

EDITORIAL

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2001. First, I must apologise to everyone concerned for the non-availability of the Christmas Newsletter, which was already prepared for publication. Unfortunately, due to a kak-worm virus being present in my computer for six weeks without realising it, all my files relating to the Christmas Newsletter were corrupted and lost, despite the fact that I had saved the Newsletter on a floppy disk. When I went to open the disk to print out the newsletter it had been wiped clean. However I am now back in action again, having got rid of the nasty little bugger, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Looking back on the past year, it was for us one of mixed emotions. Earlier in the year, some former members of IUFOFRA tried to make things extremely difficult for us, by spreading lies and untruths about us, which they hoped would result in our demise. However, we soldiered on, and ignored these people, and we were determined to still remain at the forefront of UFOlogy in Ireland. We would not have made it without the support of our many colleagues and members, and now, we are looking forward to another New Year and whatever it may bring.

August was the month in which we launched our new website at <http://www.angelfire.com/journal/IUFOFRAnews> Since then we have been overwhelmed by the amount of hits, and support we have received. I should say that the website would not have been possible if it wasn't for the dedication and hard work put into by Kathy, our P.R.O. and Paranormal Investigator who gave up a lot of her spare time to construct this website. Thank You Kathy for making it happen. If you haven't already downloaded our website then please do so, and please sign our Guestbook. As this newsletter goes to press we have just learned that IUFOFRA's website has received two awards for Website excellence. The first is the Golden Diamond Site Award for Website excellence, and the second is the 2001 4star Award. Needless to say, that we are deeply humbled by these awards for our Website, and it makes all our research and investigation into the UFO/paranormal phenomena on the National and International front, worth while and of course it gives us a great sense of satisfaction that at long last our organization and the UFO phenomenon is taken seriously in Ireland. To this end we would very much like to thank all of our colleagues/friends at home and abroad who took the time to sign our Guest book, and for your kind comments re: IUFOFRA. Of course, if it was not for the support of you, our colleagues, we would not be where we are to day, at the forefront of UFO/Paranormal research and investigation, local and internationally. Remember if you wish to report a sighting or give an account of your experience you can leave a report of same on our Guestbook. You can remain anonymous if you so wish. Later this year, we hope to get our Chat Room up and running. Details of this will appear later.

October saw the visit of a very important visitor to our shores. Lorie Barnes of S.P.A.C.E. (Search Project of Aspects of Close Encounters) in New York, visited Dublin on the 5th of October. Lorie was a former secretary to Whitley Streiber in the late 80s and early 90s. Lorie kindly granted IUFOFRA an interview regarding some of her abduction experiences which she encountered during her life. This will appear in a future copy of our newsletter. We were also presented with an extract of Lorie's as yet unpublished book "Things Seen and Unseen" which, judging from the extracts makes for very intense reading. The extract also recounts some of her experiences in Ireland, which will appear in a future issue of the newsletter. For us Lorie's visit was a very exciting and happy experience and the few days we spent with her listening to her was rivetting. It was very hard for us to drag ourselves away when it was all over. S.P.A.C.E

and IUFOPRA formed an affiliation last year, and we are delighted to be a part of their quest for the truth. This issue sees the beginning of a new series of excellent articles from their S.P.A.C.E. Explorer Orbit Newsletter, 2001 - A Space Odyssey by Harold Walter Egel, founder of S.P.A.C.E.

Enjoy, until the next Issue, Anne.

FRENCH COMETA REPORT:UFOS AND DEFENSE -WHAT MUST WE BE PREPARED FOR?

The following exclusive report first appeared as part 1 of the August 1, 1999 edition of CNI news. We regard it as one of the most significant stories ever carried in CNI News. Thanks to our French Colleague and correspondent Gildas Bourdais (Gbourdais@aol.com) for providing this report on the historic new UFO assessment from France. Members of COMETA, the "Committee, have approved the following text for publication for In-depth Studies" which produced the UFO Report. Requests for translation and publication rights to the full report should be addressed to Mr Michel Algrin, 25 boulevard-saint Germain, 75005, Paris, France.

French Report on UFOs and Defence: An Overview by Gildas Bourdais.

On July 16, 1999, a document was published in France called "UFOs and Defence --- What must we be prepared for? ("Les OVNI et la Defense - A quoi doit-on se preparer?") This ninety-page report is the result of an in-depth study of UFOs covering many aspects of the subject, especially questions of defence.

The study was carried out over several years by an independent group of former "auditors" at the Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, or IHEDN ("Institut des hautes etudes de defence nationale"), and by qualified experts from various fields. [NOTE: Many participants in IHEDN defence-study programs are known as auditors. - ed.

Before its public release, it was sent to French President of the Republic Jacques Chirac, and to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

The report is prefaced by General Brenard Norlain of the Air Force, former Director of IHEDN, and begins with a preamble by Andre Lebeau, former President of the National Centre for Space Studies ("Centre national d'etudes spatiales" or CNES), the French equivalent of NASA. The group itself, collective author of the report, is called "COMETA", which stands for "Committee for In-depth Studies", and is presided over by General Denis Letty of the Air Force, former auditor (FA) of IHEDN.

A non-exhaustive list of COMETA members is given at the beginning of the report. It includes General Bruno Lemoine of the Air Force (FA of IHEDN); Admiral Marc Merlo (FA of IHEDN); Michel Algrin, Doctor in Political Sciences, attorney at law (FA of IHEDN); General Pierre Bescond, engineer of the national "corps des Mines", Research Director at the "National Office of Aeronautical Research "(OERA); General Alain Orszag, Ph.D. in physics, engineer for armaments.

The committee also expresses its gratitude to outside contributors, including Jean- Jacques Velasco, head of SEPRA at CNES; Francois Louange, President of Flexiamge, specialist of photo analysis; General Joseph Domange of the Air Force, general delegate of the Association of auditors at IHEDN.

General Norlain tells in a short preface how this committee was created. General Letty came to see him in March 1995, when Norlain was Director of IHEDN, to discuss his project of a committee on UFOs. Norlain assured him of his interest and directed him to the Association of Auditors (AA) of IHEDN, which in turn gave its support. It is interesting to recall here that, twenty years ago, it was a report of that same Association which led to the creation of GEPAN, the first unit for UFO study, at CNES.

Therefore, several members of the committee come from the Association of Auditors of IHEDN, joined by other experts. Most of them hold, or have held, important functions in defence, industry, teaching, research, or various administrations. General Norlain, expresses hope that this report will help develop new efforts nationally, and an indispensable international co-operation.

General Letty, as president of COMETA, points to the main theme of the report, which is that the accumulation of well documented observations compels us now to consider all hypotheses as to the origins of UFOs, especially extraterrestrial hypotheses.

The committee then presents the contents of the study. In the first part, they discuss some remarkable UFO cases, both French and foreign. In the second part, they describe the present organisation of research in France and abroad, and studies made by scientists world-wide which may bring partial explanations in accordance with the known laws of physics. The main global explanations are then reviewed, from secret aircraft to extraterrestrial manifestations. The third part examines measures to be taken regarding defence, from information to pilots, both civilian and military, to strategic, political and religious consequences, should the extraterrestrial hypothesis be confirmed.

PART 1: "Facts and Testimonies"

Many of the cases selected are well known by most researchers, and need only to be mentioned here. [NOTE:a further description of the following cases is presented in a separate article below--- ed.] They are:

--Testimonies of French pilots: M.Giraud, pilot of Mirage 1V (1977); Colonel Bosc, fighter pilot (1976); Air France flight AF 3532 (Jan 1994).

--Aeronautical cases world-wide: Lakenheath, UK (1956); RB-47, USA (1957); Teheran, Iran (1976); San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina (1995).

--Observations from the ground: Tananarive, Madagascar (1954); observation of a saucer near the ground by a French Pilot, J-P. Fartek 1979; close range observation over a missile site at Kapustin Yar , Russia(1989).

--Close encounters in France: Valensole, encounter of Maurice Masse (1965); Caussac, Cantal (1967); Trans-en-provence (1981); Nancy (so - called case of the Amaranth, 1982).

Counter- examples of elucidated phenomena (two cases).

Although the selection is limited, it seems sufficient to convince an uninformed but open-minded reader of the reality of UFOs.

PART 11: "The Present State of Knowledge"

The second part, entitled "the present state of knowledge" ("Le point des connaissances"), surveys the organisation of official UFO research in France, from the first instructions given to the "gendarmerie" in 1974 for the redaction of reports, to the creation of GEPAN in 1977, its organisation and its results: collection of more than 3,000 reports from the gendarmerie, case studies and statistical analyses. It then surveys agreements passed by GEPAN and, later, SEPRA, which the air force and the army, civilisation aviation and other organs, such as civil and military laboratories for the analysis of samples and photographs.

Regarding the methods and results, we are reminded of some famous cases (Trans-en-Provence, l'Amarante), and emphasis is directed to the catalogues of cases, notably of pilots (Weinstein catalogue), and "radar/visual", world wide. A historical note appears here with a quotation of the famous letter of General Twining, of September 1947, asserting the reality of UFOs. [The reference is to a then-secret memorandum sent by U.S. General Nathan Twining to General George Schulgen, in which Twining states: "The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.....There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disk, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large man-made aircraft...." Twining notes the impressive aerial performance of these objects, their apparent metallic structure, and other characteristics often associated with UFO reports-ed]

The following chapter, called "hypotheses and attempts at modelling" ("OVNI: hypotheses, essais de modelisation"), discusses some models and hypotheses which are under study in several countries. Partial simulations have already been made for UFO propulsion, based on observations of aspects such as speed, movements, and accelerations, engine failure of nearby vehicles, paralysis of witnesses, etc. One model is MHD [magneto-hydrodynamic] propulsion, already tested successfully in water, and which might be achieved in the atmosphere and space propulsion, such as particle beams, antigravity, and reliance on planetary and stellar impulsion. The failure of land vehicle engines may be explained by microwave radiations. In fact, high power hyperfrequency generators are under study in France and other countries. One application is microwave weapons. Particle beams, for instance proton beams, which ionise the air and become therefore visible, might explain the observation of luminous beams. Microwaves might explain body paralysis.

In the same chapter are next studied "global hypotheses." The authors regard hoaxes as rare and easily detected. Powerful sect groups, parapsychic phenomena, and collective hallucinations put some non-scientific hypotheses aside, such as conspiracies and manipulations. The hypothesis of secret [human] weapons is also regarded as very improbable. We are then left with various extraterrestrial hypotheses. One version has been developed in France by astronomer Jean-Clade Ribes and Guy Monnet, based on the concept of "space islands" of American physicist O'Neill, and it is compatible with present day physics.

The organisation of UFO research in the United States, Great Britain, and Russia is surveyed rapidly. In the United States, the media and the polls show a marked interest and concern of the public, but the official position, especially of the Air Force, is still one of denial, more precisely that there is no threat to national security. Actually, declassified documents, released under FOIA, show another story, one of surveillance of nuclear installations by UFOs [this has occurred repeatedly in both the US and Russia - ed] and the continued study of UFOs by the military and intelligence agencies.

The report stresses the importance in the United States of private, independent associations. It mentions the "UFO Briefing Document" [subtitled "Best Available Evidence" - ed.] sent in 1995 to a thousand personalities world-wide, and the Sturrock workshop in 1997, both sponsored by Laurence Rockefeller. The authors of the COMETA report have obviously welcomed the "Briefing Document". The committee also notes the public emergence of alleged insiders such as Colonel Philip Corso, and considers that his testimony may be partly significant as to the real situation in that country, in spite of many critics.

The report describes briefly the situation in Great Britain, with a special mention of Nick Pope [civilian employee at Ministry of Defence, author of two books on UFOs - ed.], and poses the question of secret studies pursued jointly with American services. It mentions as well research in Russia, and the release of some information, notably by the KGB in 1991.

PART III: "UFOs and Defence".

The third part, "UFOs and Defence" ("Les OVNI et la defence"), states that, if it is true that no hostile UFO action has been proved yet, at least some actions of "intimidation" have been recorded in France (case of the Mirage IV for instance). Since the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs cannot be ruled out, it is therefore necessary to study the consequences of that hypothesis not only at the strategic level but also at political, religious and media/public information levels.

The first chapter of Part III is devoted to prospective strategies ("Prospectives strategiques") and it begins with fundamental questions: What if extraterrestrials? What intentions and what strategy can we deduce from their behaviour?"

Such questions open a more controversial part of the report. Possible motivations of extraterrestrial visitors are explored here, such as protection of planet Earth against the dangers of nuclear war, suggested for instance by repeated flying over nuclear missile sites.

The committee then ponders the possible repercussions on the behaviour, official or not, of different nation-states, and focuses on the possibility of secret, privileged contacts which might be "attributed to the United States". The attitude of the U.S. is seen as "most strange" since the 1947 wave and the Roswell event. Since that time, a policy of increasing secrecy seems to have been applied, which might be explained by the protection at all costs of military technological superiority to be acquired from the study of UFOs.

Next, the report tackles the question: "What measures must we take now? " At the least, whatever the nature of UFOs, they impose "critical vigilance," in particular regarding the risk of "destabilising manipulations". The elite's should apply a kind of "cosmic vigilance," nationally and internationally, in order to prevent any shocking surprise, erroneous interpretation, and hostile manipulation.

Nationally, COMETA urges the strengthening of SERPA, and recommends the creation of a cell at the highest level of government, entrusted with the development of hypothesis, strategy, and preparation of co-operation agreements with European and other foreign countries. A further step would be that European states and the European Union undertake diplomatic action toward the United States within the framework of political and strategic alliances.

A key question of the report is : "What situations must we be prepared for?" It mentions such situations as : extraterrestrial moves for official contact; discovery of a [UFO/alien] base within the territory of Europe; invasion (deemed improbable) and localised or massive attack; manipulation or deliberate disinformation aiming at destabilising other states.

COMETA devotes special attention to "aeronautical implications", with detailed recommendations aimed at various perosonnels, such as air staff, controllers, weathermen and engineers. It also makes recommendations at the scientific and technical levels, aimed at developing research with potential benefits for defence and industry.

The report further explores the political and religious implications of UFOs, using as a model the perspective of our own exploration of space: how would we do it, and how would we handle contacts with less advanced civilisations?

Such an approach is not new to well-informed readers of the abundant UFOlogical literature, but it has a special value here, being treated seriously at such a level. The media/publicity implications are not forgotten, with the problems of disinformation, fear of ridicule, and manipulation by certain groups.

In its conclusion, COMETA claims that the physical reality of UFOs under control of intelligent beings, is "quasi certain. Only one hypothesis takes into account the available data: the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitors. This hypothesis is of course unproved, but has far reaching consequences. The goals of these alleged visitors remain unknown but must be the subject of speculations and prospective scenarios.

Final Recommendations and Annexes

In its final recommendations, the COMETA report stresses again the need to :

1. inform all decision-makers and persons in positions of responsibility;
2. Reinforce means of investigations at study at SERPA;
3. Have UFO detection taken into account by agencies engaged in space surveillance;
4. Create a strategic cell [for UFO study/analysis] at the highest state level;
5. Undertake diplomatic action toward the United States for co-operation on this "capital question";
6. Study measures that might be necessary in case of emergencies.

Finally, seven interesting annexes accompany this document:

1. Radar detection in France.
2. Observations by astronomers
3. Life in the Universe
4. Colonisation of Space
5. The Roswell case - The disinformation (a text which will be criticised by some readers and welcomed by others, including myself)
6. Antiquity of the UFO phenomenon and elements for a chronology [of UFO events]
7. Reflection on various psychological, sociological and political aspects of the UFO phenomenon

[CNI News notes: Predictably, criticism of this report began immediately in France and on the Internet. But to the best of our knowledge, there has never been such a comprehensive and forthright report on the reality of UFOs publicly released by persons of this

stature in any nation or language]

UFO CASES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE COMETA REPORT.

By Michael Lindemann with Gildas Bourdais

The authors of the new French UFO report selected a small but impressive sample of UFO cases to illustrate the seriousness of the subject. Many of these cases will be familiar to experienced ufologists, but not necessarily to all readers of CNI News. Here is a brief description of most of the cases highlighted in the COMETA report:

* Testimony of French pilot M. Giraud, March 7, 1997: Giraud and his navigator were flying a Mirage IV jet at night near Dijon, France when they saw a bright light rapidly closing. The light tailed them at a distance of 1500 metres though made evasive turns. They radioed a military radar site, but the UFO did not show on radar.

* --Testimony of French fighter pilot Colonel Claude Bosc, March 3, 1976: On a night training flight in a T-33, Bosc saw a bright light approach at high speed on a collision course. His jet was then enveloped in green phosphorescent light for several seconds. Radar showed nothing, but two other pilots saw the encounter from a distance.

* Air France flight 3532, Jan 28th, 1994: Pilot and copilot of an Airbus 320-111 flying in daylight near Paris at about 39,000 feet reported seeing a very large disc-like craft about 30 miles away and slightly below them. Military radar confirmed presence of an object about 250 metres in diameter. The object was observed visually and on radar for about 50 seconds, then suddenly disappeared.

* -- Lakenheath RAF , UK, August 13th, 1956: Extraordinary UFO events occurred over a span of six hours, involving very clear radar tracks of more than a dozen objects sometimes travelling over 4,000 miles per hour, sometimes slower than 100 mph. Jets were scrambled and encountered UFO traffic but could not identify it.

* --RB-47 case, USA, July 17th, 1957: "Arguably the most important UFO case in history, " says veteran researcher Jerome Clark. Flight crew of a RB-47 reconnaissance jet engaged a UFO for nearly two hours over Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. The UFO was simultaneously tracked visually and by ground and air radar, and a signal from the UFO was tracked as well.

* --Teheran, Iran, September 18th, 1976: Two F-4 jets of the Iranian Air Force separately engaged a brilliant, fast-moving UFO, tracking visually and on radar. On approaching the UFO, the jets' onboard weapons, and control functions repeatedly failed, forcing retreat. A second UFO object was seen to separate from the main UFO and appeared to land.

* --San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentine, Aug 1, 1995: a commercial jet on approach to Bariloche airport reported a UFO flying along side. During the plane's descent, the airport experienced a total electrical blackout, forcing the pilot to abort the landing and circle around for a second attempt. Meanwhile the UFO flew upward and disappeared from view.

* --Tananarivem Madagascar, Aug 16th, 1954: A brilliant green fireball was observed crossing the sky, trailing flames. As it approached, multiple witnesses said it resembled a metallic oval object as big as a DC-4 aircraft. As it passed overhead at low altitude, the city experienced a major electrical blackout.

* --Kapustin Yar, Russia, July 28th-29th, 1989; Military personnel reported a clearly visible disc-shaped UFO hovering low over an army missile base and shining a beam of light down on a weapons depot. The sighting lasted over 90 minutes. A similar report occurred later the same night at another nearby base.

* --Valensole, Basses Alps, France, July 1st, 1965: Farmer Maurice Masse encountered a landed UFO and two small humanoids in his lavender field at about six am. On approach, he became paralysed but remained conscious while beings boarded the craft and flew away. Masse suffered massive fatigue for several weeks, and nothing but stunted weeds grew in the landing area for years after. French authorities extensively investigated this case.

* --Trans-en-Provence, France, January 8th, 1981: a disc-shaped metallic UFO was observed by farmer Renato Niccolai to briefly land in his alfalfa field at about 5pm, then lift off and fly away. Investigation showed that very heavy object - weighing possibly 4-5 tons -had compressed the soil in the landing area, and plants were obviously affected.

* --Cussac, France, August 29th, 1967:Two children reportedly saw a sphere shaped UFO and "four little devils" on the ground. The humanoid beings were observed to levitate before quickly entering the UFO and flying away. The UFO was said to make a soft whistling sound and smelled of sulphur.

* --Nancy, France, October 21, 1982: A scientist (who remains anonymous) observed a small disc-shaped object hovering silently just above his garden in the early afternoon. The object remained for about 20 minutes before suddenly flying away at high speed. Amaranth plants in the garden were obviously affected; analysis suggested the presence of a powerful electrical field.

Source: CNI NEWS

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE - UFO s, IS THE TRUTH OUT THERE? Appeared in the Irish Independent Newspaper online edition of June 27th.

UFO's once the preserve of the purely paranoid is now being taken seriously. Astronauts, Generals, and a number of influential scientists are hammering away at the crust of international scepticism. LESLIE KEAN explains why a study by the French military may finally make governments sit up and take notice.

THE release in April of the first detailed satellite images of Area 51, the top-secret Air Force test in Nevada, prompted a website meltdown as people from around the world searched for clues about unidentified flying objects.

The interest has been phenomenal, says David Mountain, marketing director for Aerial Images, Inc which posted the high resolution aerial photographs of Area 51 on the Internet.

However, those hoping to see signs of something extraordinary were destined to be disappointed. Most of Area 51s operations occur underground, making photos meaningless. Anyone looking for the fresh information on UFOs would have better luck trying a new one, but less publicised source: by the French military, just translated into English.

High level officials including retired generals from the French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, a government funded strategic planning agency recently took a giant step in openly challenging scepticism about UFOs. In a report based on a three-year study, they concluded that, numerous manifestations observed by reliable witnesses could be the work of craft of extraterrestrial origin and that, in fact, the best explanation is the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Although not categorically proven, strong presumptions exist in its favour and if it is correct, it is loaded with significant consequences.

The French group reached that conclusion after examining nearly 500 detailed international aeronautical sightings, radar/visual cases, and previously undisclosed pilot reports. They drew on data from official sources, government authorities, and the Air Forces of different countries.

The findings are contained in a 90-page report titled, UFOs and Defence: What Should We Prepare For? published in France by the magazine VSD.

The mechanics of a mystery. The number of sightings, which are completely unexplained despite the abundance and quality of data from them, is growing throughout the world, the team declared.

The authors note that about 5% of sightings on which there is solid documentation cannot be easily attributed to earthly sources, such as secret military exercises - especially since unexplained objects have been reported since 1944. The rest seem to be completely unknown flying machines with exceptional performances that are guided by a natural or artificial intelligence, they say.

Science has developed plausible models for travel from another solar system and for technology which could be used to propel the vehicles, the report says. It assures readers that UFOs have demonstrated no hostile acts, although intimidation manoeuvres have been confirmed.

Given the widespread scepticism about UFOs, many will quickly dismiss the generals' ET hypothesis. Nevertheless, it is less easy to do so once the author's credentials are considered.

The study's originators are four-star General Bernard Norlain, former commander of the French Tactical Air Force and military consular to the prime minister; General Denis Letty, an air force fighter pilot; and Andre Lebeau, former head of the National Centre for Space Studies (the French equivalent of NASA in the United States).

They formed a 12-member Committee for In-depth Studies, abbreviated as COMETA, which authored the report. Three - star Admiral Marc Merlo, national chief of police Denis Blancher and Jean-Jacques Velasco, head of a government agency studying UFOs, as well as scientists and weapons engineers, were also contributors. Not only does the group stand by its findings, it is urging international action.

The writers recommend that France establish sectorial co-operation agreements with interested European and foreign countries on the matters of UFOs. They suggest that the European Union undertake diplomatic action with the United States exerting useful pressure to clarify this crucial issue which must fall within the scope of political and strange alliances.

Why might other nations be inclined to take this subject seriously? For one thing, declassified US government documents show that unexplained objects with extraordinary technical capabilities pose challenges to military activity around the globe. For example, US fighter jets have been scrambled to pursue UFOs, according to North American Aerospace Defence Command logs and US Air Force documents.

Iranian and Peruvian Air Force planes attempted to shoot down unexplained objects during air encounters in 1976 and 1980, and Belgium F-16s equipped with automatically guided missiles pursued UFO's in 1990.

Further, the French report says that there have been visits above secret installations and missile bases and military aircraft shadowed in the US. Dr Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo 14 astronaut who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, is one of many supporters of international co-operation on UFOs. Of the French report, he says, It is significant that individuals of some standing in the government military and intelligence community in France came forth with this.

Mitchell, who holds a doctor of science degree from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is convinced at a confidence level above 90%, that there is reality to all this. He adds, People have been digging through the files and investigating for years now. The files are quite convincing. The only thing that's lacking is the official stamp. He joins five-star Admiral Lord Hill Norton (Founder member of BUFORA - BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION A.G.) the former head of the British Ministry of Defence, in calling for US congressional fact-finding hearings into the UFO question.

Hearings would include testimony by government witnesses from the Air Force, Army, Navy, NASA, private industry and intelligence operations with personal, first hand knowledge of UFO phenomena and related projects.

The astronaut and the investigation despite the fact that Mitchell is a national hero and has been honoured with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the USN Distinguished Service Medal, his request for an investigation has been ignored by U.S. officials.

Nonetheless, the public's interest in UFOs is undiminished. A ballot initiative underway in the US State of Missouri and certified by the secretary of state in March, urges Congress to convene hearings. The initiative states that the Federal Governments handling of the UFO issue has contributed to the public cynicism toward, and general mistrust of , government.

US Naval Reserve Commander Wiliard H. Miller has been communicating this same concern to high level officials for a number of years. With over 30 years in the Navy and Joint Interagency operations with the US Defence Department, Miller has participated in a series of previously undisclosed briefings for Pentagon brass about military policy regarding UFOs.

Like many, he says he worries that the military lacks of preparation for encounters with unexplained craft could provoke a dangerous confrontation when, and if, such an encounter occurs; precipitous military decisions, he warns, may lead to unnecessary confusion, misapplication of forces, or possible catastrophic consequences.

Moreover, he says he is not alone in his concerns. There are those in high places in the government who share a growing interest in this subject, Miller reports.

Miller retired in 1994 from active duty on the Current Operations Staff (J3) of U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia where he worked operations, intelligence, and special contingency issues. In a February 2000 confidential memo prepared for this reporter, he spelled out the details of meetings with named officials - including the Director of the Defence Intelligence Agency, an Admiral on the Joint Staff, and the U.S. Atlantic Command's Director for Intelligence - between 1989 and 2000.

Miller concurs with the COMETA's observation that there is no evidence of hostility from UFOs. The only threat to the national security of the United States is the continued denial of undeniable physical UFO occurrences and sightings to a public growing increasingly frustrated with its government's weak explanations, Miller says.

Air Force Regulation 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, prohibits the release to the public and the media and data about those objects which are not explainable while allowing disclosure only of the UFOs that have been identified as familiar objects.

An even more restrictive procedure is outlined in the Joint Army Navy Air Force Publication 146, which provides communications instructions for reporting sightings relevant to US security. Anyone under its jurisdiction disclosing reports without authorisation is subject to prosecution under the Espionage Act.

Even the President of the United States recently had trouble accessing information on the subject. In 1995, philanthropist Laurence Rockefeller provided UFO briefing materials to President Clinton, Hilary Clinton, and Presidential Science Advisor Jack Gibbons while they spent a weekend at Rockerfellers Wyoming ranch. Clinton then instructed Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, Webster Hubbell, to investigate the existence of UFOs, as disclosed by Hubbell in his book, Friends in High Places. Despite this request from the Commander in Chief, Hubbell was unable to obtain information on the subject.

In earlier decades, issues that remain pertinent today were openly discussed. In 1960, for example, US Representative Leonard G. Wolf of Iowa entered an urgent warning from R.E. Hillenkoetter, a former CIA Director and Navy vice admiral, into the Congressional Record that certain dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects.

Wolf cited General L.M. Chassin, NATO co-ordinator of Allied Air Service, warning that if we persist in refusing to recognise the existence of UFOs, we will end up, one fine day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy - and the worst will be upon us.

These concerns were taken seriously enough to be incorporated into the 1971 Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Outbreak of Nuclear War between the US and the Soviet Union. The treaty states that the two countries will notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects.... If such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries.

The French report may open the door for nations to be more forthcoming once again. Chile, for example, is openly addressing it's own concerns about air safety and UFOs. The now retired Chief of the Chilean Air Force has formed a committee with civil aviation experts to study recent near collisions between UFOs and civilian airliners.

As the international conversation about UFOs unfolds, sightings continue, as they have for decades. Perhaps the most notable recent US sighting took place in March 1997. Hundreds of people across the state of Arizona reported seeing huge triangular objects, hovering silently in the night sky - a sighting that, as the State's Senator John Mc Cain noted recently, has never been fully explained.

As recently as January, 5th 2000, four police officers at different locations in St Claire County, Illinois, witnessed a huge, brightly lighted, triangular craft and hovering at 1000 feet. One officer reported witnessing extreme rapid motion by the craft that cannot be explained in conventional terms. Nearby Scott Air Force Base and the FAA purport to know nothing.

The French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence and the National Centre for Space Studies remain several steps ahead of the United States Military and Nasa. Perhaps the report by the bold French Generals --with its goal of stripping the phenomenon of UFOs of its irrational layer will be a catalyst for authorities around the world to publicly examine the issue of UFOs in a new light.

Editor's Comment: This report is very long overdue and very welcome by many within the UFO community. The next move is up to the authorities of this world to decided as to whether, after reading this report, they will consider that the UFO phenomenon is worthy of serious investigation world-wide, and will result in a mutual co-operation between authorities and local civilian UFO groups. In the Irish Independent article outlined above the writer makes reference to Bill Clinton seeking details on a UFO report, while spending a weekend at Rockerfellas ranch - the most powerful man in the whole world being deprived of UFO information!!!! Yet it is this same powerful man, who orders information on UFOs to be suppressed to the public and interested parties - I simply can't believe that Clinton, would not have access to data of this kind considering, or so we are led to believe, that every president since The Roswell Incident has had access to UFO data in an instance. Therefore, the question here is who made the decision that Clinton would not be privy to the information concerned. Are his Advisors more powerful and manipulative than he is or does he know more about this than he cares to imagine? The mind boggles and boggles!
(Anne Griffin).

UFO INVESTIGATION SERIOUS BUSINESS BY ANNE GRIFFIN.

Today, interest in the UFO and Paranormal phenomenon is growing rapidly. This is mainly due to the many films and TV programmes like theX-FILES, where we are constantly being bombarded with such phrases as "The truth is out there" and "Trust No-one. Is it any wonder that anyone approaching the subject for the first time, are bound to be confused, and ask himself or herself "Is this real?"

While the X-Files in particular may have increased public awareness in the phenomena the immediate perception that comes across, especially to anyone new to the subject, is that investigating UFOs and the Paranormal is [a] very exciting and [b] because Scully and Mulder make it look so easy then anyone can do it without having the necessary qualifications. However, this is not the case at all, and I will now attempt to dispel some of the myths that surround the whole nature of investigation into the UFO/Paranormal phenomena.

It should be borne in mind, that the X-Files are solely made for the purpose of entertaining the masses, even if some of the episodes are

supposedly based on fact, which in my opinion is open to argument.

Some people who claim to be interested in UFOs or who call themselves, researchers and/or investigators do not take the whole thing seriously. They look on what they do as a hobby or a bit of harmless fun, and they do not even consider that they have, or are aware of, the responsibility to the witnesses. They do not realise that the entire process of UFO investigation is not, nor was it ever intended to be exciting or easy - even a simple case i.e. a reported sighting can often be at times, long, difficult and frustrating, and often time-consuming for the Accredited Investigators, and it involves a lot more than just knocking on the door of a potential witness and writing down a few notes on the alleged report.

With such a healthy interest in the phenomenon at present, there is a tendency among some people to appoint themselves as "Self-Accredited" Investigators without having the necessary qualifications or experience to do so. This can be easily done by printing up cards for themselves to flash at a witness before interviewing them, when the bottom line is, that THEY DON'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT THEY ARE DOING and also the witnesses have no idea at all who they are dealing with, and human nature being what it is, would not think of asking the so-called Accredited Investigator for their credentials.

On the outset, it may seem that there is nothing wrong with this, as I have mentioned before, some individuals see it only as harmless fun, but again they refuse to take it seriously. Again, I say, that UFO INVESTIGATION IS NOT HARMLESS FUN AND SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS SUCH BY THESE INDIVIDUALS. What they tend to forget is, that (as with every situation in life) there comes responsibility and that responsibility is to the witness, which is the most important aspect of UFO investigation. Unfortunately responsibility is something that these individuals just cannot be bothered with, it is in their view, too much trouble. Their unorthodox methods, and their appalling lack of concern, or feeling for the witnesses involved seriously undermines the scientific research and investigation that is carried out by the many professional/Accredited researchers/investigators who give tirelessly of their time and energy, in solving this puzzling enigma called UFOlogy, throughout the world.

These individuals are often referred to as "Cowboy Investigators" because they refuse to join their local UFO Group or indeed share data with them, where by doing so, they could gain some experience, do any of the Accredited Postal Investigators Course that are available to them, and once Accredited they would be expected to abide by the CODE OF PRACTICE FOR UFO INVESTIGATORS and which they would receive after completing their A.I. course. The Code of Practice is a good way for an Investigator to behave and act responsibly to the witness, himself, and/or the UFO Organisation he represents. An Accredited Investigator must always show the Code to the witness before he starts the interview. This will allow the witness to check out the investigator if necessary or if they feel that an A.I. has behaved irresponsibly towards them, they can then contact the group involved who will decide whether disciplinary action should be taken against the Investigator.

Many of these cowboys have, through ignorance and because they think that they know it all, have upset and ridiculed witnesses during so called investigations the result being that because they don't belong to a local UFO Group, the witness has no redress at all, simply because why they try to contact them because they have disappeared and can't be found until of course, another alleged sighting comes up and continue to harass the witness as before. By the time an Accredited Investigator hears about the sighting it's usually well

after the event and of course when they contact the witness with a view to arranging an interview re:the alleged sighting they do not want to deal with an A.I. and who can blame them. (I should point out here that I'm not against researchers who are serious about what they do, and who wish to remain independent of UFO Groups, while at the same time, acting in a responsible manner, in carrying out their own Research and Investigation into the UFO phenomenon. They are also willing to exchange their data with other like-minded researchers. Their efforts in assisting UFO Groups and other independent researchers and investigators is very much appreciated - without their willingness to co-operate with the mainstream UFO groups our job would be that much harder in trying to find the truth.

Some years ago, IUFOFRA were approached by some very angry witnesses who told us that they had been visited by one of these cowboys after they witnessed a local sighting in their area. The cowboy knocked at their door, showed them their so-called investigators card, and said to them "that he was the only official investigator for Ireland as no-one else was interested in the phenomenon". This was not true, as IUFOFRA were well and truly established at the time, but unfortunately the witnesses were not aware of our existence at the time. Of course, one of the things that UFO/GROUPS and Researchers are up against, and there is not very much they can do about it, is that, although witnesses may be aware of their existence, they sometimes prefer to report these sightings to the local tabloid press, who are not going to take them seriously for a start, and who will publish their names and details, even though they are asked by the witness(es) not to, or worst still to their local radio station, who will jump at the opportunity to have a good laugh at the expense of the witness. In most cases, they too, will not contact the official UFO GROUP in the area because they know that they will take the whole thing seriously, and rightly so, and they want someone who they can ridicule for half an hour or so, and whom they know will not take the issue seriously. Therefore many of the cowboys end on these radio shows, and they are too stupid to see that these shows are using them as a source of entertainment. I am qualified to speak on this as IUFOFRA in the past, and in our early days, while trying to get ourselves established, have been ridiculed by the media in general. Ever since then, whenever a radio/tv/or newspaper contacted us with a view to doing a story on UFOs or IUFOFRA, WE HAVE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE WILL DO IT ONLY IF THEY TAKE THE WHOLE THING SERIOUSLY AND NOT TO MENTION LITTLE GREEN MEN, OTHERWISE WE WILL NOT GRANT THEM AN INTERVIEW. Suffice to say, in many cases, they were not too pleased, because we wanted to be in charge, and treat the subject seriously, but all they wanted to do was to talk about the proverbial "little green men." UFOlogy is not "little green men" it is about something that we may never really find the answer to. It is not for the purpose of entertainment.

Now on to another aspect of the UFO Phenomenon which, while it may not be as serious as the issue raised above, it nevertheless gives a great deal of concern to researchers and investigators. This involves the amount of young teenagers from 12-16, who like to think that they too, can be as good, if not better, than Scully and Mulder in the X-Files. In theory there is nothing wrong with this but they do not realise that a certain amount of responsibility that comes with UFO investigation, especially with that of the witness(es) involved.

These young Scully and Mulders, because they are not Accredited, and due to their lack of experience in dealing with witnesses, think that if they want to investigate UFOs all they have to do is knock on the door of a potential witness, flash their badge, (which they were able to create with the help of the Internet/Computer, and that the witness will give them all the details etc. They would not be aware that a witness would be quite right not to co-operate with them,

because they(the witness) feels that young Scully and Mulder would not be experienced enough in dealing with UFO sightings. Besides out two young "investigators" have read every book on the subject, good, bad and indifferent on the subject, so as they know everything there is to now from reading books, then they assume that they are qualified to deal with a serious UFO report. Adults always like to deal with other adults in a situation like this and generally speaking it is not recommended that youngsters appoint themselves as UFO -investigators, until they are bit older and have acquired the necessary experience and Accreditation.

But what if the witness is already know to our two young friends - let's say it's elderly Mrs Brown down the road, after all, she is a neighbour, and they know her very well and she will talk to us because she knows that they are interested in UFOs and all that sort of thing?

Ok! So off go our two intrepid investigators, who knock at Mrs Brown's door and tell her that they had heard, that she was a witness to a UFO sighting in the area and would she mind answering a few questions. Bear in mind that young Scully and Mulder only come armed with a pen and some paper and ask the witness 4 or 5 simple basic questions. They do not have a sighting form, nor do they want to get their local UFO group involved, as this is very exciting and appealing to them, and the local UFO group would take all the credit from them, and besides they want to be able to tell all their friends that they are "real UFO Investigators, just like Scully and Mulder on the X-Files, only better!!!!!! Let's make it more complicated - Supposing Mrs Brown claims that she was abducted by aliens and wants to be hypnotised and regressed? How would they react? They couldn't because the don't know how. About two years ago a situation came to our attention where we discovered that one of these young Mulders, at the ripe old age of 14 years went through the local phone book in his area looking for hypnotists to regress a group of witnesses from England who, he claims contacted him AND ASKED HIM TO INVESTIGATE THEIR ALLEGED ABDUCTIONS. IUFOFRA warned him of the consequences of his actions, but he simply didn't care that he was being irresponsible, and because we tried to advise him as to the correct procedure, i.e. get one of our investigators to initiate an investigation into the claims, he simply didn't want to know. As far as he was concerned, he had read every conceivable book on the subject and that was the way they did it on the X-Files. In other words he did not understand that he had behaved irresponsibly and refused to co-operate any further with us. Another thing they would not be able to ascertain is whether or not Mrs Brown is telling the full truth as to the nature of her sighting, or indeed if she is leading them up the garden path. And what about, if our young investigators start to hassle Mrs Brown re: her sighting -what comeback has she got, apart from reporting them to their parents? Getting involved in UFO investigation at a young age and without the necessary accreditation and experience can and is detrimental to everyone involved in UFO RESEARCH i.e. the witness, young Scully and Mulder and the local UFO Organisation, even though they are not directly involved from the onset. By all means, watch, observe, read, and learn and when you're old enough to do a Postal Investigators course, then you will gain your Accreditation and undertake your own research and Investigation, share your data with your local groups and/or other interested parties, into this fascinating, serious and most elusive phenomenon.

The following organisations run Postal UFO Investigators courses, for anyone interested in becoming an Accredited UFO Investigator/researcher: Write to them for the details:

1. BUFORA, (BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION), 1, Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7SW, ENGLAND. You can also email them at: bufora@hotmail.com or check out their website at: <http://www.bufora.org>.UK

2. MAPIT - MANCHESTER ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION TEAM, 85, Royal Oak Road, Baguley, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 1DZ, England. Email: 101755.2016@compuserve.com

3. MUFON - MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, 103, Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155, USA. Email: mufonhq@aol.com website: www.mufon.com

4. Totton Researchers of UFOlogy Theory and History (TRUTH), SCE 6699, Totton College, Water Lane, Totton SO40 3BF, England. Email: truth@totton.uk

Finally always remember that when undertaking UFO Investigation/Research that RESPONSIBILITY IS THE KEY WORD and you must and should be PREPARED TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY otherwise there is no point in pursuing it and the Cowboys will have a field day at the expense of Accredited Investigators/Researchers who will be forced underground and could end up carrying out research and investigations in secret.

UFOLOGY NEEDS RESPONSIBLE INVESTIGATORS, NOT THE COWBOYS, WHOM, IF THEY ARE LET, DESTROY THE VERY FABRIC OF ITS NATURE BY THEIR UNORTHODOX METHODS. BE RESPONSIBLE - THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE!!!

EXTRATERRESTRIAL ALIEN INVASION OR FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY? BY PATRICK J. DELANEY.

To those familiar with the MJ-12/Project Aquarius materials, the Christian Bible tells us rather plainly, about what would appear to be the UFO phenomenon of today. "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came unto the daughters of men, and bore children of them, the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great on earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts was continually evil. And it repented the Lord that he made man on earth, and it grieved him in his heart. And the lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created on the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and all creeping things, and the birds of the air; for I regret having made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." - Genesis 6:1-8.

In every part of the Old Testament where "sons of God" are mentioned it refers to angels. But why would angels have sexual relations with humans? Aren't the angels of God supposed to be holy and good? Not all of them....it seems: "And the angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he, [God] has kept in everlasting chains in darkness, until Judgement Day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh...." - Jude 6-7.

Ahhh..... So some of the angels [sons of God] left their own habitation and had sexual relations with humans. It is a simple matter to reason that some angels left heaven and came to earth. The Bible states that children were born of this union between angels and

humans - the children grew up and came to be the "mighty men of old - men of renown". Some translations use the term "giants of old," yet still others refer to these angel/human hybrids as "nephilim". Who, then, were these nephilim and who were their fathers? We read in the Book of Numbers (13:32-33) a brief picture of the character of these "mighty men" .

"And they [Israelites] brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to search, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw giants, the sons of Anak, which came of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their [nephilim] sight".

In Deuteronomy 2:19-21 we read a bit more - "And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon [God speaking to the Israelites], distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon [Egypt] any possession; because I [God] have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. That [Egypt] also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old times; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead". What have we learnt so far? That the children of the angels and human women were quite tall and barbaric. They lived in Egypt apparently before the destruction of the last age by the flood.

The Ammonites succeeded the Nephilim and referred to them as "Zamzummims". It would appear that the destruction caused by the great flood - the end of the last age - was a direct result of the increasing evil done by humans and that evil appears to have come to a crescendo with the appearance on earth of the angel/human hybrid Nephilim. We have also learned that these angels "kept not their first estate, and left their habitation". Who, then, are these angels who left their first estate? Various discussions in Christian literature refer to these angels who have left their first estate. In the initial rebellion against God, the leader of the Rebellion, was Satan/Lucifer. Lucifer and one-third of the angels were involved in that rebellion. These angels who have had sexual relations with human women are very clearly under the guidance and leadership of Lucifer.

We begin to see why a crescendo of evil in the world, preceded the end of the last age by the Flood - there were, according to the Old Testament, demonic/human hybrids living on earth at the end of that age. Psalms 78: 48-49 says, "He [God] gave up their [humans] cattle also to the hail, and their flock to hot thunderbolts. He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, BY SENDING EVIL ANGELS AMONG THEM". Could this possibly be? Could it be true that the "humanoids" from the UFOs are none other than the legions of Lucifer's demons? And if this is true, just as it happened before the end of the last age, we are now seeing HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF in our world today. There are now, when we look at all the evil and bad things that are happening in the world today, Hybrid/demons human Hybrids - the "mighty men of old , of great renown"; the Nephilim? I think we know the answers to some of these questions. We have had them placed before us for over 2000 years.

In the Book of Revelation, are recounted the acts of many Godly angels and Satan's demonic forces. It is fair to state that the Book of Revelation is the best description that we have of the Final Battle between the forces of Good and Evil.

Revelations 12:7-10 tells us, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon [Lucifer]; and the dragon

fought and his angels prevailed not, neither was their place retained in heaven anymore. And the great dragon was cast out, that old Serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelations 12:12 tells us what happens next... "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Finally we see in Revelations 13:4... "And they [humans just prior to the end of the current age] worshipped the dragon [Satan/Lucifer] which gave power unto the beast [the human or maybe the great Nephilim?] world dictator]: and they [humans] worshipped the beast saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue for forty two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." What then, in the final analysis, are we seeing in the UFO Phenomenon and the abduction of humans, reports of women being impregnated and their fetuses being stolen, reports of genetic activities by the "humanoids", reports of cattle mutilations? All of this in the context of still other fulfillments of prophecy? Should we not know what the UFO phenomenon is? Should we not know what the true purpose of the invaders is? Can it be made more clear? I conclude with Isaiah 14:12:17.... "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake the kingdoms; That made the world a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?" Christians should not be surprised by this information for it is written, "Therefore my brethren when ye see these things come to pass, look up for your salvation draweth near". Will the world accept this explanation for the "humanoids" and the UFO Phenomenon? No - throughout the Tribulation period, we humans on this earth, will not believe God and we will only seek to blaspheme Him and His name. We don't need to wait for the Tribulation to come - it is here already, recent events, and future events will show this to be true.

CIA's ROLE IN THE STUDY OF UFOs - CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.

In another attempt to pacify Davidson, a CIA officer, again under cover and wearing his Air Force Uniform, contacted Davidson in New York City. The CIA officer explained that there was no super agency involved and that Air Force Policy was not to disclose who was doing what. While seeming to accept this argument, Davidson nevertheless pressed for disclosure of the recording message and the source. The officer agreed to see what he could do. After checking with Headquarters, the CIA officer phoned Davidson to report that a thorough check had been made and, because the signal was of known US origin, the tape and the notes made at the time had been destroyed to conserve file space.

articles on "Electrogravitics" in the latest issues of his journal, Sept/Oct. Page 4-9 and Nov/Dec. P.14-20. The sources quoted are "Jane's Defense Weekly", "the Engineer", the Internet, and a British scientist with an insider knowledge of the subject (1); there are also references to Sheikh Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister, and to a mysterious witness from the Knights of Malta.

We know Mr Birdsall as a serious journalist who checks his sources. However there are a number of certified hoaxes in those articles, especially the first one: the thrust generating capacitor and the machine that contravenes Newton's third law of action -reaction (these two date from the 1960s), the water engine -formerly known as the steam engine - and the tapping of vacuum zero-point energy (these are "old Moons" too) plus (in my opinion) unsubstantiated allegations about the price of oil and the "stealth" aircraft.

The Podkletnove experiment.

There is however one stronger point in the second article: the device, invented by Russian scientist Evgyeni Podkletnov, that would alter gravity by spinning a Type II 2 squared superconductor ring, in a state of diamagnetic levitation, over a powerful source of static magnetic field. A Chinese American scientist called Ning Li, a Chinese scientist called Honghai Gao, and probably Japanese scientists too, have duplicated the experiment.

This experiment is done with a ring of high-temperature superconductor, a kind of material based on copper oxide which can operate at the temperature of liquid nitrogen. The diameter of the ring is 7 to 12 inches and it has to revolve at thousands of r.p.m. to produce an effect of a few % on the weight of material objects above the device; the sense of the effect can be positive or negative, probably depending on the direction of the spin relative to the direction of the applied magnetic field. Why a ring and not a plain disk?

The hole in the middle of the ring makes it weaker, which tends to limit its rate of spin; this hole must therefore be necessary for the experiment to succeed.

This, in turn, suggests that a superconducting current circulates in the ring, which may have to do with the way in which the ring is made to spin, after reaching the state of diamagnetic levitation, by an "induction motor", certainly of a most unusual type. If the current runs in the same direction as the applied magnetic field, this will tend to destroy diamagnetic levitation, and it is therefore likely that the current runs in the opposite direction but, in that case, the ring would tend to topple over; however, in both cases, the rotational plane of the ring will tend to be stabilized by the gyroscope effect..

Other possible explanations are that the hole is necessary to obtain a proper configuration of magnetic field or to constrain the superconducting eddy currents.

Other material

It is also reported in the second article that scientists at British Aerospace are trying to duplicate the experiment with a smaller ring of 3 inch diameter made of regular superconductor, a metal or metal alloy that has to be cooled down to the temperature of liquid helium to operate. Such materials can withstand much larger magnetic fields without losing their superconducting properties, and can also be much stronger than any high-temperature superconductor, which would allow the ring to spin much faster; this is probably expected to more than

The pilot later filed a near-miss report known as an airprox, in which he said the object looked similar to a fighter.

But a report by the Civil Aviation Authority found no explanation for the incident, which has also confounded local military expert and local police.

"Air traffic controllers were certain that even a very small aircraft would have been detected, particularly on Heathrow radar, " said the report.

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The incident was included in a Civil Aviation Authority report, which found that dangerous aircraft near misses fell to an all-time low last year.

It is the first report to include airprox incidents filed by both pilots and air traffic controllers.

The number of near-misses involving public transport flights per 100,000 flying hours in 1998 was 1.20, compared with 2.37 in 1997 and 2.87 in 1996.

Three quarters of those misses were judged as having no actual risk of collision.

"The figures speak for themselves and show that more flying does not automatically mean more risk as a consequence", said Gordon Mc Robbie, director of the UK Airprox Board.

But he warned against complacency. "This report is aimed squarely at all pilots and air traffic controllers and I would encourage them to read about the incidents.

One of the most serious incidents listed involved two passengers jets, which avoided collision only by chance after a mistake by an overworked air traffic controller.

The incident happened near London's Stansted Airport on 14th August 1998, and involved a Stansted - Cork Ryanair Boeing 737 and a Dublin -to-Stansted Aer Lingus Bae 146.

Even when a collision alert flashed up, the controller was unsure what was happening and gave no instructions to the planes to take avoiding action.

"Electrogravitica " : what is all the fuss about.? By Marc Dixmier Ph.D.

Introduction.

Graham W.Birdsall, the Editor of "UFO Magazine", has published two

Incensed over what he perceived was a runaround, Davidson told the CIA officer that "he and his agency, whichever it was, were acting like Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamster Union in destroying records which might indict them". Believing that any more contact with Davidson would only encourage more speculation, the Contact Division washed its hands of the issue by reporting to the DCI and to ATIC that it would not respond to or try to contact Davidson again. Thus, a minor, rather bizarre incident, handled poorly by both CIA and the Air Force, turned into a major flap that added to the growing mystery surrounding UFOs and CIA's role in their investigation.

Another minor flap a few months later added to the growing questions surrounding the Agency's true role with regard to flying saucers. CIA's concern over secrecy again made matters worse. In 1958, Major Keyhoe charged that the Agency was deliberately asking eyewitnesses of UFO's not to make their sightings public. The incident stemmed from a November 1957 request from OSI to the CD to obtain from Ralph C. Mayher, a photographer for KYW-TV in Cleveland, Ohio, certain photographs he took in 1952 of an unidentified flying object. Harry Real, a CD officer, contacted Mayher and obtained copies of the photographs for analysis. On 12 December 1957, John Hazen, another CD officer, returned the five photographs of the alleged UFO to Mayher without comment. Mayher asked Hazen for the Agency's evaluation of the photographs, explaining that he was trying to organize a TV program to brief the public on UFOs. He wanted to mention on the show that a US intelligence organization had viewed the photographs and thought them of interest. Although he advised Mayher not to take this approach, Hazen stated that Mayher was a US citizen and would have to make his own decision as to what to do.

Keyhoe later contacted Mayher, who told him his story of CIA and the photographs. Keyhoe then asked the Agency to confirm Hazen's employment in writing, in an effort to expose the CIA's role in UFO investigations. The agency refused, despite the fact that CD field representatives were normally overt and carried credentials identifying their Agency association. DCI Dulle's aide, John S. Earman, merely sent Keyhoe a non-committal letter noting that, because UFOs were of primary concern to the Department of the Air Force, the Agency had referred his letter to the Air Force for an appropriate response. Like the response to Davidson, the Agency reply to Keyhoe only fueled the speculation that the Agency was deeply involved in UFO sightings. Pressure for release of CIA information on UFOs continued to grow. Although the CIA had a declining interest in UFO cases, it continued to monitor UFO sightings. Agency officials felt the need to keep informed on UFOs if only to alert the DCI to the more sensational UFO reports and flaps.

UK - UFO Baffles Aviation Experts.

A UFO that narrowly avoided colliding with a passenger jet flying from London's Heathrow Airport has baffled aviation experts.

The metallic grey-coloured object was spotted by the pilots of an Oslo-bound McDonnell Douglas MD81 plane on 12 June 1998, and passed just 20-50 metres from them.

The captain said that the object was the size of a small aircraft, while the co-pilot described it as a "bright light" very close.

Reporting to an air traffic controller, the captain said "a flare or something had passed 20feet from our aircraft", but nothing had been recorded on the radar screen.

compensate for the smaller diameter of the ring.

The new force field.

The following questions come to mind: what is the reaction of the new force upon the ring itself, and the magnet that supports it? What is the effect upon inertia, like that of a torsion pendulum? Is there any detectable effect on the time-space metric around the experiment (3)

It has recently been proposed that a new, attractive force, very weak but detectable, would act upon the trajectory of space probes in the outer reaches of the Solar System, although not apparently on the planets. This tends to show that our understanding of gravitation, even after Einstein, remains incomplete.

However, the reference, in the second article, to the "gravito-magnetic" effect of General Relativity seems irrelevant. That effect, which has recently been verified on satellites orbiting the Earth, is purely due to gravitational field and not to any magnetic field; it is thus called after a mere analogy with Lenz's law of magnetic induction.

The question of the dangers to that new force (if it is confirmed) could present to living matter is pending. All the early radiologists and radioactivity scientists died of cancer.....

Conclusion.

If the new force field is confirmed, it will be a major advance in our understanding of the forces of nature, which could lead to strategically important new technologies such as antigravity. However, given that there are at least three different teams working on the subject, I am surprised that nothing has yet been published in regular science journals: everybody would want to scoop a Nobel Prize...

Let us hope that the whole business will not prove to have been a complete waste of time, like the "cold fusion" craze that followed the Pons and Fleischmann experiment in 1991.

(1) On page 15 the second article in "UFO Magazine" also refers to the science journal "Nature". I went through the collection of "Nature" for the year 2000 to the near end of October without finding this news item, and the staff of "UFO Mag" did not know the exact reference; I therefore concluded that this news item does not exist.

(2) Superconductivity can only occur, in a given material, below a "superconducting transition temperature" T_c . Type I superconductors are perfectly diamagnetic, which means that they expel any magnetic field applied to them. Type II superconductors can be permeated by quantized tubes of magnetic field. As the applied magnetic field increases from zero, the material undergoes transitions from type I to type II, to normal electric conductor; the levels of magnetic field for which those transitions occur increase as the temperature falls below T_c (where they are nil).

(3) The effect of Earth's own gravitational field is $GM = 7 \times 10^{-10}$ shorter distances and longer durations.

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Illustration: Dr Ning Li and co-workers with their superconductor ring ("UFO Magazine" Nov/Dec. 2000, p.20)

CYNTHIA HIND: It was during the Christmas break that we learnt of the

death of one of Africa's finest UFO researcher, Cynthia Hind. IUFORPA first contacted Cynthia last May with a view to doing an exchange of data from Africa. Africa has very much been a neglected country as far as the UFO Phenomenon is concerned, and has been sadly overlooked by many researchers, bar a few, i.e. Jenny Randles, Timothy Good. We would like to extend our sympathy to her family - she will be sadly missed, as will her tireless dedication and persistence to the UFO phenomenon in Africa.

LETTER TO CONGRESS ON GROOM LAKE, NEVADA.

The following document was sent to us by Connie Linscott, fresh from the newswire on 2/1/00. This letter refers to Presidential Determination No. 99-37 from September 1999. For more information see the comment on this letter in the "Las Vegas Review-Journal", February 02, 2000.

Contact: White House Press Office, 202-456-2100.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1/U.S. Newswire/--Following is the text of a letter to Congress on Groom Lake, Nevada.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Consistent with section 6001 (a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the "Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961(a), notification is hereby given that on September 20, 1999, I issued Presidential Determination 99-37 (copy enclosed) and thereby exercised the authority to grant certain exemptions under section 6001(a) of the Act.

Presidential Determination 99-37 exempted the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada, from any Federal, State, interstate, or local hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information concerning that operating location to unauthorized persons. Information concerning activities at the operating location near Groom Lake, has been properly determined to be classified, and its disclosure would be harmful to national security. Continued protection of this information is, therefore, in the paramount interest of the United States.

The determination was not intended to imply that in the absence of a Presidential exemption, RCRA or any other provision of law permits or requires the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons. The determination also was not intended to limit the applicability or enforcement of any requirement of law applicable to the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake except those provisions, if any, that would require the disclosure of classified information.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

THE WHITE HOUSE--January 31st, 2000.

2001-- A S.P.A.C.E. ODYSSEY BY HAROLD WALTER EGELN.

Here we are, going into the 2001. In June 1968 as I sat watching Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" on a giant movie screen, I shook and trembled, in heart-racing awe, as the astronaut entered the enigmatic monolith around Jupiter and journeyed into a star gate. Through that he was "abducted" into a strange contact with a profound, mysterious and complex "alien intelligence", which took him through a fast life voyage, more of inner space than outer space, until he "died" and was transformed into a cosmic stargirl endowed with wonderous mystery.

Today, the robotic Galileo space probe orbits Jupiter, exploring the

Jovian family of moons, detecting tantalizing evidence of oceans, perhaps home to life, under the ice of two moons, Europa and Callisto. Arthur C. Clarke suspected Europa might bear life in his sequel novel "2010". Callisto, he did not. Humans are confined to Earth orbits, 28 years after the last amazing lunar landing of Apollo 17, in those days when human curiosity spanned worlds through human contact. Now the public space program of human spaceflights remains close to home.

Awesome NASA's post-Apollo plans for human spaceflights to Mars in the early 1980's and for a staffed lunar outpost were scrapped. Perhaps, I am almost persuaded, secret advanced versions of the X-15 rocket-ships (the craft that flew into suborbital space in the 1960's) scout around the Earth on undercover military recon missions, tracking foreign powers, from Earth or Elsewhere.

THE STEALTH SPACE PROGRAM.

But, today, a largely stealth "space program" involving countless numbers of humans, astronauts of a quite different kind, goes on, ignored by the mass media. Whether from out there in space, or in some other hidden, unknown dimension of reality, that "Inner Space Program" is our odyssey in 2001.

Like that Cosmic Star-Child over the Earth, that hybrid of humanity and the cosmic intelligence, at the end of "2001", who asked what he would do now, we who are interfacing with psyche-jarring non-human, extra-terrestrial intelligences, we ask the same question.

The range of our thoughts and feelings are as complex and paradoxical, fraught with contradictions, fears and wonder, as the fierce NHI/ETI with which we have contact with, whether we want that contact or not.

We are truly dwellers in two worlds, living on a frontline's razors edge, where we cross through a mirror and seemed undreamed of reflections magnified beyond anything we can imagine. On an Earth where the violence and injustice of the bloody 20th Century is now transported into the new 21st century, humanity is mired in violent conflict, sorrow and pain, as we, who explore our encounters try to decide how we will handle this shattering Contact with the Cosmos. Some urge caution as we proceed to explore our encounters, as yet others want war or seek to stop the contact, while more seek ways to transform themselves through the experience. And researchers chart their parameters of that Contact, holding on to their piece of the puzzle, while seeking to help and understand, and to advise, warn or encourage. And few will share among themselves as they taste their piece of pie.

With us, as with researchers, there is no consensus. Yet we who interface with the NHI-ETI straddle the world we know and the worlds we do not fully know....

...Some as guardians, some as heralds, some as warriors, some as diplomats, some as victims, some as empowered beings, some as teachers and leaders, some as students and followers, some with the answers, some with the questions.

Science and society, with a few exceptions in them, do not accept our experience as valid nor as grounded in reality. Science and society are in for a great shock, for what is coming closer.

There is a Message and Communication in the most recent Contact that S.P.A.C.E. has experienced throughout the year 2000, as documented and reported on Page of of our website, which can be downloaded at <http://community-2.webtv.net/HEgelN/SPACEsearchProject/page9.html> (Editor's Comment - the full details of this Message and Communication, known as the "WOW! Breakthrough" will be published in a future issue of the IUFOPRA Newsletter) which seems to embrace All Aspects of Close Encounters.

Reviewing it now, the "WOW! Breakthrough" seems to be an artistic endeavor performed creatively on the theatrical stage of consciousness. Like Clarke and Kubrick with "2001" the "WOW!" asks questions. That is the mark of great Art.

While maybe from outer space, it takes us into exploring our inner spaces, with both our minds and hearts, deep through the terrain of humanity, our psyches and perhaps, our souls.

Notice that the images of contact in the movie "2001" came in unexpected ways:

***Ancient monoliths, four million years old, like an artifact and probe, deliberately placed in our solar system...

***An invisible, stealth extraterrestrial intelligence which takes an astronaut through a star gate into a Wonderland of awesomely unrecognizable images combined with familiar elements (like the room he was placed)...

***The astronaut being transformed into a star-child. That big-eyed child is somewhat like a hybrid from "abduction" accounts, and is symbolic of a transformation of humanity into a cosmic species, both through the physical and psyche.

With "The Breakthrough" we will not say what the message is, as we the SPACE community, are still trying to determine. But we ask YOU to help decipher that Contact. For it is our "2001-A S.P.A.C.E. Odyssey" that we are on now. Here as we finally enter 2001, we may find answers in our own inner spaces.

2001 AND BEYOND---SEARCH FOR CONTACT.

"2001:A Space Odyssey" was about the exploration of space and contact with an otherworldly intelligence, which demonstrated its existence by directly connecting with a human being, the astronaut Dave Bowman. A similar link appears to be happening with people such as we who created this website and the S.P.A.C.E. concept.

Whether we are dealing with actual ETIs or some other unknown realm or product of consciousness and the psyche which produces or engenders our encounters, --which would not make them any less "real" but may expand our concepts of reality and what it means to be fully human -- is what we are earnestly trying to determine. AT the heart of it all is a profound mystery.

As always, we welcome both the scientific and ufology communities to study what we report, as it is essential for the advancement of knowledge. SPACE will endeavour to use various academic disciplines to help uncover what may drive the mystery, with all possibilities examined.

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:FOR THE SERIOUS ASTRONOMER:
Asteroid Comet Impact Hazards:NEO FAQ

FAQ: Ten Frequently Asked Questions about NEO Impacts

What is a NEO? Near-Earth-Objects (NEOs) are small bodies in the solar system (asteroids and short-period comets) with orbits that regularly bring them close to the Earth and which, therefore, are capable someday of striking our planet. Sometimes the term NEO is also used loosely to include all comets (not just short-period ones) that cross the Earth's orbit. Those NEOs with orbits that actually intersect the Earth's orbit are called Earth-Crossing-Objects (ECOs). What size NEOs are dangerous? The Earth's atmosphere protects us from most NEOs smaller than a modest office building (50 m diameter, or impact energy of about 5 megatons). From this size up to about 1 km diameter, an impacting NEO can do tremendous damage on a local scale. Above an energy of a million megatons (diameter about 2 km), an impact will produce severe environmental damage on a global scale. The probable consequence would be an "impact winter" with loss of crops worldwide and subsequent starvation and disease. Still larger impacts can cause mass extinctions, like the one that ended the age of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago (15 km diameter and about 100 million megatons). How many NEOs exist? There are many

more small NEOs than large ones. Astronomers estimate that there are approximately 1000 Near Earth Asteroids (NEAs) larger than 1 km in diameter, and perhaps a million larger than 50 m in diameter (the threshold for penetration through the Earth's atmosphere). The largest NEAs are less than 25 km in diameter. There are probably many more comets than NEAs, but they spend almost all of their lifetimes at great distances from the Sun and Earth, so that they contribute only about 10% to the census of objects that strike the Earth. Who is searching for NEOs? Several teams of astronomers worldwide are surveying the sky with electronic cameras to find NEOs, but the total effort involves fewer than 100 people. The most productive NEO survey is the LINEAR search

program of the MIT Lincoln Lab, carried out in New Mexico with US Air Force and NASA support. The LINEAR team, which operates two search telescopes with one-meter aperture, discovered more NEOs in 1999 and 2000 than all other searches combined. Other active survey groups include the NEAT search program in Hawaii, carried out jointly by the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab and the US Air Force; the Spacewatch survey at the University of Arizona, funded by NASA and a variety of private grants, the LONEOS survey at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff Arizona, supported by NASA grants, and the Catalina Sky Survey in Tucson Arizona, also supported by NASA. Other searches in the US, France, Japan and China also contribute to discovery of NEOs, while additional astronomers (many of them amateur astronomers) follow up the discoveries with supporting observations.

Are any NEOs predicted to hit the Earth? The Earth has been hit throughout its history, and certainly it will be in the future, unless we take action to defend ourselves. But none of the known NEOs is on a collision course with Earth. All known NEOs and their predicted future positions are openly available

to everyone with access to the Internet. As of the end of 2000, astronomers had discovered nearly half of the larger Near Earth Asteroids (diameter greater than 1 km). But since at least half of them remain unknown, and we have no way of predicting the next impact from an unknown object.

What is the risk of impacts? We don't know when the next NEO impact will take place, but we can calculate the odds. Statistically, the greatest danger is from an NEO with about 1 million megatons energy (roughly 2 km in diameter). On average, one of these collides with the Earth once or twice per million years, producing a global catastrophe that would kill a substantial (but unknown) fraction of the Earth's human population. Reduced to personal terms, this means that you have about one chance in 20,000 of dying as a result of a collision. Such statistics are interesting, but they don't tell you, of course, when the next catastrophic impact will take place; next year or a million years from now. How much warning will we have? With at least half of even the larger NEOs remaining undiscovered,

the most likely warning today would be zero -- the first indication of a collision would be the flash of light and the shaking of the ground as it hit. In contrast, if the current surveys actually discover a NEO on a collision course, we would expect many decades of warning. Any NEO that is going to hit the Earth will swing near our planet many times before it hits, and it should be discovered by comprehensive sky searches. This is the purpose of the Spaceguard Survey. In almost all cases, we will either have a long lead time or none at all. How can we protect ourselves? NEO impacts are the only major natural hazard that we can effectively protect ourselves against, by deflecting (or destroying) the NEO before it hits the Earth. The first step in any program of

planetary defense is to find the NEOs; we can't protect against something we don't know exists. We also need a long warning time, at least a decade, to send spacecraft to intercept the object and deflect it. Many defensive schemes have been studied in a

preliminary way, but none in detail. In the absence of active defense, warning of the time and place of an impact would at least allow us to store food and supplies and to evacuate regions near ground zero where damage would be the greatest. What is the government doing about it?

The US Congress has held hearings to study the impact hazard (in 1993 and 1998), and both NASA and the US Air Force are supporting surveys to discover NEOs. In 1998 NASA formally initiated the Spaceguard Survey by adopting the objective of finding 90% of the NEOs larger than 1 km diameter within the next decade (that is, before the end of 2008). In 1998 NASA also created a NEO Program Office, and it is expected that at least \$3 million per year was spent on NASA-supported NEO searches and orbit calculations. Other governments have expressed concern about the NEO hazard, but none has yet funded any extensive surveys or related defense research. A private Spaceguard Foundation based in Europe promotes NEO surveys internationally, and further interest on an international basis is provided by the International Astronomical Union and the United Nations. What about smaller, more frequent impacts? The Spaceguard Survey and most associated search and tracking programs are concentrating on Near Earth Asteroids larger than 1 km in diameter -- large enough to risk a global ecological catastrophe if one of them hit the Earth. But there are many more smaller undiscovered NEOs, and we are likely to be hit somewhere on Earth by one of these, with an energy equivalent to a large nuclear bomb, sometime in the next couple of centuries. The last such impact was in 1908 in Tunguska (Siberia) with an estimated energy of 15 megatons. Today it is beyond our technology to detect and defend against such small objects, but perhaps we will be able to do so in the future. In any case, the actual risk to each of us from Tunguska-like impacts is very small -- much less than the risk of larger impacts, and indeed much less than the risk from many common natural hazards, such as earthquakes and severe storms.

David Morrison, September 2000

More next Issue.

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