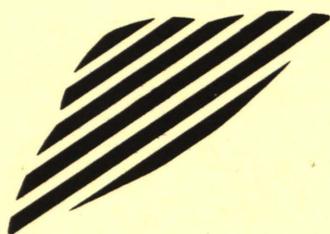


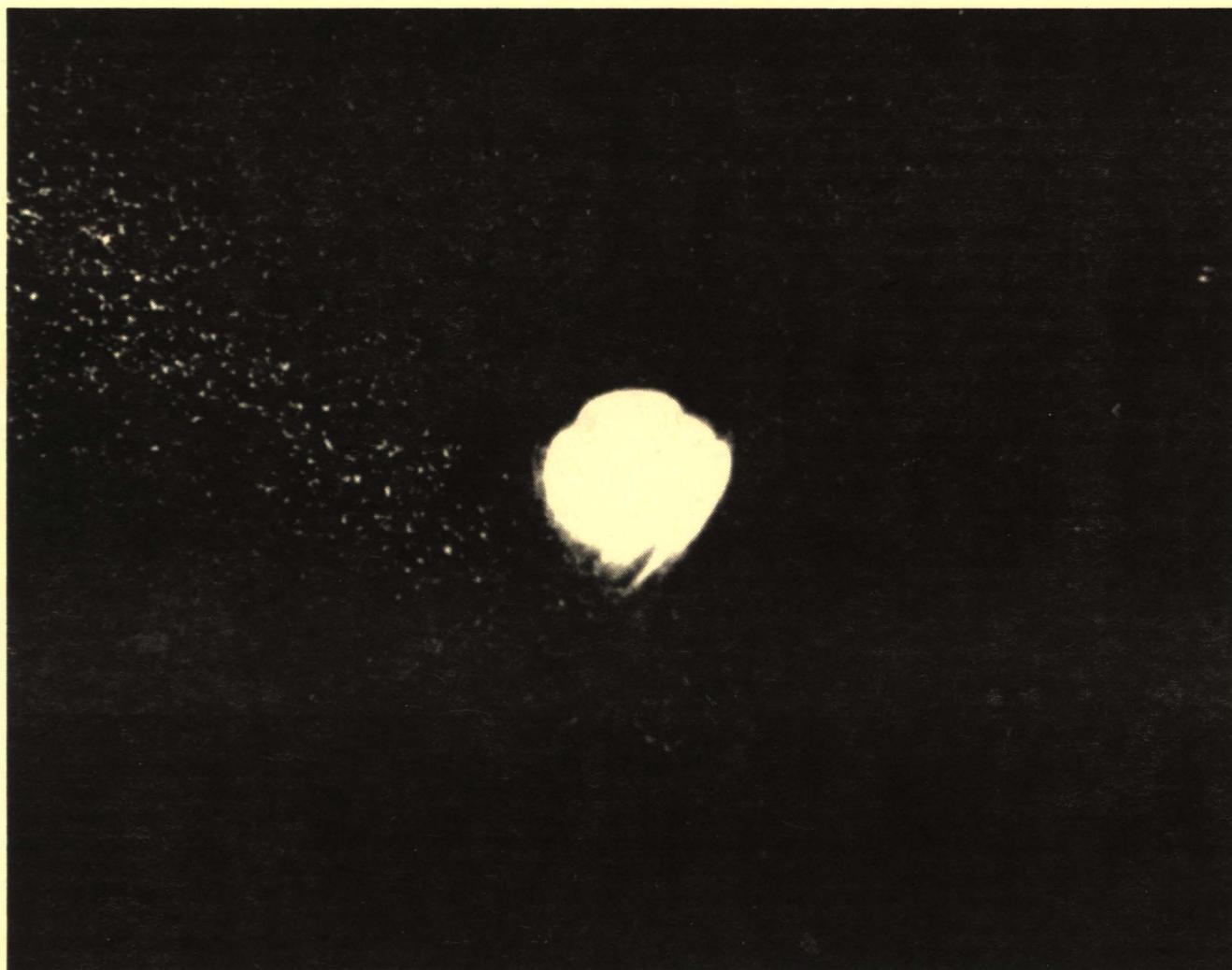
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## Nearer To The Stars

"... a strong source of high-frequency radiation, travelling through the atmosphere, would produce all the secondary effects that have been observed in the vicinity of UFOs except artifacts. No other cause for the multitude of effects has been suggested and demonstrated on the basis of known facts and processes of the physical world."

More than anything we can remember reading, this statement by nuclear scientist James McCampbell at a UFO symposium (see book listings by Stanton Friedman in Ad Briefs) takes much of the mystery from our visitors' magic and promises that in the measureable future we will be able to do what they do. The statement is particularly striking because McCampbell makes no qualifications. His list of secondary effects includes everything from levitation to animal paralysis, from extreme acceleration and deceleration to sunburn, and from pungent odors to head-light interference, to pick a few effects at random. Admittedly tremendous advances are needed before science can even propose a machine of manageable size capable of such performance, but just by naming the secret McCampbell seems to reduce it.

Despite the fact it is still all a matter of words, this penetration into the UFO mystery raises the thought that perhaps we are inclined to overrate our visitors, unbelievable as they are. If the extraterrestrial theory holds true, their worlds may have taken shape about the same time as ours after the big-bang chaos that started everything, and they may have inched ahead in various degrees by chance circumstance, such as more beneficial sun or a more favourable orbital position. Possibly the truth of this shows up in the seemingly infantile behaviour of some of their species, the car-chasing stunts and all the rest of it. Possibly some had more going for them at the start than they knew how to handle.

Whatever the reasons for the apparent variety of skills, which seems confirmed by the difference in UFO models (vol. 3, no. 2), we may well be in the same cosmic era as the front-runners (perhaps those on Kolob, see vol. 3, no. 3 & editorial in no. 4). Maybe the time difference between us and some of the UFO civilizations is no more than a few hundred years. Since any technical advance completes itself more rapidly than its predecessor, man will make many of his own skills look primitive even by the turn of the century.

The stars come closer all the time.



The editor regrets that, due to the large volume of mail we receive, it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter or item of correspondence - a fact that in no way diminishes our gratitude to all our correspondents.

# More Bell Jars, New and Old

by Florin Gheorghita

French translation by the Editor

As described in my previous articles (vol. 1, no. 7 & vol. 3, no. 4), the Romanian town of Cluj seems to be the center of intense UFO activity. Evidence of this is found in the large collection of photos by Al Sift, biologist, during his lengthy research, and these records are augmented year by year with photos and observations of numerous other witnesses. Certainly something is always happening at Cluj, and it is interesting to note that a good number of photos taken in this vicinity of the Bacin forest show something very strange, often similar to the photos taken by the Wymans and Betty Jones (vol. 3, nos. 2 & 4).

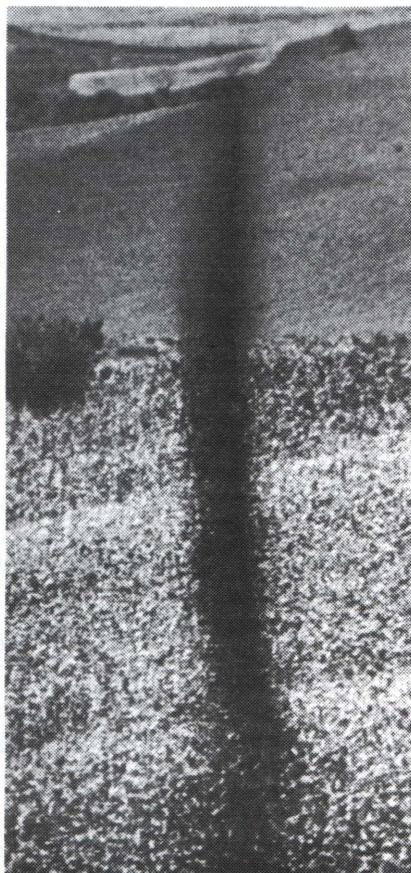
Consider, for example, the photo taken by Betty Jones. Here among the stones there appears a "man's head" which is not part of the ground. Above this rises a semi-transparent shadow. While taking numerous photos in the "active zone", without finding anything in most cases, Sift also discovered a "man's head" among stones in a picture he had taken of the countryside, though he had noticed nothing unusual before. Mystified, he returned to the scene that same day and examined the spot carefully, yet he could not find the "sculpture" or any sign of a rock which should have been right there on the



Betty Jones photo



Wyman photo. Note bell-jar haze around small object.



Al. Sift photo [A]

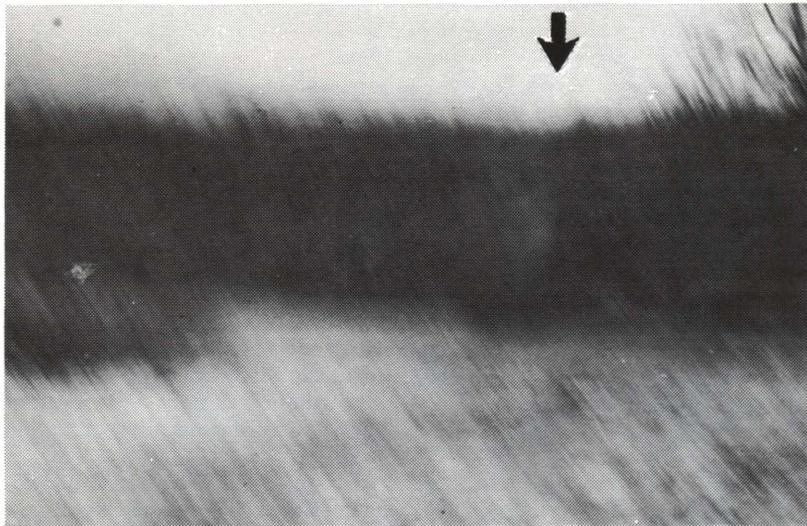
grass. Nevertheless his film had registered "something" which had been there. Truly these two cases are very similar, although they happened thousands of miles apart.

(Editor's note: Our photo analyst George Potts also spotted the "man's head" in Mrs. Jones' photo. However, since there was no way to re-examine the site, we did not draw attention to it.)

Over the years Sift developed many similar photos showing this same sort of detached head which was visible only on film. But a realistic analysis shows that for the most part there is no direct connection between these "heads" and UFOs. The association seems to be of a different kind, and we should re-examine the earth-universe scheme more realistically. The collection of Cluj photos and those taken in other countries establish this very clearly, and we should look at realities squarely to find the truth. It is time to admit that there is much more to this question than bright flying objects which come from somewhere else.

In many of Sift's photos and in those taken by me in the "active zone" there are also strange "shadows" which suggest phenomena unexplainable in terms of contemporary physics. On these occasions the film has registered a physical reality which seems to have eliminated natural light in the open air by means of some sort of energy field. A Sift photo included here (A) shows this curious effect all by itself in the open air. How is that possible?

But in a picture (B) I took myself, perhaps the strangest of my life, this sort of phenomenon shows up on a larger scale, with the camera's field of vision taking in only part of it. Apparently the whole clearing in which I was standing was the center of a strong flow of energy (possibly being grounded or released) which affected everything in the area, but I did not see it, feel it, or hear it. At first glance, the picture seems to indicate I moved the camera in taking it. But two details



Author's photo [B]

show that this did not happen: in the upper right-hand corner there are tree-branches that show no movement, while in the left-hand corner, against the sky, is a round spot which is repeated in another shot (with more precise outline, thus raising another matter of UFO interest). What caused this strange rush of energy, moving obliquely, that eliminated light in the middle of the day?

(Editor's note: In the next section of his report Gheorghita said that, examining the photo more carefully, he detected a transparent "bell-jar" form. Inside this he believed he could see a form of humanoid outline. In a sketch he showed this form as the lighter shading against the dark trees (below arrow). In our print, perhaps less clear than his, we could see only vaguely what he meant and, in reproduction here, possible details are lost entirely. Gheorghita compared the "bell-jar" to the form that appeared in the Wymans' photo at Clearwater, Idaho, vol. 3, no. 2. The rest of his report follows:)

There was another case at Cluj that showed the same effect of energy flow, though observed in a different way. This case, occurring in a more direct manner, happened one night in April, 1974. A young professor, Adrian Patrut, who studied the incident very analytically, sent me the following written testimony of the witness, as well as his detailed findings. The

principal witness was an assistant university instructor in physics, Iuliu Marian, aged 34. "I awoke suddenly and felt immediately alert. It was after 2 a.m. My wife, who had awakened a few seconds before, was looking at the window. I looked there too and saw a strange luminous silhouette in an upright position. At the same time I had a sensation, like an infusion of energy, which I cannot describe. I got up and looked out the window. The strange night visitor looked like a luminous *bell jar* about two meters high. Inside was a column of light brighter than the rest of the form. After about 30 seconds I went outside to see what it was all about, though my wife begged me not to. She stayed in the room, very upset.

"Outside I saw the 'bell jar' slide quietly toward the corner of the house, remaining steadily bright. In moving to the other side it did not change direction but stayed on a course at right angle to the house. An intriguing detail was that the glowing object cast no shadow, although I could see my own shadow made by the glare of a street light.

"Running to the corner of the house, I could see nothing on the other side but oddly I still felt the presence of the energy field which had probably awakened me. For about three minutes I looked around in the trees of the garden for the 'bell jar' which I had just seen so clearly. Then suddenly I felt an overpowering urge to return to the

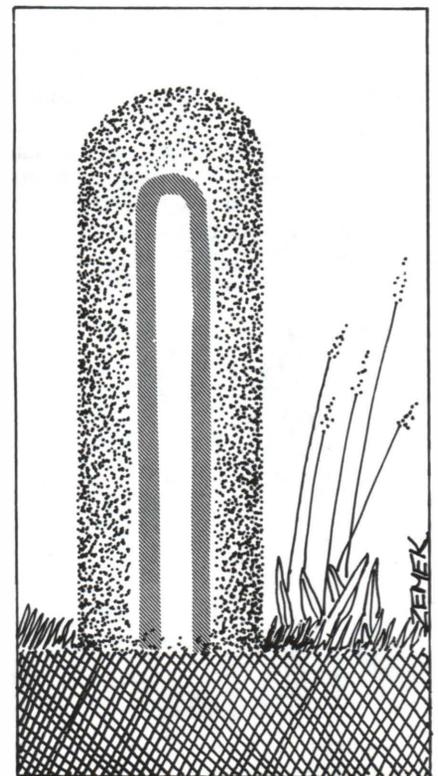
house, and I believe there was some influence forcing me to do so.

"Back in the bedroom I found my wife in a deep sleep, although she had been so nervous when I left. The next day she told me that the moment I had gone out she was overcome by a feeling of peacefulness and quickly fell asleep."

That, then, is how the strange "bell jars" at Cluj show up not only in the wilderness during their travels but, at night-time, in town as well!

But I do not believe the mystery of the "bell jars" is peculiar to the modern age. These unusual objects have been seen for hundreds of years, sometimes being recorded in works of art of that period. Although modified for practical needs and to conform to accepted myths, an abundant fund of documentation lies in Byzantine art in which one finds various themes of ufological nature changed about so they have a religious meaning. But this is the time to analyze those myths scientifically and stop hiding the truth.

With the arrival of the Turks the Byzantine empire was destroyed. However, some of the traditional works of





*Balinesti church painting [C]*

art were saved, being hidden in the Balkan countries and in old Romania. So in these countries, particularly in Romania, there are numerous old buildings housing ornate paintings of Byzantine origin. And among the hundreds of traditional scenes one often finds the bell-jar theme as if representing a means of travelling a great distance -- perhaps even through space. For instance, done by a Romanian painter in 1494 A.D., there is one of these particular scenes (C) in a church in the village of Balinesti which follows the traditional Byzantine theme. It is a scene that was often recreated in the years before and after.

There is no question that "bell jars" are being seen, but the interpretation in those days was linked with miracles. Today such sightings made by various witnesses in various countries are considered strange incidents, nothing more, and some day quite probably these objects will be the functional instruments of an advanced civilization.

Thus the matter of the "bell jars" emerges as a subject offering many avenues of study, and I hope this contribution from Romania will add to the data which should be examined scientifically to find the truth.

*Photos [below] taken by Betty Jones in Montana showed more strange effects. Unexplained shadows framing balloon were similar to those described by author, while yellow-green streaks appeared in night shot of flying red light. But light itself did not register.*



Report from Brazil

# Airborne Duet

by Irene Granchi

[In introducing her report, Mme. Granchi explains the scene of this incident was Alto da Boa Vista in the region of the Tijuc forests of Rio de Janeiro, a region much visited by tourists. The humanoids described here were on - or more accurately, above - a street called Estrada da Vista Chinesa. The time was a sunny afternoon on August 24 or 31, 1974, and the sighting lasted "a few moments." The account was narrated and drawing provided by Regina Conceicao Correa da Silva, who was a witness along with her friends Jeanette, Ingrid, Viola, Regina and Maria Teresa - no

surnames given. Mme. Granchi's report follows.]

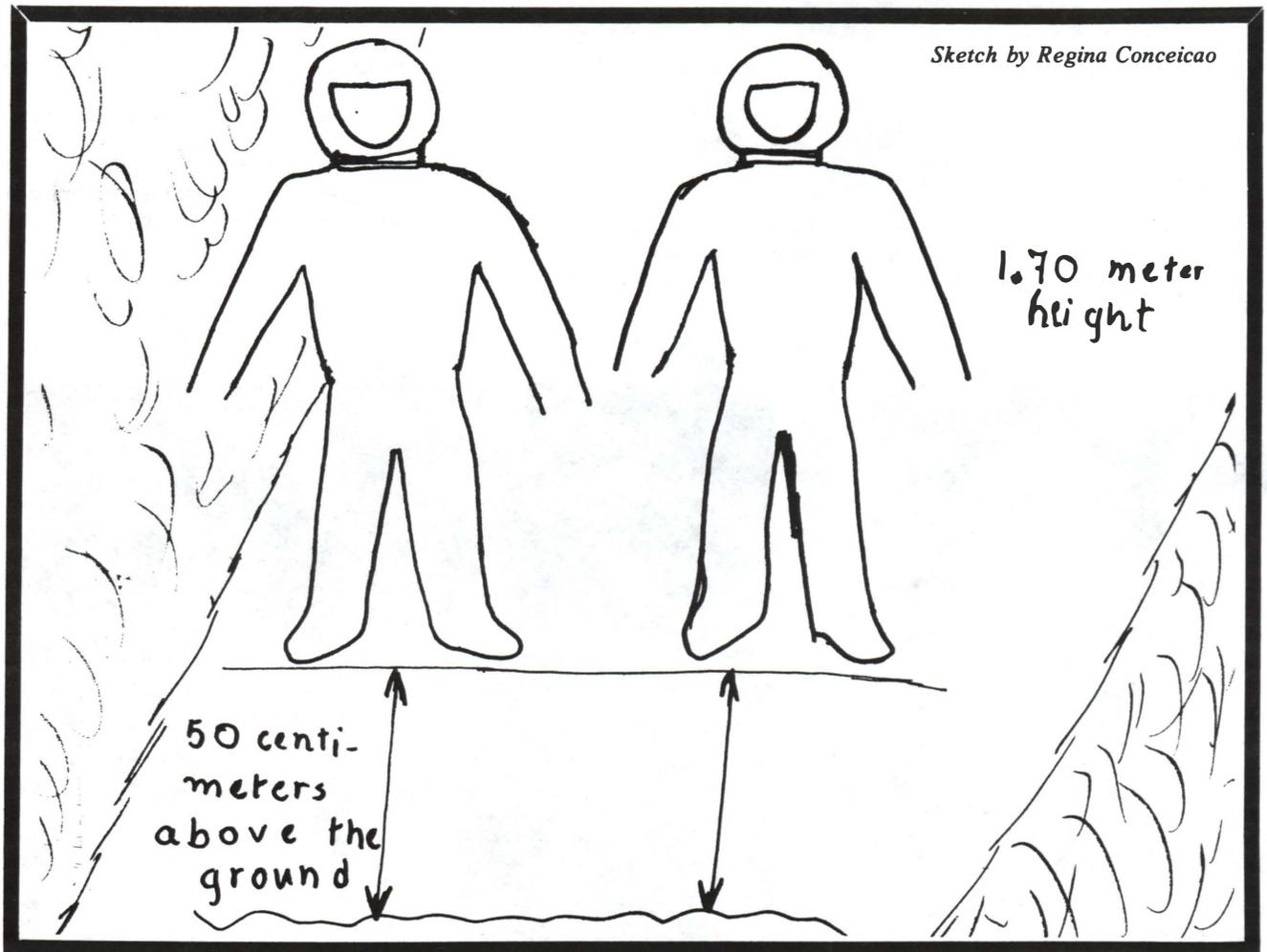
Regina Conceicao studies English at Cultura Inglesa, and I heard of this case through Paula Perry, a fellow teacher, to whom Regina had told her story in the classroom. Paula told me she found the story a little farfetched and was not ready to accept it. Paula and her husband saw a UFO near their home in Sta Teresa, a district in Rio de Janeiro, and were ready to accept lights in the sky, or even landed UFOs, but beings that floated were not within their domain...except in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", of course.

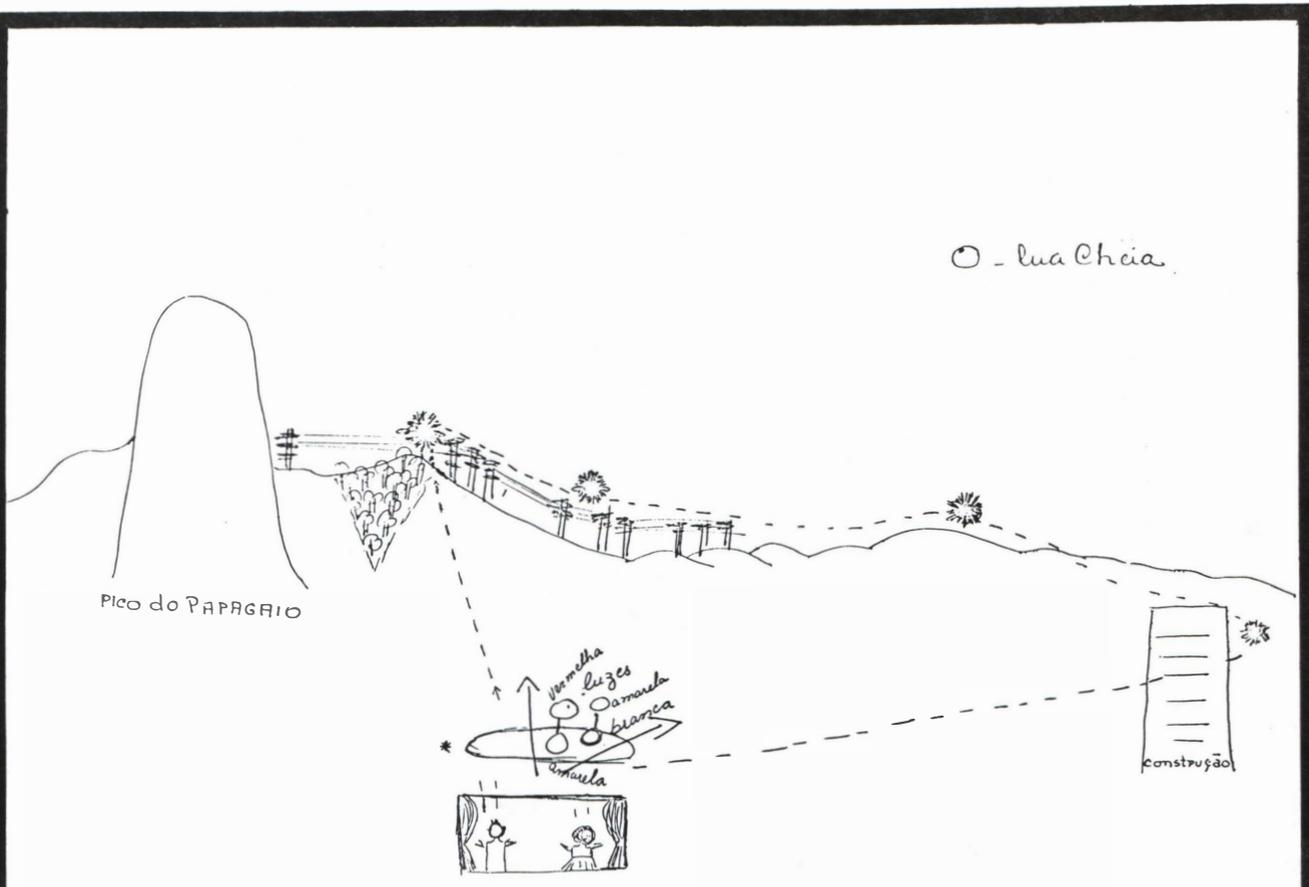
When I met Regina personally on Aug. 20 this year, after a phone call 10 days before, she gave me the following

account: She and her four friends often met for a chat at the home of one of them, that stands by a famous boarding school site. All are university students - Regina is in second-year engineering, the others study biology, physics, etc. That afternoon they were standing just outside the gate when Maria Teresa said, "What's that?" - and they saw something shiny moving down the wide motor-road flanked by trees. They were accustomed to seeing little wild animals and even snakes coming out of the woods, but what they saw really startled them out of their wits.

With the sun shining down on them, and on what they saw, details were undistinguishable, but they did see two golden-clad helmeted beings floating down the road towards them, at about 50 centimeters from the ground, stepping along as if it were the solid ground, though their legs seemed

Sketch by Regina Conceicao





Tânia Serra de Araujo - Grajaú - GB

\* disco voador visto de cima - Visto em 2 de agosto, 1974 - de 1h e 30 min até 1h e 45 min da madrugada.

Hoje dia 17 de agosto de 1974

*In her report for vol. 3, no. 5 Mme. Granchi described an incident in which three bright objects were seen flying on a triangular course near a cone-shaped peak in the Grajaú district of Rio de Janeiro. Unfortunately the illustration with this report did not show two prominent features: the peak itself, Pico do Papagaio, at left of the triangle, and a tall building on the right. In the above drawing by witness Tania Serra de Araujo these features are shown in relation to the flight path indicated by dotted lines. One of the objects, with lighted towers on an oval base, is enlarged in the foreground. Tania and her husband, Roberto, watch from their apartment window.*

less flexible than ours. Their arms also seemed heavier than ours, straighter, and hardly moved at the elbows. They were floating together, side by side, at a small distance from each other. Their helmets had a visor, but, because the sun was behind them, their faces could not be seen behind the visor. They wore boots similar to those our cyclists usually wear, of the same hue as their garment, that resembled an astronaut's outfit, though the material looked like a scaly golden metallic lame, a material much used for evening wear by earthly dames....

The whole group of five girls turned and took to their heels, rushing into the house and locking themselves

in. They had all listened to the TV **Globo** newsreel which had said floating beings had been seen in the Tijuca forest, and decided to keep the whole thing to themselves. Regina and the others decided to spend the night at their friend's house and not to venture out again. They all felt deeply panicked.

From a friend, Regina got to know that within that same period a being, with the looks of a woman with flowing hair that looked like blades of steel, had been trying to stop the passing cars for a lift, in the daytime, on the climb to Silvestre, another mountain in the region. All these events occurred within the same month period of the Grajau UFO sighting Aug. 2, 1974 (vol.

3, no. 5), and the correlation springs to one's mind.

Strangely enough, Regina cannot recall 'hands'. While she was making the sketch for me, she stopped and looked pensive, and said she could not remember seeing them, so I advised her to draw only what she had seen - no more. She judged the 'beings' height might have been 1.7 meters or thereabouts. Regina has long been interested in para-psychology, though her sightings of these 'beings', made with four other girls, all chatting about entirely different matters, does not appear to have any bearing upon this.

Or could the connection be there, at a deeper level?

*Report from B.C.*

## Disc Examines Survey Ship

In World War II the only attack ever made by the Japanese against the North American mainland (except for a few "balloon bombs" lofted across the Pacific) occurred at Tofino just north of Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island. There a submarine surfaced offshore one night and fired at installations near a small airfield.

The incident has no connection with the report that follows. Our only point in mentioning it is to emphasize the lonely, forbidding nature of the area, particularly on a dark, miserable night. Obviously the submarine knew it could make its somewhat pointless attack there in relative safety. Exposed to strong winds and tricky currents, that stretch of coast has spelt end of the line for many ships. While in daylight airforce flying boats occasionally patrolled the area, night was not likely to bring much interference, even in war. The submarine had chosen a vulnerable if not particularly strategic spot.

Although the long, often fierce nights of winter were over, Capt. A.G. Chamberlain of the C.S.S. Parizeau was fully alert as he and his helmsman kept watch from the wheelhouse as the ship steamed off Barkley Sound one night in May, 1975. Towing a magnetometer, and with a group of scientists aboard, the ship was conducting a geophysical survey to measure local variations in the earth's magnetic field

and at the same time a hydrographic survey taking soundings. The vessel at this time was about 60 miles from shore.

"It was rather a dirty night," the captain recalled. "Very heavily overcast with a low cloud ceiling of about 1,000 feet, with light drizzle.

"I had been walking back and forth across the wheelhouse when ahead of us I saw a bright light falling from the cloud cover. My first reaction was that it was a flare, and then I thought of a falling meteorite or shooting star. But it was too large for that. I had just decided it was an aircraft falling in flames when the object came to a dead stop. It didn't slow down, it just stopped.

"After remaining stationary for a brief period about half a mile away and two or three hundred feet above the water, the object took off horizontally without any change in its altitude. We watched it speed away for about eight or nine miles until it disappeared in the rain. The whole sighting lasted about half a minute."

Emphasizing all his measurements were guesswork, though based on long experience in looking out the wheelhouse windows, Capt. Chamberlain estimated the circular or oval object to be 200-250 feet in diameter and about 50 feet in depth. Brilliantly lit as if the casing itself was luminous, it was pure

white on top while the lower portion was a pulsating red. No windows or openings of any sort were evident.

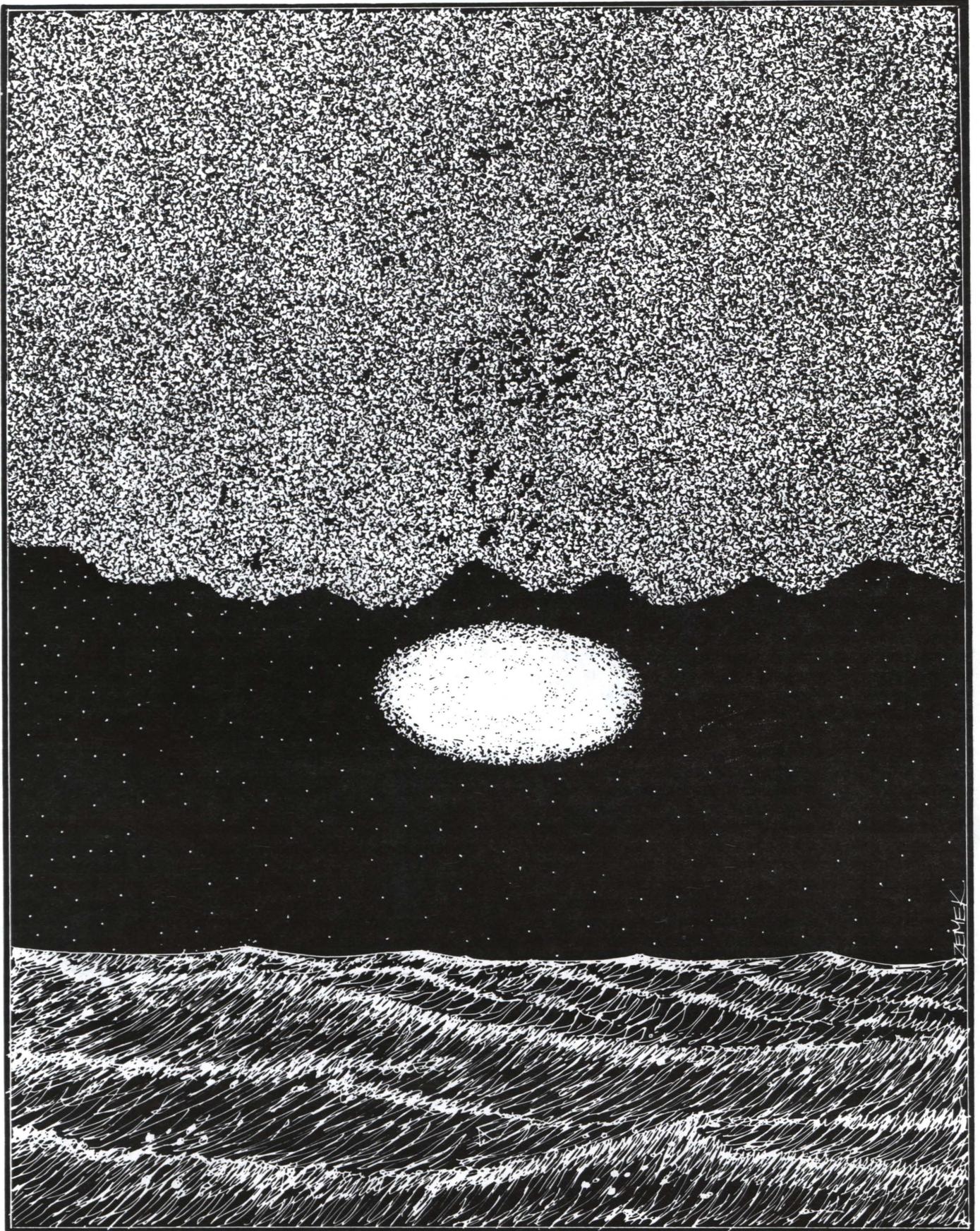
"This thing impressed me as being an immense object," the captain added. "Its maneuverability as it fell and the speed with which it disappeared into the distance were something I couldn't possibly explain. Neither was there any sound.

"The impression I got while the object was stationary was that it was a beautifully engineered piece of equipment."

Coming from a man who has spent more than 30 years of his life in seagoing service on the bridge of ships and has had far more experience than most people in observing ships and aircraft, this tribute to the strange craft's performance and design stood out in our interview with Capt. Chamberlain. It was understandable that for hours after he left the bridge that night he stayed awake thinking of what he had seen.

A point of added significance was that the UFO apparently arrived on the scene deliberately, as if detecting in the murky night that there was something unusual in the area.

"I'm no scientist," the captain explained, "but I would think that, given the right instruments, anyone in the proximity of the ship could have told that a magnetometer was being



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used. Also of course we had survey lights on, so obviously we were carrying out a particular sort of operation."

Since a magnetometer is sensitive to other magnetic influences, it seemed logical that the ship's special equipment would have recorded the UFO's presence. But this did not happen. A study of the magnetometer's tracing showed nothing unusual at the time of the incident.

Our space visitors are not noted for their tact, but maybe on this occasion they used some. Maybe they neutralized their magnetic gear for a moment so that some bewildered scientist, studying the tracing the next day, would not wonder why the magnetic field off Barkley Sound had suddenly taken a crazy jump.

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Eight months later four more persons had a close-up view of strange aerial activity in the Barkley Sound area.

It was about 3:30 one morning in mid-January this year when Cliff Mulvey awoke to find a light, bright as the full moon, flooding through the windows of his house facing Ucluelet harbor immediately north of the sound. Realizing it was not a full moon at that time of year, he looked out and saw a large luminous sphere hovering low

over the harbor about half a mile away. Reflected off the water, light from the object lit up the whole immediate area.

"It was a bright yellow-white solid-looking ball about 35 feet in diameter," he told us. "There was a red glow or light on top, about six feet above it."

Cliff was quickly joined by his wife Jean, and 13 year-old son Ken, but Jean gave up looking after a pair of binoculars was produced.

"Through the glasses we could see a misty white circle of light around the object, and that was enough for me," she said. "It was weird. I went back to bed but couldn't go back to sleep, thinking about it."

Alerted by Cliff, next-door neighbor Henry Fenton also watched the object through glasses and decided in appearance it was similar to the planet Saturn. Last to give up the vigil, he said the object moved slowly off in the distance but was still visible when he stopped watching after almost two hours.

The Saturn-like device, apparently conducting a careful examination of the inland waters off Barkley Sound, had understandably been enough to keep all its witnesses awake in those early morning hours. What extraordinary equipment was at work to create that circle of light and to keep the great ball aloft as it went about its methodical work?

test was inconclusive.

Five days later on November 10, Sheriff Marlin Gillespie said Walton apparently called his brother in Phoenix about midnight and told him he was somewhere near Heber.

Navajo County Sheriff Gillespie said Duane Walton described his brother as "very confused and befuddled."

Sheriff's deputies reported they received about 25 UFO reports within five days.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Nolan related to the media what happened to Walton, "Walton said he was taken up into the spacecraft the evening of November 5th and was examined by strange-looking people in what appeared to be a hospital.

"He said the people who first examined him were dressed in tight-fitting blue coveralls. They had no hair visible. He was on an examining table and he tried to converse with the creatures. They made no sound and he tried to get up. The creatures tried to hold him down, and he 'took a swing' at one of them and the creatures left the room.

"Walton then got up and wandered to another room that contained a chair. He sat in the chair and pushed buttons on the arms of the chair. At one point the ceiling slid back and he could see stars going by.

"A creature entered the room. It was wearing a helmet that resembled an upside-down fishbowl, Walton said. The person smiled, but said nothing, and escorted him by the arm to a large auditorium-like room where he said he saw spacecraft parked.

"A device like an oxygen mask was placed over his face by people who had long hair, Walton said, and the next thing he remembered was lying on the pavement a quarter mile from Heber on the Payson-Heber highway."

According to Nolan, Gillespie said Walton was unshaven and lying down as he told his story in a weak voice.

William Spaulding, Director of Ground Saucer Watch, a national scientific UFO investigation group, said he had information that led him to doubt Walton's story.

Spaulding terminated the investigation by his group due to Walton's refusal to submit to scientific testing, including an interview with Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the Center for UFO Studies.

## Reports from the U.S.

# Travis Walton: Abduction Case Studied

by Hayden C. Hewes

The alleged abduction of Travis Walton, 22, on Nov. 5, 1975 from a national forest near Heber, Arizona is still under investigation by several UFO research organizations.

The UFO was described by Michael Rogers, 28, as being "in a clearing about 25 yards from the road. It looked like two pie pans, one upside down, hovering about 15 feet above the ground."

Continuing, Rogers said, "It was about 15 feet in diameter, about eight feet high, and had some markings. It was glowing all over, a yellowish

white."

Another witness, Duane Smith, 19, stated that the "object was a bright silver and seemed to glow."

Rogers (one of six witnesses) watched Travis Walton jump from the truck and run toward the UFO, when a bluish light shot from the craft and felled Walton.

"We all panicked and drove off. When we came back about 15 minutes later, Travis was gone and there was no sign of the UFO," Rogers stated.

All six witnesses were given polygraph (lie detector) tests. Five of the tests indicated they were telling the truth about what they saw. The sixth

In addition, Dr. Lester Stewart, a consultant for GSW and Mutual UFO Network, interviewed Duane and Travis and said their behaviour made him suspicious of their story.

Evaluation of the incident by GSW after a time-consuming investigation suggested a hoax based on the following data:

1) Walton never boarded the UFO. This fact is supported by the six witnesses and the polygraph test results.

2) The entire Walton family has had a continual UFO history. The Walton boys have reported 10 - 15 separate UFO sightings.

3) When Duane was questioned about his brother's disappearance, he stated that "Travis will be found", that "UFOs are friendly." GSW countered "How do you know Travis will be found?" Duane said, "I have a feeling, a strong feeling." GSW asked, "If the UFO 'captors' are going to return Travis, will you have a camera to record this great occurrence?" Duane: "No, if I have a camera they will not return."

4) The Waltons' mother showed no outward emotion over the 'loss' of Travis. She said that UFOs will not harm her son, he will be returned and UFOs have been seen by her family many times.

5) The Waltons refused any outside scientific help or help by anyone who logically doubted the abduction portion of the story.

6) The media and GSW were fair to the witness. However, when the story started to 'fall apart' the Waltons would only talk to people who did not doubt the abduction story.

On the other hand there are these points:

1) Coral Lorenzen of APRO stated, "From the evidence at hand we don't see how any hoax could have been perpetrated. We are convinced that something quite bizarre happened to Travis."

She said that details provided by Walton under hypnosis "match unpublished descriptions we have received from other persons who have had similar experiences."

Raymond Jordon, who investigated the case for APRO, added "I haven't found anything in their stories to indicate a hoax. The young men I've interviewed so far are all visibly shaken

by the experience. I'm inclined to believe they're telling the truth."

2) West Coast directors of the International UFO Bureau, Inc., reported that Walton passed a polygraph test.

3) Although it may have nothing to do with the case, residents of Clovis, N.M., 350 miles east of the Walton sighting, were puzzled two months later by a flurry of UFO incidents.

Flying objects were reported by policemen and residents several nights in a row. One of the objects was photographed and appeared to a curved strip of white light against a black background.

"When you start seeing them four days in a row you start wondering," Clovis Police Dispatcher Raymond Atchley stated.

Representatives of two organizations disagreed on whether residents of eastern New Mexico have been seeing UFOs or refracted starlight.

James Epps, a member of the Valley Center UFO Education Center, said to a news media he had not time to develop any "final conclusions," but "it is quite obvious there have been a quite a lot of valid sightings by many different people."

Tommy Blann, associate director of the International UFO Bureau, said most of the reports apparently involved "an optical refraction of the light from stars" created by a temperature inversion.

Police reported that most callers described the UFOs as cigar-shaped with colored lights.

Military officials in the Clovis area either denied noticing anything unusual or refused to comment.

On January 29 Jimmy DeBey reported to IUFOD investigator Robert Greybar that he observed a UFO at Kirwin, Kansas. The UFO was described as approximately 500 feet up in the night sky at a distance of 200 yards.

It was in the shape of a domed saucer with square lights.

So the Walton debate continues.

(Editor's note: In Canada Travis Walton appeared on **Front Page Challenge**, a national TV program. At times he appeared uncertain how to answer and seemed to look for help from Jim Lorenzen, international director of APRO, who was with him. This brought a protest from the panel of interrogators. However, it is standard

practice for the panel to express skepticism, and understandably Walton could have been nervous.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Wisconsin?

*A pleasant farmland state dipping gently into the Great Lakes, Wisconsin somehow seems an unlikely playground for UFOs. Perhaps that is because its rural openness bordered by massive industrial development makes it appear too exposed for our space visitors to come for a bit of seclusion or whatever secret missions they have in mind. But come they do, by the dozen. The encounters described recently by William Bosak and Ruth Christiansen [vol. 3, nos. 5, 6] were simply the latest of many. Also they occurred in a spate of other activity which might have gone unnoticed if nothing had been said about those two incidents.*

*But thanks to Mrs. Christiansen, we have a better idea now about what has been going on lately. Noting a number of local UFO press items and hearing one or two further accounts herself, she sent us a few pertinent clippings. The following from the **Inter-County Leader** summarizes at least some of the events:*

Among the unusual sights reported by area citizens, one of the more spectacular is the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Art Baker of Trade Lake. It took place about three years ago, in the fall of the year, while the couple was driving along county road M near the old Burch place.

As they drove, their car suddenly stopped for no apparent reason. A huge ball of bluish light surrounded the vehicle for a minute or so, but there was no sound nor sight of anything other than the strange light. The dog in the car with them became 'stiff as a board,' they reported.

Before they were able to recover from the shock enough to investigate, the light left and the car engine started of its own accord, moving down the road as before.

As they approached the Luverne Anderson farm, the light returned and the same thing happened again. After this experience, they drove only to the next crossing, where they decided to return home without any further delay.

Getting out of the car, both Mr. and Mrs. Baker found themselves "feeling funny." The dog looked somewhat bewildered and shook himself as if coming out of a trance. Mrs. Baker complained of red spots in front of her eyes and a headache which did not leave until the next day. She also observed a black and blue spot in the middle of her forehead, which remained for about a week.

The next day the Bakers noticed an odd noise in the motor of the car. Mechanics were unable to diagnose the problem causing the noise. The car was traded off the next day, as had been previously planned, and the Baker household returned to normal, except for the memory of a puzzling and rather frightening experience.

Another report from a few years ago was by Mrs. Delbert Melin, who reports seeing a lighted object in the air one night as she drove in the area near the intersection of I and W. She followed its movement and reports that it appeared to land in a field on the Claude Ferdig property, but, being alone in her car, she did not investigate.

More recent oddities include a report from Gunnard Linder of Frederic. He reports seeing a large, slow-blinking red light, about two feet in diameter just over the tree-tops in the direction of the Callaway residence. It was red in color and appeared about 5:30 p.m. several weeks ago, just before Christmas.

His dogs saw it too, barking excitedly and drawing his attention. As he stood and watched for some time, there was no sound, but the light appeared to be moving very slowly and finally dipped down and was out of sight. He has not heard any explanation.

Sights of strange, hairy creatures have also been heard from others. Olander Jensen of Clam Falls was driving home from a meeting in Frederic one night in December when he saw "two big fellows with long hair and beards" alongside the road near the Louis Johnson place.

As his car approached, one of the two walked out onto the road and waved his arms as if to signal the car to stop. But Jensen did not stop. Although his impression was that the men were probably just long-haired bearded humans, the Bosak report of

the same location gives him some second thoughts.

The most recent report is from another resident of the area east of 35. Jerry Strese, who is employed at Dresser, reports that he was on his way to work, before daylight, one morning since Christmas, when he saw a hairy creature run across the road in front of him.

He was travelling the town road which leads south from "Sullivan's Corner." Suddenly a huge body, about eight feet tall, came out of a swampy area close to highway 48. With long hair, and appearing to be furry all over, the creature ran, on two feet, in a hunched-over position, real fast, across the road.

The fur appeared to be rather light in color, but the body, otherwise seemed manlike. Strese continued on his way to work, somewhat "shook" by the experience, and is still without an explanation for the strange sight in the early morning hour.

Strange lights in the sky were reported this week north of Frederic by about a dozen persons. Reporting the incident was John Hesson of the Slush Pump bar north of the village.

According to the report, the lights were first seen by Ray Kurkowski, who reported what he had seen to others at about 7:35 p.m. Monday evening. All went outdoors to look at two lights, one red and one white, which appeared in the sky over the hill toward Lewis. The white light remained constant and was the lower of the two, while the red one was larger and glowed brighter and dimmer as they watched.

As they watched, the lights appeared to remain in approximately the same location for about four minutes. There was no sound which could be heard, but both lights appeared to move together, coming straight down for a time, and then drifting away at about the level of the tree tops.



## Oliver

A strange figure that has been in the news lately is a monkey-like creature of unidentified species named Oliver. This highly intelligent animal became newsworthy when a New York lawyer, Michael Miller, purchased him from an animal act for \$10,000. As caption for a couple of photos it took of Oliver, UPI described him as 4½ feet tall and having black fur, pointed ears, pinkish brown skin, freckles on his face and a dome-shaped head. He was said to make a "warbling type sound."

Before Oliver became famous, Robert E. Jones, a correspondent for *Pursuit* (Journal of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, Columbia, N.J.), spent several hours with him and his owners at the time, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burger, studying his behavior.

"Oliver is an ape, and in a general way he resembles a chimpanzee," he wrote. "But when he is placed next to a chimpanzee the differences are immediately obvious. To begin with, Oliver is said to be a biped. According to Burger, in the seven years of Oliver's life he has never gone down on all fours.... His lower face does not have the typical roundness found in chimpanzees. Instead, it is squared off both in the area of the chin and along the jaw line. The eyes and ears are also not chimp-like, but here the differences are more subtle...."

"Interesting though these physical peculiarities are, it is Oliver's behavior and mentality that we found most unusual. His owner describes him as being two or three times as intelligent as a fully developed chimpanzee. Oliver is said to be toilet trained. That is, he uses a toilet, wipes himself, and then flushes the toilet. Mr. Burger also claimed that when given a quarter Oliver walks upright to a nearby hill, finds the soda machine, selects a particular brand, operates the machine, pops the can, and then drinks the soda. As a general rule, we are told, he can perform many such tasks after being led through one complete demonstration."

As Oliver became better known through publicity, some observers tried to identify him as a Sasquatch.



*photos by UPI*



However, the effort was short-lived. The little fellow was barely half the height, nor did his long-toed feet have the solid look of a Bigfoot's. However, there was something about him vaguely reminiscent of another figure in the news lately. This was a human-like being seen in weird circumstances by a dairy farmer in Wisconsin, William Bosak (vol. 3, no. 5).

Although we realized there was probably too much monkey in Oliver's face to make a good match, we hoped faintly there might be at least some resemblance and sent Bosak a picture of Oliver, along with our inquiry. As suspected, the little ape was not the same kind of "man" but our letter produced a fascinating answer of an unexpected sort. We learned that in a dream Bosak had a graphic preview of his encounter.

This was his reply:

"One of my other UFO pen pals had sent me the same picture that you did. No, this is positively not like the space man I saw. The picture you sent looks like a gorilla with such recessed eyes, round flat to the head and ears, small button nose.

"The space man I saw had more of a rectangular face with no hair on the front but with hair sticking straight out from the side. The face was also quite flat, not so rigid as the picture you sent. Also my space man who I'd call human was quite slender and the ears stuck straight out from the sides of his head. They were about three inches



*Bosak "man" by B. James*

long just like a calf's ears.

"The hair on the body of the 'human' did seem about like it does on the gorilla in the picture. The neck was about the same length.

*"The following is positively true. When I saw this strange space man I wondered where have I seen that kind of person, but after thinking about it for a couple of weeks after the incident, I finally remembered that I had dreamed about it about six months before I saw this man in person. I thought I had a nightmare and was glad when I awoke. You know, something told me when I was asleep this was a space man. I do have some E.S.P. and I wondered if those space people can hypnotize people they are going to meet in the future. I do believe they can.*

"I would certainly like to have another chance to meet the space man again. I'd certainly forget about being scared."

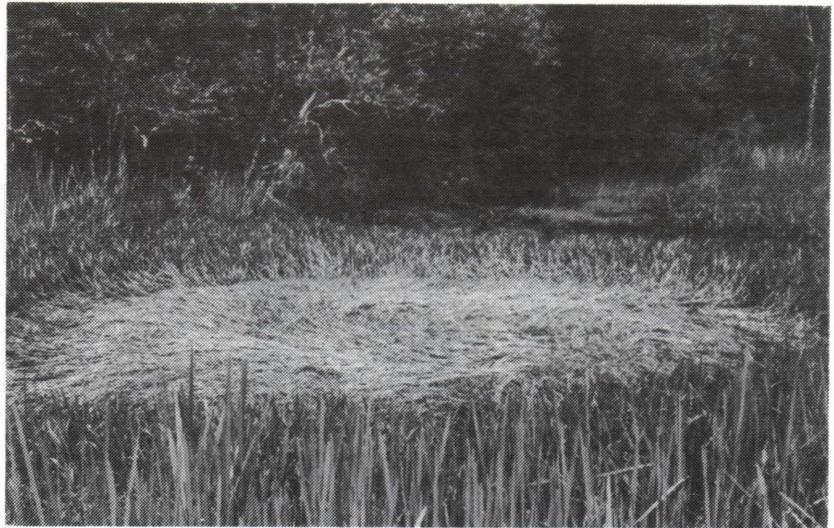
## More About Tracks

Mrs. Ruth Christiansen's photo-feature on small horseshoe-shaped prints in the snow around her house at Frederic, Wisconsin (vol. 3, no. 6), reminded Dr. P.M.H. Edwards of Victoria, B.C. of a far-removed case in 1966 in which similar prints were found.

That incident centered on the



Ruth Christiansen photo



discovery of a series of unexplained circular nests in the marshes at Horseshoe Lagoon near Tully, North Queensland, Australia. The largest "nest" (shown here in a photo sent to Dr. Edwards by one of the principals, Albert Pennisi) was 28 feet in diameter, with the marsh grass laid flat in a clockwise pattern. The smaller imprints were eight feet in diameter and the grass pattern was counterclockwise.

In an article for *Flying Saucer Review* (vol. 19, no. 3) in which, among other matters, he discussed the "feet of the ufonauts," Dr. Edwards wrote: "Soon after the discovery of so-called flying saucer 'nests' at Horseshoe Lagoon... I received an interesting letter from... Mr. Pennisi in which he reported that he and Mr. George Pedley both agreed that the footprints they saw beside the large nest were not made by animals. The prints were about three inches in diameter, and looked like this:



about 8 or 10 inches apart. By 'frog,' they said they meant there was 'no indentation on the heel, and the soil remained loose and raised.'

"Is it fanciful to connect heedless

feet with such mythological creatures as the Greeks' fauns, centaurs, and satyrs?"

In recalling this article, Dr. Edwards pointed out in his letter to us that Mrs. Christiansen had noted a "small snowball" inside the prints which suggested the same effect seen in the Tully indentations.

This similarity is indeed remarkable, and so too is that of the distance between prints in each case. While Dr. Edwards' correspondent mentioned eight or 10 inches, Mrs. Christiansen said one set of tracks near her place contained prints about eight inches apart. As we remarked then, this was the same spacing as that of the Beast of Devonshire case in 1855 and a case at Custer, Wash. in 1965 (vol. 2, no.4). In those cases the same sucked-up or convex effect was also observed.

While Dr. Edwards' conjecture of a faun-like creature is not too fanciful by any means (it seems nothing about our visitors is ever too fanciful), a few questions stand in the way. Why is the spacing of the prints so consistent? Why are the tracks sometimes in a dead-straight single file line? How can a living creature walk vertically over obstacles as the Beast of Devonshire did?

Our guess has been that tracks like these are made by a wheel-like device which has been observed on certain occasions (vol. 2, no. 7). But that idea also has shortcomings, one being the pattern often looks too random for a machine. So perhaps we should take the useful UFO stance of compromise.

Maybe these tracks are made by an entity that is partly living and partly machine.

In this business there are things much stranger than that.

## Matching Cases

For the setting of his recent book *The Mothman Prophecies* (reviewed in vol. 3, no. 5) John Keel focussed on the town of Mount Pleasant, West Virginia, where the weird events he described were climaxed by the collapse of a bridge across the Ohio River, causing many fatalities.

"Something unnatural was stalking the hills of West Virginia," he wrote. "A dark force was closing over the town."

One of the symbols of that force was the sinister-looking flying creature that gave the book its title. Here is how it appeared to one woman while driving in her car:

"As she slowed, her eyes fixed on the apparition, a pair of wings unfolded from its back. They seemed to have a span of about ten feet. It was definitely not a bird but a *man-shaped thing* which rose slowly off the ground, straight up like a helicopter, silently. *Its wings did not flap in flight.* It headed straight towards Connie's car, its horrible eyes fixed on her face, then it swooped low over her head as she shoved the accelerator to the floor in utter hysteria.

"Over one hundred people would see this bizarre creature that winter." (Italics added).

For the matching case we turn to a news item that appeared in January, 1976, and wonder what is in store for south Texas where the incidents occurred. Here is the story, with italics added to emphasize similar points:

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) - South Texas has its own private unidentified flying object - a huge winged creature that glides silently through the streets at night terrifying citizens and police.

For want of a better name, residents are calling it Big Bird.

Rumors of the bird - described as having a wing span the length of an automobile - began on a school playground in Robstown, Tex., two

months ago.

Last week a Harlingen television station showed giant bird prints it photographed in a freshly plowed field in the area of Big Bird sightings. The prints showed a three-toed impression nine inches wide and 12 inches long.

The same day San Benito policemen Arturo Padilla and Homer Galvan, travelling in separate squad cars through dark streets, reported seeing a huge bird with a 15-foot wing span gliding through the valley city, *without a single flap of its wings.*

"It more or less looked like a stork or pelican type of bird," Padilla said. "The wing span I guess was about like a pretty good sized car, about 15 feet or so. The color was white."

At Rio Grande City, 75 miles west of San Benito, Sheriff Ray Alvarez said rumors circulated in Starr County for 45 days of people claiming they saw a giant bird, one report said the fowl perched on top of the courthouse.

"It's just rumors to me," the sheriff said. They said it looked like *half human and half bird.*"

Last Wednesday night, Alverico Guajardo, 35, told police he heard something sounding like a sand bag hit the corner of his mobile home near Brownsville.

Guajardo said he left his wife and child inside the house, grabbed a knife and drove his automobile to the back of the trailer for a better look.

There, Guajardo said, he spent three terrifying minutes eye to eye with what he described as a "strange animal" four feet tall, eyes like silver dollars, wings like a bird and a face like a bat.



One night in September, 1974, two couples from Invermere, B.C. - Rene and Pat Spocchi, and Jim and Wanda Wright - were camped high in the neighboring mountains when a brilliant light appeared abruptly over a nearby ridge (vol. 3, no. 3). From this there shot a straight-sided beam of light which spilled over the ridge, lighting up an area about 50 times its width. The witnesses said the effect resembled an "upside down mushroom." The beam swung back and forth as if scanning the ridge, and the witnesses

noticed there was radio interference while this was going on. When the light left it moved almost faster than the eye could follow until it was the size of a large star.

For the matching case let's consider this report of last year originating from an interview by Tasmania's UFOIC and carried by the *Australian U.F.O. Bulletin*, a useful mimeographed leaflet published by the Victoria U.F.O. Research Society (PO Box 43, Moorabin, 3189, Victoria, Australia):

On February 26, Smith (pseudonym) was at Lake Sorell, Tasmania, with his companion, who incidentally is a commercial artist. They were camped at Shepherd's Shore, looking forward to a week's angling. It was 8:45 p.m., and there was some daylight left. Smith, out of the corner of his eye, noticed three things in the sky.

Underneath each craft was a red pulsing light set in the center, with other red to orange lights running around the corona. The UFOs stood out clearly. Then one of them moved...It came out of the broken cloud straight towards him. "It was 2½ miles away when we saw it move - and then it was right there only 1,000 yards away, and 500 feet above the lake", he said.

Smith is quite definite that there is no time factor that can be applied to the time it took the craft to cover the two miles. "It was less than a second - it was 2½ miles away, and then it was only yards away - I've never seen anything like it". Smith said that if he had not seen it himself, he would not have believed a craft could have such performance. He said he felt apprehensive: "I thought something cataclysmic was going to happen", he said. Smith said the craft was nothing less than 200 feet in diameter: "It was fantastic", he said.

During the next few minutes the UFO turned on a monstrous light which was directed downwards towards the lake. The light was about half the diameter of the UFO, and the shaft of the light was well-defined. It came from one side of the underneath of the UFO. The light was so intense it hurt his eyes: "I would say it was similar to the light you get from a welding torch", Smith said. Smith took careful sightings on hills in the area which he knows intimately. The spill of light from around the main shaft illuminated a distance of 1½ miles around the lake.

The beam of light was swung back and forth in an arc: "It seemed like a careful search of the Robinson's Swamp area, and I have no doubt that the beam of light was intelligently controlled", Smith said.

Smith had a big tent set up at the lakeside, together with cover for the car. The car's radio was being used because a portable radio he had was not strong enough to pick up radio stations. When the UFO flew close to the camp site, the car radio emitted a loud "intense static noise". Still watching the action, Smith traversed the radio dial across the whole band, but could not pick up one radio station: "There was just static", he said. After its inspection of the area, the UFO put out its gigantic light beam. A blue-white phosphorescence was left hanging about 30 feet above the lake. Smith said once the main light had dulled, the shape of the UFO was in good definition.

The UFO "departed in a flash". It travelled at phenomenal speed, and Smith said its path away from him through the night sky - together with the sister UFO which had been waiting near Mt. Penny - was like watching a tracer bullet going away from you.



In his report "Something Out of This World" (vol. 3, no. 6) Graham Conway described a UFO encounter experienced in 1974 by John and Rosa Waidner of Surrey, B.C. Driving along a normally busy highway one night, they were tagged for several minutes by a large disc-shaped flying object.

Conway wrote: "...during the whole time they watched the UFO they were not aware of another car driving past in either direction! John recalled seeing car lights 'in the distance.' This is a very busy highway at any time of the day or night as it links up with the U.S. border. Yet at 7 p.m. they never saw another car for a period of 10 minutes over a distance of two miles. I personally find this hard to believe and wonder if this 'scene' was staged just for them, as if a memory lapse was again induced."

Reading the article, Dr. P.M.H.

Edwards of Victoria, B.C. recalled a case reported by *Flying Saucer Review* (vol. 21, no. 2) that occurred five months earlier in which a young Rhodesian couple, Peter and Frances, were tagged by two flying lights while driving to the South African border. Although driving at night, usually a preferred time in view of daytime heat, the couple saw no one during their long journey except one strangely garbed "policeman" and a filling station attendant.

There were other unexplained aspects to the trip such as loss of power loss of driving control (and perhaps memory) and a sudden drop in temperature. Also, according to Peter, they made the journey in a levitated position and travelled in a straight line, although the road is not straight. Yet the couple seemed to go through their lengthy ordeal virtually alone. The only other vehicles they saw were three parked buses, all with their lights on and two with their engines running, but each was empty.

Investigator Carl van Vlierden wrote that as dawn broke, a grey dawn unlike the usual Rhodesian sunrise, "There was still no sign of life, either human or animal."

## You and Me

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In a recent article in CUFOR (vol. 3, no. 2) I stated that it looked like there was a change of attitude both in public opinion and with the authorities in regard to the UFO subject.

Now, events are beginning to move fast. I have already mentioned in that earlier article the interest there is in France about the UFO scene, and the fantastic number of UFO programs broadcast from France-Inter in the spring of last year, including an interview with the then French Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley.

In the United States, Dr. J. Allen Hynek's UFO Study Centre in Evanston, Ill., is collecting thousands of nationwide UFO reports, with the co-operation of the police, the FBI and the Civil Defence Agency.

It has now been established without any shadow of a doubt that the U.S. Air Force Project Bluebook was a complete cover-up and that the U.S.

Air Force kept certain evidence away from the public. Recently, a fantastic two-hour documentary film has been shown dealing with the UFO cover-up by the U.S. Air Force and the Pentagon. Additionally, *Saga's UFO REPORT* (Fall, 1975) carried a very well documented article on the same theme.

I have been criticised for writing in one or two of my books that there has been a cover-up. Now, I am being vindicated.

However, I did also make the point that possibly the authorities were right in one sense to 'cover-up' some years ago because if they had announced that UFOs existed, then this would have laid them open to some very awkward questions to which they may not have had the answers. Nevertheless, I did suggest that the authorities should have gone some way with a general education of the public towards a gradual acceptance of the UFOs.

Anyway the UFOs have gone on appearing in our skies with increased frequency, and have been reported consistently all over the world in even greater numbers than before. It would seem that the ufonauts have done the job for the authorities!

More than 15 million Americans claim to have seen UFOs. If we add that impressive figure to the overall world total the answer surely must be astronomical!

I believe that either one of two things are going to happen very soon. (1) There could be an announcement from the authorities that UFOs exist, or (2) that shortly the ufonauts will make a general open landing. The second possibility may occur after either some catastrophe or nuclear war. However, I think that it could occur before. I hope so.

Incidentally, I am not discussing inner earth people in this context. Your readers will recall that I wrote about them and a hollow earth in a recent article. I have now received information (which has got to be checked out - you may well ask: How?) that space people are already inside the earth getting rid of undesirable elements.

Now the whole purpose of this article is to suggest to all ufologists that the time has come to take a look at our priorities. Although we should continue to investigate UFO sighting reports, analyse and fit them in to

patterns, we ought to be turning to something far more important and imperative!

Yes, of course we must go on investigating and doing research work. But surely enough evidence has been collected during the last quarter of a century or more, to prove that UFOs exist. They have been seen by millions of people, photographs and films have been made of them, substances have been collected at landing sites, and still we go on with this continuous obsession that thousands more reports must be collected and filed away in archives. The ufonauts must think us ufologists somewhat 'round the bend'!

In a Court of Law it would only need two or three witnesses to give evidence that a man has committed a murder for a conviction to be secured. Yet, in this Alice and Wonderland situation of the UFOs, apparently millions of witnesses do not count for anything! We could go on collecting, investigating, analysing and filing away reports for another quarter of a century and probably not be much wiser.

What I am putting forward here is a constructive idea. If the UFOs exist and most of CUFOR's readers will, I think, go along with that, and if they are shortly going to land here (and I admit that this is a considered speculative guess based on a hunch. I would add for what it is worth that my hunches usually come off!) then we ought to be thinking about something else.

Now, what do I mean by that? Just this. The UFOs have been chiefly reported and publicised in the Americas, Europe and South Africa. The rest of the world, including the Soviet Union, and Asia, have had their share, too. But the inhabitants of those countries have not been able to read UFO incidents in their newspaper to the same extent as in the West. We know that the Soviet Union and other countries behind the Iron Curtain have had many UFO sightings because of a book called "UFOs From Behind the Iron Curtain" by Ion Hobana and Julien Weverbergh (Souvenir Press, London, 1974) which I reviewed a little while ago for CUFOR. Contact International (Taiwan) states quite clearly that people in his country have little or no information on the UFOs. I am sure that the UFOs have been seen in

Taiwan (Formosa) but the Chinese people - and the same thing probably applies in China itself - are too clearly busy in trying to cope with the difficulties of Life itself. I also think as was expressed in the book mentioned earlier that communist countries do not appreciate the UFO business, as it might be a threat to their control over their people.

I think that our main task now (though reports should still be investigated and dealt with properly) should be to educate the public about a possible open landing by the ufonauts. *They should, as far as possible, be screened from a possible traumatic experience.*

This can only be done by communication, and by telling them that most of the UFO sightings, landings and other phenomena, have been harmless. I know only too well that some reports have indicated possible hostility! However, it is my personal opinion that these hostile ones emanate from the inner earth.

On the other hand, it is my conviction that those coming from both outer space and inner space (invisible universes) are highly developed, intelligent beings, and of a high spiritual nature.

I think that we should concentrate on educating the general public positively to this effect, otherwise a panic might result from a landing by extra-terrestrial beings.

I should like to know what your readers think of this idea. I think that it would be interesting to get a project going to educate the public. Now, who is interested in Project Contact?

I would like to know your views on my suggestion that we should now turn our activities to primarily educating the public towards a possible UFO open landing by fleets of space craft and a meeting between *them and us*. Surely, this is priority Number One.

(Editor's note: We will see that readers' replies are forwarded to Brinsley Le Poer Trench in London, Eng. Those of particular interest will be carried in our Letters section.)



## Volcanic Bomb?

*Brinsley Le Poer Trench's defence of the hollow-earth theory was explained in vol. 3, no. 3, with the realization that readers may find his views "outrageous and without foundation." Certainly the concept of aliens living and working beneath the earth's surface is an awful challenge to the imagination, yet recently there was a United Press item that underscored what limited knowledge we have of subterranean activity, natural or otherwise. This was the story:*

HOMER, Alaska (UPI) - The volcanic eruption that shook Mt. St. Augustine in January cut the mountain down 200 feet and radiated a strange heat wave similar to that from an atomic explosion, a scientist studying the incident said.

The effect was described by Jurgen Kienle, an associate professor in the solid earth branch of the University of Alaska's geophysics institute at Fairbanks.

Kienle has been spending time at his cabin in Homer, where since 1970 he has spent at least one month each year studying the volcano. Data from the mountain is carried by cable 70 miles to the cabin and fly-bys are made to the mountain from Homer.

"I'd seen eruptions in Iceland and other places, but in this explosion there was evidence of the heat blast radiating from the centre of the volcano. I think that is unusual because it means there was a horizontally directed explosion.

"It's not unlike one of these atomic blasts, where you get very intense heat on surfaces facing towards the explosion but not those facing away from it.

"There are trees on the island which are burned on the side facing the mountain, but green on the seaward side. A lot of heat was coming off of the central erupting cloud for a very short time."

Had there been any boats near the island, they could have been hit by the heat wave, he said.

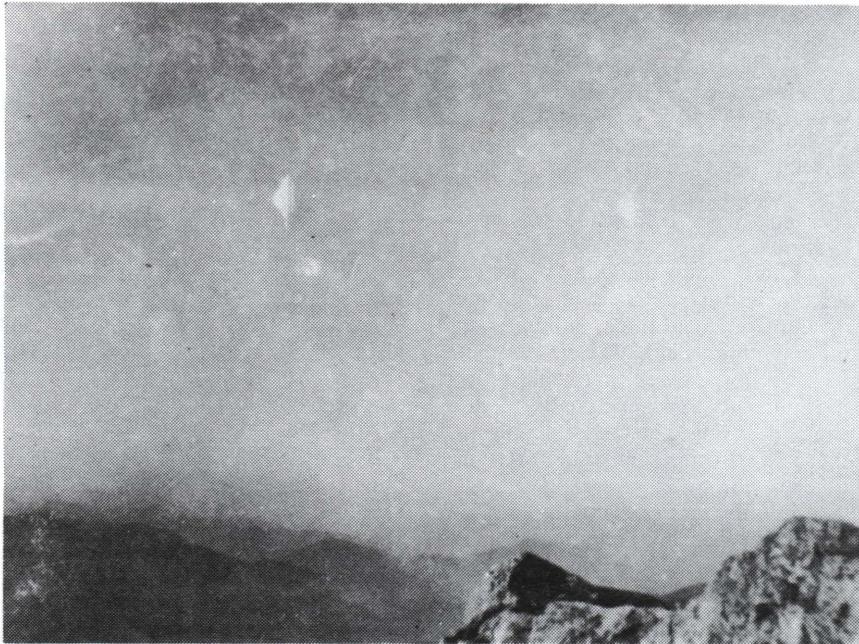
Most of the explosion went towards the north, destroying five of Kienle's six seismographs on the island. One camp was gutted and at another, where an eight-by-12 foot building once

stood, there is a lone two-by-four sticking up through the mud. The building was on the beach, about four miles from the blast. Of the other camps, there is not a trace.

"Our camp on the north side is

gutted, but still standing. Nothing above or below window level is damaged. But a very strong hot air blast and then intense heat must have been there for a very short period of time, because plastic cups are melted

and mattresses burned. But everything above or below window level - even a plastic jug on the floor is perfectly OK."



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Erich Kaiser, a miner living at Hohentauern near Trieben, was spending an eight-day holiday at Modlingerhutte (1) situated in the Gesause mountains near to Admont. On August 3, 1954, together with his brother (2) and two Vienna tourists, he climbed Mt. Reichenstein (2.178m). Around noon the fine weather began to change and his companions hurried to reach the hutte (situated four km. north of Gaishorn and north-east of Trieben, Styria). Meanwhile, Kaiser had stayed behind and even though the bad weather was approaching, wanted to take a photograph of Admonter Kaibling.

The time was coming up to one o'clock when shortly after having realized that he was too high to take the said photo, he noticed some "flashes" in the sky and saw three "strange-looking metal discs" flying in a straight line from east to northwest, soundlessly, at a distance of perhaps 700 meters and at a speed, according to Kaiser, of around 200 km/hr. Once he had taken the photograph, he was unable to observe the objects since the sky had covered over. Kaiser therefore climbed down and joined his companions at the Modlingerhutte.

This event was later published on October 16 in the Graz newspaper **Neue Zeit**. Kaiser had written a letter presenting his photo for analysis. The said journal unfortunately could not find any expert at that time to examine it. It was only in 1957 that another newspaper, the **Weltraumbote**, in its May/June issue republished the Kaiser incident and had the good fortune to have the negative expertized. According to them, no faking had been done and that to do such a thing necessitated

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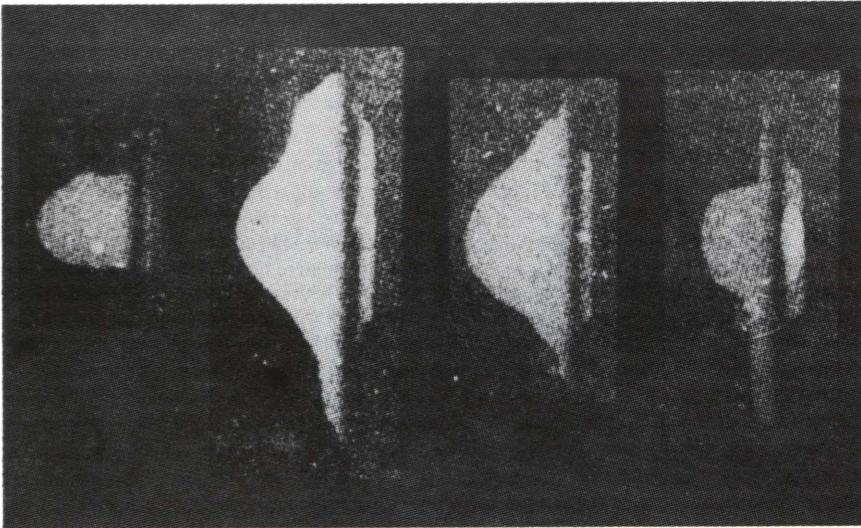
Province of Styria, Austria  
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a specialist and also expensive instruments. There were naturally others who felt that the objects were balloons, to which Kaiser protested, stating that he had been a soldier for five years in the Fliegenden personnel and commenting that no wind was blowing that could have made the objects move at such a speed as they did.

Strangely enough when Kaiser took his photograph, he did not see the first object which is situated at the left of his print. [The fourth object is not visible at right in reproduction [left] of original photo - Ed.] This can be better and more clearly seen in the enlargement accompanying this text. It would be worthwhile to note that such an incident often occurs with other photographs taken of "UFO" as is the case of those published in our **Inforespace** nos. 15, 12 and 7 of our Dossier Photo.

The Kaiser photo was taken at a time when Austria was having its big UFO wave. Just as in other countries, the year 1954 proved to be exceptional for UFO sightings. The witness took his photo of the first phase of the Austrian wave - its uprising in the summer.

Unfortunately, all efforts to obtain fuller information on the camera and the film used proved unsuccessful. Kaiser died in 1968 and all attempts to locate corroborative witnesses, close friends or his brother, ended up in dead ends. The only certain fact that came to light following an interview with Kaiser in 1954 by Mr. Anton Eisenkolbl, who was later contacted by our Austrian Correspondent, was that Kaiser was no amateur with a simple camera. He had a photolab himself and even managed to enlarge his photo up to a professional print size and handed the enlargement over to Mr. Eisenkolbl.



It is regrettable that only a meagre amount of information could be found on this case. Owing to this, it is rather impossible to state whether the witness' photo is authentic or not, since one cannot find any detailed investigation report done at that time or later.

Through this review I would like to give my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Austrian collaborator for his assistance in sending the report and the photographs and to Mr. Adolf Schneider, in Germany, for his co-operation in sending other texts.

**Part Two** (continued from the previous issue)

## UFOs and the Canadian Government

by Gregory M. Kanon

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Another interesting UFO encounter occurred on the evening of November 6, 1957 near Lake Baskatong (100 miles north of Ottawa). An immense, bright object, which hovered low over a hill, was observed for 15 minutes by several people. The object was described as being so bright that it illuminated numerous trees on the hill, as well as clouds overhead. During the sighting, a radio ceased to function, and when one of the witnesses, an electronics engineer, attempted to use his short-wave receiver, he found all wavelengths blocked by a very strong, code-like

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1. Modlingerhutte is an alpine refuge hut.
2. The mention of his brother is stated in the *Weltraumbote*, whereas the journal *Neue Zeit* stated brothers. As far as can be found, only one brother was with Mr. Kaiser during his holiday.
3. "*Besucher aus dem all*" written by Adolf Schneider. Editor Herman Bauer K.U.

signal. When the object finally departed, the equipment returned to normal.

While some excellent UFO cases of the 1950's, like those mentioned above, have been successfully recorded and made public, most such cases undoubtedly fell victim to government apathy. The Canadian press further aggravated the situation by failing to ask the government any embarrassing questions. As such, Ottawa managed to create the illusion that it was doing a good job of investigating UFOs, but that there was really "very little to go on."

Unfortunately among the numerous UFO reports lost in the govern-

mental mire were those made by this country's commercial and military pilots. These cases, despite their obvious scientific value, were largely ignored by Ottawa. Although the Department of National Defence finally activated a series of "Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings" in February, 1959, UFOs were indiscriminately lumped together with defence related sightings. Accordingly, once a UFO was determined to be no threat to the national security (regardless of the fact that it remained unidentified), the military lost all interest. It is no surprise that even today many pilots refuse to report anything strange they have seen.

Government indifference toward UFOs continued into the 1960's. Even the great build-up of sightings during 1965 and 1966 was routinely disregarded. As a result, Ottawa failed to see the coming storm.

In 1967, the UFO scene erupted. Sightings made by hundreds of Canadians from coast to coast served to confirm the fact that the skies were teeming with strange objects. The ensuing publicity proved tumultuous. Given these circumstances, Ottawa found it politically expedient to investigate competently at least some of the cases reported.

One such case that was investigated by no fewer than six departments and agencies of the Canadian government occurred shortly after noon on May 20 near Falcon Lake, Manitoba. Stephen Michalak, a 50-year-old industrial mechanic, was enjoying some weekend prospecting when his attention was suddenly distracted by two domed, disc-shaped objects, 35 to 40 feet in diameter, descending toward the ground. According to Michalak, one of the discs stopped and momentarily hovered low over the ground before rapidly departing, while its companion broke formation and landed nearby.

The landed object reportedly glowed brightly like intensely heated stainless steel, while giving off periodic gusts of warm air. A loud hissing noise and sulphur-like smell were also noticed. Later, a hatch on the side of the object opened, emitting an extremely bright purplish light.

As Michalak approached the strange object, he reportedly heard human-like voices coming from within. Hoping to establish contact, he called

out, whereupon the voices ceased and the hatch abruptly closed. According to Michalak, when he later touched the object's hull, the fingertips of the rubber gloves he was wearing melted. The object then reportedly began to spin violently, and finally ascended, expelling a sharp blast of heat that burned through the man's shirt, searing his abdomen.

Shortly following the incident, Michalak was treated for burns at a Winnipeg hospital, and also suffered from severe nausea, headache, dizziness, as well as a persistent, noxious odor which seemed to emanate from his lungs. Within seven days, he lost 22 pounds. Later, a rash developed over the man's throat and upper chest that lasted for three weeks. In September, Michalak was hospitalized, complaining of dizziness and a constricted throat, and as late as July, 1968 - 14 months after the initial incident - he was again hospitalized for observation and diagnosis. Prior to his reported UFO encounter, Michalak had been in excellent physical condition.

Dr. James E. McDonald, who prior to his untimely death in 1971 served as Senior Atmospheric Physicist at the University of Arizona, said of the Michalak case:

"I have investigated cases myself where the individual has claimed he saw and touched a landed craft. I have not had any reason to doubt the credibility of these individuals. I firmly believe that there is something of the greatest scientific interest involved. The increased number of incidents of this sort almost suggest a pattern. I don't understand it, but the pattern is there, nevertheless."

Another still unsolved case occurred on the evening of October 4, just off the coast of Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia. Numerous persons witnessed an unknown lighted object, 60 feet in diameter, descend toward the ocean. Moments later, several local RCMP constables confirmed the presence of the unknown object resting on the water, some 200 to 300 yards off shore.

A Coast Guard vessel and several fishing boats were later dispatched to the scene, but before they could arrive, the object moved seaward and disappeared. All that reportedly remained was a 40-yard wide patch of yellow foam, which local fishermen were at a complete loss to identify. Following a

subsequent three-day search of the area by Navy divers, the Department of National Defence announced that no trace of the object had been found, despite persistent rumours to the contrary.

By the end of 1967, Ottawa was faced with many unsolved UFO cases, like those mentioned above. The Department of National Defence, having directed most of the investigations, was forced to admit publicly in later years that "certain reports suggest that they (UFOs) exhibit a unique scientific or advanced technical research." (This conclusion may be found in the Department of National Defence's current official statement on UFOs.)

Not surprisingly, however, Ottawa once again chose to turn its back on the UFO phenomenon. In February, 1968, the National Research Council agreed to become the government's official "archive" for all existing and future UFO reports. A file was hastily set up later in an office of the Council's Upper Atmosphere Section (Astro-physics Branch) in Ottawa. In essence, the Council assumed only custodial duties, and accordingly agreed neither to solicit actively nor to investigate regularly UFO sightings. (This policy continues even today.)

The government's actions did not go unnoticed. On February 6, 1969, MP Barry Mather (New Westminster), speaking on the floor of the House, ardently criticized the National Research Council's handling of the UFO phenomenon. He added:

"I believe that in Canada we should have a more tangible policy regarding UFO investigations. I think the government should table all information available pro and con about these phenomena. I think we should also consider that our own little earth is now sending out flying objects, and if life exists on other planets the flying objects which the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. are sending into space may very well appear to that form of life to be unidentified flying objects."

And how does the government counter such charges?

Dr. Allen G. McNamara, Head of the Upper Atmosphere Section (NCR) in Ottawa, is currently the government's chief spokesman on UFOs. According to Dr. McNamara:

"Our responsibility is to receive, file and keep in orderly arrangement re-

ports that are received by the government. Now if there is any value in what's there, it's completely free to anybody who wants to make use of it. Either by other government agencies, or by citizens. We don't care."

Regarding UFO investigations: "We do not feel, in general, that there's any point in us spending any time and energy chasing all over after such vague reports. I think we have better things to do. I do not think the evidence warrants doing anything other than what we're doing now. That's the size of it."

Professor Rupert H. MacNeill does not agree. Professor MacNeill, a geologist, has served on the teaching staff of Acadia University (Wolfville, Nova Scotia) since 1951 and is currently the Maritime representative for the National Research Council's Associate Committee on Meteorites.

"I may be wrong. I may be barking up the wrong tree. But my opinion is that there are definitely things that are being seen that we know nothing about, and as far as I'm concerned, they're definitely real. They've got to be!

"Now if we don't know what these things are, and if we can find out, we should do so. And the only way to do it is to have somebody who's interested and competent enough in physics and all the rest to zero in on it.

"We can't be like those in the 1800's who thought they knew everything. We've got to be sure we still don't know very much!"

And so, the UFO controversy continues. Statistics show that in recent years UFO sightings have been on the increase across Canada, as elsewhere throughout the world. Although a significant number of these sightings stubbornly continue to defy all explanations, Ottawa remains unconcerned.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, a Harvard astronomer and leading UFO antagonist, was once asked what should be done with the many unsolved UFO cases on record. His reply: "Throw them in the wastebasket!"

It appears as though the Canadian government has chosen to do just that.

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(Have you had an encounter with the unknown? If so, Gregory Kanon would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Reports should be sent to: P.O. Box 142, Armdale, Nova Scotia, B3L 4J9. All such reports will be handled with the strictest of confidence.)

## For Your Bookshelf

*The Eighth Tower. The Cosmic Force Behind All Religious, Occult and UFO Phenomena.* By John A. Keel. Saturday Review Press/E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 201 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10003. [218 pp. Hard-cover - \$8.95.]

"Stretching across Asia, from Northern Manchuria, through Tibet, west across Persia, and ending in the Kurdistan, was a chain of seven towers, on isolated mountaintops, and in each of these towers sat continually a priest of Satan, who by 'broadcasting occult vibrations controlled the destinies of the world for evil.'"

Although that quote from *Adventures in Arabia* by William Seabrook comes near the end of his book, it serves as an entrance for John Keel to explore a metaphysical realm where evidently the fate of man is being decided.

"The ultimate devil theory - the Eighth Tower - is now taking shape in scientific circles," he adds. The earth itself is alive, and the earth's mind is our God..." Then later: "You and I are biochemical robots controlled by the powerful radiations being broadcast from the Eighth Tower. Our brains are programmed like computers, and many of us are suddenly and completely programmed at some point in our adult life. At birth our entire lives are planned for us, and as we weave and totter through out allotted three score and ten, we find ourselves manipulated by 'luck,' by strange coincidences, and by sudden changes in ourselves and our environment."

Although readers may have to follow Keel's circuitous trail a few steps at a time, so abundant are the mysteries along the way, there never seems any doubt that the author knows where he is going. He presents the mysteries simply by way of showing that everything is being decided for us, however inscrutably.

To illustrate with a couple of examples taken at random - there was the case of Charles Wetzels in Riverside, California, who was accosted in his car by a "fearsome apparition" with long arms, shining eyes and scaly skin.

"Here we have a simple coincidence to ponder," Keel remarks. "Wetzels is a rather unusual name (how many Wetzels have you known?). But there is a Wetzels County in West Virginia. There have been periodic sightings in Wetzels County since 1897."

Then there was the case of an extraordinary stranger who showed up one evening in 1973 in a small Pennsylvania village. He looked about nine feet tall and wore clothes of a "strange shimmering material." Startling the townspeople, the stranger loped down the main street and disappeared into oblivion. A few months earlier a similar stranger had entered a bar in Tres Arroyos, Argentina. As customers gaped at his appearance, he went to the men's room, never to be seen again. The little windowless men's room was empty. (Another coincidence for Keel's voluminous file is that in Dec., 1972, presumably about the time of the barroom incident, a UFO was seen low over Tres Arroyos with two occupants aboard (vol. 2, no. 7). Later one of two witnesses, an elderly uneducated servant, was said to become noticeably well informed and articulate.)

Thanks to his gift for inserting examples like these in an arresting, sometimes amusing way, Keel holds on to his reader. In less skillful hands his book could have become just a dissertation.



*The Edge of Reality, A progress report on Unidentified Flying Objects.* By J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee. Henry Regnery Company, 180 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60601. [Illustrated. 320 pp. Cloth - \$14.95. Paper - \$5.95.]

For anyone undertaking a study of UFOs an almost standard progression of thought lies ahead. There is no place here for details, but generally speaking the progression moves from an acceptance of unexplained lights in the night sky to a full-bodied realization that these lights sometimes come from sophisticated craft of alien origin that occasionally land on Earth, night or day. With a slight but vital extra step

into the unknown, one then goes on to understand that living creatures may emerge from these craft as if on some specific mission, sensible or otherwise.

While even a UFO learner with a minimum of orthodox training will surely take at least some time to move past these unorthodox points of understanding, the course for a professional scientist must be overwhelmingly arduous. The paring away of deeply grafted beliefs has to be nothing less than agonizing.

But finally done, the operation has a masterful effects and in this eminently readable book we see just what happens.

When Dr. Hynek wrote the *UFO Experience*, published in 1972, he clearly felt it necessary to explain he was not a scientist suddenly bereft of his sense. While he produced an interesting book, he daubed it with caution to a point that may have mollified his peers more than it enchanted his plain-joe readers. Since then things have changed. Unquestionably the UFO climate has become more salubrious in the last few years, but at the same time something apparently has happened to Dr. Hynek's own convictions. In this book there is a ring of assurance that his first book lacked.

To measure the change precisely, let's consider "The Night an Occupant Was Shot." In *The Edge of Reality* this remarkable case which came to Dr. Hynek through exclusive channels is one of the fulcrum pieces of the book, giving tangible support to some of the more speculative material. In considerable detail it describes how one hunter in a party of four shot at and wounded a small "occupant" who incredibly shouted back, "Now what the hell did you do that for?"

This incident was also mentioned in *UFO Experience* but received two brief almost apologetic paragraphs. Possibly there are specific reasons why Dr. Hynek now feels freer to tell that story, yet obviously something more instinctive is also involved. In discussing humanoids in his first book, he admitted this hesitancy: "There is no logical reason, yet I confess to sharing a prejudice that is hard to explain. Is it the confrontation on the animate level that disturbs and repulses us?"

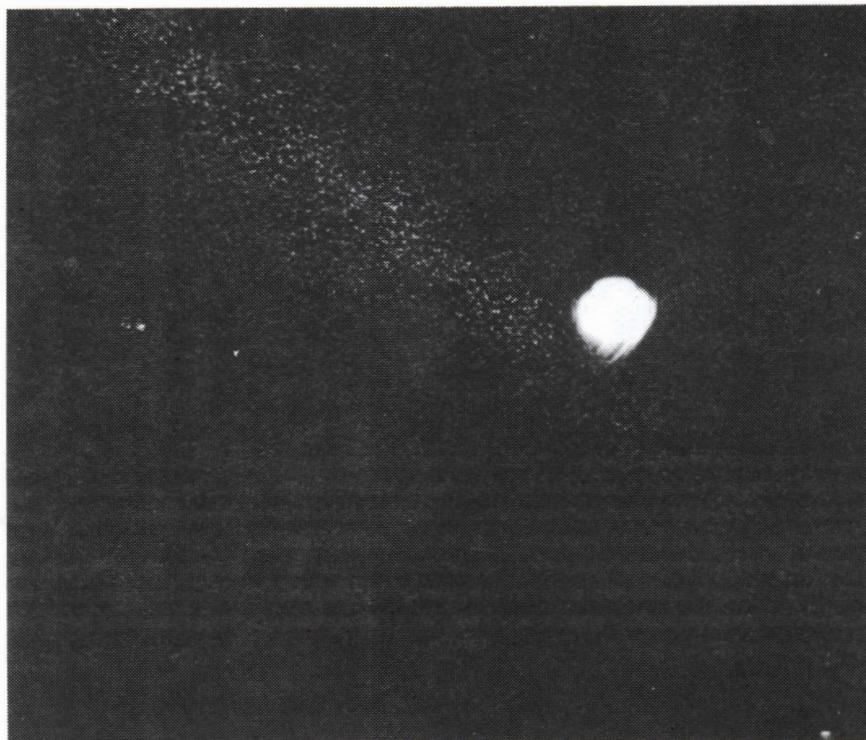
Or was it the realization that other scientists held that prejudice?

Of course, in this book a substan-

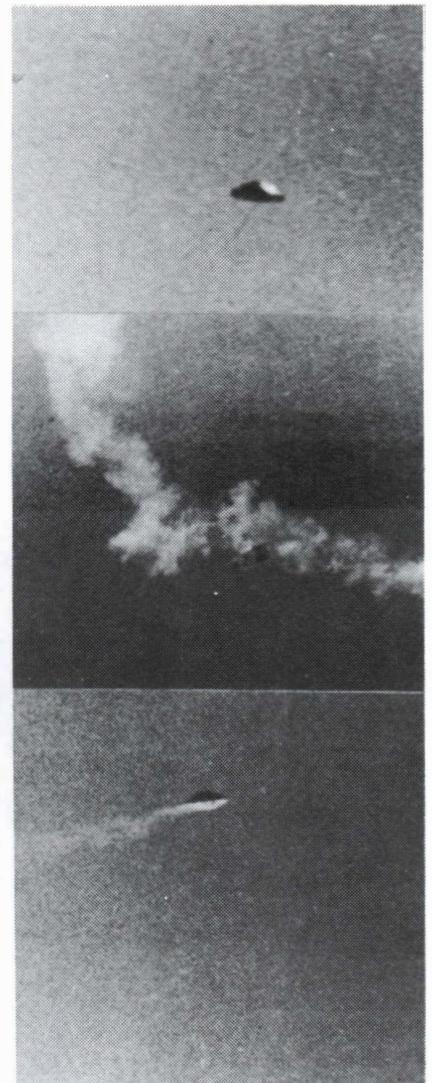
PHOTOS FROM  
*The Edge of  
Reality*



*Photo taken on July 6, 1973, at scene of an auto accident in Japan.*



*Photo taken by two witnesses near Fargo, North Dakota on Feb. 26, 1967*



*Three photos, in sequence, taken by a postman in Belgium on June 5, 1955.*

tial reason for a more relaxed approach is the presence of Dr. Vallee, another pioneer scientist in ufology. The two have known each other a long time and the effect is to reduce the hang-ups a scientist might feel in talking about UFOs with only a vague and perhaps unfriendly audience "out there" for company. To make communication easier yet, Arthur Hastings, a psychologist, occasionally sits in with prepared questions.

While the book for the most part moves nicely along in this relaxed manner, it goes slightly awash at the point where the authors discuss UFO literature. Quite unnecessarily, as far as we can see, they criticize certain "private groups" that issue periodic UFO bulletins. The criticism seems unwarranted because there can be little doubt that when the day of reckoning comes and our visitors are officially acknowledged, these groups plus some magazine publishers must be given a good share of credit for preparing the public. Their continuing inquiries and periodicals, be they monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly, provide a needed running commentary about what is going on. If they do not publish everything in their files, as charged, that surely is their own affair, just as it is the authors' own affair what they keep in their files.

(By the way, first rate though it is, **Flying Saucer Review**, a valued friend of ours, is not "the only international journal in this field." We have an exchange arrangement with several fine UFO publications that qualify in every way but which we will not list for fear of making the same mistake of omission. With readers in 22 countries other than Canada, and contents planned accordingly, **Canadian UFO Report** itself has a modest claim.)

Otherwise this book is excellent. Photos, other illustrations and an index complete the package.

## Letters

Sir:

I am writing because I feel I should share with you an experience that I still find unbelievable. The few close friends

I told this story to probably think I must have been hallucinating. They were polite enough to hide their thoughts, though.

After an accident last August in which I injured my back I caught very bad flu or bronchitis and had to stay in bed with fever. After this acute state was over I was left with a congestion that made breathing very difficult. I had to sit up at nights with lots of pillows at my back. Once when I fell asleep I had the most terrifying sensation of suffocating, so I went to bed evenings with a book, reading through the night.

Now, we live at the edge of wilderness and don't hear any other noises than the ones made by animals and the wind or rain. The night of the first of October, though, there was no rain. I started to listen to furtive movements, and as I was staying in the guest room and our farm tanks were on that side of the house and broken into several times, I shone a flashlight out to see the tanks. Nothing, of course, and I went back to bed full well realising that one always hears every sound magnified at night.

Reading on, I started to hear real alarming noises now as if somebody was trying to break into our house. Our dog is quite friendly with so many people and we have suspicions that the gas thieves have made a friend of him. So I decided to turn the light out and watch from the kitchen window.

It was very dark and the stars were out. It was then around two o'clock. I was looking towards the trees at our gate and to the north. The window-sill is 15 inches from the sink. While I was standing there looking straight ahead I noticed little bright lights appearing and disappearing on my maroon-colored robe. My heart went up and down in surprise. The lights were round, big as nickels and quite bright, playing on my gown. As it couldn't be any reflections from the north, or a flashlight, I looked up at the sky and saw in the same instant two stars close together and one seemed to move a little. I looked at my gown again, and there was a light again, disappearing as soon as I saw it.

Now I looked at the same star again, watching it, and then the unbelievable happened. It turned on a light as clear and big as a lady's round hand-mirror about five inches in dia-

meter. A strange light, not like a flashlight but more like a magnifying glass or mirror and as I looked quickly at my gown, there was the reflection.

When I then watched the star for quite a while it was standing still innocently with no more light - and no more teasing. I went to bed thinking something like "OK, you guys, you played with me, can't you help me get some undisturbed sleep if you know so much about me?" And then I went to bed, turned the light on again and fell asleep without any trouble.

I had the first sleep in four days then. Of course that could have been natural. But how can I explain - why me? - do they watch all of us, know our thoughts, our doings? One month later at the same time I went to the same window, but there was only one star instead of two close together. My son, a Bachelor of Science who majored with honours in physics and math and who knows that I didn't imagine the whole thing, said "the light sounds like a laser beam."

Elin Graeper  
Englishman River Park,  
Errington, B.C.

*House noises, as if made by someone trying to break in, occasionally indicate a UFO nearby. For a similar experience see Letters, vol. 3, no. 6];*



Sir:

In the **F.S. Review** (London), vol. XI-6 of Nov.-Dec. '65, on p. 4, I find an extraordinary account of an experience of three people in a parked car, on Walton Avenue, Felixstowe (Suffolk); one of them, Michael Johnson, allegedly made a hasty exit from the car, without offering an explanation; suddenly, a weird sci-fi humming noise began, and they saw an oval orange-coloured craft 100 ft. above them. Shortly afterwards, Johnson emerged from a hedge, clutching his neck and eyes, and he collapsed. There were burn marks on his neck, and a bump under the skin below his right ear. He did not recognize his friends till the

next day, when he told them of a man in the flames pointing at him", adding that some force had pulled him from the car.

In the **National Enquirer** of Dec. 16, 1975, on p. 4, an abduction in Arizona is reported; on Nov. 5, 1975, six tree-trimmers were driving home-wards at dusk along a mountain road, 12 miles from Heber (see report in this issue - Ed.). They came upon a hovering UFO giving off a yellowish-orange light, and stopped to watch it. Suddenly, Travis Walton, one of them, jumped out of the truck and walked towards the craft. The others shouted "Get back, you fool!", but he took no notice, and disappeared into a blue ray, - but was dumped back on the road near Heber, five days later. His description of the beings supports an unpublished account that occurred three months earlier, in New Mexico. This brings to mind the case of the Nebraska policeman, Herbert Schirmer, who, against his will, felt forced to leave his patrol-car, and to walk to a landed UFO; later, a welt was found behind his left ear.

I seem to recall, too, that Uri Geller claimed he saw a flash when he was very young, and apparently a dazzling figure was pointing at him from above. And, what of other such happenings, - and the "voices heard" by Joan of Arc? It is important that M. Johnson, T. Walton, and other similar victims, will be rigorously kept under constant psychiatric (and medical) surveillance, in case interesting symptoms manifest themselves later. Incidentally, a lot seems to have happened in Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk; there have been incidents at Aldeburgh, Colchester, Langenhoe, Lakenheath, Felixstowe, and other places in the area; and, the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have been seen, long ago, near what is now an Anglican healing shrine dedicated to Our Lady, at Little Walsingham, Norfolk: all these places are (like Lourdes in France) close to the two main orthotonic UFO-corridors.

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



Sir:

In vol. 3, no. 6 I read with much interest Dr. Edwards' article "Where Cheshire Cats Outgrabe" and also the news item "Cattle Deaths Unsolved." Please find enclosed information (below) which may be of interest to your magazine on the same topic.

Would you please mention that I would welcome information on similar occurrences in other countries? I can be contacted at this address: P.O. Box 332, Orange, 2800, Australia.

T.A. Bishop

*May 22, 1975:* A husband 50, wife 45 and daughter 19 all sighted a large disc shaped object in the western sky at approx. 10:00 p.m. It zig-zagged for approx. half an hour as if looking for something. It then came to rest in the area of a small place called Goolma.

*May 24, 1975:* A 50-year-old farmer sighted a hairy-shaped gorilla type animal lurching across a paddock about 500 meters away.

*May 24, 1975:* While fencing, a 36-year-old farmer sighted footprints 15 inches long and about six inches wide.

*May 25, 1975:* The same 36-year-old farmer found cattle with broken necks. Other cattle were found at the opposite end of the paddock, apparently dead of fright or exhaustion.

*May 25, 1975:* A 19-year-old girl sighted an ape-like monster in the headlights of her car for five seconds while travelling on the road between Goolma and Gulgong.

*May 26, 1975:* A 23-year-old man doing some fencing sighted an ape-like animal walk out of a thicket of trees. Upon sighting the man, it turned and ran back into the thicket.

*May 26, 1975:* A housewife watching television saw a large hairy face peering into a large window. The window is seven feet from the ground. The face disappeared when she screamed and her husband raced out of the bedroom.

*May 26-30, 1975:* Cattle were found with broken necks and/or slices of flesh removed from their bodies. Farms were attacked on all sides of the Goolma area. Many large footprints were found around the area.

*June 3, 1975:* A 49-year-old farmer and his 46-year-old wife sighted a hairy

monster as they were driving from Mudgee from Goolma.

*June 6, 1975:* More mutilated cattle found. Cattle in the area are very disturbed and many have dropped their milk output.

*June 7, 1975:* Two girls in their teens heard strange grunting from outside the farmhouse at approx. 10:00 p.m. Their parents had gone out. Mutilated cattle were found on a neighbour's property the next day.

*June 10, 1975:* When a farmer returned from a shopping trip he found two of his sheep dogs mutilated and the other four were missing. These turned up two days later. They did not have a mark upon them but they did not want to leave their master's side. These dogs were usually very obedient but when their master told them to go to their kennels they refused to obey.

*June 11, 1975:* Three farmers in a radius of five miles found cattle mutilated. All the cattle had broken necks and/or strips of flesh removed from their bodies.

*June 12, 1975:* Several people sighted a silver/white disc-shaped object settle in the Goolma area. The time was 9:35 p.m. Other sightings were reported from Wellington, Gerie and Gulgong. Since that date there have been no more reports in this area of the Yowie-or Bigfoot-type creature.

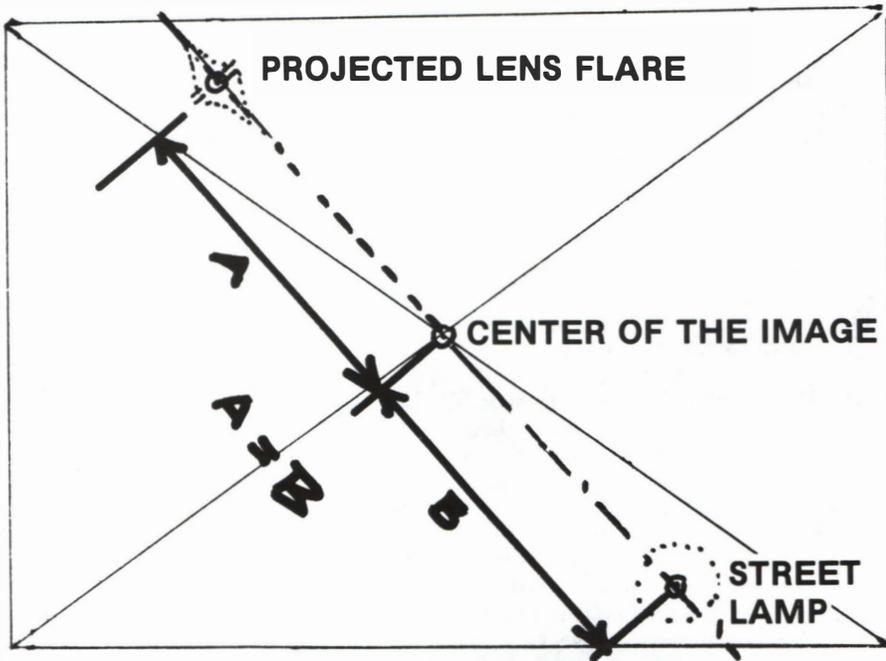


Sir:

I am sorry to inform you that the photo on the cover and p.4 of vol. 3, no. 5 (opposite) presents a perfect lens flare image reflected from the street lamp at the right bottom corner. If you place a ruler between mid-point of the street light and the object, you will find it coincides with the axis of the object. Also you will find the mid-point between the image and the light source is in the middle of the negative. (See writer's diagram opposite).

As a specialist on lens flares, I have a collection of such photos.

Colman VonKeviczky,  
ICUFON,  
Jackson Heights, N.Y.



Other specialists who spotted the explanation were Stuart Greenwood of the University of Maryland; W.K. Allan, Kelowna, B.C., and Rene Fouere, president of GEPA, Paris. The last two drew attention to a previously published photo of a steel plant surrounded by lens-flare "UFOs." The "caustic curves" in the Victoria, B.C. shot were typical of these illusionary flying objects.

Obviously, then, there is no argument. As explained in our caption at the time, the photo was taken by a professional photographer who acknowledged the possibility of a lens flare but felt that the image on other negatives, though blurred, suggested something else. Also there was a report, which we checked out, that on the same night several persons saw an unexplained object over Victoria. We let these factors override our hunch that all was not well, and that was a mistake. So the best that can be said of the photo in light of later examination is that it presents a "perfect" lens flare, to quote our friend VonKeviczky.



*Now the question is what happens when a real top-shaped -- and there are such things -- comes along? Let's hope it stays clear of lights below.*

Sir:

I have just received the address of your magazine and I am so happy to be able to write to you.

I am very interested in UFO problem and I would like to have a pen friend in Canada, also interested in this matter.

I wonder, would you mind publishing this letter in your magazine so that one of your readers could write to me, please?

We have practically no UFO magazines in Poland and we know little about UFOs. Occasionally, our local press informs us about some UFO observations. Today for example in our local newspaper we can read a report from Belgrad that a glittering flying object was seen in many a Yugoslavian city, hovering in the sky and changing its colour and brightness - a report with date 28th October 1975. UFOs have been also seen in Poland.

UFology is not the only subject I am interested in. Here are some others: linguistics (I can speak and write Polish, English, Fench, Icelandic, Persian and several other languages), cybernetics (I work in an edp center), biochemistry and biophysics (I am graduated in chemistry and I have a M.Sc. degree), astronomy, philosophy, religions, sociology, etc.

George Wielunski  
Chopina 4/3  
20-026 Lublin  
Poland

Sir:

There are many sightings over Rhodesia at this time of year (Dec. - Jan.). An example occurred about 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 when a large oblong yellow light hovered over a rifle range at a height of approximately 300 feet. Then it faded away to nothing or flew upward at an incredible speed until it vanished. It was hard to tell which.

There must be an explanation for the frequent sightings during these months, but what is it?

Larry Ridler,  
Salisbury Airport  
Rhodesia

Sir:

May I respond to the comments of M. X on my article "Disorientation on Flight 19" (vol. 3, no. 5). I appreciate his detailed consideration of my material.

- (1) The factors which your correspondent refers to as having been omitted do not appear to me to affect my treatment of the mystery, as I concentrated on the disorientation that apparently occurred during or just subsequent to the bombing operation near the Biminies. It may indeed be true that the additional matters discussed by your correspondent are "crucial", and any further treatment of this viewpoint would be welcomed by me.
- (2) From my experience as an Air Engineer Officer in the Royal Naval Air Arm I am familiar with the many possibilities for aircraft to be lost at sea. I do not propose offering any solution to the case of the loss of the Corsair and Intruder mentioned by your correspondent. (If there were any evidence of disorientation prior to the loss, then I would be more interested in this specific case).
- (3) My article was clearly speculative, and the most emphasis I would wish to see placed on my conclusions would be that they constitute a hypothesis. I would prefer not to see them described as a "theory".

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Sir:

I am a geologist interested in the possible implications of the UFO phenomenon for Earth history and for evolutionary theory.

Could you give me the names and addresses of geologists, biologists, and others who are interested in the same problem? Could you place this letter in your magazine?

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*The writer seeks material for a proposed quarterly journal titled **Catastrophist Geology**. In a brochure he added:*

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Sir:

The problem faced by the UFO researcher is not the abundance of UFO reports, but trying to discover why a mass landing has not occurred. It is a known fact that a wide-scale landing has not taken place for it would be history by now. There are those individuals who claim that contact has been established between the UFO occupants and some of the world's leaders, but that it is being kept secret.

I do not believe this is true.

If one were to closely examine the behaviour patterns of UFOs and their occupants, it would be seen that secrecy is very important to them. Anytime humans come into close contact with a UFO it disappears rapidly. If occupants are involved and they notice they are being observed they board their craft and make a swift exit. There are times that I think they are so advanced and have been observing us for such a long time, why is it that when they are seen they are usually carry out what seem to be petty little things such as taking soil samples, collecting rocks and plants? They are either trying to lead us to believe that they know less than we might like to believe or else they are keeping a close watch on ecological changes. Whatever it is they are seeking, there seems to be a pattern of close but cautious observation of everything. If we examine closely their patterns we will find that during one particular flap there is a meticulous reconnaissance of our atomic installations...then our military bases...rural areas...energy sources ... water supplies and so on. There is a definite pattern to all this...but to what end? At the moment the answers are only speculation. I do not believe that any initiation on our part at contacting them will meet with success. They will be the ones to set up contact...when and if they wish to. If they are so superior to us, the possibility exists that they may never want to communicate with us, for we probably seem to them like the most advanced animals in

a cosmic zoo. This whole planet may just be a large laboratory to them... except we don't know it. We should not be too surprised at the fact that they may regard us only as animals, for do we not exhibit savage tendencies due to the fact that we are continually trying to kill one another off rather than living in harmony as a true intelligent society should? I think that they may choose to ignore us completely, seeing that we are incapable of intelligent behaviour let alone intelligent communication.

I am convinced that if these beings are truly superior to us, one of two things will occur. Either they will directly interfere and put a stop to our belligerent behaviour and try to reason with us before we reduce our planet to an orbiting holocaust disrupting cosmic order, or else they will completely ignore us and let us destroy ourselves. Should they contact us, a lot of people will suddenly receive a blow to their egos, at the realization that we were never number one. If they choose to ignore us, a much greater sociological shock is in store for us. The shocking realization that we were not alone will be compounded by the fact that we were not even worth being contacted! The consequences would be unimaginable to our society.

The near future should answer the questions mankind has been asking itself since the dawn of time. Are we alone? If not what is our place in this

galactic family? Above all...what is our purpose? If advanced enough, extra-terrestrials may supply some of the answers...and perhaps new questions will arise, but regardless, we will have learnt something, and perhaps live in peace.

Our civilization has survived all the attempts at self-destruction...so far. Let us put away our nuclear toys forever and prepare for the challenge awaiting us all: finding our place and scope in the family of galactic man.

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