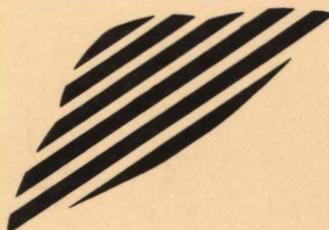


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OUR VISITORS' PHONY AIRPLANES

Cases in which UFOs, for reasons unknown, are apparently supposed to resemble earth-based aircraft but instead look ridiculous by our standards are still another piece of the UFO puzzle that merits a second look. Possibly it holds an important clue to our visitors' background.

One would think that if our visitors are as highly evolved as we imagine them to be, they would know enough about simple laws of aerodynamics to devise a reasonably good imitation of an airplane. No doubt they would prefer to construct it around their own propulsive system but externally at least it should look like one of ours to avoid attention, which presumably is part of the game. Yet the ufonauts are so strangely clumsy about creating a good fake, it appears they have no understanding of aerodynamics as we know the term. Three instances of this come to mind.

The most recent is described in the *APRO Bulletin* of February, 1977. In that case a small stubby object, shaped roughly like an airplane but having 'cylindrical' wings and no tail assembly, was seen to fly around Tucson, Arizona, in a jerky bouncing manner. At one point the 'wings' disappeared as if thought to be a needless part of the pretense.

Another case is described in the newly published *Project Blue Book* (Ballantine Books) edited by Brad Steiger. That incident occurred in 1951 when a cross-shaped craft 'somewhat larger than a B-29' was seen over a city airport. A sketch of it (p. 156) shows something like an airplane but there is no sign of engines, and again no tail assembly. (However, there are exceptions to such implausible airplane designs. In the case immediately before this, Steiger mentions one of them.)

A third instance is reported by John Keel in *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse* (G.P. Putnam's Sons). It occurred over an airport in Argentina in 1968 when a craft circled the field as if to land (p. 122). All seemed fairly normal except this object had an 'unusually long fuselage,' wings that seemed far too short to support a craft of its size' and it 'moved too slowly to stay aloft.' The vehicle capped its performance by doing an astonishing 360-degree turn before darting away.

Why do our visitors go through the trouble of building quasi-airplanes which do not completely fool us? The answer may be that almost unbelievably in view of their sophisticated techniques, these alien engineers do not see their mistakes because they never progressed through the laws of aerodynamics. Perhaps instead they arrived full-blown at the other side in the realm of electromagnetism, or whatever is there. Perhaps the 'gods' managing their evolution by-passed some of the tedious preliminaries to accomplish this instant proficiency.

We have our own prodigies who seem to need no beginners' training in their chosen fields. Taking this a step further, why shouldn't our visitors have been manipulated to a point where 'prodigies' are the rule, not the exception?

NORTHERN LIGHTS and SHAKES

While we were going to press with our previous issue featuring the story of strange aerial lights seen in Romania before the fearful earthquake there last March, we had on hand an account of similar happenings -- though microscopic by comparison and in reverse order -- much closer to home.

On the night of last Jan. 4, the city of Prince George -- largest industrial center of north-central B.C. -- had its windows rattled spasmodically by what appeared to be a series of small earthquakes. There were no explosions or passing jets to account for the shudders, yet neither were any earth tremors recorded on the local seismograph. An added mystery was a noise like a dull thud heard in the middle of it all by many residents.

Having no known cause, the noise and shakes might have gone unrecorded were it not for the frightening experience of a truck-driver and a motorist a few miles west of the city about four hours later. Driving in opposite directions, the two were rapidly approaching each other when a flying red light swooped between them. In that instant both drivers blacked out and, on coming to 20 minutes later, found they had stopped short of a head-on collision by about two feet. Yet there were no skid marks.

In sounding out our contacts for the story, we learned from Shelley Hallock, publisher of the *Caledonia Courier* at Fort St. James which carried the first report (one of the witnesses being from that town) that for about a year preceding the incident there had been a sequence of other strange events in the vicinity. Apart from the UFO context, this was of great interest to us because we have had a long acquaintance with that beautiful country. It started in the 1950's when, in the newspaper business, we took part in a successful campaign to preserve a collection of old trading-post buildings. Being at the head of Stuart Lake which connects it by natural waterways to a vast northern wilderness, Fort St. James was once a busy fur-trading center and the capital of a large segment of Canada known as

New Caledonia.

When its old log buildings became empty they and their picturesque lakefront setting almost fell under the hammer to industrial interests. But our campaign alerted the federal government in time with the result that these hand-hewn structures, now restored to their original condition, still stand as a visible once-vital part of Canadian history.

It is strange that this remote scene should now be the focal point of mysterious visits never dreamed of by those early traders, although Canadian explorers' diaries do occasionally refer to puzzling aerial lights. But that seems to be the case. When Shelley Hallock told us about other activity we decided to hold the story until she could fill in the background. This she has now done in the form of a letter for which we are greatly indebted to her.

So now with thanks also to Prince George radio station CJCI for its taped interview with one of the men (referred to as X) in the highway incident, and to Adrienne Radford for serving as a helpful contact person, we carry the story of these remarkable northern sightings, realizing there almost certainly will be more.

X having established that his experience occurred on Highway 16 between Prince George and Vanderhoof as he was en route to Fort St. James, early the morning of July 5, the interview proceeds.

X: About a mile before it happened I looked at my watch and it was about ten past four. I was coming on to this straight stretch, and I noticed this red light in the sky, and I noticed this car coming towards me. Our cars were about three hundred yards apart when this red light dropped right out of the sky and started coming towards me.

In panic I swerved and almost immediately this light was right on me and lit up the interior of my truck. My motor went dead and my radio went dead and I passed out. About four-thirty a guy was shaking me and said 'Are you all right?'

I said 'Yes.' Then he said 'A

strange thing happened. I woke up outside my car.' 'Then what am I doing here?' I was on the passenger side of my truck and our cars were no more than two feet apart and there were no skid marks. And he said he passed out, too, and his motor died and his motor went all crazy.

Q: Could you describe the object you saw?

X: To me it looked like a giant lizard with wings, and it was a little over one and a half times the size of the road width.

Q: Did the object look foreign or like something we could build here on earth?

X: I don't think it was like anything we could build. That's how strange it looked and that's what scared me. It didn't look like anything I had seen before, except maybe the lizard part. That's about the only thing I could relate it to.

Q: Did it have wings?

X: Yes, it did. They looked like frog legs spread out, with that gap in them.

Q: Do you remember seeing engines?

X: I don't remember anything like that but maybe on the back there was something. It was a round thing.

Q: What shape was the body?

X: It was oblong, and the outer surface reminded me of alligator skin. It was rough looking. On top there was a dome and that's where the light was coming from.

Q: Do you have a record of passing out?

X: No. I've never fainted before in my life.

Q: What sort of feeling did you have when you passed out in the car?

X: I felt as if there were a bunch of pins in me, and then I just sort of went into nothing. The last thing I remember was my motor dying, my radio going funny and seeing this guy not more than hundred yards away from and heading straight for me. I was doing at least seventy miles per hour. I remember putting my foot on the brake but there were no skid marks.

Q: Had you been drinking?



With more attention being given to mysteries of the Moon, a book of interest is 'Somebody Else Is on The Moon' by George Leonard [David McKay Company, Inc.]. In it the author examines unexplained details of Nasa lunar photos, including this one of King Crater. He notes dust is raised at points shown by arrows on the airless surface as if work is in

progress. Other new books discussing lunar puzzles are 'Our UFO Visitors' by John Magor [Hancock House] and 'Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon' by Don Wilson [Dell Publishing], author of the article starting on p. 17. NASA explained black mark in foreground did not appear in any other photos[Photo courtesy of NASA].



Against a background of old trading-post buildings at Fort St. James, CUFOR reader Mrs. Muriel Gibbons of Seattle talks to a local old-timer whose grandfather helped in their construction.

X: No, not a bit. I had even pulled over to the side of the road farther south and had two or three hours sleep, so I was wide awake and had the radio on full blast.

Q: Do you believe in UFOs?

X: I do now. I didn't before but I do now.

Following is the letter from Shelley Hallock:

I thought you might be interested in hearing of other UFO sightings in this general area, so I will relate a few stories which have been reported to me.

The first reported to us took place at a farm situated approximately seven miles east of Fort St. James on Friday, January 9th, 1976. At 5:45 a.m., Mrs. Inger Larsson noticed an extra light in the area of her family's barn. On second look, it seemed as if it might be car headlights, but the road had not been plowed that far, so headlights were ruled out. Thoughts that it might be a snowmobile were also ruled out because it seemed unlikely that anyone would be snowmobiling on Larsson's farm at 5:45 in the morning.

Soon the light began to rise from the trees and was clearly visible as a large, yellow ball with a wider ring around its centre. Doubtful of what she thought she was seeing, Mrs. Larsson

awakened her son Kurt and husband Eugene, and together they watched the light rise in slow, circular motion, disappearing out of sight.

Kurt Larsson said the object reminded of a previous sighting the fall before (1975). He had been returning from basketball practice, and seen a glowing yellow ball rise with great speed and disappear behind the mountains.

Unfortunately, the Larssons were too dumbfounded to think of opening the door to check for sounds, or attempting to get a photo of the object. A short time later in the day, Mrs. Larsson skied to the approximated locale of the object, but was unable to find any tangible evidence of the craft.

Another strange craft was sighted by an unidentified citizen on Wednesday, February 11th, 1976. Although the man who saw the object did not speak to us personally, he reported the incident to the local R.C.M.P., who passed it off as a helicopter. I am not so easily convinced, however, especially after hearing various other reports of the same type of craft being seen in the same general area.

The man said he saw a two-piece orange object hovering in the sky on the far side of Murray Ridge, a fairly long ridge located approximately seven miles north of Fort St. James. The incident occurred at 7:30 p.m., and the man claimed the craft appeared to be

emitting an orange light on the outside, but had a red light radiating from inside its shell. We were unable to determine whether the fellow thought the two pieces were connected in some way, or if they seemed to simply hover together.

This particular sighting interested me because, on the other side of Murray Ridge (the north face) is Pinchi Lake, on which is situated Cominco's mercury mine. The mine has been non-operational since the fall of 1975, and although there were a few sightings of strange craft in that area before the mine closed, the incidence of these objects hovering in the area has increased dramatically since the mercury operation terminated.

Personal friends of mine live at Pinchi Lake in a small cabin, and related an interesting story to me recently. One of the women said she sighted a strange object in November of 1976. She couldn't remember what day it was (time doesn't matter in the bush), but she thought perhaps it was around 9:00 p.m. She was sitting by a window in the cabin, facing south-west, when she noticed a small white light over the trees in front of the cabin. We later checked out the area and the trees are about 500 feet from the front of the cabin.

The woman said she immediately thought it was a snowmobile, but then of course ruled out that possibility, because snowmobiles don't fly. She said the light grew in size and glowed very brightly, reaching immense proportions. She said there was so much light emanating from the object, it was like daylight in the general area of whatever it was. Then the light snuffed out completely, as though it were a flashlight and someone had shut it off. She couldn't believe her eyes. then it started again. It reappeared as a small white light, and again grew to immense proportions, glowing brightly. She estimated that if the light could have been put in a room, it would have filled a fifteen square foot room, but couldn't be sure because she didn't really know how far away the object was. Once the light grew to the same size as it had previously done, it again snuffed out. It did not appear again.

The same woman started talking to other people who live on the lake, and discovered that a lot them have seen strange objects -- I was particularly interested to discover a lot reports

similar to the one given by the unidentified man concerning an orange ball type of craft. Apparently several people living in the Pinchi Lake area have seen this craft, or others like it, always hovering on the north side of Murray Ridge. Most of the people in the area feel that the appearance of these objects has some connection with the mine, but of course this is strictly theory.

Another woman, who lives with her husband and a small baby on Tezzaron Lake, about five miles north-west of Pinchi Lake, again on the north side of Murray Ridge, related a very unsettling experience.

She and her husband had built a small cabin on the lakeshore, but had not finished the loft, and since there were no other people living nearby, had not made curtains for the windows on the cabin. The husband came into Fort St. James to buy groceries, etc. one weekend last fall, (I believe it was around the same time the white light was seen at Pinchi Lake, and the woman and baby stayed at the cabin.

Since they had not finished the loft at that point in time, they had simply put a mattress on the floor, and were using it as a bed. The woman and baby lay down for a nap early in the evening of this day -- sorry, I don't know what day of the week it was, nor what month. Anyway, the woman was awakened by some (sixth?) sense, to find herself and the baby were lying in a pool of light. She described the light as similar to a stage spotlight, and said the whole experience was quite eerie. She rolled out of the spotlight, and went to look out the window. She said she could see the light shining in the window, and it looked as though someone were standing outside the cabin, shining a flashlight through onto herself and the baby. However, she did say that the light thrown was in a much larger circle than any that could have been thrown by an ordinary flashlight. Upon reaching the window and looking out, the light disappeared. She went outside and searched around the cabin, but could find nothing to explain the source of the mysterious light.

The only other significantly strange occurrences I will relate to you concern sounds heard by various people in the Pinchi Lake area. These sounds have not been related to sightings of any

craft, but nevertheless are pretty weird, and no-one in the area has been able to explain them satisfactorily, even to themselves.

The sound I have been told about, seems to the people who have heard it, like an electric generator. The strange thing about this noise is that only one person ever hears it at one time, even if that person is in a group of people.

The first man to tell me of this is the husband of the woman who saw the white light over the trees. He said (and his wife verified his story) the first time he heard this noise, he kept asking his wife if she could hear anything. He at first thought the sound was a generator, somewhere nearby. He asked all the people who have cabins in the area if they were running a generator at the time, but none were. No-one else could hear the sound. He said the noise seemed to be coming from everywhere, but that he could almost feel it in the ground. He could feel the noise more than he could hear it, and likened the constancy of the noise to ringing ears. He tried to explain that to me -- I'm not sure if I got it right or not, but I think what he meant was that the noise seemed to be only in his head, and yet also seemed to come from everywhere and the ground at once. If you've ever been driving along in your car and suddenly had one or both or both of your ears start ringing, you'll know what I'm talking about. Only with this noise, the sound didn't start and stop -- it continued all day.

Finally the man stopped hearing the noise. He thought he had something wrong with his ears, but about a week later, one of his neighbours heard the same type of noise, when no-one else could hear it. The same noise was heard by several people in the area in consecutive weeks, but always by one person at a time.

Upon looking into the possibility of UFO's in this general area, I have run into so many reports of sightings that I couldn't possibly relate each and every one of them. They are simply too numerous to mention.

I have noticed, however, that the area surrounding Pinchi and Tezzaron Lakes seems to have an uncommonly high rate of sightings. The people living in that area all struck me as being rational people -- none of them seemed the type of people who would fabricate

their stories, and all were so affected by what they saw or heard that I'm sure they all saw something.

The man who first heard the generator-sound and his wife (who saw the white light) are particularly sane, rational people -- in my estimation. The man said he doesn't know what he heard or saw (he too has seen unidentified flying craft in the area) but he knows he heard and saw them. He stated simply that he has never seen or heard anything like them in his life, and has never been taught anything that would help to explain these occurrences to him. He and his wife have simply accepted what they have seen and heard as fact.

Well, I think I'll wrap it up here and get back to work. I hope you find this information interesting, if not useful. I know that the stories I have heard have certainly piqued my own curiosity. It may sound crazy, but I have almost convinced myself that the sightings are connected in some way with the empty mercury mine. If there is any way I can get into the mine area for an unofficial snoop around, I will certainly do so. If I uncover anything interesting, I will let you know about it. Who knows? Maybe, there's a fantastic inter-planetary conspiracy taking place -- at Pinchi Lake!

Yours sincerely,

Shelley E. Hallock

WAS AN ENERGY AERIAL INSTALLED?

All the strange activity in the north-central B.c. area, and particularly the earth tremors in Prince George climaxed by a dull thud, may have centred on what is possibly a major UFO operation -- the planting of an 'energy aerial' as part of a continuing program to develop and maintain this planet as a massive power plant.

As discussed in vol. 1, no. 8, the idea that our visitors might be utilizing Earth in this manner was first advanced by a New Zealander Bruce Cathie in his book *Harmonic 33*. Cathie theorized that at one stage of their installation the aerials might have the form of a column of pure energy, similar to a laser beam, which is driven into the earth. Then perhaps it is reconverted into a material state.

The Prince George thud, which went unexplained, may have occurred at the instant the shaft entered the ground. There are other incidents on record that seem to support Cathie's theory.

Report from Ontario

UFO Fragments Said To Be Recovered After Collision

by *Lawrence J. Fenwick*

When was the last time you heard that a UFO had crashed and that pieces of it were recovered? The most commonly repeated stories concern the 1953 Kingman, Arizona, 1948 Aztec, New Mexico and 1957 Ubatuba, Brazil incidents. What may be the most startling of all cases has just come to light in 1977.

On June, 1977, two UFO field investigators from Toronto, Ontario, heard a first-hand report on a crash in Arizona. Harry Tokarz and Joe Muskat were on a 90-minute in-depth special on UFOs which was carried on Channel 10, the community programming channel of Metro Cable TV, in Toronto. The host-interviewer was Deborah Gato. The show allowed viewers to phone in questions. Most of the questions were the usual sort one gets on such shows. It looked as though it was going to end up as merely a rather informative production. There were only 12 minutes left before the show was to end. Then the final and most important call came at 10:25 p.m. The following is an exact transcript taken from a tape made of the show:

"Good evening. I've been watching your program with some interest and you have made a few references to the United States Air Force and I was recently released last July (1976) from the United States Air Force. I was in what we call the Special Services Division."

Harry Tokarz: "I'd certainly like to talk to you, sir."

"If I start to say something and back off, you'll know why."

Joe Muskat: "We understand."

"Now the thing was, down there I was in Arizona at what we call 'Flat Rock'. We might identify that as a base or a town or whatever, but the whole job when I was down there - what I was trained for was to interview civilians who had come into contact with the, uh, what we called 'readily unidentifiable airborne objects'. We didn't use the word 'UFO' because it had a very cheap connotation to it, because of the press coverage. The other part of my job was to what we call 'de-brief' the Air Force personnel who had come into contact with. Now, up until two years ago, the policy of the Air Force was, if the military personnel were on manoeuvres or whatever and had come in contact with them (UFOs) and had pictures of it on their aerial cameras, we came back. We confiscated their film. We studied it very carefully. It went through computer analysis and then we debriefed the personnel. And, basically, what we did, we tried to get all the information possible."

(Editor's note: For space reasons and because nothing conclusive was discussed, some conversation is omitted here. Then, having said he was in the Air Force eight years and having mentioned a story that "there is a secret Air Force Base somewhere, where there is an actual UFO locked up," the caller continued.)

"But the thing is, what I was going to say about that aircraft, I have been in the hangar where it is and it is not a total complete aircraft as what people say it is."

Tokarz: "Partially damaged."

"Damaged. There were two interceptors after this object on a photographic reconnaissance mission. They were paralleling at one on each side. I'm not sure of the exact distance - I cannot remember - and apparently one of them made a bank towards it. It took off very quickly, hit the front nose of the one jet and crippled it and something had happened to it, and about 150 miles away it did not get enough elevation and it ran into a hilltop - hilltop meaning mountain, but quite high elevation - and it clipped it. So what actually they have

left is - they don't know where the rest of it is - they don't know what happened to it, but they do have a substantial amount of 'chunks', if you'll put it that way. They can piece together, generally, what the weight was, what the size was. What is interesting is the metal. This is probably what everyone has said that's familiar with it, is it's not a readily known substance. It's hard to analyze."

Tokarz: "I understood the metal was 100 per cent magnesium, which is impossible to refine on Earth."

"In this case... 100 per cent magnesium may be from another incident. I know for a fact there are pieces all over - three of four different areas. but this particular one which the great press played up to ..."

Muskat: "It's been rumoured by Mr. Robert Barry that a UFO is in the possession of the U.S. government and has been flown by the military or someone in the military. Do you know anything about that?"

"The U.S. does have a UFO they are trying to fly. The only thing was that it was built in Florida by the American government."

Deborah Gato: "Excuse me, gentlemen, we're going to have to cut now."

Tokarz: "Excuse me, sir, could you possibly give us a call at another time?" "If you can give me your number, yes, I can."

Tokarz: "The number is _____."

The man who called sounded fairly young, certainly no older than 35. He had a Canadian accent and obviously lives in Toronto since only a person living in Toronto would be able to watch a local cable television show. He also would have to live in central Toronto because Metro Cable TV's subscribers all live in that area of the city. Other cable television companies' subscribers live in different sections of the Metropolitan Toronto area.

The "Flat Rock" he mentioned as being in Arizona would be a base which trains foreign pilots along with Americans. There are only two Air Force bases in Arizona. These are Davis-Monthan and Williams Air Force Base.

Of the two, Williams is the larger and so it would logically be the one where foreign pilots would go for training. Williams is near Roosevelt Dam and Reservoir as well as Coolidge Dam and Reservoir. Located eight miles east of Chandler, "Willie", as it is known locally, is the U.S.A.F.'s largest and finest training centre. The base trains pilots in the 82nd Flying Training Wing, which includes the 96th Flying Training Squadron.

"Flat Rock" is home for 7,000 Air Force personnel and their families and was established 36 years ago in its desert location known as "The Valley of the Sun." Planes at the base include Northrop F-4's, F-5's, Cessna T-37 jet trainers, KC-135 jet tankers and Ch-3E helicopters. Other facilities at Williams include the United States Air Force Human Resources Laboratory which tests lasers as potential death ray weapons. The present Base Commander is Col. Larry T. Cooper.

Only three present and former personnel from Williams have made public comments about UFO sightings at or near the base. These are Major William B. (Jim) Royce, a flight instructor presently at Williams; Col. Ernest M. Bilous, Base Commander in 1974; and former base personnel officer George B. Simon. Add one more to the list.

Part of the base is designated as a "Graveyard" for older aircraft. This may be the exact location of the UFO pieces.

The unnamed Canadian said that the UFO incident occurred about 150 miles from Williams. He specifically mentioned a mountain. There are mountains in all directions from the base at that distance from it. In my files I have 40 reports of UFO crashes and explosions, but only a half dozen mention Arizona. Only one of my landing case files mentions Williams AFB. The following data on my file card comes from *Passport to Magonia* by Jacques Vallee, p. 191:

"June 30, 1947, 9:10 a.m., Grand Canyon, near Williams Field (Arizona). A Navy Lieutenant was flying at 9,000

metres height toward the south when he saw two circular objects diving at inconceivable speed. They were gray, about three metres in diameter, and appeared to land 40 kilometres south of the Grand Canyon. Source: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center."

Note that the location is given as 40 miles south of the Grand Canyon. This places it at exactly 150 miles north of Williams Air Force. There seems to be a discrepancy, however. This is given as a report of a landing, not a crash. Perhaps one of these UFOs was involved in the crash, sometime between 1947 and 1976. Unfortunately, Tokarz and Muskat, in the excitement of the moment, neglected to ask the caller what year the event occurred in. Nor did they ask if the incident occurred during the man's stay at the base, from 1968 to 1976, or whether it had happened previous to that time period.

There are only eight mountains of any consequence 40 miles south of the Grand Canyon. These are: Kendrick Peak, 10,418 elevation; Slate Mountain, 8,209; O'Leary Peak, 8,925; Humphreys Peak, 12,655; Agassiz Peak, 12,340; Elden Mountain, 9,280; Government Mountain, 8,347; and Woody Mountain, 8,054 feet elevation. These mountains, in turn, are on the Plateau of Arizona, Coconino County, near the towns of Flagstaff and Williams, just west of the Little Colorado River. Nearby is the Navajo Ordinance Depot.

To date, the mysterious former Air Force man has not been in touch with either of the men he spoke to on the TV show. Meanwhile, two film companies are endeavoring to get further information about the case, using resource people and methods which must, of necessity, remain secret for now. There may be a postscript to this story, although one researcher has already reached a dead end. He is Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch based in Arizona; in fact only 30 miles from Williams AFB.

One contact is attempting to get the personnel records for the base for July, 1976. From this, we may find out the name of the man who phoned. If this is

successful, we will get his phone number here in Toronto, unless, of course, he contacts us again personally.

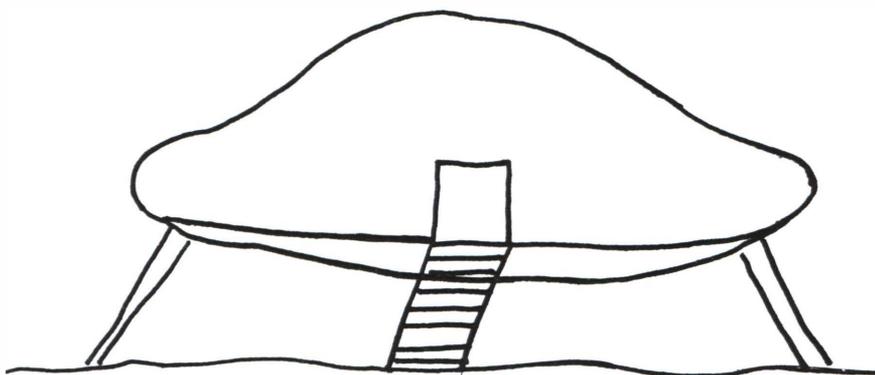
Report from Saskatchewan

UFO STOPS FOR "REPAIRS"

by John Brent Musgrave

Even as late as the mid 1930s, much of the prairie provinces of Canada was still on the frontier of immigrant settlement. Particularly in the northern areas homesteaders were just beginning to open up the land to commerce and agriculture, and such luxuries as telephones, paved roads, and electricity, were things of the future. The town of Nipawin, Saskatchewan is situated in the northwest corner of the province and in the 30s was on the edge of this settlement. During the summer of 1933 stories drifted into Nipawin that some homesteaders as well as a forest tower ranger had been observing strange lights in the sky and near the ground. Whatever it was, they had been seeing it for the better part of a week. The land to the northwest of Nipawin, near the Tobin Lake area, is made up of rolling hills and low lying marsh. Parts of it had begun to be farmed just a few years earlier, and it was without improvements. Because of the local marsh, most of the townsfolk who heard about the strange lights explained them away as swamp gas - a convenient scape-goat that still gets used today.

Fortunately, not everyone in Nipawin was convinced that the stories were based on nothing more than "hot air"; and shortly after midnight that summer night two men and a woman (names known to the author) jumped into a small pick-up truck and drove to the area where the lights were reported to have been seen. They were not disappointed as the glow on the horizon gradually grew brighter as they drove on. After driving as close as the rough trail would allow them, they got out and hiked through the woods in the direction of the glow. They were blocked a quarter of a mile or less from reaching the source of the glow by a strip of



Object near Nipawin as sketched by one witness.

muskeg that was too boggy to risk going onto in the middle of night. But it was close enough. From their vantage point they were able to make out that the light came from a large oval shaped object that was domed at the top and slightly rounded on the bottom. It was supported by legs; and from a central doorway or hatch about a dozen figures could be seen going up and down a ladder-like stairway. The occupants appeared to be slightly shorter than the average man, and were all dressed in what appeared to be silver coloured suits or uniforms. All appeared to be wearing helmets or ski caps, and all were busy running around "repairing" the craft.

All was a strange sort of quiet, even though the occupants were busy scurrying about. Not a sound could be heard. The three witnesses stared in silent amazement at what was going on; no one even thought to speak out. The bright orange glow that emanated from the craft lit up the surrounding area, and the three of them had no difficulty spying on the activities. The light from the craft was not only bright, but had an "unearthly" quality never seen by any of them before and added to the mystery of the scene. After about a half hour the three of them returned to the truck and started back to town hoping to find a way around the muskeg to get a closer look at the strange machine

parked in the middle of a marsh miles away from the nearest farmhouse or forest tower. But when they finally did come across a cut-off trail that might take them closer they realized that they didn't have enough gas to take them in and out. So they had to return home that night.

It was not until a couple of nights later that they were able to make a return trip out. It was a clear night with almost full moon, and they hoped to get an even better view. But this night the object was gone. No trace of the glowing craft could be seen from the vantage point of two nights previous, and they returned to the truck to await dawn. They then walked back in across the muskeg to see if any evidence of what they had seen was left. And there was. Six large square imprints that must have been the bases of the legs that supported the craft proved that there indeed had been something there that night. Each imprint was the same size - 2 to 2½ feet square, and approximately 8 to 10 feet apart. The imprints were 2 to 3 inches deep, and reminded the three of them of the kind of mark that would be made by boiler plate stomped into the ground. They could also see markings where the base of the stairway met ground. As if this wasn't remarkable enough, a great burn mark in the center of the area covered a circle approximately 12 feet in diameter. They

looked for foot prints but found none, though there was some scuffling of the vegetation surrounding the spot where the craft had been.

They came better prepared this time. One of the witnesses had brought along a small brownie box camera and took photographs of the burn marks and of the imprints. Later two of them wrote up an article about the whole affair and submitted it along with copies of the photos to a number of magazines and newspapers in Canada. But no publication was interested, and those publishers that replied wondered what kind of party they had been to those nights. Like many other UFO witnesses three of them soon learned to keep their experience to themselves. In the course of the 40 plus years since the incident, the original photographs have been lost by the witness who took them, and who had learned the hard way that they were apparently of no interest to anyone else. Perhaps copies of them are still in existence stored in an attic or sandwiched between vacation shots in some photo album. If they are ever uncovered they may prove to be the earliest photographs of a physical trace case where there were witnesses, and which even had occupants to boot.



Item from Victoria (B.C.) *Colonist* May 29, sent in by Mrs. W.H. Cross:

Songhees Chief John Albany phoned in the other day and mentioned in passing that oral tradition among his people is that UFOs were quite commonly sighted by the Indians in the days before the white man came. He thinks they might land again soon. Albany, who is doing some research on his people's history in New Mexico and Colorado in his spare time, says a desert area there is taboo because a "chief" from an alien spaceship is buried there.





Although strange, these aerial craft looked so realistic in this picture carried by the Kanakee [Ill.] Journal, we wrote photographer Tom Small in hope of learning what devices he used to stage the supposed maneuver near a local school. His reply

was as enigmatic as the photo itself. "It's remarkable how many people thought this was some kind of joke," he said, "just because it was April 1."

UFO Watches NATO Fleet

A dramatic international UFO incident during which an alien craft paused to watch a NATO naval exercise off the coast of Russia was described to us recently by a crew-member aboard one of three Canadian destroyers at the scene.

The incident occurred on a clear September day in 1974 as 30 ships of allied nations were winding up more than three weeks of maneuvers off the port of Murmansk. Suddenly all attention was centered on an elongated aerial object that appeared low over the water on the fringe of the area.

Our informant, who was about one

mile away, said it was silvery in color, approximately the size of a DC8 and had a dome on top. It swayed from side to side as it hovered.

While hundreds of crewmen watched and radar sets registered a solid blip from the mysterious visitor, aircraft aboard the carrier John F. Kennedy, flagship of the exercise, were ordered to intercept. As 20 or more jets roared into action, the UFO rose quickly up until it disappeared. The aircraft were then called back and an order went out that those present were not to report what they had seen. Having since left the navy, however, our informant felt

free to discuss the sighting, though preferring to remain anonymous.

He added one significant detail. For three weeks the NATO maneuvers had been tracked by two Russian destroyers which had left shortly before the sighting, obviously realizing the exercise was about to end. But when the stranger appeared the Russians returned and two Russian aircraft boldly joined the pack of pursuers.

It was striking evidence that the UFO mystery overrides all national barriers.

Reports from Yugoslavia

Close View of Landed Craft

Investigated by Milos Kremelj

We heard about this case accidentally and soon became interested. We found the eye-witnesses only after long inquiry. We had an informal talk with them at first, and then a full interview.

Here we are speaking to Angela Rajh, 17, who lives at Stara Cerkev near Kocevje:

One evening in May, 1971, I was cycling along the local road. It was about 8 p.m. when I suddenly heard a strange noise, something like a buzz. I stopped.

Q: What was the sound like? Have you heard anything similar?

A: I have. The sound was like that of a plane, but I knew that it was too nearby to be a plane. So I stopped and looked. I could see just a kind of radiation.

Q: So the whole neighbourhood was in the radiation?

A: Yes, it was lit up with a special light.

(Author's note: The valley is not large; it is situated at the end of pasturage and the land is fenced. There are high tension lines installed across it.)

Q: What was the color of the light?

A: It was bright red. I have already mentioned that I stopped. I stepped off

my bicycle I was riding towards the valley. Then I noticed that "thing". It had legs and it radiated all over.

Q: Did you see the "thing" when it had already landed, or during the landing?

A: It was already on the ground.

Q: Did you observe it for some time?

A: Yes, I did. But I became afraid of it and went home.

Q: Then you did not see it when it took off?

A: On my way home I was looking backwards. I was very curious, that is why I was riding very slowly. I saw that "thing" obliquely and slowly taking off. It slowly pulled the legs inside the body. There were three of them.

Q: We are again interested in the colors of object?

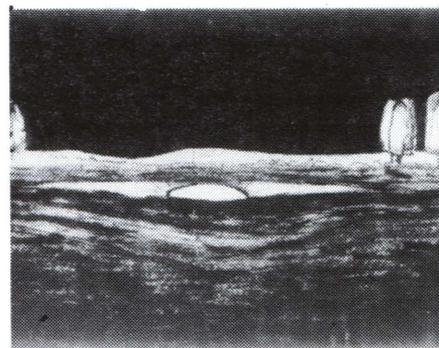
A: Red.

Q: Were there any windows or some other feature on the object?

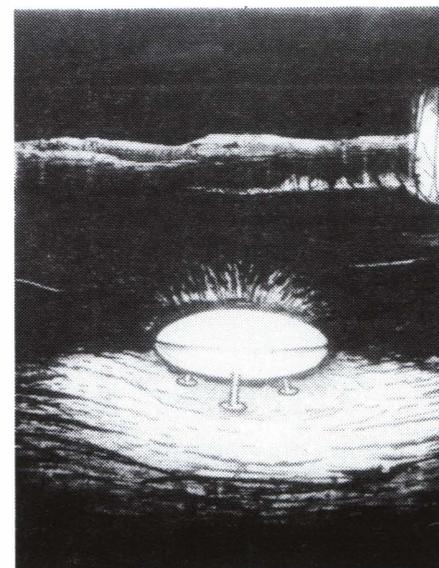
A: Yes, now I can remember one thing particularly. In the middle of the object I saw a yellow edge. At the end of the landing legs I could see some round pads which were radiating too.

Q: Who else saw this phenomenon?

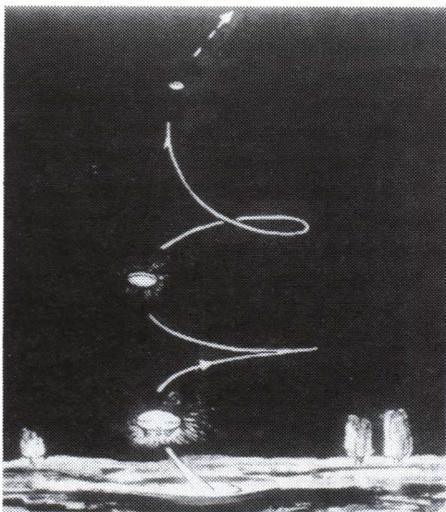
A: My neighbour, his brother and my



Glow seen at start of experience.



Object in full view.



Departure [Reconstructions are based on photos of area and witness's drawings.]

mother.

Q: How did your mother see it?

A: She says she saw just a red ball which was flying in the direction of Crni Vrh (a nearby hill).

Q: When did you observe all this?

A: It was in May; to be more precise at the beginning of May in 1971 between eight and eight-thirty p.m.

Q: How long was it?

A: I should say about 7-10 meters.

Q: What was the shape?

A: Mostly it seemed to be like a giant egg standing on three legs.

Q: Was it higher than you?

A: Of course it was.

Q: Once again as high?

A: I should say twice again, because it was very high. I saw it from the road. (Author's note: To judge from this description the object must have more than 3m high.)

Q: Was it standing on high legs?

A: No.

Q: A meter or more?

A: I should say about a meter.

Q: Where were you when you first saw it?

A: Behind a hill, where there was light radiating. Then of course I went to have a look at it.

Q: Did something remain after the object had left?

A: Yes, for more than two weeks there were some holes in the ground. Their

diameter was about 15-20 cm. All of them were equally deep. The grass burned.

Q: What were the holes like?

A: They seemed to be like dug holes, but they were a bit more pointed.

Q: How did the object take off?

A: At first it was turning around.

Q: As it would in a spiral?

A: Yes, something like that.

Q: Did it make a whistling sound?

A: Yes, all the time.

Q: And how long did you watch it?

A: Some minutes, two, four or even five. I can not remember it well. When I left I had to look for my bicycle and for a month I was not able to go alone to Stara Cerkva.

Q: Was the light coming from one point of the object or from all parts of it?

A: From the whole surface.

Q: Did you see the legs when the "machine" pulled them inside?

A: No, it was as if it had never had them before.

Q: Do you remember what was the weather like during your observation?

A: Very nice, cool and cloudy. Our neighbour and his brother saw the same phenomena. They heard that unusual sound too.

Q: What did that resemble, a jet or propeller plane?

A: I should say a jet.

Q: The sound was whistling like?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you smell anything?

A: No, but it was radiant. I felt a kind of burning.

Besides the above eye-witness her neighbour, Alojz Krz, and his brother also observed the object. Aged 50, Krz claims he saw the UFO already on the ground at 7:30 p.m. and that he approached it to a distance of twenty meters. Krz is an old combat man but he admitted he had never been so afraid in all his life as on that day May, 1971.

The witnesses told about their observations to local police, who just made fun of them. That is why the witnesses were quiet and kept their knowledge to themselves.

The day after the landing Angela

and her parents once went to see the traces, -i.e. the holes the object had left behind. The soil of that pasture is hard. To dig out such holes (the diameter was about 15-20 cm.) there had to be a force from 10 to 15 tons of weight. Only such an object could have left behind such traces.

ANOTHER LANDING IN 1971

Editor's note: Under Hayden Hewes' International Dateline, the following incident was first reported by CUFOR in vol. 2, no. 5, 1972. This new report by Yugoslavian correspondent Milos Krmelj is carried because it adds much interesting information to an unusual sighting.

My source of information is a former employee of the geophysical observatory at Ljubljana. He is very interested in UFOs, but he wishes to remain unnamed as he might lose his job, for this reason it is quite difficult to obtain reports from him. He received this report from another man who is employed at the Belgrade geophysical observatory and who investigated the case personally.

The occurrence took place at 1:00 a.m. on August 2, 1971. The principal witness wishes to be unnamed, but I have his name on file. Other witnesses are the members of the beat band "Dubravacki Trubaduri", namely Kosta Verus, Stojan Klatovski and Milorad Dusanovic. They had been travelling in a Fiat 750, the most widely used passenger car in Yugoslavia. The last named speaks for the whole group:

"When we first saw the strange thing it looked like the light of a spot-light; we also heard a sound and saw a strong directed beam of light." (At this moment all the witnesses were outside of the car.). He continues: "As the sound grew stronger, so the light became stronger. The unknown body hovered in the air. I estimated its diameter at 10 meters. At first it appeared square, but later assumed an elliptical form. The light grew even stronger. It was stronger at the edge than in the middle. Because of the

configuration of the terrain we were unable to see whether objects actually landed or not, but we clearly saw rays through forest trees. We were certain the object was either in or behind the forest which is near the Ohrid-Bitolj road, lying no more than 40 meters back from the road side.

"It was really interesting to watch that unusual object. First we saw the square and it gradually reshaped to become an elliptical body. It then projected a very strong beam of light. I was determined to go the place where the strange thing hovered or landed, hoping to see what it was, but was unable to do so owing to intensity of the light. I had not believed my friend who told me that only the day before he had met with an unusual object at that very spot.

"Just before we encountered the strange light, when we had reached the small town of Rasanac, I had seen a small green frog jump from somewhere onto the steering wheel. Only a moment later someone shouted to me to take care as a scorpion had appeared on the door. When I was a child I was afraid of that small creature because it is very poisonous. At that moment I stopped the car and it was then that one of the passengers spotted the light. Two of my friends, Sotjan and Kosta, got out of the car to investigate what it was, but were soon forced to stop because the light was too intense.

Suddenly there was panic. We were all very pale and had just enough strength to reach Ohrid. As we left the place we heard a loud noise like thunder and then one of my co-passengers noted that an 'aircraft' changed course and flew across the Koselska river. I must say it was really a rare happening and one which we will all remember."

Golubinka, wife of Milorad Dusanovic, said: "I have no words to describe how Milorad looked that night when he arrived home. He simply was unable to say anything. He was so pale that I was very worried. To pull himself together, he took a bath, even though it was very late (2 a.m.) in the morning. As soon as he was awake, he drank the

well-known alcoholic liquor named raki-ja."

Now to the story of the unnamed witness, who is an administrator of the Ohrid Museum. We will call him by his initials N.C.

"It was about 1:00 a.m. when we came near the place known as Rasanac. I spotted a luminous body, and there was "lightning" as though there was a thunderstorm. The radio until now had played normally. Suddenly it stopped playing and I wondered why. Was there something wrong with the electronic apparatus? Suddenly an intense light appeared, moving through the air at great speed. As suddenly as it appeared it stopped at about twenty meters over the ground. My wife and her friend were in the car. We noticed that the craft was 10 to 15 meters across and that it was lowering silver coloured wings from its edges. When the wings were completely lowered it gently landed and again drew the wings back into the body. The wings were about ten meters in length. As the thing stopped it was seen to be like a ball in shape, perfectly round and silver-green in colour. Then suddenly it began to glow. The landing on the earth was at an angle of 90 degrees.

"Out of curiosity I wanted to get out of the car and investigate. But my wife and her friend tried to stop me. However, I did not listen to their advice and I got out. Instantly as I got outside a strong ray of light was directed towards me. For a moment I was shocked and became unconscious. The light acted hypnotically and I was unable to stay on my feet. My wife and her friend pushed me into the car. When I had recovered I left the place and we went on towards Ohrid. About 10 kilometers further on I stopped again at the parking place near Porenta bridge. Then I saw in my mirror that the light was coming closer, so I changed my mind about getting out of the car and continued on towards Ohrid. At Openica village, the radio began working again."

N.C. related how next morning he went back with some friends to the place of observation. He was joined by

Sotir Stefanovski, a teacher of technical education from the elementary school "Grigor Prlicev". The teacher said that in 1953 the same thing had happened to a group of workers from Pesani village when they were returning home late from Ohrid. It happened over the institute. The workers were walking when they suddenly saw a light. The strange object extended wings and suddenly intense light appeared. Scared, the workers returned to Ohrid. Next day when they told the other workers about their sightings they were not believed and laughed off.

Pero Krstanovski, a retired worker aged 60, told the group about his experience in 1942 when he was returning with his horses from Bitolj to Ohrid. At the same place, Rasanac and Prents bridge, the horses suddenly stopped. He said:

"I was in company of Boris Alac, who is still alive. I know that horses are touchy animals. Boris said to me that there must be reason why the horses stopped. Then we noticed near the river Koselska an intensely bright flame which suddenly disappeared downstream. When the flame disappeared, the horses started on their way again."

Another thing which should be mentioned is that there is a story that some time ago, Dr. Vasil Lahhtov found a grave near Prents Bridge dating back to Roman times. Some say that it is the grave of a princess. People believe that grave glows with an orange coloured light.

All the witnesses to the above sighting swear on their lives that what they saw is true.



Item from Arkansas Democrat, May 7, sent in by Lucius Farrish:

Manuel Lopez, a Bogota, Columbia, pilot, was guided down by four other planes Friday after he claimed to have been blinded by an unidentified flying object that flew close by his single-engine plane, and he was taken to a hospital suffering from shock while authorities were investigating his case.

Report & Analysis of Kendell Case



Judy Kendell

Photo courtesy of Davis Enterprise

Item from **The Enterprise**, Davis, California, Jan. 31, 1977:

Judy Kendell recalled she was kidnapped by space beings Saturday when a hypnotist put her in a trance to help her remember what happened to four missing hours of her life.

The way the 23-year-old legal secretary told it, as she sat shivering on her warm living room couch in her Woodland apartment, the "old blue Ford" she was driving her two sisters home Bodega Bay to Zamora in was plucked up off the road somewhere on Interstate 505 near the Cache Creek bridge.

They had left their grandmother's Bodega Bay home at 5:30 p.m. on a Sunday in November 1971 or 1972. It was normally only a three hour drive but

they didn't get home until midnight with no explanation for why the trip took so long.

All they remember was driving across the same bridge twice on a road with little traffic on a pitch black night.

Judy was realizing for the first time Saturday that she was kidnapped by a space ship.

A roomful of calm UFO researchers and incredulous friends watched Judy shield her face with her hands to prevent seeing a space creature she described as having a bulbous head with saucer-sized red-pupiled gelatinous eyes.

She said it had no ears, "just holes."

The lower part of its almost

translucent "milky" white face was covered with a mask she said while still clutching her face. But still she saw its neck which had red veins, "not like the purple ones we have."

She said its body was human looking and that it had five fingers on its hands, "like ours."

"But the head is so scary looking," she said.

"It's coming toward me, I don't want to see it anymore.

"It's touching me!"

Judy said it touched her on the forehead and said in English that wasn't loud but sounded like it was muffled and coming through a distant megaphone, "it's okay, it's okay."

"But it's not okay," she said in a small tight voice.

Suddenly she grabbed her right side and leaned over as if in pain.

The hypnotist, Dr. W.C. McCall, who had flown up from Anaheim for this occasion, asked Judy what was happening.

"I feel like I got poked," she said.

McCall took her through the experience repeatedly.

She got relaxed after being poked and was lying on a cold table with a sheet over her.

"They are taking urine out of me. They are catheterizing me," she said with an expression of disgust passing over her face.

"Uhhh."

She saw three different type creatures all dressed in grey standing at the foot of the table. She had no clear description of their faces.

Strangely, she saw a regular hu-

man woman with straight black hair and blue eyes, who handed the creature a tube of colorless fluid, "that you can't see through."

The woman knew her name and was trying to reassure her.

"I don't know how she knows my name," Judy said.

"I don't remember saying anything to her."

For the most part, "nobody was saying anything," she said.

She got a pain at the top of her right thigh and held her hand on it, but she couldn't say what was happening.

"They are looking in my ear. I feel a strange thing there. It feels cold and hard inside," she said.

She said they were looking at her feet.

Throughout the ordeal, Judy kept complaining of a headache and clutching her which at times she said felt like it was being "pressed tightly."

The creature placed a heavy metal machine over her eyes she said and she heard a quiet motor whirring inside.

"Is it a brain reading machine?" McCall asked.

"I don't know," she said.

When her head could move, slightly, Judy saw what she described as a "round room" with windows all around. She saw two bucket seats at one side of the room with a "console with a lever like a car gear shift in the middle."

There were three lights over the seats, she said.

She pointed to her left and said she saw a table with what looked like

doctors' "probes" on it. She saw a black box there too with "speaker holes in it."

She said she couldn't see behind her where she said the machine that was put over her eyes came from.

But she heard her sister, who wishes to remain unidentified and who won't have anything to do with this hypnotism, crying.

"I can hear her calling my name. She is crying. She is really upset. she sounds far away. I hope she is alright," Judy said anxiously.

The next thing she said was that she was behind the wheel without really knowing how she got there.

McCall ran her through the experience again and she remembered the three grey clothed creatures carrying her by her hands and feet and throwing her into the car.

"They must have carried me because I couldn't walk," she said.

She didn't know where her sisters were. They suddenly seemed to materialize, she said.

When they were back in the car, it was pitch black.

And then...

"We just landed on the road in my car!?" she said in a disbelieving voice.

"In my car," she said with certain amazement.

They arrived in Zamora at about 12 midnight after crossing the Cache Creek bridge on Interstate 505 twice. They had left Bodega Bay for the three hour drive at 5:30 p.m. on a date she still can't pinpoint for certain.

The seven hour drive remains almost as much a mystery as it was

when they had no idea what happened.

Alvin Lawson, a professor of English at California State University at Long Beach and a UFO researcher, said Judy's story could be as much an idiosyncrosy in human makeup as an abduction by space creatures.

None of the researchers who in many ways were as mysterious as the story itself would say for certain how they felt about Judy's story.

McCall said he has hypnotized about six people with similar abduction stories.

One of the problems is to get collaborating stories from both her sisters. But neither of them wants anything to do with reliving the experience.

"They are scared to find out what may have happened to them," Judy said.

WHY THE EXAMINATIONS?

by Beatrice M. Zimmer

The physical examination given the percipients in the 1971/72 case of Judy Kendell, is all too familiar. What is expected to be a normal drive falls into the pattern of arriving at a given destination far later than should have been the case and the existence of a lost period of time. The aid sought to alleviate the individual's anxiety reveals an indication contact with presumed extraterrestrials. The varying levels of both seemingly factual and contradictory data provided present a serious dilemma that can be overcome if it is assumed that certain of our observers need to collect and analyze data on humans for a purpose, or purposes, of their own. However, as they learn about us, we also learn about them. The witnesses are not only permitted to observe their surroundings, but it at times appears as though data is implanted in their minds for later retrie-

val by human investigators.

It cannot be denied that most humans would feel extreme embarrassment and resentment at being plucked from the daily routine and taken onboard an alien craft to be handled thusly by coldly logical and efficient beings. However, it is not the actual act of examination which is wrong, merely the approach employed as viewed from the standpoint of this world. It is not accepted practice to kidnap someone, give him/her a physical examination, and to then let that person go with not so much as one word of apology or explanation. However, it must be realized that what is here concerned are the attitudes of beings far more advanced than mankind, both technologically and intellectually. Motivated by the need to accomplish a specific function in the most efficient and logical manner, these entities would act accordingly. The views of those under study, if known and properly understood, would not be given priority; such views would be filed away perhaps for future reference but would not be allowed to interfere with the task at hand.

That an awareness of certain human attitudes/fears does exist among certain of these visitors is evidenced by another event common to the vast majority of such encounters. Judy Kendell was repeatedly told that: "it's okay, it's okay." Efforts to alleviate human fear may not be entirely successful, but at least the effort is made. That it is being made on the part of whatever portion of our observers indicates that they are of a scientific bend with no designs on our planet. This effort is completely voluntary in nature. If they were members of a hostile culture, why waste energy on individuals who could only be regarded as inferior life forms? An experimenter does not take the time to reassure a mouse before testing it. It is only one rational being with some measure of concern for another, all other factors notwithstanding, who would make an effort to reassure a subject.

An indication of the notion that it

is, at times, desired that others learn of such encounters is found in the abduction story of Elaine Thomas, Louise Smith and Mona Stafford of Stanford, Kentucky, who also reported being abducted and examined in 1976.

As in the Kendell case the features of the experimentors were hidden by a mask of some kind. Employment of such coverings suggests efforts to alleviate the human fear of the unknown, of that which is different, by at least partially obscuring the immediate cause of that fear. Mrs. Smith, under hypnosis, stated that: "It was almost four-feet tall and wearing a hooded thing. All I could see was its eyes. They were bigger than eyes and slanted." (1)

When the encounter was terminated, and the witnesses arrived home, Mrs. Smith noted that her watch was not functioning properly. "The minute hand was turning as fast as the second hand." (2) This is but one of the numerous references to time found in cases involving presumed extraterrestrials. If something about the craft were the cause of the malfunction, would it only be evident while in proximity of the craft? Was there a prolonged after effect resulting in the malfunctioning of the watch? Or, is there more to it than that? In numerous worldwide encounters, there exist references to time. Such can be found in the account of Patrolman Schirmer for one. (3) If time is not as we humans view it, if past, present and future are but arbitrary divisions of that which we only view from one perspective and thus do not truly comprehend, then it is conceivable that the malfunctioning of a watch could be used to hopefully cause some of us to pause and wonder. The beings encountered by Schirmer stated that they had the ability to speed time up, slow it down, or bring it to a halt. The speeding motion of both hands on the watch could be a way of saying that time is not as viewed by us. By moving the hands at increased speed, they may be saying that time can be manipulated - in this instance it has, so to speak, been sped up.

From such instances as the above

in which the appearance of the observers is partially/totally obscured, there is a progression to instances in which no effort is made to hide appearance. (See the 1961 Hill case). (4) Humans must eventually become capable of accepting the unknown at face value, so to speak. They must come to control themselves thus eliminating the need for external control of varying types. Above and beyond this are those cases in which it is believed by the witness that among the alien crew a human was sighted. Whether or not a human were actually present, the fact that the witness believed a fellow human to be present would provide a needed measure of reassurance. That belief might do more to calm an individual than the employment of drugs and other devices of behavioral control. When Judy Kendell was being examined and becoming increasingly terrified because of the actions and the attitude of the beings examining her, she saw "a regular human woman with straight black hair and blue eyes." This "woman" provided a needed link with accepted reality; she provided a means of holding onto sanity, as it were. (5)

Encounters of the above nature would fit nicely into the final phase of a program designed to culminate in open contact at the appropriate point. The program for the future human exploration of the cosmos contains seven phases. Phase VI of this program entails low-level approaches wherein the craft and their operators may be seen but not touched. The intent would be the conveyance of existence and purpose. (6)

When effort is to be expended to convey such data, it seems logical that those behind it all would make the assumption that a certain portion of those under study would wish to learn and would, therefore, be willing to consider, in as unbiased a manner as possible, the data presented. Inevitably, a certain portion of any group will reject the new data out of hand for a myriad of reasons which, succinctly put, go against *accepted reality*. However, always to be found are those willing and

able to ponder, to separate accurate from inaccurate, reality from fantasy. It is these individuals who perceive the existence of something out of the ordinary and who further realize the necessity of obtaining knowledge with which to formulate plans.

Whatever the source of the phenomenon currently confronting this world, it is obviously of a highly evolved order. It therefore seems that if it were not desired that certain of us learn of these decidedly abnormal events, then appropriate measures would be taken to ensure total lack of remembrance on the parts of the subjects selected.

That these close encounters do, in fact, take place and the percipients slowly but surely regain their memories regarding the particulars, suggests it is desired that knowledge of the unknown be acquired by those under study. An increasing number of such incidents are coming to light. Some are recent (since 1970) while others took place years ago, even as far back as World War II. In contacting humans, in any manner, it could not fail to be realized that a certain portion of the subjects would eventually regain their memories and would then proceed to communicate their experiences to those willing to listen.

Initially, a small sampling of such reports would be available for analysis. Rejected out of hand when first presented, these reports are later given an increasing amount of study by investigators who come to suspect that a kernel of truth exists. Correlations are made between cases and a pattern is seen to emerge. The fact that a portion of those contacted must ultimately recall the particulars could be used to advantage by a superior culture desirous of gradually conveying existence and purpose. It is entirely possible that at times subjects would be prodded into remembering and thus communicating.

Support for this theory can be found, for instance, in the Patrolman Schirmer case as reported in *Encounters With UFO Occupants* by Coral and Jim Lorenzen of A.P.R.O.(7) It is as though Schirmer were being monitored by our observers, for "Communication

with someone in the craft occurred at the time of the UFO sighting and the feeling of direct mental contact with someone was occurring at the time of the interview." Added to this interesting point is the statement that: "someone or something told Sgt. Schirmer that he was 'doing a good job,' that he should not talk further during the interview, but he could talk later this year and tell more about the events of the UFO sighting. Information given to Sgt. Schirmer indicated the following: the craft belonged to a 'sister ship' which was like an aircraft carrier; the occupants of the craft were based on Venus or Saturn but were from another galaxy; the intentions of these beings were friendly, and their purpose was to prevent earth people from destroying the earth." (p. 283)

Observation of humanity, even considering only the years since World War II, could not fail to impress upon our observers the uncontrolled fear exhibited by the vast majority of humans. If desirous of ultimately establishing open relations with us, it would be necessary to stick around for awhile. Most humans, when presented the option of flight from the unpleasant situation of the unknown, will exercise that option. Others, if permitted, will choose to act in a hostile manner with the goal of destroying the unknown. Thus, the forced encounters of such people as Betty and Barney Hill, Patrolman Schirmer, Judy Kendell, and Elaine Thomas, Louise Smith, and Mona Stafford.

It is quite possible to maintain a respectful distance from the subject of a study so that the flow of useful data is strictly one way. An experimenter does not attempt to communicate, however indirectly, with an animal he studies. However, when the experimenter does wish a two-way exchange of data, he creates a situation in which a hopefully ever increasing number of those under study will come to perceive the existence of something unusual and in which certain of these will want to learn more.

When individuals report encounters with presumed extraterrestrials

months or just a few years after the events are said to have taken place, it is as possible that they *naturally* came to remember as it is possible that they were *made to remember*. When increasingly long periods are found between the actual events and their reporting, when the number of such reports increases as their acceptance increases, and when paranormal events as well as totally normal ones (i.e., TV talk shows or newspaper articles) prod the memory, then one begins to wonder.

Each report of an abduction such as that of Judy Kendell contains but a limited amount of what might be viewed as viable data. Each case by itself can be more easily dismembered by those wishing to put forth such effort. But, when the increasing number of these incidents are brought together for analysis there exists the distinct impression that ours is a learning process.

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YOU AND ME

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In my first book *The Sky People*, I suggested that the two different stories of the Creation given in Genesis, Chapters 1 and 2, were not just different accounts of the same event but described two completely different occurrences aeons apart.

It is my view that the first story given in Genesis relates to the creation of the gods by Almighty God.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.”

Genesis #1:27

Now, I rather think that the first Creation story concludes at the end of verse 3 of Chapter 2. It is interesting that in Chapter 1, and in the first three verses of Chapter 2 it is God who does the creating. From then onwards it is the Lord God who formed man out of the dust of the ground, and in this second account there is no mention of him being made in the image of God.

Furthermore, in this second account there is no statement that both males and females had been created. Not for a very long time afterwards was Eve formed through a further genetic experiment by the Lord God. At first Adam was given animals to play with and to name, before he was given a female mate.

There is another very marked difference between the two accounts. I got the impression that the god-like men and women made in the first creation story were certainly not servants, and were given full powers over everything on the earth.

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air



With thanks to W.K. Allan of Kelowna, B.C, we have received a copy of the *Bulletin* [Spring, 1977] published by the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., carrying analytical reports on the well-known ‘UFO’ photos allegedly taken near Madrid, Spain in 1967 [see above and Vol. 3, no. 3, p. 6]. Also examined were the UMMO documents related to the photos because the same symbol, resembling the astrological sign of Uranus, appeared. Conclusion of the study was that whole affair was an elaborately staged piece of fiction.

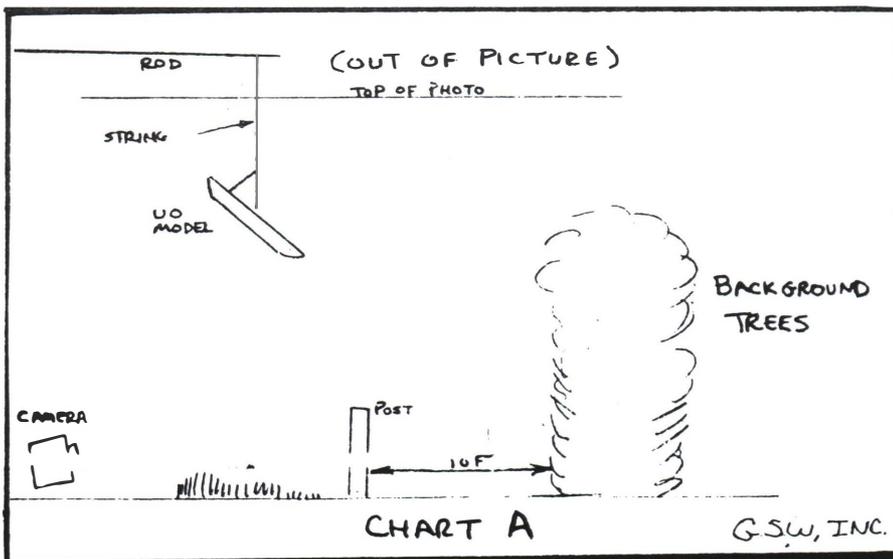
As we published the photos, it is pertinent to quote one analyst, Claude Poher of CNES at Toulouse France, on his findings:

“These studies indicate that the photographs are a hoax, produced by using a small model of translucent plastic, on which the insignia was drawn in ink. This model was suspended for the photographer by means of a very fine line, great care being taken not to let the ‘fishing pole’ appear on the negatives. This explains the abnormal line of sight.

“I have been able to reproduce all aspects of the negatives exactly, using the same procedure, and a model made by gluing together by their edges two plastic camping plates, and adding a ‘cupola’ made of the lower part of a camping cup of the same brand. My total cost was 7,60 F [about \$1.50].”

In a separate test Ground Saucer Watch of Phoenix, Arizona, reached the same conclusion by computer-enhanced photo analysis which caused the string to become visible. Its reconstruction of the trick is shown below.

In exposing this fraud, the organizations concerned have done a notable service to the serious study of UFOs.



and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Genesis 1:28

It is quite a different set-up in the second story in Chapter 2. As I have stated Adam was made alone, first of all, and was put in the mysterious Garden of Eden.

Now, it would seem that Adam in the second story was down-graded compared with the males and females created in the image of God in the first story who were given power and dominion over everything on or above the earth.

You see, Adam was obviously made by the Lord god specially as a servant and to do a job of work.

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it."

Genesis 2:15

Now, it is part of my thesis that the Lord God in Genesis chapter two was not the Almighty God of Chapter One who created the gods long ago in the mists of antiquity, but rather that he was one of the gods, or to use a word used in the Hebrew version of the Bible, one of the Elohim (meaning gods).

I am now going to speculate and suggest that many of the gods are experts in genetic engineering, and are constantly manufacturing robot humanoids, as well as human beings for settling on different planets.

I visualise the gods out there in space running galactic affairs from vast space ships the size of planets. There may be many 'gardens of Eden' scattered about our galaxy located on these giant space ships, in which human beings or people similar to ourselves of different colours, robot humanoids and different types of animal life are bred for eventual development on the many planets that make up our galaxy. Probably, the same process goes on under the expertise of gods in other galaxies, as well.

This concept would explain some-

thing which has always been a puzzle. If we, on this planet, are all descended from Adam and Eve, how comes it that there are five basic races of different colours - brown, black, white, yellow and red?

Yes, I think that the gods in outer space from time to time, when it is necessary, introduce some new blood and new ingredients here, as well as on the other planets. As you know from my last article the gods have also interbred with some of our ancestors on planet Earth a long time ago.

There are many mysteries about the development of modern man. for

THE MOON --Key to the UFO Problem?

by Don Wilson

Millions of people around the planet Earth claim to have seen UFOs. These range from ordinary earthbound common folk to highly skilled and trained astronauts. In fact a Reader's Digest survey claims that 26 astronauts have sighted UFOs in outer space!(1)

Some of these astronaut sightings without doubt can be explained and understood in terms of natural objects. Yet, the highly controversial U.S. government-sponsored study of UFOs, the Condon Report (1968), examined astronaut sightings of the early Mercury and Gemini stages of our space program and even it was reluctantly forced to label some of them "Unexplainable". (2)

This does not mean that the many they did come up with logical explanations for are necessarily valid. In the last issue of *Canadian UFO Report* (Spring, 1977) the article "Astronauts Photograph UFOs" by Gregory M. Kanon brought to light a study done by Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee in which he examined the Condon Report explanation of the sighting of strange lights made by Gemini II astronauts.(3) He showed that they could not be passed off as Russian satellite Proton II, as the Condon Report concluded they were. Similarly many of the sightings of UFOs made by our Apollo astronauts remain

example, where did Cro-Magnon man arrive from so suddenly approximately 30,000 years ago? Scientists disagree as to when Cro-Magnon man arrived, but that is not unusual. Scientists very often disagree about such matters. Anyway he arrived, and soon afterwards Neanderthal Man disappeared.

I could write a lot more about these matters but I think that I have given you something to ponder about. It would be good to hear what you think about some of these ideas. Why not send in a letter to your editor, John Magor, and let us know?

unexplainable despite denials by NASA. In our book *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon* (Dell paperback) we reviewed the Apollo astronaut sightings, giving the actual transcripts of the astronaut/Mission Control conversations describing these strange sightings. Many appear to defy rational explanation in terms of natural objects.

But strange lights on and around the Moon were not sighted by astronauts only. In the last issue of this magazine we reviewed a study of strange lights sighted on the Moon which was carried out and published privately by NASA before our lunar space program ever was launched. We also took a brief look at a study of lunar lights and happenings done by a renowned astronomer Dr. Maurice Jepsup who concluded back in the fifties (4) that the Moon was the key to UFOs visiting the earth, that indeed extraterrestrial intelligence was using the Moon as a base of operations and had been for a long time.

Now it appears that the Moon, long thought to be the natural satellite of Earth, may be the key not only to UFOs but in general to the presence of extraterrestrial intelligence that has appeared in Earth skies throughout the ages. In the last issue of this periodical the author outlined some of the evi-

dence (as detailed in our book *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon* and the forthcoming work, soon to be published, *The Moon: The Biggest Puzzle of Them All*) that our satellite is not just a natural planetoid but a huge hollowed-out orb that may in fact be a spaceship!

If this incredible discovery is true, then here may be the key to understanding why the U.S. government and other governments around the world have pursued a policy of secrecy and cover-up in regard to UFOs.

Recently it looked as though this curtain of secrecy would be lifted when President Carter, throughout his pre-election campaign, promised to reveal all if he became president of the United States.

In fact, the April 19 issue of the *U.S. News & World Report* contained an interesting claim in "Washington Whispers" column that the U.S. government--perhaps even the president himself--would before the year ended release "unsettling disclosures about UFOs", implying that governmental agencies like the CIA had been active in a coverup policy regarding them.

Many UFO publications have also carried stories of Carter's personal UFO experience of sighting a flying saucer when he emerged from a Lions' Club Hall in southern Georgia a couple of years ago--a sighting which purportedly led Carter to remark: "I no longer laugh anymore when people say 'I saw a UFO'." It was this experience that supposedly led candidate Carter to promise that if elected President of the U.S. he would reveal all secret government findings about UFOs.

The arch enemy of UFO investigators, leading UFO debunker Philip Klass, claimed in a letter to *U.S. World & News Report* that such disclosure by the U.S. government was about as likely as President Carter admitting he was from Mars and not Georgia.

Klass may be right. But for the wrong reason. (Klass died recently--Ed.)

For the White House staff listing of campaign promises that the president intends to keep (titled "Promises,

Promises") did not include the President's earlier alleged commitment to release UFO information. Will Carter's promise on UFOs be broken? And, if so, why?

Perhaps there is more to the UFO problem than just a public acknowledgement that UFOs exist and that our government has been actively involved in suppressing that knowledge. Certainly if the Soviet theory that the Moon is a huge hollowed world that is in fact a spaceship is correct--and the evidence appears to indicate it is, in our opinion--then it is understandable why the government, including President Carter, would come to the conclusion that a continuance of the cover-up policy is wise and necessary. For the psychological shock of an announcement that that satellite circling our Earth is not exactly what it appears to be--just a natural moon--but is in fact a huge spaceship harboring alien intelligence, they may feel would be too much for Earthlings.

Could this be the reason for Carter's apparent changes of mind on UFO policy? Could this not be why Carter's promise to reveal all will never be kept?

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Blue Book Files Release of

by Hayden C. Hewes

After thirty years of results, the United States Air Force TOP SECRET investigation of UFO reports have been released to the general public in a new book billed as a "Major Document" complete with "32 pages of Official Photos".

Published by Ballantine (November 1976 \$1.95) the promotion states "While the United States Air Force was offering the American people pat denials that UFOs were 'serious business', it was conducting intensive, highly secret inquiries into all UFO reports. These inquiries were carried out by responsible Air Force personnel and respected civilian scientists. When their conclusions did not support the official position, the findings were suppressed. Now that suppression is over."

Project Blue Book is edited by the noted author and UFO investigator Brad Steiger who was recently in Oklahoma City, for a series of radio, TV and public interviews.

Following one of his evening lectures he was presented with "A Key To The City" of Oklahoma City by Ms Jeannie Cooper on behalf of the Mayor for his outstanding work in the field of the paranormal.

I asked Steiger for his comments regarding Project Blue Book.

Hewes: What was your reaction upon learning that you would have the opportunity of going over the massive UFO files?

Steiger: Well, I was of course, thrilled, and very excited, very elated. Anyone who had been working with UFOs as long as I have would of course be very excited to learn what the Air Force has been keeping under wraps if anything, for the last 29 years. So, when I was asked, I didn't hesitate a second.

Hewes: The big question. Was there a censorship of information as alleged for so many years?

Steiger: I don't think it was a censorship of the sort that everyone was fearful about some vast conspiracy that the Venusians were landing on the White House lawn, and being taken into some secret place and that there were



Brad Steiger

little green men in the deep freeze, and that their bodies were being examined. All those rumors that we had heard there was absolutely no evidence. The Air Force did explore them. I suppose that the thing I was very impressed with was the exhaustive research which the Air Force put into Project Blue Book. Sometimes there were as many as four or five teams of investigators working on some of the more important cases. Hewes: Do you feel that Project Blue Book accomplished anything?

Steiger: Well, it accomplished a great deal. The process of evolution was very interesting, where they progressed. Many of them fearful of a war between the worlds, or imminent invasion from outer space to the point where they were fearful of psychological warfare techniques by the Soviets, to the period where everything was being debunked as atmospheric phenomenon, to the point where they recognized, in my opinion, that they definitely were involved in a parapsychical phenomenon, a phenomenon that certainly was apparent and was worldwide, but did not pose a military threat to the United States.

Hewes: What did Project Blue Book files consist of?

Steiger: The files came to me in 94 reels of microfilm with roughly 1000 to 14000 pages per reel. That includes two reels, 93 and 94, of photographs which are quite interesting. Also there were a number of motion picture frames. The still photographs, I thought were quite good, some very good, showing everything from UFOs on radar, UFOs photographed by various personnel at different bases, and of course hundreds that had been sent in by civilians over

the years. The movie film was not as impressive because of the speed of the UFOs. People were unable to keep a very good fix, and since these were amateur photographers in most cases, the movie film does not show a great deal. Project Blue Book then consisted of every memo, every speech, every article that any investigating officer or personnel of project Blue Book had ever written, any letters which they had received, over 20,000 reports which were investigated with perhaps another 5 to 7,000 which were logged by the Air Force, newspaper clippings, magazine clippings and other materials. It included the reports from each of the major bases around the world, including an analysis of the Soviets' efforts to contact extraterrestrial life, analysis of requests by astronomers, mock-up of composite UFOs, toward devising a UFO model, it really included a vast amount of information, anything relating to UFOs from June 24, 1947 to the last report on December 31, 1969. Hewes: In your opinion, did the Condon report support or contradict Project Blue Book?

Steiger: Well, it did neither. I think as we know now and I saw no evidence to the contrary, the Air Force was quite happy to relinquish its responsibility and turn the things over to an academic institution. In fact, there are numerous letters from Project Blue Book officers for many years preceding the Condon Report, urging that an academic institution take over the job. The Air Force was getting weary of it, and again, since the UFOs posed no military threat, they wanted out. They had had enough of it. It involved many man hours, plus they were getting tired of the rap, the negative rap that the civilian groups were laying on them all the time. They were getting weary of being accused of covering up, hiding information. The CIA did become involved and those records and files are obvious and apparent in Project Blue Book. When the CIA actually got out of UFO research we don't know. But again, the Condon Report, as I said did neither, support nor deny, it was welcomed by the Air Force.

Hewes: Were you able to find any indication of physical evidence for UFOs in Project Blue Book files?

Steiger: Again, the physical evidence which the Air Force had was all sorts of

various articles and materials which had been sent to them over the years. The evidence for UFOs I think lies in the testimony of participants who have their heads on straight, who are able to be expert observers who should know what they are seeing and what they are perceiving. The men and women who have had the UFO experience and reported it to the best and most unbiased way that they are able to, as human beings, recognizing that we cannot really observe reality without somehow influencing or changing reality. So I think the best evidence for UFOs lies in the increasing number of sightings and the fact that they seem to appear in definite patterns. That they have been sighted by now probably as many as 30 to 40 million Americans and many other millions throughout the world. The physical evidence may be quite unimportant. I tend, as you know, to look at the Ufo as a parapsychical phenomenon, as a multi-dimensional kind of enigma, perhaps that kind of physical proof may be a long time in coming.

Hewes: Did you find any contradictions in Project Blue Book files as to what the general public thought?

Steiger: Well, I think one of the values of having Project Blue Book out is being able to show, or to provide rather the actual reports that the witnesses and the participants gave them then. To be able to read what Kenneth Arnold said. To actually see the exhaustive research that went into let's say, the Socorro, New Mexico case. Here was a case in which physical evidence was obtained. If you want to say that the hundreds of photographs taken at Air Force bases around the world actually show the UFOs on radar, if you want to accept that physical evidence, that kind of evidence certainly abounds in the Project Blue Book files. There is no physical evidence if you mean a UFO that they have captured from an alien base. Then, in Socorro, new Mexico, they had this sighting report and what would seem to be an unimpeachable witness and perhaps other peripheral witnesses as well. They found the scorch mark on the ground where they had lifted off, the footprints and other marks which seemed to indicate that indeed something had landed, and the participant reported an insignia on the side of the craft. They sent in a team of

cryptographers to work on the insignia. They of course had the soil analyzed, they investigated everyone from the U.S. Navy to civilian concerns because they recognized that something indeed had landed, something physical had been seen, something, and here again, the UFOs as parapsychical things can be both physical and nonphysical. Non physical as they are entering our reality, physical in our reality. But they found in the Socorro, New Mexico case an enormous amount of evidence and as they tried to explain it in a conventional sense, they kept backing themselves into a corner.

Hewes: After reading and editing Project Blue Book files, did you find that it strengthened your opinions or did it cause you to look at the subject with a different view?

Steiger: I would have to say that it certainly strengthened my own theories as I put them forth in *Mysteries of Time and Space* (Prentice Hall 1974, Dell 1976) and *Gods of Aquarius* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1976), but again you see someone else could say well, after all the man has had 20 years of experience and research on his own, and has at last arrived at a hypothesis that he finds workable, it would be impossible for him to deny that his hypothesis is not valid. Of course one of my precepts of the reality game is flexibility but I have to say with great earnestness and sincerity that examining Project Blue Book has fortified the hypothesis that I have set forth. We are dealing with a multi-dimensional parapsychical phenomenon, which is largely indigenous to planet earth. But I am not saying that the UFO phenomenon nor homo sapiens themselves could not have an extraterrestrial origin. I think we are primarily dealing with space-time continuums, with various frequencies and with of course, the great question of what really is reality and the great reevaluation of just how little of reality our normal sensory input can perceive and record.

[Editor's note: For further remarks on the existence of material UFO evidence, readers may refer back to the article by L.J. Fenwick, starting on p. 5.]



We See by The Papers ... Robert Cooke in the Boston Sunday Globe

Scientists scrambling to decipher strange X-ray signals found in space report that some of the oddest signals of all now seem to be coming from Earth.

"Right now," said MIT's Dr. Walter H.G. Lewin, "we don't believe these X-rays come from outside the Earth, but God knows where they come from. They last from 20 to 30 seconds, and they blast right through the spacecraft."

Most of the strange signals remain unidentified, he added, and this "is something we are extremely puzzled about. For the past three months we have been receiving blasts of short duration, somewhat like the X-ray bursts" known to be coming from some distant stars.

In one recent instance, however, MIT physicists said, they probably detected the X-rays from a Chinese atomic weapons explosion as their SAS-3 satellite was passing over South-east Asia.

A second event - seeming to mimic the atomic explosion - was not attributable to a bomb, however, and is still a mystery.

"All we can say is that the first phenomenon we detected came within 6 minutes of an atomic bomb blast when we were over Singapore," said Dr. Walter Lewin.

"Then we saw a second event that was quite similar, though not exactly like the first. We thought it might be a bomb, but we haven't heard anything."

Asked if the strange X-ray signals might have come from the sun, from sunspot activity, Lewin replied that "we checked that with the solar observatory in Colorado, and they reported there was nothing like that."

Thus the strange bomblike signal remains unidentified, but Lewin said it may be related somehow to their set of strange X-ray events.

These new signals, Lewin said, seem to come from all directions, but for some reason not all of the X-ray detection satellites in orbit are seeing them.

If the bursts of X-ray energy were

coming from a star or star system, he explained, it would be seen from many other positions on the spacecraft's orbital track, "you would expect to see them regardless of where the craft is in orbit."

"However," he explained, "many of these bursts of X-rays, probably half, come always within 20 degrees or so of the South Atlantic Ocean, and that is very smelly. That is where the Van Allen radiation belts extend out into our orbit, and if you see half of your events there, then something is wrong in the state of Denmark."

Another MIT physics professor involved in the Sas-3 satellite program, Dr. George Clark, added that even though the X-ray bursts look somewhat like signals from stars, "there is no reason why stellar signals should appear to be associated with geophysical (Earth - bound) phenomena."

Bayard Webster
in the New York Times

A recently compiled collection of photographs of earthquake light flares in the sky in Japan, combined with reports from visiting scientists of the strange lighting-up of the sky during the massive earthquake in Angshan, China, last year, have led researchers to begin scientific investigation of the phenomenon.

The frequent occurrence of these eerie floods of light in the sky around the time of major earthquakes has long puzzled scientists. Until recently, however, few geologists considered investigating earthquake lights, as they are called, because of the dearth of scientifically gathered and corroborative evidence.

But new reports from accredited scientists have led Dr. John S. Derr, a geophysicist and earthquake expert with the United States Geological Survey in Denver, to undertake a preliminary investigation of this phenomenon of nature. He describes some of his and other researchers' inquiries into the mystery in the current issue of the Geological Survey's Earthquake Infor-

mation Bulletin.

In his report, Derr notes that earthquake lights, or flares, have been observed for untold years, as suggested by the ancient Japanese jaiku:

The earth speaks
softly to the mountain
Which trembles
And lights the sky

Accounts of atmospheric luminosity before, during and after earthquakes have been recorded in many parts of the world, Derr reports.

In earthquake-prone Japan, observers have noted that during earth tremors about 40 years ago the sky was lit up as if by sheet lightning. Other light effects before, during and after the same quake resembled auroral streamers, beams, and columns or fireballs that could be seen as far as 70 miles away.

More recently, Yutaka Yasui, a physics professor at Dokkyo Medical College, Japan, collected photographs of lights seen during the earthquake swarm near Matsushiro in the late 1960s. He has also reported on lights in the sky during the 1969 earthquake at Santa Rosa, Calif., which were seen by many and were described as being similar to electric sparks, fireballs and meteors.

Most recently, Dr. Cinna Lomnitz, a seismologist at the National University of Mexico who recently visited China, reported that during the giant Tangshan quake in July 1976, residents said the sky was lit up like daylight, bright enough to wake people up, thinking their room lights had been turned on.

(CUFOR note: The above report draws attention to 'The Bell-Jar's Warning' by Florin Gheorghita in the preceding issue describing aerial lights seen before the great Romanian earthquake, which had not happened at the time of writing. That article is of further interest because, as Gheorghita remarked, the lights were seen as long as 10 years before the disaster. Also pictures were taken of the phenomena. For further reference to the Romanian

earthquake, see the report starting on page one of this issue.)

MARS: LAND OF FOG EATERS and CRYSTOPHAGES?

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

1st of two parts

When the first American Viking lander engaged the Martian surface at 5:12 a.m. PDT on Tuesday morning, July 20, 1976, the true quest for life on Mars commenced.

Dominating every single photograph returned to earth were vast rock-laden stretches of land. In viewing one photo after another of this stone-strewn terrain, we may all have been looking at life without being in the slightest sense aware of it. First, any one of the apparent "rocks" in the background could have been in actuality the hard shell of a Martian entity, camouflaged quite artfully among the planet's boulders. But, it must be asked why not even one blurred image was recorded by virtue of such a creature's movement? Very simply speaking, if it ambulates in the fashion of a heavy-footed terrestrial tortoise, then its peripatetications just could not be captured on film. Analysis of photographic plates of the same area on different days is currently under way at my Center for the Investigation of Extraterrestrial Life in southern California to determine if any rocks have changed position, revealing possible biotic mobility (paralleling the search for new planets through painstaking examinations of photos of the night sky on successive nights).

Such rock creatures (or any others, for that matter) might well be nocturnal by nature, yet NASA failed to equip the Vikings with the capability for nighttime photography, depriving project biophysicists of a possible opportunity to observe Martians first hand. And, if nothing else, the landers could have been appointed with lights that would have cyclically flashed in visible, infrared, and ultraviolet light in the dark to signal their presence to any entity present, perhaps even attracting a few

denizens of the area in the process.

And, if the rocks themselves are not alive, then just possibly life forms have taken up habitation within their cores. A recent paper by Florida State University biologists E. Imre Friedmann and Roseli Ocampo reported that colonies of microscopic blue-green algae have been discovered in the interiors of porous rocks in the Negev and Sinai Deserts as well as Antarctica. The porosity of such rocks allows the algae to thrive in the internal interstices which admit a small amount of light for the proper conduction of photosynthesis, a process thought hitherto impossible in Antarctica's freezing, waterless backland. These authors have strongly urged NASA to probe the interiors of exposed Martian rocks for analogous growths of microscopic life.

While this mystery of life among the rocks is still challenging biologists, the veil of ignorance has been torn away from another facet of the Martian environment. The most intriguing question, the one that has enchanted the psyches of thinkers for decades: is there any water on Mars? Viking 1 provided the first visual evidence of water, this of H₂O in transit between the surface and the atmosphere, as on earth. Apparently, a far greater fraction of the atmospheric water vapor than previously imagined is evolved on a daily basis from water-ice vapor that is hovering just above the surface and which ascends to higher altitudes, only to later return to the ground in the form of a mild dew. And, significantly, the presence of water fog, fine particles of condensed water vapor, was absolutely confirmed. This was a particularly fortuitous discovery, coming as it did at a time when entomologists were just discovering some unusual facts about the water-gathering techniques of a quartet of beetle species living in the Namib Desert along Africa's southwestern coastline. In the native Nama tongue, the name signifies "land where there is nothing," a most felicitous characterization of this region. It is a cold, wind-beaten, waterless desert marked by 800-foot-high sand dunes which stretch across the horizon in

banks 20 feet long, a description which could equally well apply to many a Martian furlong. And, it parallels the deserts of Mars in one other crucial aspect: wind-driven fogs sweep over the land with daily regularity.

During such fogs, three of the beetle species emerge from their sandy underground havens to dig trenches buttressed by two parallel ridges which trap foggy moisture, enabling these insects to sustain themselves. By extracting the clinging moisture from the trenches, they are able to increase their bodily water content by 13.9 per cent every day. The fourth beetle, less dexterously gifted, simply disinters itself from the soil and faces the wind with a bowed head, allowing H₂O droplets to collect on its tiny body and trickle slowly into its opened mouth. By so doing, this creature's fluid content is increased by about 12 per cent on the average. Now, could not either of these delineations embody the description of a Martian bioform nourishing itself on the surface on the Red Planet?

Additional positive data comes from the polar regions of the planet. Both the north and south polar caps are now known to consist entirely of water ice. Due to the relatively high temperatures there, all carbon dioxide ice has sublimated from the solid to the gaseous state, evanescing thereupon into the atmosphere. Conceivably, entombed under the H₂O ice, are sheets of ancient CO₂ ice, but they would be situated anywhere from one sixteenth to to one mile beneath the surface, allowing ice-eating crytophages of even enormous size to devour water ice for sustenance at the surface.

With regard to the compositional breakdown of the atmosphere, 95 per cent is carbon dioxide, as anticipated. But, boding well for the process of biogenesis is the confirmation of a 2-3 per cent constituency of nitrogen, previously only hoped for but never detected. Argon, at 1-2 per cent constituency of nitrogen, previously only hoped for but never detected. Argon, at 1-2 per cent and even oxygen, at 0.3 per cent along with trace amounts of the

noble gases krypton and xenon, make up the remainder of the aerial milieu.

Not to be ignored, of course, is the most exciting experiment in the history of science, conducted by the two Viking landers on the Martian soil. The search concentrated on any products of metabolism that might be exuded by living organisms. Three distinct investigations incubated samples of the Martian surface under a spectrum of varying environmental conditions. Each was predicated on a different rudimentary assumption regarding the prerequisites for Martian biogenesis.

[To be continued in next issue].

Sasquatch Section

TRACKS IN NORTHERN B.C.

This article by Arnold Martin is carried with permission of The Kootenay [B.C.] Rapport in which it appeared last November. We are grateful to L.C. Turner of Christina Lake for bringing it to our attention.

Rumours of the legendary Sasquatch have been floating about the West Kootenay for dozens of years - perhaps hundreds or thousands.

Eric Gerhardi doesn't believe they are just rumours - and he is someone it's difficult not to believe.

"I'd heard about them - I used to think they were just fables - but a fable or a myth doesn't leave tracks."

Gerhardi told *Rapport* this week of a set of footprints he found last summer in the Skeena River area.

[CUFOR note: Significantly or not, this area borders on the country described in the article starting on page one, and the time of discovery is within the period of UFO activity reported by Shelley Hallock in that article.]

"Its tracks were seven feet, eight inches apart," he said, and the beast must have weighed about 750 - 800 lbs., judging by the dimensions of the footprints, compared with his own.

"I was wearing logging boots, and I know how far into the dirt my feet sank. That was a big beast, whatever it was."



Footprint photos by E. Gerhardi

Gerhardi ran through a list of possibilities with a reporter.

Fog patterns? Nope. "It was an afternoon in July, quiet warm, about 4 p.m."

Shadow patterns? That one doesn't fit either - Gerhardi and four companions tracked the creature through a wide variety of terrain for about an hour and a half.

A hoax? This doesn't make sense, either.

"In the area where we found these



Pranksters recently startled a busload of passengers near Mission, B.C., by having a 'Sasquatch' appear on the road ahead. The incident made headlines before the fakery was exposed. Despite such tricks the real Sasquatch seems to live on, as suggested in this Vancouver Sun cartoon by Peterson.

tracks, there was so little reason for people to see them - there's no reason for people to put them there.

"Those tracks definitely were not manmade - it wasn't a hoax."

Still pictures were taken in soft soil, with sunlight present. Movie pictures were also shot.

A bear or other such animal?
"I'm a woodsman. I know bear

tracks and deer tracks - I'm no greenhorn in the business - and that was no bear."

The photographs he displayed clearly showed a human - like foot, with five toes.

Gerhardi said neither he nor his four companions saw the creature - "I guess he was a day ahead of us."

An employee of the Department of

Fisheries, he said he was doing a "routine patrol, looking for dead salmon on the river," when he spotted the tracks.

He declined to name the other people with him, as he had not obtained their permission to do so.

All four, however, agreed no known animals could have made the tracks.

"He was strong as could be. It took two of us to bend branches the size of the ones he broke off with his hands." Some of the branches broken off trees to allow head and body to pass were eight feet high, he said.

Gerhardi said he has "lived in that area for 48 years."

In addition to both still and movie pictures, the group also made a plaster cast of the prints.

"I almost quit my job and went Sasquatch hunting," he said with a grin a possibility that might have become a reality, had he not been involved in a serious accident a short time later.

Gerhardi, 59, now walks with the aid of two canes - "I still wish I could go back there and find him", he said.

But hunting or capturing him is not his motive.

He agreed with a suggestion the creature "Might just want to be left alone," but declared, "They aren't going to be. There are people out there now, from time to time, looking for him and carrying guns."

"They're liable to run into a whole family of them, and there might be some trouble."

"If somebody got hurt, there'd be a lot of people who'd want to kill or capture them."

If Sasquatches are actually found, he said, they ought to be either left entirely alone, or perhaps moved to an area where hunting is not allowed - or better yet, declaring their habitat a no-hunting area.

One thing for sure - "They're not a myth. Myths don't leave tracks," he concluded.

For Your Bookshelf

Situation Red - The UFO Siege. By Leonard H. Stringfield. Doubleday & Co. Inc., 245 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017 [Illustrated, 224 pp. Hard cover, \$8.95.]

In reviewing a book like this that is full of arresting passages, it is probably not fair to start with a quote which,

while interesting, does not rate with some others as an eye-catcher. But the following few lines held our attention momentarily for a particular reason:

"... this region (Cincinnati and environs) does have a uniqueness, a fact long known by many ufologists: on its surface or under it, man-made or natural, there is something that triggers intensive UFO surveillance, something that is undetected by our human sensors."

We paused here because we were thinking mundanely of a postal problem. When we started mailing CUFOR in wrappers instead of envelopes a few months ago, the only place where readers reported any real delivery problems was Cincinnati. Since it was reasonable to assume the postal service there was about as efficient as in any other city, we felt something else must be the matter. Being somewhat more exposed in a wrapper, was there any chance that in Cincinnati the magazine was picking up non-subscribing readers on its way? This might account for the delays and soiling we heard about. Yet it seemed unlikely the problem could be peculiar to just one area.

Now, having learned from *Situation Red*, whose author lives in Cincinnati, of the impression UFOs have made there on public awareness, we are not so sure. Perhaps postal workers in Cincinnati do take a look at the magazine before sending it on its way.

However, being a good writer with a tremendous fund of personally acquired information, Stringfield does not presume his home town is the only place with unearthly attractions. Instead his book reaches far across the field of the whole UFO mystery.

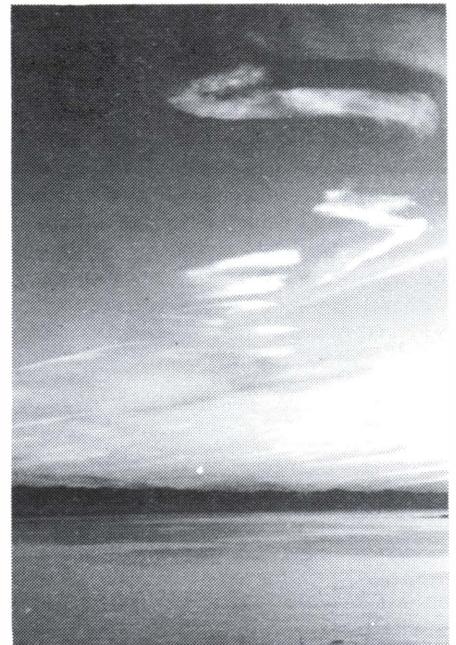
Of the intriguing instances he records away from the local scene, one concerns the strange off-shore activity near Pascagoula, Miss., in 1973 at the time of the much-publicized on-shore experience of two fishermen allegedly taken aboard a UFO. Although news services had reported an unexplained light being seen then in Gulf waters, we learn here there was more to it than that. Among other things, the light

seemed to penetrate an oar that one witness shoved toward it.

"The oar didn't cast any shadow," he said. "I could not block out any of the light. I would compare it with an X ray."

In taking pains to dig up details like that, and recognizing their value when he sees it (here we have a collector's item on our visitors' use of penetrating light), Stringfield shows his worth. It is that sort of work that separates the ufologists from the others.

LETTERS



Sir:

There was a magnificent sunset (I think it was May 20) and I was outside on my sundeck, which overlooks the waters of Juan de Fuca Strait and the Olympic mountains, giving me an unobstructed view in all direction.

My attention was focused on the unusual spiraling shaped clouds. They looked as though a jet had lost control and gone into a spin.

Then, directly below, I saw a silvery object just hanging there, stationary. I watched it for some time

thinking it must be a weather balloon, and then suddenly it began to pulse, giving off rays of light, as does a star when seen through a telescope.

I dashed into the house and got my camera and when I went outside again the object had moved lower down and to the left, and was flashing very brightly. I snapped the picture, (the last in the film). It was then I saw two small bright objects moving towards the large one, from the direction of the Olympics. The three converged, and then moved west, skimming the mountain tops at a great speed and disappeared into the thick clouds, low down in the center of the picture.

To give you a sense of direction, the point of land in the lower right hand side of the picture is Clover Point. My house is situated approximately one half mile east, by water, of Clover Point.

I have have several good sightings from here, one of which the Observatory checked out and reported back, "It is nothing of this world, there are no blinking lights and we have nothing that goes that fast."

Mrs. D.B. Turner,
Victoria, B.C.

Having examined the negative, our photo analyst, George Potts, said the bright spot was not due to a flaw. He said the camera obviously photographed what was there.

Sir:

On the evening of April 5, 1977, I had the thrill of a lifetime. I saw a UFO at quite close quarters, and my mind has not yet accepted the enormity of seeing an object from another world than ours.

I had just shut off my television at the close of a program that ended at 7:30, and walked into my bedroom, whose window overlooks a view of the water and Keats Island. My eye was caught by a softly glowing white light in the air near the beacon (on a nearby shoal) and apparently approaching from the Island. Having seen such lights before, I at once realized what it was and rushed for my binoculars.

By the time I reached the window

the white light had disappeared, but against the darkening sky I could discern a large dark shape hanging in the air above the water in front of one of the houses across the road. I got a good fix on it with the glasses and could see that it was the often reported disc shape with a domed top, and it seemed to be tilted a little as though the occupants were looking at a cabin cruiser that was anchored just off shore in front of the waterfront house. The UFO was a large dark shape, thick through the center, with a rounded top, and tapering at each side; there was a ruby red light on one trailing edge.

As I watched, the shape, without changing its attitude, slowly rose until I had to crouch almost to the floor to keep it in sight through the top of the window before it slowly drifted northward, apparently following the shoreline.

Through the whole of this episode the object did not make any sound audible to me. Planes and helicopters passing over both make my house reverberate with their noise, but this object apparently was silent.

This dark, solid aircraft was definitely a UFO and, short of meeting the occupants face to face, I do not expect my life to hold a greater and more awesome thrill than this gave me.

(Miss) E.R. East,
Gibsons, B.C.

In Letters, vol. 3, no. 6, Miss East reported another distinctive sighting. For more about the remarkable Keats Island area see 'I Lived in a Nest of UFOs' vol. 2, no. 5.

Sir:

I am writing to you about a strange experience I had one night last April. I woke up when this strange noise went over the house east to west. It was just like a motorcycle noise, very brief, just as you count 1,2,3, and then it was no more. I looked at the alarm clock beside my bed and it was 10 minutes after two.

I was lying there in bed wondering and waiting for some motorcycle gang to run up and down our street, which I

was not too happy about, when all of a sudden there was this strange noise again. but this time it came from the south side of the house and a dark object went by a little window on the south side just as fast as you count 1,2,3. I was still lying there in bed looking at that window through the bedroom door. Now 15 minutes had gone by since the first noise, so I got up and went to the kitchen and wrote on a piece of paper the time and left that on the table with the pencil, so as to make sure it was no dream.

I am 70 years old. I neither smoke or drink or take any medication. I am married and have lived in this house 39 years. I have never seen or heard anything like this before.

Mrs. Mandy Helgren,
Richmond, B.C.

Sir:

Is the Earth growing dangerously colder or perniciously hotter? In response to John Cuthell's letter in the last issue re my article, "Are UFOs Changing Our Weather?", I must first state that competing trends presently exist which have caused a schism in the scientific community: some experts believe that we are rapidly heading for a so-called "Little Ice Age," much as Europe experienced in the 17th century; others assert that the present cooling trend is only transitory, with a contrary warming trend bound to overtake it in the next decade or two, especially if coal burning (which spews the grist of the greenhouse mill, carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere at breakneck rates) is reinstated as an energy conservation measure by some nations (such as the USA). Aliens in UFOs could foster either tendency in seeking to remold our planet to their needs.

Mr. Cuthell's question of whether an increased vegetative growth resulting from an elevated planetary temperature would or would not tend to counteract such heating by an enhanced absorption of carbon dioxide is most intriguing. The volume of such vegetation and the rate at which it would develop are variables most difficult to

predict. But the deleterious effects of such an epoch of warming might take their toll long before the counterbalancing action of plants could take hold. Generally, I am inclined to think that the botanical "vegetative effect" would be inadequate to cancel out the meteorological "greenhouse effect" (apparently, e.g., it has not happened on Venus, a planet characterized by 900 degrees F. surface temperatures and an atmosphere rich in carbon dioxide). Still, it remains an interesting subject for conjecture.

Dr. Franklin R. Ruehl,
Glendale, Calif.,

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