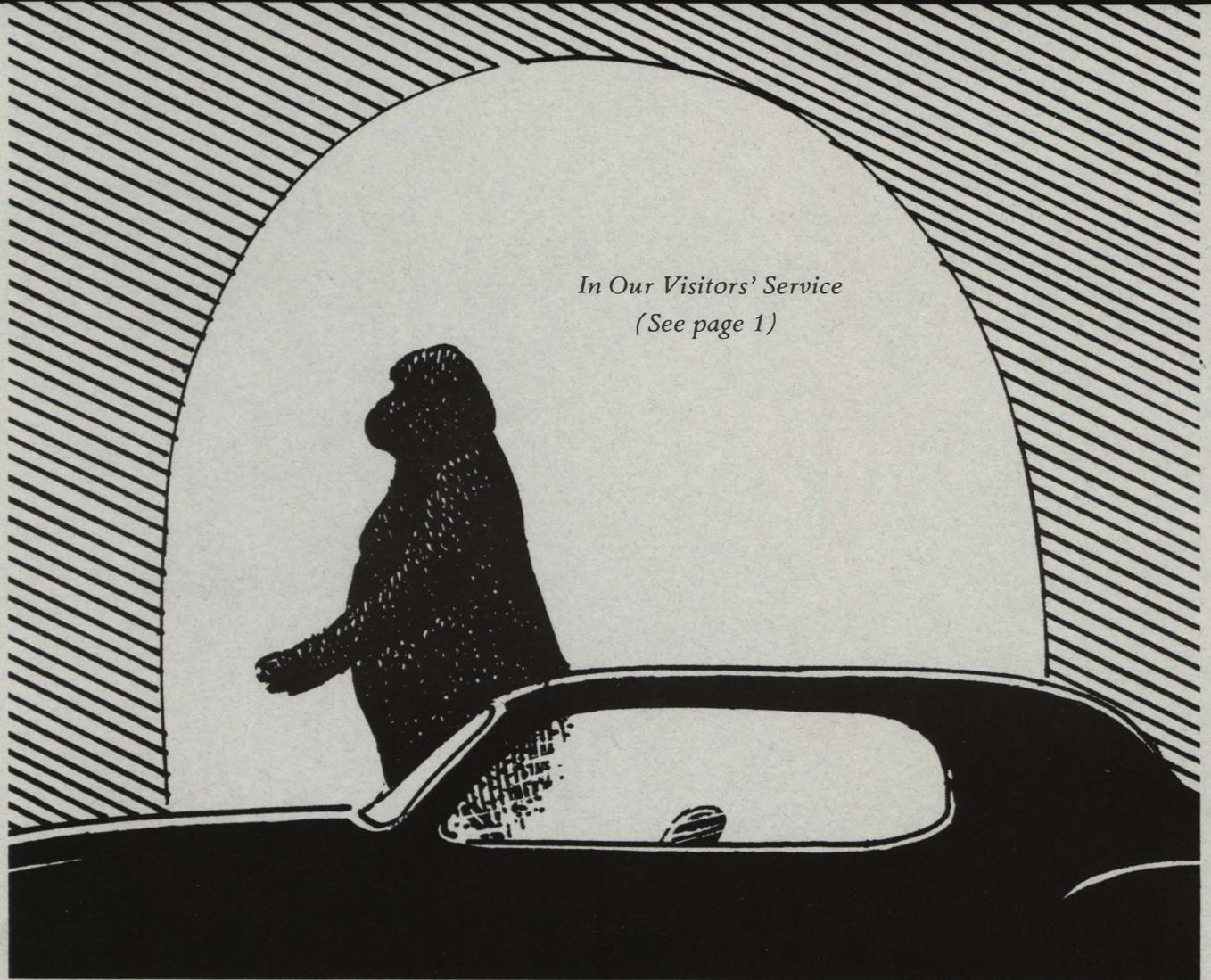


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DO WE COME FROM STARLESS SPACE?

On the outermost visible fringe of the universe a body so large and hot that it expends the energy of a hundred galaxies is rushing into starless space almost at the speed of light. To astronomers it is known as the quasar, OQ 172.

Being the most remote known object set in motion by the "big bang" that started everything, it is likewise the oldest. And that reminds us that the Mormons also speak of the oldest heavenly body. They call it Kolob, the "first creation," (vol. 3, no. 3) and to them it is considerably more than a figure on a chart.

To quote **Pearl of Great Price**: "...and the name of the great one is Kolob, because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God; I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest."

To those of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this description is not just imagery. According to their first prophet Joseph Smith, the Book of Abraham in which it appears was written from records contained in the catacombs of Egypt. If we accept his word for it, we can assume it was the work of ancient scholars who had precise knowledge of what they were saying.

Consequently if Kolob and OQ 172 are indeed the same, then the quasar (meaning for this purpose its planetary system) is the home of great civilizations who, in the millenia of their history, would certainly have mastered travel between galaxies, and it might be the origin of UFOs now visiting us.

Admittedly 10 billion light years, which is the quasar's distance from Earth, would take quite a bit of mastering. But if dematerialization is one of our visitors' tricks, as it appears to be, then conceivably the universe can be crossed in an instant.

While that may be too much to accept, travel across light years of space by a system of way-stations is by no means out of the question. So Kolob might well be the place that our visitors in the dim past called home.

For that matter, perhaps it was our home as well.

Bell-Jars and Gargoyles

In July of last year we received a note from a particularly helpful correspondent, Mrs. Betty Jones of Kalispell, Montana, who started by saying, "I had not intended to write again so soon but I recently came across a very interesting picture..."

In this business, with all its complexities and possible clues reaching deeper into the unknown, there are many tantalizing small leads like that and many that go nowhere. But those who read her article on an unexplained force that uprooted trees (vol. 3, no. 1) will recognize that Mrs. Jones has an instinct for what is valid, however strange, and that short note of hers may well have been the first small step into a vast and significant mystery.

We made a cover story of the "very interesting picture" (vol. 3, no.2) when it seemed that Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wyman of Columbia Falls, Montana, who took the photo in September, 1973, had unwittingly captured on film some unearthly kind of event. As readers will remember, the picture showed a bluish bell-jar shaped object beside the Clearwater River in Idaho which appeared to be the center of attention for a cluster of gargoyle forms looking for all the world like a piece off a medieval church. Inside the transparent bell-jar was a much smaller object of similar shape (and, in the original print, a deeper blue) which Betty Jones dubbed an "energy cell." Above a hill in the background a small circular object apparently monitored the scene. On our cover the photo was captioned "What is happening here?"

Partly because the Wymans remembered nothing unusual when they took the snapshot, we almost expected photography fans to explain nothing was happening here because it was all due to this or that sort of lighting effect. But when the magazine came out, no such thing happened.

The next step into the mystery came in the form of a letter that suggested the bell-jar object may be a device used on other occasions by our UFO visitors. The letter was from Mark Herbstritt of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, another reader with a quick eye for the unac-

countable, who said he recalled reading about a similar object several years ago in Britain's *Flying Saucer Review*.* Thanks to a little digging back, Herbstritt was able to name the FSR issue (vol. 14, no. 4, 1968) in which the story appeared, and with further thanks to editor Charles Bowen we received permission to reprint the front cover of that issue plus appropriate parts of the story.

To use an overworked adjective, it must be said that the similarity between the FSR cover illustration and our cover photo six years later is incredible. Both pictures show an outer canopy of considerable size containing a glowing bullet-shaped object. While the color effect in the English sighting was a "dirty yellow" compared to the other's blue, there can be little doubt that the same type of device was involved in each case.

Written by Sqdn.-Ldr. Alastair Prevost, the *Flying Saucer Review* report said:

"At 9:20 p.m. on April 27, 1968, the Reverend Anthony G. Millican, vicar of St. Christopher's, Brislington, was taking a twilight walk with his wife in deserted Arnos Park. The park is on the Brislington side of Bristol where the suburbs of the West Country city overlap from Gloucestershire into the County of Somerset.

"It was a fairly warm evening after a day of continuous rain. Visibility was good, with no wind, and a clear sky with only about three-eighths light cloud. There were no aircraft in the vicinity.

"Suddenly, without warning, the couple saw a 'glowing' object which apparently hovered some 6 feet off the ground at an estimated distance from them of 75 to 100 yards. It seemed to be revolving, and to be maintaining a steady position, which it did throughout the sighting.

"This single dome-shaped object was estimated to be 12 to 15 feet high and

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about 10 to 12 feet in circumference. It was completely symmetrical, it neither increased nor decreased its size, and its overall shape remained constant. The color of its outer rim was a dirty yellow, but inside the rim it was off-white and this inner light was subject to irregular variation of size. The whole thing was transparent, for the skyline at the crest of a slope beyond its position could be seen through the object. No sound was heard throughout the sighting.

"Unfortunately there was no opportunity for me to visit the Rev. Millican and his wife, but I am grateful to him for readily answering questions which I sent to him...In his reply he mentioned one curious feature, namely a central pillar 4 to 5 feet in height, but he did not state if this was solid-looking or merely an area of different light intensity. (Bold face added.)

"After about 20 seconds or so, the object disappeared by fading into obscurity."

Among the questions asked was whether the witnesses suffered any physical effects during or after the sighting, to which the vicar replied: "A chilling sensation. My wife felt chilled for three hours and vomited. My wife also slept very badly that night and had dreams about it. I was all right."

(The chilling effect becomes more curious in light of a similar experience described in the report from Romania that follows. Mrs. Millican's stomach upset should also be noted. In the case of the Idaho "energy call" photo, Betty Jones and the Wyman couple also had stomach distress after they visited the photo scene a year later. Mrs. Jones brought back a sample of sand and gravel, yet a Geiger test showed no radiation effect that would explain their illness. Finally, though Mrs. Millican's dreams might be ascribed to nervous reaction, vivid dreams are occasionally associated with UFO sightings. A theory is that our visitors sometimes implant a psychic message that produces this result.)

In his answer to another question, the vicar may have touched on a key point in this whole bell-jar mystery. Asked if the sighting had affected his outlook in



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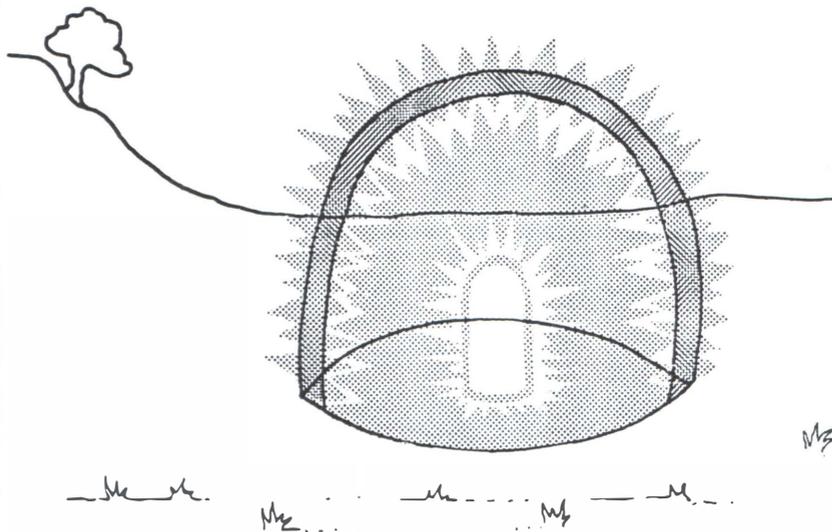
Drawing by Brian James to bring out details of Clearwater River photo.

“energy cell” : 11' x 6'



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UFO IN A BRISTOL PARK

respect since a circumference is extremely difficult to measure by eye. However, they figured the inner object was four to five feet high, making it virtually identical to the "energy cell" pictured in Idaho. (For simplicity, James labelled both inner and outer objects an "energy cell.") So it is almost certain the same type of device was involved in the English and Idaho cases.

Soon after Mark Herbstritt in Pennsylvania spotted the similarity of the FSR and CUFOR cover pictures, another reader thousands of miles away was noting another aspect of the Clearwater River story which reminded him of something else. Florin Gheorghita of Cluj, Romania, is author of a book on UFOs (**UFOs, a problem of today**, written in Romanian) whose contributions have appeared in previous issues of CUFOR, and he too is alert to details that could help in assessing the total UFO mystery. In this case what struck him was the appearance of animal-like forms in the Wymans' photo. They reminded him so much of apparent "creatures" photographed by a friend of his, biologist Alexandru Sift aged 38, that he was prompted to write a letter describing the work of his friend. While specific reference to the "creatures" is made briefly at the end, the letter is of such relevance, in examining the whole UFO puzzle, we carry it here in its entirety (translated from French by the editor):

"Several years ago the biologist Al. Sift of Cluj began to see on the outskirts of town strange luminous flying phenomena, always in the same area. They appeared mostly in a triangular shape or as large balls. But amazingly in flight the various objects behaved intelligently in following the contours of the terrain or in zig-zagging. Several times the biologist noticed that the triangular objects lost their glowing intensity as they moved toward the sun and looked like black boxes several meters tall. When they landed occasionally, the triangular boxes disappeared in amazing fashion, leaving a triangular imprint on the grass, with sides measuring between three and four meters.

"The biologist Sift saw the flying triangular objects on several occasions and also saw several landings. Ac-

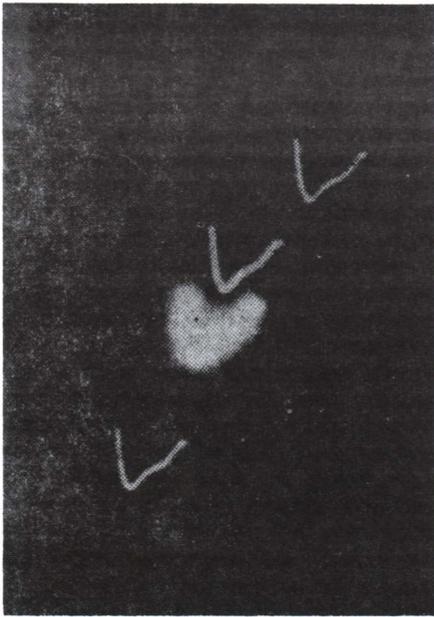
relation to the UFO phenomenon generally, he said: "Yes, in the sense that I have seen 'something' but I am still not sure what it was. It may have been psychic (Mathew 24:24) or a materialization of a 'fallen being' (Ephesians 6:12 - Heavenly places, upper atmosphere?)..."

In concluding his report, Sqdn.-Ldr. Prevost wrote: "A woman, whose name and address were not disclosed, was wide awake and sitting up in bed when she saw a roughly circular object with a tail - like a flying tadpole - pass her window slowly and silently towards Arnos Park. It was a bright lemon color, and apparently not so clearly defined as the previous object..."

"I have also learned that about 5 years ago, a group of teenagers saw a similar object to that seen by the vicar, in the same place, and also on a

Saturday at about 9:00 p.m. As they approached it, the glow got brighter as one might expect. They became afraid, and one ran home crying. They were too frightened and-or young to tell anyone in authority."

Before losing sight of measurements given for that incident, let's note that the height of the outer dome was estimated at 12 to 15 feet. By careful photo analysis (which unknown to him agreed closely with estimates made at the site) artist Brian James figured the Clearwater, Idaho object stood 11 feet high, making the two roughly the same in height. A comparison of diameters is less revealing as the English couple thought the "circumference" of the object they saw was 10 to 12 feet, which would make it much narrower than shown in the sketch. So we assume they may have been mistaken in that



One of sequence of photos taken at Columbus, Ohio, 1973.

According to his sketches made three years before, these objects, the lighting and shape of which varied continuously in flight, were very similar to the glowing objects photographed in October, 1973 over Columbus, Ohio (see accompanying photo.) These objects seemed to know how to confuse a person, for note carefully that the enclosed snapshot (below) of a sighting revealed much more than was visible to the naked eye!

"The witness, often alone, has also seen quite a number of flying balls. These, too, operate deliberately in

changing size and intensity of light. In a landing case that occurred in the fall of 1973, a glowing ball left a brittle patch of grass (not caused by heat) within a circle measuring six meters in diameter. All year the grass grew poorly in that circular spot, and by the fall of 1974 the difference between that grass and the healthy growth outside could still be readily seen.

"In the first case he remembers (Sift was still a student) a similar ball landed in a tree, disappearing from view. Going to the tree and poking among the branches with a stick, young Sift had a fantastic experience - his right hand and the stick became invisible for a moment. Then he felt a cold pressure coming out from that part of the tree. I shall never forget that incident (summer of 1956) which greatly changed his life.

"In setting out to make a study of his observations, the biologist began to take pictures, his collection now being very extensive. But his study was not limited to flying luminous objects. He took pictures that suggested there were strange beings in ghostly form associated with the flying objects. But their behavior was not consistent, which made his work difficult.

"From all this a curious fact emerged: almost all the photos were obtained in an area that never varied and extended for several hundreds of meters from the spot where, in August 1968, Emile Barnue took similar well-known photos on the outskirts of Cluj. Why is this place the center of activity for these strange visitors? I do not know. But a study of Sift's documen-

tation, with its fully scientific approach, has given me new awareness on the highest level of the UFO phenomenon.

"The photo by Mr. Wyman as published in your vol. 3, no. 2 looks very much like photos in the large collection belonging to biologist Sift (that includes details of the creatures seated on the ground). That is why I urge Mr. and Mrs. Wyman and other interested researchers to continue taking pictures, lots of pictures, in the same place. At the same time they should also look in the woods nearby because here at Cluj, Sift found a patch of unexplained burnt spots. Very strange!

"The whole documentation of the mysteries at Cluj shows definitely there is a close connection between the UFO question and that of unusual 'meteors'." (This referred in part to two unusual 'meteors' in North and South America described in vol. 3, nos. 3, 2 and earlier. See also Gheorghita's photo of a 'meteor' in Letters vol. 3, no. 2 and accompanying this article — Ed.)

When we wrote Gheorghita asking how his friend took pictures of objects not visible to the naked eye, he replied:

"In going with him (Sift) to the area concerned, I have seen how he proceeds. Simply, at every 1-200 meters, he takes pictures in various directions. Then, when the prints are returned, he is often able to spot strange things. But he also told me that in many cases, after years of experience, he 'feels' a certain vibration in the air. In aiming his camera in the direction of this sensation, he has obtained on film the most astonishing images in the world, without having seen a thing! In that regard, in taking the photo you have, he saw nothing. But I must ask you to make clear that reproduction is forbidden without notifying me.

"In other pictures taken by Sift I have seen other types of objects, quite large, of geometric design. Moreover, in several of Sift's photos there appears among rocks and trees the same kind of 'animal head' photographed by the Wymans. It is difficult to send you these pictures, but should you ever come to Europe I shall show them to you with pleasure.

"In any case, in those places where one has found this type of phenomena one should return often, take many



Unseen Lights. Printed by permission only of F. Gheorghita.



"Meteor" pictured near Cluj, Sept. 16, 1973, by A. Sift. Camera faced away from sun. Printed by permission only of F. Gheorghita.



Betty Jones' photo of spot where "creatures" were sitting, taken year after original, showed unexplained dark streak as if strange presence was still there. Wymans also noted camera peculiarities in that area.

pictures and search the underbrush carefully. After watching Sift, I have already had good luck in finding strange burnt spots and circles of withered grass. I recommend the same for the Wymans."

So now we had accounts from three different and far removed sources that had certain aspects of the mystery in common. The "bell-jar" object in the English sighting seemed to be a companion piece of the device photographed in the mountains of Idaho, if in fact the two were not the same. The "animal heads" in Romania also appeared to be duplicated in the Clearwater River photo. Finally, though to a less pronounced degree, the English and Romania accounts were linked by the "chilling" effect described in each.

But, aside from the fact that the Clearwater picture showed gargoyle-types gazing at the central blue object, was there anything that established real contact between these two important items in the mystery — the "bell jar" and the "animal heads?" When we first considered writing this article, there was none. The Clearwater group was close, but not quite it. One might argue the "animals" were rocks, though later photos showed this was not so.

But then by remarkable chance, there occurred an incident that linked the two beyond dispute — and of all the unlikely places, it occurred on a city parking lot!

The incident was reported to the UFO monthly *Skylook** by Len Stringfield of Cincinnati, Ohio, who explained he heard about it from Ted Bloecher of New York who was then doing research on humanoid cases. We are indebted to *Skylook* editor Dwight Connelly and to Len Stringfield for use of this material and would point out that Brian James' illustration is based on the author's original sketch.

The witness in the case was Mrs. R. H. (name known to *Skylook*), age 48, divorced, mother of three boys, the youngest of whom, age 13, was with her in their trailer next to the parking area

in Western Cincinnati at the time. Mrs. R., an occasional babysitter, was described as neat in appearance and her mobile home was tidy. Time of the incident was 2:30 a.m., Oct. 21, 1973.

Stringfield's report continued:

"Mrs. R.H. relates that she awoke sometime around 2:30 a.m. because of intense thirst, and on arising from her bed was attracted to a bright light coming through the drawn curtains. She pulled the curtains apart and was startled, initially, by a row of individual lights forming an arc about two yards from her window.

"Each light source was as large as a 'hand with the fingers spread out.' The lights, 'maybe six' she recalled, were about 4 feet off the ground and alternately vividly blue and silver 'like stars as beautiful as Christmas lights,' each 'lit up inside' (self luminous), casting no radiance to the ground or onto a nearby storage shed. The lights were in a fixed position and did not pulsate. She did not open the window. No sound was audible, nor odor.

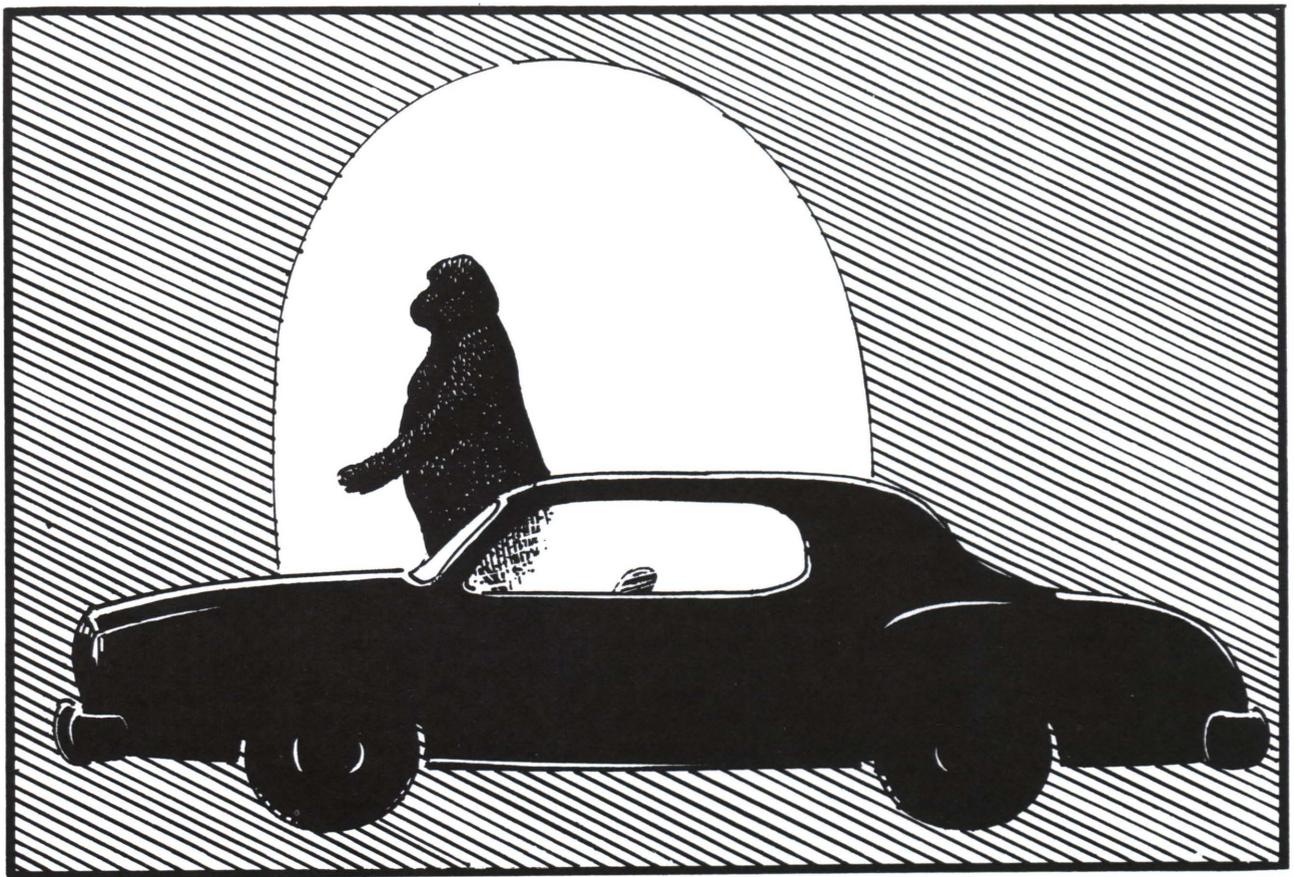
"While the 'Christmas lights' still attracted her attention, the witness said her eyes were drawn next to a strong bright light further out in the asphalt parking court beyond her trailer. A car was parked on the blacktop about 10 feet from the trailer, which partly obscured the bottom portion of the light source in which an 'ape-like creature' appeared.

"Terrified, she watched this area of light for about two or three minutes and thought the creature appeared to the rear of the parked car 'maybe doing something to the car.' (It was at this time she ran to her son's bedroom and tried to awaken him. She yelled, 'My God, Carl, get up...get up and look at that thing out there!')

"When she returned to the window, Mrs. R.H. relates, 'The creature appeared to be further away from the car, maybe 35 feet away.' This time it was inside a 'shield of light,' the light looking like a light in an operating room.' The shield was shaped like a lady's umbrella, 'the kind that comes down over the head' (often referred to as a bubble umbrella). The bright light was within the shield. There was no glow of light beyond the shield.

"The creature 'stood out clearly,' looking like 'an ape' with a big waist and no neck. There were no distinguishable features in the head,

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ape-like being inside “shield of light” *Drawing by Brian James based on sketch by L.H. Stringfield*

but Mrs. R.H.'s description indicated it was a side view of a head of prognathic configuration with a snout, which tapered downward. The head and body were facing the Swallen's warehouse building, which was to the left of the witness' mobile home. The body was entirely gray and was also featureless. Only the arms on each side of the big waist were moving 'very slowly' alternately up and down.

"Mrs. R.H. showed me the up and down motion without bending elbows, which appeared to be the characteristic stiffness of a robot. No other part of the body moved. At one point, Mrs. R.H. in trying to describe the object's shape, held up a bell jar. 'It was like glass,' she said, 'a glass shield that had a bright light inside it. It was round on top.'

"The object's circumference was estimated to be equal to 'six men each holding hands with their arms outstretched, standing in a circle.' She added, 'there was plenty of room inside the lighted dome to hold several more

creatures of similar size.' By Mrs. R.H.'s estimate, the object or shield was approximately 7 feet in diameter. There were no visible instruments or panels inside the self-luminous capsule, although the occupant's arms appeared to be moving a lever that was not visible. Mrs. R.H. relates that the humanoid remained in view about four or five minutes during the whole episode."

Stringfield went on to report that according to his testimony, Carl, still half asleep, saw the light his mother indicated. He also saw a car arrive with two young occupants who tried to start the parked car. Later it was learned the parked car had chronic engine trouble, so no connection between that problem and the rest of the incident could be established. However, it was also learned that Swallen's warehouse fire alarm was tripped just at that time by an unknown cause. Meanwhile Mrs. R. H. was vainly phoning the police and, at some point in that period, the "bell jar"

and its occupant disappeared.

In this account we again have details of stunning similarity to those in the other cases. The diameter of the light shield, seven feet, is within a foot of that estimated for the Clearwater River object. Judged in relation to the parked car, the shield must have been several feet taller than a normal man as in the Clearwater and English cases, and the snouty appearance of the occupant seems to put it in the same category as the other "animals" involved.

If it were not for the fact our visitors do not show overall hostile intent (otherwise we would be fully and fearfully aware of it by now), the conclusions to be drawn from all this could be alarming. Obviously they have a means of introducing and removing ape-like creatures by some "mat and de-mat" process. In the English and Cincinnati cases their devices vanished into thin air, and in the Clearwater case they were so amorphous they were

visible by camera only, just as Florin Gheorghita reported from Romania. Yet despite this easy come-and-go, the creatures remain even more obscure than Sasquatch or Bigfeet, with whom they may be related.

So for the time being at least, the purpose is of less interest than the process, and here attention centers directly on those "bell-jars," which provoke endless questions. Those who believe our visitors are from another dimension may ask if the device provides an entrance between theirs and ours. The extraterrestrialists may ask if, through some magic, it provides immediate transportation to and from other worlds.

But going far back into time, we come to the most important question of all: Is there a connection between the bell-jar device, which apparently is an instant incubator, and the origin of man?

Report from Quebec

OBJECT ESCORTS AIRLINER

By Wido Hoville

(This report is based on an interview our correspondent had with a passenger aboard a Canadian Pacific Airlines flight from Montreal, P.Q., to Winnipeg, Man., last July 15. The passenger, whose identity is known to us, is referred to as RF.)

RF: The flight left Montreal around 8 a.m. and I'd say somewhere around Sudbury or North Bay...anyway, about an hour out of Montreal...the plane dipped right down, turning to the left, and then turned back a few minutes later. It was quite a dramatic move. Then the captain got on the intercom and said "Sorry about that. We had to take action because there was an unidentified flying object ahead." Then he said, "You can see it if you look out to the right side of the aircraft, to the north." It was there. It was some sort of cigar-shaped object. The captain said he had been in contact with Ground Control but they knew nothing about it. It had not been on their radar screen at all. He said it might have been a balloon but he did not know. There was just no record of anything like this very big object on our course. He recorded it as being about 10,000 feet above the plane,

and we were then cruising at 20,000 feet. I'd say it was visible for five or six minutes. I was on the right side of the plane, so I could see it just by looking out the window. It appeared to be staying on a course about the same as ours and then suddenly it disappeared. It just wasn't there any more.

WH: If it was in sight for five or six minutes, it must have been flying right alongside you at a speed, say, of 600 - 700 m.p.h.

RF: I'd say that's reasonable.

WH: Could you tell me, what was the color of the object?

RF: Silver, very definitely.

WH: What do you think about it?

RF: I'm open in my thinking. There have been more and more unexplained sightings, and this is probably just another incident. But I'm sure it was not something just floating or drifting around.

WH: Did other passengers see it?

RF: Oh, yes. Most of the people on that side of the plane must have seen it.

On Aug. 23 I (Hoville) called the Sudbury Weather Office located at the airport and the employee on duty recalled the sighting by the aircraft pilot on July 15. He said he received several calls from local residents who were seeing the same thing. They reported it as a silvery, slightly transparent object. Asked by witnesses if it could be a weather balloon, the weatherman said it definitely was not.

The only explanation the weather office could give me was that "it could have been a constant-altitude balloon launched by the defence department sometimes" but there were no records of such a balloon. Besides, that launching base is in Manitoba and the wind on July 15 was from the north at a speed of 23 m.p.h., which would have driven a balloon over southern Manitoba or across the U.S. border.

Next I phoned a flight debriefing officer at the Montreal airport whom I know and questioned him about balloons.

He excluded a "balloon" as the cause of the pilot's evasive action because: Flight direction officers always receive balloon data from the defence department or weather office if a balloon is launched in the vicinity of an air corridor. No such data was received in this case. Also the aircraft radar should have shown the "balloon."

He believed the pilot had no warning

by radar, which would explain why evasive action was so violent.

(Editor's note: Shortly before going to press, we received from Hoville a copy of a French-language UFO publication titled **UFO-Quebec** that he and a group of colleagues have just started. Illustrated and featuring researchers who are mostly well known to us for their excellent work, this new venture should do well in a province where interest in the UFO mystery is keen but where periodicals giving coverage in French are not readily available.)

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UFO BLACKS OUT JET

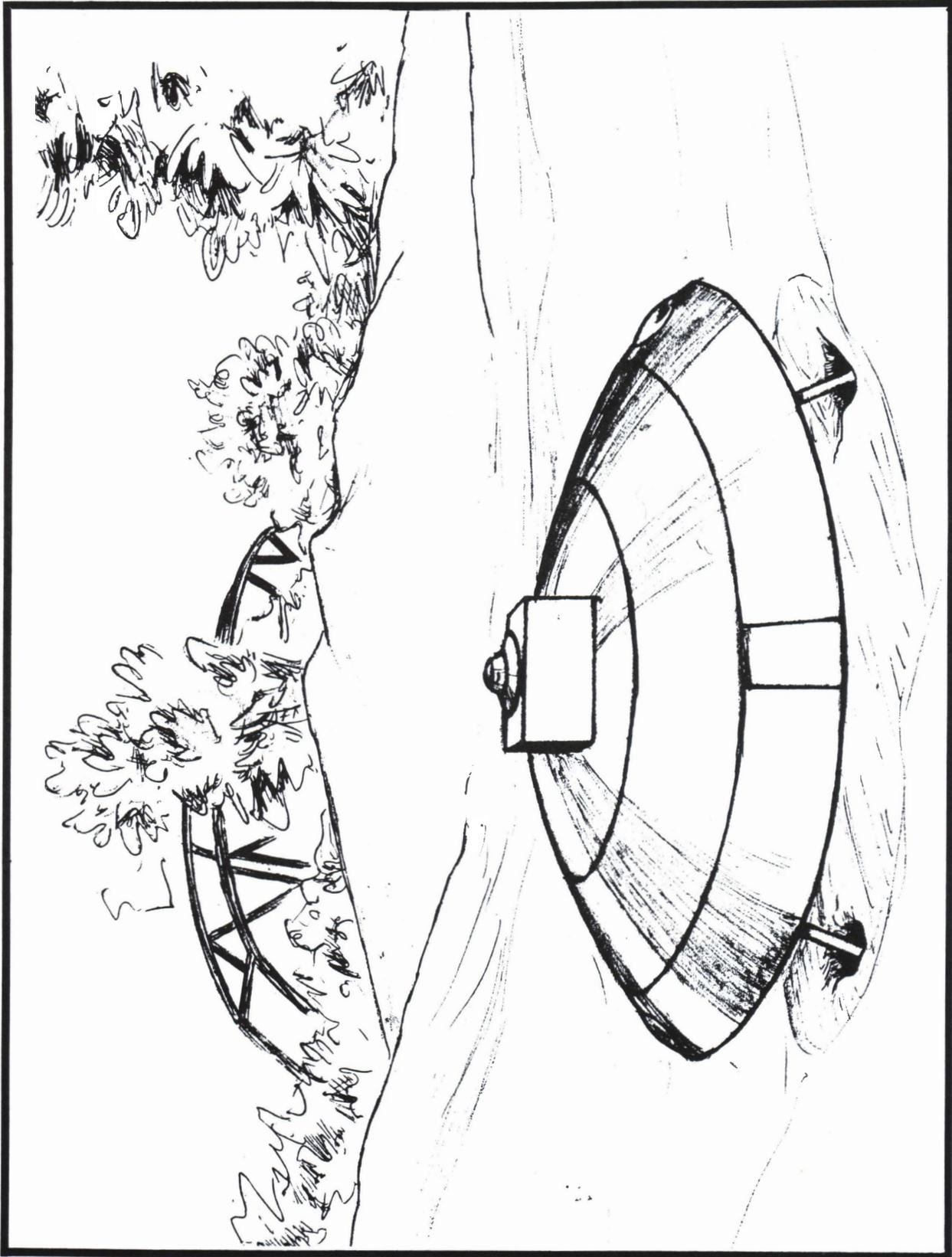
By Seattle Reporter

About the middle of December, 1974, on an Eastern Airlines flight from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the following sequence of events occurred which opens the most serious of UFO-connected implications:

"Hey, look at that UFO go!" was the startling message that the Eastern Airlines flight crew intercepted on a frequency which was being used by both the commercial jet and three jet planes from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Pensacola. Then the U.S. commercial airlines operator heard the naval jets directed to change to a military frequency. The shocking "surprise" followed.

The commercial jet's instrumentation began to malfunction. The radio communication gear as well as the navigational gear and readout instrumentation **would not perform** in a normal fashion. Another witness, a stewardess, was called to the flight deck. The airplane was "blacked out." The crew looked around for the offending UFO. They finally sighted a glowing object in the bright daylight, far in the distance. It was just a flash.

The experienced pilot kept the jet on course toward a hump on the horizon



UFO at Port Coquitlam, B.C. was described as bigger than a car and square on top. Its lights changed from red to green to white and it had an outline in one side "like a door". With tripod landing gear four feet tall, it was about twenty feet in diameter and stood ten feet high by estimate. Drawing by Lesley Footner based on witness' sketch.

which he knew to be his destination. He set it on the glide-path for a straight-in approach...emergency measures. Then just a few hundred feet from the runway the radio gear began to function. The instrumentation resumed its normal action.

Upon landing the crew was called to operations for an angry confrontation and their defense was that they were under the influence of a UFO. The whole matter was then dealt with as follows:

Eastern told its crew to "clam up" or they would be black-balled if this leaked out and they got on TV with it. The stewardess was reminded that she was not a competent observer of instrumentation.

For this reason the name of the pilot and the exact flight have not been revealed, but they are known to the source submitting this report to Canadian UFO Report.

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Reporter's comment:

Indeed this opens a whole new "can of worms" of the type that continually appears in the area of those who are most blind when they do not choose to see.

UFO influence once again has been proved to exist which will black out a jet's complete navigation and radio communication system.

Yet there is not one program in any agency of the US, either commercial, military, or in the giant aerospace industry which is making a study of his UFO phenomenon.

WHY?

Why is it not of the most extreme importance for humanity to know about:

1. Alien intelligences building UFOs which can negate the communications gear of our most advanced technology?

2. Alien intelligences with a capability of building devices which are not influenced by gravity?

3. Alien intelligences who may be influencing us not to make the type of investigation of their activities which should be made?

4. What are their plans and what does the future hold?

5. Who directs them and what will be the final outcome of the alien-human interplay which never seems to

quite take place?

6. Are we the manipulated — and have we always been the manipulated?

Report from B.C.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

By Graham Conway

(Editor's note: Graham Conway, a dedicated ufologist whose keen eye for matching cases has made him a valued contributor to our Letters section, did so much research on this case we did not have time to prepare a story for the previous issue as planned. When we seemed in danger of missing a second deadline, we solved the problem by asking him to write up his own work which consisted of three cassette tapes of material. Generously he agreed to do so, and we consider the result below not only an exceptional report but also a fine piece of editorial condensation.)

On August 16, 1974, at about 8 p.m., three small boys were returning to their homes on the outskirts of Port Coquitlam, a community about 20 miles east of Vancouver lying on the shore of the Port Coquitlam river. They were David Bates, 8, and Steven and Henry Stillie, aged 10 and 7, whose two families live almost opposite each other in a trailer court.

Following their fairly common practice, the boys took a short cut through a small wooded area bordering the river. This route brought them to a small sandpit, no longer in commercial use. Passing it by, they joined up with the road leading to the street on which they lived. Halfway along the road they became aware of a high pitched whine that resulted in a number of things happening in short sequence.

David Bates, who was carrying a pet cat in his arms, found he could not control the animal as it arched its back and attempted to escape frantically. Releasing it, he watched it run several yards and then drop in its tracks, as if it "fell asleep," he said. The Stillie boys described it as "playing dead."

The boys then turned towards the source of the noise and saw an object approach over the trees, travelling south to north over the railway bridge

spanning the river. The object had a red light on top and green and white lights at either end of its length. These lights flashed on and off. Travelling slowly, the object reversed its course and with an undulating motion headed for the small cleared area amongst the trees where the sandpit was situated. The intensity of the noise disturbed David so much that his friends said he placed his hands over his ears and called out for it to stop. However, David does not recall doing this.

The UFO began to settle down for a landing and the noise became a buzz, the children claimed. All this took place within a few brief minutes. At that point the terrified cat recovered and returned to its owner, clawing David when he picked it up. The long scratch in his arm was still visible when I interviewed him in September.

In a state of petrified amazement, the boys remained at their point of observation about 150 feet from the touchdown site. As the object settled down to land it gave off a blast of hot air that disturbed the ground so violently the boys were covered in a film of dust. Immediately prior to making contact, the object extended short legs, then some action on the part of the machine caused sand and stones to be sucked upwards towards it in a violent swirling manner. A few seconds later, the boys said, "blue sparks came up from the ground as the machine made contact."

I gather at this point, although confusion and contradiction exist, the Stillie boys had seen enough, and established an Olympic record for the 100 metres required to find the safety of home.

David Bates, either more courageous or foolhardy, remained long enough to establish that it looked like, "two plates joined together, and had an outline in the side like a door." This fact was confirmed by the Stillie boys when interviewed. All agree that it had apparently no windows, "was bigger than my Dad's car," was square on the top, and had "something like a chain" in the centre of the machine.

David told me that his curiosity only kept him long enough to see if anyone came out of the door, but courage failed him and he too fled, down the dirt road after his companions.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates confirmed their son was "hysterical and bug eyed," when he arrived home, white faced,



David Bates, Henry and Steve Stillie (l. to r.) at landing site. Photo courtesy "The Herald," Port Coquitlam.

and it took him some time to calm down. His story they brushed off. Steven and Henry Stillies' parents were out, but they have a teen-age sister who was in the trailer washing up. The window from the sink faces the sandpit and although a few trees serve as screen between them and the sandpit, she didn't notice anything unusual. Describing the boys' entrance, she related that their first actions were to lock all the doors and windows, then draw the drapes. Very frightened herself, she had trouble calming them down, and extracting an accurate picture from them of what took place. She drew a sketch from the description they provided, but tended at that point not to totally believe the story.

On this particular evening, nothing further transpired. No one was informed, nobody investigated the scene.

Possibly due to parental indifference and-or disbelief, the boys related the story the following morning to a close neighbor, Mrs. Lola Rogers, who lived on the same street. Being interested in this sort of thing, she accompanied the boys to the sandpit and found not only indentations in the alleged landing area, but also circular patches where the "aircraft" had left carbonized deposits either on take-off or landing. Bending down to pick up this material and rub it between her fingers she felt her hand go numb, and it remained so

for over a week before gradually wearing off. The depressions formed a triangle and seemed to indicate that some heavy object with a tripod landing gear had indeed rested on the ground.

Returning home she phoned the RCMP who graciously hung up on her, after hearing the account. The local newspaper was not so skeptical, at least preferring to withhold any comment until having seen the witnesses and visited the scene. The reporter from the Port Coquitlam Herald was sufficiently impressed with what he found to suggest that a call to the military authorities at Chilliwack, asking them to do a geiger-count survey of the area, might be productive. The call was made and a voice at the other end stated that "they" would arrive the next day and conduct such an investigation. They never did. Although The Herald gave the story front-page coverage in its once-weekly publication, and two weeks later again provided the same treatment to an independent study, none of Vancouver's papers attempted to pick the story up.

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At the beginning of September, Brian Fuster, Mark Bauer and I began an investigation that continued for several months as we pursued different paths,

securing assistance from a variety of surprisingly helpful people.

Our source of information was the newspaper article. From this we obtained our leads and knew what to ask the witnesses. By this time it was apparent that outside and TV influence was intruding into the childrens' accounts. However, it was equally clear that the story possessed grains of unusualness that youngsters of that age would not dream of including in a fabricated story.

Despite the fact that several showers had occurred since the landing, the depressions and carbonized material were still clearly evident when we arrived at the site. A more ideal landing spo. for seclusion could hardly be found. Surrounded on three sides by a 15-foot bank and with a large number of trees on the fourth side, it could conceal any reasonably large vehicle from outside eyes for a long period of time. Only by walking or driving into the sandpit area would an object be detectable and even then possibly only at the last minute or so, particularly if its lights were off. So perfect were the conditions, so accessible to the major highway nearby, we allowed ourselves to speculate that maybe the UFO wasn't attracted to the boys by curiosity, but originally intended to land to pick someone up or drop him off.



Graham Conway (left) and Tom Bennett (right) with Simon Fraser University news reporter study "print outs" on landing site material from x-ray spectrometry analysis.

By placing a centre stake within the triangle, then measuring with an extended string to only two feet beyond the tripod indentations, we discovered that the object's diameter was 20 feet. From the boys' on-the-spot description, we found it must have stood 10 feet high when resting on the ground.

The dust was chalk-like and smooth to the touch when rubbed between the fingers. Two universities completed analysis of the material. Dr. Posnar reported that it showed no evidence of residual material to indicate what, if anything, had been burnt on that particular spot. Evidence of radiation was also absent. The site did not appear to create magnetic distortions. Surrounding trees and leaves on the site perimeter did not indicate burning or damage, although checked over a period of several weeks.

Tom Bennett, who conducted a more thorough examination of the carbonized substance, stated that a high degree of heat would be required to produce such results, but even simulated conditions would not extend so far into the sandy soil. He made educated guesses as to how the substance could be duplicated by using a variety of common available materials. But the big snag was that not all the elements would be left that were present in the site samples. On completion of an x-ray spectrometry test, the print-outs showed what Bennett described as an abnormally high amount of zinc present in the deposits.

These findings were surprisingly similar to those of the Delphos, Kansas landing incident on Nov. 2, 1971. In that case deposits with a high zinc content were also left by the object involved, and tests showed the presence of hydrocarbon of a type that might be an insecticide solvent or might show up in a diesel fuel. This, too, was found in the Port Coquitlam tests. Stranger yet, Mrs. Erma Johnson, housewife on the farm where the object landed, felt a numbness in her fingers (as did her husband to a lesser degree) after touching the residue, just as in the case of Mrs. Rogers. The numbness lasted "about two weeks" while Mrs. Rogers' lasted "over a week."

On August 16 it was a clear warm night. No one we spoke to had TV interference during the time of the landing. But it is possibly worthy of

mention that Mrs. Bate's electric clock ran one hour fast that evening, something it has never done before.

We feel this event is not a hoax. The boys told the truth as they recalled it.

Report from Ontario

CAR CHASED UNDER BRIDGES

By Arthur Bray

(Editor's note: This is another story that was planned for an earlier issue but, even though it was ready and waiting, we held it until the space problem was easier on the grounds that a good, well-written account does not become quickly dated. Arthur Bray is a seemingly tireless investigator whose findings on government inquiry (or more often lack of it) into the UFO question have been carried in previous issues. He is author of *Science, the Public and the UFO* published by Bray Book Service, P.O. Box 5051, Station F, Ottawa, Ont.)

Rick and Donna Bouchard of Ottawa and their two children were driving home at approximately 10:40 p.m. on the night of November 8, 1973, when they experienced something they will never forget.

They had been out to see their new house in Vars, about 15 miles east of Ottawa, Canada, and were travelling along a 10-mile stretch of the 15-mile section of a new four-lane divided highway which will connect Ottawa with Montreal, 120 miles away. This stretch of road, because it is incomplete and serves only a few small towns by connecting overpasses, is generally nearly deserted. The highway has been cut through bush and farmland and at night only the odd light from a farm house here and there can be seen. The median strip is exceptionally wide and over much of its length contains trees and heavy bush making viewing of cars in the opposite lanes difficult at most times.

The night was dark, the road deserted and Rick and his family were anxious to get home. Having entered the new highway 417 at the Vars crossroad, they headed west towards Ottawa in their pick-up truck. About a mile and a half along the road, Rick, a ticket clerk with Canadian National Railways in Ottawa, spotted brilliant lights in his side mirror. (The view from his rear mirror was blocked by a

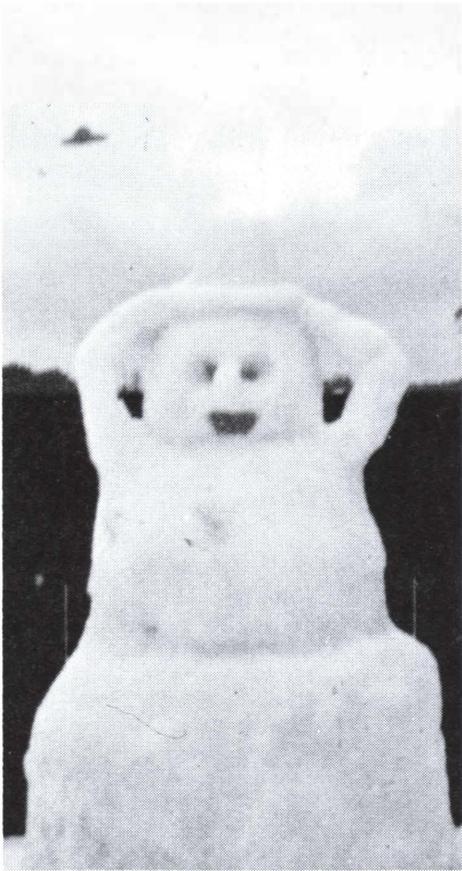
tarpaulin.) At first he thought it was a truck which had suddenly caught up to him but quickly realized that as the road is so straight and deserted this couldn't have happened unless the truck had been travelling with lights off and suddenly turned them on immediately behind him. He also quickly realized that although the lights were brilliant, they were in fact a large number of small lights rotating quickly and apparently "bouncing up and down." His wife Donna spotted the lights about the same time in the right side mirror. Both were puzzled and frightened because the strange lights were so close they seemed to be "hanging on the rear bumper." The object was large enough to protrude a couple of feet on both sides of the truck. Rick pressed his foot down on the accelerator in an attempt to put more distance between his truck and his pursuer but the object stuck with them as their speed reached 97 mph on the speedometer.

After a short distance the object was seen to drop back and rise up to tree-top level and then out of the field of the mirrors and immediately dived down to close in on them again to a distance of about 10 ft. By this time Rick yelled to Donna to grab the axe which was stowed under the seat as self-defence was uppermost in his mind at this point. The children were unable to see anything due to their position low on the seat between Rick and Donna but were terribly frightened because of their parents' fears.

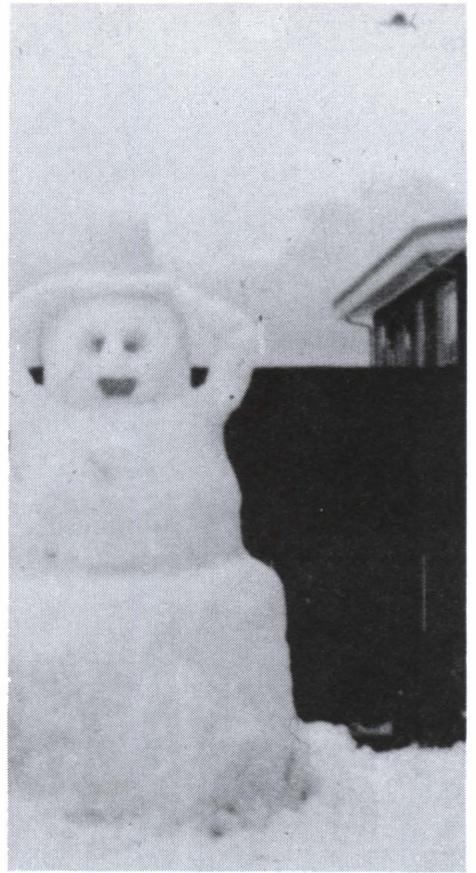
Once more, the brightly lighted object, described as round, somewhat flat on the bottom and curved on top, fell back and climbed out of sight and again dived down after them. Rick estimates it must have flown at 300 mph during these dives as it caught up so rapidly and he was doing just under 100 mph himself.

There are five overpasses on this stretch of road which 417 passes under and Rick and Donna swear that the UFO flew under at least one of these (Anderson Road) "right on their tail."

Just after they passed under this overpass, the last one before the end of the highway, the UFO just "disappeared". But Rick was so frightened, he kept on going at full speed, not knowing whether the object might dive after him again. When the median ends, the road curves in a wide arc to



“Oops, there goes my hat!” this snowman at Nanaimo on Vancouver Island seemed to say when a sombrero-type UFO flew overhead just as his sculptor, Lance Willet, 16, snapped his picture. Quickly Lance took another shot from his backyard, then snapped three more from his neighbor’s place (the last being too indistinct to reproduce) as the object moved off to the northeast. The incident occurred one afternoon last February. Lance, who was with two friends, said the craft was in view for about a minute. Grey in color and soundless, with no lights or other features, it made several quick vertical movements, though its horizontal motion was fairly slow. Photos were sent by courtesy of Tom Walsh.



the right for about 90 degrees, where it meets the Russel Road, with a stop sign at the intersection. Rick negotiated the curve at full speed, he claims, and although he has no way of explaining how he managed it, went through the stop sign and turned left 90 degrees on to Russel Road to head into Ottawa. Donna was convinced they were going to end up in the field across Russel Road and likewise cannot explain the "miracle" of how the right angle turn was negotiated at that speed.

Rick himself was so amazed that the next day he went out there again in daylight and tried the same thing but found he couldn't even negotiate the wide curve without slowing to 60, let alone make the right-angle turn at the intersection. Yet both are certain his foot was still "on the floor" the previous evening as their speed was so fast. A subsequent trip at night made him realize that the "bouncing" of the lighted object was the result of his mirror vibrating. This became apparent when he watched an auto's lights behind him.

During the wild chase of 8.5 miles only two other cars were seen, both travelling in the opposite direction, across the wide median strip. Rick blasted his horn consistently in some sort of attempt to attract attention to his predicament but in any event there was little anyone else could do to help him. The occupants of neither car gave any indication of having seen the chase.

Upon nearing Cyrville on the edge of Ottawa, he spotted a police car of the Gloucester Police Department and reported the incident. The police have confirmed to me the very shaken and excited state of the Bouchards. Two other police forces were also alerted and several cars were dispatched to the scene but nothing was seen. Also confirmed.

Rick drove to Monfort Hospital Emergency Ward for treatment of their nervous and upset condition. Their treatment here has been confirmed by the hospital, where the nurse on duty that night stated to me that the Bouchards were "very shaken up, very upset and very pale" and that they were given appropriate treatment before release.

The weather conditions were not conducive to any unusual conditions that night as a check with the weather

office has confirmed — nothing to cause ball lightning, reflections, an inversion layer (there wasn't one) or any other unusual phenomena. The moon was between three-quarters and new. The sky mainly clear with a few scattered clouds.

As usual, attempts to explain it all away were made, and a news item pointed out that "highway 417 runs parallel to the approach path of an Uplands airport runway." The airport is several miles away and anyone with any knowledge of aircraft knows that this particular incident could not possibly have been an aircraft on its landing approach. It is worthy of note that the NRC, Canada's official UFO investigating agency, never contacted Rick or Donna.

The only aspect of this incident which, at date of writing, is incomplete is substantiation of the sighting by independent witnesses. Much effort has gone into an attempt to locate the occupants of the two autos travelling in the opposite direction. At one point, it appeared that one such witness had been found, but upon further checking, the witness concerned was clearly involved with a different case, in the same general area.

Should the occupants of one or both of these cars come forth to verify this incident, the fact that it did occur as claimed by the Bouchards, will be open to no doubt.

The experience of Rick and his family turns out to be just one of many incidents along this lonely stretch of dark highway on the outskirts of Ottawa. Rick's friend Ron Hamelin went out a few hours later, after hearing Rick's story and claims to have seen a huge white light maintaining a distance of about 400 feet behind him and taking up both lanes of the eastbound road, but it did not threaten him in any way.

On December 1, 1973, Mrs. Nora LaRocque of Lucerne, Quebec, and her 12-year-old son were travelling eastwards on the same stretch and had an experience similar to that of Ron Hamelin. She stopped a couple of times to see if the object would overtake her, but it always stopped when she did. It was a huge white light with a small red light on top. Finally, the light just "disappeared."

As well as these, a number of others have had frightening experiences with

huge weird lights along this road and adjacent area during a short period of several weeks. Something, whatever it is, has a strange interest in this area. Thorough investigation, including in-depth interviews with the witnesses and detailed verification of all aspects of the witnesses' stories, fail to disclose any explanation to account for these incidents, including hoaxes, reflections, aircraft and the other usual "explanations." Several months of investigation force me to leave the Bouchards' experience, as well as the many others on the same stretch of road, in the "unidentified" category.

Report from Austria

"FLYING CROWN" AT PUNTIGAM BRIDGE

By Ernest Berger

(Editor's note: The excellent work on the UFO question by Ernst Berger of Vienna is known to readers of Britain's *Flying Saucer Review* and *Skylook* in the U.S. We welcome him now as a contributor to *Canadian UFO Report*. Although the following article, written last October, was delayed by mail difficulties in Canada, we are sure readers will agree there is no loss of interest. Mr. Berger advises he will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to write. His address is: Postamt Nussdorferstr. 7, postlagernd, A-1094 Vienna, Austria.)

The witness, Mr. A. of Graz, capital of Federal Province Styria, Austria, has to remain anonymous because of aggressive treatment and crackpot visits he suffered in the past.

He, his wife and son and few open-minded neighbors at the rural southwestern outskirts of Graz, called Strassgang, have witnessed almost weekly from May 1972 until March 1973 and now-and-then until today an intense local flap over the wooded Mt. Buchkogel and Mt. Bockkogel region with dozens of objects involved, sometimes 20 in one night.

During our visit on September 30, 1974, we tried in vain for hours to find contradictions in the A.s' statements. Mr. and Mrs. A. are reliable witnesses, owners of a recreation center for aged people, and definitely not susceptible to

foolish ideas. Mr. A. is a highly experienced observer. In World War II he was special air defence observer at stereo-telescopes and commander of an anti-aircraft platoon with three guns. We know him as a down-to-earth, realistic and unemotional man, who lost one leg and the power of hearing in his left ear in the war.

Day after day in 1973 he kept the same route to his work at the Puch A.G. factory Graz-Thondorf. He left his home at about 5 a.m. CET in the morning (work at Puch starts at 6 a.m.), got his bicycle and went down the road to Puntigam railway station, then along Puntigam road, crossing the river Mur via Puntigam bridge, and turning right into Casal Street, the next fork at Liebenau, which leads to Thondorf.

Puntigam and Liebenau are suburbs of Graz with scattered houses, gardens and fields, but still urban territory. It may be of importance to the following events, that Puntigam bridge is only 800 meters distant from Puntigam gasworks, 1700 meters from Graz central cemetery and between the two large production centers of Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G. (Car, bus and motorcycle factories).

March 26, 1973, was an unpleasant morning to go to work. The meteorological station at Graz-Thalerhof (Graz airport) reported 0 deg. centigrade, sky covered with clouds 50 per cent, no wind, visibility max. 7 km, at 7 a.m.

Between 5 and 6:30 a.m. foggy haze was hanging in the air. Obviously not "silly season" weather to have hallucinations.

Mr. A. started his morning bike ride at 5 a.m., as usual. In our taped investigation he told us: "It was dark all around (sunrise more than 30 minutes later), the roads deserted and you would hear even faint sounds. I can't hear with my left ear — World War II, you know —, but my right ear is normal...I had turned on my bike lamp which runs by means of a dynamo, but it lights up only two or three meters of the road surface in front, when you are driving..I went over Puntigam bridge and along the straight stretch of road approaching Casal Street."

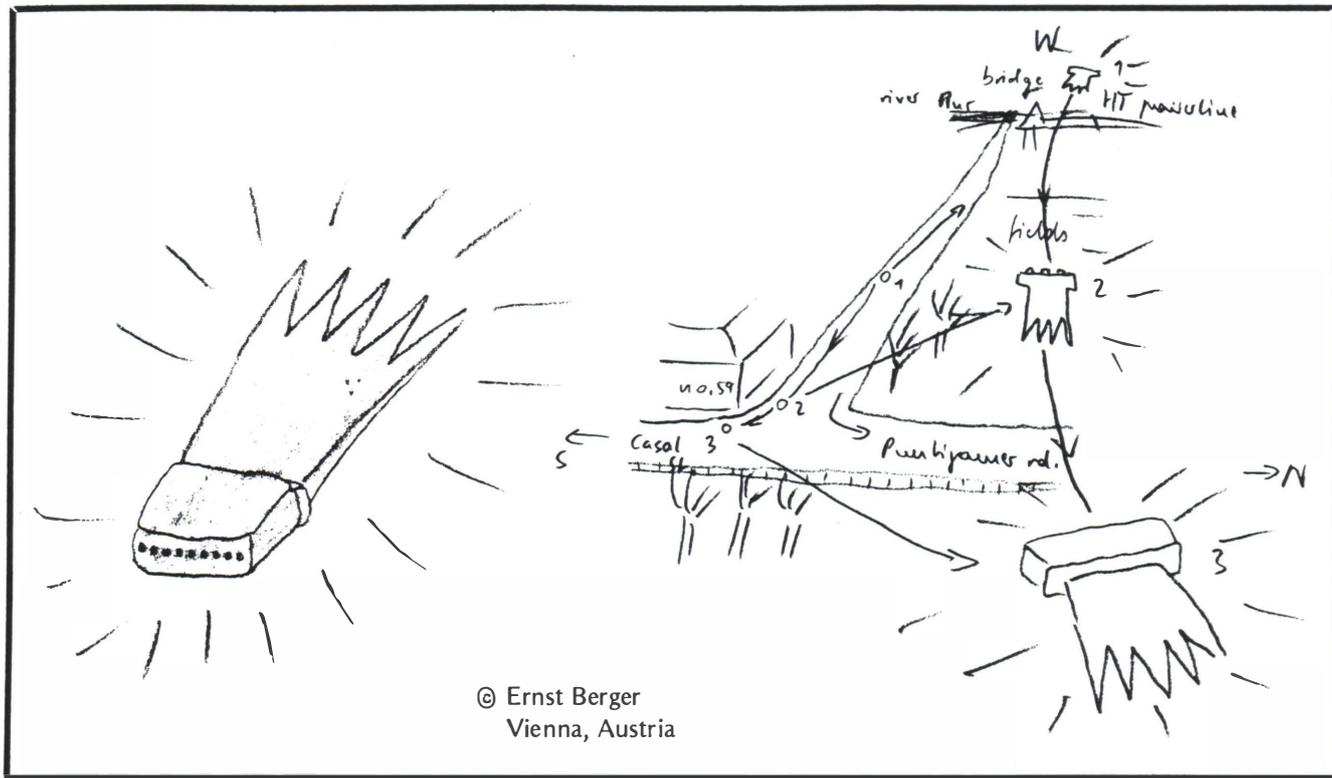
It's about 500 meters from Puntigam bridge to the road fork, where Puntigam road turns left. Between 5:15 and 5:30 a.m., Mr. A.'s bike was only 100 meters away from Casal Street.

" 'What's that light all around?' I

said to myself suddenly, 'why's that road turning blue? It looked like the sun going up, but within seconds. First I thought of a car or something, but they have white headlights, not blue beams. So I turned around and — well, I don't blush for it now — really got a cold neck. From a point scarcely 300 meters away, a flying object approached me silently — no sound at all. A clearly outlined body, nothing fuzzy about it, with four spikes in front. Looked like cut with a knife, perfectly clear.'" Mr. A. was drawing a bizarre shape when he said this, like a big crown or a box with long spikes, that we have never heard of in a UFO report so far.

"Don't know exactly whether four or five spikes...it was gliding with the spikes in front, quite the opposite you'd expect. It approached at uniform speed, not very fast, like a glider before touch-down. And it was tilted towards the ground (Mr. A. looked at the upper part of it first).

"I believe had it kept that course it would have landed right beside me...Naturally I went on with my bike as fast as I could, you see, to get around the corner at the fork (and the shabby house Liebenau no. 59 standing there). When I was almost around there, I



MATCHING CASES

looked up again, and saw it was flying parallel to the road and ground level, then it veered up and - click - was gone. When it zoomed up, I could see very clearly the rear side with a row of red knobs."

The whole incident lasted between 30 and 60 seconds, but Mr. A. had in store for us a lot of additional details: "That flying thing illuminated the street and, well, practically all surroundings as far as I could see, with its blue (surface) color...(looking at our color table:) Seems to be ultramarine, but, uh, can't tell you it was exactly this one. Really, there is no color like that. It's kind of a fascinating light...color is color, OK, but that light's something different, no dead color. Everything blue, except the row of eight or 10 red fixed points, clearly outlined, too, like small cupolas...shining bright red, a difficult color - the same I told you about the blue one...(color table:) between red and scarlet red, apparently. But like a ruby crystal illuminated from everywhere, fantastic, really marvellous.

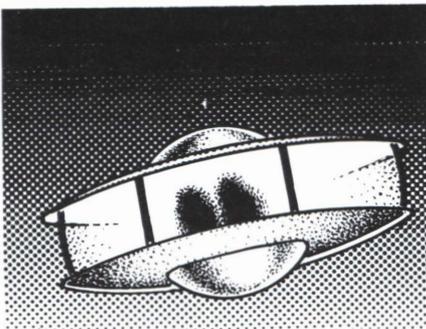
"I went right around the corner with my bike, it zoomed up and, believe me, I watched and it was - gone. Not with a bang, no light effect.

"Somebody just switched it off, looked like that. Up and gone, then everything was dark again."

A reconstruction of the shape done with the witness at the site showed four or five flat spikes, i.e. the flattened fan-like structure in front was attached to a "box" or case with rounded edges. The red dots were equidistant.

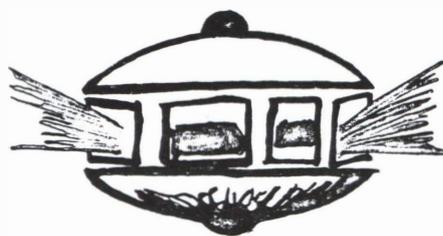
In our interview, Mr. A. was sure he had observed perspective shortening due to the angle of view which had diminished after phase one. We have to add again that Mr. A. was trained for years to recognize salient points of aerial phenomena within seconds and had risked his life every time he would make a mistake.

Unfortunately Mr. A. remained the only witness and got the usual silly comments at Puch factory the average Styrian minds have been programmed for: "Have you met your astronauts, eh?" Wisely, he did not try the police.



Mantorp, Sweden

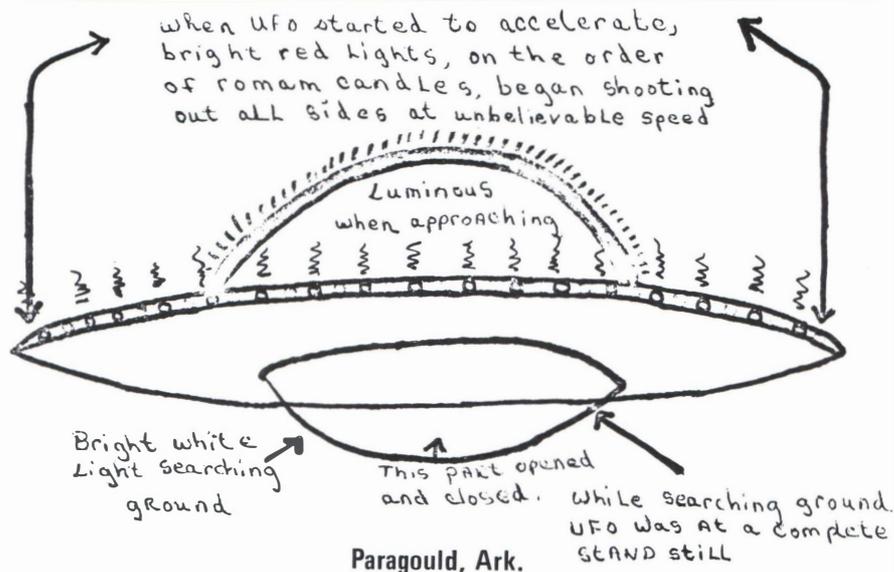
CUFOR, vol. 2 no. 8: It was reported in the Swedish publication UFO Information that on the night of May 3, 1973 Mrs. Sigrid Karlsson of the Mantorp district, and her son Robert, saw an object illuminated by a red light hovering over their neighbor's house. They said it made a "kind of hissing" sound which seemed to fill the whole neighborhood. Robert, whose eyesight was better than his mother's, said he thought he could see two "men" inside. As the object drew closer, the light changed to a yellow-white color. Robert said the craft looked like two saucer plates separated by what may have



Glassboro, N.J.

been windows from which the light was shining.

The Daily Times, Woodbury, N.J. Dec. 5, 1973 (same year as above report): Miss Jeanann Rader, a student at Glassboro State College, told police that while driving earlier in the evening she saw a flying hamburger-shaped object. She said she noticed it when she saw a glowing red light and at first believed it was a fire. Then the object headed toward her and she saw there were "bright white lights" coming from the sides of the object. She said it made a "hissing" sound.



Paragould, Ark.

Daily Press, Paragould, Ark., March 12, 1967: Mrs. Joy Brackman, her two daughters aged 16 and 15, and a boyfriend of one of the girls saw an illuminated circular object pass slowly at night above the house they were

visiting. Mrs. Hackman began waving her arms and shouting for the ship to come closer. She said she believed the "aliens" must have heard her because the white lights went out momentarily to pitch blackness. Then red lights

...something on the order of Roman candles.....began shooting out on all sides of the thing."

CUFOR, vol. 3, no. 1: In a letter-to-editor Mrs. Leona Nielson of Walla Walla, Wash. said that one night in February, 1970 she and a lady friend, vacationing in Montana near Glacier Park, watched a dome object with an encircling "platform" shooting sparks across a nearby river. While this was going on, two "men" hurried about the platform.

"The rim which ran the dome was six feet wide at least, as these men ran around with ease, not like they would on a narrow area. The top was so enveloped in the sparks that it was only a shadow. The sparks flew from the rim up over the dome, filling the whole area with bright yellow light. The sparks were mostly yellow-white, and bright blue with heat like a welding torch. These sparks were large and would fly over the top of the dome, skim across the river, hit the bank on the other side, fly up and back into the river with a sizzle sound."

DISORIENTATION ON FLIGHT 19

By Stuart W. Greenwood

One of the most well-known mysteries in the long history of disappearances of ships and aircraft in the area of the Bermuda Triangle is the case of the five Avenger aircraft that were lost in 1945. Publication of extracts from the official report of the Board of Inquiry has permitted a more analytical inspection of the events leading up to the disappearance than was previously possible. Michael McDonell's summary of these events and careful interpretations are a welcome addition to the literature on the mystery (Reference 1).

From the fix obtained on the aircraft late in the flight it is clear that they were finally lost north of the Bahamas and east of the Florida coast. How did they come to be so hopelessly lost? Perhaps McDonell goes some way to identifying the problem when he focuses at one point on the instructor of the training flight. He asks: "Why did FT-28 (the instructor) not want to go on the flight; what was his state of mind? How could both his compasses have

gone out? Did he have a watch?"

Let us concentrate our attention on the instructor, and examine whether we can infer the sequence of events contributing to the disaster. Along the way we shall be engaging in some rather "far out" speculation in regard to the extent to which events may have been thrust upon him by external, indeed extraterrestrial, influences.

The instructor was to experience his first flight over the scheduled route. He arrived late for briefing, and asked that another instructor take his place, saying that he did not want to take the flight out. The request was refused. The flight took off from Fort Lauderdale and apparently proceeded to Hens and Chicken Shoals, where the bombing practice was scheduled to take place, according to plan. Conversation was picked-up at base during the bombing, and three or four aircraft were seen flying east by a fishing-boat captain working near the target area at about the time the bombing was expected to be completed. The scheduled flight direction was approximately due east for the first leg of the operation, so we infer that the captain observed some of the flight moving on from the bombing.

Let us pause right at this point. Why three or four aircraft rather than four or five? Note that at the commencement of the flight, which was led by one of the students, the instructor flew in the rear, in a tracking position. The flight was primarily a navigation exercise, so that was a natural position to assume. We may presume that the instructor would have intended to continue to remain to the rear throughout the mission unless an emergency developed. That some of the flight were presumed to have been seen heading away from the bombing area, on the correct courses suggests that the lead student was performing his responsibilities correctly. But where were the remaining one or two machines apparently not seen by the fishing-boat captain? It is evident from later communications with the flight that they subsequently formed up and operated as a group. Did something happen in the bombing area to delay the instructor, and perhaps one of his students?

It is noteworthy that the first indication of distress in the flight occurred subsequent to the bombing of the Hens and Chicken Shoals area.

Communications between the instructor and one of his students were received by the senior flight instructor at Fort Lauderdale, who was in the air at the time, indicating confusion as to compass headings and the first recognition of being lost. Significantly, the senior instructor later testified that, at the time of these transmissions, he believed the flight to be "either over the Biminies or Bahamas."

We here speculate that, as a result of disorientation experienced by the instructor of the flight, and possibly one of his students, the flight was attempting to establish its position while still in the region around the bombing area. The reference to having "got lost after that last turn" need not have applied to the scheduled turn at the end of the first scheduled leg of the flight. The Hens and Chicken Shoals area is in the Great Bahama Bank, just to the north of the Biminies. We shall return to the important question of the source of the disorientation later. For the present, we presume the flight to have been attempting to organize itself near the Biminies.

The instructor called: "Both my compasses are out and I am trying to find Fort Lauderdale, Fla. I am over land but it's broken. I am sure I'm in the Keys but I don't know how far down and I don't know how to get to Ford Lauderdale." The extraordinary situation of not knowing how to reach base from the Keys, and indeed of believing himself to be over the Keys at all, is fully emphasized by McDonell. Let us suppose, however, that the broken land referred to was the Cays just to the south of the Biminies. Minutes later the instructor was to say: "We have just passed over a small island. We have no other land in sight." And later, "We were out on a navigational hop and on the second leg I thought they were going wrong, so I took over and was flying them back to the right position. But I'm sure now that neither one of my compasses is working." In the prevailing confusion, did the instructor use the term "second leg" for the continuation of the first leg following the fairly long period of about thirty minutes in the bombing area?

The senior instructor later testified that he believed the flight to have been moving off north. That would have been natural for the instructor, following the line of the Cays believing them to be the

Keys. It is important to note that, had the flight been able to proceed on the second scheduled leg, they would have overflowed Grand Bahama Island, and it appears obvious that they never encountered this conspicuous land area. Presumably they headed north through the Straits of Florida out into the Atlantic Ocean and were then completely lost.

The instructor was monitoring a navigational training flight, and it would appear that he was able to check the navigation of his students as far as the bombing area over open waters during the first part of the mission. For this purpose, and in daylight, his compasses were the essential check on the navigational skills of his students. Something went wrong with his compasses at the time of the bombing or shortly afterwards. We may suppose that, although three or four of his students were able to commence the continuation of the flight, he grouped the flight together while attempting to resolve the problem. The situation was further complicated by his apparent state of disorientation. He had been flying in the Keys area during his previous training duties in Miami, and would certainly have known how to find his way from there. He was evidently under exceptional stress.

We now have a scenario that is compatible with the known facts, though it contains several presumptions. We proceed to extend our speculations by considering the source of the disorientation that confounded the operation in the Hens and Chicken Shoals area. At this point we are entering strange territory indeed, but the implications may turn out to be of considerable significance.

The Hens and Chicken Shoals area lies close to the Moselle Bank on the north-western tip of the Great Bahama Bank, just to the north of the Biminies. In a recent contribution to the literature on the Bermuda Triangle, Charles Berlitz (Reference 2) describes the Moselle Bank as a location where many unidentified lights at night, visits by UFOs, and malfunctions of equipment have been reported. Among the fishermen of Bimini it has the reputation of being "haunted." The Great Bahama Bank drops off into the abysmal deep in this region, and a sharp pinnacle rises a sheer 3000 feet from the bottom of the Straits of

Florida in this vicinity but does not quite break the surface.

We first make the presumption that the disorientation of some at least of the members of Flight 19 was caused by a source responsible for the extraordinary phenomena associated with the Moselle Bank area.

We now extend our speculation by supposing that the source is extraterrestrial in origin, and may even have been distributed by the bombing operations. Apart from the familiar hypothesis that UFOs are extraterrestrial in origin, what other deductions can we draw from our knowledge of the area?

The depth of 3000 feet below the surface of the ocean is the depth at which the water pressure would be suitable for a permanent base for extraterrestrials from the planet Venus. The reasons for this are given in an earlier article by the author (Reference 3, see excerpt following), and it is also pointed out that such depths are to be found in the Straits of Florida. The base of the pinnacle adjacent to the Moselle Bank clearly meets such requirements. The conjunction of the equipment malfunctions on Flight 19, with the observations of Berlitz in regard to the phenomena mentioned above and the suitability of the locale for an underwater base for extraterrestrials from Venus suggests an important conclusion. Extraterrestrials from

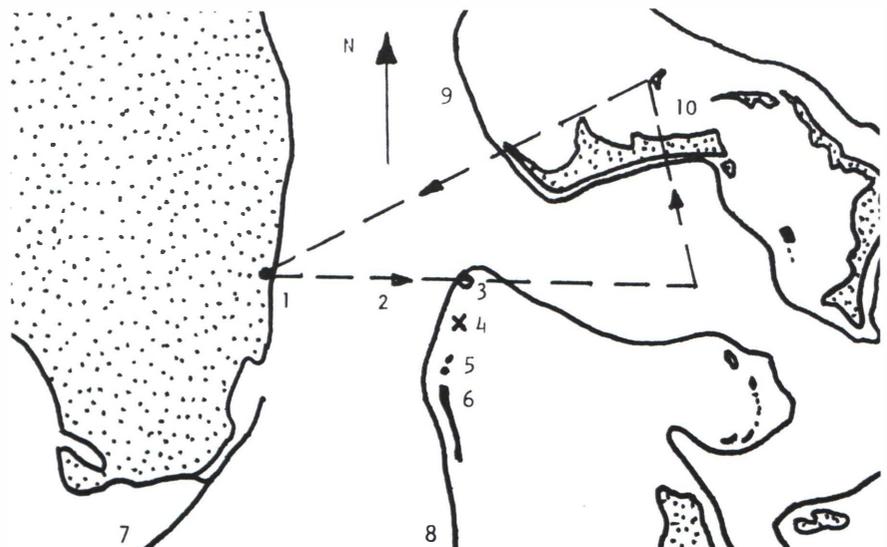
Venus may have had, and indeed may still have, an underwater base off the Moselle Bank.

(In the article cited in Reference 3, the author said:

(Venus is still something of an enigma due to the cloud layers that always cover the planet. However, we now know that it has an extremely hot, dense atmosphere, consisting mainly of carbon dioxide. The surface pressure at the base of the atmosphere is about 94 Earth atmospheres. This is extremely favorable for conventional flight operations, and we may suppose that any intelligent life forms on the planet would have developed conventional flying machines. As in our own experience, this could have proceeded to the development of space vehicles.

(Astronauts from Venus, seeking an environment suitable for the establishment of a permanent base, might choose to descend into the oceans of our planet. The depth corresponding to a pressure of 94 Earth atmospheres is just over 3,000 feet, or 500 fathoms. A 500 fathom base would give a suitable pressure differential, and the carbon dioxide inside the base would have to be heated to provide the appropriate environmental conditions. It is significant that hot carbon dioxide gas is, next to steam, a primary effluent from volcanoes and other fissures in the crust of the Earth.

(The brilliance of Charles Fort is



1. FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 2. SCHEDULED FLIGHT PLAN 3. HENS AND CHICKEN SHOALS 4. MOSELLE BANK 5. THE BIMINIES 6. CAYS 7. FLORIDA KEYS 8. 100 FATHOM LINE - GREAT BAHAMA BANK 9. 100 FATHOM LINE - LITTLE BAHAMA BANK 10. GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

Because of an anxious time while his wife is gravely ill, Brinsley Le Poer Trench has been unable to prepare his column for this issue. We earnestly hope this difficult period will be safely passed and look forward to an early return of *Between You and Me*.

perhaps nowhere more evident than in the perception he displayed in a book first published in 1919, some 38 years before the space age began in earnest with the launch of the first Earth satellite. Fort postulated that "...somewhere aloft there is a medium denser than this earth's atmosphere," and also "vast wheel-like super-constructions - they enter this earth's atmosphere and - plunge for relief into an ocean, or into a denser medium." There are media denser than this Earth's atmosphere on the giant planets, but it is significant that Venus, our nearest neighboring planet, having approximately the same size and surface gravity as the Earth, has a particularly dense atmosphere.

(The most extensive region of ocean floor at the 500 fathom depth lies in the Straits of Florida and the southern portion of the Blake Plateau.

(It appears that it might be more profitable for scientists to concern themselves less with the probabilities of life emerging on the planets of other stars, and concentrate their attention on evidence that appears to be accumulating much closer to home.)

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FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY: A Biologist's Report. By Frank B. Salisbury (The Devin-Adair Company, Old Greenwich, Conn. \$7.95).

Dr. Salisbury has to be a brave man. He took a limited period (late 1966 through 1967) and a limited area (the Uintah Basin of eastern Utah) and decided to write a book on UFOs!

In a category of authors where the entire universe (some who favor the inter-dimensional theory go beyond that) commonly serves as the scene, and the history of the world provides a useful time bracket, Dr. Salisbury must have looked like a nervy but forlorn figure when he started. But never underestimate a good Mormon when it comes to matters metaphysical — and we say that seriously, having recently completed a study of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (vol. 3, no. 3) of which the author is a dedicated member. Working from his narrow self-assigned base, Dr. Salisbury has produced a book which by any standard must be considered a major contribution to UFO literature.

Frank Salisbury is a biologist at Utah State University and part of his achievement is certainly due to what happened after he gave a talk in 1966 to a science teachers' meeting on possible life on Mars, exobiology being one of his interests. On that occasion he met Joseph Junior Hicks, a junior high school science teacher, who pursuing remarks made during the talk, mentioned some "exciting" local UFO sightings. But months were to pass before he could follow up that intriguing lead. Finally he had a chance to look over Junior Hicks' material, discovering:

"Here was a microcosm of UFO activity, representing nearly everything I had read, and providing so many sightings that one could almost begin to think in statistical terms."

While it was a wonderful start for the interviews he had in mind that were to become the substance of his book, it was clearly his enthusiasm and easy manner with witnesses that made his project successful. Since his technique was to quote much of his recordings

verbatim, it was important that he avoid the frequent fault of making the questions sound more important than the answers. This he accomplished, so that what we have is a running readable narrative by witnesses of exceptional sightings.

Why they are exceptional is as much a mystery as the subject itself, considering the restricted area of inquiry. But how often does one see this description, to pick a random example?

"You have seen the sun shining through a cloud after it's rained? This is what it looked like, only the rays were bright red, and there were a lot of them. They were spreading out from the object so that they were probably three times as wide where they hit the ground as the object above. Whatever this was that was boiling up was everywhere over this whole area, and clear up away from the rays it was still boiling up and coming back in. But the funny thing about this stuff was that you could see it so plain. It was more distinctive, not just dust a-flying up and then just scattering. It came up just like a big cloud, sitting there and going like this (rotating motion with hands), but I don't have any idea whether it was smoke, or dirt, or dust or what it was."

Dr. Salisbury has a somewhat harder time when he devotes Part II of his book to the question, "What's It All About?" His difficulty, though well handled, is understandable because there is no answer — at least not yet. After trying five possibles, he concludes the trouble is that "none of the hypotheses really fit." But his book would not be finished without that effort.

The foreword is a brief but authoritative one by Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

VYMAANIKA - SHAAASTRA
AERONAUTICS by Maharshi
Bharadwaja. (International Academy
of Sanskrit Research. Translated into
English and edited, printed and
published by G. R. Josyer).

Reviewed by William G. Allan, Ph.D.

There is in UFO literature many references to the *vimana* type of air-space craft. We got in touch with the

venerable Subaraya Sastry director of the Sanskrit Institute in Mysore, India. He is publicising internationally the Sanskrit references to AERONAUTICS which was published in the early part of the century in its English translation. Our comments are these:

We must first understand that the references to the vimana's capabilities are not in any manner scientifically defined, nor do they appear to be of a level of communication any higher than that of a "story teller" who took a trip aboard a modern super-jet such as the Boeing 747, of which the reviewer was one of the electrical-electronic systems designers.

The "draftsmanship" of the plates involved is of a mediocre level and adds very little to the text. We are left with the following premise from which to form an opinion:

The Sanskrit references describe in a very inexact manner certain capabilities which are foreign to our physics of today, but which should not be discounted for it is possible that our physics does not apply to energy manipulations in the next higher dimension — the etheric from which UFOs (and vimana?) seem to have their origin.

If some version of this is the explanation of UFOs which, according to a text on SPACE SCIENCE from the U.S. Air Force Academy, is a possibility, then we can accept the Sanskrit for some of its concepts of the vimana devices.

Clear air turbulence was described as one of the hazards to the vimana pilot. It is dangerous and modern jet aircraft have a so-called weather radar to enable the pilot to search for and avoid such a danger which has been known to disable aircraft.

Invisibility of the vimana device is mentioned and a coded (we assume) formula is given for the construction of such a "mirror." The formula bears no merit if it is interpreted rationally, scientifically or meta-physically.

Glow or halo around the operating vimana is to UFO students very significant. It suggests electromagnetic (or etheric) oscillations of an intensity which causes the materialized UFO to "glow."

Enemies of the vimana are mentioned which indicate that others of similar capability existed on the planet.

GOODHA capability of the vimana indicates that the ancients previous to 7 - 9000 B.C. operated in the 8th energy level (of the earth's atmosphere) which was the lowest and most material to "attract the dark content of the solar ray and use it to hide the vimana from the enemy"...(i.e. invisibility?) This of course is far beyond the understanding and comprehension of our present-day "science". So also is - - -

Anti-gravity "...Maniratnaakara says that 6 crystals co-ordinate the power-gathering facility. Wires should be passed from the center in all directions and convey the power to the sanjaniki mani ... (further) manipulation of the forces cause a halo to form around the vimana... and by drawing the solar rays into contact with it, the rays will speed the craft along the rekhaamaarga or safety line."

This seems to be the heart of the work on AERONAUTICS and we admit that after some 28 years of very close study of the UFO phenomena, and a knowledge of aerospace techniques used to build the giant jets and to go to the moon, we cannot reconcile these Sanskrit writings with known physical phenomena. The real question is their believability.

We are inclined to believe that the ancients did communicate with some inhabitants of the cosmic energy-intelligence continuum which we refer to as "space," but which obviously has a dimensionality. They were able to receive information as to how to so manipulate materialized energy of the 8th level (our solid and material) so as to build space-craft of the as yet un-understood capability of the vimanas told about by the Sanskrit historians.

In 1902, if someone in the Seattle area would have stated that in some 70 years there would be built in that area a vimana which would carry 500 passengers at nearly 700 miles per hour, anywhere in the world, it would have been a statement beyond the physical scientific understanding of that day. Further, that in the same seven decades future men would walk on the moon and return to earth, would be another statement of the incredible, and in defiance of the understanding and acceptance of that day. Only 70 years were involved to bring that type of achievement into conceptive acceptance.

In the Sanskrit we are talking about

thousands of years and energies, which we now suspect, do exist waiting to be harnessed. Someone has obviously harnessed them, manipulated them, and the UFO gives us an example of actual vimana configuration and performance capability.

The "gods" from the etheric dimension are again putting the prod to earthlings, it seems.

Letters

Sir:

To say that I am thrilled with the article in your magazine (on Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith, vol. 3, no. 3) is an understatement. It couldn't be better. Truly the analogy between the UFO mystery and the doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is striking.

Garth Batty,
Vernal, Utah.

Sir:

I found the article (on Joseph Smith) especially interesting because you quoted Bishop Garth Batty who is one of the witnesses that I interviewed for my book (**The Utah UFO Display**, reviewed in this issue). I also found it interesting because you presented a quotation from Joseph Fielding Smith of which I was not aware. I will no doubt be anxious to use that quotation in my future talks to Church groups about the UFO problem. Incidentally, as you have probably surmised by now, I am a thoroughly converted and active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints myself. When I first saw the article, I had some misgivings, but, after reading it, I was impressed with the manner in which you handled the topic. Congratulations on a good job will done!

Frank B. Salisbury,
Utah State University,
Logan, Utah.

This is the quotation by Joseph Fielding Smith to which Dr. Salisbury refers: "The Lord is not restricted in giving invitations to other creations to visit this earth so you need not be

surprised if some visitors from other worlds do visit this one."

Sir:

Vol. 3, no. 3, page 21. "Prof. Laithwaite, teacher of electromagnetic engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, in London, met a public relations man who dreamed several times of a meeting of a learned society at which a scientist placed a small box on a kitchen measuring scales and proceeded to demonstrate the machine. The public relations man later took out a patent on this machine."

Having just finished a book about Higher Sense Perception, titled *Breakthrough to Creativity* by Shafic Karagulla, M.D. (published by DeDorse and Co. Inc., Santa Monica, Calif. 90404) I was impressed by the similarity of occurrences in this book and this particular report.

Graham Conway,
Delta, B.C.

Photostat portions of the book sent by Mr. Conway described the cases of two sensitives who attended "classes" while asleep in bed. One, Dr. Philip, studied at a medical college for many years while asleep. "He felt as alert and as aware as he did in waking consciousness and on waking he could remember everything that had been said."

The other sensitive was a woman identified as "Vicky" who also was a student in her sleep for many years. "She explained that they (the classes) are different from a dream in that the discourses given by the lecturer are in clear and orderly sequence. At times teaching aids are used or there are laboratory demonstrations. She goes to sleep and seems almost immediately to find herself on the campus or in a building or a classroom of the university. These have been the same buildings and lecture halls through the years. The architecture is simple but not like any building she has seen in waking consciousness." Occasionally she saw a familiar face in the class. As a test she once phoned a friend she saw there, who was then living across the U.S., and he remembered being present, though he could not recall details as well as she!

Sir:

I have for many years studied all available reports of mysterious flying objects, first recorded sightings of which go back at least as far as the Middle Ages, and find two great puzzles remain unanswered.

Firstly, except for one strange incident in early Victoria London, which may not have been but probably was, connected with a UFO (see note below), on no occasion has action been taken which appeared to have the intention of causing any permanent disruption to the life of any human individual. This is an impossible reservation for even the most civilized of societies to impose on its research teams sent to investigate another planet. Nor has there been any attempt at settlement or colonization. Why then are "they" wasting all that time and energy for nothing. Could it be that it is not their own desires, but the Laws of Physics which are imposing these restraints upon them?

Secondly, why this intense interest in the latter half of the 20th century?

Both these questions can be answered if we assume that these visitors are not from another planet many hundreds of light years in space, but from our own planet as many hundreds of light years away in time. Visitors from the future would not dare to make any changes in the lives of any inhabitants of the 20th Century which might have unpredictable, and devastating effects on their own era.

Also the time in which we now live is obviously a crisis point for the human race. Many reports speak of small grey humanoid occupants of UFOs, a not unexpected genetic fate for humanity, in view of all the poisons we are now pouring over the Earth, and the ability that modern medical science has given to all the weak, weary, sick, lame and sorry amongst us to reproduce themselves. While there is no reason at all to expect human-like life to visit us from another planet.

Suppose some Government of the future is looking for some way in which they can reduce the impact of our follies on their people, would not the 20th century be the place to look?

Dr. W. J. Tarver,
President,
The Copyrights, Inventions, and
Patents Association of Canada,
Calgary, Alta.

Answering our request for more information on the early London case, Dr. Tarver said he could not recall the source but added: "It concerns one of the many cases of apparently normal people who just disappear, and become merely names in a closed file when neither relatives, police nor income tax officials are able to trace them. The only unusual feature of this case is that seconds after this man left for the last time, he was followed outside by a housemaid or some other resident of the house engaged in some domestic chore.

"This person swore that she clearly and distinctly heard her master's voice from the dark sky above, screaming 'Put me down, you devils, put me down!' I do not think much notice was taken of this evidence at the time, and when I read about it, it was so long ago that UFOs were not making news, otherwise I would have clipped it out for future reference. It did, however, make a great impression on me at the time, and when UFOs did begin to make news, it instantly occurred to me that one such could provide an explanation of this man's disappearance, and account for the servant's evidence as well."

Sir:

With regard to the article by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, "Between You and Me", (Vol. 3, No. 1), at the end of which readers opinions' are solicited, I think Mr. Le Poer Trench's contention re picture-type projections by the space people could conceivably be applicable to the sightings at Oloron and Gaillac and in support of this I would refer him to The Fatima sightings of the apparition of Grace, Light and Divine Feminine Principle which first occurred in 1916 in Cairo which some Christians believed was an appearance of the Virgin Mary.

Many people witnessed the same apparition time after time, in fact in cycles at regular intervals. Around her were seen white birds with wings spread but they did not fly like real birds, they did not flap their wings but glided. (See enclosure).

However, for those who have read the book 'URI', the authentic autobiography of Uri Geller by Dr. Andrija Puharich, I believe there could perhaps be still another explanation of the identical actions of the UFOs at

Oloron and Gaillac. In that book the computerized intelligences from space specifically state they have come to recharge themselves with energy from the barometric and cosmic layers around the planet; therefore the action witnessed at those two French towns could have been these space intelligences' machines harvesting this energy. The so-called angel's hair may have been a by-product of such action. It has been found in so many parts of the world.

These intelligences tell us they have visited our world many times in past ages for the same purpose and further they state that anything we can think — they can perform. That gives a pretty wide scope.

This remarkable book, which is truth and not science fiction, gives answers to so many of the baffling occurrences connected with UFO sightings and much can be gained from it by analytical study.

Mrs. P. D. Dixon
New Lynn, Auckland,
New Zealand.

Mrs. Dixon is a member of a group called *Heralds of the New Age*. She enclosed a copy of a special edition of their magazine devoted to the "World Secret of Fatima." In it Bishop Gregarious, Orthodox, one of the witnesses of a series of apparitions of the Virgin Mary above a church at Zeitoun, a suburb of Cairo, in 1968 is quoted as saying:

"I remember particularly on June 9, the Birthday of Our Lady (in Coptic calendars), I was at Zeitoun when I saw twopigeons very white, very bright, luminous, radiating light. I was determined to watch them. They became tiny flakes of cloud and seemed to enter heaven. They do not flap their wings; they glide.

"They did not fly away, but above and around the centre dome. They stay quite near and are close to the church when they vanish. Whatever formation they take, they keep. Sometimes as many as seven of them flying in formation of a cross. They appear and disappear in this formation. They fly very swiftly. They are not light on one side only, but are completely lighted. One does not see feathers at all, just something bright. They are radiant creatures, larger in size than a dove or

a pigeon. They are there to honor Saint Mary, and usually appear some time before an apparition."

This description does indeed make the birds sound like projected images. From that it might be inferred the entire apparition was projected.

Sir:

I refer to the Hon. B. Le Poer Trench's interesting letter (vol. 3, no. 3, page 23), in reply to my hurried note in vol. 3, no. 2, page 24: I was wrong in stating that, apparently, nothing was seen in neighboring districts. Before me are M. Aime Michel's detailed accounts of the sightings at Oloron (Pyrenees Atlantiques, formerly Basses Pyrenees) on Oct. 17-52, and at Gaillac (Tarn) on Oct. 27-52, both in S.W. France. Michel names "other people in the neighborhood," and M. Bordes, the Mayor of the village of Geronce, as well as a "shooting party in the Josbaigt Valley"; the Oloron witnesses are described as "innumerable," and at Gaillac as "at least one hundred"; (if people in other localities saw the displays, I am beginning to think that they have acted as innumerable witnesses still do, and kept their counsel). However, we should do well to review, in addition, some circumstantial evidence from other south-French districts, at that time:-

(a) Brives-Charensac (Haute Loire), Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.: a silvery disc flew rapidly south-eastwards, followed by a silvery cigar that stood still for more than 30 seconds, then resumed its flight;

(b) Tarbes (Hautes Pyrenees), Oct. 27, 4 p.m.: a "ball" skimmed across the sky at a tremendous pace; but no direction was given.

(c) Marignane (airport for Marseille, Bouches du Rhone), around midnight or later, between Oct. 26 and 27: an unusual object landed only about 50 metres from M. Gachignard, an employee.

In other words, there was business in the skies of southern France, on the nights of Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 — probably more than there had been on Oct. 17, when Oloron was given its "premiere" display.

My correspondent feels that "mirrors" may have been used in order to treat Gaillac to a repeat performance of the Oloron ballet. If this

was so, then how should we account for the physical presence at Gaillac of the white filaments, similar to those at Oloron, which continued to fall, long after the objects had disappeared over the horizon? A further fact of interest, in Michel's first book (*The Truth About Flying Saucers*) is that, at Gaillac, some of the pairs of 'saucers' occasionally came down fairly low, - which allegedly did not occur at Oloron.

It might be of added interest that:-
(i) Oloron, Tarbes, Gaillac, and Brives-Charensac, while not in a directly straight line, are nevertheless roughly in a corridor that runs very close to Lourdes, - and that this corridor is roughly parallel to the well-known BAVIC line, the line that also runs very close to Fatima in Portugal...;

(ii) Marignane is remarkably close to Draguignan and Valensole, - both places that are of considerable ufological notoriety.

I find it difficult to subscribe to the 'mirrors' hypothesis; because, aside from the lack of evident motives (humanly speaking), the facts given by Michel appear to militate against this explanation.

P. M. H. Edwards, Ph. D,
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

On page 6 of your vol. 3, no. 3 I saw for the first time these striking photos of a UFO. The sign on the aircraft reminded me of a planet symbol: Uranus.

As you remember, the sign on the spacecraft looked like an I superimposed over an H, and the symbol of Uranus is as shown here.

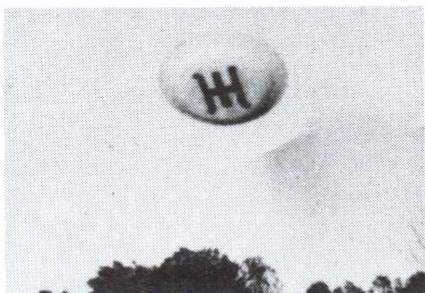


It may not be the first time someone discovers the similarity. But it seems that our visitors deliberately indicate, in this case, a clue of where they are from. And strangely enough, the astrological analysis of the planet Uranus explains that this planet gives tendencies to exhibitionism!

Congratulations for your good articles, especially for Mr. Le Poer Trench's column.

Louise Dupuis,
Montreal, P.Q.

As the UFO, pictured over Spain in 1967, did seem to make a point of displaying its symbol, a few words about the planet Uranus might be appropriate. One of the outer gas giants, it lies inside Pluto and Neptune and must be forbiddingly cold. Its surface gravity is closest of all planets to that of Earth (being 0.92 to Earth's 1) but its density is barely more than that of water (being 1.27 to water's 1 and Earth's 5.52). In volume it is 59 times larger than Earth. Its specialty is that it lies almost on its side and rolls around its orbit instead of spinning like a top as do other planets. Because of this strange angle, its five visible satellites (the largest is 1,000 miles in diameter) circle around almost vertically to its orbital plane like seats on a Ferris wheel.



OVER SPAIN

Sir:

The ecosphere is the zone of habitability around a star within which planetary temperatures are equable and the origin and development of life are possible. The ecosphere has the form of a spherical shell (1).

In our own Solar System, the ecosphere contains the four inner planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. If ancient astronauts visiting Earth came from our nearer neighboring planets in the Solar System we might anticipate that symbolism representing the four planets of the Sun's ecosphere would have been left on our planet as readily interpreted souvenirs. Such symbolism exists and has been reproduced in the literature, but its significance does not yet appear to have been fully appreciated.

Four concentric circles appear on a wood carving from Taiwan (2). The circles may be interpreted as representing the orbits of the four planets of the Sun's ecosphere. The carving is stated to have been a sign for

the residence of a chieftain. The location of Taiwan is excellent for flight operations to and from the planets of the Solar System as it spans the Tropic of Cancer, permitting a good match of the gravitational fields of the Earth and the Sun at launch, coupled with a useful contribution from the Earth's spin about its axis (3).

A central circular object is shown surrounded by, respectively, one, two, three or four circles in a rock carving whose location is not identified (4). Again, the symbols may be interpreted as representing the Sun surrounded by the orbits of, progressively, the four planets of its ecosphere.

I have attempted an interpretation of an Australian cave painting which includes the symbol of a central object surrounded by four elliptical paths, considered to be the Sun surrounded by the orbits of the four planets of its ecosphere viewed in perspective (5). Other symbolism in the painting suggests Mars as the planet of origin and Egypt as a previous point of contact. Egypt spans the Tropic of Cancer and Australia spans the Tropic of Capricorn, again beneficial locations for flights to and from the other planets in our Solar System.

Some scientists like to speculate about the probabilities of the development of intelligent life on the planetary systems of other stars, but perhaps they should take a closer look at our own neighbors in the Solar System.

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Stuart W. Greenwood,
Dept. of Aerospace Engineering,
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Sir:

I personally have seen what I believe was a UFO back in '68 or '69 on a clear cool summer evening. At first glance it appeared as an oversize star which I mistook for the North Star. But when I first noticed it, it appeared to be flickering. I then looked for and saw the North Star, confirming in my mind that I was not mistaken.

It appeared to be descending erratically from approximately N.W. until it was stationary in line at my observation point with Toronto. I was alone and sitting outside, relaxing and sipping an ale. When I realized it was a UFO after considering the possibilities (aircraft, satellite, psychic phenomena or natural space phenomena), I was going to go inside to get a telescope but was afraid to stop watching it. It then appeared to hover and glow with varying intensity as it slowly travelled from west to east until approximately N.E. and on line over Lake Ontario. It appeared to stop, then within seconds ascend out of sight. Actually it almost disappeared from a light about three times the size of the North Star. The entire observation was approximately 5 to 10 minutes. (I didn't have my watch on.)

At any rate, I haven't told many people because of the comic, doubting reactions. I was even too shy to phone the police and enquire if anyone may have reported what I saw. I listened to the radio and TV news and checked the *Hamilton Spectator* but it wasn't noticed or reported. I was a Hamilton resident at the time.

J. G. Holland,
Sudbury, Ont.

Sir:

On Nov. 1 the television news reported that a UFO had landed in a Waterloo neighborhood just a few miles from my home. Next day I drove over to the landing site to question the witnesses. The children gladly showed me where it had landed. The girls, Leslie Trotter and Brenda Smith, said there were two UFOs. While one hovered nearby, flashing red and white lights, the other silently approached the children and hovered about 20 feet above the ground before landing in front of their homes.

Three boys, Mark Harrison, Paul Dawkins, and Brent Smith were also

close eyewitnesses. They described the landed craft as being about 15 feet in diameter with a dome on top. The craft emitted a reddish glow. No windows were visible.

In a few minutes the craft rose into the air to join the other one, leaving a 15-foot circle of scorched grass and weeds. In the center a five-foot circle of grass was pressed very flat.

Homer Schaefer,
Kitchener, Ont.



*Leslie Trotter and Brenda Smith,
second and third from left.*

Sir:

As we were driving north from St. Paul, Alberta, about 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 16, Kevin spotted a sudden movement of a white glow over the left-hand side of the road. Richard was sleeping but woke up quite suddenly after the occurrence. We continued, this time both of us awake. Approximately five miles down the road Rick spotted what appeared to be a low-flying aircraft and pointed it out to Kevin. Kevin (a licensed pilot) discounted the object as an aircraft due to the lighting arrangement and size. The three prominent lights were red, blue and white.

This object continued to proceed as though it were doing low-level flight as many aircraft do. The object then began to maneuver in what appeared to be a landing circuit, but overshot what could have been the proposed landing strip. It circled, stopped and hovered for a few minutes. Shortly afterward the object shot straight upward to an unbelievable altitude.

We parked at the roadside for about 45 minutes. The object manipulated in lazy eights and pendulum motions. We would take turns describing the maneuvers to each other to rule out the idea that it was just imagination. We got out of the car and a sound similar to wolves howling was going on, but it stopped within 15 seconds after we were

out of the car. It was at this time that we spotted three more UFOs throughout the immediate sky. Shortly afterwards we proceeded on to Cold Lake with the original UFO following us all the way back but keeping its distance.

Kevin Bradshaw,
Richard Green,
Cold Lake, Medley, Alberta

Sir:

On Dec. 20 between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. a group of students in Kalispell saw a strange flying object while waiting for the school bus. They claimed that it was saucer-shaped and that it traveled toward the North Fork River area.

On the same day around 6:20 to 6:25 p.m. my children and I watched a bright flashing white UFO heading towards the north from near the mountains towards the northeast. It was quite cloudy at the time so the UFO had to be below the clouds, but it was too far away to see any details. When we first observed it, the UFO appeared to be red but almost instantly changed color. What made us notice it from inside the house was the wild flashing from place to place in the sky.

My son Ron, 14, had been down at the store a little earlier and had seen a UFO (or the same one) in the sky just above him. He claimed it was jumping around. He could see the flashing light but no shape of any kind.

Mrs. Betty Jones,
Kalispell, Montana

Sir:

The night of August 18, 1974, is one of the most horrifying nights I can recollect going through. I was walking on a path outside our camp at Banff National Park, at about sunset. The time I believe was about 9:00 p.m. After walking quite a distance I was far from camp and it was quickly getting dark. In time I came upon a fast running river and the path continued on beside it. As time passed I gradually began to become tense as I walked along. I couldn't explain the tension rationally or logically so I chose to try my best to ignore it. After about five minutes or so the feeling changed from tension to acute anxiety and then fear. I felt certain that someone was watching me and following me along the path, although I could see no one behind me

on the path. It all seemed illogical to me and only served to confuse me slightly. Soon I suddenly became petrified and I couldn't move. I think I was trembling all over and even through the greatest effort of sheer will that I could muster I couldn't make myself take more than one step forward down the path. Something only my "sixth sense" could see was certainly frightening. I remember becoming very interested in something above my head rather than something on the path. I glanced up at the sky and saw the sun half down over the hills and the clouds racing eastward. Everytime I looked upwards I was filled with an incredibly eerie feeling.

Finally after I realized that I couldn't even force myself to walk any further down the path I forced myself to turn and walk back toward camp. I had to force myself to take the first few steps as I was extremely frightened but the rest came easy and I was quickly back at camp. When I finally arrived back at our campsite (my family's) it was pitch black out and almost all the clouds had disappeared. During my walk back to camp I had managed to scoff off the fear I had felt as simple fear-of-being-alone-in-the-woods-before-dark-while-bears-were-prowling-about. I rested a second and then walked over to our car which was parked behind our tent-trailer. My family had since retired to bed (I am almost always late to retire). I walked over to our car and then leaned over the top of it, burying my head into my arms. I was standing there just a few seconds when I glanced up and till this day I don't understand why I glanced up. I could actually feel the muscles in the back of my neck pulling and straining and doing their work as my head lifted and I remember thinking with mild surprise "why is my head lifting?" When my head had lifted I was staring at a stationary star and was still puzzling over "the mystery of my lifting head." I was just staring at the 'star' for a second or two and was about to turn my glance away when the eerie feeling I had felt on the path while looking up at the sky returned. Something seemed too ominous or different about that particular star and I was wondering why my glance had turned specifically to it when my head lifted, when it suddenly began moving.

I can still remember almost as if I were there reliving the whole thing, the

incredible shock I felt when a 'star' began to move. My whole body just seemed to tremble and my knees went weak as I watched it. I saw, though not with my eyes, two big huge eyes staring down at me. Perhaps instead of saying I saw two big eyes I should say that I had the impression of two big eyes in the back of my mind. They seemed so vivid it frightened me. I felt like a guinea pig on a laboratory table. I had an incredibly strong feeling of being critically examined by something from the light. The feeling was awesome and so incredibly real and quite disturbing, especially the critical feeling. There is no way I can adequately describe the being-watched feeling or the impression of the eyes that I "saw." It was all so awesome. The eyes were sort of slanted and so odd looking with big round pupils. I can picture them vividly. Perhaps they were only my imagination playing tricks on me in a time of stress. Regardless, they were incredible.

The whole episode was very curt. It seemed like almost a preliminary screening, a critical test run, at least this is the mental impression I was left with. It lasted about 10 perhaps 15 seconds. The star-like object flew over in a perfectly straight line toward the cloud, a small one, that lay only a short distance away in the sky. It disappeared behind the tiny cloud and I waited for it, waiting for it to exit the cloud from the opposite side to that which it had entered but it never reappeared. One thing that really struck me about the light was the way it accelerated. It didn't start slow and then pick up speed gradually. It moved suddenly, quickly, and at a constant rate with no noticeable increase in speed. If there was anyone inside they must have suffered a tremendous jolt when it suddenly moved. It might be compared to moving in an automobile at 60 mph and then suddenly and abruptly braking.

I walked over to the picnic table in our camping site after searching the sky in vain for about ten minutes trying to find some sign of the light. I sat on the table and began to compose myself so that I could logically think over what I had just seen. I was quite shook up and also a little stunned. I had only begun to compose myself when I again looked up. I had begun to pass the light off as a once-in-a-lifetime sighting of

something odd when I glanced up. The light, much closer this time was beginning to appear slowly from behind a tree surrounding the campsite. It appeared sort of like a kid playing hide-and-seek. It almost seemed to peek cautiously around the tree before coming into view. I managed to find a little bit of humour in the way it made its appearance after I had gotten over the initial shock of seeing it again.

Again I do not know what made me look up just as it was making its return. As I mentioned before it was much closer the second time and it was surrounded by a sort of optical halo. The nearness of it made me rather edgy (it was almost twice as close as the first sighting and much brighter). I'll attempt to sketch it for you.



By Judy Radford from original sketch. Circle is halo effect.

As I watched the light cross the sky I began to doubt its actual existence. There was a skeptical little voice in the back of my mind that told me that things like this weren't supposed to happen. I was always mildly interested in UFOs but in all the UFO reports or stories that I had ever read or heard of UFOs were described as cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped and not as simply lights that flew across the sky. I pinched myself, blinked my eyes a few times, looked up and down and from side to side. I squinted at it and it blurred. I lifted my glasses and it blurred again. After that I ran out of hallucination "tests". I was up and walking across a clearing and along a road following it across the sky. It started at almost the horizon (the opposite side of the sky to that which the other had flown across. The first crossed a short distance of the northern sky and headed west and the second started south crossed over the zenith of

the sky and sank down in the north.) After it was in the northern portion of the sky, and just before it was about to disappear from view behind trees it suddenly fizzled away. It began to fly erratically and quickly dimmed from the almost as bright or maybe even a little brighter than Venus to a tiny speck that instantly faded away. It seemed as if it had suddenly shot upward and disappeared into the night. It all lasted perhaps 60 to 70 seconds, perhaps even less.

I went to bed that night in a stupor.

Brent Herbert,
Melville, Sask.

—As the writer learned about us from Reader's Digest (Jan. 1975, Canadian Edition) he did not know that in vol. 2, no. 1, 1971 we carried an account of two young men at Banff who saw a low-flying diamond-shaped light that showed interest in their movements. "We had a very strong feeling it was trying to make us move exactly the way it wanted," one said.

(Because of a printing error, the following portion of a letter from W. K. Allan of Kelowna, B.C. was omitted when we carried the rest of the letter in vol. 3, no. 1. The mistake was discovered too late for correction in the following issue but we carry the missing paragraphs now with our expression of regret for the error to Mr. Allan and Dr. James Harder, professor of civil engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Harder whose remarks were omitted was a speaker at the Sixth APRO symposium in Denver, Colorado, which was the subject of Mr. Allan's letter.)

Sir:

From the point of view of any physicists attending the symposium the high light was certainly Dr. James A. Harder. In his address he speculated on what questions would be most profitable if and when contact with UFO entities is established. The remainder of his time was solid fact on Sedona, Delphos, Pascagoula and the Swedish high density carbology.

Dr. Harder's plan to employ hypnotic regression on Charles Hickson (at Pascagoula) ran into a snag when he explained it would seem as if Hickson was reliving the whole experience, and

Hickson responded there was no way he would willingly do that. However, after Dr. Harder demonstrated hypnosis on two volunteers and agreed to bring him out of hypnosis when he would raise his index finger, Hickson consented. This resulted in his verification of the craft hovering just above the ground and three figures emerging. When one touched him he lost all feeling and was floated into the ship where he experienced weightlessness and was examined by some type of camera or giant eye. Then Dr. Harder raised his finger and the session was terminated just as it was becoming most interesting, but Hickson's three-day headache was gone. When Parker fainted his eyes were closed and so under hypnosis he could add nothing to the description of the interior of the craft.

Dr. Harder explained how his

measurements on the Sedona, Arizona photo (see March - April '73 APRO bulletin) showed that the "propane tank" in the streak containing a score of multiple images traversed 700 feet (as projected at right angles to the line of sight) in 29 thousandths of a second or over 24,000 feet per second or 16,000 plus miles per hour, many times the speed of a rifle bullet. This verifies the apparent instantaneous disappearance of UFOs.

Two Swedes in examining the area under which they had watched a UFO hover beside a road, found a small smooth (except for the fractured face), triangular piece of heavy metal. Later a visitor, noting the weight and lack of tarnish, suggested it might be platinum and valuable, so it was taken to a jeweller who didn't identify it and a second jeweller in attempting to grind it up broke his pulverizing machine. It

eventually came into Dr. Harder's hands and proved to be an alloy of tungsten carbon and cobalt. Tungsten has the highest melting point of any metal, so tungsten carbide is prepared by sintering in a graphite crucible (graphite sublimes at a higher temperature) and is the hardest known substance next to diamond, being about 12 times heavier than water but this sample is 14 times heavier than water. In what kind of mould or by what process could this closely packed dense alloy be prepared? The sample was checked for spallation that is knocked off xenon nuclei from the tungsten by being exposed in space to cosmic rays. Isotope ratios are being measured to find if it is of extraterrestrial origin.

W. K. Allan,
Kelowna, B.C.

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