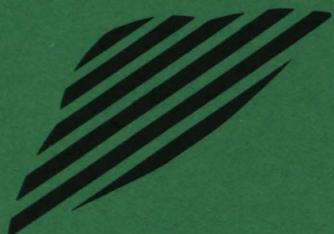


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Our Friends Are Strangers

If our UFO visitors have one feature that identifies them above all others, it may be their lack of logic, at least as we know it. Why, for instance, do they play pranks like chasing cars when presumably they have endured awful hazards in space just to be here?

Why are they both secretive and obvious? Why, to illustrate that question, do they make themselves conspicuous with lights while operating at night?

In this atmosphere of contradictions it is surprising and reassuring to come across an instance when our visitors seem to make sense (in addition, of course, to the pattern described in articles by our discerning columnist, Beatrice Zimmer), and recently that was our good fortune. It happened after it was noted in the preceding issue of CUFOR (pp. 1-4) that there had been a flurry of activity in an area of northern B.C. not usually visited by these strangers. If they had found something of interest there, surely they would be back for more.

It sounded reasonable, but the logic was doubtful in view of our visitors' perverse ways. Nevertheless we went up there on the remote chance they would act sensibly this time, and there they were! Just a few days before our arrival, in fact, they had given a performance in miniature aircraft that was good enough for the record book (see opposite).

Suddenly the visitors seemed more like friends whom hopefully we might learn to understand. But such thinking is dangerous, as we quickly remembered. To begin with, there is a mercury mine in that area which might well explain our visitors' interest. So why did they wait for the mine to close before they showed up?

Let's go back to square one - almost.

Tiny Squadron Flies Past

When Shelley Hallock made her report of strange aerial sightings around Fort St. James in north-central B.C. (vol. 4, no. 4, pp. 3,4), she admitted she was only touching on the total number of cases. "They are simply too numerous to mention," she explained.

Her remark intrigued us as it opened up a totally new area for possible UFO activity. Although in earlier years we had motored to the scenic country of Fort St. James on several occasions, we had never heard of a single sighting up there. Perhaps it was because that was in the days before CUFOR and we were not so attentive to chance remarks about UFOs as we are now. Even so we would have been receptive to a good report, yet there seemed to be none.

Has something happened to change all that? Shelley Hallock, who lives up there as publisher of the *Caledonia Courier* and has had ample opportunity to study the situation 'before and after,' has also noticed the difference and even suggests a date for it. She believes it may have something to do with the closing of a mercury mine at nearby Pinchi Lake.

"The mine has been non-operational since the fall of 1975," she wrote, "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."

Recently, along with Yvonne and Bill Allan of Kelowna, B.C. we visited the area to follow up Shelley's interesting report. Results were instantaneous. Going directly to the former mine site on Pinchi Lake (northwest of Fort St. James via a remote 20-mile dirt road), we were met by a small interested group with whom Shelley had helpfully been in touch. Although up there only briefly for



Pinchi Lake: Mine is beyond far shore. Mountain shows at left.

the hunting season, the first two we spoke to already had a sighting so unusual, yet with such similarity to other cases we had on file, it qualified immediately for a place in our records.

The two witnesses were Irwin Hamilton of North Vancouver, and John Lavoie of Langley, B.C. The incident occurred about five p.m. in clear though overcast weather last October 10.

"We were down at the east end of the lake, hunting, and we were bringing out some equipment when it happened," Hamilton said in answer to our first questions. "John was approximately 100 yards in from the lake and I was on the lake shore. All of a sudden we heard a sound in the air which at first I thought was a plane.

"I looked up but didn't see anything, then suddenly over the top of the trees there was a formation of what I thought were geese at first then quickly realized they weren't. It was a formation of miniature jets with a wingspread of about five feet!

"They went right over the end of the lake and in seconds were down by Moran Bay where they went out of sight. That was about three or four miles away. They disappeared into the lake or in the shadow of the

mountain near the lake."

If our reconstruction of events is correct, that meant the strange little squadron disappeared in the direction of the inactive mercury mine, halfway down the right-hand side of the lake from where the men stood.

Pinchi mountain towers more than 4,000 feet right behind the mine site and would provide a backdrop against which the craft could quickly become invisible (unless they did indeed plunge into the lake before travelling that far!).

With tree-tops to help in his measurement, Hamilton estimated the tiny craft were 400 to 500 feet up and were close enough on first appearance to discount any chance they were normal-sized jets seen at a distance. The swishing sound they made like 'breaking air' was the only audible noise. Hamilton said they moved in unison as if 'they were all in one piece.'

Being in the woods away from shore, John Lavoie had a more restricted view of the little craft, yet he saw and heard enough to confirm his partner's impressions.

"I was just zipping up the tent when I heard the sound of wind, just like a plane right over the trees. So I looked up and there



Irwin Hamilton (left) & John Lavoie.

were about eight to twelve of what looked to be miniature jets, and they were in formation in a spear-head shape. They were flying very fast and they were close enough for me to know they were no ordinary jets, they were so small. I thought of birds but knew they couldn't be. They were too fast.

"Then Irwin came up and asked me if I had seen anything. I said I saw something like a bunch of geese going over but they weren't flapping their wings!"

In further questioning the witnesses described the objects as 'triangular-shaped' much like delta-wing aircraft. Dark and metallic-looking, they were pointed in front and had no visible tail assembly, or insignia. Only the bottom part of the craft could be seen, ruling out any chance of seeing a 'cockpit.' They covered the distance of Moran Bay in 3 or 4 seconds, giving them an estimated speed close to 4,000 m.p.h. They were heard before they were seen (though presumably travelling faster than sound) and flew in a dead-straight line just inches apart.

Remarkable as this incident is on its own merit, it becomes utterly astonishing when considered in

relation to other UFO reports concerning small aircraft: for instance, that of Joanne Hammond of Radium, B.C. in describing an experience she had while driving one night in the Rocky Mountain Trench (vol. 2, no. 3, p. 6).

This is what Joanne told us about the object that came diving at her:

"When it first came toward me, it looked round in front with a hump on top. But when it shot up over the car it looked more triangular. It had two wings that tapered off and right behind in the middle was a narrow tail about six inches long. The wings spread right across the windshield so I guess the whole thing was three or four feet wide altogether. It was very solid-looking, like metal..."

The small differences in the two descriptions are of little account. What is important is that in both cases the witnesses unexpectedly saw toy-like airplanes performing in a dazzling manner under what was obviously masterful control.

In our story about Joanne Hammond we noted that two years later miniature delta-wing aircraft were also seen in Australia and next, thanks to Bill Allan, we carried the report of a witness who saw one at close quarters while rounding up cattle near Cochrane, Alberta.

The case, as investigated by Allan, was described in our recent book *Our UFO Visitors* (Hancock House). Relating how William Hertzke spotted a metallic glint in a grove of trees, the account said in part:

"Turning aside, he came upon a craft with short, stubby, swept-back wings like a 'hawk in a power-dive' and 'waffle-like depressions around the sides,' a transparent dome and a door standing ajar. His horse refused to go closer than a 25-foot circle around it, but he could look down and see the instrument panel, a TV screen, two clear plastic form-fitting seats for 'about an 80-pound youngster' and rows of switches and scalloped knobs."

The object hovered inches above the ground without visible support.

The mystery-within-a-mystery of these sightings is the similarity of such objects to our own aircraft. If, as seems likely, our UFO visitors are not bound by any simple laws of aerodynamics, why bother with wings?

Perhaps these are the toys of alien youngsters who like to play at earthlings' games while their fathers attend to other business. Long ago a boy named Phaeton did something like that, except he tried to copy his Dad as a charioteer - with disastrous results.

Flying 'Diamonds'

By GRAHAM CONWAY

Tom Michaud, a 37-year-old truck driver, pulled into the yard of a cement company near Haney, B.C. The time was 2:50 a.m., August 23, 1977. He proceeded to unload his cement truck's contents into a tall silo, located in an unlit company yard situated at the end of a lonely road. The whole operation took just over an hour and nothing unusual took place during this period. The night was dark and fairly miserable. Ceiling was 2,500 feet, visibility six miles. Light mist and scattered rain helped make viewing conditions less than perfect.

The job took longer than usual due to a broken air line. However, at 4:05 a.m. Tom was back in the cab and ready to return to his base in Burnaby. As he left the yard, he spotted three bright lights through his steamed-up, rain-spotted windshield. Although travelling already at 20 miles an hour, he stamped on the brakes and came to a halt, so that he could observe them more clearly. Thinking the lights were possibly reflections, he wiped the glass and to his astonishment saw that the intensely bright objects seemed to be zigzagging in the air over a stand of poplar trees about a mile away.



Tom Michaud

Time and detail from then on become blurred, as Tom readily admits. His attention was centered on the middle object as it began to eject a red laser-type beam towards the ground at regular intervals. Apparently this took place in a methodical sequence, whereby the brilliant light decreased in size as energy left it, and flowed down into a vertical beam.

The moment the red beam reached its objective, whatever that may have been, the original light source immediately resumed its original brilliance. This light projection sequence occurred at least three times, but no more than five.

The witness also added that despite the magnificence of the brilliant lights, they did not appear to either throw a light glow onto the surrounding area nor did they reflect off the low cloud cover. His estimate of distance was no more than two miles away, with a possible altitude of 1,000 - 1,500 feet. At no time could he detect either a shape or indication of mass behind the powerful lights, presently the size of peas.

Suddenly without warning and any apparent visible flight path, the light changed its position and was now directly over Tom's left

shoulder, possibly 500 feet up and less than one-quarter of a mile away, giving him the feeling of being watched.

He turned around, and then quickly rolled the window down and stuck his head out, but could hear no noise from it. He recalls a mixture of awe and being mesmerized by this diamond-like object that held his attention. Where the other two lights went he has no idea. If they were close by then, he has no recollection of seeing them. When asked what the basic color was, he is unable to find words that are suitable. He constantly returns to recalling the brilliance that radiates from a fine gem, now the size of a quarter.

During this period he had no feeling of fear. Suddenly it occurred to him that the object might land and he had no desire to meet "them." Instantly that thought crossed his mind the object left, retreating half a mile away. As if released from a spell, Tom put the truck in gear and drove a short distance to a small house alongside the road. It was now 4:13 a.m.

The witness commenced to bang on the front door of the house until he aroused the occupants. The owner, Mr. Sidwell stuck his head out of the basement window and asked, "What the hell's going on?"

Mrs. Sidwell described the driver's extremely excited condition and his repeated statements that he had seen a "flying saucer" close to the house. Melody, the Sidwells' 14-year-old daughter, stepped onto the porch and looked through the trees in the direction in which Tom was pointing. Although readily admitting to having seen three lights "bobbing up and down" in the sky, she also adds that in her opinion they didn't look like flying saucers. When pressed to describe the color she, too, hesitated a long time, then reluctantly said yellow.

Ten minutes elapsed as the driver described what had taken place since he commenced his journey earlier, less than 160 yards down the road from where they lived. Mr. Sidwell also confirmed the presence of the lights in the sky.

Re-entering the cab of his huge truck, Tom drove to nearby Haney to call the police. It never occurred to him to ask to use the phone at the Sidwells' home.

The person who answered the phone was facetious, stating that if the witness would supply a few more details, the police would go out and find the UFO. Tom hung up in frustration and disgust. Returning to his base in Burnaby



Michaud stopped at house on left. Objects were over trees at end of road.

took 40 minutes. He has no recall at all of travelling this route back to his depot. On arriving, quite naturally much later than anticipated, he poured out his story to the night mechanic, Cliff Nyland, and his relief driver, Brian Ayre. They described him as being white-faced and "bug-eyed". Apparently Tom asked Brian Ayre three times where he was going and three times Brian replied; quite obviously a state of semi-shock existed.

When Tom returned home and told his wife of the night's events, he was still in a great state of excitement, as she readily admits. During breakfast his alert young daughter noticed that her father was going back and forth from the kitchen sink to the bathroom, drinking glass after glass of water.

It was then that Tom noticed that he had a curious metallic taste in his mouth, similar he said to the after effects of having a dentist fill his teeth, leaving residual particles with accompanying taste.

This state of apparent dehydration lasted until around noon. At no time were the eyes of the witness irritated or inflamed. The only other unusual event was that when he went to bed he could not sleep, unlike his normal pattern, when he goes right off and never hears a sound. After considerable thought, Tom's one word summary of the night's incident was that of being "privileged".

The following night when Tom left Burnaby to drive home after completing his night's work he had a sudden overpowering compulsion to return to the scene of the sighting.

He possessed a feeling of wanting to meet "them." When he arrived in the yard, and turned his car around in the same direction that his truck had been facing, he suddenly asked himself, "What on earth am I doing here?" Turning his engine and lights back on he left for home in a hurry.

The next night the same thing happened again, an overpowering compulsion to revisit the area. This

time Tom kept on finding excuses for not going and was finally successful in resisting a return visit.

Investigation revealed that Pitt Meadows airport, located about five miles west of the sighting area, closes down at 8 p.m. each night. This airfield handles small private planes and received no reports concerning this incident.

Abbotsford airport, 20-odd miles to the east, equipped to land the largest commercial aircraft should Vancouver International be fogged in, also reported no sightings, and to my surprise stated they did not possess radar.

The local RCMP office admitted to having received a UFO call from a "trucker" but claimed that none of the officers on duty that night saw anything while on highway patrol.

Ironically, the headquarters of the Maple Ridge Amateur Astronomers Society is situated only a quarter mile east of where Michaud witnessed the three lights. Although it is possible the last position in which they were seen was close to this building, no further information was forthcoming from this group of skywatchers.

This sighting occurred over an area call Maple Ridge in August, 1977. Then it was recalled that in August of the previous year Gordon White, a resident of Maple Ridge, watched through binoculars for 45 minutes as an illuminated aerial object performed maneuvers about 10 miles from his home.

An RCAF veteran, he did not believe it was any type of conventional aircraft.

In August just a year before that there was yet another sighting in the same area when three boys of Port Coquitlam saw a strange metallic object with flashing lights land in a sandpit (vol. 3, no. 4, p.9). Perhaps it was coincidence, but

three unusual sightings evenly spaced over three years, and all taking place in a limited area, surely merit some attention.

Matching Cases

A notable part of Tom Michaud's experience was the mesmerizing effect of the diamond-shaped object, an influence so strong that almost in spite of himself he returned to the site twice in hope of seeing it again.

Did he just imagine the object was attracting him? Perhaps, but before jumping to conclusions let's consider the experience of Brent Herbert of Melville, Sask. as related in a letter to us (vol. 3, no 4, pp. 23-4).

On another August (!) evening in 1974 Herbert was returning to the campsite in Banff National Park where he was on holiday when, like Michaud, he was unaccountably conscious of 'being watched.'

"I was standing there (by the family car) just a few seconds when I glanced up and till this day I don't understand why I glanced up. I could actually feel the muscles in the back of my neck pulling and straining and doing their work as my head lifted and I remember thinking with mild surprise 'why is my head lifting?' When my head had lifted I was staring at a stationary star..."

After a moment the 'star' began to move and, again like Michaud, Herbert had an uncanny feeling the object was able to read his thoughts. Although in that case no red beam was emitted, the objects in both cases were strikingly similar in appearance and behavior. In a sketch of what he saw, Herbert drew an object that looked like a diamond!

As we remarked in a footnote to that letter we have on record still a third case of a mesmerizing flying 'diamond' which was seen at closer

quarters (vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 11-12). Again with the action at Banff, this occurred one night in December, 1968, when a brilliantly lit flying object came close to the ground in front of two young men and seemed to urge them to come aboard.

"We had a very strange feeling it was trying to make us move exactly the way it wanted," one said.

They said it looked like a large four-pointed diamond!

Sometimes we are inclined to think of our visitors simply as explorers who have travelled much farther than man but whose motive is the same, namely to find new lands. Following this line of thought, we may think we know them a little better. Then, almost invariably, something happens that upsets our pat answers.

For instance, what are they laughing about?

In 'Four Faces of Our Visitors' (vol. 2, no. 7, p. 3) we related that during her lonely stay on Keats Island, B.C., Bernice Niblett had the weird experience of being laughed at by someone aboard a strange craft that swooped low overhead. The incident was similar to one involving a woman in Italy several years earlier. In that case, moreover, the witness actually saw the two small occupants responsible.

Now thanks to Graham Conway, our correspondent who wrote the preceding report on Flying Diamonds, we learn of another case of mystifying laughter. It will be seen no UFO was visibly involved, yet the outburst had the same wild unearthly sound. The incident was reported in the Vancouver (B.C.) Sun, last July.

"Greenpeace (the vessel tracking Russian whalers) has decided to be more cautious with its radio transmissions because on Sunday and Monday night transmissions between the ship and San Francisco were interrupted by mysterious interference.

"Moments after the James Bay

and the San Francisco radio office of Greenpeace began talking Sunday, the conversation was drowned out by what sounded like maniacal laughter. It was the sort of mechanical laughter one hears at a midway House of Horrors.

"Dick Dillman, an experienced radio operator, who is running Greenpeace's communications centre in San Francisco, said it was the strangest interference he had heard in 20 years in radio.

"He described it as a malicious jamming and he reported it within minutes to the California office of the Federal Communications Division.

"As Greenpeace switched around the three different channels it normally uses, the crackling laughter pursued the transmissions from channel to channel.

"After about 20 minutes it suddenly stopped. But it occurred again Monday night."

Report From Alberta

Strange Markings

By JOHN BRENT MUSGRAVE

Ted Phillip's physical trace catalogue was published in July 1975, by the Center for UFO Studies. When taken in proper perspective, it's a useful source book for understanding some kinds of UFO events. But it has to be kept in mind that it's a source book of *possible* UFO events, not a listing of verified UFO events.

The Canadian entries, like those of other countries, vary considerably in their reliability and usefulness. Some are classic cases, and have been well documented; others are most likely spurious. Unfortunately, many of the entries are in fact no more than unusual burnt areas, or strange markings for which no everyday explanation could be offered.

A mechanical interpretation

would have excluded at least a third of the Canadian entries from a catalogue of physical traces actually associated with a UFO sighting - where the association is more than just potential coincidence.

Too often physical traces are presumed to have been "caused" by a UFO merely because someone, sometime (be it hours, days, weeks, or even months, before the physical trace discovery), somewhere "nearby" saw something in the sky.

On the other hand, the inclusion of these kinds of cases can be justified on the theory that if at least some UFO events can occur without witnesses (and a great deal of UFO speculation is predicated on this assumption without really considering what this means and in what kinds of cases it probably is not true), then some, if not most, unusual markings are in fact generated by UFOs - whatever UFOs may ultimately turn out to be. And it is in this spirit that the following report is presented.

The latest strange markings in Alberta were discovered on June 21, approximately four miles southeast of Lanaria, Alberta, as a farmer sprayed his recently planted barley field. Approximately 150 yards from the nearest road, he came upon three dug up trenches in a Y-shape pattern. The three "legs" or trenches radiate from a central point, and all dip below the surface at about a 5 degree slope - so that they become tunnels at the ends. Each leg is about 2 - 4 inches in diameter, varying unevenly in size along its length.

Each leg curves slightly, rather than being absolutely straight, and each leg is the same length - approximately 56 inches from the centre to the end.

From above, the base of the Y is pointed 5 degrees south of east, and the arms of the Y are at a 90 degree angle to each other. The soil around each leg was honeycombed, and gave the impression of

how they flew off in different directions.

This series of sightings, standing alone, could easily be used as a butt of scorn by critics. But it does not stand alone, and it is the linking of several sightings by independent witnesses that gives these accounts their true value.

Next, during a phone call with Cleto Nunes Pereira, I was told that a bank guard, Luis Carlos Correa Santos, had been travelling by bus towards Rio de Janeiro on May 8 when he and all the passengers on that bus saw a very large star that started emitting many smaller ones. *Each took a steady course in a different direction, some towards the beach, others towards the mountains. It was about 7:00 p.m.*

Soon after that report I heard of another case that occurred on May 8 in which the witness, with her two children, saw a strange aerial object with 'windows' at close quarters as she left her house.

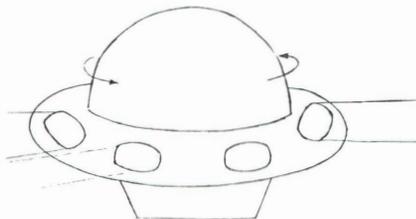
The witness was D. Maria de Souza Pereira, a school teacher, who, through Mr. Cleto, gave this report of her sighting at about 7 p.m. that day:

"The object had a spinning dome, silver-grey, standing on a lead-grey base that looked fixed to me. Between the top and bottom there was a ring with four oval, equally spaced openings (windows). From these were omitted, alternately and horizontally, beams of light that all of a sudden 'diluted into the air.' The light was yellow.

"From the third 'window' (counting from left to right), no light appeared.

"The object stood there, motionless, for about one minute. It seemed to be about 150 meters distant and, according to my vision of it, it would be about one meter in diameter.

"It then moved towards town or the Sumare (reporter's note: the Sumare is the name given a range of mountains with TV towers and transformers close to the Corcovado Christ). As it flew over and



Maria de Souza Pereira saw object, with spinning dome, sketched above and at left, over roof as she left her house. It hovered about one minute before moving off.

beyond the roof of the house opposite, I could no longer see it."

May 15: Mrs. Isobel Tobler, who resides in Copacabana in a penthouse, phoned to say she had been watching a UFO from her home. She said it looked like a balloon but carried a tail. Then, stopping in the air, it must have flown on again for it decreased in size toward Niteroi.

This was between 4 and 5:30 in the afternoon. Later Mrs. Tobler noticed a motionless dark object, shaped like a module and the size of a gull, coming from the direction of the Corvocado Christ (?). It could not have been a helicopter, for by then it was dusk and there were no lights on it.

D. Lisette Silva Dias Guimares also rang me that day - it was then 10:00 p.m. - telling me she had been watching two lights over the Morro Sta Clara for the past 20 minutes. I decided to put her in touch with Mrs. Tobler, for they were looking in the same direction.

From then on, up to after mid-

night, I had a succession of phone calls from both these ladies who, from different directions, were watching the same UFOs, apparently. Both saw two objects, one surmounting the other above the same hill, Morro Sta Clara or dos Cabritos.

At 10:27 D. Lisette informed me she now saw a third light, twinkling, coming toward her building, whilst another orangy light had appeared above the Chica hill.

Then my daughter Chica, who lives nearby and in the general neighborhood, phoned me saying she had been watching a two-storey red UFO travelling slowly from the hill near her building towards the beach. This hill is the continuation of the one above which the other two ladies had just seen their UFOs.

The May 15 sightings had another item added when Mrs. Yara Brotto, a former student of mine and now a fellow-teacher,

who lives in Niteroi, met me a few days later and told me she too had seen a UFO from where she lived on the same night.

Back to the two ladies who kept ringing me to inform me of the succession of events: D. Isabel Tobler rang again to say she was looking at a fifth night-light, and one of the preceding ones had crossed below the Southern Cross. All the objects she saw were elongated in shape.

May 29: Newton Neri, who lives in Humanita at the base of the Corcovado mountain, rang me to say he had watched a UFO early that day. This gentleman is retired from the air force and, as he suffers from hypertension, gets up during the night for air.

At 2:00 a.m. he saw what looked like a bright metallic bluish football by the Corcovado Christ. The light was comparable to that of an acetelyne torch, a very bright blue. The 'football' left behind it a trail as if it were a searchlight like those on warships.

Mr. Neri's sighting lasted only two or three seconds at most, he said. He was sure it was no plane or meteor.

Another report on this day came to me from a biologist, Dr. Paulo Pereira da Silva who, after calling me, was kind enough to make a drawing of what he saw, here submitted.

This sighting also occurred about 2 a.m. The witness saw a luminous, orange-colored body, elongated, thicker at the center, shaped like a cigar or bottle, at first motionless, intensely brilliant, with a blinking light on top.

It moved slowly south, made a short halt, when two small objects, rounded, orangy, very brilliant, very swift, departed from it heading north.

The mother-ship started moving once more, slowly. It stopped again for about 10 minutes, then continued flight with its light pulsating. The UFOs were silent, did not emit smoke and seemed to be spinning. They might have been flying at height of 1-2,000 meters.

The mother-ship, cylindrical or bottle-shaped, seemed huge considering the distance, and moved along in a vertical position.

Dr. da Silva said he felt slightly nervous watching the UFOs. His wife also observed the incident.

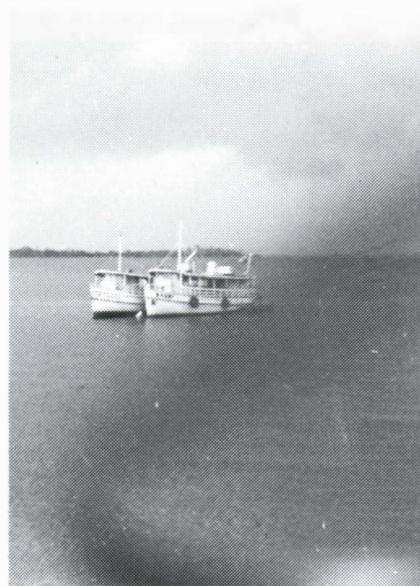
So ends my account of the May 1977 sightings. This report should show that just by random gathering of reports, one can receive a good quantity of information. If this could be properly orientated, we might face a truly frightening amount of information.

But people do not generally bother to exchange information, and so it stagnates, and we do not

realize what may be happening over our very heads.

Unless the sky were suddenly to blacken with UFOs, like locusts upon a field, people will continue to ignore them, forget them, or keep the news to themselves.

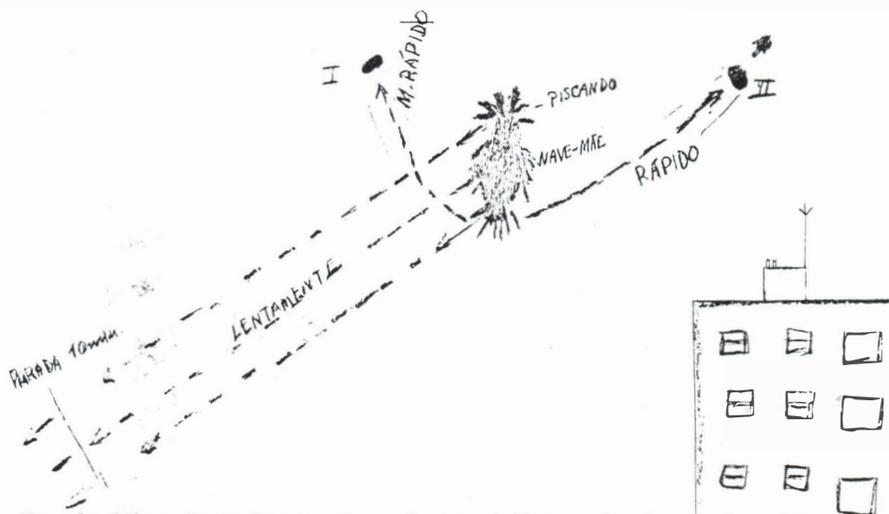
'Bell-Jar' Again



"Coming down from the Amazon river," Irene Granchi said in a report to us, "a group of young people had just arrived in Santarem, a river port in the State of Para, and were looking for a hotel to stay at. One of them, Carlos Alves da Cunha, took a couple of photos at the entrance of a humble inn and then decided to take more of the surroundings. Two that followed were of interest for, after they were developed in Rio, one showed a lenticular white form with a misty tail against the background of blue sky. The other showed a dark streak with a definite pattern."

Mme. Granchi sent the photos, with their negatives, to CUFOR for an opinion. She explained nothing strange was seen when the pictures were taken.

At first our attention focussed on the photo with the white UFO-like form. After careful inspection, however, analyst George Potts



Dr. da Silva drew bottle-shaped object flying slowly south, while small ejected lights sped in other directions.

decided the mark probably occurred while the film was being processed. But since there is an element of doubt, judgment is reserved and the negative has been returned to Mme. Granchi for further tests.

As for the other photo, (above), Potts saw nothing to indicate the negative was flawed. Provided there was nothing immediately in front of the camera when the picture was taken - and we understand there was not - this could mean the photo is significant. It now seems to have a place in our growing file of 'bell-jar' pictures.

Mme. Granchi expressed the same idea, writing: "When I saw it, the 'bell-jar' picture taken by Al Sift in Romania and carried in CUFOR (vol 4, no. 2, p. 3) immediately sprang to my mind. So did other photos in the accompanying article by Florin Gheorghita, as well as those sent by Betty Jones from Montana (vol. 3, no.2, pp. 14, 16 and no. 7, pp. 1, 3).

"So now we have Brazilian 'bell-jars' to add, it seems.

"With CUFOR's comments to Gheorghita's latest article - and we sincerely hope not the last - the 'bell-jar' as a warning stands out clearly, as the Romanian earthquake would suggest.

"Why should Santarem be the place for unseen UFOs? it lies on the Amazon river at a spot where it is joined by the Tapajos effluent and is crossed by the Transamazonian road. It is a busy commercial center. If the presence of a 'bell-jar' truly means a warning, one might imagine the region to become flooded, something I hope will not happen.

"The two photos will stand as evidence. They may prove worthy of study, and they are fascinating corroborative material for the matching cases of unseen UFOs and shadow-like appearances elsewhere."



Report From U.S.A.

Mystery In Montana Park



As reported by Betty Jones of Kalispell, Montana, this section of Lone Pine State Park, a few miles from her home, was the scene of mystifying sights and sounds last March as if some important UFO activity was going on.

Beeping noises, glowing disembodied 'eyes' at night, unexplained flashes and balls of light created a mystery which a local group investigated without success.

"All the strange things seen and heard were similar to those often associated with UFOs," Mrs. Jones wrote.

Joining the group of volunteer investigators, she took pictures of noiseless aerial night-lights, one of which is shown here. (p. 10). Police who spoke to the searches seemed to take a serious interest in what was going on. A point of possible significance is that the area is skirted by a power line.

Meanwhile the local newspaper reported a low-level sighting over the highway nearby, and it was later learned two more witnesses had a sighting from the highway about the same time as the first. All this seemed to confirm what was being observed in the park.

The strange activity continued for about one week.



Betty Jones' photo shows identical hook-shaped patterns over Montana park.

The Birth Of The Planets

By GREGORY M. KANON

Back in 1955, William F. Dawson proposed a startling theory to explain the origin of our solar system. The theory ran counter to the views of established scientists and, as such, was considered revolutionary. Revolutionary and, no doubt as some scientists regarded it, threatening as hell.

As a result, Dawson's views were rebuffed -- or worse, ignored -- by the ivory-tower boys.

The head of one of America's largest planetariums, to whom Dawson had sent a written copy of his proposal, wrote back: "None of us has had time to read it carefully though we have looked it through. I do not quite understand your purpose in sending it to us."

Another "always-look-backwards" adherent, the editor of a staunchly conservative astronomical journal, told Dawson brusquely: "... your theory is built

on ideas which, as far as we can tell, have no solid support in mathematical or physical laws. Your arguments are rhetorical, not mathematical or physical."

Yet there were a few who listened. In January, 1964, John W. Campbell, editor of *Analog*, invited Dawson to write an article for his magazine. Ben Bova, veteran science writer and the current editor of *Analog*, was asked to coauthor the piece, and for several months Dawson and Bova, the latter helping with the writing chores, worked together on one of the most controversial articles ever written in the field of cosmology.

The response to the article, published in July, 1964, was incredible. Letters poured in from everywhere. One reader, a well-known scientist-theorist, compared Dawson to the great thinkers of history.

And just what is Dawson's theory?

"The Earth itself came out of the asteroid belt," Dawson explained to me during a recent interview. "I believe that a previously existing world came apart at that point in space. And on the surface of that previously existing world were geological strata with organisms in it. There was also a spread of organisms over its surface."

Dawson continued: "Our own dinosaurs, millions of years ago, came to a sudden, abrupt end. No one is quite sure what brought about their extermination. In my view, the dinosaurs were destroyed on that other world; the dinosaurs were wiped out in some sort of watery holocaust before the planet broke apart."

Dawson theorizes that the giant world, prior to splitting up, entered a space cloud and iced over. Gases then accumulated on its surface, after which the immense orb approached the area of our present solar system and began to fall towards the sun.

"Huge masses of gas were stripped off," Dawson went on to say. "So you had the birth of the outer comets from the outer gas shell. Then you had Pluto, Then Neptune. Then Uranus. Then you had the huge mass of Saturn that stripped off, with its rings which sailed around it as it pulled apart. And finally you had the gas mass of Jupiter, still plummeting in with this planet at the center."

The dense world then tore through the Jovian surface, leaving behind the great Red Spot. The planet rapidly began to disintegrate and eventually exploded. Most of the debris, Dawson conjectures, became what is now the asteroid belt; the larger chunks of material -- containing a fossil record of the original world -- continued onward to form the inner planets, including Earth.

Of course, Dawson's views sharply contradict accepted theories concerning the origin of the solar system. What's more, Dawson feels that the formation of the planets may not have been natural, but rather guided by some super intelligence or civilization. This intelligence, says Dawson (who for obvious reasons did not pursue this line of thought in the *Analog* article), may have caused the breakup of the drowned parent planet in order to create new worlds. They may have even populated the Earth with life forms which evolved into present-day Man, much the same as they had presumably done with lower forms of animals, such as the dinosaurs, on the original world.

As for proof of his theory, Dawson remains optimistic. "Should a manned expedition reach Mars or Venus," the theorist stated, "they can expect to find fossils identical to those found on Earth." He added: "I've been predicting that for some time now."

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Soviet Stunner

MOSCOW (UPI) - The Soviet press reported today that a strange moving ball of light was sighted over Petrozavodsk in Soviet Karelia early Tuesday, September 20, about the same time a similar phenomenon was observed over neighboring Finland.

The official Soviet new agency Tass said that at approximately 4 a.m. Tuesday "a huge star suddenly flashed out of a dark sky, sending shafts of light impulses to earth."

"This star was moving slowly towards Petrozavodsk and spreading over it like a jellyfish," Tass said. "It stopped and hovered over the city, sending out numerous thin light rays like a downpour of rain."

"Sometime later the illumination ended. The jellyfish turned into a bright semicircle and resumed its movement toward Onega Lake, the horizon of which was covered with grey clouds. Then there formed in this shroud a semi-circular glow, bright red in the middle and white on the sides. This phenomenon, according to witnesses, lasted from 10 to 12 minutes," Tass said.

Reports from Helsinki Tuesday said a bright ball of fire was visible for about four minutes over the Finnish capital. There was speculation there that it could have been a Soviet rocket ship burning up on re-entry or exploding.

Tass quoted Yuri Gromov, director of the Petrozavodsk meteorological observatory, as saying there were no technical experiments under way at the time and no unusual weather.

"The meteorological workers of Karelia have never before registered similar phenomena," Gromov told Tass. It remains an enigma.

"The special weather services did not register any sharp deviations in the atmosphere during 24 hours of that period."

"It is impossible to call this

phenomenon some kind of mirage because many people witnessed it.

Their testimony is identical in many details."

The Moon Was Steered Into Orbit Around Our World?

By DON WILSON

On October 13, 1977 the eyes of the world focussed on our Sun. A phenomenon that was exclusive with our star then took place - an eclipse. Exclusive because as far as astronomers know our planet is the only one in the solar system (and beyond?) that experiences this rather strange phenomenon. And the reasons why it happens at all is *the Moon*. The peculiar positioning of the Moon in its orbit around our Sun and our Earth is why our corner of the Cosmos is blessed with this striking event.

An Eclipse "Eclipses" All Understanding

The story that lies behind such an astronomical "miracle" and why it takes place at all is mind-boggling and eye-opening. When an observer standing on the Earth looks at the Moon and the Sun (don't look too long!) the disc size of both are the same. Why should our huge Sun and tiny Moon appear to an earth observer to be of equal size? Because our Moon which is about 2100 miles in diameter is placed at a distance of little less than a quarter of a million miles away from our planet, whereas our Sun (about 850,000 miles in diameter) is more than 93,000,000 miles away.

In each case there is a ratio of 1 to 400 with the immense distance of our gigantic Sun cancelling out the disparate size of our Moon.

But there is much more to this "miracle" than this. For not only are the disc sizes equal but the Moon's positioning is in such an

orbit that the disc of the Moon from time to time perfectly covers the disc of the Sun, leaving only its outer corona fortuitously exposed, thus enabling scientists to study the Sun. Such a positioning is nearly miraculous for the odds against this happening accidentally as scientists like Isaac Asimov point out, are astronomical (if you will pardon the pun).

Yet, as we shall see, the latest theory - after decades of Apollo explorations and study - concludes that our Moon just happened to accidentally come into orbit around Earth. It wandered too close eons ago to our planet and was by *accident* gravitationally caught and locked in orbit around our world. Quite an accident!

In fact, its positioning is such that it seems almost as though our Moon was *steered* into orbit - into its precise placement around our planet. Two Soviet scientists Michael Vasin and Alexander Scherbakov indeed theorize that this is *exactly* what happened - that the evidence indicates that our Moon is a huge hollowed-out "spaceship" world that was "steered" into orbit around our world.

Orthodox astronomers could never accept such a "crazy" theory and indeed haven't. How then do these scientists explain how the Moon got into this strange orbit around our world?

Where In The World Did The Moon Come From?

After dozens of manned and unmanned probes of the Moon, the

carrying back of nearly a British ton of the Moon itself back to Earth, after extensive experiments and study scientists confess today that the Moon is more puzzling than ever. In fact, a recent NASA publication referred to the Moon as "the greatest puzzler of them all." And lunar experts are even openly admitting that it is "easier to explain the non-existence of the Moon than its existence." For they are absolutely dumfounded how the Moon got to be in our skies. One scientist has even joked that the Moon doesn't exist at all, because scientists are not able to explain its existence.

Old Theories Never Die, They Just Fade Away

Before man went to the Moon, earth scientists had three major theories to explain how the Moon got there. Some thought it might have evolved out of the same cloud of cosmic gas and dust alongside our own planet four to five billion years ago. Or perhaps it was ripped out or fissioned off our planet at an early stage (perhaps out of the Pacific as a number suggested). However, recent lunar studies prove that our Moon is so much different in composition and make-up that both of these theories have now been rejected.

At the last Lunar Conference held in Houston (facetiously dubbed "rock" festivals) where experts on the Moon gathered from around the world, a shaky consensus declared that our Moon was doubtlessly *captured* by our Earth. However, scientists freely confess they are at a loss to figure out how that could have been done.

Especially how the Moon could have ended up in synchronized, circular orbit around our planet if it just accidentally wandered too close to our Earth and was gravitationally kidnapped.

Z. Kopal, world renowned astronomer of Manchester University in England, moreover,

points out that there is substantial evidence that our Moon was not always in orbit of our Sun or a companion of our Earth.

A study of the angle of impacts of the myriads of craters that pock-mock her face prove that these impacts were formed while the Moon was *not* in heliocentric orbit around our Sun.

Again another important link of evidence indicates that the Moon must have at one time been a lonely space wanderer and was later captured in the Earth's gravitational field, even though the celestial mechanics of such a cosmic "kidnapping" are incomprehensible to the best astrophysicists.

Besides, Kopal points out, there is another disturbing problem: even if *scientists were to assume that such a capture could have taken place*, the capture itself would have necessitated this strange lunar world coming extremely close to Earth and the upheaval resulting from the immense tidal tuggings should have erased all surface sculpture - wiped out craters and cracks, rifts and rilles. Yet, close study of the Moon through our astronauts' adventures and close-up lunar photography indicates that craters even the size of a dime and a quarter which were formed millions of years ago - even billions of years ago - have existed through eons of time undisturbed. How is this possible?

Surely this was no ordinary capture! In fact, considering the problems of the capture itself and the present orbit of our Moon around our Earth, it would seem that our satellite was "steered" into orbit around our world.

Exactly what Soviet researchers Vasin and Shcherbakov claim! Furthermore, the evidence garnered by two Soviet scientific investigators, and detailed in our book *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon* indicates that our Moon is a huge, hollowed-out world with a metal shell underneath its crust of rock and dust and is, in fact, a

spaceship! In light of that revelation all the problems dissolve, and now we understand how our Sun can be eclipsed or our Moon can disappear from time to time. The next occasion you watch a lunar eclipse or experience a solar eclipse remember the tremendous significance of this event.

Recently a leading physicist at a mid-western university said when I explained the precise nature of the Moon's placement around our world: "That's it! It's almost as though someone were holding a flag up there and telling mankind: 'Look! The Moon is not in hap-penstance orbit around your world!'"

Remember this the next time you witness this eclipse "miracle." More specifically remember that what you are seeing is only because of the Moon's peculiar orbit. This will give you a reminder, a tipoff of the true nature of our companion lunar world. And thereby hangs an even more mind-boggling tale...

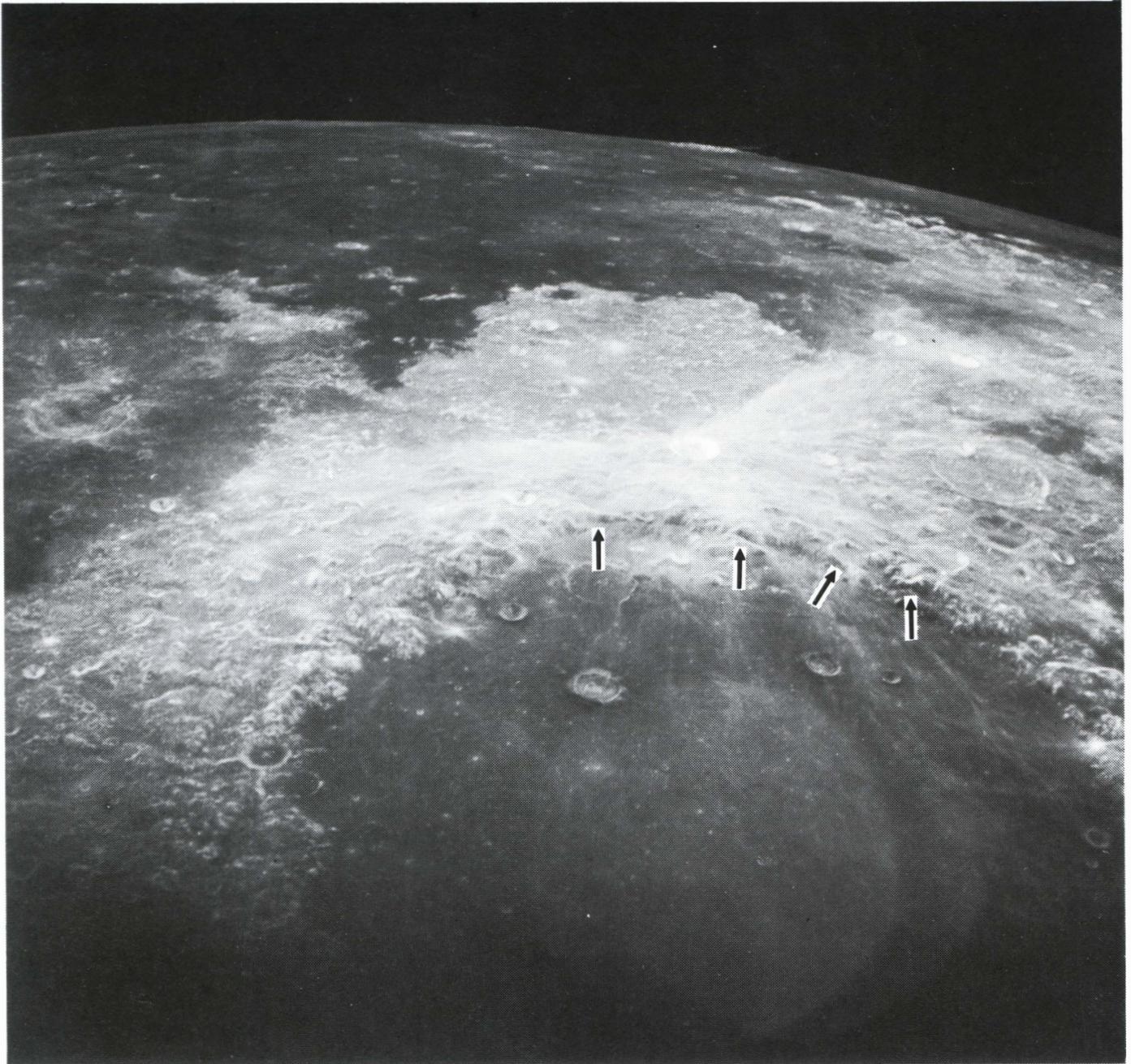
Next, the Moon in Pictures

Thanks to an idea submitted by correspondent Graham Conway, the following pages carry a selection of NASA lunar pictures showing possible evidence of alien activity. Conway proposed this feature, and loaned us a supply of NASA prints he had purchased, after a careful study of *Somebody Else Is On The Moon* by George H. Leonard (David McKay Company, Inc.) in which the photos appear.

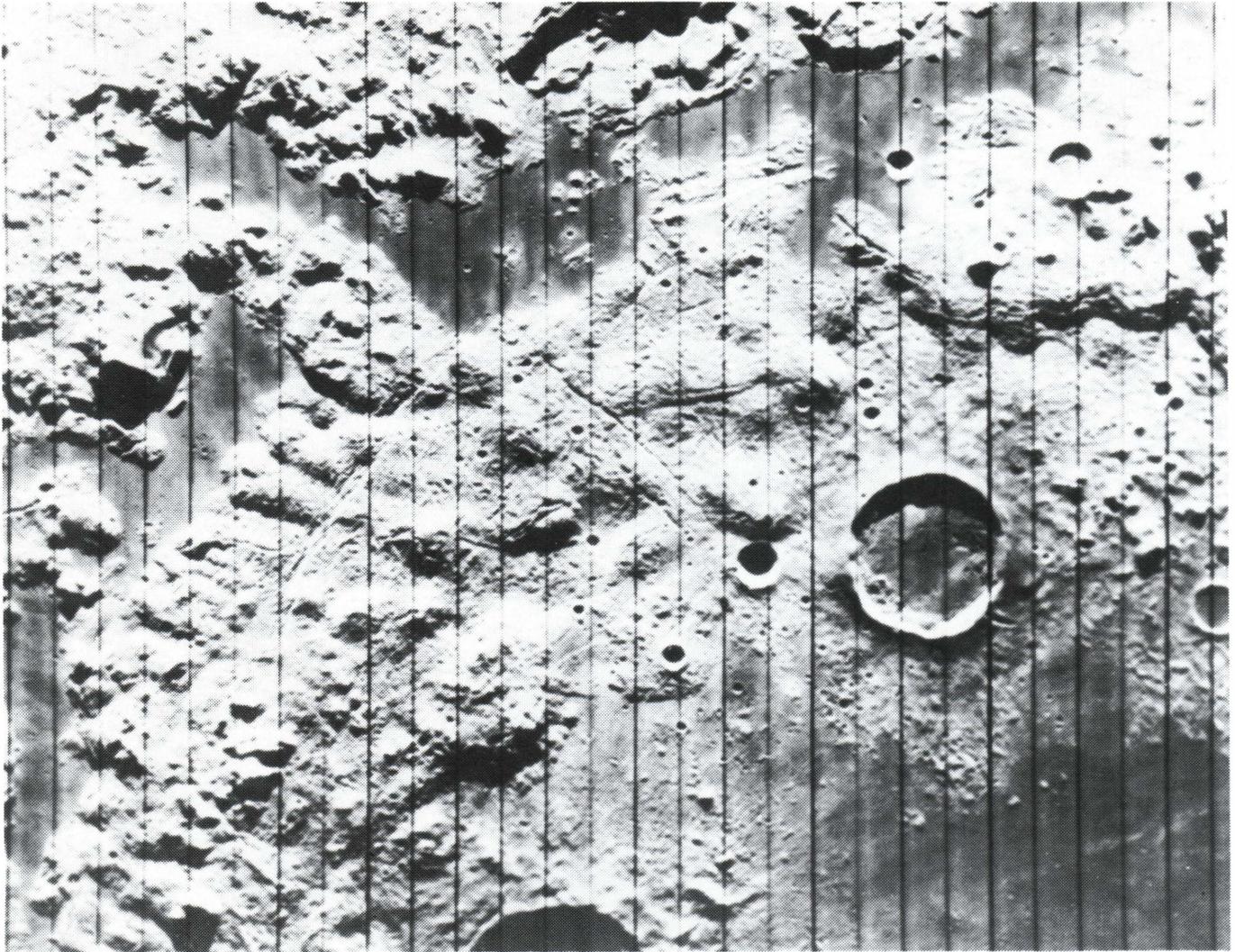
Since certain details become apparent only after prolonged study of the prints with a strong magnifying glass, Conway wondered - as we do - how the author found them at all. Was he 'helped' to enable the public to decide in its own way, and so without alarm, that there really is somebody else up there?

Who Is At Work Up There?

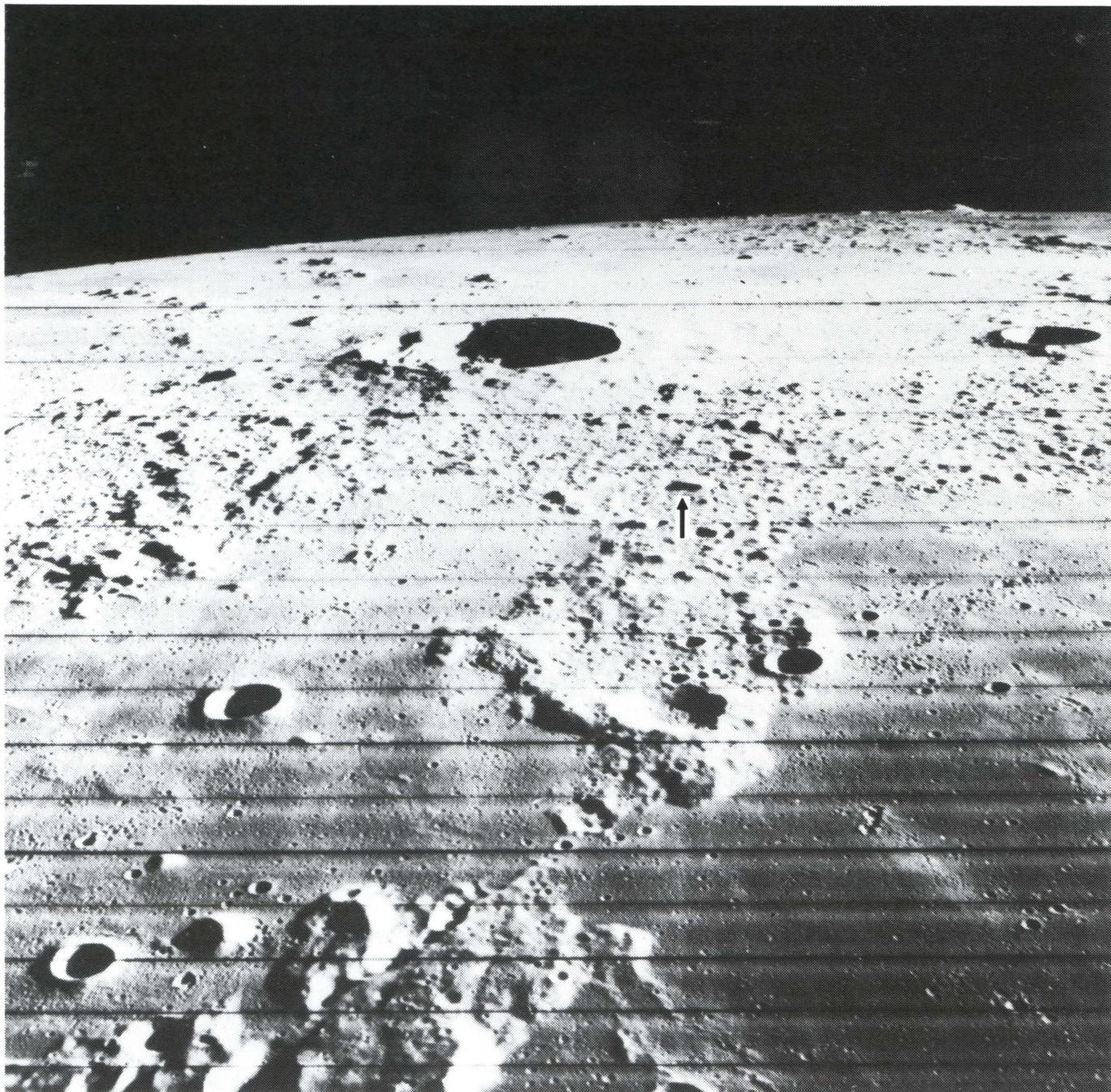
Cover photo: In its caption for this unnamed crater on far side of moon, NASA notes floor is 'much smoother than typical farside terrain' and deposits on floor have pronounced 'swirl'. Effect is similar to that of strip-mining operation. Note how lower right quarter is clear while rubble accumulates on floor and rim at other side as if digging is not yet underway there. Grooves in rim add to impression of 'men at work'.



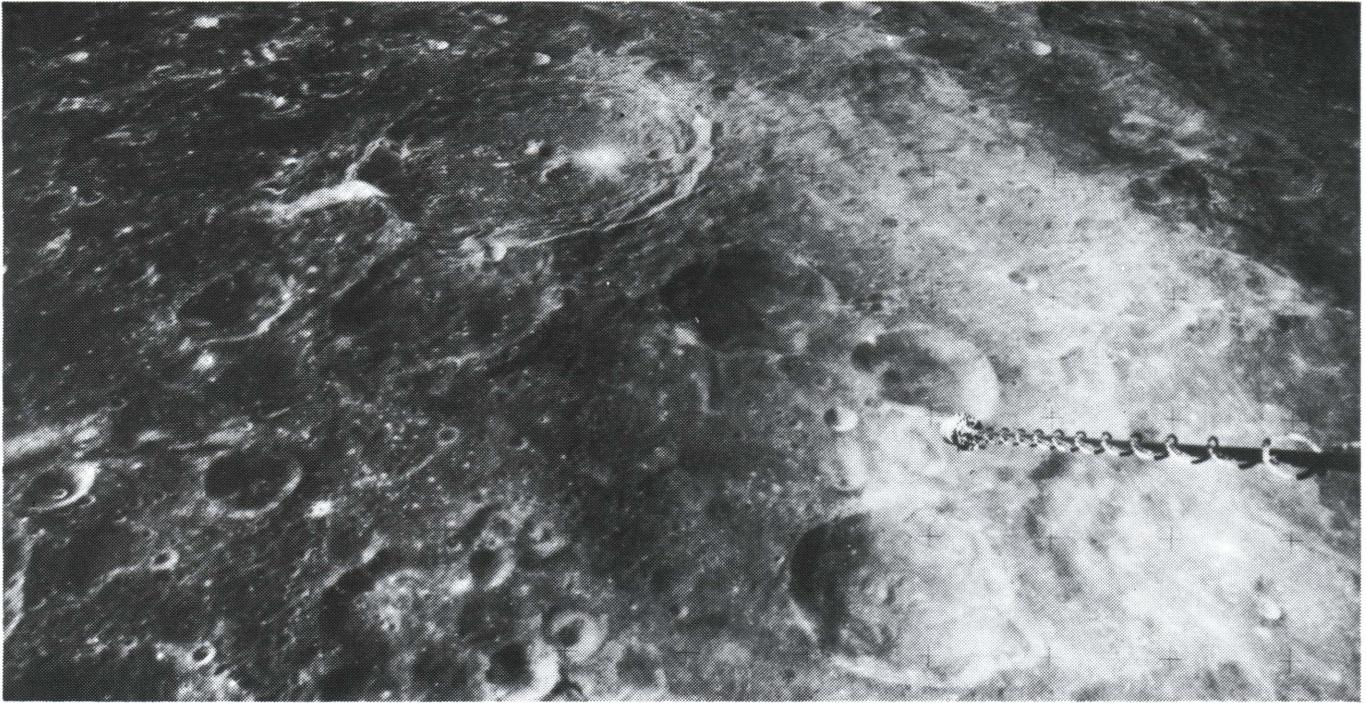
Formations like roads and bridges sometimes border smooth depressed areas on moon known as maria for 'seas' just as highways follow our own shorelines. Arrows point out such features in this view of Mare Crisium.



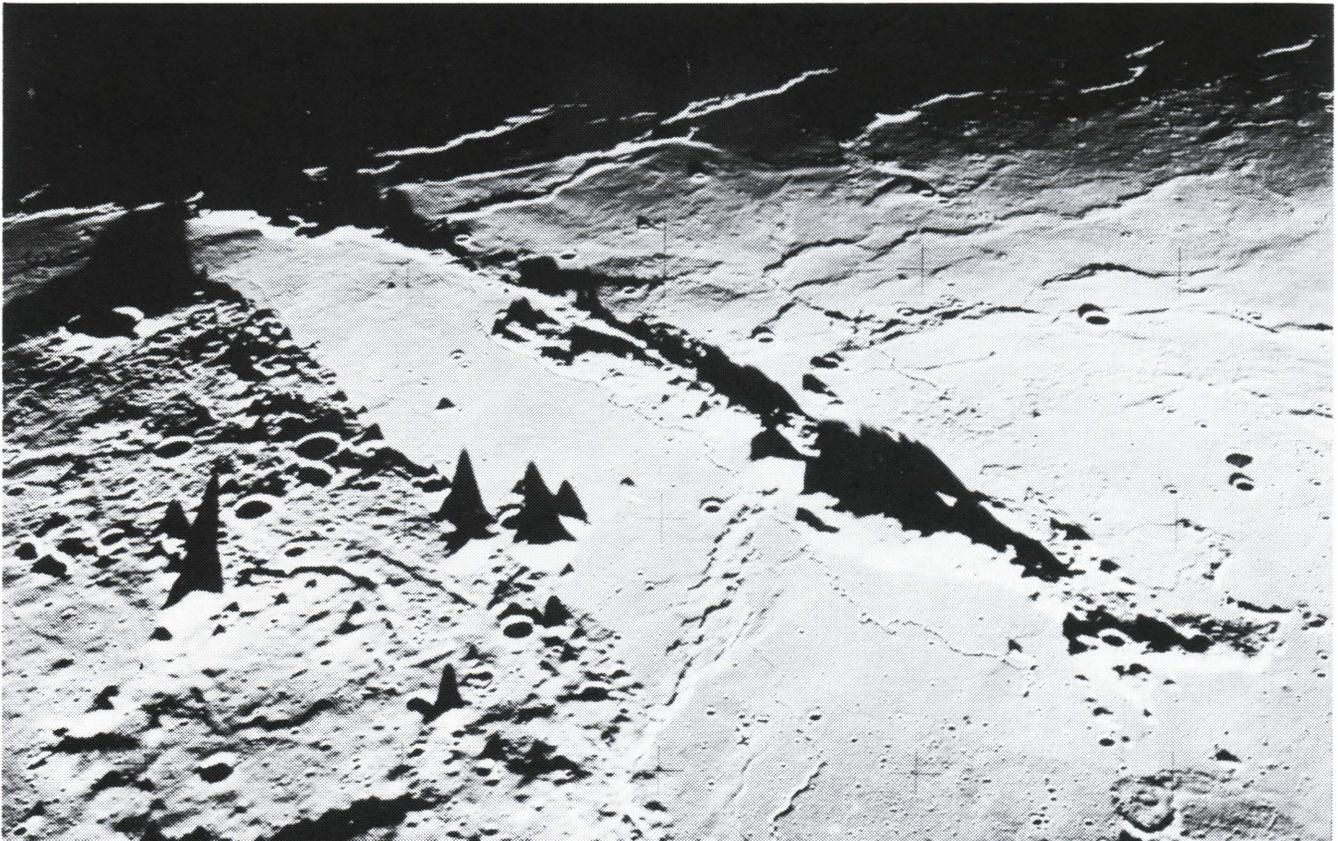
Area of Mare Orientale, Mare Veris and Rook Mountains seems alive with roads (not to be confused here with scanning lines). While some obviously are natural surface cracks, note whitish line at left center that crosses cracks before entering 'harbor.' In top right quarter road seems to follow twisting canyon.



Unusual feature singled out by George Leonard in this view of Kepler Crater (center) is smooth rectangle topped by what looks like Roman cross, shown by arrow. Leonard estimates cross is four miles long. Other squared-off structures appear inside crater rim.



In this view of Lobachevsky Crater (upper left quarter) unexplained stream of light apparently flows over rim from outside. It is visible within crater, though that section is in shadow. Leonard speculates it may be band of pure energy. Device at right extends from orbiting module.



Like something in witches' country, long sharp shadows are cast by cluster of points in this starkly lit section of lunar surface. Elsewhere tall spires also raise questions of alien design.

You and Me

By

BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH

In my book *Secret of the Ages* dealing with the hollow earth concept, I postulated that when the Atlanteans went inside the earth to prepare for catastrophic conditions on the surface, they took with them their fantastic machines and space craft. 1

One of their machines has been called 'Telaug' by the late Richard Shaver who claimed to have been inside the earth and to have seen all these wonders. 2

Recent experiments at Cornell University have shown that animals and humans are sensitive to electromagnetic radiation. The degree of sensitivity varies from person to person.

Electromagnetic radiation bypasses the auditory system, directly stimulating the brain, producing a buzzing sensation. The brain is an electromagnetic receiver. All systems and organs of the body are electrical.

Even the will to act is governed by electrical impulses to the brain. Electrical stimulation to specific parts of the brain can control certain emotions. Theoretically these signals can be transmitted over a distance to be received by our 'brain radios.'

The brain is also a transmitter. A device capable of refining and amplifying these signals would make it possible to receive them from long distances. The evidence suggests that ufonauts can locate brain waves. *Also, that some are able to transmit (mind projection) meaningful complex images.* They may be using a form of telepathy based on a system of technology rather than on extra sensory perception.

The reality of a form of 'Telaug' machine as described by Richard Shaver becomes more and more a real possibility. There is considerable evidence that people on the surface of our planet are being influenced by beings inside the

earth using 'Telaug' machines.

Gordon Creighton in an article published in *Flying Saucer Review*, titled 'On Vallee's Invisible College' wrote the following significant passage.

"As the waves of senseless, irrational violence (telepathetically induced?) rise higher and higher on the Earth, soon to engulf every country, and as the signs of moral and spiritual decay multiply, who can doubt that certain of the 'UFO entities' have a hand in the wrecking, and in the stirring of the nauseating brew? From the cases regularly carried in FSR it should be clear to all of us by now what can be achieved by the control of minds. *If individuals or groups can be thus controlled, so too can governments and whole nations. The Gadarene swine can be skilfully steered over into the abyss.*" 2 & 3

I am not suggesting that Mr. Creighton goes along with my views about the hollow earth or that it's occupants use 'Telaug' machines, but he is in no doubt that our minds can be controlled by UFO entities. As he points out there have been many cases published in FSR highlighting this very fact.

Among the other wonders mentioned by Richard Shaver as being used by inner earth people were vision rays which can penetrate thousands of miles of solid rock and pick up pictures of anything on the earth's surface.

I think that they can also project a three-dimensional picture in to the air above us. Something on the lines of what is called a hologram. Holography was first invented in Britain during 1948, and the first Laser Hologram was produced in 1963. It is a kind of lensless photography. A laser beam is used to record pictures that can be projected as a three-dimensional image.

Robin Collyns relates in his book *Did Spacemen Colonize the Earth?* how George Adamski in his own book *Inside the Space Ships*, described seeing Venusian scenes

on board a space ship in 1954. To Adamski's amazement when the lights dimmed the Venusian scene was shown suspended on the space of the room he was in. It was explained to him by Orthon, a space man, that they had a certain kind of projector that can send out and stop beams at any point. That point becomes an invisible screen "where the pictures are concentrated with color and dimensional qualities intact." 4 & 5

In an article called "All Done with Mirrors" published in this magazine, I gave an example of two UFO sightings exactly similar to each other over two different towns in France, ten days apart, which may have been the result of a laser hologram at work. 6

I took two famous sightings that had originally been described by the well-known French scientist and UFO author, Aime Michel, in his book *The Truth About Flying Saucers*. These two amazing sightings occurred at Oloron (October 17) and at Gaillac (October 27) in 1952.

Michel described these sightings as the most baffling in the history of saucers. He went on: "In these two southwestern towns and their environs, ten days apart the same theatrical spectacle was exhibited before the eyes of two groups of witnesses, totalling several hundred in number. And this spectacle was so complex, so meaningless, and so exactly alike in the two cases that for once I shall confine myself to reporting the testimony of some of the witnesses, without attempting to explain or to understand." 7

(*italics mine - B. Le P.T.*)

Now, it is a very interesting fact that something similar happened at the fantastic 'Miracle' of Fatima on October 13, 1917. That day was to see the culminating event in a series of visits to three shepherd children, first by an angel who appeared to them on three occasions unannounced and unexpectedly; and later by the Lady of Fatima who always came to visit

the children on the same date each month, that is, the 13th. All the Lady's visits were announced in advance, and gradually more and more people turned up on these occasions. However, there were around seventy thousand people present on the final big day.

What happened on October 13 had all the hallmarks of a modern UFO sighting. It had been predicted that the sun would do a dance in the sky that day. (This happened although it was not the sun dancing but a UFO) and what was thought to be the actual sun came dancing and cavorting with a great display of flashing lights.

In his book *The Invisible College* Jacques Vallee wrote: "The events at Fatima involve luminous spheres, lights with strange colors, a feeling of 'heat waves,' all physical characteristics commonly associated with UFOs.

They even include the typical 'falling leaf' motion of the saucer zig-zagging through the air. But they also encompass healing and prophecy and a loss of ordinary consciousness on the part of witnesses - what we have called the psychic component of UFO sightings..." 8

The dancing 'sun' seemed about to hit the ground but instead, rose up in to the sky once more, until it reached the position that the sun had been in before.

Another author, R.L. Dione, in his book *Is God Supernatural? The 4,000-year misunderstanding*, seems to have arrived at very similar conclusions to mine! He wrote: "Unlike the appearances of the angel, the Lady's visitations were always announced. She made six visits to the hillside at Fatima, each time on the thirteenth of the month, culminating in the colossal events of October 13, 1917.

Unlike the angel, the Lady never came down to the earth but always seemed to hover over a straggling holm oak in the area. Because of this peculiarity, it seems reasonable to deduce that while the angel was a physical being (having, during his second visit,

administered the Christian sacramental ritual of communion), *the Lady, however, was a technologically induced hallucination...*" 9
(*italics mine B.Le P.T.*)

In short, surely another way of saying the above words that I have put in italics would be to describe a laser beam hologram. This would be a technologically induced three-dimensional picture. A hallucination because the Lady is not actually at the spot where she is seen.

Human beings are possibly influenced for the better, both emotionally and spiritually, by these strange and theatrical projections.

However, I have reason to think that some entities from elsewhere may be probing and contacting our subconscious minds - indeed, controlling them - through electromagnetic radiation as described in the first part of this article, and this invisible method of communication might not be to our advantage. I share Gordon Creighton's alarm about these possibilities and hope that we are not being steered in to some awful abyss of destruction.

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UN To Discuss UFOs

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) - "Flying saucers" made an unopposed landing on the UN agenda (Sept. 22) when the steering committee recommended inclusion of all 126 items proposed for discussion by the General Assembly.

They include Namibia (South-West Africa), the Middle East and Cyprus.

The topic of flying saucers had been suggested some weeks ago by the prime minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, who wants the UN to set up a special agency or department to deal with research into "unidentified flying objects and related phenomena."

The proposal will be debated in the Assembly's special political committee.

(CUFOR note: *Shades of yesteryear! In 1969 we took part in an international project, launched in Britain, to place the UFO question in the hands of United Nations. The project petered out*

but hopefully this move will be more successful. The UFO mystery merits full international attention.)

The Pattern

By BEATRICE M. ZIMMER

On September 10, 1976, Bill Pecha, prompted by the failure of the television and the air conditioner and by a strange humming sound, opened his door to be confronted by "a huge circular craft about 140 feet in diameter" which was hovering "about 50 feet above the ground." He observed it for a moment, called to his wife, and then "the Pecha family piled into their pick-up truck and sped with lights off down the moonlit roads to the local sheriff's office." (1)

On February 23, 1975, Katsuhiro Yama and Masato Kohno of Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture in Central Japan, heard a whining sound overhead and glanced upward to see a disc-shaped object which landed but a short distance away. Cautiously, they approached and were confronted by a humanoid who emerged from behind the craft and touched Katsuhiro Yama on the shoulder. The visitor then circled the object and re-entered it as the boys fled in panic. (2)

These cases bear a marked similarity to incidents which have taken place the world over - incidents which appear meaningless at times. Yet, contacts of this nature not only follow a definite pattern as each unfolds, but fit into the larger context of an overall program.

It begins with the percipient(s) becoming aware of the presence of an unknown force via sounds, lights, or unusual feelings. This force, frequently in the form of apparent craft and entities, is observed.

The percipient is here presented the option: (1) to panic, in which

case he will either seek flight or a weapon, or (2) to control fear with reason and to then approach.

If the individual seeks flight, observation continues for a brief period and then the encounter is terminated. If hostility is evidenced, by efforts to employ a weapon, then action is taken to demonstrate the need to employ a rational approach and the encounter is terminated.

If the individual elects to approach, his positive response elicits a like one from the mysterious controllers. At this point, the witness may be touched by the visitor(s), he may be taken on board, he may receive verbal communication, or he may receive telepathic communication.

If reason can maintain control, positive actions should rule the encounter until its termination and the knowledge acquired will aid in the reduction of fear in others. Once a positive response of whatever nature-degree has been evidenced, the visitors depart.

No matter what the point(s) of origin may be for these manifestations, (i.e., a higher vibratory level, "the future," descendents or lost continents, extraterrestrials, etc.), the fact that encounters of varying natures continually take place denotes a purposeful program - a program with well defined procedures laid out to cover each phase and with a specified goal.

The very existence of the universe, and the multitude of stars similar to our own, speak strongly for the existence of rational extraterrestrial life forms some of which must, by the very nature of the situation, achieve the ability to voyage from one stellar system to another. Such exploration would follow a logical progression as expansion continued.

In his book *Flying Saucers - Here and Now!*, Frank Edwards presents a 7-phase program for the future human exploration of the cosmos. Phase I involves the initial approach to the planet to deter-

mine habitation or lack thereof. Phase II is a closer approach by instrumented probes to determine planetary composition and to locate any centers of civilization.

Phase III would involve the continued monitoring and testing of the capabilities of the ground and air vehicles of the inhabitants.

This would entail the periodic restructuring of our own craft to conform in appearance to the current technological level of the given planet. (Hence the 1896-97 airships)?

Phase IV finds the program advancing to the point of close approaches by manned craft to obtain a thorough understanding of the nature and form of the hostility to be expected. Here also is found study of military bases.

Phase V entails landings to obtain specimens of flora, fauna and individuals of the culture under study. Phase VI involves a determination to continue or to terminate the program. If continuation is warranted, a gradual increase in close approaches must be initiated to slowly but surely convince the inhabitants of the existence of an outside force and of its purpose for them. And, Phase VII would be the establishment of open contact if it is determined that such will not prove disastrous to either or both sides. (3)

In such cases as that of the Pecha family and of Katsuhiro Yama and Masato Kohno, evidence exists which indicates that at least some portion of this external force is, and has been, engaged in a like program. The increase in low-level approaches suggests a counterpart to Phases IV, V and VI.

Bill Pecha was alerted to the presence of "a huge circular craft" and was permitted to observe and to then determine his own course of action. The situation involving the apparent presence of an extraterrestrial craft was placed before him for consideration.

In this instance, fear gained control of the percipient and his family and flight was sought.

Yet, there was no attempt to interfere with that flight although these visitors have clearly demonstrated their ability to prevent such flight if desired.

Katsuhiro Yama and Masato Kohno were likewise presented with the presence of an apparent extraterrestrial craft. When they began to approach, evidence existed which indicated the control of fear by reason - to whatever degree. Thus, the emergence of the entity and the placing of his hand upon the shoulder of Katsuhiro Yaja. Although both boys then fled in panic, it had been clearly demonstrated that reason could control fear.

On September 18, 1976, two phantom jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force pursued an unidentified aerial object which had been detected. They approached the "round body" due south of Tehran only to have it speed ahead of them and to then turn around to come towards them.

"The report came through Et-tela'at, the evening newspaper, and the reporter who broke the story said that highly informed sources had told him that the pilots tried to open fire on the object when it became obvious that it was changing its course and beginning to pursue them, but inexplicably, their electronically operated firing devices failed to respond." (4)

In this instance, which is unfortunately typical of far too many encounters, hostility was evidenced and measures were taken to demonstrate the futility of such action and to show the need to employ a rational approach.

On New Year's morning, 1970, at the Cowichan District Hospital on Vancouver Island, nurse Kendall saw "a luminous circular object in mid-air with two human-like figures sitting inside under a transparent dome." She continued to observe the interior of the craft, the instrument panel, and the occupants as the object tilted in her direction.

Curiosity on her part had, it seems, been noted for: "At this

point, almost as if her thoughts were being read, she saw the figure in the rear (they were seated one behind the other) turn slowly and face squarely in her direction.

"He seemed to look right at me but I couldn't see his face. It was covered by a darkish material...I'm sure he saw me because then he touched the other man on the back.' "

What then transpired is highly indicative of some manner of program designed to permit the acquisition of knowledge to aid in the reduction, and eventual elimination, of unreasoning fear and its resultant hostility, for "When the man in back did this, the one in front reached down and took hold of something like a lever beside him. I'll never forget how deliberately he did it. He pushed it back and forth and the saucer, or whatever you'd call it, started to circle slowly..." (5)

Miss Kendall carried the process a bit further. Not only did she not panic and seek flight or a weapon, but she actually sought to learn. She evidenced the fact that fear could be controlled for a prolonged period and that knowledge could be sought.

This is the reaction that would be the goal of any visitors engaged in a program designed to acquire data on a given planet in order to permit a determination of the feasibility of the establishment of open relations at some point.

When continuous close encounters indicate that the majority of those under observation can be expected to react with unreasoning fear, manifested in flight and hostility, then the need to employ some method which does not leave all options open to the inhabitants becomes obvious.

That certain individuals have sought knowledge via a positive response to the unknown is indicative of the possible success of the program.

That most, however, react in a negative manner is indicative of the need to also create a situation in which neither flight nor

destruction may be permitted. Thus, there are the forced encounters of Betty and Barney Hill (1961) and Patrolman Schirmer (1967), among numerous others.

For Betty and Barney Hill, flight was prevented by a beeping sound as well as some form of mental control. Barney wanted to flee, but for some unknown reason turned down a side road and proceeded towards five waiting humanoids.

Because of their strong fear, a positive attitude was taken by the entities. At all times, the actions of these beings, while firm, were designed to demonstrate that there existed no need for fear.

"Don't be afraid. You don't have any reason to be afraid. We're not going to harm you..." When Betty Hill was able to demonstrate the partial control of fear by reason in her freely choosing to approach the leader of the beings and by then seeking knowledge, she received a like positive response.

By his willingness to present her a "book" as proof of the encounter, it was clearly demonstrated that the goal of this, and subsequently other such encounters, must be the conveyance of the needlessness of blind panic and hostility to be replaced by a search for knowledge to be used constructively. (6)

For Patrolman Schirmer, flight and the use of his weapon was prevented by mental control followed by the employment of a device to cause him to feel relaxed and to get out of his patrol car and approach the beings.

Again, communication was established and an exchange of data took place.

The reality of the situation was established for Schirmer when one of those before him placed a hand on the patrolman's shoulder. This encounter takes the entire process a step further in that the witness was not compelled to board the craft.

Rather, although he was controlled so as to prevent his fleeing or harming the visitors, he was asked if he would care to board the

craft. (7)

Only direct confrontation with the force(s) in observation of this planet can define the precise nature of the situation and establish its purpose for humanity.

Be this world confronted by those of other dimensions, those from its own "future," the descendents or lost continents, extraterrestrials, or yet other groups, the acquisition of knowledge via a rational approach has been clearly demonstrated as the only way to proceed.

Evidence exists which indicates a well-planned program with a specific goal on the part of at least a portion of these observers. Careful study will indicate which encounters appear part of this program and which do not.

If humanity, which has barely entered the infancy of space travel can formulate plans for the future exploration of space and for contact with less advanced worlds, then so can those of far more advanced worlds formulate plans for dealing with humankind.

The data is continually being presented to those with the willingness to consider the "unacceptable" and with the desire - the need - to discern its true nature and design.

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MARS: Land Of Fog Eaters And Crystophages?

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(2nd of two parts)

The Pyrolytic Release Experiment was designed to measure either photosynthetic or chemical fixation of carbon dioxide and-or monoxide. The primary rationale supporting this phase was that the Martian atmosphere contains both of these gases, and any biota extant on the planet, whether flora or fauna, should be capable of assimilating such aerial constituents. And, it appears a reasonable assumption to expect that some organisms there would be able to engage in photosynthesis, as on earth, despite a greater distance from the sun.

The experiment incubated the soil specimens in a chamber housing a simulated Martian atmosphere with radioactive CO₂ included. Then by pyrolysis, or heating the sample to 1290 degrees F in order to fracture any organic compounds present, even a single radioactive carbon dioxide (or monoxide) molecule that might have been assimilated could be detected by a counter. A measurable radioactive count would be indicative of biological activity.

Beyond anyone's wildest dreams, the first test run showed an extraordinary 96 counts per minute, far higher than com-

parable counting rates of 11 to 40 per minute from Antarctica! A second trial, utilizing soil dredged up from beneath a rock where it was shielded from potentially lethal ultraviolet rays, yielded another positive indication of life, with 35 counts per minute! From any vantage point, the Pyrolytic Release Experiment signified an auspicious advance in the quest for extraterrestrial life.

The Labelled Release Experiment was structured to test metabolic activity in a soil sample moistened with a dilute aqueous solution of very simple organic compounds.

The theory behind this aspect of the hunt stressed that some organisms, in contact with an atmosphere mainly composed of carbon monoxide, should be able to break down organic compounds into their fundamental constituents, one of which most assuredly should be CO₂.

In contrast to the Pyrolytic Release, this experiment provided a preformed radioactive organic nutrient. If organisms in the soil could metabolize it, then radioactive CO₂ in the atmosphere confined immediately above the specimen would begin to accumulate, and a significant radioactive count would again point to life's existence therein.

As soon as the first nutrient was administered, the reading shot straight up, dramatically achieving a rate of 4537 counts per minute within 9.3 hours, higher than that ever reached by any terrestrial sample of life! And, the rate climbed to about 8500 before finally levelling off.

According to this experiment, Martian microorganisms must be considerably more active than analogous terrestrial specimens. However, earthly samples did continue to proliferate for 168 hours, longer than the postulated Martians entities, leading some biochemists to speculate that the results simulates neither biological nor chemical reactions as known on earth.

But, contrariwise, Martian microbes cannot necessarily be expected to precisely mirror terrestrial bioforms: for instance, they might simply expend themselves more rapidly, as suggested by the initial prolific growth rate.

A second sample enigmatically produced a counting-rate curve marked by severe oscillations through a series of troughs and peaks. One explanation advanced for this peculiar behavior pattern hypothesized that a mixed colony of diverse microbes were reacting differently to barely perceptible temperature variations within the test chamber.

A third sample, taken from the underside of a rock, evidenced the smooth graph of the first trial, very rapidly reaching a rate of 5950 counts per minute.

The Gas Exchange Experiment monitored the production, or uptake, of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen, hydrogen, and oxygen during the incubation of a Martian soil specimens.

This experiment was conducted in two stages: first, in the presence of water vapor, without any supplemental nutrients; second, in the presence of a complex nutrient. The first mode was based on the idea that biological activity may only be triggered when water vapor is accessible.

The second mode assumed that Martian soil contains biota metabolically similar to those found in terrestrial soil, and that these require the stimulation of a rich complex of organic nutrients before growth is able to transpire.

Initially, the soil was confined in a so-called "humid" mode for the first seven days, with only water vapor available for any organisms present.

Then, a luxuriant nutrient mixture, far more complex than the simple solution utilized in the Labelled Release phase, was introduced. It consisted of 19 amino acids, various vitamins, assorted organic components, and a few inorganic salts.

Throughout the 14-day test

period, the atmosphere was scanned for any gases released by the soil as a result of biological activity. This experiment did not involve measurement of any radioactive by products.

After the first nutrient solution was added, the gas chromatograph monitoring the chamber reported a surprising 15-fold increase in oxygen, with an additional 30 per cent rise some 24 hours later.

A similar test conducted on an under-the-rock specimen exhibited an analogous oxygenous growth rate. While encouraging as a sign of life, some biologists hypothesized that multi-oxygen compounds, called "peroxides" and "superoxides," if rooted in the soil, might well have been the causative agents.

But, one glaring contradiction abides: such molecules would have counteracted any assimilation of carbon as reported in the Pyrolytic Release phase. Accordingly, this experiment, until evidence to the contrary is adduced, must be taken along with the two others as boding well for the existence of at least microscopic Martian life.

Despite the fact that only the lowest conceivable forms of life could be detected by the Viking biological lab, their presence as basic biological components on the planet would have striking implications for the existence of higher embodiments, and, of course, would signify man's first encounter with any alien life form, at least, beyond the shackles of Mother Earth.

Now, while scientific objectivity is a desideratum, the reaction of many biochemists to the unexpectedly positive results has been unscientifically dyslogistic. Instead of hailing the experimental data as being indicative of an exciting new biochemistry, these parochial observers have seemed able only to denounce them for not conforming exactly to conventional terrestrial biochemical niches.

As Mars is constituted differently from the earth, biologists

should have expected a correspondingly different biochemistry. Confirmation of this diversity should be cause for great excitement, not deep disappointment. There is, after all, something new under the sun!

In shutting off the Viking biology experiments in late May, NASA spokesman released a generally negative evaluation of the results. However, in characteristically bureaucratic fashion, project exobiologists simultaneously contradicted themselves by grudgingly conceding that at least one test, the Labelled Release Experiment, did in fact yield strong signs of Martian biological activity!

Personally, I was even more impressed by the Pyrolytic Release experimental data, and, as I have indicated, think that the entire trio was basically encouraging.

Actually, it is a wonder that any results of a positive nature were attained whatsoever, considering the highly geochauvinistic bias of the experiments.

Yet, in defense of the test architects, it should be emphasized that it would have been virtually impossible for them to have designed any experiment probing for life that would have been tailor-made to the basically unknown Martian environs.

Indeed, even today, with the rich treasury of knowledge on Mars now available, it would be difficult to fashion an appropriate test to unequivocally confirm the presence of life on the Red Planet.

For instance, in the extreme case of dispatching an automated mission to retrieve a Martian soil sample for subsequent analysis on earth, that sample would be subjected to extreme vibrations, exposed to alien materials and cosmic rays, deprived of its natural sunlight, and isolated from its normal atmospheric interactions for months on the return flight to our planet, thus giving terrestrial biochemists a less-than-natural specimen to dissect.

Indeed, in view of these and related drawbacks, the Viking biological ambiguity has provided the strongest argument to date championing manned space exploration over unmanned investigation.

When indeed such a landing is accomplished, anything and everything in the way of life from microscopic fog eaters to microscopic cryptophages may well be encountered.

For Your Bookshelf

UFOs, the Eye and the Camera. By Adrian Vance. Barlenmir House, Publishers, New York. (Illustrated, 150 pp. Soft cover, \$8.95.)

It turns out that the title of this book is at variance - in our mind, anyway - with its very considerable substance. It has a flat sound that suggests the publication may be another technical guide on how to obtain good UFO pictures. Somewhere a verb, perhaps, is needed to impart a sense of time and space, for that is what this study by Adrian Vance, who is West Coast editor of *Popular Photography*, is all about.

The publicity statement does it better, though not of course with the brevity needed for a title. It says:

"Mr. Vance reasoned that the eye and the camera were two different image viewing and recording systems, thus an analysis of even a still photograph would have to be a dynamic process dealing with what likely had been happening while both the eye and the camera viewed the UFO."

Sparking this line of thought was a new kind of UFO picture in which the flattish object being photographed registered several levels of ascent in one shot.

The result looked somewhat like a stack of plates thrown upward, as in three cases referred to as the Alaska, Sedona (Arizona) and



Alaska Photograph

Oregon photographs.

Taking the Alaska photo as an example, Vance says: "This picture, taken with a focal-plane shutter, shows that the disappearance-reappearance mechanism is one that takes place in stages, and that the object begins to appear in the new location while it is still dissolving in the old location or locations." Later he adds: "It would seem that these devices can travel from Point 'A' to Point 'B' covering the distance between by simply changing their address."

From that point Vance moves into his theories on the navigation of time and space which give the book its direction. As his detailed reasoning is not easily summarized, we will leave it alone. However, let's give one more quote to show how far and effectively this work is removed from just another technical discourse. (*italics added*):

"The predictions of science are really revelations of existing facts. This is an extremely important difference between the fact of the method called science and what scientists think it is. This distinction opens for us the opportunity of creating a new method of thinking that is capable of making true predictions.

"The beings from beyond, both in terms of time and space, have likely discovered this method. *And they may have such highly*

developed powers of intellect that they can simply think themselves from one location to another.

"We are recall our childhood, the places we've been and the events we've seen, but why is it that when we return to those locations in our minds there are no people?

"Are we in fact returning to those places where they were in the past now that the people have left them? In my own experience some of these recollections seem too crisp to be synthesis alone."

LETTERS

Sir:

This letter is prompted by Brinsley Le Poer Trench's request for comments on his column in vol. 4, no. 4, pp. 16, 17.

I have read material you (the author) have written on the creation of mankind through genetic manipulation. I have also read of the notion of interbreeding between our human ancestors and the Elohim.

I feel that if such events did, in fact, take place in what humanity terms its "past", then a logical reason exists for the continued surveillance and the theorized periodic "shot in the arm" assistance up to the "present."

It further is logical to assume that the program once begun must ultimately culminate in the establishment of open relations when the "gods" determine that such is appropriate.

Although these "gods" would undeniably be fantastically evolved, perhaps to the point where a truly meaningful exchange might not be possible, still their assistance would permit us to survive this most crucial period and to voyage the stars to encounter other civilizations which would be more on a par with us.

If genetic manipulation and interbreeding did take place, then each of us could be said to owe something to those "gods" for we would not be as far along the evolutionary path as we are were it not for them.

Such assistance as has been

theoretically rendered would provide an indissoluble link that should mean that these "gods" might well intervene if the button is pushed, so to speak.

I, for one, would very much enjoy encountering any of the "gods" or their descendants, as the case may be. The conquest, or control, of fear would permit a needed learning process to take place.

Precisely what the nature of these beings is, and how they may well have interacted with humanity, can only be determined by contact of either an individual or group nature. Judging by the diverse occupant reports of this century, more than one advanced culture is in observation of this world.

Along with the "gods", there may exist beings closer to mankind on the evolutionary scale with whom we could interact in a meaningful and mutually beneficial manner once fear and its hostility have been conquered. Let us hope such is within our lifetimes. Thank you.

Beatrice M. Zimmer,
Falls Church,
Virginia.

Sir:

As a young girl I lived on the Isle of Arran, off the west coast of Scotland where my father was the minister.

One night we were awakened by a great hammering at the door and pebbles thrown against the windows. It was a young boy from a nearby croft. "Ma Grannie needs the Meenister," he called. My father got dressed and went away with the boy, and we all went back to sleep.

Next morning we were all agog to know what the midnight summons had been all about and my father told us the following story.

On arrival at the cottage he was taken "awa' ben," where the old lady was sitting up in bed in a great state of alarm.

My father knew that she was reputed to have "the sight" being

the seventh child of a seventh child.

She told him that she had suddenly awakened and although it was pitch dark there was a blinding light in the corner of the room and a huge cloud of dust.

Out of this cloud of dust rolled a bright red bundle which looked like a roll of carpet, but when it rolled further she saw that it was her daughter who lived in Australia. She asked my father to pray for her daughter as she was sure something terrible had happened to her.

They prayed together for the safety of her daughter and eventually the old lady calmed down and my father returned home.

About noon on the following day my father returned to the croft to see how the old lady was. He was amazed to hear that they had just had a cable from Australia to say that the daughter and her husband had been injured in an automobile accident.

Some months later, the daughter, now recovered, came home to visit her mother. In the course of conversation my father asked her casually what she was wearing at the time of the accident. "Och!" she said, "It was my lovely new red coat and it was fair ruined!"

It is all so long ago that I have unfortunately forgotten the name of the old lady, long since dead, but think it was Hamilton. My father believed it to be a case of telepathy, but the old lady and her daughter both said it was "the sight."

In any case it seems to have been E.S.P. of some kind, as the daughter recalled screaming, "Mither! Mither!" as she rolled on the road.

(Mrs.) Betty Turner,
Duncan, B.C.

Sir:

I want to comment briefly on L.J. Fenwick's article, (vol. 4, no. 4, pp. 5-7), on crashed UFOs and the Tokarz-Muskat call-in TV program. While the information from their anonymous caller was quite interesting, I think

anonymous is the key word here. I do not say that further inquiry is useless, but I know it is possible to spend (waste?) a lot of time attempting to track down such "informants," usually with absolutely no luck.

The *Victoria Colonist* item of May 29, submitted by Mrs. W. H. Cross, is quite intriguing and I would hope that the Songhees Chief, John Albany, can be contacted for more information on his tribe's oral traditions of UFOs, as well as the story of the New Mexico or Colorado area which is "taboo" because a "spaceman" is buried there.

I am always fascinated by Beatrice M. Zimmer's "analytical" abilities and her article on UFO abduction cases is certainly up to her usual standards. I hope to see much more material by her in the future issues.

Lucius Farish,
Plumerville, Arkansas

Bigfoot Proof?

SEATTLE (UPI) - A hunter of the legendary Sasquatch says hair samples found in three different corners of the country may confirm that the shy seven-foot hairy ape-man really exists.

Jon Beckjord, director of Project Grendel, a group of 21 laymen and scientists interested in solving the Sasquatch mystery, claimed (Sept. 21) that the evidence provides "strong indications" that "a breeding population of such primates does in fact exist in the remoter areas of the U.S."

Beckjord said the three hair samples, found over the last two years in Washington, California and Maryland, were analyzed by Tom D. Moore, forensic hair expert at the Wyoming Fish and Game Laboratory.

According to Beckjord, Moore concluded that the three samples probably came from the same species of animal but could not be identified as coming from a human being or any known Wyoming

mammal, black bear, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, gibbon, simian or langur monkey.

Moore also told Beckjord that the unknown hairs exhibited some characteristics found in primate hairs in general.

One of the hair samples, found on the Lummi Indian Reservation near Bellingham, Wash., had blood on it. Beckjord said the blood sample was tested by a University of California biochemist who reported that the blood came from a mammal, but not a bear, dog or any carnivore.

While the analyzed samples do not actually "prove" the existence of Sasquatch primates, "they do represent a major milestone for research of this type," Beckjord said.

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