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## UFO'S AIM SPOTLIGHTS AT WELLAND CANAL

by Del McIntee

'There were three of them. They were no more than a hundred feet above the ground, and there was a bright beam of light coming from each toward the ground and the canal,' according to Elmer Carnes of Port Robinson, Ontario.

In 1976, both my uncle Elmer and my grandfather, the late Delmer McIntee observed three UFO's there on a pleasant autumn evening between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. It is possible that the event may worth researching to see if other historical data provide any significant corroboration.

I still find myself fascinated by this story of a completely unrecorded event by two men I trust very much. Their observation came just two days after I myself noticed a flying object (saucer-shaped) over a field near our home.. I was 19 at the time and literally glanced by accident in the UFO's direction. This is something which I will and can never forget. Both these events occurred in the Niagara Peninsula of southern Ontario.

My relatives' sighting involved the objects heading toward their home near the Welland Canal in Port Robinson, Ontario.. They displayed high beams of light which lit up everything below. They flew right over both the old and new canals., and hovered there for a short time.

What was also interesting to both of them was the departure of the objects toward Toronto. They also recalled that, within an hour after the objects left, there apparently was a power blackout in Toronto. Since none of us recall the exact date, it is going to be hard to check on other possible observers.

As for the power blackout, they heard on the news that something threw a breaker switch, resulting in the city being "blacked out.."

Both my grandfather and uncle believed that these objects did not belong to us. There was no noise at all and their finesse in the air was astonishing. I sometimes heard my grandfather recollect "I wish we had something like that, but I don't think we do."

The original story was told to my father just a few days after I told him of what I had seen over the valley near our home. He was open-minded to the entire issue, but felt that it supported the notion that something beyond all of us may be making itself apparent. Their story helped me.

The only possible difference between their sighting and mine was that theirs occurred more toward evening and the objects may have been more elongated compared to the saucer-shaped craft I noticed. In both cases, there was no sound. They saw lights beaming down, whereas I saw none.

The event was never recorded, but I would like to know if there is other evidence of this sighting anywhere else. By the way, on the day of my sighting, there was one over Niagara Falls, as reported in the Niagara Falls Review newspaper.

In that year, 1976, the Welland Canal was undergoing expansion. It was part of a major St. Lawrence Seaway project and lasted a few years. The old canal was drained and was just beginning to be used for recreational purposes. To those of us growing up in the Peninsula, it was amazing to watch such a wonder of engineering. I still find it interesting that someone else was watching as well.

## **BRIGHT LIGHT RELEASES BALLS OF LIGHT, THEN DRAWS THEM BACK IN**

by Ian Harper

In the summer of '94, my cousin and her friend and his three sons came to Canada for a holiday from the Shetland Islands of northern Scotland. My cousin, knowing of my interest in UFO's, asked the oldest of the three boys (aged 10), "C", to tell me about what he had seen one night in the winter of '91-92. It should be noted that at this time of year, it is dark a large part of the day because of the position of the Shetlands in the Northern Hemisphere.

"C" had gone to an evening school function. After the function, about 50 children from the Mossbank area were playing on an icy hill. At some point, the children noticed a bright light moving in the sky. It came from the north and moved over Mossbank Bay. The object moved slowly around the Bay and then hovered. The object shone a bright light into the water in one area of the Bay. Then the object moved out of the Bay only to return seconds later. It repeated this three times. "C" told me he thought it was looking for something. The object then moved toward the children, flew over them and then came hurtling toward the ground behind the hill where the kids were playing. The children scattered and ran home, thinking it had crashed into the hill.

The parents of the children, after hearing what had just happened, phoned the police and coast guard. The police and coast guard said nothing had crashed and that they had been flooded with calls from all over the main island plus two islands to the north, Yell and Unst. I asked "C" if it could have been a plane or helicopter. He said 'no' because it came so close to them. He could see it very clearly.

After "C" had told me of his encounter, I showed him six photos of UFO's, three of which I knew were fakes, and asked him "which one did it look like?" The one he picked was a poorer quality shot of the objects photographed over and around Gulf Breeze, Florida. Except, he said, "it had a pointed thing sticking out the top

of it."

A short time after, I was talking to my uncle on the phone. I asked him about the incident. He said some of his co-workers at the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal had seen something. They dismissed the ideas that it was a plane or helicopter. They had never seen an aircraft spit out balls of light and then suck them back again.

In March and April of 1995, I went to the Shetlands to visit my family. I hope to give CUFORN more information about this incident in the near future. (Editor's note; Information from Ian Harper is hard to get as he works during the evening and your editor during the day. We will attempt to have him give any future stories to one of our members who is available during the day.

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## **UFO SIGHTING REPORTED IN METRO**

from the Toronto Sun, June 10, 1995

People between Metro (Toronto) and Kingston (Ontario) reported seeing an unidentified flying object last night.

Officials at Pearson Airport's control tower said they received calls from residents who saw a white light darting across the sky about 9:50 p.m. Two callers to the Toronto Sun saw a bright green light flash across the sky.

Krishton Little and Deyberth Rivera of Scarborough said the light was moving up and down rapidly.

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## **WHITE LIGHT "ZIG-ZAGS" OVER TORONTO**

by Lawrence J. Fenwick

CUFORN member Rob DeLuca and his friend John saw a bright white light "zig-zag" across the night sky in Toronto in the early morning hours of June 23, 1995.

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It was 2:15 a.m. when Rob saw the light move westward over Caledonia Road in the city's west end. He said the edges of the light were sharp. It was silent. He immediately phoned his friend to go outside and look at it. John was farther west on Jane Street near Eglinton Avenue West. Both reported the same details, noting that it seemed very high up. Rob called me at 6 p.m. that day to report it. The total duration of the sighting, he said, was about 30 seconds. No other reports were received. Note that this report is similar to the June 10/95 report mentioned in the Toronto Sun.

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### CANADIAN TV NETWORK SHOWS STILL PHOTO FROM PURPORTED ALIEN AUTOPSY

by Lawrence J. Fenwick

On Friday, July 21, 1995, the CTV Television Network also known as BBS in Canada showed a brief photo of a supposed alien body from a film made in 1947 . The reader of the news item, smilingly said this was from the Roswell ,New Mexico UFO crash of July ,1947.

It was so obvious that this was not an alien body that one could hardly refrain from laughing at what was shown if it were not for the fact that someone dug up a cadaver of a human woman who was deformed or was made to appear slightly strange. Oddly enough, anonymous reports in fringe UFO journals in the U.S. have recently stated that famous film producer Stephen Spielberg has bought the autopsy film for use in a documentary about the Roswell incident. So much for rumours.

I doubt that Spielberg would have been deceived by such a phony set-up. The same goes for the

American TV show "Encounters", which reportedly has purchased a copy of the film for \$150,000 with a view to putting it on TV later in 1995. But let's keep an open mind on it until all the facts are in.

**NOTE THE ORDER FORM FOR PURPORTED ROSWELL ALIEN AUTOPSY VIED IN THIS ISSUE. THIS IS IN BLACK AND WHITE .ANYTHING THIS IMPORTANT WOULD HAVE BEEN FILMED IN COLOR.**  
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**NEWS FROM THE INTERNET**

### THE UFO GUIDE

by Nick Humphries, February, 1994

Nick is based in the United Kingdom (England to some people)

Kenneth Arnold; His-second sighting received less coverage . On July 29, 1947, he saw around 20 to 25 brass-coloured objects come to within 400 yards of his plane as he flew over the La Grande valley..

LAZAR, ROBERT SCOTT; Robert Lazar is a scientist with two masters degrees, one in physics, the other in electronics. He wrote his thesis on magnetohydrodynamics(MHD). He has worked in Los Alamos as a technician and then as a physicist in the Polarized Proton Section dealing with particle accelerators. In his spare time, he has built a jet powered car and a jet powered motorbike(max.speed 350 mph), as well as a car capable of running off hydrogen. In March 1989, Lazar appeared on KLAS-TV in the U.S. (Las Vegas) claiming to have worked in an above Top Secret installation known as S-4, ten miles south of Area 51 in the Nevada desert. He was a scientist who was employed between December, 1988 and April, 1989 to examine a captured flying saucer to try and reverse engineer the saucer's propulsion mechanism. He claims that there were nine different saucers at S-4, although he was only working on one of them. He was told that the crafts used a propulsion system that uses gravity waves, a theory that mainstream science hasn't discovered yet (scientists don't know what gravity actually is, there are many theories, but

there hasn't been one that is universally accepted yet) and the energy needed is supplied by irradiating Element 115, an element not found on Earth and which cannot be synthesized. A kilogram of the element releases the same amount of energy as 47 10-megaton hydrogen bombs. He says that he had 500 pounds (227.27 kg) of the element to work with, but each craft only needed 223 grams of the element. Whilst working on one of the craft, he was allowed to actually go inside the craft and he was also present at a test flight in which the craft underwent a few simple manoeuvres in the air. When he went public in March, 1989, he appeared on U.S. TV in shadow with his voice altered, under the pseudonym "Dennis", an inside joke since his boss at S-4 was Dennis Mariani, in an attempt to remain anonymous. On 29/3/89 he took three of his friends, one of them John Lear, to the edge of S-4 to observe any UFO test flights through a telescope. They saw (and filmed) a bright light rise in a step manoeuvre, that is, it would hover in the air, briefly disappear and reappear a few feet higher, and then the light went down in the same way. When they went again the following week on 6/4/89, they were caught by a security guard. Their ID details were recorded on a computer in Area 51 and they were ordered to leave the area, despite it being public land. They did leave and the following day Lazar was ordered to go to Area 51 for a meeting with some security guards and an FBI agent. It was then that he resigned and left. After he was fired at whilst travelling on an Interstate highway, he decided that he'd better go public on TV under his own name, the theory being that if anyone kills him after going completely public, then that action would prove that he was telling the truth. He went on TV to tell the full story in November, 1989 and his story has (to my knowledge) remained consistent since then.

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**COMMENTARY ON THE  
CARP, ONTARIO OR  
GUARDIAN CASE**

by Bob Oechsler

Perhaps it is human nature to be stubbornly skeptical when we are confronted with

confounding evidence that appears to rebel against our patented notions of reality; but, the guardians of the UFO press seem to me to be biased, incompetent and unethical when articles are sent to publication without the slightest concern for integrity or accuracy. Ad hominem attacks get published without fear of retribution purely for what seems sensationalist controversy. It is indeed no wonder that few competent experts ever venture for long in the UFO mystery.

Since I have already responded to many of the false statements offered by the debunkers from Canada, my focus will be limited here to just a few points of discussion. For example, I often have wondered why none of the magazine and newsletter editors ever bothered to question why the primary debunker, Tom Theofanous, left CUFORN to join the MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network) Ontario organization. The facts of the matter are well known at CUFORN where Theofanous became more of a liability than an asset when his debunking activities and insensitivities to witnesses convinced the directors to decline sending him a membership renewal. His lack of consideration for protocol and privacy with respect to witnesses in the Guardian investigation reflects that decision by CUFORN Directors.

As evidenced of his incompetency, Theofanous and his alleged supporters couldn't even get the date right regarding his initial visit to the area where the Guardian claims emanated. The purpose of investigation is to uncover facts and present findings where appropriate. Conclusions are rare in such investigations, especially indictable conclusions such as hoax allegations. The evidence for the conclusions offered by Theofanous fall far short of the indictments claimed. The investigation timetable that I conducted points clearly toward personal vindictiveness and petty jealousy on the part of Theofanous who appeared for but one day of field investigation and departed without interest before the Guardian video landing site was discovered. He failed to return to the area for more than one year and that occurred only when his interest was piqued by the airing of NBC'S "Unsolved Mysteries". He missed his shot at investigating what was to become a significant

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case in UFO investigations. Reminds me of a termite climbing aboard a wooden ship with obvious objectives and inevitable results.

Graham Lightfoot's complete reversal of apparent opinion has somewhat different roots which again have nothing to do with the facts of the case and investigation. He has been acclaimed by the debunker contingency with terms like "typical thoroughness" and "pinpoint" accuracy. Nothing could be farther from the truth when compared to the facts. He got the wrong swamp in his first investigation of the area, and his misinterpretation of David West's remarks during production shooting about UFO books at the witness' residence was completely inaccurate. Those issues pale in comparison to his inappropriate behaviour with witnesses and his less than ethical conduct in the investigation of a Guardian suspect.

The Guardian case did not make me a high profile investigator as claimed by Theofanous, et al. My credentials in research and investigation in the UFO field were established years before the Guardian material began to surface. In fact, had I not previously established a level of competence in the field, it is doubtful that Guardian would have seen fit to send me the videotape and related material or even would have known of my existence. Nonetheless, my investigation into the Guardian Case is not yet complete. Rumors of my work on a book regarding the case are true and go far beyond the scope of these trite rumblings from debunkers without ethics. That work, when published, will provide a more critical insight into the investigation and UFO research in general.

Misinterpretation and innuendo aside, the Guardian Case gives us a glimpse of the intriguing events going on in the public domain and how they manage to polarize us around stubborn views of our own concepts of reality. The issues of secrecy and other worldly interference in our lives seem trivial in comparison to our human methods of indiscretion. These unfortunate characteristics serve only to limit the pace of our own evolution. Will we ever get the skunks off the windshield?

## CLINICAL DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN EXPECTED AND OBSERVED DATA IN PATIENTS REPORTING UFO ABDUCTIONS:IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT

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ABSTRACT:IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PAPER MAKES NO ATTEMPT TO ASSIGN OR WITHHOLD EXTERNAL VALIDITY RELATIVE TO UFO ABDUCTION SCENARIOS

From the Internet Feb.9, 1993

Patients who believe themselves to be UFO abductees are a heterogeneous group widely dispersed along demographic and cultural lines. Careful examination of these patients and their abduction reports presents four areas of significant discrepancy between expected and observed data. Implications for the treatment of patients presenting UFO abduction scenarios are discussed.

### INTRODUCTION

If a patient were to confide to a therapist that he had been abducted by aliens who took him aboard a UFO and performed a series of medical procedures and examinations on him it is not likely that the patient would find either a receptive ear or a respectful and non-judgemental response from the therapist. The material presented would lie so far outside the confines of our personal and cultural belief system that it would seem intolerably anomalous to most of us. We would probably dismiss or repudiate it using a few comfortable and familiar assumptions which hold so much obvious wisdom that they do not require specific examination.

When events which are too anomalous to allow their incorporation into our world schema are presented to us, we are likely to dismiss them. By using assumptions based on our

currently operative world view. (Editor's note: a short section here is missing)

## AREAS OF DISCREPANCY

**I. ABSENCE OF MAJOR PSYCHOPATHOLOGY:** It is intuitively seductive (and perhaps comfortable) for us to assume that psychotic-level functioning will necessarily be present in a person claiming to be a UFO abductee. If this level of distortion and delusion is present, a patient would be expected to demonstrate some other evidence of reality distortion. Pathology of this magnitude would not be predicted to be present in a well integrated, mature and non-psychotic individual. Instead, we would expect clinical and psychometric tools to reveal serious problems in numerous areas both inter- and interpersonally. It would be highly surprising if otherwise well-functioning persons were to demonstrate a single area of floridly psychotic distortion. Further, if this single idea fix were totally circumscribed, non-invasive and discrete, that in itself would be highly anomalous. Well-developed, fixed delusional states with numerous elaborated and sequential components are not seen in otherwise healthy individuals. Prominent evidence of deep dysfunction would be expected to pervade many areas of the patient's life. One would predict that if the abduction experience were the product of delusional or other psychotic states, it would be impossible to detect such evidence through the clinical and psychometrical tools available to us.

This points to the first important discrepancy: individuals claiming alien abduction frequently show no evidence of past or present psychosis, delusional thinking, reality-testing deficits, hallucinations or other significant psychopathology despite extensive clinical evaluation. Instead, there is a conspicuous absence of psychopathology of the magnitude necessary to account for the production of floridly delusional and presumably psychotic material.

In order to test this startling and anomalous information, a group of subjects who believe they have been abducted by aliens (9--5 male, 4 female) were asked to participate in a

psychometric evaluation. An experienced clinical psychologist carried out an investigation using projection tests (Rorschach, TAT, Draw a Person and the MMPI) and the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale. The examining clinician was told "the subjects were being evaluated to determine similarities and differences in personality structure, as well as psychological strengths and weaknesses". All of the subjects actively refrained from sharing UFO-related experiences with the examiner and she was unaware of this theme in their lives.

The investigator found that commonalities were not strongly present and that; "while the subjects are quite heterogeneous in their personality styles, there is a modicum of homogeneity in several respects;(1)relatively high intelligence with concomitant richness of inner life(2)relative weakness in the sense of identity, especially sexual identity; (3)concomitant vulnerability in the interpersonal realm;(4)a certain orientation towards alertness which is manifest alternately in a certain perceptual sophistication and awareness or in inter-personal hyper-vigilance and caution...perhaps the most obvious and prominent impression left by the nine subjects is the range of personality styles they present..There is little to unite them as a group from the standpoint of the overt manifestations of their personalities...They (are) very distinctive unusual and interesting subjects.(But)"Along with above average intelligence, richness in mental life, and indications of narcissistic identity disturbance, the nine subjects also share some degree of impairment in personal relationships. For (some) subjects, problems in intimacy are manifest more in great sensitivity to injury and loss than in lack of intimacy and relatedness. (Ad)"..The last salient dimension of impairment in the interpersonal realm relates to a certain mildly paranoid and disturbing streak in many of the subjects, which renders them very wary and cautious about involving themselves with others. It is significant that all but one of the subjects had modest elevations on the MMPI paranoia scale relative to their other scores. Such modest elevations mean that we are not dealing with blatant paranoid symptomology but rather over-sensitivity, defensiveness and fear of criticism and susceptibility to feeling pressured. To summarize, while this is a heterogeneous group in terms of overt personality style, it can

be said that most of its members share being rather unusual and very interesting. They also share brighter than average intelligence and a certain richness of inner life that can operate favourably in terms of creativity or disadvantageously to the extent that it can be overwhelming. Shared underlying emotional factors include a degree of identity disturbances, some deficits in the interpersonal sphere, and generally mild paranoia phenomena (hypersensitivity, wariness, etc.)"(3)

Her findings demonstrate a uniform lack of the significant psychopathology which would be necessary to account for these experiences if abduction experiences do represent the psychotic or delusional states predicted by current theory.

When the examiner was informed of the true reason for the selection of the subjects for this evaluation (i.e., their shared belief that they had been exposed to alien abductions), she wrote an addendum to the original report re-examining the findings of the testing in the light of the new data. In it, she states: "The first and most critical question is whether our subjects' reported experiences could be accounted for strictly on the basis of psychopathy, i.e. mental disorder. The answer is a firm no.

In broad terms, if the reported abductions were confabulated fantasy productions, based on what we know about psychological disorders, they could only have come from pathological liars, paranoid schizophrenics, and severely disturbed and extraordinarily rare hysteroid characters subject to fugue states and/or multiple personality shifts...It is important to note that not one of the subjects, based on test data., falls into any of these categories. Therefore, while testing can do nothing to prove the veracity of the UFO abduction reports, one can conclude that the test findings are not inconsistent with the possibility that reported UFO abductions have, in fact, occurred. In other words, there is no apparent psychological explanation for their reports."(4)

#### CONCORDANCE OF REPORTED DATA

The second point of intriguing discrepancy follows from this surprising absence of evidence of a common thread of severe and reality-distorting psychopathology to account for the patient's bizarre assertions. They claim that they

have been abducted, sometimes repeatedly over nearly the whole course of their lives, by aliens who have communicated with them and carried out procedures much like medical examinations.. Persons reporting these experiences are seen to be psycho-dynamically varied. They are also demographically varied. Reports of this basic scenario, numbering in the hundreds, have now been recorded. Even though the reporters range from individuals as diverse as a mestizo Brazilian farmer(5), an American corporate lawyer (6), and a Midwestern minister (7), there is a perplexing and intriguing concordance of features in these reports.

Certain details of the scenarios repeat themselves with disturbing regularity no matter what the educational, national, social, experiential or other demographic characteristics of the reporter. In the production of dreams, reveries, poetry, fantasies and psychotic states, while the general themes of concern may be identified easily between individuals, the specific symbolization, concretion, abstraction and representation of those themes is relatively idiosyncratic for each individual. This, of course, necessitates careful empathic and attentive listening on the clinician's part to gather both the general flavour and specific meaning of the elements of the fantasy state. This careful listening often means that a personal symbolic representational system can be unravelled and its contents can be rendered less mysterious to the patient. In the abduction scenarios, however, both specific details and themes repeat themselves with surprising regularity.

In general, the appearance and modus operandi of the aliens, their effect and procedures, their tools and interests, their crafts and physical features all tally from report to report with a high rate of concordance.(8,9,10). This intriguingly fact seems impervious to the socio-economic, educational, national, or cultural background of the abductee. Similarly, whether the individual has had previous contact with the literature of abduction seems to make little difference in this vein since the reports of individuals who can be shown to have had no exposure to abduction literature also contains these common features. Skilled practitioners and investigators report in these cases that they are

convinced that each of these subjects was being wholly truthful in his/her report.

The concordance of both content and event in these reports makes them unlike any other fantasy-generated material with which I am familiar. Indeed, investigators like Hopkins and others claim they have intentionally withheld dissemination of certain important, frequently reported aspects of the abduction scenarios in order to provide a "check" on the material being presented to them by individuals who may have had access to this literature since abductees may have been influenced at either the conscious or the unconscious level by it. In these cases as well, the features which have previously been published as well as those withheld are both produced by the abductee(11). In instances in which the patient has read some of the abductee literature, this previously withheld material may be offered to the investigator with a sense of personal invalidation, apology and embarrassment. He often expresses concern that this information is less likely to be believed than the other material with which he is already familiar. (12)

Jung and others have written widely about the use of archetypes and the collective awareness of themes and images which are asserted to present themselves in a world-wide and multi-personal way. The amount of individual variation and creative latitude demonstrated within the closed system of archetypes and collected creativity is vast. Those who pose such universals detect their presence in the complex and highly idiosyncratic presentations and guises which they are given by the unconscious mind of the patient and the artist.

This disguise is idiosyncratic, they hold, precisely because a set of available images is being used to work and rework the personal realities of the individual against the background of the collective. But the abductee does not seem to be involved in the reworking of personal mythologies against the canvas of the race's mythology. The details and contents of the scenarios seem, upon extensive investigation, to bear little thematic relevance to the issues inherent in the life of the abductee. Intensive follow-up investigation frequently yields no

thematic, archetypical scenarios., effectively precludes an open evaluation of the anomaly. Hence, the "expressible" response of most clinical and lay individuals upon hearing a UFO abduction account would be an immediate dismissal of even the possibility that such an episode might occur. Close upon the heels of that determination the rapid and complete pathologization of the person offering such an account would follow.

Dream states, suggestibility, poor reality testing, outright dissembling or frank psychosis are customarily offered and accepted as evident and reasonable organizing models by which the production of this material may be understood. These are typical maneuvers by which the presentation of information which challenges schematic assumptions is dismissed or screened out before the assumptions can be adequately tested for predictive reliability and accuracy. Such testing is highly desirable, however, because it offers us the opportunity to apply the scientific method to our current level of theoretical sophistication and therefore refine our understanding of reality further still. Of course, this process is severely impeded when the new data is excluded from consideration strictly because it is too anomalous for assessment.

Westrum has offered a model by which events become "hidden" and therefore remain anomalous to the perception of society in a circular process: the hidden event is disbelieved and its disbelief helps to keep it hidden. Citing the lengthy period during which battered children and their battering parents. remained hidden, Westrum states "An event is hidden if its occurrence is so implausible that those who observe it hesitate to report it because they do not expect to be believed.

The implausibility may cause the observer to doubt his own perceptions, leading to the event's denial or misidentification. Should the observer nonetheless make a report, he/she can expect to be treated with incredulity or even ridicule. Since the existence of a hidden event is contrary to what science, society, and perhaps even the observer believes, the event remains hidden because of strong social forces which interfere

with reporting. The actual degree of underreporting is sometimes difficult to believe, a scepticism which itself acts as a deterrent to taking seriously those reports which do surface." (1)

But for the clinician who spends a moment before reaching these "obvious" and "intuitive" conclusions, several conclusions, several fascinating and potentially productive questions present themselves. If we refrain for a short period from dismissing this material out-of-hand, we find that there are at least four areas of puzzling and important discrepancy between our intuitive sense of order and the data presented by the patient. These discrepancies force us to re-examine our assumptions in light of a demonstrated failure of the theory to account for the observed phenomena. This process, while taxing and challenging, is nonetheless, the way we systemize our understanding of human health and pathology. Noting the previously un-noted and using it to refine our conceptual framework leads to better prediction and therefore to better treatment.

It is not the purpose of this paper to ascribe relative reality to the experience of abduction reported by some patients. Rather, precisely because it lies outside the realm of clinical expertise to assess with certainty whether these events actually occurred or if they are mere fantasy, it is mandatory for the clinician to examine the impact of these experiences, whatever their source, upon the patient. This must be done in a clear sighted and open-minded fashion so that the impact of the experiences may be dealt with rather than made into hidden events.

## HALF OF U.S. ADULTS THINK UFOs REAL, SURVEY FINDS

### Majority believe government hiding truth about extraterrestrial beings, poll shows

Scripps Howard News Service

If half of the adults in the United States believe that flying saucers could be real and that the government is covering up what it knows about extraterrestrial beings.

And, no, they are not kidding.

Neither is the General Accounting Office, which at the request of a member of Congress is scheduled this month to release a report on whether the U.S. Air Force has withheld documents about the internationally famous allegation that an unidentified flying object crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

A national survey of 1,006 adults conducted last month by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University found that the growing mistrust of government and Hollywood's routine television and film portrayal of space aliens have combined in a remarkable way. Many Americans say it is possible that the government does not want the world to know that Martians, or Vulcans, or E.T., may really exist.

"This really is nothing new," said UFO enthusiast Larry Bryant, a retired Pentagon spokesman for the army's office of public affairs.

For more than 20 years, he said, the Gallup Poll has consistently found that about half of Americans say they believe UFOs are "something real" rather than something from people's imagination.

"Hollywood's popularizing of mysteries has certainly played a role in raising consciousness about what the government knows about the UFO reality," Mr. Bryant said.

The notion that the U.S. government has clandestine knowledge about alien beings was a central theme in some of the most commercially successful films of all time, including *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* and *Starman*. It also is a common theme on the popular television series *The X-Files*.

Participants in the survey were read the following: "Some Americans feel that flying saucers are real and that the federal government is hiding the truth about them from us. Do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely?"

Only 43 per cent said they believe this is unlikely. Another 19 per cent said they believe a UFO cover-up is very likely, 31 per cent said it is somewhat likely and 7 per cent were uncertain.

The poll found belief in such a government conspiracy varies considerably according to age. A slight majority of people who grew up in the TV era say they believe in it, while an overwhelming majority of their parents' generation do not.

The poll found that well-educated people were less likely to believe in UFOs than were adults who had only a high-school educa-

tion. But there are people from every educational and economic group who do believe.

However, scientists and professional sky watchers remain skeptical.

"We do have several projects related to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence," said James Cornell, spokesman for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass.

"But in all our years of searching the skies, we have never picked up any indication of extraterrestrial vehicles. And believe me, any astronomer would love to be able to report that he saw a flying saucer land in his backyard."

Professional pilots, however, are less unified on the question.

"A poll of pilots on this would probably end up the same way as

the poll of the general public," said Manton Fain, a 40-year veteran airline pilot living in Dallas. "About half of them believe in UFOs."

"I've never seen a UFO, but I have known pilots who have. They said they've seen lights that were moving too fast or turning too sharp, things like that."

A group called Operation Right to Know is preparing a petition to the United Nations calling for "disclosure of all officially maintained UFO secrets" worldwide.

"All we are really doing is asking journalists and scientists to simply investigate the matter on their own," said Mike Jamieson of Napa, Calif., one of the group's founders. "These events are all too often pegged as something that is not credible."

Members of his group are particularly interested in the disclosure of air-force documents from the supposed New Mexico crash site.

They won support from New Mexico Republican Representative Steve Schiff, who has asked the GAO to make a study of "records-management procedures dealing with weather balloons, unknown aircraft and similar crash incidents."

For years, the air force maintained that the device that fell or crashed at Roswell was a weather balloon. Last year, the Pentagon released a report in response to the GAO investigation that said the crash was actually part of a secret intelligence-gathering program called Project Mogul. That report also reviewed the history of UFO-government conspiracy theories.

"My question about the air-force report is whether it provides a complete accounting of all records dealing with the Roswell incident, regardless of their content," Mr. Schiff said.

He bristles at Pentagon hints that he is hunting Martians. "At no time did I or the GAO state that my intent was to search for UFOs."

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**John Mack**, M.D., "Alien Abductions—An International Perspective" (John is an eminent Harvard psychiatrist and author of the controversial book Abduction.)

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