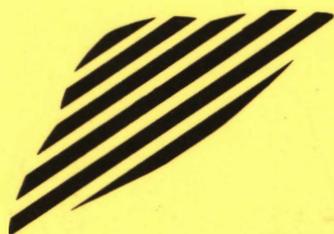


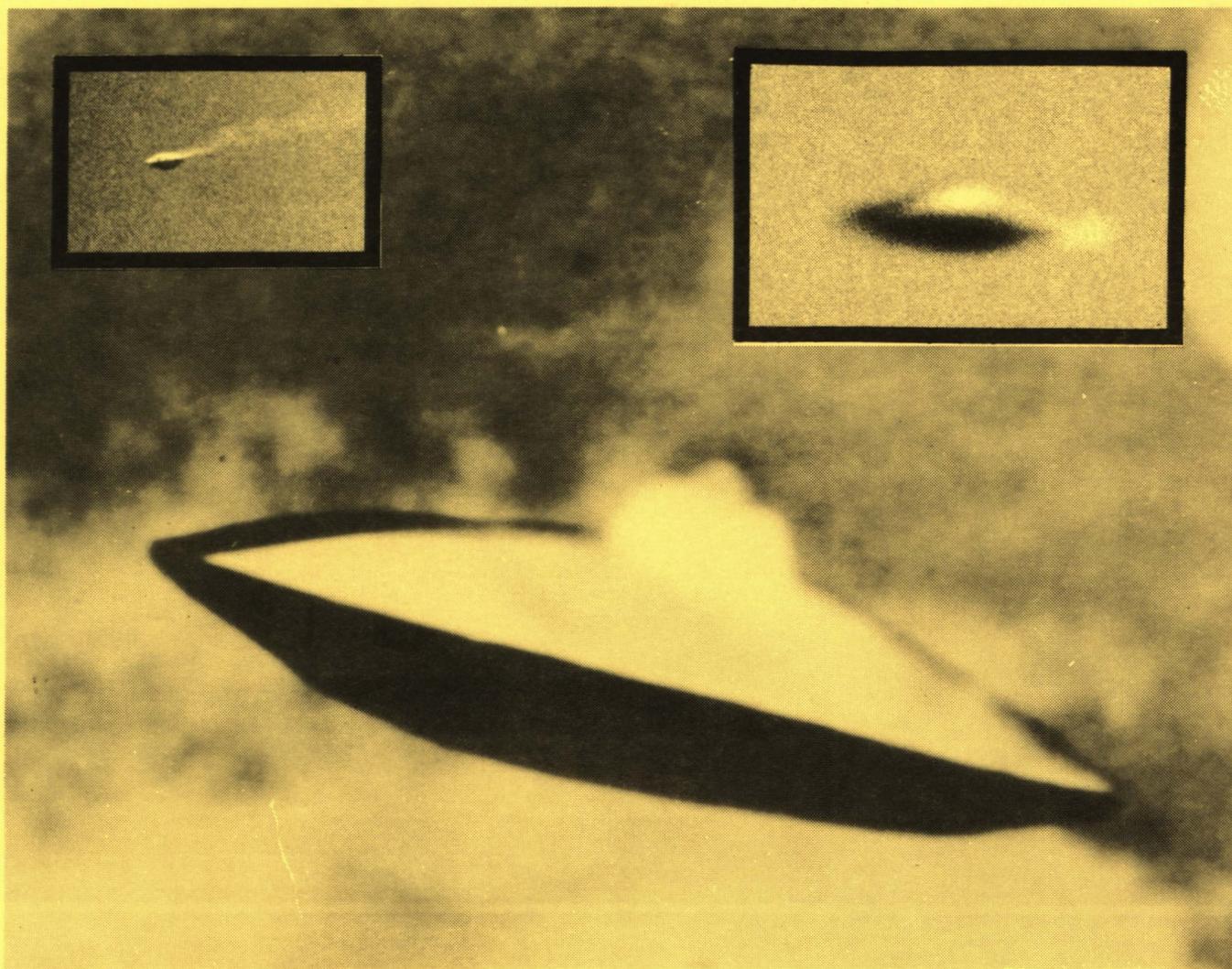
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Don't Take Me To Your Leader

In *Our UFO Visitors* to be published in April (see back cover) there is an absorbing account by Bill Allan, a diligent UFO investigator, of a cow-hand in Alberta who came across a beautifully designed miniature airplane suspended a few inches above the ground by some invisible means. Well equipped with instruments and levers, the extraordinary little craft was obviously no toy.

As the book explains, the same or an identical aircraft was seen four years later, this time in flight, when it scared the wits out of a young woman driving her car one night in the Rocky Mountain Trench about 80 miles west of the first sighting. With a wing-span of barely four feet, the plane dove repeatedly at her windshield, not striking it but frightening the driver so badly she would not drive at night for weeks afterward.

Our point in relating this is to underline something about our visitors which may make them doubly difficult to understand when the time of face-to-face communication arrives, as inevitably it will (if indeed it has not already done so). We may find that instead of having the great intellects we are apt to expect, they will turn out to be juvenile and mischievous, even though they have wonderful equipment. The car-chasing antics are so frequent they have to be considered a clue to our visitors' personality, so how does one deal with creatures who like that kind of fun?

Perhaps the answer is to remember that the aliens we now see occasionally are almost certainly not the elder statesmen of their civilizations. It is unlikely that other worlds out there would expose their wisest leaders to the hazards of deep-sky travel any more than we would. Let the young and venturesome take the risks, just as ours do. For extremely dangerous work or routine missions, let the robots take over, as they will some day for us. The heavy thinking can be done just as well, and much more safely, at home.

All of which means we may never hear an alien from space utter those immortal words, "Take me to your leader!" He might realize he would have nothing to talk about.

Time Lost in 'Playground of Gods'

Frank Slotta of Edgewater, B.C., in the 'Playground of the Gods' country (vol. 2, no. 3), doubts he will ever know how so much time passed as he stared at a strange thing hovering beside the highway one night in July, 1975. But he does know that he was unaccountably more than one hour late for his job as a night watchman and that there was a lighted window on the 'thing' that held him spellbound.

"I can't get it out of my mind," he told us three months later.

Frank's experience started as he was driving his wife, Lynn, home from work at the Radium Hot Springs Lodge. Also in the car were their daughter, Linda, and two young men who lived nearby. All five saw what happened after they had travelled a mile or so along the highway connected to the road from the Lodge.

"That light's moving!" Lynn said, pointing to what at first appeared to be a star above a ridge to their right. Frank thought it was just because the car was moving, but he stopped where they could have a better look and they rolled down the windows.

"The light moved a little more," Lynn continued, "blanked out, then all of a sudden it was over the hill above the power station." (She was referring to a transformer unit beside the highway.)

It was a curious incident but not quite enough to convince the group, anxious to get home, that they should stay there and watch. After all, lights at

night are usually open to various normal explanations. As it happened, however, Frank had to return along the same route a few minutes later for his watchman's shift at the Lodge. So naturally he was more on the lookout than usual for anything strange... and as he came around a bend in the highway near the power unit, there it was.

"I looked up and saw the light, real close, right above the power station," he said. "So I slowed right down and then I saw there were three strange-looking sort of orangey beams shining down. They were large and I could see everything, even the needles on the pine trees."

By this time Frank had come to a stop. Then realizing he was parked in the middle of the road, he pulled to one side to continue watching.

As he stared, wondering momentarily why other cars did not stop, the source of the lights came down until it was among the trees and he could discern its shape.

"It was a double-shaped deal about 40 feet wide, maybe more. On top there was a part with rectangular windows, lit from the inside, and below there was a larger part with lights shining out from the rim."

In a drawing made while we talked, Frank also showed three lights shining down, and it was evidently these that provided most of the illumination. We concluded the lateral beams may have been caused by the vertical lights



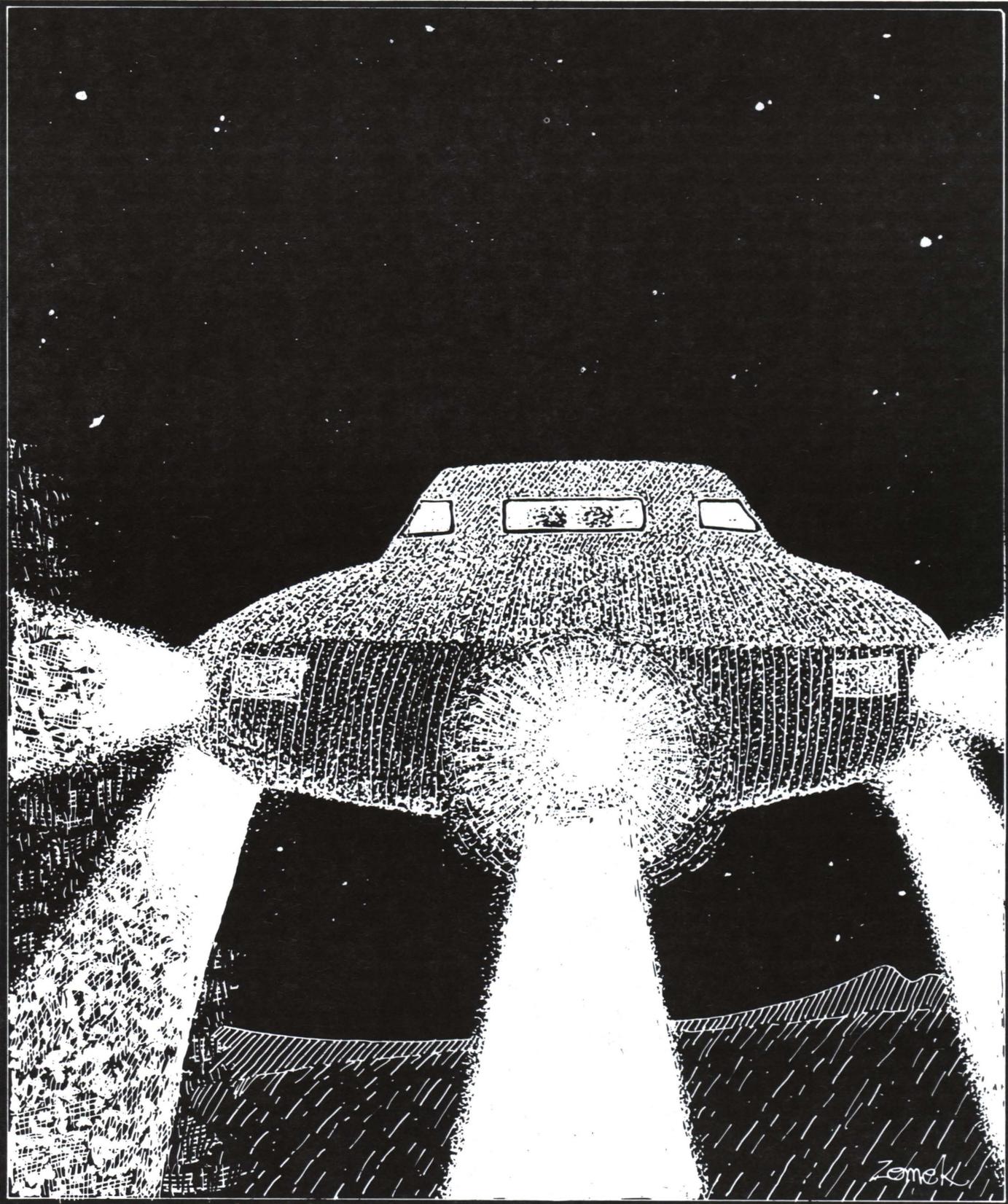
Frank Slotta, still puzzled, looks at ridge.

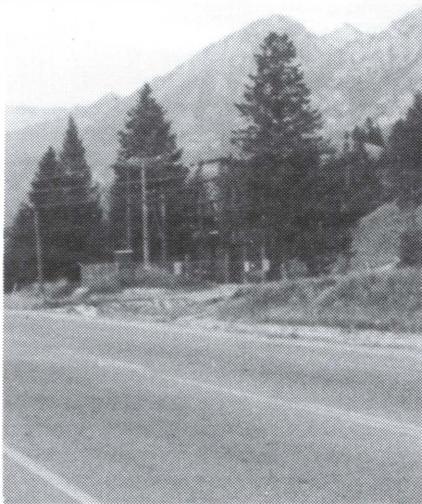
shining through openings in the rim as the witness did not appear sure there were two distinctly separate lights in the lower section. As he pointed out, he had only a few seconds to watch before the bottom lights were obscured by the ground.

But more than that it was the top part of the vehicle that held his attention. About half as wide as the bottom part, it



In this view from highway near Radium Hot Springs, B.C., arrow points to power-line pole where UFO hovered close to ground while witness watched spellbound. Although it was midnight and object was more than 100 yards away, pine-needles on trees were visible in brilliant light.





UFO flew over transformer [left center].

was six to eight feet high, with a long window in the center that seemed to hypnotize him.

"For some reason I couldn't take my eyes off it," he said. "Twice while I looked I saw a shadow moving by as if there was somebody inside. I couldn't see a head or anything. It was just a shadow and it seemed that maybe there was more than just one."

With his window open, Frank noticed that throughout the incident the craft made a rhythmic swishing which he imitated for us through his lips. It had an uncanny similarity to the sound reproduced by witnesses in other cases (e.g. vol. 2, no. 1, p. 15).

At last, realizing he would be late for work, he looked at his watch and saw that unbelievably he had been there for more than an hour.

"I thought it was more like ten minutes," he said, obviously still puzzled.

But continuing on to the Lodge about a mile away, he allowed himself one more look as he left the car. He knew it was unlikely he would see anything as the object had been on the other side of the ridge near the highway. But miraculously there it was in the distance, looking even more brightly lit than before. Apparently it had moved upward as he left, almost as if it wanted to exchange one last glance.

Frank phoned home as soon as he entered the Lodge, and his wife and daughter remembered the time was about 1:30 a.m. He had intended to start work at midnight!

Thinking the rest of the night about what he had seen, Frank returned to his place by the highway at the first opportunity the next morning. As he had expected, there was no sign of the strange craft but curious to see if it had left any traces on the ridge, he found a back road that took him part way up to the top and laboriously he climbed the rest of the way until he was at the exact place of his sighting.

"But there was nothing," he said. "I spent an hour looking around but there wasn't a sign it had been there. So it must have been in the air all the time even though it looked as if it was on the ground."

However, Frank did make one discovery of interest. He found there was a power-line pole at the spot where he figured the object would have been. It appeared, in fact, that the craft must have made its hovering stop right next to the pole. So we were left with a picture of our visitors helping themselves to a supply of electricity as they have been observed to do on other

occasions.

It was an intriguing aspect of this case but still more so was the lingering effect on the principal witness after staring at that center window. He repeated several times that it seemed to grip his whole attention, and we had a strong impression that something unsaid about his experience was still bothering him. His wife, Lynn, believed he had told us everything he could remember and we felt she was right. After some initial hesitancy, Frank, a very pleasant man, had been open and cooperative. Yet something about his experience, perhaps beyond conscious memory, seemed to defy expression. This thought occurred to us again when Bill Allan, who was with us with his wife, presented a selection of his UFO slides. Frank looked at the pictures on the screen like one lost momentarily to everything else around him.

We wondered then if those shadows inside that window had managed some kind of communication with their totally absorbed witness.



As if for 'last look' object flew up beyond trees at left and was seen from lodge behind ridge at right.

Report from Yukon

Why The Sick Or Dead?

Our Yukon correspondent Peter Radford brought to our attention a sighting report in the Whitehorse Star that is of special interest for several reasons. First, an ambulance was involved, bringing to mind the curiosity our visitors seem to have about the sick or dead. As we have noted before, hospitals and graveyards are often a scene of their activity, and in this case, by chance or otherwise the UFO was operating in the area of Champagne. There, as reported in a previous issue [Vol. 1, no. 1, p. 10] an Indian graveyard may have been the attraction in another incident.

Also the association between ambulance and UFO did not seem accidental. After moving out of sight for a while, the strange craft again took up escort of the ambulance on its return trip to Whitehorse. Did the visitors wonder why no delivery was made at the Champagne graveyard?

Another point of interest was the UFO's evident control of the ambulance's electrical system and its later response to a beacon signal. It would appear some sort of communication was attempted just before the ambulance reached Champagne.

Finally, the sighting was one of several in a recent flurry of activity in the north country.

The incident occurred Dec. 26, 1976. Janice Hamilton and Ken Schofield described it in the following report:

Santa, was that you heading back to the North Pole? That's what two ambulance attendants, Tom Banks and Ken Schofield, might very well be asking themselves right now, following a UFO sighting Sunday night.

The two were heading towards Haines Junction around 7:30 p.m. to pick up a patient when they first sighted the bright, white object a few miles north of the Takhini Bridge.

According to Schofield, "We saw what we thought at first was a very bright star. It seemed stationary, then all of a sudden it started to move and was right down in our area in no time.

"We were in a flat area - the mountains were maybe two miles from the highway - and the object seemed to

be travelling maybe a couple of thousand feet above ground. It was travelling slow. It looked to me like it might be lost."

Schofield said they discussed what it could be and thought it might be a plane. Then, suddenly the object took off with great speed over the mountain and they realized it could not be a plane.

At this point they decided to report in to the ambulance station in Whitehorse.

According to the report the two attendants made to the RCMP, the speed, colour and manoeuvrability of the object was "like nothing we had ever witnessed."

"It did not turn, but instantly reversed its course."

The object "buzzed" them several times, and they had no control over the ambulance's electrical system.

Banks and Schofield were now reporting each sighting by radio. At one point the UFO seemed to be coming right towards them. As Schofield told the story Banks decided to turn on the ambulance beacon to see what would happen, but for some reason the beacon went off. The object then stopped and went in reverse.

Banks told the RCMP he tried to flash the beacon at the UFO and the object paced their vehicle and a bright light flashed back.

When they approached Mendenhall, the UFO apparently veered into the draw of the hillside to the southwest. The two said they thought it would

crash because it seemed to be flying so low, but it skimmed over the mountain top and disappeared over the Champagne area. At that point they lost sight of the object.

They drove on two or three miles and crossed the Mendenhall bridge. Schofield continued to watch for the object out the left hand side where it had always been sighted up to this time.

Suddenly on the right, or north side of the road. Banks saw the ground brilliantly illuminated approximately 100 yards ahead, through a clearing. When they reached the area there was nothing there.

A little past Champagne they met the ambulance from Haines Junction and transferred the patient into their own vehicle. They then turned back towards Whitehorse.

On the way back they passed an RCMP patrol car from Whitehorse which had been sent out to check the situation. Cpl. George Bliss turned his car around and followed several hundred yards behind the ambulance all the way back to Whitehorse.

Banks and Schofield had travelled about 10 miles towards Whitehorse when they saw the object again. They saw the object twice on the return trip, and again it was on the south side of the road.

The second time it was at tree level when it first appeared, then it zoomed to between 1,000 to 2,000 feet within seconds, and disappeared.



Burial ground at Champagne.

Schofield commented he was never really frightened by the object "but I once felt a little funny when it seemed to be coming right towards us."

He is convinced that what they saw was a UFO. "The suggestion that it was a plane is a piece of baloney," he said. He added "I did kind of believe in UFO's before this, but I never saw one."

This was not the only sighting in the area Sunday. Other sightings were reported in Carcross and the Takhini Hot Springs Road area.

Report from Manitoba

'Meteor' Again?

[Editor's note: Although the sighting -- Oct. 19, 1974 -- is not new and the report is brief, we think this incident deserves mention because there were at least eight witnesses and because the object had marked similarity to one seen widely throughout the west two years earlier -- vol. 3, nos. 1, 2, 3. Investigator Lanham adds that the principal witness, L., aged 53, was an industrial mechanic who had good recollection of 'mechanical' factors concerning the strange craft. The time was evening and conditions were clear.]

by Gary Lanham

L., a resident of Pine Falls, was walking along the 'dock' (an area for loading and unloading boats) watching

a friend arrive in a boat. At this point, L. noticed an airborne object, too high to determine features. He exclaimed to a boy that it (he thought it was a plane) was going to crash as it was descending rapidly. As it got lower a third witness, H., said "It's a flying saucer!"

The object descended to within 100 feet of ground level, now moving horizontally, very slowly. After a few moments the object flew off at 'terrific speed' and disappeared from view. As the object increased speed, which was almost instantaneously, it changed colors through silver, red, orange, yellow and blue.

A fourth witness, a clergyman, told L. that he had been watching the same -- or a similar -- UFO earlier over Lake Winnipeg for some considerable time. It was later revealed that several people, while fishing at nearby Silver Falls, also noticed a flying object observable in the general direction of Pine Falls at about eight p.m., the time given by the other witnesses.

Report from Australia

Suspected Landing

by Paul Norman

At approximately 11:30 one night last September Mr. and Mrs. Bert White, aged about 65 and 55, with Ken Williamson and Joe Schiripa, both 18, were travelling along a back road toward Mildura from Karrawinna, a small town in Victoria.

As they rounded a turn in the road they saw on their left what at first they thought to be the rear and brake lights of a spot shooters' car (kangaroo hunters). The red lights then began to flash and the object began to rise above the ground.

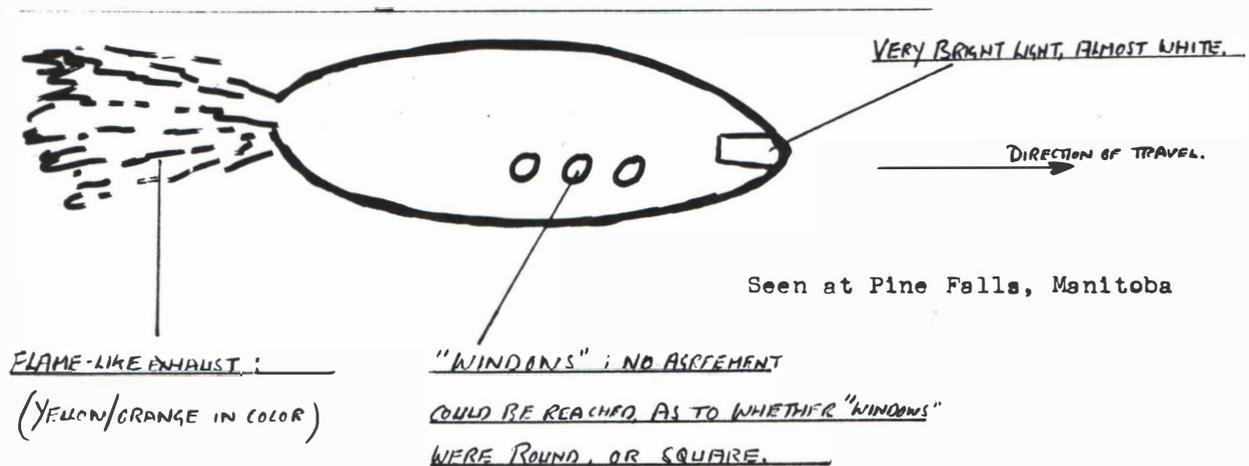
Mr. White then stopped the car and rolled down the window. Three of the witnesses could hear no sound. Mrs. White said that she heard a low humming noise. The motorists estimated the object to be about 400 yards away from the road in a paddock which had previously been planted in wheat but had been laying at rest for about one year.

The object rose at about the speed of a helicopter. It hovered a few feet above the ground then began to rise again, crossed the road to their right while rising, hovered twice more in the process. At about a 75 degree angle the lights went out as if cut off by a switch. The estimated time of sighting was five minutes.

Three days later three of the witnesses, together with the property owner, Mr. Boulton, and six other persons returned to the spot where the object had been seen on or near the ground and found a circle of depressed and discolored stubble. There were no car tracks in the vicinity of the circle. The ground was hard baked at that time due to lack of rain.

The observers delayed reporting the incident because of fear of ridicule until Mrs. White decided it should be reported. She then contacted Senior

THE OBJECT IN HORIZONTAL FLIGHT.



Report from Japan

Huge Globe Sucks Up Water

by Jun-Ichi Takanashi, Chairman
Modern Space Flight Association,
Japan



Landing site near Mildura.

Constable Roy Fletcher at Warrimul, a small town in that area. The policeman who was acquainted with all four witnesses said that he realized they were not telling a false story and notified the press.

When the news appeared in the Melbourne *Sun*, Judith Magee and this reporter drove to Mildura after assurance of cooperation. The surrounding area was panned with a super 8 movie camera and several photos of discolored circle were taken. The circle was found to be 71 feet in diameter. Samples were taken from center, perimeter and outside the circle. A scientist at a local university could not find any difference in the samples. No radiation was indicated. Ants at the site were noted a few days later to be avoiding the circle. When ants were disturbed, they scattered in all directions except the spot. They would not crawl over the patch.

The vicinity is sparsely settled, with several miles to the nearest town or house. The residents of Mildura and surrounding towns were aroused by many sightings in north-west Victoria, together with the RAAF explanation of space junk. People came as far as 90 miles away to attend a UFO lecture after which more sightings came to light including two or three car-pacing cases. All took place at night with no physical evidence.

Following heavy rains the grass is now growing freely outside the patch but is stunted inside the circle. Cattle are now in the paddock and it has been suggested that they be driven to the spot to check their reaction next time the witnesses visit the area.

Hokkaido is the northernmost district of Japan, where UFO sightings occur more frequently and in the more drastic and interesting fashions than in the other districts.

In July 1974 we received a very intriguing UFO report from a university student by way of a letter. He was not a resident in Hokkaido but a second grade student of a university in Kanto District (central district of Japan comprising seven prefectures, including Tokyo), but when he had been working during his previous summer vacations as a night guardman at a lumberyard there, he had had a startling and very eerie experience, which he wanted to report.

The exact location of the experience is Tomakomai, a small industrial town on the southern coast of Hokkaido, and as the student prefers to remain anonymous, we will call him Mr. Masaaki Kudou. He was 20 years old at that time and his eyesight is excellent.

The incident occurred at around 1:30 a.m. in the early morning of one day in July near the eastern wharf of Tomakomai City.

His story follows:

It was during July 1973, but I do not remember exactly what day it was. As school broke up for summer, I had returned back to my native place, Hokkaido, and had been working as night guardman at the lumberyard there.

Although the job was executed by car, the lumberyard at night is a very desolate and lonely place, with only a few dark warehouses and chimneys in the distance. As the night watch was done by oneself alone, it was not a pleasant feeling that one gets when left there alone.

After making the round of the lumberyard, I returned my car to the prescribed place, switched on the car radio, lit a cigarette, and I was looking up at the clear night sky absent-mindedly through the driver's window, relaxing in the seat, when suddenly a streak of light ran across the sky.

But, as the light went out immediately, I thought it might be a shooting star. Then the light re-appeared at the very spot where it had gone out, just in the same fashion as a miniature bulb switched on, and then it began to expand itself, by making small-scale contractions and expansions alternately in extreme rapidity, arriving at the size of a baseball at the end.

It looked to be that size to my naked eyes, but it might have been much larger, as I suppose it was in the far distance.

I felt as if my heart would explode, and then felt my hair stand on end. But after an instant of extreme surprise, although I was aware that I was still afraid, I was making frantic efforts to follow the movement of the UFO. The light moved to and fro in all directions within the limit of one meter visually. I had decided then and there to continue to watch the maneuvers of the UFO.

Suddenly it began to descend with a spiral motion, and having come down to an altitude just above the dome of a cement factory, which was visible in the far distance, it began to send out what appeared to be intermittent green light rays in one direction, which I supposed to be north.

As the scene was too science-fiction like, I wished what I had been observing would prove to be a dream or my imagination. But in spite of such wishing, the UFO did not stop its action.

After a while the light began to descend over the waters of the bay, describing a big arc with startling speed. As fortunately the bay waters could be seen from where my car was located, I could see all that happened over there.

I realized at that time that the distance of the light was rather near to me.

The light descended to an altitude just about 20 meters from the surface of the water and stopped, and then from the underside of the light came what appeared to be a glass-like transparent tube and when the front edge of that tube touched the surface of the water, that part of the tube began to glow and appeared to be sucking up the bay water.

Accompanying the elongation of the tube, I heard a faint sound, just like the sound of a cicada, especially of the kind which emits the sound like, "Min-Min-Min-Min . . .", but the sound was not

so monotonous and appeared to be lower in pitch. I was stupefied.

After dropping my head down for some minutes, having been affected by the scene in such a way, I looked up again and saw that the light had already finished its sucking action and was maintaining its position in the same place.

And then the light began to fly again and began to approach me - and when I realized that it was heading to a point just about 50 meters above my head, I was frightened and felt more dead than alive.

The feeling I was assaulted by at that moment was that I would be attacked and killed by that object.

The size of the object was now about the size of a volleyball.

The intensity of the light had now diminished, or it might have seemed so as the surroundings were lit up by its light as in day time and the object's more detailed appearance became apparent (He later says that its surface was as smooth as the surface of a ping pong ball and appeared to be white, and that although not so bright, it was glowing by itself. - JIT.) and was emitting a whitish colour rather than an orange colour.

Then I saw a row of what looked like small windows around the center of the object, which was round, and in one of the central ones I saw one, and in another just two windows to the right, I saw two eerie shadow-like figures which were too small and deformed to be called the shadows of men.

When I caught sight of that strange spectacle, although I was fully conscious that the object was just over my head, I remember I began to groan with my head resting against the steering wheel between my hands.

But still I tried to see the object and then saw in positions slightly oblique from just over my head three or four other objects which were very similar to the original one. To my further terror, I saw just beside them what appeared to be three gasoline drums connected together longwise, which was hovering there noiselessly in blackish, dark brown silhouette.

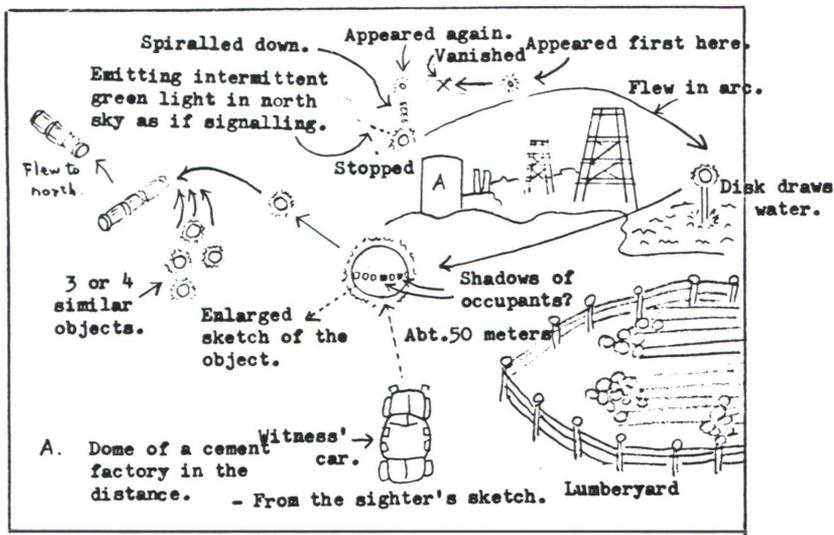
Then suddenly, all the glowing balls, four or five in all, were sucked into the huge drum-like object and the object began to move disappearing into the northern sky with the speed of a shooting star.

I still remember that as this terrifying experience receded away from me I began to feel my whole body numb, just as after we sit for long time for a yogi practice. It was then that I perceived that my car radio was emitting meaningless sounds, and at the same time I felt my head aching.

The duration of the experience, although it felt very long at the time, may have been only 11 - 12 minutes. I could not relax after this terrifying experience and was anxious to be replaced by the other man at dawn. (End of his story.)

You may understand immediately why this incident is particularly interesting to us: Because there are a few detailed cases in UFO history where UFO sucked up water through the 'pipe' which it elongated down from its underside. One occurred on a sunny July morning in 1965 in British Columbia, Canada, where a geologist and exploration manager of a mining company, Mr. John Hembling, and his companion geologist saw a mushroom-shaped object descend to less than 50

feet above a small glacial lake and lower a pipe-like instrument from its underside and dip it into the water and remain in such style for about eight minutes before withdrawing it and fly away. (See: *Canadian UFO Report*, Vol. 1, No. 3, May - June, 1969 pp. 4 - 6). Another occurred in the afternoon of April 9, 1970, on a south German country road near Langenschemmern, Wurttemberg, where a retired electrician named Max Krauss, aged 65, saw a small transparent ball with the diameter of some 40 cm and containing eight spokes projecting from its dark nucleus, which had been floating along behind him for some 150 meters, stop at one side of the road and elongate a 'hose-pipe' from its inside and dip its front edge into the stream of water formed at the edge of the road by the rain-fall and remain in such state for a short while before drawing it up and resuming its moving and flying away. (See: *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 18, No. 4, July-August 1972 pp. 15 - 17) If anyone knows of similar case or cases, please kindly enlighten me.



'Something' Silver Over Rio

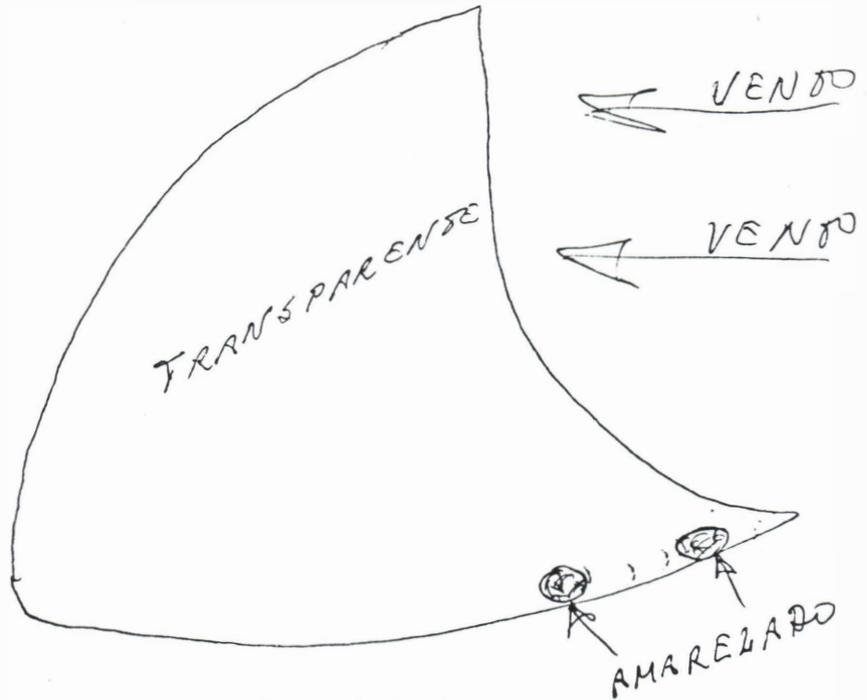
In introducing her report, Mme. Granchi explains that although the incident occurred over two years ago, it continues to be of interest because the object was observed throughout Rio de Janeiro and because the Air Ministry contradicted reports that it was a 'probe balloon.' The date was Nov. 14, 1974, and the sighting lasted more than three hours in mid-afternoon.

by Irene Granchi

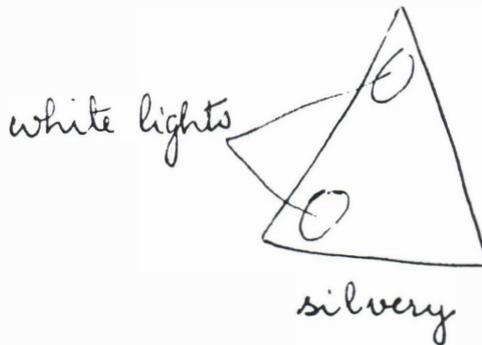
First word of this sighting came to me from Jardim Botânico and Lagoa district, from Pamela Talbot, who had been called by a neighbor to watch a triangular-shaped object travelling by in the sky, flying towards Copacabana district. She tried a few shots with her camera, but the photos did not prove successful, unfortunately. She rang me up as I was leaving home to teach at our Cultura Branch, which lay at the end of Copacabana by the Army Fort, with a splendid view of the sea, including all of Copacabana beach.

On reaching there, I immediately went over to tell Mrs. Thompson, Pamela's mother, who also taught at that Branch, what her daughter had just informed me of. A few moments later Mrs. Thompson called me out and pointed at a little white fluff, looking like a swab of cotton-wool, high up in the sky, wafting towards the Fort, which I also saw, and am still wondering about, for it does not seem to have any connection with what I was about to see only a short while after that, a decidedly metallic-looking, triangular object.

I took off straight for the Fort and wheedled my way in - finally getting through to a sergeant, after having spoken to the sentinel and several soldiers, all of whom had already watched 'something in the sky.' The sergeant on duty was most obliging, but was unwilling to let me into the precincts to employ the telescope and other instruments he and his superiors had already watched through. In fact, the object was by now straight overhead, very high up, and we were all watching it. Finally I persuaded the sergeant to make me a drawing of what he had seen through instruments, but



Sergeant's sketch



Student's sketch

he warned me that it was only a big *kite* we were watching, a kite some Copacabana eccentric had put up for the fun of it, and that it even had trailers. This, he said, was also what his superiors had decided it was. The attached drawing shows what he saw: a semi-transparent, slightly bullet-shaped, rather triangular object, with two yellowish lights bottom right, close together.

Back I went to the Cultura building across the square, and found by now quite a large crowd watching the object, with binoculars that someone had found. The sky was nearly clear, with only a few clouds. It was about 4:45 p.m. by then, and my students gathered around me and the crowd was pointing and looking up, and talking excitedly about the clearly outlined triangular, metallic shape, reflecting the slanting sun rays from its surface.

After I got the binoculars, I also noticed an antenna-like spear jutting out from one of the angles, while the whole bobbed up and down, and sideways, in its erratic flight. There was a creased - looking surface to it, as if it were made of aluminium foil, darker in the middle, and I immediately recalled the Madrid sighting, of which I have the UPI photo. (On that occasion the entire Spanish capital watched as a silvery triangular object hovered high overhead. An air force plane failed to reach it at a height of 50,000 feet. It was estimated the object was 40,000 feet beyond that.)

A plane flew by, lower than the object, which was flying at a very great height. Back in the classroom, about half an hour later, I got my four students to make separate drawings (without looking at each other's) and hand them in to me. One, a married lady and a teacher, drew a shape that strongly resembled the one the sergeant had drawn for me. She described the object as metallic, golden (because of the sunrays reflected on it), travelling in the same manner as a kite. She described the light as of varying intensity. Another, also a mother (I say this because one expects a greater sense of responsibility in a mother) drew a silvery triangle with two separate lights, one in each corner. A third student, a very conscientious girl, made three drawings in which the object appeared as cone-shaped and partly transparent.

Meanwhile I got to know that the

radio stations were broadcasting the news. The evening's National Newsreel on TV gave details of the event, which had stirred the city from north to south and mocked at the whole thing, saying it had been a IFO, a weather balloon from S. Jose dos Campos, *but* they showed a brief film which had been taken of it *and this corresponded exactly with what I had seen in the afternoon, and the Madrid '68 photo!* I still regret not having had the means, economical or otherwise, to have gone over to TV Globo and acquire the film copy. Such is the fate of a private investigator.

However, I received a phone call from a telecommunications engineer asking me to tape-record his telephone conversation with me. He then told me that from his offices in town, overlooking Santos Dumont Airport, he and two other witnesses, one a Colonel, the other an engineer, had all watched a rounded object, dullish, like a modern parachute with flattened edges. From the middle jutted down an antenna, like that of a rocket (In my own drawing, which I made at the same time my students were drawing theirs, I show the antenna jutting from one of the angles, as described above) and the two witnesses standing with him were positive they were watching a UFO.

Their offices are placed on the 14th floor of the building. With no binoculars available, they made do with a sextant. They further observed that the object was dull, stood motionless and there was no smoke coming from it. My informant said that at six p.m., when he listened to the radio, they said that the Air Ministry had been consulted and had advised there was no probe balloon in the air, much less an automatic probe. On the other hand the head astronomer at the Observatory, also consulted on the occasion, said it could only be a probe balloon or somebody's joke.

My own sighting had lasted, intermittently, for an hour. I did not hesitate in believing it to be a UFO even after the newspapers said it was not, basing my belief on what I had seen myself, the corroborative drawings of the sergeant and my students, which all carried corresponding details, and the great similarity between my own sighting, the Madrid photo, the TV Globo film, and the photo published by the newspaper of the same name the next day.

More corroborative evidence sprang

up unexpectedly in July, 1975, when my fellow researcher in Pelotas, founder of SPIPDV, Mr. Luis do Rosario Real, came to visit me with his wife and, during his conversation, it came out that his wife had seen a UFO in Pelotas the previous November, and it turned out it was on the 14th, and the *description fitted with the Rio UFO*. In fact, it had been flying north, in the direction of Rio de Janeiro, and the hour practically corresponded.

The conclusion that it was not a weather balloon from S. Jose dos Campos, nor a kite, nor a joke, stems from this evidence, as well as from the amount of supporting facts, each recounted in detail, gathered here in Rio.

UFO To Heaven

by Gregory M. Kanon

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Certainly one of the biggest and most sensational news stories in recent years concerned the shenanigans of "Bo" and "Peep," the self-proclaimed space beings who attracted followers like bees to honey with the promise of UFOing to a "higher kingdom."

From Waldport, Oregon, to Lubbock, Texas, people from all walks of life - a 65 year old retired school teacher, a 32 year old "flower child," a 43 year old certified public accountant (just to mention a few) - left behind their possessions, their jobs and their families to join the couple for their communal "metamorphosis."

Joan Culpepper, a Los Angeles - area psychic whose clients have included such well-known actors and actresses as Madeline Kahn, Tom Tryon, Julie Newmar and David "Kung Fu" Carradine, vividly recalls her first meeting with Bo and Peep at her home in early April, 1975.

"The minute they walked in, I knew they weren't celestials - there's just no way," the comely, middle-aged brunette told me during an interview. "They were both overweight. They looked more human than most humans look. And I just psychically knew that they were in a place, let us say, at the ego level that had crystallized to the extent that they thought what they were saying was true."

THE INTERPRETIVE DILEMMA

(Second of three parts)

by P.M.H. Edwards, Ph.D.

Although sceptical, Culpepper accompanied the group for two months as it flitted from one desolate campsite to another in search of the golden spaceship to heaven. At each stop, the followers were told to forget about all worldly possessions and aspirations. If any dared to contact family members, the followers were sternly warned, their loved ones would be sought out and killed by "spirit entities."

"They laid a heavy fear-trip on the group," Culpepper explained. "The fear pattern they instilled, well, it was like a psychological door that had been closed."

Not surprisingly, many have returned from the journey frightened and disillusioned. The stories they tell make their plight seem all the more pathetic.

One of the more disturbing accounts concerns the young female follower who gave birth in a dingy tent in Colorado. No sooner had the umbilical cord been cut than the baby was taken from the mother, cleaned and handed over to an adoption agent standing by. The following day, the mother and father signed away the rights to their baby forever.

Undoubtedly, mystical cults will continue to spring up as life in the real world becomes more pressured, less rewarding. Always eagerly awaiting the bait will be those willing to chuck it all for the chance of glimpsing the "higher kingdom."

But, as Culpepper realistically put it: "You can't storm the gates of heaven."

[Editor's note: As readers may notice that some of the views expressed by Dr. Edwards have appeared in previous contributions he has made to *Canadian UFO Report*, it should be explained he prepared this three-installment article at our request. We agreed some repetition would be necessary to make his presentation complete.]

A discussion of ufological effects on some people's minds tends to take ufology into the related fields of religion and psychiatry. Would that ufology dealt with casual exploratory visits from other solar systems! But this may not altogether be so; for, although many incidents display all the hallmarks of physical, scientific visits, a percentage of events obstinately includes strange psychological traits, and even seems to display, according to some investigators, quasi-demonic overtones. Therefore, instead of a traditional conclusion at the end of this article, I should like to put before the reader a few tentative thoughts for his consideration. In doing this, I may be exposing myself to attacks; but I trust the reader will endeavor not to misinterpret the following paragraphs: they are intended purely as broad suggestions for further discussion, after serious investigation and reading have been undertaken. To this end, I have decided to select the puzzling matter of Apparitions.

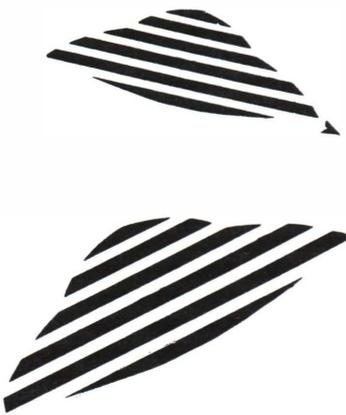
It is well known that many people reported visions of "gods or goddesses" in non-Christian lands, and of "angels" or the "Blessed Virgin Mary" at such places as Lourdes, Fatima, &c. in Christian countries. The Association for the Understanding of Man (Austin, Tex.) has published a book titled *Fatima Prophecy* (1972); in this book, it is stated that the Virgin Mary allegedly appeared at Fatima (Portugal), Garabandal (Spain), Lourdes (S.W. France), Beauraing (Belgium), Zeitoun (near Cairo), and also near Beirut (Lebanon), &c. at various times. There were usually numerous witnesses; the initial appearances were seen by few people; but when there were subsequent apparitions, these were witnessed by crowds who had been attracted by the reports they had overheard. The above -

mentioned book indicates that the witnesses fell under four distinct headings:

1. Those who saw the apparitions and heard the words that the latter allegedly uttered.
2. Those who only saw, but who heard no sounds.
3. Those who saw nothing, but who heard the alleged words.
4. Those who neither saw nor heard anything, at all. In connection with this fourth category, the incident at Pascagoula (Miss., U.S.A.), about two years or more ago, involving Hickson and Parker, is being disputed on the grounds that there was a man very close by, who saw nothing at all. However, this could lend weight to our view, in the light of the above four categories of witnesses. A comparison should at this stage also be drawn between these categories, and the four categories mentioned in my article, *UFOs and ESP* in the *Flying Saucer Review* (London), XVI-6, p. 18, which are almost certainly connected in some elusive way. The reader is also invited to compare, in the Bible, *II Kings, Vi, 17-20*.

The road to Damascus (Syria) passes close to Beirut (Lebanon), also; and it was on that road that St. Paul the Apostle saw a brilliant vision which resulted in his conversion. Of the three accounts given by St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles (IX, 307; XXII, 6-11; XXVI, 13-18), two are in contradiction to one another: for, in one account, St. Paul reports that his travelling companions heard the voice but saw nothing; whereas in another account, he reports that his companions saw the light, but did not hear any voice . . .

What astonished me, was to find that the locations of all these supra-normal events, the world over, are to be found along or close to the two round-the-world orthotenic wide "corridors" established (ca. 1957-58) by Aime Michel, after plotting very carefully the majority of UFO trajectories, sightings and landings, in France, for about ten years. The same applies to the localities of other sightings of apparitions, such as those reported in Mexico, Wisconsin, Little Walsingham, &c. The well-known



BAVIC corridor runs N.W. from Fatima (Portugal), through or near Garabandal (Spain), Lourdes (France) and Beauring (Belgium), through the two French towns of Bayonne and Vichy (hence its name, BAVIC); it also passes near to the north-Spanish caves containing the wonderful Stone-Age paintings of animals and UFOs, and through Brazil where further cave paintings of UFOs are found. The other important corridor goes over the Isle of Barra (Scottish Hebrides), S.W. Scotland, Coniston in N.W. England, Sheffield, then close to Little Walsingham (Marian appearance in E. England), Lakenheath (locality of a very important sighting analyzed by the late Dr. J.E. McDonald of the university in Tucson, Ariz.), Felixstowe (where important incidents also occurred), the mouth of the River Thames, through N.E. France, near the mouth of the River Po in Italy, then close to Cairo (Zeitoun) and to Beirut (Lebanon), then on to Kenya, and so on, around the world, in a similar way to the BAVIC line, both corridors thus forming a pair of complementary sine-curves. The second corridor has not yet been given a name. As has already been indicated, the "road to Damascus" lies very close to this corridor, just as does Beirut.

Whether we like it, or not, we have to come to grips with the whole problem: the UFO enigma is not limited to sightings of unknown craft and their occupants: how much simpler the matter would then be! It unfortunately seems to include Poltergeist and "spirit" manifestations, effects strangely noticeable on the mental and psychic processes of many people, certain physiological after-effects here and there, both on people and also on objects such as the stalling of cars' motors, the interruption on radio waves, and even the "Geller effect" on metallic objects, &c. It also includes many an incident showing uncomfortably striking parallels to Biblical accounts of unexplained phenomena; and there would seem to be some kind of connection between ufology and the alleged apparitions of "gods, goddesses", and the "Virgin Mary", &c. An honest investigator can not afford to ignore those portions of the evidence which are unpalatable: We have to seek an explanation for everything, even if it impinges upon our religious or other beliefs.

We have before us a number of

possible solutions, and it is desperately important to avoid incorrect interpretations of the available evidence:

1. In the total ufological drama, we find that modern events often strangely parallel (or mimic?) historical, Biblical, and numerous ancient legendary accounts.

2. There seems to be a mysterious connection between the locations of alleged "divine", as well as "demonic" apparitions, and the locations of the ufological orthotenic corridors (sightings and landing - sites).

3. UFO incidents have repeatedly seemed to be somehow connected with such phenomena as psychics who display abnormal powers (cf. Edgar Cayce, Uri Geller, &c.). Often, the lives of some contactees have, on occasion, been dramatically changed spiritually, or, at least, mentally, as a result of their UFO contacts. Psychic healers also fall under this general heading; but we should distinguish those that can only perform *when in a trance*, from healers - usually members of a genuine religious group - who are able to heal *without entering into a state of trance*; it is probably the latter who, like Christ, enjoy the true Gift of Healing; whereas the former are probably being manipulated by certain dubious entities (we know not why), who *impart* a sort of healing gift to them, after showing them some "vision". This means that we should have reservations as to the motives behind such trance - healings: the 'healer' is probably anxious to be used for good; but we do not know what motives lurk in the unseen operators that control him. It is *almost* certainly true that a person who submits to a trance-healer for treatment, *may* be placing himself in danger of possession by whatever entity there could be, operating through that healer-medium. Very little is known about the mechanics of hauntings and possession; but we possess sufficient data to show that one has to be on one's guard, for this is dangerous ground, parallel *in a way* to the somewhat risky area of meditation, which is nowadays so glibly espoused by inexperienced people, in the search of something novel with which to escape from the stress of contemporary life. Healings have also occurred, on occasion (whether by "divine" intervention, or through self-hypnosis?), at places where the "Virgin Mary" is said to have appeared; but one should also

remember that unpleasant and suspect phenomena also occurred there, at times, and these are briefly summed up by the Revd. Fr. Leon Cristiani in his book *Evidence of Satan in the Modern World* (Avon Books, New York, 1975 and 1961).

This is far from summing up the total evidence; however, one can use these few facts as a basis for some "thinking aloud".

You and Me

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In my last article I speculated about the possibility that we were being groomed by extra-terrestrial intelligences for stardom on the Cosmic stage.

I am going to continue this interesting pastime of speculating about our visiting ufonauts; their motives; their strange behaviour, and their space ships.

How about this for an idea? Let us suppose that some of the ufonauts do not live on a planet at all - or maybe, have not done so for a very long time - but instead, sail the oceans of space in giant space ships of an incredible size! Perhaps, even the magnitude of our moon. Indeed, a recent book by Don Wilson, called *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon*, presents evidence indicating that our moon was originally just such a giant space ship, and that, as a result, it is hollow! 1.

Possibly, there are numerous enormous space craft in our galaxy and even in other galaxies. Now, here is something else. Let us suppose that one of the main functions of such an advanced technological race was to seed other worlds and to assist in developing a planet initially with agriculture, as well as placing animals there suitable for the environment.

In this connection I would remind readers of the Genesis story of the Sons of God mating with the daughters of men. 2. However, in very recent times the situation has been reversed. There have been many recorded stories of human males being abducted and taken away on space ships for intercourse with ladies from elsewhere! The most famous recorded account is that concerning Antonio Villas Boas. 3. Why do they always nowadays take our males to

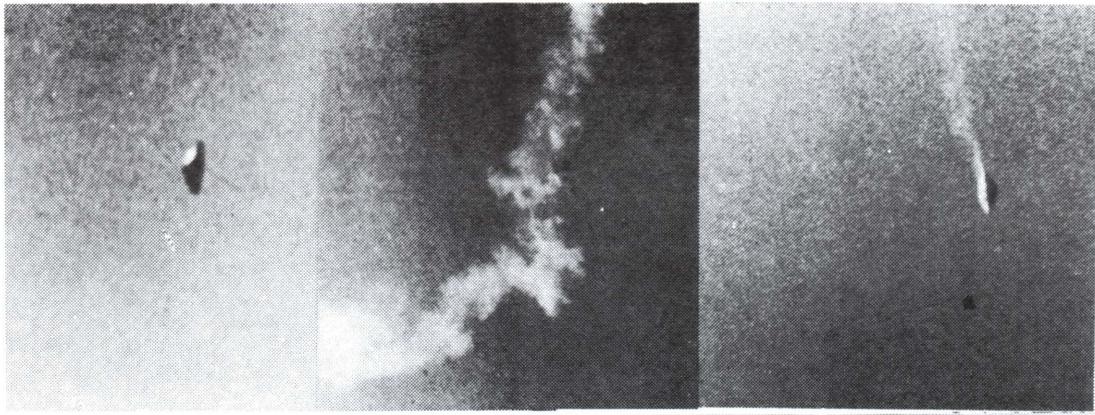
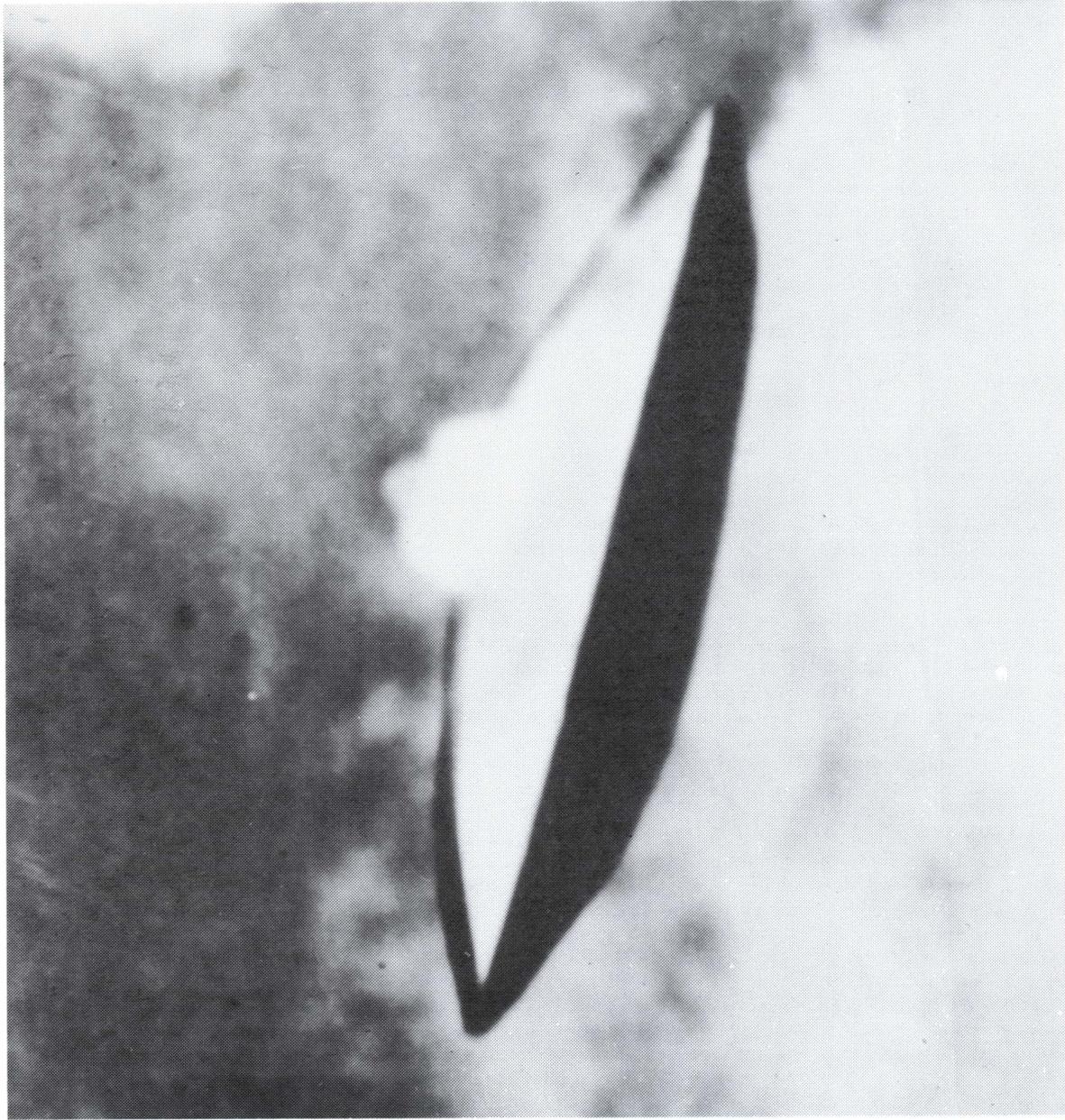


Photo of object at left above was taken from U.S. military aircraft over N.E. China Sea, date uncertain. [Reprinted from Overlords, Olympians and the UFO by Dr. W.G. Allen, copyright holder.] Shot at bottom right was taken over Belgium in 1955, reportedly in same sequence with other two in strip, though difference between first and third is noticeable. Contrary to publication elsewhere, it is printed here with bright side up to show similarity to others in cover layout. [Featured in The Edge of Reality by J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee.]



*This object was pictured over Hawaii by Tsutomu Nakayama in 1974 and featured in **Official UFO**. Analysis by Colman VonKeviczky of ICUFON, N.Y., who sent it to us, established photo was genuine. Three objects discussed here are considered totally alien and look so similar they could be off same assembly line in space.*

mate with extra-terrestrial women? The answer quickly comes to mind. It is so that a mixed species can be bred suitable for some other particular planet!

In the last issue I referred to Charles Fort's famous statement that we are property. Yes, we probably were initially made by some kind of genetic experiments by an advanced race as advocated in my book *The Sky People*. 4. Since then, they have inter-bred with us, and given us an unobtrusive assist along the road to a higher evolution.

We are all rather inclined to consider our own history. That, to some extent is right and proper. But, we will shortly have to think about the history of those living on other planets, especially if one day we are going to take our place in some kind of galactic federation. An analogy might be the fact that we here in England now have to think more of European countries now that we have joined the Common Market.

The point I am wanting to put over is that our planet Earth is probably not the only world to be seeded by people from elsewhere!

I am throwing out the suggestion that there are giant space ships - some like miniature planets - whose rulers act like guardians or gods of the universe, populating planets, and even dropping animals on to these new worlds to be developed. Have you read how many cases there are of animals, birds and even humans having been taken off this planet? No doubt taken to great storage places on the giant space ships and await onward transport to a new world.

At this point I must remind readers once again that most of this article is entirely speculation, based to some extent on recorded UFO events which form a pattern. Anyway, it is an exercise to get us thinking about this fascinating subject.

Now I would like to bring to your attention some of the items mentioned by Charles Fort and Dr. M.K. Jessup in their respective books, as falling from the sky upon our planet Earth.

For instance: snails, worms, reptiles, fish, crabs and insects. Jessup considered that these falls came from some celestial hydroponic tanks. He considered "that their falls came from one or two things: (1) When the tanks are dumped and cleared for refilling, for whatever reason there might be, (2) that the falls may be the residue from the

collection from earth while the monitors of the tanks are replenishing their supplies." 5.

Now, what Jessup wrote about has since taken on a new meaning in the light of recent events.

We now know, and cases are on record, of plants, animals and even humans, being taken off our planet for various reasons which we can only guess at. However, it all ties in with what I mentioned earlier about the work of the occupants of the giant sky ships in colonising and promoting the evolution of planets.

Some items, such as those that Jessup mentioned, they may find not of any use, and are dumped back on our planet, including, incidentally, some live stock or waste matter which never came from here originally! So, there could be a continuous taking from one planet to give to another, and vice-versa.

Now, the next point which is of some importance relates to any of these giant space ships being in the vicinity of the earth. Naturally, craft of such a size would not come in to our atmosphere, otherwise there would be chaos and destruction on a horrific scale. A giant space craft would probably either orbit or be in a position some distance away. The fact is that one of these giant craft would probably be positioned in our solar system to possibly cope with the requirements of more than one planet. The day to day work (or more likely night to night) would be done by a large number of smaller UFOs based on the miniature free-wheeling 'planet'. In short, if this speculation is a correct one, the ufonauts (these particular ones, anyway) would not have to take a long time travelling hundreds of light years to reach us. They could be based here in our solar system or nearby.

I would like to refer to the numerous types of entities that have been seen by witnesses, with special relation to what has just been discussed.

There are records of entities arriving here in all kinds of shapes and sizes. Giants of seven feet or more in height; hairy dwarfs; people with one eye; some entities with pointed ears; numerous humanoids mostly in one piece suits, and android robot types, among others.

There are, of course, many more classifications. I have just mentioned a few. Some have turned out to be hostile. The hairy dwarfs are a case in point.

Others more friendly. However, it may be over simplification to label them 'baddies and goodies.'

Anyway, I think it reasonable to consider that advanced entities on a giant space ship such as mentioned earlier would send robots here programmed to do certain jobs. In most cases some of these creatures when startled by the sudden appearance of humans have pointed and fired some kind of ray gun and temporarily paralysed the witness or witnesses, allowing the visitors to take off again in to 'the blue'.

On the other hand there have been cases when humans have come across robot-like creatures when the latter have completely ignored the presence of the witnesses and just carried on doing the work they have been programmed to do. In short, the robot creatures had not been programmed as to how to deal with humans but only to collect soil samples or whatever they were doing!

I mentioned earlier that there have been numerous cases of people on this planet being abducted and taken off the planet. Actually, the tally runs in to literally thousands. We might well ask: What happens to them? Are they taken for procreation purposes; scientific research, or for exhibition in a celestial zoo?

It may be that the answer is as indicated earlier. The ufonauts (and there may well be others coming, including 'baddies', but I am not referring to them at the moment, though they form a part of the whole picture) want to continue their tremendous work of populating and developing planets in the universe, and possibly, we here on Earth are now becoming one of their more interesting projects. We may not have reached the sixth form yet, but are coming along fairly well, despite some nasty habits that humans have collected along the evolutionary route.

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The UFO Investigator As Counselor And Healer

by John Brent Musgrave

UFO field investigators are more than scientific detectives. They also fulfill an important social function as counselors, and in some cases as healers, in the sense of helping people to cope with extremely stressful and staggering experiences. Like it or not, it is a role that each conscientious field investigator is forced into by the nature of how people react to the UFO phenomenon. Because of this fact, more attention should be paid to this role when choosing and training investigators without ignoring the importance of keeping to scientific method while carrying on UFO investigation.

By now it is commonplace that whatever may be behind the UFO phenomenon, UFO percipients have gone through a real experience which in general they try to describe as best they can. The intensity and genuineness of this experience has even been the main factor in convincing some skeptical investigators that the UFO phenomenon is both real and worthy of serious attention. For better or worse, our main source of information about the phenomenon (up to this point in time at least) is the UFO percipient. Because of this fact, attention has been paid to discover just how reliable and accurate such information is, and what kind of detective work brings out the most complete and accurate account of what was experienced and what really happened.

Attention has focused on the UFO percipient as a source of information. But at the field investigator level little attention has been paid to the UFO percipient as a person who has experienced something that potentially is the most traumatic and/or "meaningful" experience of life. In a growing number of cases I've investigated there appears to be almost a direct relationship between the "meaningfulness" of the experience to the person and the strangeness of the event. "Meaningful" UFO experiences make up a small percentage of UFO cases, but both stress and meaning are factors that play an important part in the UFO phen-

omenon. In addition to uncovering valuable data, attention must be paid to the well-being of the person who has experienced the phenomenon. Lack of attention to this on the part of some UFO investigators has meant that investigations sometimes have heightened the anxiety associated with a UFO event. It may even turn out that the investigators' role as healer or counselor outweighs their role as data gatherers. UFO investigation has to be concerned about ethics as well as scientific method.

To my knowledge, no extensive quantitative study has been made on what motivates a UFO percipient to become a UFO reporter (or what motivates a person to become a UFO investigator for that matter). To UFO investigators what may be taking place is purely a matter of scientific inquiry. But the attempt to alleviate the stress associated with a very strange experience is a large factor, if not ultimately the only factor, that brings people to report their UFO experiences. This seems particularly true of UFO events of high strangeness (and, need it be said, of potentially high information). Some excellent field investigators' manuals are now available. In addition to the matters of technique and data gathering they deal with, future editions should pay attention to the methods of dealing with such stress as now exists, and on methods which at the least avoid increasing stress, if they don't actually help alleviate it.

Not enough attention has been paid to the uniqueness of UFO research. It is the only area of scientific inquiry in the non-communist world in which the major contributions are being made by "amateurs" - it is truly a people's science (which explains in part the reluctance of academic institutions to accept it). The fact that UFO research is carried on by amateurs has been both its strength and weakness. Anyone can be a UFO investigator or UFO expert. One corollary of this is the unfortunate fact that there is little or no adequate training or supervision of field investigators other than on a local basis or by means of field investigators' manuals which are the best that can be done under present circumstances. This has contributed to the harm that can be and has been done by unthinking or unconcerned investigators. Regrettably I've come across more than one UFO

sighting where investigators have increased already existing tensions, or even created tensions that didn't previously exist. A recent example centered on an occupant report that came from the eastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies during autumn, 1975. The main witness, a young woman, observed two silver-suited occupants standing on the platform of a disc shaped object by the side of the road. She made the mistake of reporting her sighting to the local news media and was deluged by hundreds of sightseers and dozens of UFO investigators from all across North America. She was informed by some UFO investigators that she definitely saw a spaceship, that the occupants sometimes abduct people, and that UFOs often return to the same spot. The experiences after the sighting convinced her never to report a sighting again, and was a factor in her decision to move out of town.

(For more about the incident, see below - Ed.)

Unfortunately, this case is neither unique nor uncommon. Although it may be a bit extreme, even an experienced field investigator may say something that seems innocent enough but which will upset the UFO percipient. Investigators must pay careful attention to their use of language, and be aware that much more than scientific observation is taking place as they talk with the witness.

As a footnote, this and similar cases have convinced me that witnesses' names should never be made public without careful thought. Part of the UFO investigator's obligation is to protect percipients from the publicity and harassment that comes with making a UFO sighting a public event.

In addition to the kinds of stress associated with almost all UFO experiences, there is an even more profound stress associated with at least some kinds of UFO experience. The stress experienced by some UFO percipients may be at an even deeper level than commonly imagined. In an increasing number of cases I've been involved with (particularly close encounter, occupant and potential abduction cases), the investigator - percipient interaction is subsumed under that of the healer-patient. The percipient comes not only to tell a story and to understand, but also to "cure" or work through an experience. It is in part for this reason

that unconscious communication of percipient and investigator can sometimes play a crucial role, not only for the uncovering and understanding of the totality of what occurred, but also for the working out of the experience for the percipient (and also in some cases for the investigator as well).

His is a heavy burden. Some field investigators solve it by not paying attention to it. For this working out may be a hazard for the investigator as well as for the UFO percipient. In these kinds of cases it may become an occupational hazard, if you will, for the field investigator to become psychically involved and even controlled by the psychological projections of the witness. In such cases he is not only working with the percipient to find out more about the UFO experience, but ultimately he is working on himself as well. It should be kept in mind that investigators may encounter cases where they have a block in pursuing and uncovering the UFO story - blocks created by fear of working out the experience with the percipients. Any investigator who is working with these kinds of UFO reports should be well aware of his own instinctive disposition as to why he became a UFO investigator in the first place. It may be that a UFO investigator sits on a case, or doesn't uncover the full story, because the full story would force him to confront his own psyche.

Another consequence of looking at the UFO percipient as a person rather than as a subject is that healing considerations outweigh scientific considerations. For instance, I have a few potential abduction cases for which I believe this to be true. The latest one occurred in January of this year when at least 10 independent witnesses observed a light dancing about in rural Alberta for about an hour. The closest witness, a boy of 10, reported that he could see portholes and legs as it landed near him. Subsequent to the episode, the boy has had a recurrent nightmare in which he is taken aboard the object by "spacepeople" from Saturn. I learned of this case only three weeks after the event. But by this time the boy was no longer experiencing the nightmare, and had difficulty in remembering the sighting. He now slept well, and seemed uninterested in the UFO sighting. His parents reported a number of changes in his behavior. I've elected not

to rush in with the hope of learning more about a possible "real" abduction. My decision to monitor how he copes with this experience is based on the obligation to do what I believe is best for the person rather than the obligation to learn as much as possible about the UFO phenomenon.

While the field investigator has an immediate concern for the well-being of the UFO percipient, it would be potentially fruitful for those in position to do so to investigate the consequences of the hypothesis that at least some abnormal behaviors, psychoses and neuroses are in fact generated by "real" UFO incidents. Developments of the last few years have demonstrated that the Hills' experience is not unique. Others have become conscious of the experience only because they needed and sought professional psychological assistance. Even at a low stress level I know of more than one case of multiple amnesia episodes combined with a deep feeling of dread; it is at least possible that these were caused by a UFO encounter. Some abnormal personality changes may be the result of UFO encounters, whether they be abductions or less esoteric meetings. Without detracting from the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon, there may be a typology of behavior changes and disorders that are generated by UFO events.

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It should be noted that the author, a resident of Edmonton, Alberta, received a Canada Council grant for research of the UFO phenomenon and has gained valuable experience in his contacts with UFO witnesses. As an appendix to his article he included the following item from the *Edson (Alta.) Leader*, Oct. 15, 1975:

Following a report from Judy Powers of Peers that she had seen an unidentified flying object on the road a quarter of a mile north of Peers at 5:30 Tuesday morning, radio station C J Y R was swamped with calls of persons in the Peers and Edson area who also saw strange objects with one or two lights.

Judy was going home from work she said, when she saw what she at first thought to be a cattle truck parked with its lights on. As she came up to it she saw a strange object with what appeared to be men or some form of life standing on top of the 'thing'. Questioned by Wax Williams she said she

couldn't see what their faces were like.

She didn't linger on the scene, but stepped on the gas and hurried home, returning shortly with two men. The object had gone, but they saw its lights low over the trees, according to Judy, and it seemed to be going in the direction of Wildwood.

Immediately it was reported on the air phone calls began to come in to the radio station. No two people seemed to have had the same impression of it. One saw a single light, another twin lights, another said it was a blueish color, etc. Numerous people phoned in saying they had seen something in the general direction of the drive-in west of town.

At that report one of the Leader staff members looked out her window and saw a double light in the west.

Another's family had seen a huge, bright star-like moving object in the southeast just after the first reports were in.

One woman who phoned in from west of town said she had looked out just after the first report was phoned in to CJYR and she immediately went out to see if she could see it. Sure enough there was a bright object in the sky with a huge glow around it.

She said it seemed to be trying to get out of the earth's atmosphere. It would go away high, then drop down close enough to earth for she and her husband could see different compartments with lights in them, through her binoculars. Later when the clouds came over the area it was in, the glow could still be seen through the clouds, she said.

This lady definitely believes it was a UFO. She had seen something similar a couple of years ago . . . and she is going to be watching for a return in the days that follow the sighting this Tuesday.

When she was contacted by CJYR ten hours after her first report, Judy Powers had been back to look at the spot, and she said there was a hole about five inches deep where the 'thing' had been sitting.

Asked what it looked like, she said it looked pyramid-shaped with another pyramid on the top of it. Each section having two lights on it.

Asked where the occupants were standing, she said one was standing on it and the other in it, sort of as if the top was open.

An object was reported recently in

Ontario that was described as being the shape of the one Judy saw.

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To all this John Musgrave adds that, for the time being at least, he prefers not to become further involved in the case. However, he makes this point: "So far anyone (other than Judy) I've spoken with hasn't convinced me they didn't look out after all the excitement over the radio and see Venus and/or Jupiter which were both brilliant in the sky at the time."

The Crashed Spitzbergen Saucer

by Arthur Bray

One of the best-known stories in the UFO literature concerns the saucer that supposedly crashed on the island of Spitzbergen, off Norway, in 1952. Many ufologists, including myself, have mentioned this case in the books and magazine articles they have written. This case was supposedly based on good authority.

In an effort to establish the facts of the matter I recently wrote to the Norwegian Department of Defence. In due course I received a reply from the Norsk UFO Centre in Oslo, to whom my letter had been referred. They had done considerable investigating into this case and are evidently held in high regard by the Defence Department.

My informants state that "the Spitzbergen Case" originates from the German newspaper *Stuttgarter Tageblatt* and that all the names used in the original article seemed very un-Norwegian and are most likely fictitious together with the rest of the story. Another strange aspect is that no major Norwegian newspaper has seen the supposed press release from the Norwegian government, or at least they have never used it if there was one.

Together with other leads which my informants had investigated, the sum total of the evidence for a saucer ever having crashed on Spitzbergen is nil.

It cannot, of course, be established that such an event did not take place; however, there is apparently no evidence that it did. I therefore will consider this case a hoax unless some evidence to support it comes to light. If any readers do have such evidence, I would like to hear from you.

This case strongly supports the views I expressed in my article "A Word to the Wise" (CUFOR Vol. 3, No. 8) where I stressed the importance of thorough research before going into print. We can all learn from such lessons.

Matching Cases

Of all the intriguing aspects of the UFO mystery, surely none is more fascinating than the similarity of certain details in widely separate cases. While the cases may differ greatly in other respects, these matching details cannot be discounted just because of that overall difference. They hint strongly that our visitors, possibly coming from various worlds, have certain devices in common that they find useful.

Below is another selection of matching cases that have accumulated in our records. We have added our own italics to emphasize points of similarity.

Rotating Ladders

On Nov. 13, 1976, the *Gastonia, N.C., Gazette* carried this story:

'The later they come the better they get.

'That's the way it is with UFO reports and the *Gazette's* latest - from Maria Bingham of Beatty Road - tops anything we've heard from hundreds of callers in more than a week.

'Maria and her boyfriend were leaving Eastridge Mall Thursday night when they sighted a "soft, glowing light" in the heavens southeast of Gastonia.

' "It wasn't Venus, I swear it wasn't," she said. "It looked like it had a ladder on the top of it with another ladder on top of the ladder. The ladder was rotating like it was on an axis." '

In CUFOR no. 14, p. 12, we carried a report of a sighting near a power installation on Vancouver Island in January, 1973, that contained an almost identical detail. The witness was Mel Arenala who watched one evening as a large reddish light hovered overhead.

'Then Aranela noticed something that convinced him the object was strange, though he would not suggest it was a "flying saucer."

' "There was a structure on top that looked like a ladder with three or four cross-pieces," he said. "It was attached at an angle to the object and it was revolving slowly around a fixed base. I

could see it quite clearly in the red light." '

In that same report we cited still another similar case that occurred earlier over the Bennett Dam (part of the same power system) near Dawson Creek far to the north. This was it:

'Then there was a sighting "close enough that the two guards on duty could see a protruding aerial turning slowly as the object hovered." '

Flying Spheres

A reader with a keen eye for matching cases is Jim Auburn of Brooklyn, N.Y. Of a pair that he brought to our attention some time ago, one concerned a spherical object seen on England's Berkshire Downs in December, 1970. The witness, who remained anonymous, told the South West Aerial Phenomena Society the object was 20 feet in diameter and dark gray in color. As he approached to investigate, it took off and vanished in the clouds in a few seconds.

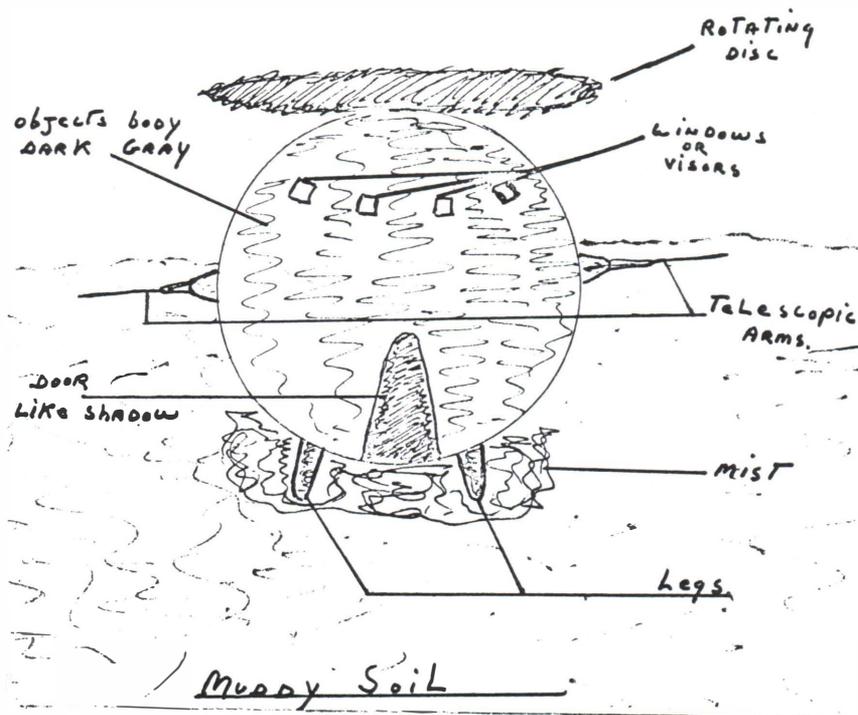
'Later the man recalled a fuzzy halo above the object when it took off, which could have been moisture condensing. There was also a faint hum like a generator.

'The object had at least four windows, and also what looked like a hatch low down near the ground. Two "arms" on the sides of the craft retracted as it took off.'

The matching report submitted by Auburn was carried in *UFOs over Tennessee*, a booklet published in 1973 during a 'flap' in that State. The witness was David Swanner whose experience occurred while he was hunting deer one September afternoon. Suddenly a whitish sphere came gliding in over a field and landed on three brightly polished legs.

'David said - "It just about scared the pants off of me at first - but as it sat there my curiosity got the best of me and I forgot being scared and tried to see all I could. It had a pale glow about it like a fluorescent light bulb would make out of doors. I couldn't see a seam, crack or rivet in the thing anywhere. It was perfectly round and I would say it was seven feet through the middle." Later, when we looked at where the tripod rested, David agreed that it was as much as ten feet in diameter.

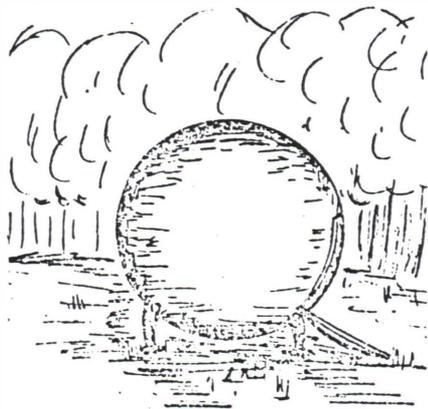
' "I couldn't see a sign of any doors or windows anywhere but suddenly a door appeared - all of a sudden there it was -



Sketch by South West Aerial Phenomena Society

reminded me of a ghost - it just appeared in the lower half of the ball. It began to let right down to the ground, hinged from the bottom and it made a ramp . . ."

A third case matching both of these to some extent was reported in CUFOR no. 23, p. 8. In that instance a similar flying object was seen in early-morning darkness on the west coast of Vancouver Island in January, 1976. The first to see it was Cliff Mulvey who was awakened when light flooded his house facing Ucluelet harbor.



From UFOs over Tennessee

'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 joined by his wife, Jean, and two children. But Jean stopped looking when she saw the object through binoculars.)

"Through the glasses we could see a misty white circle of light, 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."

It will be noted this object had illumination both above and around it, giving it a particular resemblance to each of the other two.

Spider Legs [next page]

Two illustrations serve as the next set of matching cases. While it can be seen immediately there are major differences in the drawings, just as there are in the written reports of other matching cases, these two sketches rate a place here because of the distinctive appearance of spidery appendages in each case.

At top is a witness' sketch by Bill Pecha, Jr. of an object he saw hovering over his house at Colusa, California, during a power outage one night last September. He said the 'huge glowing thing' was about 150 feet across and 10 to 18 feet in height. He saw two smaller objects apparently in contact with a power line leading to a neighbor's house.

'This thing darted about, clear out to the foothills and back,' he told the Colusa Sun Herald. 'On each side it had two things about eight feet long which hung down and curled around underneath it. They looked like wire bristles. The power line poles were glowing and the two smaller UFOs each had lights.'

The power outage lasted nine minutes and affected thousands of homes in northern California.

(Evidently the two curved legs in Pecha's drawing were the 'wire bristles' he referred to. He added the other extensions after making his report.)

The drawing at bottom shows another flying object seen at Gastonia, N.C. about the same time that the vehicle at Colusa was observed. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Amor and a friend. Mrs. Amor said the object had a central large light as a body and 'had a lot of long legs lighted up.'

Green Rays

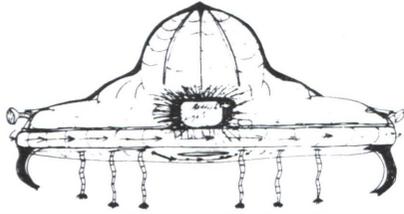
In a report from Japan in this issue, Jun-ichi Takanashi describes the case of a witness who watched one July night in 1974 as a strange pulsating light appeared near a coastal town.

'Suddenly it began to descend with a spiral motion, and having come down to an altitude just above the dome of a cement factory . . . it began to send out what appeared to be intermittent green light rays . . .'

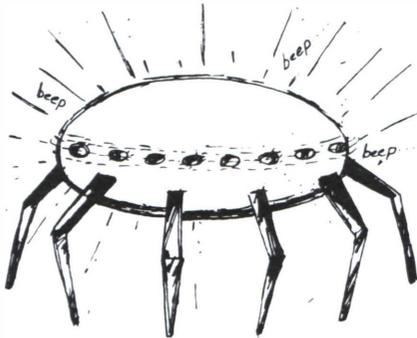
Now let's consider a case described to the National Enquirer by newscaster Walter Cronkite who heard it from a person of 'very high authority.' The scene was a missile site in the Caribbean in the mid-1960s.

'The incident began when a radar operator at the site - which is about 150 miles east of the Florida Keys - noticed that the quiet night sky had suddenly turned a bright green, Cronkite recalled.

'He ran outside and to his amazement sighted a huge cylindrical craft hovering above. (Editor's note: A cylindrical craft like 'three gasoline



Colusa, California



Gastonia, N.C.

drums connected together longwise' also appeared in the Japanese case, but without any apparent connection to the green rays.)

' "He watched the missile site's mascot dog run toward the craft barking and snapping angrily. The animal leaped into the air like an attacking cougar.

' "But a shaft of green light beamed down on the dog. The animal was locked into a frozen position by the ray - unable to move. The radar operator reported that the dog was there in mid-air for several seconds. Then the ray of green light was drawn back into the ship and the dog was dropped back to the pavement."

(This article was brought to our attention thanks to James Beckwith of Setauket, N.Y. Readers may note that in previous issues our correspondent Stuart Greenwood has discussed the Florida Keys area as a possible site for alien submarine bases. For his latest article see CUFOR no. 25, p. 17.)

Still another case in this category was described in Letters (vol. 3, no. 6, p. 23) by Miss E.R. East of Gibsons, B.C. who saw a bright light above nearby hills in 1967.

Then:

'Suddenly, from high above the

village, a beam of green light shot down to the water between the shore and the beacon, and as it struck the surface it bent and lay flat on the water. It reached right across the channel and lit up the wharf on Keats Island. The beam seemed to be made of many small beams, for I could see dark streaks between the green, and it must have been ten feet wide, the same width all along the length I could see . . .'

SPOT NEWS

From the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre September Newsletter, 1976:

M. Wood was returning home in the early hours (Aug. 2, 4:00 a.m.). At the bottom of Ten Mile Hill when driving north a screen-like projection appeared in front of his car, it seemed to fill the field of view. At the same time a loud distorted electrical-type music sound was heard. On the screen he saw a yellow light source to the left and a large figure in profile to the right. The figure was in a tight-fitting black jacket and light-coloured trousers, it seemed to be turning towards the witness. Wood braked but just seemed to drive through the screen, it was all over in a few seconds.

From Search Magazine, Amherst, Wisconsin, Winter, 1976:

Shirley Ann McCrimon, 22, of 809 E. Harnett Street, Dunn, N.C., claims to have seen a bottle-sized man at day-break October 28 and reported it to Officer George Robinson of the Dunn Police Department.

Miss McCrimon said she returned home at 6:20 a.m., unlocked her front door, went inside and turned on a light and then started back to close the door which she had left cracked open to see by. It was then she heard a noise outside as if someone or something were moving about in the bushes, so she looked out.

Staring back at her was a little man whom she described as "no bigger than a Coke bottle."

She said she was frightened but curious and watched it for several minutes in the growing light. Then she grew bolder and moved. When she did that, the little man shined a tiny, very bright "yellow" light across her eyes. She screamed, and the little man scampered away.

Miss McCrimon said that the little creature disappeared around the west side of her house and the dogs started barking.

She was unable to tell exactly how the little man was dressed. At first recollection she felt it was wearing some kind of thin garment but upon reflection she said it was "possible that it wore nothing at all. If so, its skin was light brown," she said.

She later found a footprint in her front yard and covered it with a plastic container and showed it to her disbelieving neighbors.

She reported the sighting to the Dunn Police Department and Officer Robinson investigated.

As a reporter was interviewing her, a little boy dragged the plastic container across the ground and destroyed the footprint which she had found, but a search of the nearby ground disclosed a second footprint, very faint, but measurable. It was the same size as the footprints found October 12 by a Dunn youth, Tonnie Barefoot, in a field off Jonesboro Road. The footprints measured 2½ inches in length and 1 inch wide at the widest point.

At the earlier sighting of the little man, 8-year-old Tonnie Barefoot, saw a little man dressed in blue as he played in the cornfield while his mother picked peas. No one would believe him and he cried all that night. The next day, the little footprints were found where Tonnie said he saw the man.

Two days later, a second set of footprints were discovered about 150 yards away. Both sets were clearly discernible and were photographed.

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For several minutes early one January morning, 1977, a young couple, Lois Smith and Gary Oyen, were treated to a mystifying sound-and-light performance that seemed to come from the middle of woods near Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island, B.C.

"There was a loud crackling noise coming from the direction of a light that changed from red to gold to gold-white," Miss Smith told CUFOR. "It was so bright it lit up the whole area. We couldn't see what was making the light but figured it must have been in the woods about a couple of miles away. The light pulsed in time with the

crackling noise which went something like vroom-vroom-vroom."

As we have reported before, disembodied lights like this seem to be a part of the UFO mystery. What makes this case a little different is the addition of sound.

Cattle Mutilation Report Criticized

(Editor's note: In recent months the mystery of cattle mutilations - see CUFOR no. 22, pp. 10-14 - has almost faded from the news. As this could lead some to believe the mystery has been explained, it is appropriate to set the record set with the following item from the Denver, Colorado, *Rocky Mountain News*. It will be seen reports are not being made because local officials are discouraged by lack of action.)

STERLING (UPI) - No city slicker detective with fancy equipment can convince Sheriff Tex Graves there's a coyote somewhere wearing a snorkel and using razors for teeth.

Graves is disturbed that officials have ignored the problem of cattle mutilations. Others may have given up their investigation but he hasn't.

Alarmed by growing numbers of mutilation cases last year, Gov. Dick Lamm ordered the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to look into reports that cattle were slaughtered and then mutilated. Sen. Floyd Haskell, D-Colo., also asked the FBI to enter the case but the agency refused.

Blame for the deaths in the nation's cattle states ranged from natural predators to satan worshipers to little green men replenishing food lockers aboard their UFOs, which burned pastureland on landing and takeoff.

"They tell us predators, predators," Graves said. "Well, this is ranch and farm country out here. My staff was all raised on farms and ranches. We know what a predator will do. We've seen these mutilated critters, and there's just no way.

"We didn't report it to the CBI because we didn't feel we were getting any help. It's the same as last year with only one new twist. Now they are taking patches of skin."

Are UFOs Changing Our Weather?

by Franklin R. Ruehl, Jr., Ph.D.

Have UFOs come to Earth to assist man in attaining a golden era of intellectual development and technological achievement? Or, are they surveying our planet in preparation for armed invasion and subsequent colonization?

Most military analysts would obviously opt for the latter, bellicose premise, asserting that UFOs (if they even dare acknowledge their existence) are paving the way for an intergalactic confrontation with the inferior weaponry of terrestrial defenses. The myopic military mind simply cannot conceive of an alien from space as constituting anything but a threat to the survival of mankind, immediately reacting to the idea of an extraterrestrial presence with the typically defensive posture of "shoot it down first, ask questions later."

Oppositely juxtaposing this inimical mental stance is the stereo-typical ufologist's position that alien beings should be of superior intelligence (if for no other reason than that they have achieved the technological feat of interplanetary space travel), and, hence, possessed of a magnanimous penchant toward inferior homo sapiens, intending to endow a man with a treasury of scientific and medical germs of wisdom.

Ufologists, who all too frequently impute noble motives to alien astronauts, must be objective in analyzing an alien interest in Earth, and not fall prey to the nearsidedness that afflicts most militarists. Conceivably, the UFOs may pose a lethal threat to the denizens of this planet, and not by the militarist's standard armed invasion, but by a far subtler methodology of invasion.

Since the mid-1960's, when terrestrial missile technology grew sufficiently sophisticated to reliably target rockets to destinations beyond the pale of Mother Earth, scientists have had within their grasp the potential to transform neighboring planets such as Venus and Mars into earthlike satellites through a process termed "terraform-

ation."

With respect to the metamorphosis of Venus, terrestrial guided rockets could seed the luxuriant Venusian cloud cover with megatons of a resistant blue-green strain of algae known as nostoc, which would conduct photosynthesis on a widespread basis, significantly reducing the atmospheric carbon dioxide count while simultaneously increasing the oxygen volume. Ultimately, Venus' temperature and pressure would suffer reductions with concomitant increases in its oxygen and water content, gradually leading to a composition not unlike Earth's.

In the transmogrification of Mars, a far more direct approach is at our disposal. As Mars is presently experiencing the effects of an ice age, with its vital water locked up in the Martian polar caps, thermonuclear warheads launched from Earth could be appropriately detonated to effectuate the release of the life blood, water. Moderate temperatures and verdant fields would be the new order of the day on Mars, and earthlings would have a new target for exploration and colonization. If properly engineered, the 1976 Viking probe could have been designed to actuate this alteration of the Martian landscape.

Actually, future concentration will more probably be focused on Mars, as man must move outward rather than inward. In perhaps another four billion years, our sun will begin to wax, growing so vast in size as to engulf the orbit of Venus and bring broiling temperatures to Earth. If sufficiently modified, Mars, for a while, at least, could serve as a habitable refuge for man until he develops the expertise to colonize the outer planets, and, ultimately, to escape to a new stellar system.

However, it must be recognized that Earth is equally susceptible to alteration. Obviously, if terrestrial scientists have unlocked the secret for such a potential after a comparatively short period of space pioneering, might not

alien astrophysicists, whose space exploits dwarf our efforts, possess a capability paralleling or even exceeding ours, (assuming, of course, the validity of UFOs)?

Indeed, man himself has modified terra firma in a variety of competing and contradictory ways. With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, factory smokestacks began to assault our atmosphere with the byproducts of burned coal and oil, chemicals which foster the build-up of carbon dioxide. This CO₂ promotes a greenhouse effect which traps heat radiated from the planetary surface, reflecting it back to raise the Earth's temperature. As industrialization has been especially pronounced in the 20th century, this effect has manifested itself to a measurable extent, with the terrestrial temperature evincing a slight increase since approximately 1900.

By an analogous mode, could not alien UFOs Venuscate our atmosphere by suffusing it with massive doses of carbon dioxide or other chemicals which could enhance the greenhouse effect and ultimately generate baking temperatures on the surface comparable to those prevailing on Venus?

Another by-product of modern industrialization, pollution, acts through a complicated meteorological concatenation to offset the greenhouse effect and promote a contrary cooling tendency. Increasingly, dust and dirt particles spewed into the air form a screen which reflects impingent sunlight back into space, thereby cooling the atmosphere and planetary surface. No doubt exists as to the efficacy of this atmospheric mechanism: the 1971 Mariner 9 probe of Mars recorded a planetary temperature decline during the titanic Martian dust storm of that year which our satellite fortuitously became enveloped in: a drop of several degrees resulted, and the temperature did not return to normal until the following February of 1972.

When the terrestrial temperature is sufficiently reduced (perhaps by only three degrees), a chain reaction inducing massive glacier formation will be triggered: North Polar winter snow, formed from Arctic Ocean water vapor, will begin to melt only partially each summer, eventually accumulating to form mammoth glaciers which reflect sunlight so efficiently that the Earth will be cooled even further, allowing the

glaciers to proceed southward in their growth, ultimately culminating in a new ice age for our planet.

Could not extraterrestrials thusly Martianize Earth by poisoning the atmosphere with pollutants that would encourage the melting of the polar caps, with a consequent degeneration of the prevailing terrestrial temperature structure?

A salient question revolves about the time spans required for effectuating major meteorological changes. Apparently, the general process is relatively slow, at least according to terrestrial standards (although not necessarily alien ones): studies suggest that man-made pollutants have lowered the Earth's temperature by about eight-tenths of a degree over the past twenty years. Extrapolation indicates that approximately 75 years need be expended to lower the temperature a full three degrees to stimulate massive cooling trends.

A comparable time scale probably abides for converse heating tendencies. While alien spacecraft might be technologically equipped to induce significant temperature modifications at a faster rate, some finite amount of time is a requisite. Perhaps, UFOs have been navigating through our troposphere since the late forties with this specific goal in mind. Conceivably, a period of 75 years might be of little significance to aliens.

While appreciable atmospheric adjustments might be necessary for the reconstitution of our planet in order to make it habitable, with genocide only of epiphenomenal rather than primary importance, such alterations can also be employed as a direct weapon of extermination, especially where a limited alien space fleet might be no match for terrestrial defenses.

While much publicity has been attendant on the role fluocarbons from aerosol sprays and refrigeration systems have in wounding the Earth's vital ozone layer, other chemicals equally deleterious abound. Notably, bromine and its compounds, such as methyl bromide, a constituent of agricultural sprays, have also been inculcated as caustic agents acting to destroy the atmospheric ozone. Such agents act to chemically combine with the ozone, converting it from a molecule, O₃, composed of three oxygen atoms, to O₂, which is pure oxygen, consisting of two

atoms only.

Ozone in the stratosphere filters out the ultraviolet light rays transmitted to Earth from the sun. Such rays are highly energetic and potentially lethal, capable of inducing crop defoliation, skin cancer, and radiation poisoning. To the degree that the ozone has been depleted, so has the atmospheric shield against this radiation. While the atmosphere may in some undesignated period of time heal itself of this wound, the overall ozone content will have been thinned out, creating a weakening of the screening effect. If the depletion is sustained over a period of years, the scarring may remain permanently, forever jeopardizing any life below it. Even if the injury is initially localized in a particular region of the stratosphere only, winds would sweep it across all parts of the globe, so that it would periodically pass overhead in the fashion of a satellite.

Perhaps as few as two or three pounds of fluocarbons or bromine compounds could instigate noticeable atmospheric changes. Imagine the damage that UFOs could render our atmosphere over a span of months or even years. Capsules of gas could be released directly into our troposphere, timed to gradually diffuse it on a widespread basis. For sheer destructive potential, nuclear attack would represent a clumsy alternative in comparison.

Thus, when the question arises as to why UFOs don't land, responsible ufologists must seriously consider the unpleasant proposition that alien cosmonauts may at this very moment be scripting mankind's final destiny in the clouds.

After Dr. Ruehl's article was received, his words about climatic changes were echoed in the following press report by Robert Cowen in Boston:

If speculation of an impending ice age seems alarming, take heart. Earth may actually be growing warmer.

But that prospect isn't quite as reassuring as it might seem. The long-anticipated "carbon dioxide effect" of air pollution may be showing up.

So far the signs are few - mainly slight long-term warming trends at a few weather stations in polar latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere. Yet they

are the kind of trends computer studies suggest the carbon dioxide warming would stimulate.

Paul Damon of the University of Arizona and Steven Kunen of the University of Utah Research Institute take all this seriously enough to warn in a report in Science magazine:

"It is of the utmost importance to human welfare that factors affecting climate and reflecting trends in climate be continuously and adequately monitored."

As a gas occurring naturally in the atmosphere, carbon dioxide warms the earth by trapping some of the heat radiated toward space and redirecting some of it back toward the surface. This is called the Greenhouse effect by analogy with the way glass helps warm a greenhouse.

For many decades, burning of coal, wood, oil, and gas has been adding to the air's natural carbon dioxide content to the point where some experts have forecast it could significantly affect the planet's average temperature by the century's end. Computer studies, admittedly simplistic, predict the effect should be amplified in polar regions.

On Venus, the natural greenhouse effect of an atmosphere rich in carbon dioxide maintains a sizzling surface temperature of some 900 degrees F.

Nothing like that threatens the earth. Nevertheless, the few degrees warming that many climatologists envision could melt polar ice and raise sea level to flood populated lowlands in many parts of the world, and probably could affect general climate in other ways difficult to calculate.

Over the past few decades, greenhouse concerns have been overshadowed by a general cooling of the climate. *This may be deceptive.*

Wallace Broecker of Columbia University pointed out last year that the cooling cycle may soon reverse, as such cycles have in the past. Then the warming, which the cooling masked, could reinforce the natural swing of the climate in a "dramatic" manner.



For Your Bookshelf

Gods of Aquarius: UFOs and the Transformation of Man. By Brad Steiger. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Also London. [Illustrated, 264 pp. Hard cover, \$8.95.]

Review by Hayden Hewes

The notion that UFOs are parapsychical rather than extraterrestrial is one of those ideas that has been floating around UFO research since its earliest years. However, in the last few years it has become more popular as hard evidence for the extraterrestrial thesis has been reluctant to come forth.

To Brad Steiger, this is one of the telling points for his thesis: he contends that UFOs do not operate by human logic. But the parapsychical intelligences that are responsible for the UFOs - that may even be the UFOs themselves - have a plan for the transformation of man.

Steiger, an individual far ahead of his time, gave mankind a clue in *Revelation: The Divine Fire* (Prentice-Hall, 1973), in that intelligences have been beaming a universal theme to individuals throughout history.

Additional data was released the following year with publication of *Mysteries of Time and Space* (Prentice-Hall, 1974, Dell pocket books 1976) when the Reality Game was presented.

Steiger states, "I must concede that it may be that we are slowly being provided with bits and pieces of some supercosmic jigsaw puzzle, which one day, when properly assembled, will give us the complete picture of the entire UFO enigma.

"It is my contention that the UFO provides contemporary man with a vital, living mythological symbol, an effect image, which communicates directly to his essential self, by-passing the brain, manipulating historical conditioning. I believe that the UFO will serve mankind as a transformative symbol that will unite our entire species as one spiritual organism."

Gods of Aquarius in this writer's opinion has pulled the Reality Game together for mankind.

Stanford University Professor William A. Tiller says "In this book, Brad Steiger has gathered, in true reporter

fashion, a remarkably widespread account of individual experience with either direct UFO phenomena or closely related phenomena. It is a chronicle well worth reading. Its thesis, that extradimensional beings with greatly advanced awareness and technology over humankind, are serving benignly to jog, spur and prick the consciousness of humanity out of its present 'world picture' or 'reality rut' into a more cosmic self-image that is essential for species survival, is worthy of serious attention. The body of growing data which supports this thesis is so vast and differentiated that, taken as a whole rather than quibbled with in part, it merits a wise humanities consideration. I strongly affirm this new transcendental image of man, rejoice in man's future capacities and self-awareness and applaud those honest workmen whose valiant efforts are bringing man awake. This author is one such man and his latest effort *Gods of Aquarius* should be read by everyone."



Letters

Sir:

I am enclosing a news clipping regarding a very interesting cattle mutilation case in New Mexico. If the case is proven to be legitimate, it would most certainly erase a great deal of the doubt regarding the involvement of UFOs in these cases.

J. Duncan,
Surrey, B.C.

Clipped from the Newhall [Calif.] Signal & Saugus Enterprise, the item concerns the discovery last June of a dead cow, mutilated with surgical precision, with radiation levels at the site being recorded at twice the normal level.

'A subsequent investigation of the area reportedly revealed triangular

tracks in a tripod formation near the carcass: witnesses report that no other tracks, including human footprints or tire prints, could be identified.

'The state police also discovered a "sticky substance" - yellow in color - on some shrubbery in the immediate area near the tripod tracks, adding that some of the shrubs appeared to be scorched and dying.

'Wild predators reportedly would not approach the remains of the cow for at least 72 hours after the discovery.'

We have no information about an analysis said to have been made of the 'sticky substance.'

Sir:

I am a UFO fan. I enjoy reading about them and keep having a vision of one. So I decided to make it the way I see it, but the bottom isn't the way I want it yet.

Have any of your readers seen something that looks like this?

Judy Payne,
Shelton, Nebraska.



We will be pleased to refer readers' comments to Judy Payne.

Sir:

One night in the summer of '75 I could not sleep because of a thunderstorm which lasted a night and a day. Anyway, I looked outside my mother's bedroom to watch the anger of Mother Nature when I saw a white ball move across the sky. It was in a cloud and moved toward a lightning bolt.

I was astonished when I saw it move again across the sky to another lightning bolt. What I think is that the 'thing' was trying to get power from the bolts. I did not see any windows but the thing was giving off light - a really bright light.

Leslie Lee,
Vernon, B.C.

Sir:

I read with interest the articles on the "bell jars" in your last few issues. It struck me that there was a great similarity to the descriptions of the "fluid column of light" that has been reported in many books on the supernatural and the occult as being observed in the Tower of London in 1818.

Speaking of early sightings, I came across a photograph that may or may not be of something highly unusual. While looking through a copy of James H. Gray's latest book *The Roar of the Twenties* published by Macmillan, I noticed in particular Plate #40 of the photographic section between pages 309 and 311. It shows a view of Calgary taken during the oil boom of 1928, in particular the glow lighting the sky from Turner Valley. The night photograph shows clearly the most prominent structures then existing - Robin Hood Flour Mills and the Palliser Hotel with an elongated cloud above them. However, this is not what struck me as unusual. On the right side of the photograph (the left side centre of the right page as the photo covers two pages) there is what appears to be a cylindrical metallic object in the area directly above the cloud. It appears substantial enough that it is not a defect in the film such as a lens flare or a bubble in the emulsion. It could admittedly be an airplane, but it does not seem to conform to the configuration of airplanes that were around in the 1920's and it is unlikely that the emulsions and film speeds of the day could capture the image of a swiftly moving plane on film without some blurring. It is not shaped like a balloon or bird, so that seems to rule these possibilities out. In 1928, there were no tall buildings at all in that area of the city, so it would not be an office antennae or something like that (for that matter radio was in its infancy although Calgary did have a radio station as early as 1923). I was wondering if anyone else had noticed this feature in the photograph and whether the original negative carried it. Although the original negative appears to be scratched, the "object" is larger than the faint white marks the normal wear and tear has caused. It would be most remarkable if I, being interested in UFOs, have stumbled across the earliest photo of a sighting in Calgary. Most persons

would not look at a photograph in that much detail, or if they did might not notice the object.

I think that it is becoming more and more apparent that a new definition of the field of ufology will be employed soon. I would hesitate to suggest the entire field should be plunked down in the middle of all other supernormal phenomena and labelled parapsychical as many writers appear to be doing, as it is quite possible that there are genuine visitors arriving from outside our solar system. However, as there are now something over 40 theories on the origins of UFOs ranging from the completely conventional (spots in front of the eyes) to the totally bizarre (stratospheric "animals"), I would suggest that the whole field could be encompassed within a relatively few categories:

1/ Parapsychical: Holographic projections, dimensional, etc.

2/ Natural - Known or Unknown: Plasmas, swamp gas, "animals", reflections, etc.

3/ Unknown Man Made: Secret weapons, time travellers, Atlanteans, undersea civilizations, etc.

4/ Unknown Intelligent: God and devil theories, extraterrestrial, etc. (perhaps I should have made that last category "Unknown Intelligence" instead of Unknown Intelligent as it makes it sound like the category Unknown Man Made does not imply intelligence. In the case of human beings, though, it may be that I was right the first time. The arms race shows a great deal of ingenuity, but is it really intelligent of humans to want to exterminate each other by the hundred of millions?)

5/ Hoaxes, Hallucinations, Mental Delusions, etc. I am most inclined to believe that the final answer will involve a combination of categories 1, 3 & 4 which is why science is having such a problem pinning it down, on the rare occasions when it deigns to look at the subject at all.

W. Ritchie Benedict,
Calgary, Alberta



Sir:

RETRACTION

ing and hope this explanation will help to discourage any further publication of the article.

Way back in vol. 1, no. 8, pp. 28-30 you had a piece 'Prophetess of UFOs?' concerning the alleged prophecies of the 16th century woman, Mother Shipton. It may interest you that according to Jess Stearn in *The Door to the Future* (MacFadden-Bartell, New York, 1963; pp. 126-130), the most remarkable of Mother Shipton's prophecies were actually forgeries made in her name. This was admitted by an English editor, Charles Hindley. Thus most of the 'prophecies' were actually of events that had already occurred or were easily forecast from events occurring in the 1800s.

Mark Moravec,
Pymble, NSW, Australia

Nice to hear from correspondent Mark Moravec again after a long absence. Still unexplained, however, are Mother Shipton's references to men in the air 'in white, in black, and in green.'

Under the heading **UFOs: Fact or Figment** we carried an article by Robert Rickerd in vol. 4, no. 1, p. 18 which indicated he was writing on behalf of the National Research Council. We next heard from Mr. Rickerd that we were perpetuating a mistake made originally in **Flight Comment**, serving the Canadian Armed Services, from which we had reprinted the article. Regrettably, our reprint was carried without our having seen the following retraction that **Flight Comment** made in its next edition:

"In the last edition we published an excellent article by Mr. Robert Rickerd entitled 'UFOs: Fact or Figment?' Unfortunately we included after the author's name the words 'National Research Council' since that is where Bob works and we wanted to give credit where credit was due. At no time did Bob request this inclusion and unfortunately at no time did we ask if it was appropriate. Well, it wasn't. The opinions expressed were those of the author alone and the research for the article as well as the writing was done by him privately and on his own time.

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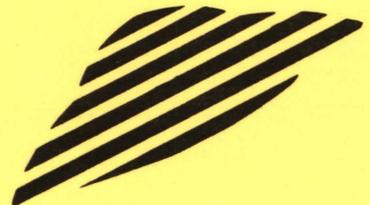
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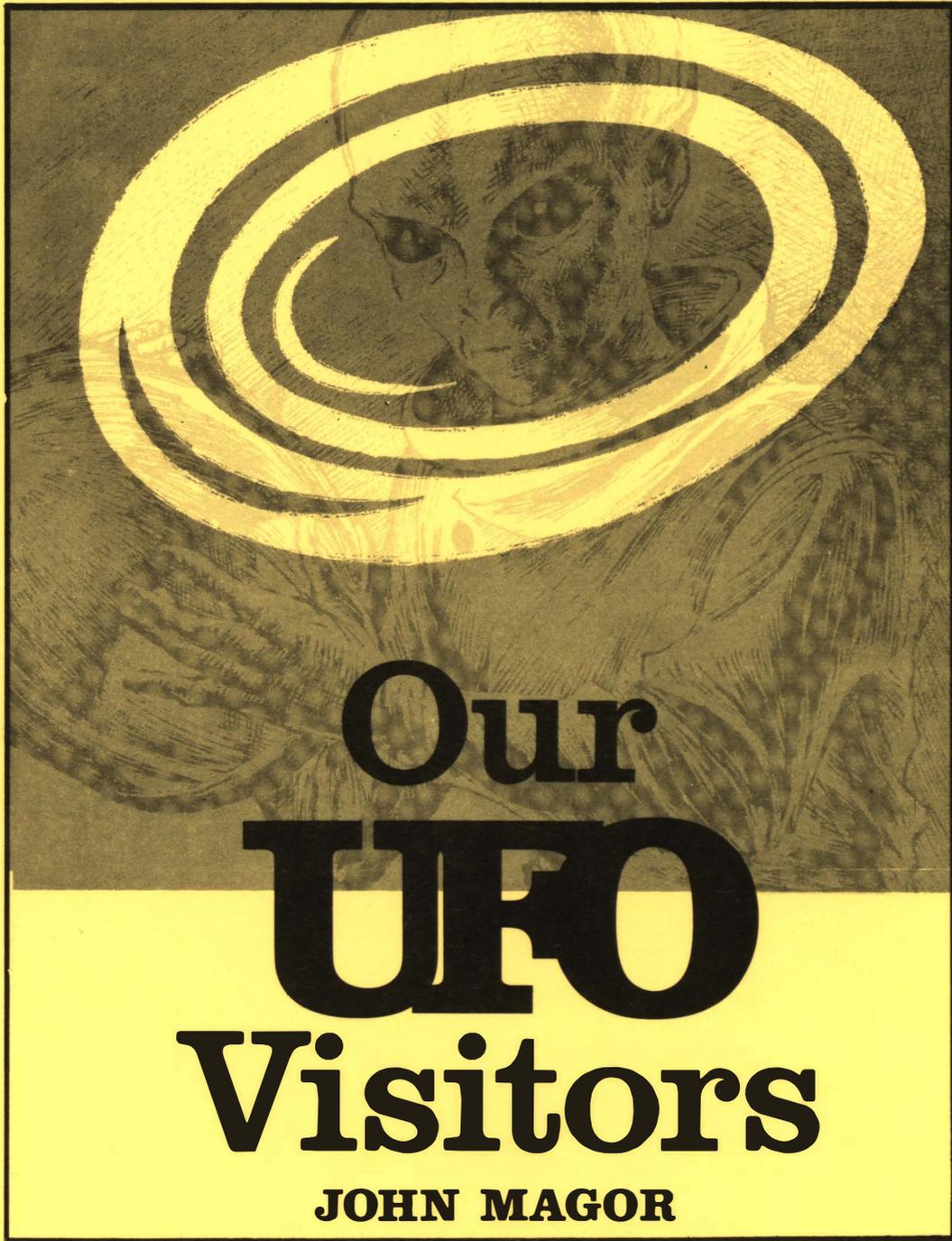


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