury and Gogama. Had a nice collection of shots on Super 8 movie film which I told you about when I was in Toronto. I was going to send them to you for examination, but when coming back to Sudbury, found they had disappeared.

I found Mr. Friedman very interesting as usual on TV Ontario on Speaking Out.

Kindest Regards,

Charlie Alcock,
1052 Lasalle Blvd.,
Sudbury, Ontario
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Dear Larry;

I guess I have a bit of catching up to do. Comment on the January 27, 1984, sighting(CUFORN Bulletin)Vol.5:2,p.12, reported to Bob Gribble from Valley Center, Cal. This item has good implications about the so-called UFO Education Center(Charlotte Blob's Adamski cult group), of that city, when the report was made to Gribble, rather than to that local outfit.

Vol.5:4, p.10. If memory serves, that "More Real People" episode involving MUFON abductees and Shipwreck Kelly's Bar was filmed at the 1979 symposium at Burlingame, Cal.(As I understand it, "More Real People" consists of parts of old "Real People" shows, as here.) Unfortunately, I missed both programs. Walt Andrus had something on it in his MUFON column back in 1979 or 1980.

Encounters With Our Readers,
Cont'd

Vol.5:5, p.8, left, re sell-out of Clear Intent. This wasn't really because it was selling well, but because Prentice-Hall printed so few copies to begin with. I have yet to find it for sale anywhere, though a couple of stores said they had one or two copies in, and sold out. The book is sure expensive in Canada! Even after considering the exchange rate, the softbound version (too large to be a "pocket version", actually) costs over 40 percent more than in the U.S.

p.8, next column. I correspond with Professor Ademar José Gevaerd of Campo Grande, Brazil. (See his article on an abduction/seduction case in the Dec., 1983 MUFON UFO Journal.) Curious that there'd be another one in England--unless there's a mistake there. (Ed. Note--It was an error in typing. It should have read "Brazil".

On the articles you published by Felix Ares de Blas and me: I found a 1955 piece by Jessup using "Ufology," with only the initial letter capitalized (His UFO Reporter #2--not dated, but date implied by the reference to the English edition of Allingham's book). And his and others' articles in Fantastic Universe a couple years later also had "Ufology" (but then, this magazine also had "Ufo").

Forgot to include this in my

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paragraph about Clear Intent. You said Prentice-Hall cut back on publicity when it found the book was selling well. Barry Greenwood wrote me Aug.6, "Publicity has slowed for the time being because Intent is sold out at P-H."

Besides the specific comments on the Bulletin before, I should add the general one on how much I like every issue, with many fine articles.

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U.S.A.

Editor's Note: We reserve the right to edit letters to the Editor in order to conserve space. We thank all our readers for their contributions to the Bulletin.

BOOK REVIEW-THE UNINVITED-II

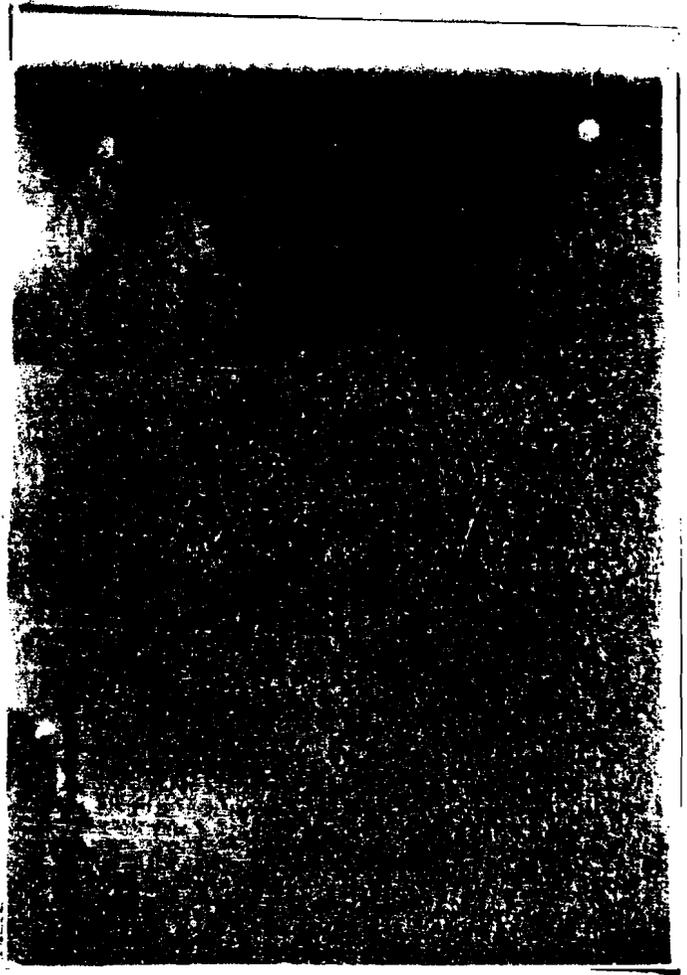
Frank Taylor's The Uninvited II: The Visitation, A Star Book, W.H. Allen & Co. PLC, Paperback Division, London, England, 1984, is a real thriller from beginning to end.

The writing style is more American than English. Aside from that minor point, it is done in the form of a fictionalization of a series of actual events. Names are changed.

Only in the Prologue and Epilogue do we find out that the events are true. They encompass everything from NLS, through to abductions and MIB's, and all of them happened to one family in Matlock, Derbyshire, England in 1981.

It's 169 pages hold the reader enthralled throughout. It's hard to put the book down once you begin reading it. At only \$4.95 in Canada, it is a really fine book for the money. I recommend it highly to all of you.

From Our Photo Archives



One of three colour photographs taken by U.S. Navy photographer Wallace Litwin on September 19, 1952. Seen here is one of the shots and an enlargement of the right side of the photograph at the right of the page. The UFO is near the top of the photo and is a daylight disc. Litwin took the photos from the deck of the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a CVA-42 aircraft carrier during the NATO exercise "Operation Mainbrace" in the North Sea. The pictures are listed in Project Blue Book's Microfilm's, #2110, roll 93, OSI/ATIC, Special Photo Section. The photograph also appeared in The Truth About Flying Saucers, p.136E and The UFO Evidence, pp.88-89.

Philadelphia Honoured

Nancy Allen has been nominated as best actress for her role in The Philadelphia Experiment by the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films. The film was based on CUFORN member Bill Moore's book of the same name. Source-AP, Feb.23/85.

B'nai B'rith Speech

Editor Larry Fenwick gave a two-hour lecture on UFOs to the Judea Lodge of B'Nai B'rith in Downsview, Ontario on Jan.12. Among the persons in attendance was a man who knew Norman Muscarello of the famous Incident at Exeter, written about in John Fuller's book. It's a small world.

I have been debunked without proper research irate physicist declares

Re, Debunker Henry Gordon's Nov. 14 article about me:

1. He obviously has no understanding of how security works, the need-to-know concept, compartmentalization, and appropriate clearance levels. I worked on classified research and development programs for 15 years, have ordered loads of formally classified documents (some of which I have been refused) and can guarantee that governments can indeed keep secrets having spent time in a wide variety of archives, none of which Gordon has visited.

2. I have not given up on physics and do not lecture about "The Coming of the UFOs." I have been very actively involved as a physicist in the commissioning of the Pt. Lepreau Nuclear station, in studies of food irradiation, seed stimulation, and the recovery of waste heat from power plants and have been an invited participant in a number of recent scientific symposia. I belong to many professional scientific groups. The title of my illustrated lecture is "Flying Saucers ARE Real".

3. Gordon's description of my complaint to the Ontario Press Council is bunk from beginning to end as he could have easily determined from the information given Star reporter...

4. Phil Klass did NOT offer to pay my expenses from California to Washington to convince a congressional committee about the cosmic Watergate. There was no such forum and I had already pro-

vided testimony to a congressional hearing.

5. William Moore and I (not Charles Berlitz) did 98 per cent of the research concerning the book *The Roswell Incident* and have written three papers since. We have talked to 90 people concerned with the case including Air Force generals, FBI and CIC agents and a myriad of others. Gordon and Klass have talked to none of these people. An alien saucer did crash, was retrieved by admission of the Air Force and FBI, and then covered up.

6. The article and my previous encounters with Gordon clearly demonstrate his total lack of first-hand research, his ignorance of

government documents and procedures, and his lack of concern with truth, science, or journalistic honesty. The article should have been preceded by contact with me, research to determine my professional activities, research on the Roswell Incident and about the myriad of documents from the U.S. and Canada clearly establishing that there is indeed a Cosmic Watergate. Instead, as with the typical noisy negativist, Gordon makes nonsensical baseless statements and waves his magic debunking wand. Star readers are entitled to far more.

STANTON T. FRIEDMAN
Fredericton, N.B.

From the Toronto Star, Sat., Feb. 23, 1985.

As a former full-time journalist, your Editor, who is now a credit reporter, had entered the field after getting a degree in the Journalism Department of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. In our first lecture on North American daily newspapers, our instructor, who had been in editing and reporting with dailies for 40 years, stated that the Toronto Star is considered the worst newspaper in North America by journalists.

Any such paper that publishes a column called "Debunking" by Henry Gordon or any of his CSICOP cronies, deserves to be rated at the low end of such a scale.

Gordon is a professional magician who has publicly admitted at the Ontario Science Centre this: "I don't know very much about UFOs". And he stated that to your Editor in front of 2,000 people. The Star did not cover the debunking speech he made that night. Only Global TV showed up.

Bright lights on winter's long nights

THE UNIVERSE Terence Dickinson

Venus and Sirius, the brightest planet and star, share the limelight these frosty February evenings. You don't even have to go outside to spot the two celestial beacons provided your home or apartment windows face the right direction.

At dusk, Venus looms high above the southwestern horizon. It is so bright you should have no trouble identifying it well before the sky has fully darkened.

Venus is now at its brightest, a brilliant diamond unrivalled in the night sky. But don't wait to look for it, the planet sets two hours after darkness falls.

No restrictions apply to observations of the night sky's brightest star, Sirius. Any time after dark, Sirius is the brightest object in the southeastern sector of the sky. It climbs higher as evening advances.

Although Sirius is 27 times more luminous than the sun, it is half a million times farther away. Sirius is the nearest star easily visible to the unaided eye from Canada. Venus and Sirius are the most dramatic examples of what I call astronomical UFOs (a celestial object with some visual characteristics that might make it seem to be nearby).

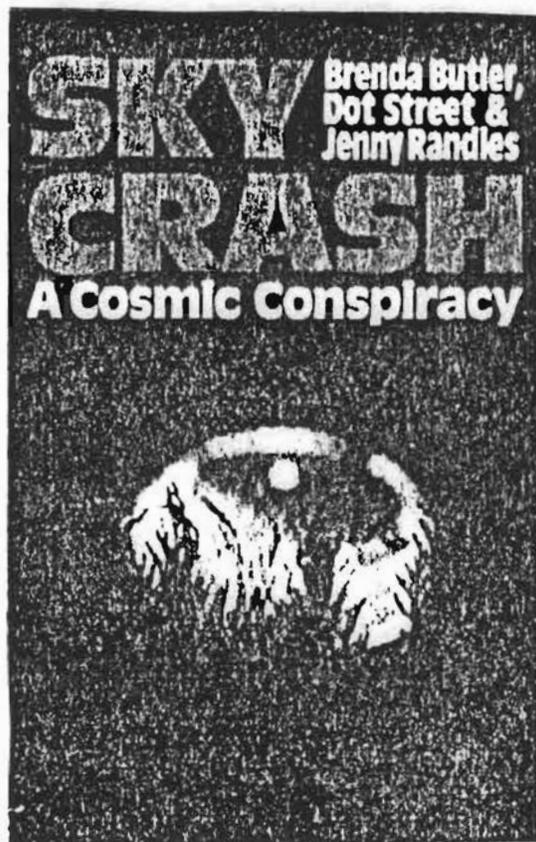
When close to the horizon, as they are at times this month, both Venus and Sirius change color, flashing erratically from white to orange, red, blue or green in what is often an eye-catching display. At such times, these two brilliant objects appear to hover just beyond the trees or houses on the horizon.

Actually, both objects are brilliant white; it's our atmosphere that generates both the color and flashing, and the human mind that invents the hovering impression.

Venus has been reported as a UFO thousands of times. I know a television anchor man, a university professor, several police officers and a newspaper reporter who were all fooled the same night by Venus' antics. It is probably the number one culprit, with Sirius following close behind.

From the Toronto Star,
Sat., Feb. 9, 1985.

Terence Dickinson is a
former CUFORN member.



Above is the cover of one of the most important books ever written about UFOs, Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy, by Brenda Butler, Dot Street, and Jenny Randles, all of England.

The book chronicles the events of December 27 and 29/30, 1980 in the Rendlesham Forest area, near Woodbridge Airbase, an American facility in Suffolk.

Reportedly, a lengthy conversation of some sort occurred between Lt. Col. Charles Halt, the base's deputy commander, a small number of his men, and a few humanoids who hung suspended in a shaft of light beneath a landed UFO in the forest on those evenings. CAUS's latest bulletin, Just Cause reported that it has obtained a copy of the tape recording of part of the encounter. CAUS says it hopes to publish a transcript of the tape soon. The book is a 1984 one.

The case was also reported in the East Anglian Daily Times in England and on Cable Network News in the U.S. The book is a must for