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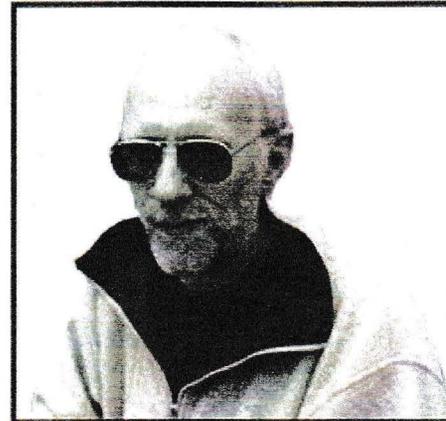
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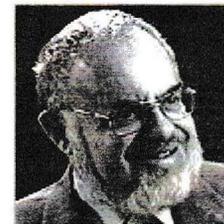


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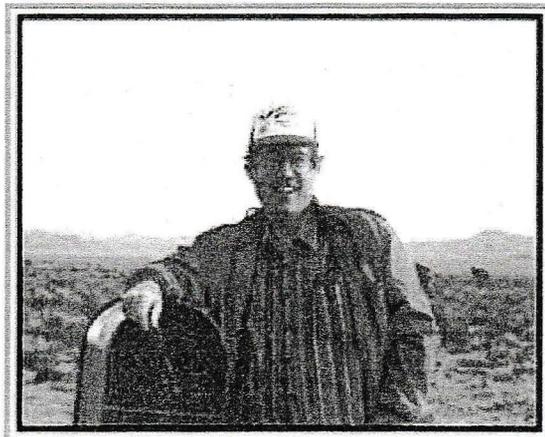
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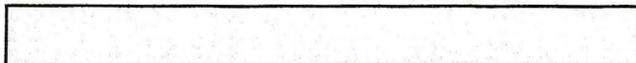
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Abstract: In the last few years the scientific pursuit of extraterrestrial life and extraterrestrial intelligence as embodied in the fields of SETI and Astrobiology share common interests with some of the concerns addressed in UFO and alien abduction studies. New findings in planetary science as well as new findings and theories in biology have a bearing on UFO studies and a convergence of knowledge is indicated by all of these studies. This paper explores the new perspectives offered by these findings and theories and their relevance toward resolving the mystery of UFO origins.

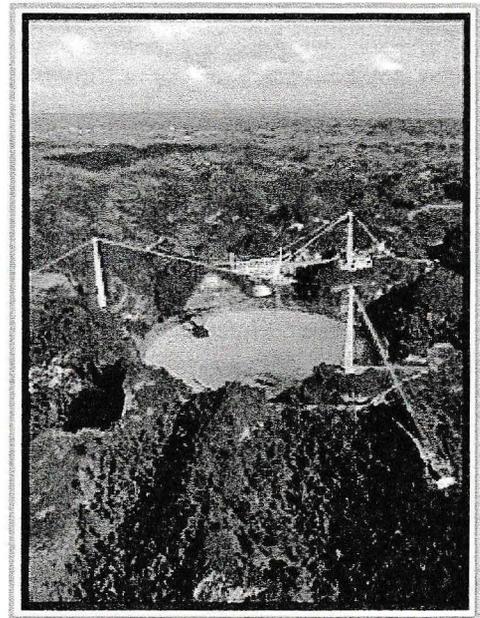
Introduction:

Life on other planets in our galaxy and beyond has long been the object of speculation both in science and science fiction writings for over a century. John Wilkens, the Founder of the Royal Society in England was one of the first to write about other inhabited worlds. In 1638 Wilkens published his first book, which shows his interest in astronomy. He believed that the Moon is a habitable planet and predicts that one-day space travel to the Moon will be possible (1). He was but the first in a long list of writers who speculated about finding life on other worlds and had the foresight to predict future space travel.

The SETI Perspective



SETI Institute At Arecibo



Project Phoenix Targeted Search System (TSS) returned to the world's largest telescope after an eventful six years. In 1992, when the SETI Institute was last observing in Puerto Rico.

Cornell physicists Giuseppe Cocconi and Philip Morrison published an article in Nature in 1959 proposing the potential for using microwave radio to communicate between the stars. Young radio astronomer, Frank Drake, had reached the same conclusion on his own, and in the spring of 1960 aimed an 85-foot West Virginia antenna in the direction of two sun-like stars. Drake and other SETI scientists tune their radio receivers to a wavelength of 21 centimeters (1,420 MHz), which is the resonant frequency of atomic hydrogen and is affectionately called the "water hole". This is the wavelength that might be most easily detected in the great ocean of interstellar space, and thus, reasoned Drake, the one most likely to be used by extraterrestrials who had advanced to the stage of radio technology and sending signals outward to other planets. Drake's project was called Ozma, a take on the Wizard of Oz.

The former Soviet Union got involved with SETI projects in the 1960s and NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California began to consider enhanced technology to improve the search for ET's signals. This study was known as Project Cyclops.

Generally speaking, SETI scientists subscribe to the proposition espoused by physicists that faster-than-light travel is not possible, that the gulf separating worlds in light years is too large to be bridged by spacecraft,

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and that the fastest signals we know of, the modulation of electromagnetic radiation such as radio waves which travel at 186,282 mps will take years to reach us from their distant source so that we could only receive evidence of intelligent beings that once existed as some specified time of our past.

This limitation on transport speed to the velocity of light has led SETI scientists to the belief that the only contact we will have with intelligent Extraterrestrials is through the medium of radio. As a consequence of this belief, SETI scientists are ill disposed to consider the UFO evidence as evidence of alien spacecraft and alien visitation to earth. Also, it is baffling to them as it is to all of us, why the aliens would visit our earth and not make their presence widely known through a public display or landing in front of the White House (despite over flight restrictions in our own laws).

After years of study, NASA decided on targeting 1,000 Sun-like stars in a targeted search that would be capable of detecting weak or sporadic signals. In 1992 the NASA program began on the much-heralded 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World. Within a year, no doubt considering it a wasteful expenditure of funds, Congress terminated funding for NASA's new project.

A privately funded effort called Project Phoenix took up NASA's strategy and continues this effort to the present day (2).

In a new twist on this search the Planetary Society in the US has funded projects in California and Massachusetts to look for short pulses of light from nearby stars similar to the Sun, as well as from globular clusters and galaxies. A third project will examine existing data from telescopes for steady, narrow-band signals. These two types of signal might be visible if extraterrestrials were pointing powerful lasers in our direction. It is the assumption of SETI that ET will broadcast radio signals or transmit information via powerful lasers from one planet to another. Most SETI scientists think it is more likely that we will make contact with ET through radio than to expect ET to land near Devil's Tower.

An active SETI program would involve sending signals toward target stars instead of passively searching for signals. Physicists have announced such a project and designed a message to be broadcast in the direction of nearby stars in order to search for extra-terrestrial intelligence. This is the first time in a quarter of a century that such a cosmic call will be attempted. This experiment is promoted by the Encounter 2001 project, an international space flight project to send messages and human artifacts into deep space by 2004.

The complete message is about 400,000 bits long and will

be transmitted three times over a 3-hour period in the direction of the four selected stars. Then, it will be followed by a series of greetings from people around the world. The transmission started on March 15 1999. This message is much larger in size, duration and scope than the one sent by Frank Drake on November 16th, 1974 from the Arecibo observatory, which consisted of only 1,679 bits sent over a 3-minute duration.

A sea of backyard satellite dishes stretching across an area the size of several football fields will be the latest attempt to listen for life on other planets, the Redding Record Searchlight reported early last year. The search, popularized by the movie "Contact," is usually done with massive satellite dishes, but this project will use the unique configuration of about 750 dishes in a remote Northern California valley.

Another means of establishing ETI contact is a suggestion for using the elusive neutrino. On earth, neutrino communications have lagged radio communications by about 100 years, during which time our ability to send and receive radio signals has increased drastically. We can hope for similar improvements in neutrino communications in the next decades. The suggestion is that the transmission of modulated neutrino signals would be a sign of an extraterrestrial civilization. We have not yet built neutrino receivers that could demodulate such signals, but it may be another means worth exploring.

Even the Internet is being used to allow the wired public to participate in the sending of messages to anxiously awaiting ETs. The Alien Contact Network found at www.alien-contact.net will capture your short typed message and transmit it into space for you. SETI@home is a grand experiment that harnesses the spare power of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers in the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI). With SETI@home, computer users from around the world will participate in a major scientific experiment. Each participant will have the slight but captivating possibility that his or her computer will detect the faint murmur of a civilization beyond Earth. [SETI@home](http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/) can be found at this website.

<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/> and has translations in several languages.

The SETI scientists are trying something new they call optical SETI or OSETI, which will search the heavens for laser signals sent by a planetary civilization or spacecraft signaling other stations.

The optical spectrum covers wavelengths from far infrared to ultraviolet.

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OSETI's magical optical wavelength is 10.6 microns, the wavelength for a CO2 laser.

This last effort is something I will discuss further as it relates to making contact with UFO entities.

All efforts to detect extraterrestrial radio signals to date have not been successful with a possible exception of the "WOW" signal event that occurred on August 15, 1977 at the Ohio State Radio Observatory. Dr. Jerry Ehman wrote the word "Wow!" in the margin of the computer printout. No duplication of this event has ever been recorded.

Despite the promise, SETI has not delivered and has even been considered a waste of money. Politicians as well as members of the technical community have criticized SETI as a waste of time and money that could be better spent on other scientific projects. [1]

Though a growing number of extra-solar planets have been detected giving encouragement to the probability of extraterrestrial life and intelligence, and the public has never waned in its interest, the political climate for expenditure of funds is still very cool. SETI scientists do not collaborate with scientists and researchers engaged in UFO studies though they may have much valuable knowledge and thinking to contribute including various contact scenarios. Some UFO researchers also feel that SETI may be a waste of time and money when there are UFO reports that may be evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence within our atmosphere.

The Astrobiology Perspective

Astrobiology is the study of the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe.

Titan, one of Saturn's large moons, may serve as a model of a highly reduced early Earth

atmosphere in which the first stages of organic chemical evolution could take place in the atmosphere. Laboratory simulations show that a Titan-like atmosphere, primarily a N₂/CH₄ mixture, under various energetic excitations forms not only HCN, (CN)₂, and HC₃N (observed on Titan as a result of photodissociation reactions), but also CH₃CN, (HCN)₄, and finally, adenine, a component of DNA.

Titan thus appears as an object of exceptional interest for astrobiology. Water or ice has been found on Neptune, Europa, and even our own moon. Evidence for ancient channels of water exist on Mars.

Though summer melts a thin layer of carbon dioxide frost at

the poles, a thick layer of mostly water ice remains. At the north pole, the permanent ice cap is larger than Texas and more than a half-mile (1 kilometer) thick.

Little critters, lathered in natural sunscreen and swathed in biological antifreeze, could be lurking just a few feet under the ice, scientists say. These microscopic Martians might hibernate for months or even thousands of years, waiting for a brief thaw, a personal spring vacation, a chance to go forth and make more Martians. Other life could be doing the backstroke, or whatever microbes do in their spare time, in languid pools of water melted by subsurface volcanic activity, all just a few yards down (4).

Though they might sound a bit like fish tales, these ideas are growing in popularity among scientists who have explored similar extreme environments, and the so-called extremophiles that inhabit them, on Earth. In the permafrost of Siberia, for example, a species of moss was found dormant but alive after 40,000 years.

The announcement by NASA that certain complex organic molecules were found in an Antarctic meteorite dubbed ALH84001 stirred up the public, the press, scientists, and religious leaders around the world. ALH84001 contains approximately 1 ppm PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons), found on fracture surfaces inside the meteorite. PAHs are large, complex organic molecules that are abundant in interplanetary dust particles, interstellar dust, and many organic-rich meteorites from the asteroid belt. However, the PAHs found in ALH84001 are thought to originate from the breakdown products of organisms that once lived in the ancient rock. This scenario assumes that the PAHs found in the Martian meteorite are not the result of terrestrial contaminants produced by power plants and automobile exhaust. However, the data for ALH84001 indicates that the PAHs are concentrated towards the interior of the rock which implies that terrestrial contamination is not likely.

Our solar system is part of a larger assembly that we all know as the Milky Way Galaxy.

The center of the galaxy is towards Sagittarius. The Sun is moving in its orbit towards Cygnus. The distance from the Earth to the center of the galaxy is 25,000 light-years, and the orbital period of the Sun about the galactic center is 250 Million years. There are 200-300 billion stars in the Galaxy. The Galaxy's dimensions are 100,000 light-years in diameter and 1,000 ly thick. According to three recent independent studies, the Sun lies ~ 50.5 ly north of the galactic plane

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towards Coma Berenices (Sky & Telescope 1996).

Within this vast assemblage of stars, approximately 5% of this population are stars that have a similar spectral range as our sun. If any of these stars have planets within the life zones of their parent stars, then the likelihood for conditions necessary for the development of life go up. Astronomers now consider that Jupiter-sized planets within a system may be another necessary requirement (Jupiter-sized planets sweep away primordial debris from early solar system formation).

Would creatures arise having some sort of similarity to those on the Earth? The distinguished biologist, C.D. Darlington, suggests that this is by no means unlikely. To quote Darlington's own words:

"There are such great advantages in walking on two legs, in carrying one's brain in one's head, in having two eyes on the same eminence at a height of five or six feet, that we might as well take quite seriously the possibility of a pseudo man and a pseudo woman with some physical resemblance to ourselves...." This viewpoint seems to be supported by encounters with UFO entities.

Recent results from Doppler shift measurements of the light from nearby solar-like stars reveal what appears to be low mass companions, typically with masses of several Jupiters. The discovery of these sub-brown dwarf companions around nearby stars, similar to our own sun, greatly increases the probability that planets suitable for the development of life may exist elsewhere in the galaxy.

NASA's Origins Program is directed towards answering among the most fundamental questions that we can ask

Where did galaxies, stars and planets come from?

Are there worlds like the Earth around nearby stars?

If so, are they habitable and is life as we know it present there?

What is the origin of the universe?

There is no doubt that NASA's goals are ambitious to say the least. But why, in the pursuit of these goals, does NASA ignore the UFO evidence? Some believe NASA is complicit in the UFO cover-up.

Astrobiologists first want to understand how life becomes organized from matter into living systems on Earth and how life evolved on the molecular, organism, and ecosystem

levels and how the biosphere evolved with Earth. Secondly, NASA wants to discover life elsewhere in the universe, what planetary conditions make life possible and whether it once existed on other planets in our solar system, determining how to recognize the signature of life on other worlds, especially Mars and Europa.

There is a hunt on for extrasolar planets and one of the first recorded was for 51 Pegasi, the first planet detected around a star similar to our sun. The planet makes an orbit every 3.5 Earth days, at a distance of 4.3 million miles - less than a twentieth of Earth's distance to the sun.

A team of New Zealand and Japanese astronomers, working with Australian and U.S. partners observing from Australia's Mount Stromlo, discovered an earth-like planet in July 1999. The planet, which is around 30,000 light years away, cannot be seen directly and there was no way of confirming whether it has water or any of the elements that may support life.

Much of the evidence that will prove the existence of extra-terrestrial life, NASA believes, is to be found on Earth. We already know that life can exist on our own planet under the most extreme conditions. The recent discovery of hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor, which support whole ecosystems even in the absence of light, has demonstrated how versatile life can be.

Some of the work will inevitably be done in space. NASA will look for the conditions that could support life, or could have supported life millions of years ago. Venus for example, although completely inhospitable now, could have supported some form of microbial life earlier in its evolution. Astronomers are finding that the universe is apparently crowded with planets. Over 50 extra-solar planets have been found officially, new techniques have determined that almost 90% of the stars tested, wobble. The gravitational pull of planets orbiting the stars causes them to wobble. Early indications are that a large majority of the stars examined have planets and possibly solar systems similar to our own. There are an estimated 200-300 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy and billions of galaxies in the visible universe. Recent calculations show there may be a population of 30 billion planets in our galaxy alone! If only 1% of these were earth-like planets, there could be 300 million or more planets suitable for life and intelligence and a few of these millions may someday be in reach of ultra-fast space transport

The French space agency CNES leads a group that is designing COROT (CONvection, ROTation and Transits). This small Earth-orbiting telescope will likely be the first space telescope dedicated to the search for Earth-like planets.

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Most other planet hunting so far has been done with ground telescopes or, when space telescopes have been used, time has been limited.

NASA's Terrestrial Planet Finder is planned to launch in 2012. Over a five-year period, it will take a look at 250 stars to determine which ones may have orbiting, life-sustaining planets. The mission will also advance our understanding of how planets and their parent stars form by making thousands of images, all with a sharpness 10 to 100 times better than those of the Hubble Space Telescope. More information about Terrestrial Planet Finder can be found at: <http://tpf.jpl.nasa.gov>

A team of scientists from NASA and Stanford University announced that they have created some of the chemicals essential for life in an environment similar to that found in deep space. This finding could shed light on the origin of life itself. Astrobiologists at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA, and chemists at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, conducted lab experiments to simulate the conditions that exist in interstellar clouds of dust and gas. The dust in such clouds plays an important role in the life cycles of solar systems. It is the debris of previous generations of stars and the material from which new stars and solar systems will develop.

To conduct their experiments, NASA scientists simulated the dust clouds of the interstellar medium by freezing and then irradiating the most common carbon-bearing molecules found there. The Stanford University researchers then analyzed the resulting chemical products. Their results confirmed the presence of organics that served as the building blocks for the development of life on Earth. The team reported its results in the Feb. 19, 1999 issue of the journal *Science*.

Data from instruments flown on airplanes during last year's Leonid meteor shower show that the seeds of life, long suspected to exist in comet dust, could have survived a fiery passage from space to Earth's ancient atmosphere. A range of findings, reported by an international team of NASA-led scientists, provide support for panspermia, which holds that life on Earth did not spring up spontaneously out of some primordial soup, but was instead seeded from space.

Recently, a group of scientists announced that they had found alien bacterium 10 miles above earth, an announcement that met with immediate skepticism. If true, this discovery lends support to Fred Hoyle's hypothesis of panspermia which is a concept that the seeds of life are everywhere in space and are the source of life on earth. Panspermia, now called the

theory of Cosmic Ancestry, is obtaining growing support from Astrobiologists.

One very forward Neuroscientist and Astrobiologist, Dr. Rhawn Joseph, has made the following statement laying down the gauntlet on new theories regarding the origin of life.

"The Origin of Life: The Earth is an island, swirling in an ocean of space, and life has been washing ashore since the creation.

Cosmic collisions are commonplace, not only between meteors and planets, but entire galaxies, and life has been repeatedly tossed into the abyss... only to land on other planets.

The genetic seeds of life swarm throughout the cosmos, and these "genetic seeds," these living creatures, fell to Earth encased in stellar debris which pounded the planet for 700 million years after the creation. And these "seeds" contained the DNA instructions for the metamorphosis of all life, including woman and man.

DNA acts to purposefully modify the environment, which acts on gene selection, to fulfill specific genetic goals: the dispersal and activation of silent DNA, and the replication of life forms that long ago lived on other planets." [2]

Beyond Rocket Science

The principal objection that skeptics hold regarding the presence of extraterrestrial space vehicles in the skies of earth is that long distances between stars takes years to traverse. Visualizing an alien spaceship crossing the gulf from a planet orbiting Zeta Reticuli to our earth, a distance of 32 light years has to be traveled. If we measured their technology by our standards and considered a speed of 24,000 mph for the alien spaceship, then it would take approximately 27,945 years for that spaceship to reach destination earth! Their opportunity for mission failure increases with the length of the journey. At the very least, they would be lost in space.

The distance is a sizable barrier to overcome, but it contains some hidden assumptions that must be teased into the open. One assumption is that extraterrestrial UFOs seen traversing our skies just arrived from another star system. What incredible logistics! If more than a dozen are sighted in any one day in various parts of the world, how many arrived that day and where did they go when they left? A more reasonable premise is that such UFOs operate from concealed terrestrial or lunar bases and have only traveled short distances when they are spotted.

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That is one possibility. We could even consider looking for such bases. Some of them could be submarine bases as well as subterranean.

If our alien spaceship could move at velocities very close to the speed of light, another factor comes into play - time dilation. Now our spaceship traverses the greater part of 32 light years at .99c (c is the speed of light in vacuo). Einstein's time dilation equation predicts that this journey of 32 ly will only take between 7 or 8 years due to time dilation for spaceships traveling at near the speed of light.

Recently, new concepts in space drives have been considered. Some of these are detailed here (from a web page on warp drives):

Warp drives (ska inertial drives, reactionless drives, propellant-free drives, gyroscopic drives, etc.) are currently a hot topic again, largely because of Alcubierre's paper. We don't know whether these things are possible in real life, but here are some of the ideas that people are currently looking into.

Background

What is a reactionless drive? - why people are so interested in "propellant-free" propulsion systems.

"Reactionless drives" and Newton's Third Law - NL3 is the usual reason cited for why the idea of "reactionless" drives is wrong-headed. Not necessarily.

Reduced gravitation

Casimir effect - theoretically allows a form of FTL, but would also probably make you age faster (which rather defeats the purpose of the thing, unless you are only interested in FTL signalling).

Direct gravitational gradients

Exotic matter drives - use (hypothetical) exotic matter to generate gravitational gradients across an object so that it can free-fall in the direction that you want it to go in. Just don't ask how you are supposed to steer.

Alcubierre - the most famous "exotic matter" piece

Indirect gravitational gradients

DST "toroidal" warp drives - attempt to generate gravitational gradients with moving matter circulated around toroida

surfaces, generating two independent classes of independent perpendicular spin (major and minor axis spin). Ref: "gyro drives".

DST stands for "Double Spin Torus". This is the sort of configuration that keeps cropping up when people claim to have working prototypes. See also GARfield Drives.

Some other hypothetical ways of getting from A to B quickly

Wormholes - usually require exotic matter to keep them open.

Some of the methods proposed are of interest to NASA engineers and scientists who would like to send a mission to the stars, especially a star with a planetary system, in quick time.

Marc Millis, an aerospace engineer in the Space Propulsion Technology Division, spends much of his free time examining the possibilities. He has presented his findings at two "Star Trek" conventions and recently at the Lewis Visitors Center. For warp drive to exist, Millis explained there must be two breakthroughs in physics—control over gravity and the ability to exceed light speed.

The UFO Perspective

UFOs continue to be reported from all over the world. We have often accepted the probability that some of these UFOs were somebody else's spacecraft. Now that possibility and probability is strengthened by new discoveries by NASA, an organization that does not officially investigate UFOs, or UFO-connected aliens, or possible structures on other planets. We live in ironic times. Many inventors have experimented with anti-gravity, and even if they felt they got results worth examination, these experiments were generally ignored by engineers and scientists at NASA. With the advent of the Tampere experiment using a high-temperature bulk ceramic superconductor with composite structure which revealed weak shielding properties against gravitational force in the state of levitation at temperatures below 70 K, NASA scientists began constructing their own experiment.

Some reported UFO and alien events involve activities that seem to defy the laws of physics. We might as well call such events magical. Events of this nature are usually rejected by skeptics and not much is said about them. If material objects or entities can change shape or pass through material barriers that obstruct our best efforts, and we accept the possibility of such events, then we must consider a hypothesis beyond the conventional extraterrestrial hypothesis.

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This brings us into contact with a much more complex and obscure subject - the extra dimensions of theoretical physics or the extra dimensions of metaphysical research that indicate that other worlds beyond the visible, tangible world of our experience occupy places beyond our immediate detection and, further, are interacting with our normal world of experience in ways that amaze us.

The only place we know that life survives is on planets, planets with air and water to support biological functioning. Life does not survive in isolation, but depends on a variety of life forms and species to be viable. Could life exist in other environments beside planets? That is a matter of speculation. What makes this question possible is the vast range of human paranormal experience with strange or alien life forms not found anywhere on Earth. The immediate conjecture is that an alien life form is from another planet outside of our solar system, however alien behavior and actions indicate that this may not always be the case. Those reporting Close Encounters of the 4th Kind report seeing aliens come through walls, windows, and closed doors. Aliens have been reported materializing from orbs of light. These strange characteristics are suggestive of visitors from extra-dimensional worlds, worlds that may be further away from us than extra-solar planets, yet as close to us as our breath. Communicating with denizens of these extra-dimensional worlds would be expanding the parameters of these projects and would truly open the frontiers of exploration.

Differing from these various scientific efforts to make contact with ET is that category of UFO experience called CE-5 for Close Encounters of the 5th Kind [3]. CE-5 describes procedures for human-initiated contact. Dr. Steven Greer and his CSETI organization have done much to popularize this form of making contact with ET. However, an earlier pioneer started a project, which we now classify in this way. His name was John Otto and he used a light-beam transceiver to attempt initiating a dialogue between them and us.

In 1958 several of us gathered in the desert north of Yucca Valley, California and initiated an experiment. Carol Honey, an electronics technician, had wired up a light beam transceiver to his car and used a car spotlight as the carrier. We took turns talking into a microphone asking ET to reply or fly-by. Within minutes a blue barbell-shaped object streaked across the western sky in front of us. We also learned that we could accomplish the same response by sending a mental message. I found that by one or more of us focusing on the visitors we could get them to fly over.

The light beam communicator, based on Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the photophone, utilizes a beam of light

as a carrier for audio modulated signals. Dr. Greer's attempts are nothing new. Using light signals and telepathy were being used as means of contact in the 50s, however Greer is really the first to organize such an effort, define terms, and train groups to accomplish CE-5. Another old method was on-off signaling with a flashlight, directing it at a hovering or slow-moving craft.

Discussion

It seems evident to me that we have several independent efforts both inside and outside the scientific community searching for extraterrestrial life and intelligence. Many UFO sightings and close encounters with strange craft and their occupants cry out for greater scrutiny and an interdisciplinary investigation of the evidence. While SETI scientists continue to work on their own projects, soliciting funding and favorable public relations, the UFO investigator has been given short shrift when it comes to funding projects and studies. It has been found that both scientific and UFO communities have been factionalized and disputes rage across the spectrum of beliefs. Since it is also evident that we are all seeking answers to the same questions, it seems that a greater spirit of cooperation and unification of effort should be promoted not just within the UFO field, but between these rival scientific studies so as to contribute toward a unification of effort and a realization of mutual goals.

Conclusions - Bringing it Together

The conclusion to be reached with an expanding database of new discoveries on all fronts is that the supporting evidence for extraterrestrial life is growing stronger with each new scientific discovery and each unexplained UFO incursion. This intertwining of information should be taken advantage of and some group formed with the task of liaison for analysis of evidence. The probability that UFO researchers may come up with biological samples as in the Australian case researched by Bill Chalker is all the more reason why we need the assistance of specialists in other fields in order to shed more light on the UFO mystery.

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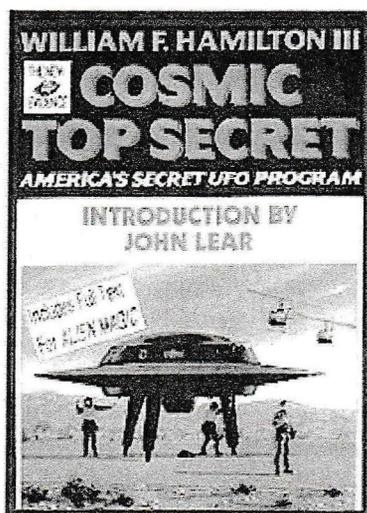
Glossary:

Astrobiology Astrobiology seeks to understand the origin of the building blocks of life, how these biogenic compounds combine to create life, how life affects - and is affected by the environment from which it arose, and finally, whether and how life expands beyond its planet of origin.

EBE Extraterrestrial Biological Entity. A term used in the Eisenhower Briefing Document of the MJ-12 documents.

ET Extraterrestrial

SETI Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.



Cosmic Top Secret by William F. Hamilton

<http://www.skywatch-research.org/ufo.html>

HBCC UFO Research Reports On This Case

Prince Rupert, British Columbia

Date: June 20, 2002

Time: After midnight?

The witness I chatted with, and a friend watched bright a bright light shot across the sky at a fairly high altitude. What they both found strange about the sighting, or light was that it zig-zagged back and forth as it crossed the sky. As they watched the first object disappear, three more bright (objects) lights were seen to the north. One of the lights shot straight up and a few seconds later the second seemed to follow the first, by shooting straight up and gone. The third light was stationary, but grew brighter then followed the first and second light which flew straight up and out of sight.

HBCC UFO Research

Terrace, British Columbia

Date: November 23, 2002

Time: 5:15 p.m.

I had a telephone call from two separate witnesses who live in the Terrace, B.C. area explaining that they just had witnessed some strange lights over Thron Hill Mountain in Terrace, B.C. From Terrace you would be looking east towards Thron Hill Mountain. (HBCC UFO Note: There were actually 5 people who watched the lights in total, but I only have talked with the two who called me on this matter).

The weather condition at the time of the sighting was good, clear but rather windy. Also in the area where the lights were noticed there are some large towers close by.

One of the witnesses said the object, or bright light was approx: double the size of the planet Venus. White in color. All of the witnesses watched the light for approx: 10 to 15 seconds until it grew smaller in size and disappeared. (HBCC UFO Note: I found this rather strange, all of the witnesses mentioned in all the clear sky there was a large cloud which hung over the mountain where the lights were spotted. Seeing it was so stormy (windy) the witnesses all found it weird that the cloud stayed in it's position and did not move until all the lights were gone. BTW - In this report I have only mentioned one light, but it was approx: 15 minutes later after the one light left, two lights showed up. Approx: 15 minutes later the witnesses claimed to see two balls of white light over the same area. Both lights blinked out. (gone)

Review of Kevin D. Randle's

Case MJ-12

Harper Collins

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by Stanton T. Friedman

January, 2003

OVERVIEW

The reality of Operation Majestic 12 (MAJIC 12 or MJ-12), and the highly classified documents associated with it, has been a disputed question in ufology for more than eighteen years. Books and papers have been written. Claims have been made that everyone knows the documents were fraudulent, or that no ufologist besides me accepts that there was such an organization set up to deal with crashed saucers by President Truman and that the original three documents are genuine. These are the Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) dated November 18, 1952, the Truman-Forrestal memo (TF) dated September 24, 1947, and the Cutler-Twining (CT) memo of June 14, 1954. I don't think anybody else has spent as much effort trying to determine the legitimacy of the MJ-12 documents as I have; hence this review.

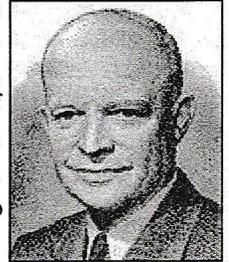
For the average person with an interest in conspiracies and UFOs, Randle's book would at first appear to be the definitive work on the subject. He concludes that, while there was a crashed saucer retrieved near Roswell, New Mexico, in July, 1947, and that there must have been some sort of oversight committee established to deal with it, that all the MJ-12 documents are frauds and that there was no Operation Majestic 12. These findings are consistent with past articles and viewpoints that he has published. The cover gives a subtitle of "The True Story Behind the Government's UFO Conspiracies." There is a big "TOP SECRET" in red, and a yellow-on-black "RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED INFORMATION REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME!"

A much more careful review of this book, in conjunction with reading such other sources as References 1-5, leads one to a very different conclusion: namely that "Case MJ-12" is more a work of propaganda than of investigative journalism. These are strong words, but the facts seem to support the notion that Dr. Randle was guilty of very selective choice of data, sloppy research, and strong bias. Despite the cover's claims, I could find no recently declassified

information and there is much that is simply untrue.

DID IKE NEED A ROSWELL BRIEFING ?

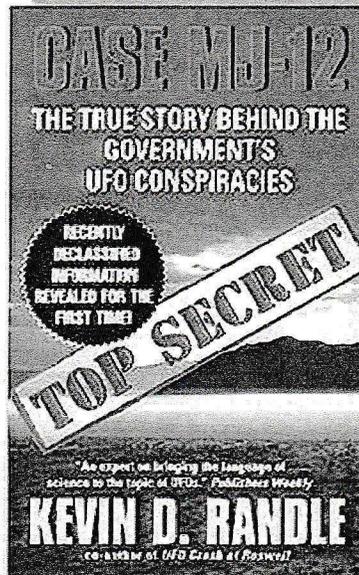
For example, Randle contends that there was no need for a briefing of President Elect Eisenhower in November, 1952, because as Army Chief of Staff when Roswell occurred in July, 1947, he would already have known about it. "There would have been no reason to prepare such a document."



I don't argue with the notion that Ike in July, 1947, would have been made aware of the Roswell event, since the Army

Air Force was then under the Army. However, it must be noted that in late spring 1947, well before Roswell, Ike had already informed the Government that he would be taking the position of President of Columbia University (obviously not a high security government job) within a year, which he did. He also completed his 200,000-word war memoirs "Crusade in Europe" published in the autumn of 1948. It became the best selling non-fiction book of the year.

However, in December, 1950, Ike was prevailed upon by President Truman to take a leave of absence from Columbia and to accept the position of Commander Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers In Europe (SHAPE).



The job, to create effective military forces for NATO, was of extraordinary importance in the budding cold war with Russia. He took command in April, 1951, with the almost impossible task of organizing an effective force out of long-time enemy Germany, England, France, and the USA on the well devastated European continent. He was thus based in Europe until he returned to the USA in June of 1952 for the Republican convention, and the presidential election of November 4, 1952. It seems very doubtful, to say the least, that Ike would have been on the distribution list for any of the eight TOP SECRET EYES ONLY documents listed on page 6 "Enumeration of Attachments" of the EBD. For some reason, this page isn't included in "Case MJ-12" though pages 1-5 and 8 are. The pages printed also do not include the 3-hole punch marks on the original prints.

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Each had a dot in the middle seemingly for a pin on which the pages could be quickly placed for photography purposes without having to reset the 35 mm camera. Since photographing classified documents and having a camera in a classified area are violations of law, the photographer would have understandably been in a hurry. A fraudster would have plenty of time. Page 7 just says, "Attachment 'A'" and is also not included. Page 8 is the TF memo.

Strangely, Randle remarks, "There would be so many important things for Eisenhower to learn about the state of the world, things he needed to know as President, that the landscape wouldn't be cluttered with what we in the Army called 'nice to know information' especially when he already knew about it."



This is a very good argument for why Ike's files, in the five years previous, would NOT have been cluttered with highly classified papers about a TOP SECRET/MAJIC project only accountable to the President, until he became President more than five years later. It should be noted that the briefing was

described on page 2 as "This document has been prepared as a preliminary briefing only. It should be regarded as introductory to a full briefing intended to follow." Ike did not become president until January 20, 1953, two months later, during which time President Truman was very definitely still in charge. It should further be noted that General Walter B. Smith, named in the EBD as the 13th MJ-12 member replacing Forrestal, who had died in May, 1949, wrote to Truman on January 9, 1953, that he had briefed Ike on National Security matters four times after the election. I published this letter in Reference 2. Of course Ike needed a briefing on this very important matter, just as he would certainly have been out of the loop on this matter for five years. The CIA claimed, in response to my FOIA request for these briefings, even providing dates and times for two of them, that they couldn't find them!!

MAKEUP OF MAJESTIC 12

It seems strange that Randle spends so little time dealing with the makeup of the MJ-12 group as listed in the EBD. Their names are listed on page 2 of the EBD in an appendix, but, because this is a paperback book, the print is very small. He doesn't call attention to the fact that the group had six civilians and six military men: two each for the USAF, the US Army, the US Navy.

There were five scientists covering a wide range of specialties and the new Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal. It was truly an all-star cast. All had been tested in the crucible of war. All also did very well after the war. Their capabilities were either known directly to MJ-12 member Dr. Vannevar Bush, who had been director of the old National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, and the war time Office of Scientific Research and Development, under which was the development and military utilization of the Atomic Bomb, the proximity fuse, radar, and many dozens of other important new technologies. Bush also headed the Joint Research and Development Board, postwar, which was named by General Twining in his famous September 23, 1947 memo about flying saucers, as one of the groups that should be kept informed.

The other scientists included Dr. Jerome Hunsaker, who succeeded Bush as head of NACA and was Chairman of The Aeronautical Sciences Dept. at MIT; Dr. Lloyd Berkner, a close associate of Dr. Bush at the Carnegie Institute; Dr. Detlev Bronk, an aviation physiologist and later head of the National Academy of Sciences and many other committees; and Dr. Donald H. Menzel, a Harvard astronomer who supposedly was a thorough UFO sceptic, but whom I discovered led a very busy Military Intelligence life.

The Military guys (Generals Vandenberg, Twining, Montague, and later Walter B. Smith; Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray; and Admirals Hillenkoetter and Souers) were all well known to General George C. Marshall who had been wartime Chief of Staff and in 1947 was serving as Secretary of State, and who even came back after a long illustrious career to serve as Secretary of Defense in 1950. Truman considered him the outstanding living American. Randle doesn't discuss the fact that this was truly an all-star cast. George Elsey, who worked for Truman the entire time he was President, told me he could think of no reason why Truman would not have selected any of these people. Aside from on page 2 of the EBD, there is no mention by Randle of Dr. Hunsaker, Dr. Berkner, General Montague, and not much about Twining or Vandenberg. Menzel is singled out for comment as noted below.

EBD DATES

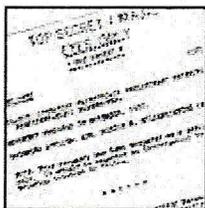
Randle also doesn't mention the special significance of the dates in the EBD. November 18, 1952 was the date, not only of a meeting between Truman and Ike at the White House

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as a kind of welcoming and how to facilitate the transition. It was also the date when Ike received briefings on national security matters in the vault at the Pentagon. We do know that at least MJ-12 member Nathan F. Twining, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, was there. Interestingly in Ike's book "Mandate for Change," while he mentions the meeting with Truman, there is no mention of the high security briefings at the Pentagon afterwards.

The EBD notes that on August 1, 1950, deceased MJ-12 member James Forrestal was permanently replaced on MJ-12 by General Walter Bedell Smith, who later became the 4th director of Central Intelligence. He had succeeded Hillenkoetter in that post. This was the only date in a several-month period that Smith met with Truman "off the record." The Truman Library hadn't supplied that date to anybody else. How did the hoaxer get the date right.



The EBD mentions that "On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study." Back in December, 1984, it wasn't known when the document was received; but according to Flight Logs for MJ-12 member General

Nathan F. Twining and his pilot (obtained by me years later), that was the date Twining flew to New Mexico. He visited Alamogordo, Sandia, and Kirtland, but not Roswell. He was accompanied by five top military technologists, and left New Mexico on July 11. He was interviewed by the press during that week about flying saucers, and it was clear from his answer that he had been tasked to dig into the flying saucer question. Just a random date?

ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER'S RANK

Randle claims that the most convincing reason for saying the EBD is a fraud is the fact that it lists "Briefing Officer: Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter." But RHH was only a rear admiral and certainly would never have called himself Admiral, Randle claims. Randle admits that generic titles (General for Brigadier, Major or Lieutenant General; Colonel for Lt. Colonel and Colonel, etc.) are used, but surely not in this instance! However, in a group of half civilians and half military (Army and Navy and Air Force), rank would not matter. MJ-12 member Sydney Souers was listed as Admiral, but was not as a full Admiral. Generals Twining, Vandenberg, Montague and Smith were all called General, but none had four stars in 1947.

An earlier complaint by Philip Klass about Hillenkoetter was that he is listed as Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, but that he signed his letters RH Hillenkoetter (which I had supplied him) and didn't like the name Roscoe. The Truman Library had sent me several pages from the White House Appointment Logs.



The name Roscoe is very prominent. On some of the same log entries, it says Admiral, rather than Rear Admiral, Roscoe Hillenkoetter. If it is good enough for the White House, a copy one-of-one TOP SECRET/MAJIC EYES ONLY Briefing for the President Elect can also say Admiral in a rank-doesn't-matter situation. Surely one wouldn't single out only one man for use of real, rather than generic, ranking? Ike himself often used generic ranks in his writing. At least Kevin no longer asks for me to supply "other" instances where RHH signed his name Admiral, since there is no RHH signature in the EBD.

LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS

Rather surprisingly, Randle makes no mention at all of a detailed analysis performed by a world class linguistics expert, Dr. Roger Williams Westcott, to evaluate whether or not RHH had actually written the Briefing. At the suggestion of attorney Robert Bletchman, I had obtained about 27 items written by RHH from the Truman Library to provide a database. Dr. Westcott concluded, "In my opinion there is no compelling reason to regard any of these communications as fraudulent or to believe that any of them were written by anyone other than Hillenkoetter himself. This statement holds for the controversial presidential briefing memorandum of November 18, 1952, as well as for the letters, both official and personal." His letter and very impressive background credentials are presented in Ref. 2, which Randle has.

CUTLER-TWINING MEMO

Kevin doesn't approve of the CT memo either; but, unfortunately, he doesn't include even the text, no less a copy, for the reader. His biggest complaint is the use of the security marking TOP SECRET RESTRICTED. This, indeed, is not very common. The naysayers claim that this is a combination of the highest and the lowest security markings and so is a non starter.

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It is strange that Kevin ignores a statement made by General Accounting Office people looking for Roswell-related information. They stated in an overview of their Roswell-related activities.

Date: December 7, 1994. Ms. Laura Jackson and I reviewed records pertaining to the Air Force's atomic energy projects and certain mission and weapons requirements. These files were classified up to and including Top Secret. The period covered by these records was from 1948-1956. There was no mention of the Roswell Incident. No information pertaining to the assignment was obtained. In several instances we noticed the classification Top Secret, Restricted used on several documents. This is mentioned because in past references to this classification (Majestic 12) we were told that it was not used during this period.

I quoted this statement in my MUFON 2000 paper (Ref. 3, which Randle has, as he uses some items from it) which he referenced. I noted that I spoke to three different GAO people who were involved who told me they couldn't provide copies of these documents because they are still classified. It seems very unlikely that a forger would use a quite unusual security marking when he could easily have just used TOP SECRET. Randle also doesn't mention that the CT memo is an original sheet of onionskin paper — the only original paper MJ-12 document available. If you hold it up to the light at the National Archives, you can see a Dictation Onionskin watermark from the Fox Paper Company. Fox indicated many years ago that the paper was made in bid lots only, between 1953 and the early 1970s, and that the government bought lots of it. It was not available in stationery stores. Furthermore, the original has a slant red pencil mark through the security marking. I was told, after seeing a number of such marks at the Eisenhower Library, that it was standard practice for declassifiers to do exactly that (mark a slant red pencil mark through the security marking) when they were marking original documents for declassification. How many hoaxers would have obtained the proper paper and known about the slant red pencil mark? At first the Eisenhower library had claimed that all of Cutler's onionskin copies were made on onionskin with an Eagle watermark. This was corrected by them when I showed copies in the files made on onion skin with either different or no watermarks.



Kevin doesn't mention that there is no signature and no /s/ (original signed by) on the memo. This is very important since it turns out that Robert Cutler was out of the country on July 14, 1954, so a signature or /s/ would have meant the document was a fraud. We didn't find



out he was gone on that date until well after the memo was discovered in the National Archives in Box 189 of Entry 267 of USAF Record Group 341. For reasons unknown, Kevin wrongly says it was in NSC papers. Interestingly, Bill Moore had received cryptic postal cards which were one of the reasons he and Jaime Shandera went to the Archives in July, 1985, during which trip they found the CT memo. The return address on one of the cards was Box 189, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Box 189?? Just a coincidence, of course. It seems very likely that one of the reviewers slipped the memo into that box just before it was released. Reviewers, unlike researchers, had very high level security clearances and were allowed to bring brief cases into their declassification work area. Researchers had to park their notebooks, etc., outside the research area.

Randle doesn't mention that Box 189 was first handled at the Archives about two weeks after the death of the last surviving member of MJ-12, Jerome Hunsaker, who died on September 10, 1984. There was an obituary in the NY Times on September 12. He had been the last survivor for two years and was 98 when he died. This same box was handled once again by the group doing the classification review just before it was served to Moore and Shandera. The Archives would not tell me the names of the reviewers. Randle suggests that Moore and Shandera slipped it in to the box.. an interesting scenario, having no basis in fact. The memo is aged around the edges. Randle doesn't mention that I had determined, during a March, 1985 trip to DC, that declassification of Entry 267 was underway. I kept checking and they had finally finished their review at the end of June.

Randle doesn't mention that the last sentence of the CT memo is "Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed" which is quite similar to the last sentence of another TOP SECRET memo from Robert Cutler, found in General Twining's papers —



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not in the Archives, but in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division: "It is understood that in the absence of contrary word your concurrence in the above arrangements is assumed." General Twining's pilot (who was also his aide) confirmed to me that the comment was a typical one meaning no reply required, if this meets with your approval. Bill Moore and I were among the first to see this declassified box of Twining papers.

Some have suggested that since the memo (SUBJECT: NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project) states, "The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended," and that there was no NSC meeting scheduled for July 16, that the memo must be a phoney. But the sentence refers only to "the already scheduled White House meeting." There is no mention of an NSC meeting; it was just an already scheduled meeting. Both Ike and Twining were in DC that day and there was a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staffs. Twining was Chairman at the time. I did find and publish another instance when Twining was at the White House for one meeting, but took time out to meet with the President, and then went back to the original meeting.

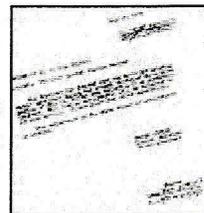
It should further be noted that Cutler sent a detailed memo to James P. Lay, Executive Secretary of the NSC, to keep things moving out of his in-basket while he was gone to Europe. Three words are underlined for emphasis as is the word "during" in the CT memo. This Cutler to Lay memo was obtained well after the CT memo was located. In addition, although it took me more than two years to obtain it from the Eisenhower Library, I was also able to obtain Lay's July 16, 1954 memo to Cutler while Cutler was in Europe. The last paragraph states, "Hope you will recuperate, rest, and enjoy yourself for few days before returning. Will try to have everything tidy and not too much pressure upon you when you arrive." Obviously Lay was taking care of things for Cutler during Cutler's absence.

The point in bringing up these details is that I discovered that Lay had met with Ike in the early afternoon on July 14, 1954 at the White House and there had been a brief telephone conversation after 4:30. I can certainly envision Ike saying, "Jimmy, there has been a slight change in plans about that briefing we discussed earlier. Please notify General Twining that the briefing we discussed will be held during the planned meeting rather than afterward." Lay and Cutler worked very closely together, each usually getting copies of the others memos.

They sat next to each other at NSC meetings. George Elsey said that of course Lay would have notified Twining. This would account for the absence of a signature or /s/. These memos were published in Ref. 2, but, unfortunately, Randle doesn't discuss them at all. Lay, as Executive Secretary of the NSC (having been groomed by and succeeding Admiral Souers in that post), would have had clearances, as would Cutler, for just about everything at the White House.

TOP SECRET CONTROL NUMBERS

Another objection from Randle and others to legitimacy for all three TOP SECRET items is that none has a TOP SECRET control number. This was dealt with in Ref. 3. I was told by an archivist at the Eisenhower Library and another at the Marshall Archives that often the White House did not use control numbers. Obviously there is an enormous difference, from a records keeping viewpoint, between one copy of a one-page memo with no copies and easily transferred in the classified pouch from the White House to the Pentagon, and twenty copies of a twenty-page memo. Furthermore, I had already published two TOP SECRET memos from Cutler to Twining, each one-page, neither having a TS control number, in Ref. 2 (Pages B4 and B5). This issue was discussed in Ref. 3. On January 9, 2003, Eisenhower Library archivist Herbert Pankratz confirmed that "We have numerous documents classified as TOP SECRET which do not have control numbers on them."

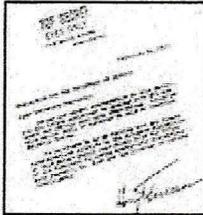


Thus it seems to me quite reasonable to conclude, based on a host of provable facts, that the Cutler-Twining memo is genuine. These include the watermarked onionskin paper, the typeface, the unusual (but still legitimate according to the GAO) security classification, the slant red pencil mark through the classification, the absence of a signature or /s/, the similar language to another Cutler-Twining memo, the underlined word, the communications between Lay and Cutler before and during Cutler's trip, the communication between Ike and Lay on the day of the memo, and the fact that Twining and Ike were both in town on the day in question. Randle's very selective choice of data, despite these all having been discussed in detail in reports which Randle has, is frankly irresponsible.

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TRUMAN-FORRESTAL MEMO



Certainly Randle doesn't approve of the Truman-Forrestal memo. He spends a lot of time playing semantic games about this one. His biggest problems seem to be the typewriter used to type it, which he claims dates from the 1960s, and the Truman signature which matches or is

similar or identical to the one on a memo I dug out from the files of Dr. Vannevar Bush dated October 1, 1947, a week later. He puts a lot of weight on casual comments made years ago by a noted typewriter expert, Peter Tytell, whose father and mother were both typewriter experts before, during, and after World War II, and who has been called upon over and over again to provide assistance to the government as well as to lawyers involved in questioned legal documents evaluation.

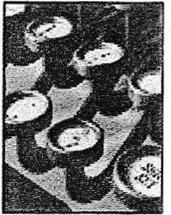
Randle is clearly upset by my comment in one of the references that the TF doesn't have a label on it as an executive order or as a special classified executive order — which it certainly does not. It is listed on the missing page 7 of the EBD As

ATTACHMENT "A" — Special Classified Executive Order #092447. (TS/EO)

[The number is clearly the date 09 24 47; TS/EO means TOP SECRET/EYES ONLY].

In the text appears "The Majestic 12 (Majic 12) Group which was established by special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947, upon recommendation by Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary James Forrestal." Randle doesn't mention that all attachments A-H on page 7 have all the words in the titles start with a capital letter (except the word "and" in the last one). He doesn't mention that the 092447 is obviously the date (he does quote Barry Greenwood saying so) nor that I had discovered many documents from the state department using the date as part of a filing number. However, neglecting these facts, he tries to claim that the executive order number isn't on a list of executive orders, so the document is a fraud! While it has all the attributes of an executive order, clearly being stamped TOP SECRET EYES ONLY, it could not be listed on an unclassified list of orders published in the Federal Register. The word "Special" would seem to assure that as well.

A copy of the EBD, the TF and the CT had been sent to Tytell many years ago. He seemed to have two major gripes. He claimed that the TF typeface was not in use until the 1960s, and also that the signature was obviously lifted. He did not prepare a formal statement, since he wanted to be paid to do



a careful study. He also had done plenty of government work so might have found himself in a conflict of interest situation. Clearly, if genuine, these documents would be the most important classified US government documents ever leaked to the public. Randle quotes a number of remarks Tytell made years ago. One can judge Tytell's familiarity with the EBD on the basis of this remark: "It was just perfect because the whole thing of the twelve pages or however many pages it was. Most of the pages were just blank pages with just five words written on them, like Top Secret or Appendix A or something like that." The fact of the matter is there were eight pages, not twelve, and only one of them, the missing page 7, bore "APPENDIX A" and security markings.

Dr. Robert M. Wood, who has spent a great deal of money and time while he and his son Ryan have been working on the various MJ-12 documents, including the SOM1.01 Special Operating Manual (not mentioned at all by Randle) and the Tim Cooper MJ-12 documents discussed below, did pay a questioned documents examiner, James A. Black, to perform a professional examination of the TF typeface. In a letter dated November 13, 1998, Black stated, "My knowledge of typewriter fonts permits me to conclude that the letter was likely to have been typed by an Underwood Standard typewriter. The portions of the type font of the letter that can be clearly visualized match those of a typewriter exemplar of an Underwood Standard typed in May 1940." That is good enough for me.

But Black seems to agree that the signature has been transplanted, since he says, "The signature, in my opinion, is most likely to be a reproduction. I reached this opinion because the ink line is homogeneous, and feathering is absent at the ends of the lines."

Randle talks about the signature a lot and how it is identical to a Truman signature on an October 1, 1947 letter to Vannevar Bush.

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He correctly quotes me as saying, early on, "it matches the signature" after switching the comment to "Friedman reported the signature exactly matched." Matches is not the same as saying exactly matches. There were reasons to say the two signature were not identical. Segment lengths, when compared, did not have the same length ratio. But I had long ago raised the question of where Hillenkoetter or W.B. Smith (responsible for high security briefings for the President Elect) would have obtained a copy of the memo with a signature on it.



Presumably the original went to Forrestal since it is addressed to him. Quite conceivably there would have been copies given to Bush, who is mentioned by name; and to Hillenkoetter who, while not named, is referred to as Director of Central Intelligence; and maybe a copy to the President's files. But I would not expect any but the original would be signed. Forrestal died in May, 1949. So

where would his original have been by November, 1952? If Smith had told Hillenkoetter that he thought Ike would have wanted a signed executive order, it would have been easy. Bush would have found his unsigned copy with the October 1 letter from Truman, the CIA would have its disinformation people transfer it. All governments according to texts on disinformation have groups for making phoney documents, visas, ID cards, etc. I had raised this point twelve years ago, but Randle doesn't discuss it at all. Bush was still going strong; Hillenkoetter had served on active duty in Korea before coming back to the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1951.

A point that, as might be expected, Randle doesn't consider, is the fact that the last portion of the date is "24, 1947." It is not in line with the "September" strongly indicating it was put in a separate typewriter to add the numbers. I was told that that often happened with documents prepared for the President's signature which would have to be dated appropriately. The period at the end of the date is important as well. Rarely did Truman put a period after the date, but Bush's office always did.

I asked George Elsemy whether it would have been feasible for the memo to have been prepared for Truman's signature by either Bush and/or Forrestal. He said that 90% of what a President signs is prepared by others and that he certainly would have trusted Bush or Forrestal.

As it happens that was a very, very busy week for Truman: signing the new National Security Act; separating the Air Force from the Army; setting up the new Central Intelligence Agency; and catching up with world problems, having been off to Brazil for an international Conference and returning a few days earlier on the USS Missouri.

Furthermore, the record indicates that Bush and Forrestal met together for 30 minutes prior to their meeting with Truman on September 24, the only date when all three were together over a many-month period. The Truman Library had not provided this information to anybody else.

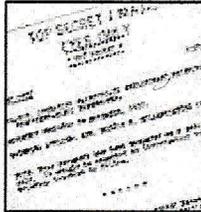
Incidentally, in a battle with Phil Klass about the Pica typeface on the CT memo, he thought it should have been elite instead of Pica (because he had all of nine Elite-type pages of the 250,000 NSC pages) but wound up paying me \$1000.00 for proving him wrong as I produced more than fourteen James Lay NSC office documents using the exact same Pica typeface as used in the CT memo. I also produced some where the text was in one typeface, and the date in another — clearly establishing that sometimes the date was added later. These items and his check are shown in Ref. 2.

DR. DONALD H. MENZEL

As noted above, while ignoring most of the MJ-12 members, their relations with each other and their outstanding suitability for the task at hand, Randle does talk about Dr. Donald H. Menzel. His name is the only shocker in the group since he was supposed to be a total UFO sceptic (based on his three books and numerous articles) and because he certainly did not need a very high level compartmentalized security clearance to teach astronomy at Harvard. All eleven others clearly had such clearances. Montague, probably the least well known of the MJ-12 list, was not only a West Point man, as were Twining and Vandenberg, but in the first week in July, 1947, was named head of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Kirtland AFB, in Albuquerque, coming up from Fort Bliss at the western Edge of Texas and just Southeast of New Mexico. He had control of the German rocket scientists brought over under Operation Paperclip. His son, also West Point and also a general, told me that he thought the reason his father would have been involved (he was quite an expert on artillery computations) is that he had manpower to provide to Roswell, north of Ft. Bliss. General Montague (the son) not only provided me with a picture of his father for use in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, but also said nice things about the book after I sent him a copy.

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Anyway, when Bill Moore first read me the MJ-12 member list in December, 1984, he left Menzel's name until last. My response was: that was all we needed. Probably a hoax document from somebody who thinks he can get us to go public and then thumb his nose at us. I didn't

like Menzel, since I thought his UFO books were unscientific, and I'd had one run-in with him on the phone when I invited him to attend my lecture at Harvard. He said he knew all about me, having seen letters and memos (I still don't know what he meant), though I asked if he meant my congressional testimony next to his in the "UFO Symposium of 1968," Ref. 6. He also said, "You can't be a scientist and believe in flying saucers." I laughed, which he didn't like. I invited him and he said of course he wouldn't attend. I told the story at the lecture. Menzel's name on the list was one reason that Moore, Shandera and I didn't go public until 1987.

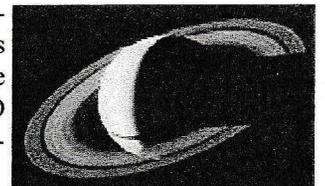
Randle repeats a very tall tale apparently from Karl Pflock with an unattributed source saying I had decided much earlier that because Menzel had spent some time in New Mexico, he must have headed a group consisting of all those people later named in the EBD. In effect, saying that probably I faked the documents. This is pure hogwash. Of course I was aware of Menzel. I had read his first book back in about 1960. After being informed of the EBD, I did do a lot of checking including with a retired employee of Engineering Research Associates in Minneapolis, headed by Menzel's WW II boss, who told me that Menzel was a consultant there and left suddenly one summer on a special classified project. I asked what year. He said 1947.

I should note here that because so much of the stuff in the EBD made sense, I felt that I should check on Menzel. I had looked at his extensive UFO correspondence housed at the American Philosophical Library in Philadelphia. Nothing stood out there. I had been checking on Vannevar Bush, later listed on MJ-12 but earlier named in a 1950 memo by Canadian Wilbert Smith as heading a group working on the Modus Operandi of Flying Saucers. I therefore was looking at Bush's correspondence files at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division and noted a letter from Menzel's lawyer to Bush thanking him for helping during Menzel's Loyalty Hearing. This certainly established a connection. I checked with a prestigious Boston law firm. They mentioned that more than 1000 pages of Menzel's hearings testimony were in Menzel's files at Harvard. I was able to get a grant from the Fund for

UFO Research to look into his Harvard papers after getting permission from three different people to see his files. There, in 1986, I made a host of totally unexpected discoveries about Menzel which I reported in *International UFO Reporter* in detail (Ref. 7), in my "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12" (Ref.2) and in even more detail in *TOP SECRET/MAJIC* (Ref. 1).

Randle spends all of two pages discussing Menzel and lists the supposed basis for my conclusions that he belonged on MJ-12: "... that Menzel spoke Japanese, for example, was a Navy cryptologist during the Second World War, knew John F. Kennedy well enough to call him by his first name, was a consultant to the NSA, and that he was nearly chased from government work during a McCarthy era challenge to his loyalty. Menzel was friends with MJ-12 members Vannevar Bush and Detlev Bronk." This is a gross misrepresentation of what I wrote about Menzel's involvement. He was a world class cryptographer before, during and after the war. He wrote JFK in 1960 saying he had the longest continuous association with the NSA and its Navy predecessor, 30 years as of 1960, of anybody in the country; he did classified consulting work for 30 companies after the war; he had a TOP SECRET ULTRA clearance with the CIA; and he was head of the US Navy Reserve Communications Unit No. 1 after the war.

I noted that Menzel had written science fiction and was well placed to provide disinformation. His first UFO book was translated into Russian. I said nothing about



knowing Kennedy well enough to call him by his first name (JFK was on the board of Overseers at Harvard and picked Astronomy, Menzel's domain, as his area of interest). I quoted from Menzel's letters to JFK offering to brief him on the NSA once they were properly cleared to each other and stressing his long connection with them. I noted that Bush (who had known Menzel since 1934) was Menzel's staunchest defender at the Loyalty Hearing. None of Menzel's many post-war intelligence work activities were noted in an eight-page appreciation of him in *Sky and Telescope* (Ref. 8) after his death

Randle claims, apparently thinking to put the end to any possible connection between Menzel and the oversight group,

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that "nowhere did he [Friedman] find any mention of MJ12 [In his papers and records]. There are no marginal notes, no oblique references, no highly-placed correspondence that suggests, mentions, identifies or confirms the existence of MJ-12 or Menzel's connection to it." Half a page later Randle claims, "After examining Menzel's papers at Harvard, at the APSL [American Philosophical Society Library] and the University of Denver archives, Friedman found nothing that referenced MJ-12." This is certainly true, but completely irrelevant, since at none of these places were there any classified Menzel papers or documents. There is no question — based upon Menzel's letters to Kennedy, his unpublished autobiography, and other details — that he was up to his ears in classified consulting work long after World War II was over. I talked to people who worked for him. He was certainly security conscious. Of course, I didn't find any mention of any black budget programs he worked on and no formerly classified documents. Thirty-plus years with the NSA and Randle thinks Menzel would have left smoking guns around?

We must remember that absence of evidence is NOT evidence for absence. From reading Bush's statement to the Loyalty Committee (and statements from others as well) it is perfectly clear that he was well aware of Menzel's classified work. I am reminded of the fact that there are no classified documents at the General George C. Marshall Library. His files were carefully reviewed for declassification by Dr. Forrest Pogue, a military historian, scholar, etc. The classified Marshall files are elsewhere. So are the classified Menzel files. His contract with ERA was worth \$18,000 per year in the immediate post-war period for consulting work. None of those papers are at Harvard or APSL or the U of D.

In short, then, Randle's treatment of Menzel is a splendid example of the standard tool of the Propagandist: selective choice of data, serious errors of both omission and commission, false reasoning.

RANDLE'S OVERSIGHT GROUP

Randle's discussions of those people he thinks would have been on an oversight group are also seriously flawed. They are based on the supposed testimony of two very different people: the late Frank Kaufmann of Roswell and Retired USAF General Arthur Exon.

Kaufmann's many and varied claims about the whole Roswell incident were backed up by nothing. However, he was

Randle's big important witness. He is heavily touted in Randle's "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell," "The Roswell Encyclopedia," and the first part of "Case MJ-12." Kaufmann, though a civilian in Roswell after being discharged as a sergeant from the Army Air Force at the Roswell Army Air Force Base in October, 1945, was supposedly part of an all-powerful group of nine who could go anywhere, talk to anybody. He knew everything.

He was over in White Sands watching radar on assignment from General Martin Scanlon of the Air Defense Command in early July, 1947, because there had been many radar sightings of unknowns. They observed one "exploding on the screen" north of Roswell. Somebody from Roswell told Kaufmann that there was some something causing a glow in the sky west of the highway north of town. Then Kaufmann rushed back to the base (over 100 miles over a mountain pass), woke Colonel Blanchard, Base Commander, and Major Jesse Marcel, Base Intelligence Officer, in the middle of the night. They then drove north, turned off the highway, covered many miles off the road despite gulleys, gates and snakes, and discovered a crashed saucer with several alien bodies. They called back to the base and a flat bed truck came out, also miles cross-country to the site. The saucer which looked, according to Frank's drawings, much like the triangular TR3 reconnaissance craft pictured in Popular Mechanics in 1990, was lifted on board the flat bed and was back to base by morning. Frank is a fine artist. Neither the craft nor the bodies looked anything like anybody else had described.



None of this made sense when Frank described this scenario in July, 1995, to Kevin, Don Schmitt, and me. I asked if Blanchard wouldn't have waited until a spotter plane could check things out in the morning. He said they didn't have any spotter planes. They certainly did. The notion that all kinds of daylight photographs would not have been taken is absurd. People who owned the land at the time, the McKnight family, said there was no way to get to the site, except on horseback, until years later. The story made no sense as I wrote in my notes. Don tended to agree with me. The radar range was also too little; an explosion filling the screen could only be very close to the radar. They used primarily tracking radar — not search radar — at White Sands. To his credit, when I asked Frank at his home (by invitation in December, 1999, with three other witnesses) if Blanchard had gone out

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with him, he said, "No." Did Marcel go out with you? "No." Certainly Marcel, if he had been at the crash site, would have responded altogether differently when called by the Sheriff after being visited by rancher Brazel, on Sunday, July 6, 1947.

I discussed this in detail in my MUFON 2000 paper (Ref. 3). Finally after Frank's death in 2001, Don Schmitt was able to get permission to view Frank's papers and discovered that Frank had forged some documents and apparently had made up lots of stories. It was always strange that Frank claimed he could talk about the vehicles and the bodies, but couldn't talk about who was running the show. He said that they didn't stamp government documents that were classified with Security markings because everybody would know on the base very quickly, which is just plain crazy. He was a civilian clerk at the base for a couple of years until getting involved with the Chamber of Commerce. He showed me pictures of him with some military big shots, but with no indication whether he was present as a guard or as a tour guide. I think he is laughing his head off that he was able to get Randle to believe just about every phoney story. Randle even went so far as to attribute to Major Easley, base Provost Marshall, words that were actually Frank's. Finally in late 2002, Randle ("Frank Kaufmann: Roswell Witness") and Mark Rodeghier ("Frank Kaufmann: Roswell Hoaxer") who had worked with Don on some of Frank's papers, suddenly published long articles in the International UFO Reporter indicating that Frank's claims could not be substantiated and that certain documents had been faked. No credit was given to Schmitt. Randle made the foolish claim that "Challenges from the outside seemed born more of politics inside the UFO field than of investigative analysis." This would appear to be projecting onto other Roswell investigators his own politics about Roswell and the absence of investigative analysis on his part.



Unfortunately, "Case MJ-12" was completed before Frank's denouement. He claimed that several people were part of this oversight group. Most have never even been shown to exist such as a General Thomas. The one who did exist was General Martin Scanlon who supposedly ordered Frank to White Sands.

General Scanlon had been involved in Intelligence work for Army Air Force General Henry "Hap" Arnold in the 1930s, had been based in Roswell heading a training group in the early 1940s, and had headed several other training groups over the next few years. There seems to be no indication

of intelligence activities. In addition, his last post in 1947 before he left the military in early 1948 was as Public Affairs man for the Air Defense Command in Mitchell Field in New York. The notion that he could order a civilian at Roswell with no radar training, over to White Sands where the ADC had no radar in 1947, seems frankly ridiculous. Roswell was a SAC base.

General Exon, unlike Frank who was basically a clerk while he was in the service and for a couple of years afterward, was a pilot during WW II, spent more than year in a German Prisoner of War Camp, was at Wright Field in 1947, and went on to be Commander of Wright Patterson Air Force Base from August 1, 1964, until December 20, 1965. I was very impressed with him when we went to lunch near his home in California. Randle had claimed that Exon had firsthand knowledge of the Roswell crash from his time at WPAF and from contacts when he served in the Pentagon. Randle claimed that Exon knew who was on the oversight committee naming such people as Secretary of Air Stuart Symington, Secretary of Defense Forrestal and several others. As I described in Ref. 1, when I checked with Exon after first hearing about him and sending a copy of what was written in "The Truth" (Ref. 9), he indicated that he was repeating probably reliable scuttlebutt about the crash and that he was speaking of those who would have known about the crash — NOT those who would have been on the committee. I sent him a copy of "My Final Report" and relevant portions of "The Truth," then contacted him again. He immediately picked up on the split between military and civilian and Army, Navy, Air Force, and scientists and had no problems at all with the makeup of the MJ-12 group. He also had no objection to the use of generic ranks for the MJ-12 members.

TIM COOPER MJ-12 DOCUMENTS

Randle also attacks a few of the supposed MJ-12 Documents received by Tim Cooper of California. I went into gory detail on several of these in my MUFON 2000 paper, Ref. 3. I agree that I can find no good reason to believe any of these are genuine and very good reasons to say they are frauds. I had found in such books as "Wedemeyer Reports" (Ref. 10) original documents which were retyped in the Cooper documents with a few changes with the hand written items scanned or Xeroxed to create what I have referred to as emulations.

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These, at first blush, without access to the originals, look genuine as to signatures, etc. He gives one example: a July 9, 1947 directive to General Twining from President Truman which is clearly an emulation of a real one from President Truman to General Wedemeyer on the same date. But then apparently in a rush, he gives a wrong reason! He states, "But the final, and devastating, blow comes from a handwritten note at the bottom of the authentic document. Truman noted, 'I am keeping for further study.' The Twining memo contains the exact same message and the handwriting matches, exactly, that on the authentic memo." WRONG.



The reasons the Twining directive is an emulation are that the three handwritten items at the bottom (Truman's signature, July 9, 1947, and "Approved") match exactly in the location on the page and in the handwriting, and the fact that the Twining directive has essentially identical language even though

Wedemeyer's mission to China was very different from Twining's supposed mission to New Mexico. Also the Twining one says, "When your mission in New Mexico is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to the Sandia AEC facility." As it happens, Sandia is in New Mexico. To Wedemeyer it was "When your mission to China is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to Korea." Korea, of course, is NOT in China.

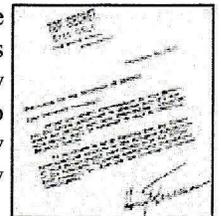
What is funny here is that indeed a Cooper document included the handwritten "I am keeping for further study" on an entirely different phoney document. I had spotted the identity after reviewing 23 different sign offs from Truman on various items that I had copied (and distributed to some people including Tim Cooper) at the Marshall Archives. This was noted in my MUFON paper. I gather Randle did not want to give me credit for debunking this batch of supposed MJ-12 documents.

Randle is sloppy in other places as well in "Case MJ-12." For example, he refers to the Billy Mitchell affair and his court-martial for his advocacy of the possibility of sinking ships with bombs dropped from aircraft as happening "back in the 30s." It happened in the early 1920s. In his reference to my "Operation Majestic 12? YES!" he lists it as being published by the Fund for UFO Research. It was not. It was published by my UFO Research Institute. It rebuts his anti-MJ-12 arguments in Ref. 11, "Conclusions on Operation Majestic Twelve" which was indeed published by FUFOR.

He attributes my "Crashed Saucers, Majestic 12, and the Debunkers" (Ref. 5) to the MUFON Journal. It was actually presented at the MUFON Conference for 1992 and included in the Proceedings. He in one place says the roll of film containing the EBD and TF items was received in 1982. It was actually 1984. He talks at length about testimony from unnamed officers, a colonel and lieutenant. There is no way to evaluate anything from them, so what is the point in the inclusion?

FINAL COMMENTS

Some final comments are in order. If the EBD, TF and CT Items are genuine, as I believe they are, one would certainly expect the intelligence community to flood the market with garbage, relatively easily seen as such, and causing many careless researchers to make the original ones sort of phoney-by-association. Colonel Richard Weaver, who wrote the USAF's "The Roswell Report: Truth versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert" (he supplied the fiction) wrote Nick Redfern, an excellent UFO Researcher, that the MJ-12 documents were bogus, and everybody knew they were bogus, etc. He included a copy to Nick (living in the UK at the time) of the eight pages with a handwritten Large Print BOGUS on each page.



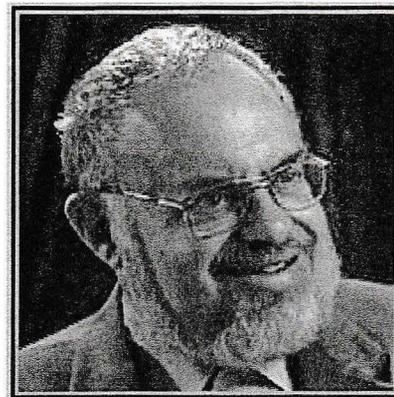
I filed an FOIA request for all documentation leading to this statement made by a serving officer to a foreign national on official stationery. The response was there was nothing in response to my request. I appealed. There was still nothing. However, if one looks at the discussion about MJ-12 on the FBI site, one finds the same copy of the MJ-12 docs with the same handwritten BOGUS on each page. Colonel Weaver lied about a number of other items in his report (see Ref. 12). I guess lying about the MJ-12 documents isn't very surprising for an expert in disinformation. People want provenance. I would like it, too. But it is clear that the person who supplied the documents, if they are indeed genuine, is the one at risk, not the recipients. If it is a hoax, why has the hoaxer not come forward to say Gotcha? He wasn't breaking the law and could really thumb his nose at ufologists. On balance, Randle has not achieved his purpose of disgracing the original MJ-12 documents. They would still seem to stand as the most important classified government documents ever leaked to the public.

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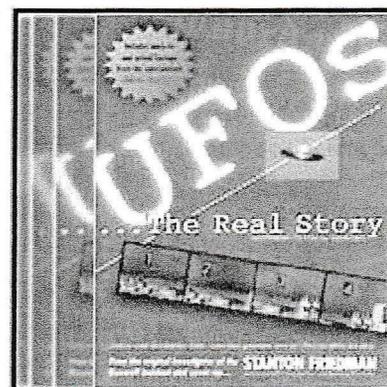
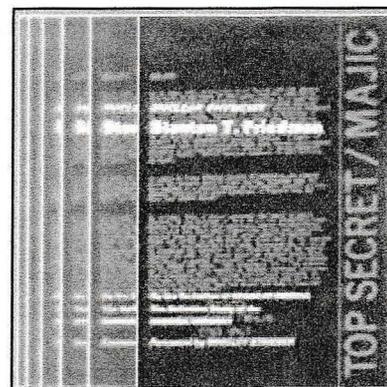
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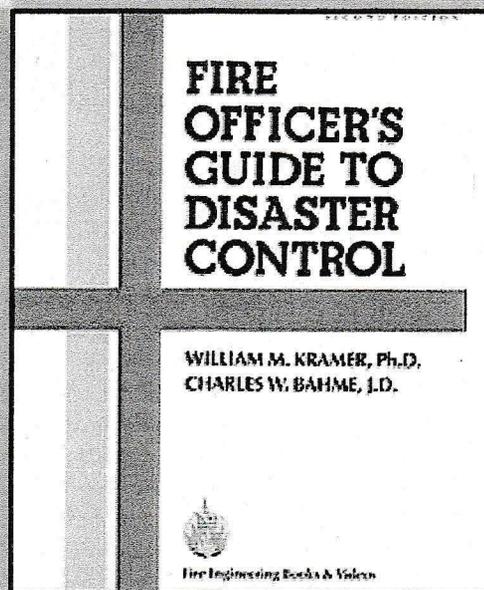
That's an editorial title that should get your attention. It did mine several years ago, and I have finally obtained the book to review it. I had heard there was a Fire Officer's Guide used to train Firefighter's at the National Fire Academy in Maryland that contained a chapter on UFOs. I couldn't help but ask myself, if all these rumors about UFOs were untrue, why would firefighters be trained on this subject? And like so many other areas of my research, one question only produced other questions. In this case however, I now have a copy of the Guide and will share that information with you.

In the near future I plan on researching Title 14, Section 1211, of the Code of Federal Regulations also, to determine if a code existed which supposedly *made it illegal for U.S. Citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles.* (Originally it may have been written for our astronauts, and possibly more recently may have been repealed.) A co-author of the "Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control" however wondered if it pertained only to astronauts, or to anyone that may have had a UFO encounter.

Our government and particularly the U.S. Air Force have been telling you and I for years that UFOs do not exist. Well the truth is that UFOs do exist; we just don't know what they are, whom they belong to, or where they are from. A UFO is any object that can fly and is not identifiable. So if there are federal regulations, or training guides being used, someone needs to explain to us why and for what purpose. The public should be told if there are dangers, since nothing helps rumors and panic more than ignorance.

The "Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control," Second Edition, (ISBN 0-912212-26-8) was published in 1992 and contains 641 pages. Two veteran Fire Officers, William M. Kramer, PhD and Charles W. Bahme, J.D., wrote it. In my

opinion this book would be an essential part of any Fire Fighter's training. It covers the full spectrum of disaster situations from natural events such as weather related disasters, to transportation, civil disorders and riots, hazardous materials to training, preparation and resource management. Having known several professional firefighters when I lived in El Paso, Texas and since I've been in Roswell, I can assure you that they deserve all the training possible to perform their duties and responsibilities. We owe a lot to them for the job they do. I don't recall ever, in all the conversations I've had with Fire Fighters, any discussion about UFOs, so when I located the Guide my curiosity was aroused. The first edition titled, "Handbook of Disaster Control" was published in 1952, and had no reference to anything related to the UFO phenomenon.



Co-author Charles Bahme, apparently felt that UFOs should be included in the second edition of his Disaster Control Guide, due to his own experience and interest in the subject. Chapter 13 is a dual chapter entitled "Enemy Attack and UFO Potential," which explains what war is (a man-made disaster), and lists causes of war, as well as examples of different disasters which can be caused by war when nuclear, biological and chemical attacks are used. Bahme's interest in UFOs began on the morning of August 26, 1942, in what became known as the "The Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942," when he witnessed the "fireworks" display.

The Army had announced the approach of hostile aircraft and the city's air raid warning system went into effect for the first time in World War II. Army forts along the coastline began pumping the first of 1433 rounds of artillery shells toward the intruders, utilizing searchlights to locate whatever it was they were firing at. 2 hours later the threat no longer existed, and the incident is still questioned today.

Note: *The correct date of the LA Raid is February 25, 1942 (not August 26, 1942 as stated in the Guide), and it has become known as "the Battle of Los Angeles". For more information go to: <http://www.rense.com/ufo/battleofla.htm>*

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FIRE FIGHTERS, DISASTER CONTROL AND THE UFO POTENTIAL

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Fire Fighters, Disaster Control and the UFO Potential Continued.....

Another reference made in the Guide by the author is the Orson Welles radio show "War of the Worlds," broadcast in 1938, which demonstrated that even a drama can provoke disaster-like conditions and panic by certain individuals, which in a real invasion would require first line response by fire services. Some have attributed widespread blackouts, communication disruptions and other potential disasters such as the 1965 failure that blacked out New York and New England to UFO activity. Power failures associated with UFOs were also reported in Brazil from 1957-1959, in Rome, Italy in 1958, and in Mexico in 1965. In September and October 1995, while I lived in El Paso, 3 major power failures occurred affecting some 700,000 persons in west Texas, New Mexico and Mexico, including Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base, and White Sands missile range. To my knowledge no proof of blackouts related to UFO activity have ever been substantiated, but I suppose it could be a possibility.

The Disaster Control Guide relies heavily on the research and experiences of co-author Charles Bahme in the area of UFOs and their potential. The word "potential" to me as a researcher is the key to the whole chapter. Those individuals who believe there is no such thing as a UFO, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, it should be pointed out that there is circumstantial evidence that disastrous effects have already been attributed to UFO activity in the United States and in other countries. When the first edition was published in 1952, Bahme didn't feel there was any significant concern about a UFO threat to our country. However in the 90's he felt the military would not brush off the UFO potential as quickly. He felt to those individuals that had experienced unexplained aerial phenomena it was serious business.

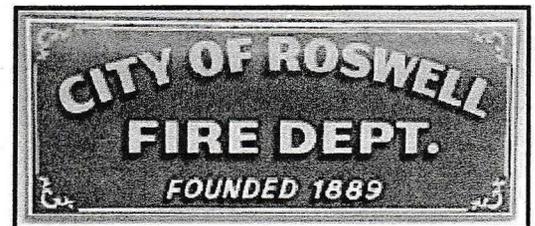
Through his research, Chief Bahme briefly explains several facets of the UFO phenomenon. Chapter 13 of the Guide includes UFO background information, what they might be, the classification system adopted by J. Allen Hynek, shapes and the history of UFOs. He also lists several of the well-known UFO Organizations such as: MUFON, NICAP, CAUS, GSW, CUFOS and APRO.

In another section he talks about the adverse potential of UFOs and specifically UFO hazards, force field impact, communications disruption, regional blackouts and the panic hazard. In the latter section, he refers to the fact that one of the reasons often given by the government for the tight security on findings is the need to prevent the possible panic that the truth might arouse. Lastly, after discussing several hazardous possibilities he describes physiological personal

hazards referring to baking or sterilization of the soil where a UFO has landed. He mentions that while pursuing UFOs, military aircraft have disappeared in mid-air, exploded, and suffered harassment. Persons on the ground have sustained serious burns, paralysis, and force field radiated emissions, described like that of a "stun-gun."

The Reference section at the end of Chapter 13 for the 15 pages containing the UFO potential information includes 72 references from the research Bahme has done. Appendix H in the back of the Guide lists 36 book titles on the subject of UFOs.

His emergency action and conclusions about UFOs in Chapter 13 is brief, but it is my opinion that he feels the potential is so real, that it should be included in the "Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control," and I totally agree. We depend on our local Fire Departments daily, and I for one am proud of the training they receive, and the professional job they do.



Before completing this editorial I decided to contact the Roswell Fire Department and I talked to Chief Salas, who is in charge of training for the local department. He's a veteran of 18 years with the Department and told me he had never heard of the "Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control." He did give me some contacts with the National Fire Academy. So as I stated earlier, "questions produce more questions." I'll be following up on that to determine if the guide is actually used to train fire officers, if it's endorsed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and several other questions.

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Interception

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In June of 1997 while attempting to obtain physical evidence related to the 1947 Roswell Incident. Mr. Balthaser was intercepted by alleged USAF OSI agents in Oklahoma. The evidence presented in this video could prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that a major cover up regarding Roswell and the alleged crash of an extraterrestrial ship in 1947, is still well in place. Please visit Dennis's site to order the series.

On the Trail of the Chupacabras



It attacks in the night, sucking the blood from its helpless victims. Let's follow the bloody trail of the elusive "goat sucker" over the years.

Their first known attacks were in March of 1995 in Puerto Rico. Eight sheep were discovered dead, each completely drained of blood. Investigators found three strange puncture wounds in the chests of the animals. Despite the odd circumstances, authorities could only attribute the killings to a known predator - a fox, perhaps. Others, however, recognized the similarities in these deaths to the enigmatic cattle mutilations which had been taking place in the American southwest with increasing regularity. Was there a connection?

Five months later, however, the attacks intensified and became more bizarre than any cattle mutilation. In August, 1995, as many as 150 farm animals and pets were killed by a mysterious predator in and around the Puerto Rican town of Canóvanas. In most cases, like the sheep, the animals were drained of blood through small holes. A definite pattern of unexplained killing had developed. Several of the animal victims were goats, which inspired the locals to christen the killer, *el chupacabras* - the "goat sucker." To this day, its rampage of gruesome slayings has continued and spread to many parts of the world, including the United States, Mexico, even as far away as Australia.

Yet after three years and hundreds of killings, chupacabras has eluded capture. Several sightings have been claimed, and its description fits no biological classification - and its killing methods puzzle forensic experts. If eyewitnesses can be believed, and until the experts can deliver a plausible explanation for the bizarre deaths, chupacabras remains a real modern mystery

The Description

In Canóvanas, about 30 citizens claimed to have seen the chupacabras, swearing that it had swooped down from the sky and leapt over tree-tops. It wasn't until November, 19, 1995 that a detailed description of chupacabras came from an eyewitness. On that autumn night in Puerto Rico, the creature struck again. Farmers awoke

to a horrifying scene: dozens of turkeys, rabbits, goats, cats, dogs, horses and cows... dead, with no explainable cause. Just the mysterious markings left by the blood-drinking chupacabras. But in the north-central city of Caguas, a startled homeowner caught the world's first fleeting glimpse of the goat sucker. Described as having huge red eyes and hairy arms, the creature allegedly broke into the bedroom of the house through a window, tore apart a child's stuffed Teddy bear, and left a puddle of slime and a single piece of rancid meat on the windowsill before disappearing.

Through the end of 1995, chupacabras had been blamed for more than 1,000 mysterious animals deaths - all resulting from blood loss through one or more puncture wounds. In that time, several more eyewitnesses came forward, consistently describing the creature as being monkey-like, but having no tail. They characterized it as having large oval red eyes that sometimes glowed, gray skin, a long snake-like tongue, fangs, and long spinal quills that may double as wings. Those who saw it say chupacabras stands between four and five feet tall, hops like a kangaroo, and leaves a foul, sulfur-like stench. At the site of some deaths, unidentified three-toed tracks were found. Zoologists could think of no known animal that adequately fits this strange portrait.

Was the chupacabras the figment of agitated imaginations? Could the witnesses have mistaken a fox or a panther for this weird creature? Was it, after all, just a superstition? In any case, the killings continued. In March, 1996, chupacabras struck for the first time in the United States. It had somehow crossed the Caribbean and slain 40 animals in a rural area northwest of Miami, Florida. On May 2, a report came from the Rio Grande Valley in southern Texas: a six-year-old pet goat was found dead with the unmistakable puncture wounds of chupacabras. On that same day, the creature appeared further south in Juarez, Mexico, where it preyed on dogs and other small mammals. More witnesses verified chupacabras' description: the row of spikes or feather-like projections running down its spine; the way it stands upright on three-toed feet with its forearms suspended at chest level, not unlike a kangaroo; its large sometimes glowing eyes. The next day, May 3, in northern Mexico, the village of Calderon is terrorized by a giant "bat-like" creature that feasted on the blood of several goats. Like a scene out of *Frankenstein*, farmers formed vigilante groups to try and stop the monster, but without success. Throughout May, reports came in from all over Mexico where chupacabras left dead cows, sheep, and rams in its bloody wake.

Theories

Although the eyewitness accounts make it extremely difficult to categorize the creature as any known predator,

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some authorities have ventured that chupacabras may actually be a large vampire bat. The world's three species of blood-sucking bats live predominantly in the warm climates of Latin America where most of the attacks have occurred. But vampire bats do not directly kill their victims; they stealthily creep up on their sleeping prey, make painless incisions, and lap up the dripping blood. Although they can infect their victims with rabies, they by no means drain even small animals of all their blood.

Other proffered theories for the chupacabras include that is an extraterrestrial, a demon, a living dinosaur of some kind, some weird vampire kangaroo, or a genetic mutation that has somehow escaped from a secret government laboratory experiment. They're pretty far-out ideas, but no stranger than the thing itself. The idea receiving the most credence from authorities is that the attacks are made by hungry, stray dogs. Yet it's an odd hungry dog indeed that doesn't eat its victims, but merely lacerates them with its canine teeth and drinks their blood.

Still on the Prowl

Whatever it is, chupacabras' appetite for blood has not been satisfied. From 1996 through 1998, reports of their ghastly attacks continued to make their way into the press. Sightings were made in the Dominican Republic, Tucson, Arizona, and continued on the island of Puerto Rico. Hardly a month goes by without an assault on some helpless animals by the chupacabras:

In November, 1996, a Mexican rancher near San Antonio, Texas, claimed to have captured the chupacabras with a coyote trap - and produced the photographs to prove it. (This story and photos used to be online, but have since become unavailable.) The rancher had set the trap to capture whatever was killing his goats, chickens, and a donkey. What he caught was something he could not recognize. Allegedly, the body of the strange creature was taken to a major Texas university for identification, although this cannot be verified.

In November, 1997, chupacabras was back in its original stomping grounds where it killed two goats, bled another dry, and made off with a small kid from a small farm near Loíza, Puerto Rico. Investigating police believe that attack took place around 2 a.m., about the time a farm hand heard the "flutter of wings" and saw frightened horses and cows running "as if the devil were in pursuit."

On the night of November 12, 1997, near Perth, Australia, two friends investigating what sounded like the squealing

of a wild pig, encountered a creature with large, piercing red eyes, a body covered with stringy matted hair, large teeth, and a distinctive sulfur-like odor. "It was about three feet high when on all fours," said the witness, "and about five feet when trying to stand up. In its mouth was part of a kangaroo. Within a split second, it leapt straight up - dinner and all - as if it had springs for legs."

Thirty-four hogs were found dead with the trademark puncture marks on November 17, 1997, near Aricibo, Puerto Rico. The pigs were being raised by inmates of the Sabana Hoyos prison who had planned to feast on the animals for Christmas dinner.

Near Hesperia in Southern California, a creature matching the description of the "goat sucker" attacked another pig in December, 1997. "I encountered something trying to get to my pig that was unbelievable," said the owner. "When I came around the corner, it stopped and looked up at me. My dogs seemed to be afraid of it. It then disappeared into the bushes.

On January 26, 1998, chupacabras was blamed for the mutilation of three cats at the home of Melvin Rosado in La Parguera, Puerto Rico. According the report, "one of the cats had its skin separated by a precise, bloodless incision."

It would be easier to discount the all of these accounts as peculiar attacks by a variety of different predators if it weren't for the consistent eyewitness descriptions of the chupacabras. Is it just possible that this is some kind of creature, like Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster, that has not yet been classified by science? Or is it just another myth perpetuated by fanciful human imagination? Whatever it is, I'll continue to bring you updates on this ongoing and bloody mystery.

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Who is the Mothman?

In the fall of 1966, life took a turn into the Twilight Zone for the residents of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The story begins in a remote location near Point Pleasant, known by the local teens as T.N.T. It was a favorite spot for parking and partying, far from the censorious eyes of their elders. The area is covered with dense forest, steep hills and tunnels. This area had been set up as the McClintic Wildlife Preserve in the 1900s, mostly as a bird sanctuary. Then, part of the land had been taken over during WWII as an underground storage site for wartime explosives. After the war, parts of the preserve had been leased or sold to chemical companies – and biochemistry came to this isolated area. Some, or all, of that history may have played a part in what happened next.

Two young married couples, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scarberry and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mallette, drove through the T.N.T area on November 15th, 1966. They were looking for friends who often came to the area. At about 11:30, they reached an old generator plant on the preserve. The door to the plant appeared to have been ripped off its hinges and the couples saw a bizarre creature. They later reported that the creature looked like a man – though about 7 feet tall – and had wings folded against its back. However, the most striking thing about it was its eyes. They were huge, like bicycle reflectors and the young people described them as hypnotic.

Roger Scarberry reacted by slamming down the accelerator in the old Chevy, fleeing from the terrifying sight. They saw the creature take flight – straight into the air without flapping its wings. Although the Chevy was soon roaring along close to a hundred miles an hour, the creature was able to keep up with them until the car reached the city limits of Point Pleasant, when it broke off its pursuit and disappeared. The terrified couples rushed to the Mason County Courthouse to report what they had seen.

Deputy Millard Hallstead returned to T.N.T with the couples to check out their confused report. He didn't see anything but he clearly believed that the young people had seen something. Their fear was far too real. He attempted to call in while still at the preserve but his police radio wouldn't work. Instead a loud screech came from the speaker. The deputy found the coincidence of the malfunctioning radio and the young couples' report disturbing.

By the next day, more reports of this strange huge "bird" came in. In one report, it swooped down over another moving car, frightening the passengers. A different report came from nearby Salem. A farmer, Newell Partridge, had been watching television around 10:30 on the 14th, when the picture suddenly blacked out. The television emitted a strange noise, "like a generator winding up." About the same time, his large German Shepherd, Bandit, began howling from the porch.

Partridge went outside and saw that Bandit was howling toward the barn. Partridge shone a flashlight in that direction and saw what looked like two bicycle reflectors shining brightly. Despite the distance to the barn, about the length of a football field, the "eyes" shone plainly. Bandit growled and ran toward the eyes. Partridge said that fear swept over

him like a "cold chill" and he went back into the house – that night he slept with his shotgun.

The next day he found Bandit's tracks clearly showing the dog had raced around in a circle, as if chasing his tail. No other tracks were found and Bandit was never seen again.

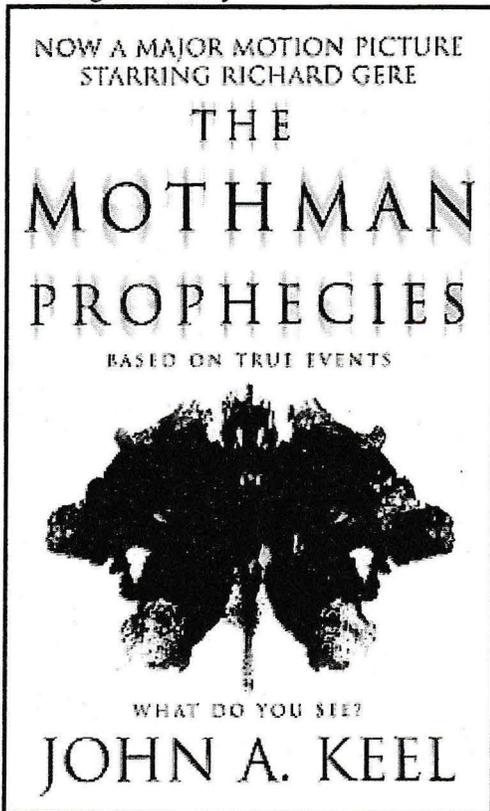
On the morning of November 16th, Sheriff George Johnson held a press conference about the incidents and all of the people who had reported sightings were interviewed. The news story stirred such a fervor that it was picked up by the Associate Press. The creature was dubbed "Mothman" after the popular television character, Batman.

Sightings continued to pour in. Certain features remained consistent – the creature's size, build and hypnotic eyes. Also, malfunctioning radios and televisions featured in many of the

reports. Another consistent feature was the fear – people were terrified of the Mothman. Also, a sudden increase of dog disappearances and animal mutilations were reported – and Mothman was held responsible for those, as well. As one would expect with this kind of media coverage, thousands of people poured into the T.N.T. area, hoping for a sighting. Television crews set up at the generator plant, hoping to catch Mothman on film.

Theories of what the Mothman was abounded – the demonic

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result of a magic ritual, a biochemically altered bird, or perhaps the embodiment of a 200-year-old Shawnee curse on the land. Not surprisingly, skeptics scoffed at these theories, stating instead that Mothman was probably just some normal bird; probably a sandhill crane. The sandhill crane has reddish patches on its head that could possibly be mistaken for large red eyes. And sandhill cranes are very large – some reaching roughly the size attributed to Mothman. However other large birds have been found in the area as well. In July 1967, several boys found a large vulture near New Haven. And at Gallipolis Ferry, a farmer shot an Arctic snow owl; it was two feet tall with a five-foot wingspan. Many local people were not interested in logical explanations – they were afraid and, by the one-year anniversary of the first report, over one hundred incidents linked to Mothman had been reported.

On the evening of December 15, 1967, the Silver Bridge, which crossed the Ohio River at Point Pleasant, collapsed in rush-hour traffic. Over forty-six cars fell into the river. It was the biggest disaster ever to hit Point Pleasant and it seemed to mark the end of the flurry of Mothman sightings. People began to speculate that the Mothman was somehow responsible for the bridge's collapse. At any rate, the severity of the accident seemed to turn public attention away from the Mothman and only scattered reports of him have surfaced since then.

Still, the mystique of Mothman is a strong one and many people believe he existed. Today, UFOs and Men in Black have been added to the Mothman legend. A movie based on John A. Keel's book *The Mothman Prophecies* is in the works, proving that Mothman still has a following today.

Author's name omitted by request



Stanley Nova Scotia

March 8, 2003

Time: 7:35 p.m.

I received this report from a pilot friend of mine via email.

Date of Occurrence: March 8, 2003

Time: 7:35 PM AST [23:35 UTC] **Location:** Hwy.236, 2 miles west of Stanley, Nova Scotia

45 04 30 North 63 53 30 West **Witnesses:** 2

Details: While returning home [ground vehicle] on Highway 236 about two miles east of Stanley airfield, Nova Scotia a pilot reported a fast moving brilliant white light traveling south to north, moving parallel to, and just above the horizon. He reported it was moving too fast to be an aircraft. He and his wife [who first spotted it 2 or 3 seconds before the pilot] observed the light for the space of about 8 -10 to 13 seconds for his wife. It then went out of their line of sight over the tree line on the right side of the road.

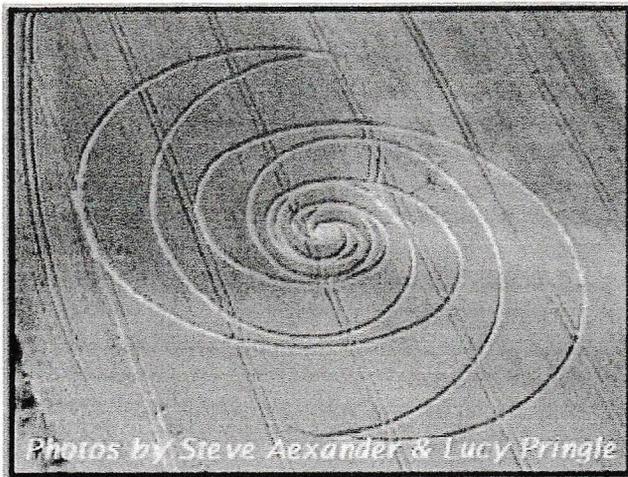
He compared the light's speed as being some 6 to 7 times the cruising speed of a Cessna 172 [100 knots] meaning the object was traveling fast enough to be supersonic. He heard no sound but did not attribute any significance to this because his windows were closed and the radio was on. He described the light as being equal to the intensity of a "heavy's" [meaning an airliner's] landing light. The pilot is a long time acquaintance of this investigator and has been a friend of mine for 25 years. He's been a pilot for over 30 years with many hours in various types of aircraft and is heavily involved in the Canadian aviation community.

Halifax tower was contacted. The logs there reflected no indication that they were aware of the sighting though the controller offered that he had just come on duty. I contacted Moncton Center-the overall TRACON for the eastern area of Canada and asked the Shift Manager if he would check the radar tapes.

He returned my call later advising that a check of the tapes revealed an aircraft [airliner they had worked] at 33,000 feet north of that position. But nothing else. The aircraft at 33,000 feet did NOT fit the profile of the sighting. I queried their ability to paint any returns at low level and was told they could only see down to about 700 feet AGL [800 feet ASL] at the position of the airfield two miles to the east of the sighting position. It's safe to say then that the object was probably below the radar's sight or in the ground clutter. A call to CFB Greenwood tower fifty miles to the west of the area was not possible due to the switchboard being closed on weekends.

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Concerning Crop Circles: By Thomas J. Sutter



Concerning Crop Circles: By Thomas J. Sutter, retired mechanical designer and inventor.

At first glance crop circles appear to be no more than random doodles that "somehow" appear overnight. The majority of which seem to appear in specific locals on our vast planet's surface. I.E. - In Briton within a 40 mile radius of Stonehenge, and in Germany, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Canada, Australia, plus many others. At first this widespread dispersion appears random, without any clearly defined objective or intention. But only at first glance. Upon careful scrutiny a common denominator betwixt where crop circles appear can be ascertained. They appear only where our present state of advanced development is most obvious and where there is an obvious abundance of outdoor activity. Furthermore, the complexity of the crop circle designs becomes more elaborate as the obvious interest in them in any local increases. I.E. - Briton & Germany are good examples of what I mean. For several years not just gawkers, but a large number of researchers have been visiting the renditions drawn in both countries. With the ensuing and unexpected result that the crop circles rendered in those areas are now more complex and detailed than anywhere else on our planet. Those are facts to be accounted for in any analysis of the rationale behind crop circle creation.

We have: 1. Crop circles are created to be noted by our most advanced peoples. And 2. The more interest that we display in them results in the rendering of more detailed and complex designs being drawn in that area. People, those are not assertions, those are the facts derived via careful, logical examinations. Should you have doubts all you need do is study the data for yourself. A valid fact is repeatable. Therefore your conclusions will mimic mine. This analysis leads one to no other overall conclusion other than that crop circles are being monitored by their creators *and* that they are rendered for our most advanced cultures to examine.

That implies intelligence. Obviously a more advanced intelligence than we. Now the next step. WHY would an a more advanced intelligence (peoples) choose to send such seemingly enigmatic renderings to us? There has got to be a reason for doing this. I mean, use logic, they are not going to drop in during lunch break and amuse themselves by drawing doodles all over our planet in the middle of the night. There simply has GOT to be a logical reason. An intention, a purpose, a strategic design. But what could it be? This is where "step three" starts. Let's try putting ourselves in their place to better understand what we might do where this situation reversed. By doing so several previously obscure aspects become readily apparent. We would know that our appearance & our cultural history is so different from these Earthlings that the very sight of us provokes panic & hostilities.

The Earthlings greet us with armed military aircraft whilst above ground. & Hysterically run away from us whilst on the ground. This situation must be rectified before any progress is made toward establishing relations with the Earthlings. But how? We can see that the Earthlings have two arms and two legs. We can see that they are industrious. And their roads & their vehicles & their structures proclaim that they are intelligent beings. So surely there must be peaceable means of initiating contact with them. Intelligence cultivates inquisitiveness. The desire to learn, the desire to examine and study any new and unknown discovery. To us this trait is simply regarded as "human nature" when in reality it is better defined as an ingrained inquisitive predisposition.

When any intelligent being encounters something previously unknown this ingrained predisposition will mandate that it is examined as opposed to being discarded. Inquisitiveness defines intelligence. It is not the other way around. If you are an intelligent being, you will also be inquisitive. Those attributes are reliant on each other. You cannot have one without the other. Next step: Now, taking that inquisitive predisposition into account, we can formulate a plan of action. Bluntly; Give these Earthlings something to arouse their inquisitiveness & we will gain their attention. However, this attention gathering "thing" must be positively associated with us, the ET's.

For we also want to make it crystal clear that it is we, a more advanced society, that is arousing their interest. It must be something that is a common link between our society and that of the Earthlings. - It MUST be a common denominator that is universally recognizable regardless of the difference in the advancement or culture of either society. - What could that be?

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What would fall into that category? - The table of elements, or magnetism, or depiction's of common molecules such as water would be perfect examples of universally recognizable drawings. As would the Earthlings Solar System or a picture of their face or of ours. Another category of renditions that ought to be easily recognizable to the Earthlings would be schematical drawings of the innovations that we, a more advanced society, know the Earthlings would innovate next. We were already there, we know what will come next. Now we have a plan of action that will solve the hysterical & hostile greetings we get when we approach the Humans. When these drawings are recognized as being given to them by us. They will respond to the drawings in their own good time when they are ready to establish relations with us.

By doing this, the initiative for establishing relations is in their hands, not ours. Perfect, no hostility and everybody is ready to greet everybody when the humans decide to meet. Next step: Back to reality. We are the humans, the lesser advanced of the two parties. We are the ones awed by the devices of the more advanced society (s). We are the ones whose leaders realize that they will lose authority upon establishing relations with an advanced ET society (s). Use plain simple logic and ask this question; What singular country on this Earth could represent every country in dealings with an advanced ET people? The answer is - none. So what will the first thing that occurs AFTER relations are established? - It will be an establishment created by us of a worldwide all-encompassing governing authority needed to represent Earth. - Where does that put the majority of our present leaders? - You ask the question, you answer to it.

You do not need my input for that. Nor to imagine what will happen to all of our present lawyers, versed in our present laws. Which would be altered and made obsolete by the decree's of a central authority that would most certainly be influenced by the input of a more advanced people (s). My guess is that our present politicians and lawyers are not going to regard that central authority with very high esteem. Perhaps they might even attempt to suppress information leading to the establishment of a central authority while they are still able to do so. (?) At any rate, we are the Human's whom are being bombarded by seemingly enigmatic renderings drawn all over our planet.

Mostly near highly populated areas. This has been going on for several years now. What has not been going on at all is any attempt by any of us to respond to any of those renderings. But that will soon change. Now that the rational behind their creation is announced, it should not be too much longer before somebody takes it upon themselves to actively respond to one. And how would that be done you might think?

Think universally. That's the language that they are rendered in. Use universal depiction's. Draw the depiction on a large sheet of cloth and unroll the cloth adjacent to the crop formation. Most especially when those recognizable "balls of light" fly in that area. Do not damage any of the land-owners source of income. That would be vandalism. Gently unroll the cloth sheets over the remaining crop. On one, draw a human face, on another, draw a depiction of two hands with fingers extended & thumbs together, on a third draw an alien face. Put the hands drawing between the other two and have cameras ready. Simple as that. If you think this is a joke just remember, there are many others in many other countries who will not think of this procedure as a joke. Either you be the first or they will. It is a certainty that somebody will. Crop circles are invitations to meet, not doodles.

Many thanks to Mr. Thomas J. Sutter

<http://imageevent.com/cropcirclerational/cropcirclesdecoded>

Linda Moulton Howe also has an excellent site on this subject. <http://www.earthfiles.com/>

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UFO*BC Case Report

Crescent Beach, B.C. Sphere

Date: Sunday November 17, 2002

Time: No time given

Observed from the porch of his residence (indicated as witness "X" on map) - first observed as a dot coming across the sky from South over the water to North/Northwest (towards Tsawassen Ferry terminal). Opaque gray "primer"-coloured sphere under 1000 feet in altitude, approximately 25 feet in width, emitting no sound, no heat and no colour. The whole event was fast - 3 to 4 seconds. When the witness first saw it he thought it was a missile, and was expecting a sonic boom.

The object approached his location on a roughly parallel heading to the shoreline, but slightly towards the ocean (NNW). The object stopped, zig-zagged towards the shore, and resumed its original flight path, accelerating out of sight towards the North.

When the witness first sighted the object (when it was just a dot), he thought it was a missile, but he now believes that it was some sort of probe doing a recon of the shore.

Thanks to UFO*BC at: <http://www.ufobc.ca/>



OGOPOGO:

The Legendary Lake Monster

The charming, somewhat comical statue which may be seen on Bernard Avenue by the lake near Kelowna's City Park of the large creature believed to be roaming the depths of Okanagan Lake is a far cry from the frightening beast described by the Interior Salish Native people more than 100 years ago.

They would exchange mysterious stories about the monster they named N'ha-a-itk. The Native people, who depended heavily on the lake for many of the necessities of life, would scan the waters carefully for the 'Devil of the Lake' before setting out on their expeditions.

They would make animal sacrifices in hopes of appeasing the monster and thus protect themselves from attack as they crossed the waters in their canoes.

Of course, European traders who arrived in the mid 1800's regarded these tales with skepticism, ignoring all sightings of N'ha-a-itk.

In 1942, the monster came to be known as OgoPogo and since then has been regarded more with amusement than fear. Much like the creature immortalized in Loch Ness, Scotland, OgoPogo is believed to have a snake-like body, including several humps, a green outer skin and a very large head. That description is based on the most common reports.

OgoPogo's likeness appears on t-shirts, postcards and a friendly-looking concrete statue of a dragon-like monster which has been constructed in City Park as a reminder for tourists and residents.

Despite doubts about the creature's existence, sightings of OgoPogo continue to this day at the risk of ridicule by those who consider the legend a whole lot of bunk.

But the possibility of some kind of strange marine life in Lake Okanagan cannot be discounted. At 169 kilometres in length and with depths of almost 1,000 feet in some parts, it

is not unreasonable to believe something large and unusual may lurk in the waters.

Some of the explanations for the phenomenon are that OgoPogo is some kind of prehistoric water serpent able to thrive on the plentiful fish stock and hide out in many of the crevices in the lake. Some researchers believe it may live in an underwater cave near Rattlesnake Island at Peachland, based on the frequency of sightings in that area.

The legend of OgoPogo has attracted a lot of attention from the international media. Reports on the Okanagan Lake monster have been aired on U.S. television shows *Unsolved Mysteries* and *Inside Edition*, as well as on the Japanese program *The World's Supernatural Phenomena*. Despite offers of rewards for the capture or provision of absolute proof of the monster's existence, nothing but fuzzy photographs have been snapped by those claiming to have seen OgoPogo. If you bring your camera along for an Okanagan Lake boating expedition, maybe you'll be the lucky one to prove the skeptics wrong.

OgoPogo Sighting

Twyla Murdoch
(Kelowna, B.C.)

Submitted August 28, 2001

- "photograph taken August 8th or 9th, 2001 from the top of Knox Mountain. We watched this creature for 20 minutes. He would dive when motor boats within 150 or more feet." "Every once in a while we could see something brown and shiny surface near the head end".



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The Cold War created many scientific secrets and institutions that otherwise would never have existed. Brookhaven National Laboratory, ostensibly a facility for high tech nuclear research and particle accelerators is one of these. Set up by the Truman administration on January 31st, 1947, it grew to the fourth largest high-tech installation on Long Island, and today has about 3,100 employees and some 600 research programs. In 1963, researchers discovered two new types of neutrinos.

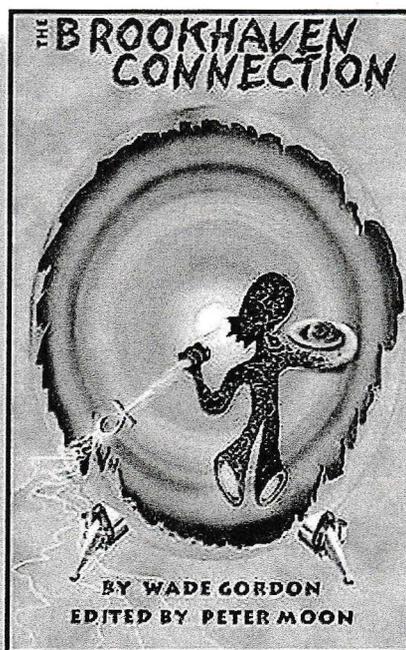
For all of this, there is a darker side to Brookhaven. Early concerns included radiation leakage and waste disposal. Then there are the presumed black projects buried deep in the subbasements and of particular interest to the intelligence community.

One story that has emerged in the national press in the U.S. concerns the crash of Flight 800 in July 1996. Two investigators got themselves into trouble by revealing there were traces of a reddish-orange residue on the seat fabric that was consistent with rocket or missile fuel. The suspicion was that the Brookhaven complex was using some sort of particle beam weapon to activate or explode a missile which brought down the airliner. Then there was the curious case of another investigator, UFO researcher John Ford, who was supposedly working on a book exposing corrupt political connections at Brookhaven. He was arrested and accused of a plot to kill powerful Republican wheelhorse John Powell. He was never given a proper trial and was incarcerated in a psychiatric hospital where he remains to this day, very likely a victim of his own curiosity about what is really hidden at Brookhaven.

Something to do with UFOs certainly, and perhaps even explorations into hyper space and time travel as well.

Now a new factor has appeared in the form of the memories of a man who was an eight year old boy back in 1968. It all started with a weekly card game. Gordon admits that he was intellectually precocious for his age and displayed an early interest in science. So it was, that when he eavesdropped on a weekly poker game in the basement of a family friend in Ronkonkoma, New York, he began to pick up unusual phrases and fragments of conversation. The family friend was a researcher at Brookhaven. Curiosity impelled him to write a letter to a Dr. Stevens at Columbia University, asking about the meaning of some of the phrases. Dr. Steven turned up at the Gordon home, shaken to the core by the fact a now 9 year old boy had inadvertently tapped into some deep dark secrets of the highest national security.

Gordon started to "bug" the card game with a small tape recorder, but he was eventually caught by one of the card players, a Mr. J. Oddly, Mr. J. did not seem upset, but mildly amused. It seems that he was not entirely at ease with the policy of secrecy, particularly with regard to mind control. Mr. J. decided to use the boy for his own purposes - whether to impart information that would eventually leak out long after all the card players were dead, or as a source of disinformation to mislead - is not entirely clear. Gordon admits that as a 40 year old, he has had to do a considerable amount of digging to make things clear which were not wholly understandable then.



What kind of revelations did the mysterious Mr. J. impart? That inventor Nikola Tesla had made contact with extraterrestrials in 1918! That the Philadelphia Experiment to make a ship

invisible in 1943 really occurred, as did the Roswell UFO crash in 1947. That there was really a conspiracy in the JFK assassination. And most sensationally of all, that a primitive form of time travel had been developed as early as the 1960's.

Gordon has supplemented his material with photostats taken from the controversial MJ-12 papers. He claims there is much more to this story than he had been able to tell, some of it so fantastic that he rejects it himself. The question is, how much reliance can we place upon the testimony of a 9 year old boy, thirty years after the fact? I know I can recall some major

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THE BROOKHAVEN CONNECTION

The Brookhaven Connection Continued

UFO sightings in Canada in the 1950's when I was about the same age, so it is not beyond the realm of probability. There is the phenomena of "false memory syndrome", but that seems to be ruled out by the fact that he made notes. Again, I still have notes myself that I made when I was that age. In all likelihood, we will never know for sure, but it does make for interesting reading.

There is a request for anyone who has any further information to contact the Brookhaven Investigation at P.O. Box 769, Westbury, N.Y. 11590, U.S.A., so we have not heard the last of Brookhaven. A thought provoking entry in the murky world of UFOs and government secrecy.

HBCC UFO Research Reports On This Case

Prince Rupert, British Columbia

Date: Friday, March 7, 2003

Time: 7:30 p.m.

email report:

Hi. I have here a report for you. On Friday March 7/03 @ 7:30 PM me and my daughter (name deleted) were outside ready to leave in the truck when we both looked up and saw this bright white light shoot over towards Mount Hays. Traveling South East for two to three seconds, it just blinked out when it was over Mount Hays, it was the brightest white light that we have ever seen. My daughter told me that she had seen almost the same thing just two weeks ago while with her friend Patricia at 4:30 am, the object they saw wasn't as bright as this one was, it was traveling East, and it too blinked out before it went over out Hays.

HBCC UFO Note: This sighting "might" be easily explained as a meteor, but after receiving so many reports for Northern British Columbia I am not putting this down to a meteor, I will be looking into the sighting report to see if there is anymore information which could be gathered on it.

My thanks to the witness for the report.

HBCC UFO Research

Editor: Canadian Communicator Magazine.

(UFO & other areas of the Paranormal)

Houston, British Columbia

Date: March 3, 2003

Time: 7:55 a.m.

Local call to report.

Daylight sighting

Tonight on Friday, March 7, 2003 at approx: 8:30 p.m. I received a telephone call from two local Houston, B.C. residents who wanted to report something very strange they had saw on March 3, 2003 at approx: 7:55 a.m. The two witnesses were at the same location here in town when they made the call to me here at HBCC UFO Research.

The reason why the witnesses decided to tell their story was due to the newspaper articles which ran on the UFO Survey, and myself in our local newspaper this past Wednesday. They also told me they both spent sometime trying to make up their minds if they should actually call me over what they saw.

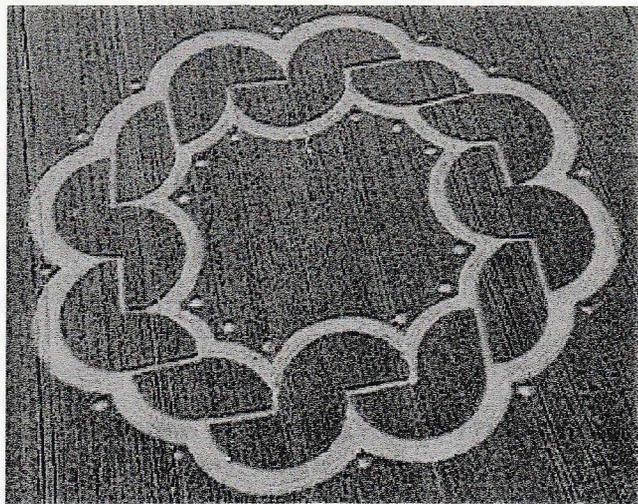
The first thing one of the fellows said to me was, "my buddy and I saw something very weird the other day, and are still questioning ourselves over what we saw". He went on to say there was himself and his friend in his truck traveling along highway #16 just east from Houston, B.C. Since it is getting lighter earlier these days, the fellows witnesses this object in the daylight.

Just before they got to Perow, there is a large farmers field which runs for a long way, and also runs along side the highway with a buffer of trees between the field and the highway. His friend was the passenger in the truck and first noticed a large object paralleling them along the highway. The driver looked at the speed they were traveling and said he was doing approx: 50 kilometers an hour. The distance between the witnesses and the object would have been approx: 300 to 400 feet. So they both had a very close up look at it. (keep in mind there were the trees in between the truck and object which did hinder the view at times). Also the field drops down somewhat below the highway, so the forestry workers did not get a good look at the bottom of this craft.

They both described the object as looking like an "Air Stream Trailer", and the size was close to the a Greyhound Bus. It was metallic in color, and no other features could be seen on it. No lights, windows, nothing !! The object stayed straight across from their truck as they drove along, as I mentioned above. It paced their vehicle !! The passenger had rolled down the window to see if he was able to hear any sound coming from this object, but none was heard, it was silent. After approx: 3/4 quarters of a kilometer the craft turned slowly away from the highway, wobbled slightly, sped up, wobbled once again and then shot off out of sight very quickly.

WINDMILL HILL

CROP CIRCLE

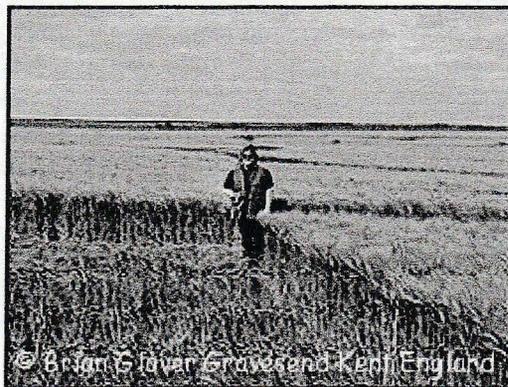


Windmill Hill Crop Circle

My name is Brian Glover and I live in Gravesend, Kent in Southeast England. I have today (6/9/03) returned from Wiltshire with my girlfriend.

We went to Wiltshire to look at Stonehenge, Silbury hill and Avebury . While in the area, we visited the Crop Circle Café and was informed of the circle at Windmill Hill just two miles away. I was aware a new circle had been reported, but didn't want to lift my girl's hopes in case I couldn't find it.

This circle had appeared Saturday and upon arrival, was in very good condition. The circle is located on a slight hill. When approaching the circle, there was a cool wind. But once inside the circle, the wind was warmer. It also appeared non-directional. Always blowing from my right to left, regardless of where I was standing and in which direction I was facing. Everything seemed so at ease within the circle and for the 30 minutes or so I was there, I was at total ease with myself.



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The roots of the crop were also interwoven amongst themselves in a very mechanical way. I also noticed that when I stood with one foot inside the circle and one foot outside, I was feeling very strong resonance through my feet. We also met a family from LA at the circle, and the wife also confirmed the vibrations (they are also coastto coast fans).

Another very weird thing occurred. My girlfriend's camcorder battery was half full when we went into the circle (45 to 60 minutes worth of battery power) but once inside, it was emptied completely in 6 minutes. There was not even enough power to switch on the LED light on it. It was as if the whole battery was disconnected. Absolutely no power.

I am now totally convinced that this circle was not man made. It is too perfect and too precise. When at ground level, it is very hard to work out where you are and what part of the circle you are in.



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I found details of this circle on the Crop Circle Connector web site, and was given directions by Louise at The Crop Circle Café in Calne on the A4 road. The whole of Wiltshire is very mystical. I will be going back next year.

HBCC UFO Research would like to thank Mr. Brian Glover for allowing us to share his story and pictures with our readers.

Email Brian Glover at: brian.glover2@bluevonder.co.uk

The Crop Circle season is in full swing as many are now being reported from all over the world.

Don't forget to watch the skies ! (Brian Vike HBCC UFO)

Northern British Columbia

UFO Sightings

Houston, British Columbia

Date: April 23, 2003

Time: 11:45 p.m.

Weather Conditions: Clear

Witnesses: 2

Local call

I had a local call today from a Houston resident who asked if I was free and if I would be able to drop by his home. I jumped into the car and drove the 2 kilometers east from Houston to his home, where they have a large farm. When I arrived I was greeted by the fellow who asked if I would come in and listen to a story of a strange event that took place April 21, 2003, at 11:45 p.m.

We sat down and he explained that he was walking home from his bothers place, (which runs along highway #16). As he got to where their driveway meets the highway, he saw a large blackened object (craft) flying very low over top the tree line and across the highway heading in an easterly direction coming from the west (?). He told me what caught his attention to the object was that being a completely clear night and gazing up at the stars there was a large part of the sky in which no stars were visible, but only the outline of something huge and dark in color. As we watched it a number of rolls of lights came on, which scared him darn near out of his pants. He told me he ran the short distance to their home and yelled to his mother to come out and look at what he was watching. Both of them stood looking at this massive object "slowly" fly by. All of a sudden the lights that were visible which had just came on, went out.

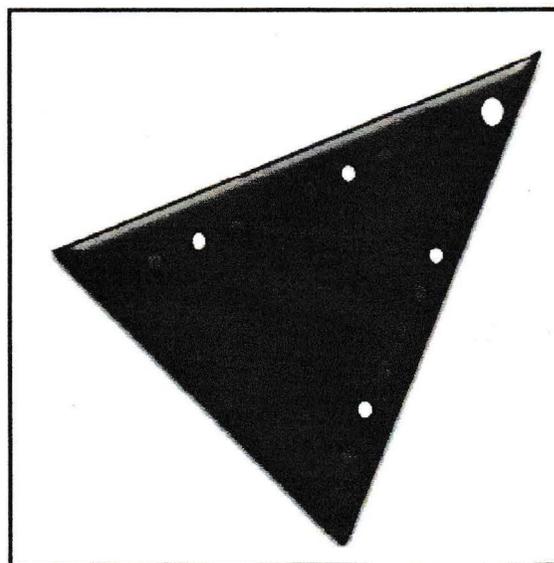
Due to the farm having a great deal of trees around it, they soon started to lose sight of what ever it was that was flying by. (HBCC UFO Note: I asked if they could give me a rough idea what the shape of this object looked like. Both said it looked as if it might have been triangular in shape. How they came to this idea was due to the lights which came on. The witnesses said the rolls of lights on the underside of the craft seemed to sweep back from a point on an angle. (direction the craft was heading - so the front of it) Or to give a better idea may be if one was looking at a flight of geese in a V formation. The main colors of the lights were white, with some green/red also in the mix. They also reported that it looked as if there were three large rolls of the lights on the underside. I also asked if they could tell me the rough size of it. They both said it was "massive", then looked at one another hoping, I guess one would come up with a better description of just how big this was. They said it had to have been close to the size of a large jet airliner, or a bit larger.

The sighting lasted approx: for 10 to 12 seconds before they lost sighting of it, after looking around the area where they live I figured that would have been a long time to view this due to so many trees which would have started to block their view of the object. "No" sound was heard what so ever. They also have a large dog in which seemed to be disturbed as the craft flew on by so they said. The fellow said the object was approximately 400 to 500 feet above the tree tops, which was pretty darn low. (HBCC UFO Note: I wondered if the object had made some kind of change in it's flight path before the witness caught sight of it.

These folks live right below Mount Harry Davis, so if it came from over top the mountain it would have had to drop approx: 1500 feet to arrive at the height the people reported seeing it at. Or I wondered if the object had flown from the south, which would have taken it over, or close to the town of Houston, B.C. and then made it's turn easterly. Another strange thing they mentioned. (a little sketchy here), but their impression of it was that it had a large body to it. Meaning it wasn't so much flat, but more raised at the top of it. (Bulging at the top, but curved if one had blown up a balloon - They could not be completely sure of this, but as I mentioned, it was their impression of how they saw it).

The Mom said she hardly slept that night just thinking about it, the fellow didn't seem to have a problem with it after it was all done and over with. But I could certainly hear the excitement in their voices when they spoke about this event.

Computer image below for above report



HBCC UFO Research
Houston, British Columbia, Canada

Northern British Columbia UFO Sightings

Houston, British Columbia, Canada

Date: Approx: April 20th to the 24th
Time: 10:30 p.m.

The below sighting I believe ties in with the report for April 21, 2003 and located at:
http://www3.telus.net/public/wilbur8/bc_2003_2.htm

I talked with a witness twice, but today (May 21, 2003) I received the rest of the story on the sighting the two witnesses had which took place between April 20th and the 24th. I was very interested to see what the exact date would have been for their sighting, as I had a good report come into me of a large triangular craft which was seen approx: 2 kilometers east of Houston, B.C. on April 21, 2003. The witness I chatted with today was not completely sure of the exact date her and her husband witnessed, but it could have been on April 21, 2003.

I telephoned the witness I met today (May 21, 2003) and made arrangements to meet at their home to discuss what it was they saw. This sighting took place approx: 8 minutes west of Houston. These folks, who I can say are very credible people and have a beautiful home sitting on a large parcel of land. The view they have of the surrounding area is really something. They also have a great view of the Telkwa mountain range where so many strange lights/objects have been seen.

We sat down and she proceeded to tell me the details of what was seen that night. The couple had already put their young children to bed earlier, and they were getting themselves ready for bed when the wife went to close their bedroom curtains when she saw a tight cluster of lights just sitting stationary in the sky, and not very far from their farm. The formation of lights also were not that high in the sky. She called to her husband to come and have a look with her, and he also was shocked at what he was seeing and could not figure out what the lights were. He proceeded to go and grab his binoculars and they both took turns viewing the lights. As they now had a better, and closer look at the lights, I was told that although it was dark, they could see a shape to the object. It looked like the letter "C", but with lights on the outside, or the curved surface of the object.

The colors of the lights went from a yellow/white, red and green. Another interesting thing about the lights were that each light took it's turn growing in brightness. This continued on for some time while the object sat in the one position. They also told me that the object did not move from it's position. The sighting lasted for approx: 20 to 30 minutes.

HBCC UFO Note: Due to the length of time the object/lights sat in the one position, I wondered if it could have been bright stars they may have been observing, but they told me that they told me whatever it was, was sitting far to low, and pretty close to their location. Both of them thought the object may have been hovering over highway #16, or at least close to it which is not far from their farm. Also other objects in the sky did move slightly (stars) and this object did not move as they had it lined up with a popular tree on their farm). They did open the window to see if any sound could be heard coming from it, but nothing. I also asked if they noticed any kind of reactions coming from the pets they have, and none was noted. Object/lights seen in the southwesterly portion of the night sky.

After watching this for a while, they closed over the curtains and went to bed, but having this still on their mind the wife got up and peeked out the window shortly after they settled in for the night and the object was gone. She told me this really frightened her, now wondering what it was they were looking at. I am sure many or all will not remember a sighting back in August 23, 2002 of a HUGE object in which these same folks witnessed, and captured on video. Not a half hour after she shot the video, and doing the rest of the dishes, she noticed another object and again caught this on tape. And I have viewed the tapes, and have them both here with me. So these local residents are seeing some strange things here in Houston, B.C.

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