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The "X - Effect"

Ufologists have noticed the way in which certain film and TV writers have begun to embody in their work the more speculative details concerning UFO occupants, human abductions, secret government bases and the like. Similarly, the discrediting of the Warren report on the Kennedy assassination encouraged the assertion that he was shot to prevent him exposing a deal done with the grey aliens by former president Eisenhower.

The public exploration of such possibilities might seem, on the face of it, a good thing: obviously the public has a right to know what is and has been done in their name and at their expense. There has even been a suggestion that the raising of these questions in the media has been inspired and encouraged by the U.S. government, as a preliminary to forthcoming official admissions that UFOs and their occupants are affecting Earth culture in ways not necessarily beneficial. Some people even think that governments will be willing to admit that they have consistently lied, though always of course with the best of intentions.

Unfortunately for the cause of Truth, however, the effect produced by the presentation of such ideas in a fictional context has diminished rather than enhanced the likelihood of their ever receiving serious public consideration, for it provides a fantasy framework within which a false *frisson* derived from daring to think the unthinkable can be enjoyed in safety. It has provided an effective way of removing the detonator from potentially explosive material.

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THE ASTRONAUTS SPEAK OUT

MAJOR GORDON COOPER

One of the original Mercury Astronauts and the last American to fly in space alone. On May 15, 1963 he shot into space in a Mercury capsule for a 22 orbit journey around the world. During the final orbit, Major Gordon Cooper told the tracking station at Muchea (near Perth Australia) that he could see a glowing, greenish object ahead of him quickly approaching his capsule. The UFO was real and solid, because it was picked up by Muchea's tracking radar.

Cooper's sighting was reported by the National Broadcast Company, which was covering the flight step by step; but when Cooper landed, reporters were told that they would not be allowed to question him about the UFO sighting. Major Cooper was a firm believer in UFOs. Ten years earlier, in 1951 he had sighted a UFO while piloting an F-86 Sabrejet over Western Germany. They were metallic, saucer-shaped discs at considerable altitude and could out-maneuvre all American fighter planes. Major Cooper also testified before the United Nations:

"I believe that these extra-terrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets... Most astronauts were reluctant to discuss UFOs."

"I did have occasion in 1951 to have two days of observation of many flights of them, of different sizes, flying in fighter formation, generally from east to west over Europe."

And, according to a taped interview by J. L. Ferrando, Major Cooper said:

"For many years I have lived with a secret, in a secrecy imposed on all specialists in astronautics. I can now reveal that every day, in the USA, our radar instruments capture objects of form and composition unknown to us. And there are thousands of witness reports and a quantity of documents to prove this, but nobody wants to make them public.

"Why? Because authority is afraid that people may think of God knows what kind of horrible invaders. So the password still is: We have to avoid panic by all means. I was furthermore a witness to an extraordinary phenomenon, here on this planet Earth. It happened a few months ago in Florida. There I saw with my own eyes a defined area of ground being consumed by flames, with four indentations left by a flying object which had descended in the middle of a field. Beings had left the craft (there were other traces to prove this). They seemed to have studied topography; they had collected soil samples and, eventually, they returned to where they had come from, disappearing at enormous speed...I happen to know that authority did just about everything to keep this incident from the press and TV, in fear of a panicky reaction from the public."

ED WHITE & JAMES McDIVITT

In June 1965, astronauts Ed White (first American to walk in space) and James McDivitt were passing over Hawaii in a Gemini spacecraft when they saw a weird-looking metallic object. The UFO had long arms sticking out of it. McDivitt took pictures with a cine-camera. Those pictures have never been released.

JAMES LOVELL AND FRANK BORMAN

In December 1965, Gemini astronauts James Lovell and Frank Borman also saw a UFO during their second orbit of their record-breaking 14 day flight. Borman reported that he saw an unidentified spacecraft some distance from their capsule. Gemini Control, at Cape Kennedy told him that he was seeing the final stage of their own Titan booster rocket. Borman confirmed that he could see the booster rocket all right, but that he could also see something completely different.

During James Lovell's flight on Gemini 7:

Lovell: BOGEY AT 10 O'CLOCK HIGH.

Capcom: This is Houston. Say again 7.

Lovell: SAID WE HAVE A BOGEY AT 10 O'CLOCK HIGH.

Capcom: Gemini 7, is that the booster or is that an actual sighting?

Lovell: WE HAVE SEVERAL...ACTUAL SIGHTING.

Capcom: ...Estimated distance or size?

Lovell: WE ALSO HAVE THE BOOSTER IN SIGHT...

NEIL ARMSTRONG & EDWIN "Buzz" ALDRIN

According to the NASA Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the Aliens have a base on the Moon and told us in no uncertain terms to get off and stay off the Moon.

According to hitherto unconfirmed reports, both Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin saw UFOs shortly after that historic landing on the Moon in Apollo 11 on 21 July 1969. I remember hearing one of the astronauts refer to a "light" in or on a crater during the television transmission, followed by a request from mission control for further information. Nothing more was heard.

According to a former NASA employee Otto Binder, unnamed radio hams with their own VHF receiving facilities that bypassed NASA's broadcasting outlets picked up the following exchange:

NASA: Whats there?

Mission Control calling Apollo 11...

Apollo 11: These "Babies" are huge, Sir! Enormous!

OH MY GOD! You wouldn't believe it!

I'm telling you there are other spacecraft out there,

Lined up on the far side of the crater edge!

They're on the Moon watching us!

A certain professor, who wished to remain anonymous, was engaged in a discussion with Neil Armstrong during a NASA symposium.

Professor: What REALLY happened out there with Apollo 11?

Armstrong: It was incredible, of course we had always known there was a possibility, the fact is, we were warned off!(by the Aliens). There was never any question then of a space station or a moon city.

Professor: How do you mean "warned off"?

Armstrong: I can't go into details, except to say that their ships were far superior to ours both in size and technology - Boy, were they big!...and menacing! No, there is no question of a space station.

Professor: But NASA had other missions after Apollo 11?

Armstrong: Naturally - NASA was committed at that time, and couldn't risk panic on Earth. But it really was a quick scoop and back again.

According to a Dr. Vladimir Azhazha:

"Neil Armstrong relayed the message to Mission Control that two large, mysterious objects were watching them after having landed near the moon module. But this message was never heard by the public - because NASA censored it."

According to a Dr. Aleksandr Kasantsev, Buzz Aldrin took colour movie film of the UFOs from inside the module, and continued filming them after he and Armstrong went outside.

Armstrong confirmed that the story was true but refused to go into further detail, beyond admitting that the CIA was behind the cover-up.

DONALD SLAYTON

Donald Slayton, a Mercury astronaut, revealed in an interview that he had seen UFOs in 1951:

"I was testing a P-51 fighter in Minneapolis when I spotted this object. I was at about 10,000 feet on a nice, bright, sunny afternoon. I thought the object was a kite, then I realized that no kite is gonna fly that high."

As I got closer it looked like a weather balloon, gray and about three feet in diameter. But as soon as I got behind the darn thing it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a saucer, a disk.

About the same time, I realized that it was suddenly going away from me - and there I was, running at about 300 miles per hour. I tracked it for a little way, and then all of a sudden the damn thing just took off. It pulled about a 45 degree climbing turn and accelerated and just flat disappeared."

MAJOR ROBERT WHITE

On July 17, 1962 Major Robert White reported a UFO during his fifty-eight-mile high flight of an X-15. Major White reported:

"I have no idea what it could be. It was grayish in colour and about thirty to forty feet away."

Then, according to a Time Magazine article, Major White exclaimed over the radio:

"There ARE things out there! There absolutely is!"

NASA PILOT JOSEPH A. WALKER

On May 11, 1962 NASA pilot Joseph Walker said that one of his tasks was to detect UFOs during his X-15 flights. He had filmed five or six UFOs during his record breaking fifty-mile-high flight in April, 1962. It was the second time he had filmed UFOs in flight. During a lecture at the Second National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space Research in Seattle, Washington, he said:

"I don't feel like speculating about them. All I know is what appeared on the film which was developed after the flight." - Joseph Walker.

To date none of those films has been released to the public for viewing.

COMMANDER EUGENE CERNAN.

Eugene Cernan was commander of Apollo 17. In a Los Angeles Times article in 1973 he said, about UFOs:

"...I've been asked (about UFOs) and I've said publicly I thought they (UFOs) were somebody else, some other civilization."

NASA'S MAURICE CHATELAIN

In 1979 Maurice Chatelain, former chief of NASA Communications Systems, confirmed that Armstrong had indeed reported seeing two UFOs on the rim of a crater. Chatelain believes that some UFOs may come from our own solar system - specifically Titan.

"The encounter was common knowledge in NASA, but nobody has talked about it until now."

"...all Apollo and Gemini flights were followed, both at a distance and sometimes also quite closely, by space vehicles of extraterrestrial origin - flying saucers, or UFOs, if you want to call them by that name. Every time it occurred, the astronauts informed Mission Control, who then ordered absolute silence."

"I think that Walter Schirra aboard Mercury 8 was the first of the astronauts to use the code name 'Santa Claus' to indicate the presence of flying saucers next to space capsules. However, his announcements were barely noticed by the general public. It was a little different when James Lovell on board the Apollo 8 command module came out from behind the moon and said for everybody to hear: 'PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS.' Even though this happened on Christmas Day 1968, many people sensed a hidden meaning in those words."

The rumours persist. NASA may well be a civilian agency, but many of its programs are funded by the defence budget and most of the astronauts are subject to military security regulations. Apart from the fact that the National Security Agency screens all films and probably radio communications as well, we have the statements by Otto Binder, Dr. Garry Henderson and Maurice Chatelain that the astronauts were under strict orders not to discuss their sightings. And Gordon Cooper has testified to a United Nations committee that one of the astronauts actually witnessed a UFO on the ground. If there is no secrecy, why has this sighting not been made public?

NASA'S SCOTT CARPENTER.

"At no time, when the astronauts were in space, were they alone: there was a constant surveillance by UFOs."



MEDICAL EVIDENCE FOUND IMPLANTS!

Alleged Alien Abductees have Anomalous Objects Surgically removed from their Bodies!

Derrel Sims at John Muir Medical Center

Story by Jack Carlson, local MUFON member

* These names have been altered to protect their identities.

Late in the afternoon of Saturday, August 19, 1995, Dr. Carl Smith*, with the assistance of a general surgeon, took his scalpel and made a 3/4" incision down the inner half of the big toe of a patient who was lying on her back. Patricia Connely*, a former abductee, was about to undergo an exploratory surgery to remove two anomalous foreign objects which were lodged in her big toe. Stan Moore* was focusing his video camera on the area being incised, thus recording the entire proceedings for posterity. A direct, live video feed was being sent to a 12-inch TV monitor in a room adjacent the operation room where six to seven people, myself included, sat in eerie silence watching the proceedings in living color. I can state, with a degree of certainty, that none of us had ever witnessed an event quite like this.

Using hypnosis, Mrs. Connely had been rendered partially unconscious by Mr. Derrel Sims a certified hypno-anesthesia therapist. Then, Dr. Smith injected a massive dose of local anesthesia into the toe to assure the patient would feel no pain. Working from three x-rays, which had clearly shown the location of the anomalous foreign objects, the two doctors cut, probed and dissected the tissue until the first object was felt by Dr. Smith holding a narrow forceps. As the object was removed from the incision, the patient reacted by verbally uttering an exclamation. It was later learned the object was directly connected to a nerve, thus causing the patient pain when the object was severed from the connection tissue.

The first object extracted was a small, triangular object, measuring about 1 1/2 cm. on each side. Because the object appeared opaque in the x-rays, it was assumed to be of a substance other than bone. The object was photographed in extreme close-up by Mr. Moore's video camera, plus a series of still pictures were also taken to record minute details of the object. The specimen was transferred to a receptacle containing the patient's own blood serum where it was appropriately labeled.

In order to remove the second object, a new incision was made on the opposite half of the same toe. The doctors spent considerable time probing in an attempt to pinpoint the second object. When extracted, it was smaller than the first object, but appeared, at least to the naked eye, to be of the same material. Once it was photographed and deposited in the sterile receptacle, the patient's incisions were stitched up, and her foot bathed in an antiseptic solution which turned her skin purple. The foot was securely wrapped in a protective bandage. When Mrs. Connely was awakened, she reported feeling no pain whatsoever from the surgery. As she walked gingerly from the room, a call was made to summon a second patient, Mr. Pat Patillo.*

Using the same techniques, the doctors operated on the left hand of Mr. Patillo and eventually extracted a seed-like foreign object. Like the others, it was small, measuring about 4 mm x 2 mm. The only verbal utterance from Mr. Patillo came when the object was excised from the tissue which later was determined to have been attached to a nerve. The object and some connecting tissue were duly preserved in the same type of sterile receptacles. Mr. Patillo's hand was stitched up, swabbed in an antiseptic solution, then securely bandaged. Mr. Patillo reported feeling no pain.

The specimens were given to Derrel Sims who, upon his return to Texas, will hand deliver them to the University of Houston for analysis using an electron microscope, plus a spectroscope for quantitative analysis. Then the specimens will be x-rayed and ultimately sent to Dr. Bryant* at M.I.T. for a complete analysis. The final results from testing of the objects may not be available for several weeks. Dr. Smith will be in contact with Mr. Sims who will forward the results of the tests. The videotape, which was given to Mr. Sims, will be professionally edited and titled, then a copy returned to Dr. Smith.

Mr. Sims is Chief of Abduction Investigations and Director of Physical Investigations for the Houston UFO Network. He has 25 years experience investigating abductee experiences and is himself, an abductee. He provides investigations and hypnotherapy at no charge to anyone involved in the abduction phenomenon. He has lectured extensively and recently spoke to 250 doctors at a major hospital regarding medical implications of the phenomenon.

These extraordinary surgeries were the final result of a casual conversation between Dr. Smith and Derrel Sims. They first met at the UFO Expo West conference this past June. During the course of their conversation, Mr. Sims told Dr. Smith that he was aware of two Houston residents who had implants of foreign objects in their hands and feet. After Dr. Smith viewed the x-rays of the two individuals, which confirmed the statements of Mr. Sims, he volunteered to perform the necessary surgery for removal of the objects. The two individuals readily agreed to the operation, but lacked the funds for the round trip from Houston to Los Angeles. Mr. Sims located a pilot who, upon hearing the details of the proposed surgery, immediately offered to pay for two round-trip air tickets. Saturday, August 19th was agreed upon as the date for the surgeries.

Both Mrs. Connely and Mr. Patillo had previously approached Mr. Sims to discuss their experiences with extra-terrestrial phenomenon. Mrs. Connely was abducted approximately 27 years ago, but only recently became aware of the foreign anomalous objects in her foot. Mr. Patillo, at the age of six, walked out of his house in a field, and saw a UFO; a round object, the size of a basketball approached him. As he turned to move away from it, the object exploded and embedded a piece of metal into his left hand. Patricia Connely and Pat Patillo had no prior surgeries in the area where the objects were removed. Until the x-rays revealed the location of the foreign objects, neither individual was aware of their existence

Because of space limitations, Dr. Smith was only able to invite a select few too observe the operations. The nurse on duty assisting the two doctors was Lori Moline*. She performed her duties with precision and considerable patience given the inconvenience of working in a small operating room that barely accommodated Cindy Miller*, Ph.D., and Angie Watts* who observed; Stan Moore, operating the video camera; Derrel Sims, assisting with hypnotic anesthesia; the two doctors; plus the patient.

Observing the proceeding via monitor were: Debra Cox*, Section Director, MUFON; Sandy White*, a member of the LA MUFON group; Josh Hailey*; Ann Haile*; and myself, all members of Ventura County MUFON. Office manager Misty Drew* was present to coordinate the proceedings and take the patient's histories.

In conclusion, there are two significant questions that remain unanswered:

What are the objects made of? Hopefully, we will learn the answer within a matter of weeks. I expect to write a report summarizing the results of the implant testing and analysis. That report will appear in a subsequent edition of the VORTEX.

How did the implants become embedded in the hands and feet of these two individuals? The answer to that question may never be known. We may each draw our own conclusions.

[IMAGE]

Here is the implant removed from Ms. Connely toe, seconds after being excised from her. Click to view it closer, noting the smooth but lumpy appearance of the tough membrane which surrounds the hidden metallic "needles."

[IMAGE]

This is a portion of an X-Ray showing the implant in Mr. Patillo' hand. Click to view the entire X-Ray.

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Video contains a complete history of the medical records and amazing video footage of the surgical removal of unknown objects claimed to be the result of human/alien interaction. The 2 patients yield a total of 4 objects resulting in astounding pathology reports. Interviews with doctor, experiencer, and investigator Derrel Sims. Approx. Running time 1 hour.

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New Book says UFOs are Real

Could Be Definitive Book On Gulf Breeze UFO Photos

[Starting in November of 1987, Gulf Breeze, Florida became known as one of the world's top UFO hotspots. Starting with photos taken by building contractor Ed Walters, the Gulf Breeze UFO flap is also among the most filmed and documented records of UFO activity in history, probably rivalled only by the ongoing flap in Mexico.

From the beginning, the photos were scrutinized by a wide assortment of researchers, none more expert than Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who works as an optical physicist for the U.S. Navy. Now Maccabee has teamed with Ed Walters to write what may become the definitive book on the Gulf Breeze UFO photo evidence. Boldly titled "UFOs Are Real... Here's The Proof," the book analyses dozens of the best images from Gulf Breeze as well as numerous credible photos from other locales.

CNI News asked Bruce Maccabee to tell us why his new book is "proof" that "UFOs are real." His response follows. The book "UFOs Are Real... Here's The Proof" by Ed Walters and Bruce Maccabee is now available as an Avon Paperback. J

by BRUCE MACCABEE

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The new book, "UFOS ARE REAL... HERE'S THE PROOF" provides the analysis of nearly three dozen sightings, some never previously published, from the area around Gulf Breeze, Florida. The analyses of these sightings would be sufficient to prove to a thinking person that UFOs, whatever they are, are not explicable in terms of normal phenomena. In other words, "UFOs are real." Furthermore, in most of these cases the UFO was recorded on film or video with sufficient clarity to indicate that it was a structured object, i.e., a "craft," presumably built by some non-human intelligent beings. Several videos discussed in the book provide evidence of UFO acceleration which far exceeds the accelerating capability of human-made craft.

Of course, numerous books have already been published which present convincing sightings. So how is this one different? This book presents the photographic and video technical details of most of these sightings so that the technically oriented reader can do his/her own analysis. For example, the analysis of one of the photos by Ed Walters includes a graph which proves the photo was not a double exposure, as has been claimed by the sceptics. In other cases, measurements of photographic images are presented which would allow the reader to do his/her own calculations of distance and size of the UFO, or to calculate its speed or acceleration. The book also refers the reader to published articles which provide even more details. Besides providing convincing technical analyses of nearly three dozen sightings, this book also discusses in some detail nearly fifty other sightings from the Gulf Breeze area and over forty sightings from around the world. Of particular interest are the never-before published sightings which were reported to Ed Walters after the publication of his first book. (Ed as received over 20,000 letters.) Here he presents, along with his own recent sightings, two dozen visual sightings and 9 photographic sightings which he has selected as some of the best by witnesses in the USA and throughout the world. One of the most interesting, for example, is the photo taken from a mountain top near Angel Falls in Venezuela which shows a UFO hovering above a cloudy valley and shooting an orange beam of light downward onto the top of the cloud.

Also here, for the first time in any book, are the descriptions of some of the more recent sightings by the MUFON research team in Gulf Breeze. This includes my own sighting of September, 1991, of a ring of lights, looking like a chandelier, which suddenly appeared in the night sky over Gulf Breeze. Seventy seconds later it faded away after appearing to move into the wind toward us. Photos of the ring are included. This and hundreds of other sightings from Gulf Breeze have not been explained. The reasons for the failure to find rational explanations (such as flare/balloon hoaxes) are published here for the first time in any book.

Of course, a major portion of the book is concerned with sightings which Ed has had in the last five years, some of which are presented here for the first time anywhere. Ed has had some experiences which can only be classified as amazing or astounding or... yes, unbelievable. And I wouldn't believe them if it weren't for the years -- yes, years -- of studying his sightings and photos and looking for evidence of hoaxing. I'd be willing to bet that over these last nine years (starting in February, 1988) Ed has done more experiments designed to test and elucidate his photos than all other UFO witnesses (and UFO investigators!) combined. Many of the experiments, which I requested, could have PROVEN his photos to be fakes, IF they were fakes. However, the experiments showed the photos weren't fakes. Instead, the experiments provided information which allowed me to calculate, in some cases, distances, sizes, speeds and even accelerations. The combination of photos and analyses has built a body of evidence which seems unassailable... and which should convince even the most sceptical scientists that SOMETHING is flying around, and we don't know what it is!

The reader may wonder why, after nearly 50 years of sightings, anyone is still interested in finding "proof." After all, haven't the sightings proven themselves thousands of times over already? Can we reasonably reject the hundreds of thousands of sightings by all sorts of people under all sorts of conditions as merely aberrations of seeing (misidentifications), aberrations of the mind (delusions) or hoaxes? Reasonable or not, conventional science and the sceptical public (including the news media) HAVE rejected all this sighting evidence. Fifty years after Kenneth Arnold's sighting -- which has NOT yet been explained (but most people don't know that; they only know what the vocal sceptics and the Air Force have been saying: "mirage") -- UFO reality has not been generally accepted. Yet, "THEY" (whoever they are) ARE HERE. This book provides yet another, perhaps the best yet, attempt to provide convincing PROOF based on hard evidence (photos, videos) that UFOs ARE REAL.

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HILL-NORTON WARNS OF SATANIC UNAUTS

[This story appeared in the London Times on February 28, written by Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent.]

A former head of the [British] Armed Forces has helped to form a pressure group to warn of the satanic nature of many unidentified flying objects. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, Chief of Defence Staff, 1971-73, is involved with UFO Concern out of worry that some UFO encounters are "definitely antithetical to orthodox Christian belief", according to today's Church Times.

The Rev Paul Inglesby, a sub-deacon in an Orthodox church, who is secretary of UFO Concern, said the truth about UFOs has been suppressed for many years. He had never seen a UFO himself but knew many who had. "It is what they do and the messages that come from them that are anti-Christian, or demonic," he added.

Gordon Creighton, a Buddhist who edits Flying Saucer Review, said the group's founders were right to be concerned: "I do believe that the great bulk of these phenomena are what is called satanic."

However, David Wilkinson, a Methodist minister and an astrophysicist whose "Alone In The Universe" was published this month, told Church Times that Christians had nothing to fear from alien life forms. Lord Hill-Norton, 82, confirmed last night that he had helped to found UFO Concern, but declined further comment.

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Alien Abduction in Israel

[Israeli journalist Barry Chamish has provided CNI News with details of a new case of possible alien abduction, investigated on the scene by noted American abduction researcher Derrel Sims. Sims' activities in Israel were financed by German researcher and publisher Michael Heselmann, whose Magazine 2000 will carry a complete report on the new Israeli cases. Meanwhile Sims appeared recently on the syndicated U.S. radio program The End of the Line and provided additional details on the new case, as well as remarkable new findings in a case involving the apparent abduction of an elderly Israeli man last year.]

The Israeli town of Netanya was the scene of an apparent alien encounter on December 31, 1996. Shoshana Bar-On and Ilan Cohen were driving along the seacoast when they spotted an orange-red disk-shaped object flying just beyond the cliff overlooking the sea. After stopping the car for a better look, Shoshana says, she saw the object break into three separate objects, then into many glowing fragments that fell to the beach below. Looking over the edge of the cliff, she then saw a small "clam-shaped" object rising up from a ledge below the clifftop. She says the object opened at the top, and inside she saw four small beings matching the description of "gray" aliens. One of them beckoned toward her. She says she saw light coming from its eyes, and then she felt paralyzed.

Meanwhile, Ilan Cohen was already immobilized near the car and saw only light, not the aliens. But he soon managed to drag Shoshana away from the cliff edge and back to the car, after which they returned to his apartment. American researcher and hypnotherapist Derrel Sims, accompanied by Israeli journalist Barry Chamish, visited Cohen and Bar-On, along with Cohen's twelve-year-old daughter Tali, in mid-January. Chamish acted both as investigator and interpreter. The investigation was financed by German researcher and publisher Michael Heselmann.

While in Israel, Sims also interviewed an elderly man named Yuri Isakov, whose story of apparent alien abduction made international headlines in September, 1996 [see CNI News vol. 2 no. 14 of October 1, 1996.] Isakov revealed startling new details of his experience.

According to Sims, it is unlikely that Cohen or Bar-On were abducted on December 31. There was no apparent missing time and no indication that either person went aboard the small craft. But when Sims and Chamish visited the Cohen apartment, they learned that Cohen's daughter Tali had apparently been abducted previously, and was intimately familiar with the craft and beings that Shoshana Bar-On had seen.

Sims and Chamish were told that, following the December 31 encounter, strange red balls had been seen inside the apartment, accompanied by a foul odor which turned the breath sour. "We witnessed the foul smell," Chamish told CNI News. "It came from nowhere. Nothing within the apartment could have caused it. It seemed to jump around the apartment and it did leave a sour taste in the mouth."

Under hypnosis by Sims, a terrified Shoshana relived her encounter. She described the craft as perhaps nine feet across, with extremely small seats inside. Her initial reference to a "clam-shape" apparently meant a triangular and pyramidal craft that opened at the top in a clam-like way. Tali told the investigators that she had been taken into the small craft on numerous occasions during the past year. She described many details of the craft's interior, including the tiny seats and various equipment. She made a number of drawings at Sims' urging. She also said she knew the names of two of the creatures.

Sims says Tali was extremely specific about what she had seen. Her drawing of one of the gray aliens had an uncharacteristic fat stomach. When Sims inquired about this, Tali said, "That's where the electronic equipment is." She then drew a rectangular device with five buttons. She said this was on the alien's clothing but was also attached inside its body. "You can hear the electronic things inside him," she told Sims.

Sims also learned that Cohen and Bar-On, some days after their December 31 encounter, returned to the site at the beach and found a number of peculiar items. Neither they nor the investigators are sure whether these items are connected to the UFO, but Sims has acquired the items for further laboratory analysis in the United States. He described his initial impressions during a February 12 interview with radio host Jeff Rense.

One item was a strange tar-like substance. Cohen showed Sims that, when a lighted match was held to the substance, it melted and caught fire almost instantly, but when extinguished it immediately solidified and felt cool to the touch. The other item was a metallic-like rock that, when placed on a cube of ice, melted the ice at an amazing rate of speed, yet never felt warm to the touch. Sims said on the radio program that he was very puzzled by these items and had scheduled a series of tests to be conducted in Houston, Texas on March 10.

Sims and Chamish then visited elderly abductee Yuri Isakov, now 63, whose story was widely reported last fall. On September 14, 1996, Isakov had left his house to collect his mail when he saw a large disk-shaped object overhead. Soon he found himself inside the craft, where he saw a number of apparently alien beings. According to Sims, Isakov has about 20 minutes of waking memory of the on-board events, though he was gone an estimated three hours.

Sims says he was impressed by two main features of the case. First, Isakov has suffered lasting physical effects of the encounter and is now in rapidly failing health. Second, Isakov is adamant about the highly unusual appearance of the aliens, which does not closely match any description in the literature of ufology.

The Associated Press noted at the time of Isakov's original encounter that when he turned up at a local police station, claiming he had been abducted by aliens, he was found to have a strange yellow powder on his clothing. Subsequent police analysis of this powder could not precisely identify its nature or its origin, though it contained aluminum and other non-exotic ingredients. Sims has now acquired a sample of this powder for further analysis in the United States.

Isakov told Sims that this powder was literally spit upon him by one of the odd creatures aboard the craft, apparently under orders from the alien leader. Perhaps due to the powder, or the stress of the experience and other factors, Yuri Isakov now suffers severe tremors in his hands, as well as spells of uncontrollable crying. His general health is in decline. Immediately after his experience he had visible burns on his face and left arm, possibly caused by the powder. The burns on his arm are still visible and itch constantly, Sims says. Isakov told Sims he is deeply embarrassed about his growing infirmities and his bouts of crying.

Isakov was very specific about the beings he met. They were very short, had round heads and tear-drop shaped eyes, and instead of arms they had three snake-like tentacles attached to each shoulder. Each tentacle ended in a claw. Isakov said they had a violent demeanor.

Apparently in charge was a female creature, much taller than the others (about human height), who had the same bizarre tentacles but also had visible breasts. Isakov said she wore a kind of tiara on her head, with a crescent moon decoration.

Isakov said this female apparently ordered one of the smaller beings to spit the yellow powder on him.

Responding to the concerns of Sims and Chamish, Michael Heseemann offered to finance Yuri Isakov's way to the United States for treatment of his strange ailments. Sims said he made some initial arrangements for Isakov to be seen by neurologists and dermatologists, but it is not yet clear if Isakov will make the trip.

"There is a minor problem with a person who is representing him legally," Sims said during his radio interview. "This is very irritating to me, because this is free help, free flights and free medical assistance we are offering, but it appears to me that some people managing his affairs may be doing this at the cost of his health." Sims seemed to be suggesting that someone near Isakov is demanding additional money before the investigation and treatment can proceed.

These two Israeli cases both have elements of high strangeness but also offer tantalizing physical evidence in support of their basic claims. Derrel Sims indicated he will go forward with testing of the materials from Netanya as well as Yuri Isakov's powder, and will report his findings at a later date. Meanwhile, a detailed report of the initial investigations is scheduled for publication in Michael Heseemann's "Magazine 2000."

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Busty Supports Stonehenge Julia, Doubts OCV

Busty Taylor is a veteran photographer whose aerial shots of English crop formations have been published around the world. In response to an inquiry from CNI News, Taylor recently called our office from his home in England and spoke with editor Michael Lindemann about the continuing controversy over two major crop circle events of 1996, the Stonehenge Julia Set and the Oliver's Castle videotape, or OCV.

Speaking first about the OCV, Taylor pointed out that he knows the area around Oliver's Castle "like the back of my hand." Because a number of major crop formations have appeared there in the past, he has photographed the area repeatedly from the air and the ground. He knows the lay of the land and the lighting of the area at different times of day.

With that in mind, he told CNI News that the OCV -- which purports to show the rapid, anomalous creation of a crop glyph following the appearance of several moving "balls of light" or BOLs -- appeared to be a fake. He believes the video is composed of at least two separate shots of the field. "The first segment is five o'clock in the morning," he said, "but the last segment, I'm convinced, is seven o'clock at night." The actual appearance of the crop glyph is in the evening part of the footage, he says, although the film's owner claimed he saw the glyph form in the early morning. The camera is pointing toward the west, Taylor says. In that case, if the glyph were filmed in the early morning, the rising sun would be behind the camera and would clearly illuminate the upper-right inside edge of the glyph furthest from the camera. However, Taylor says that portion of the glyph remains in shade on the video. Only the left-most part of the visible inside edge of the glyph lights up as it forms. This lighting is only consistent with the sun coming from the west.

Taylor points out as well that the camera is fixed on a point below the horizon, as it would have to be if it were actually aimed westward into the setting sun. He notes that as the first BOLs disappear off the top of the frame in the video, he would expect the camera to follow their motion. But it doesn't -- and it couldn't, if by doing so it would shoot directly into the setting sun. Instead, other BOLs are introduced at the bottom of the screen. "So, I'm more than convinced that this is a computer generated situation," Taylor told CNI News. "The sun is coming in from the wrong angle. It's 180 degrees from where it should be."

Asked whether he believes the Oliver's Castle formation itself was authentic or man-made, Taylor said he could not comment because he had not examined that formation himself from the ground, only flown over it. Lindemann then asked Taylor if he could comment on the controversy concerning the time of arrival of the Stonehenge Julia Set. CNI News had previously reported the claim of "circle-maker" Rod Dickinson that this spectacular spiral-shaped glyph had been made by three people during the night of July 6-7, then remained undiscovered until the following afternoon (Sunday, July 7) despite its proximity to a major highway and Stonehenge itself. Taylor said he is certain that the glyph was not there at 5:30 pm that Sunday afternoon. If true, this would establish the almost miraculously anomalous character of the Stonehenge glyph and totally discredit the claims of Dickinson and his fellow circle makers.

"My friend flew over there at half past five at night, and he's been looking at crop circles with me since 1988. He knows what he's looking for. He flew around Stonehenge seven times, taking photographs of a man flying another plane, and he said that crop circle wasn't there at half past five," Taylor said. He further noted that his friend had first flown into the area from the

direction of Exeter, which would have given him a clear view of the location of the crop circle as he approached Stonehenge. "He and I have known each other for years. He told me there is no way the bloody thing was there. He couldn't have missed it," Taylor said. But then, Taylor said, "The guy flying the other plane flew back over the area at 6:05 pm, and the formation was there." This pilot was returning his aircraft to Exeter and immediately spotted the formation from the air, Taylor said, despite the fact that his viewing angle was less advantageous going in that direction.

Convinced that his friend, a veteran flyer and crop circle spotter, could not have missed the huge Stonehenge glyph had it been there at 5:30 pm, Taylor believes the glyph must have formed within the 35-minute time window between 5:30 pm and 6:05 pm that Sunday afternoon. However, he says his friend will not talk to the press, "because he's gotten so angry with the media ringing him up and taking him off his job. He's a self-employed bloke and he doesn't like anybody chasing him."

Taylor himself is notably skeptical about many crop formations in England, and has expressed differences of opinion with some other researchers who are more inclined than he is to accept most formations as authentically anomalous. In that light, his insistence on the anomalous arrival of the Stonehenge glyph carries added weight.

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Chilean Abduction and Sightings

Nineteen year-old Claudia lives in the town of San Bernardo, 30 minutes outside the Chilean capital city of Santiago. On the night of Saturday, January 30, 1997, Claudia was reportedly abducted, disappearing for a period of three hours. She says she knew that she was going to be abducted, because extraterrestrials told her telepathically that they were going to meet her that night. They told her that she had something that belonged to them. Claudia told her family in advance, so they tried to protect her, but without success. Nearby neighbors reportedly saw strange lights (some said that it was a UFO). Claudia reappeared three hours later inside a locked schoolyard, so no one can explain how she got there. She was found by the school's night watchman, who helped her telephone her parents. When found, Claudia was all wet for no apparent reason.

Two marks appeared on Claudia's stomach: above her navel, a small circle, and above that a triangle. She said that the aliens put her on a table, did something on her stomach, and then removed a fetus surrounded by thin white and transparent tissue. She said she also saw many other fetuses on board the craft, held in some kind of glass container.

She said her abductors told her a secret that she dared not repeat, or her family would be in danger.

Claudia is being examined by a medical doctor and psychiatrist, Dr. Mario Doussel. He has conducted research on abductees and collaborates with the Chilean UFO organization called AION, directed by Mr. Rodrigo Fuenzalida. This case is also being analyzed by Mr. Jorge Anfruns, who represent the MUFON organization in Chile. In the words of Mr. Anfruns, "We have before us a real case here." Claudia claims that she recalls other alien encounters since she was 13 years old. She has lately been interviewed by journalists from Argentina, Colombia and Spain, as well as Chile.

Meanwhile, there has been a great deal of other UFO activity in Chile as well. According to Fuenzalida, on Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 pm, a UFO was seen by many witnesses in various locations in the eastern part of Santiago, Chile's capital city, at a place called "Lo Cacao" in the foothills of the Andes. The UFO descended slowly and then split in two. One of the two UFOs then headed south, while the other UFO descended further and then stopped. Then, witnesses said, approximately eight fireballs emerged from this UFO, emitting so much light that an area of about 12 blocks was illuminated. The balls of fire changed colors and shape, and danced up, down and sideways. Electromagnetic effects were detected on radio equipment. The UFOs were reportedly detected by the Aerodromo de Tobalaba, a small airport for civilian and police aircraft that is close to the site. The sightings concluded at about 1:30 a.m, some three hours after they began. Another unusual case came to light just a few days ago. Fuenzalida said that an electrical engineer, who lives in the "Penalolen" district of Santiago and wishes to remain anonymous, was driving his car toward home at night when he saw a small ball of orange light over a tower, flying in circles. Suddenly this ball came down to ground level and headed toward his car. His immediate reaction was to stop the car.

The ball of light reportedly headed straight for his car, spinning as it came, and went right through his windshield. It stopped inside the car and began floating over the back seat. Then it turned into a jelly-like substance, and then into a hard round ball, like an egg, which fell on the back seat of the car.

The man drove home and checked his windshield, which was undamaged. He then found the ball still on the back seat.

Rodrigo Fuenzalida says he has now acquired this ball and has arranged to have it studied by two qualified laboratories.

CNI News will report further developments in these cases as they become available.

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Russian Journalist Reports Military Clash with UFO

BY NIKOLAI LEBEDEV

On 25 May 1990, during daytime, a giant disc-shaped object hovered at an altitude of about 1,000 metres above the town of Mary in Turkmenistan, one of the Turkic republics of the former Soviet Union. The object was reddish-orange in colour, with what looked like portholes on the rim and had an estimated diameter of 300 metres. Military personnel observed it from a distance of no more than 3,000 metres.

The airspace in that region was under strict control at that time, due to the war in Afghanistan. All Soviet Air Defence Forces were divided into regional Air Defence armies and the area around Mary was under the control of the 12th Air Defence Army, whose Air Defence division was under the command of Colonel Anatoli Kurkchy. When informed about the UFO, Kurkchy gave the order to fire three ground-to-air guided missiles at it. The UFO made a slight horizontal manoeuvre and three beams of light which had been coming from its port side disintegrated the missiles. Colonel Kurkchy then gave the order to scramble two 2-seater interceptor aircraft, but at a point about 1,000 metres from the disc they appeared to be thrown to the ground, killing the pilots and destroying the aircraft.

Colonel Kurkchy was immediately removed from his post by the Army Command and proceedings were instituted against him (under Paragraph 1, Item 5 of the Turkmenistan Criminal Procedures Code) by military prosecutors of the 12th Air Defence Army. However, according to my source, who spoke with the military prosecutor's department, the investigations were suddenly halted and all information connected with the event was made secret. Later I learned that the squadron in which the four pilots had served was disbanded. I had difficulty trying to persuade my source to allow me to publish this story, but eventually he agreed. The article appeared in the St. Petersburg Evening in November 1991.

I had appealed to those who had observed the disc to write to me at the newspaper office, and I gave my work phone number. Many interesting telephone calls ensued, two of which were particularly important. Both were from the Air Defence staff of the Leningrad region. The first call was from General Kremenchuk, who stated that the information in the article was totally untrue. Had it been true, he explained, he would have learned about it. He promised to call the Air Defence division in the Mary region and find out if there was any factual basis for the story, asking me to phone him the following week. I did so. General Kremenchuk informed me not only that the Air Defence division had no record of any incidents connected with UFOs or crashed aircraft, but that there was no one in the service by the name of Colonel Kurkchy.

The next call came from a Lieutenant-Colonel under General Kremenchuk, who also promised to try to obtain some information, but added that he did not believe that such an incident could have taken place. A few days later I called him back. Although unable to confirm or deny the information contained in my article, he told me that Colonel Kurkchy did in fact exist and was now commander of the Air Defence division in the large island of Novaya Zemlya (New Land). This Northern Territory has the second largest proving ground for nuclear weapons in the CIS, and because it is off limits to civilians it was impossible for me to get an interview with Kurkchy. I should add that if military personnel are required to remain silent about top secret matters, the KGB compel such personnel to sign an official document which includes a warning that in the event of the security oath being broken, they will be executed without any preliminary judicial enquiry. A retired KGB officer told me recently that there existed (in 1991 at least) a specially trained KGB unit whose task was to relocate those likely to break their security oath.

Let me conclude by reaffirming my conviction that the UFO question, seen in the light of extraterrestrials visiting Earth, is our government's most secret problem. It is known for a fact that many civilian and military scientists are directly involved in the study of UFOs but, for the most part, their findings are kept secret. In my opinion, they should be allowed to speak openly about it. It is a crime to insist on concealment: we have a duty as citizens of Earth to contravene the regulations. I am totally convinced that if we were to act openly and quickly, it would be impossible for government agencies to harm those who break their security oaths.

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AUSTRALIAN UFO FLAP

For the past two weeks, Australia has been repeatedly visited by UFOs. Over 50 encounters have been reported since February 1, including two landings in the suburbs of Melbourne. The flap began Saturday, February 1, 1997 with an incident in Tasmania, the island off Australia's southern coast. A Glengarry family reported finding traces of a weird "bright yellow jelly slime" in their yard.

At 9:45 p.m., in Broken Hill, New South Wales (N.S.W.), a city 750 kilometers (450 miles) west of Sydney, people reported "sighting two bright lights traveling from the northwest to the southeast." At 9:51 p.m., another man saw a glowing object fly from the southeast to the northwest, then reverse direction and "shoot off to the southeast."

On Sunday, February 2, 1997, at 9:50 p.m., witnesses in Woori Yallock, Victoria (Vic.) reported "a bright white light" moving rapidly "from west to east in the northern sky, moving very fast, taking about 40 seconds" to reach the eastern horizon.

On Monday, February 3, 1997, at 9:30 p.m., residents of Albury, N.S.W., 200 kilometers (120 miles) west of Canberra, spotted "a white light traveling from north to south in a zig zag fashion."

Also that night, on Australia's east coast, "a large orange object" appeared over Port Macquarie, N.S.W. at 10 p.m. The UFO, which at first people took for a helicopter, "held position in the sky for about ten minutes. Before the object shot off and disappeared, several smaller yellow lights" emerged from the underside of the object. Port Macquarie is 250 kilometers (150 miles) north of Sydney.

Then, after midnight, at 2:46 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, people in Yass, N.S.W. saw "a bright orange illumination traveling across the sky." They estimated it to be "about 1/2 to 1/4 the size of the moon." The UFO flew away to the northwest.

In Gosford, N.S.W., 60 kilometers (36 miles) north of Sydney, witnesses sighted "a large blue-white light" near the Moonie Bridge. The UFO was "close to the ground" and an estimated 200 to 300 feet (60 to 90 meters) in diameter.

A half-hour past midnight on Wednesday, February 5, 1997, people reported "flashing lights" located in and around the stars in Orion's belt.

At 9 p.m. on February 5, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) personnel at Bogan Gate, near Parkes, N.S.W., 275 kilometers (165 miles) west of Sydney, spotted a "white golden illumination" crossing the sky and heading west. Nearly a half-hour later, at 9:25 p.m., civilian eyewitnesses at Ngannaual reported "orange and flashing illuminations" in "an arch over Orion's belt."

Several hours later, at 5:35 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 1997, people in Cooma, N.S.W., a city west of the Gourock mountain range, 150 kilometers (90 miles) south of Canberra, spotted a UFO arrayed with lights heading east.

By the time the sun had set February 6, the theatre of UFO action had shifted to the sparsely-populated state of Western Australia (W.A.). At 7:30 p.m., people in Perth, the state capital, saw a hovering "blue-green tube shaped object" in the day's fading daylight "before any star could be seen."

(Editor's Note: It's summer in the southern hemisphere, so the days are much longer in Australia.)

The following night, Friday, February 7, 1997, the UFO action moved to the southern state of Victoria. At 9:20 p.m., a "spinning yellow fireball" zipped across the sky, heading west, over Bairnsdale, Vic., just above the southern coast's Ninety Mile Beach and about 200 kilometers (120 miles) east of Melbourne.

At 9:25 p.m., people in Maffra, 60 kilometers (36 miles) west of Bairnsdale, sighted "a spinning yellow fireball" heading west towards Melbourne.

At 11 p.m., people in Barwon Head, Vic. sighted a UFO they described as "a moving and flashing yellow red fireball illumination with a (dark) triangular shape on top." The UFO traveled in a north-northwest direction at about 15 degrees above the horizon.

The following night, Saturday, February 8, 1997, at 8:45 p.m., people in the Sydney suburbs of Oatley, Kogarah and Hurstville along the St. George's River saw "a green-to-yellow fireball with no tail traveling south in the eastern sky (about) 30 degrees above the horizon. There was no sound. The object suddenly stopped and hovered." Witnesses estimated the UFO to be the size of "an AAA battery held at arm's length."

Four hours later, at 12:40 a.m. on Sunday, February 9, 1997, further up the east coast in Brisbane, witnesses reported "an orange illumination traveling at the speed of a fighter plane" in the eastern sky at 30 degrees above the horizon." The UFO was headed south and soon disappeared among the stars of the Southern Cross.

On Sunday night, at 9:25 p.m., "a yellow-red fireball" was seen in St. Kilda, a bayfront suburb on the south side of Melbourne. The UFO was headed north and "flying beneath the cloud cover" at an estimated speed of 800 kilometers per hour (480 mph).

At 11:30 p.m., Queensland had its second sighting of the flap when a UFO flew over Sunnybank, a suburb 14 kilometers (9 miles) south of Brisbane. Witnesses described it as "a yellow-orange fireball" 10 to 15 miles away, moving in a 45-degree downward arc (top left to bottom right).

Five hours later, on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 4 a.m., a UFO returned to Brisbane. It was described as "a blue and red oval-shaped illumination in the western sky (about) 30 degrees above the horizon. It appeared to be three times the size of the largest stars in the sky."

The flap in Brisbane continued during the early morning hours of Tuesday, February 11, 1997. At 12:02 a.m., police in Brisbane received telephone reports of a huge UFO described as "a large

red-pink illumination" near Mount Gravatt. The UFO hovered about 300 meters (1,000 feet) above the witnesses' heads for five minutes.

At 2 a.m., "a series of lights in a triangular formation" were seen by Brisbane residents heading south toward the air base RAAF Amberley. The lights appeared to fly in either a V-formation or a /\-formation.

On February 11, at 11:30 p.m., the city of Adelaide in South Australia (S.A.) reported its first sighting of the flap. The UFO was "a ball of fire that had red and blue associated with it."

An hour and a half later, on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, at 1 a.m., people in Taree, N.S.W., a river port near the coast about 210 kilometers (125 miles) north of Sydney, reported seeing "a slow-moving orange-red fireball heading southwest." The UFO made no discernible sound. At 2:30 a.m., people again noticed "a fireball traveling in the sky." As the UFO passed over, TV sets suddenly switched on without being touched by owners. After the UFO left, the TV sets all shut off at once.

After a 24-hour breather, the flap picked up again on Friday, February 14, 1997, this time in Victoria. At 11:15 p.m., residents of Craigieburn, a southern suburb of Melbourne, saw "a bright disc-shaped light" hovering above a paddock. Witnesses also saw what looked like automobile headlights in the paddock while the UFO hovered. Four or five seconds after the UFO flew away, the "headlights" winked out.

A few hours later, on Saturday, February 15, 1997, at 4:40 a.m., residents of Parkinsville, another suburb of Melbourne, saw a star-sized "red-blue illumination in the southwest sky."

Later the same day, in Duncraig, W.A., near Perth, people outdoors at 12 noon reported a weird "solar effect." Sunlight suddenly dimmed in an "eclipse-like effect" although the sky was perfectly clear. The effect lasted for approximately five seconds. No aircraft were seen or heard overhead. The phenomenon remains unexplained.

Also on February 15, at 8:25 p.m., people in the Lewis mountain range of South Australia spotted "a cigar-shaped object traveling high in the sky from west to east. It appeared to be four times the size of a jumbo jet." Not a sound was heard from the object. One man took a color photograph of the UFO with his camera.

Further east, in Eltham, Vic., a suburb south of Melbourne, residents reported three separate sightings of "light illumination" UFOs. The first was at 9:30 p.m., with the light headed southeast. The second was at 9:40 p.m. and headed east. The third and final UFO was at 9:45 p.m. and flew off to the southeast.

At 11:25 p.m. the night of February 15, people in Quakers Hills, N.S.W., near Sydney, reported seeing "an oval orange-red illumination heading northwest towards Richmond." The UFO stopped and hovered on several occasions during its ten-minute flyover and "appeared the size of a grape held at arm's length."

After midnight on Sunday, February 16, 1997, at 12:05 a.m. observers in Brisbane spotted "an orange white illumination appearing in and out of clouds" just west of the seaside city.

At 3:20 a.m., February 16, people in Adelaide saw "a bright white illumination traversing the sky, then (it) suddenly stopped. When it began moving again, it gave off a series of flashes." To some, the UFO "appeared as a cross shape with one light at each end."

On Monday, February 17, 1997, people in Duncraig, W.A. reported a second weird "solar effect" identical to the one on February 15. A similar incident also took place in Duncraig on October 18, 1996.

At 11:20 p.m. Monday night, February 17, "an extremely bright orange fireball" flew "from northeast to southeast right over" the Australian Space Agency base outside of Alice Springs, in the Northern Territory. The UFO's altitude was 20,000 to 30,000 feet and it was "three to four times larger than the stars." It was last seen heading for the Oorarginna mountain range.

At 11:30 p.m., February 17, "a very large and bright orange illumination" appeared over Mildura, a city on the Murray River, about 450 kilometers (270 miles) northwest of Melbourne and 300 kilometers (180 miles) east-northeast of Adelaide. Witnesses reported a large shape" poised above the orange glow. The UFO flew away to the northwest, stopping a few times before reaching the horizon.

Tuesday, February 18, saw more sightings all around the island continent. At 1 a.m., in Western Australia, at Bull Creek, near Perth, witnesses saw "three or four lights cross the sky," making a strange rumbling noise.

At 5:30 a.m., February 18, in Prospect, S.A. a "large white illumination traveling at (high) speed to the north" was seen. Its speed was estimated at 300 kilometers per hour (180 mph).

Tuesday night, February 18, at 10:30 p.m., people in Warrandyte, Vic., near Melbourne, people saw "three large bright orange fireballs" flying "in a triangular formation for 5 to 10 minutes. The glows were described as being as "large as a grapefruit held in your hand at arm's length."

Wednesday, February 19, 1997, saw the flap shift back to Sydney for one day. At 5:30 a.m., "three or four intensely bright orange ball illuminations" were seen rotating around each other as they crossed the sky over North Head. The UFOs were moving extremely fast. At 6:45 a.m., three large orange UFOs "with some burning coming from them" were seen over the suburb of Paddington.

That morning, radio station 3MMM stunned its listeners by reporting a scorched crop circle in a paddock on the outskirts of Werribee, a suburb southwest of Melbourne. The circle was seen from the air by a private pilot at 6:30 a.m., who radioed the tower.

The scene was investigated by Melbourne ufologist Peter Wanliss, who reported, "It was about 30 feet (10 meters) across with the grass flattened in a clockwise direction. The centre part seemed very symmetrical. Just within the perimeter of the circle were six circular indentations, each about a foot (0.3 meters) across and four inches (10 centimeters) deep. These were also located in exact symmetrical locations around the circle. The bottom of each hole was slightly parabolic and bore a cross imprint that was impressed further in."

However, Wanliss said he believes the circle to be a hoax. He noted that the "brown burn marks appear to have been painted on" and "the imprints looked dug out rather than 'pressed' by a solid weight."

At 3:45 p.m., a man in Nicholson, East Gippsland, Vic. reported a "scorched earth circle" similar to the one in Werribee. There are still no reports on this site as of February 23, 1997.

At 9:20 p.m., February 19, people in Geelong, Vic., a city on Port Phillip Bay 45 kilometers (27 miles) southwest of Melbourne, reported seeing a large "banana-shaped or crescent orange illuminated object" traveling in a northwesterly direction, headed for Ballarat.

At 9:45 p.m., February 19, "five bright yellow white lights" crossed the sky over Adelaide. Three lights flew in a triangular formation, while the other two smaller lights flew parallel to the triangle. In the night's second event, one light flew away to the north, the other to the south. Then the lights turned, crossed each other's path and disappeared. At 9:10 p.m., "a very large glowing illumination" was seen in the sky over Mount Barker, 30 kilometers (18 miles) south of Adelaide.

At 9:30 p.m., two UFOs visited Annandale, a suburb of Sydney, heading west. They were described as flattened discs, something like a drummer's cymbals. At 11:20 p.m. a group of "three white lights" were seen speeding over Frankston, Vic., a port on the eastern shore of Port Phillip Bay, 35 kilometers (21 miles) southeast of Melbourne. They flew at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters (1,000 to 1,320 feet). Ten minutes later, at 11:30 p.m., "a large yellow white light" flew over Frankston, heading due west. - (From: NEWS ROUND UP.)

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IS THIS BRITAIN'S TOP SECRET 100 million pounds Sterling PLANE?

A mysterious triangular-shaped object shoots silently through the winter sky over Britain. The remarkable picture, taken by a landscape photographer is being treated by UFO experts as proof that Britain is secretly developing a stealth-type warplane that is light years head of the opposition. "The strange thing was the object whatever it was, made absolutely no sound," said the startled photographer who was taking shots of snow scenes on the Lancashire moors, near the Winter Hill TV Transmitter.

He does not want to be named, but he added: "It was a clear, still day and if it was a conventional aircraft I would have heard it." The stealth sci-fi aircraft take their name from their ability to evade enemy radar. Americans used them in the Gulf War to avoid Iraqi air-defence systems.

The Lancashire photographer noticed a slight movement in his viewfinder as he snapped snow scenes. He said: "I looked up but there was nothing there. I didn't think anything of it until I got home and developed the film.

There, in the centre of the picture was a small silver triangle. At first I thought it might just be a fault on the photo. But when I examined the negative, everything was fine."

The photographer passed his remarkable picture onto UFO Experts who claim it is the world's first picture of a top secret British plane code named HALO (High Altitude, Low Observable.)

Its existence is denied by the Government. For as designers discover new methods of making aircraft invisible to enemy radars, so air-defence engineers must develop secret new ways of detecting planes.

UFO Expert Mark McAndrew has no doubts. He said: "This is a very important photograph. As far as we are concerned, its proof that the British are developing a Stealth-type aircraft which makes the American version look like an Airfix kit.

"In the last few months hundreds of triangle-shaped UFOs have been reported all over the country, especially along the Lancashire coast and in the North West.

"Eyewitnesses have told of a silvery triangle-shaped object about 30ft long, with no wings or visible engines. Others have spoken of the object being escorted by two Tornado jets.

"The object flies like no other aircraft we have ever heard of. It stops in the sky, hovers, then shoots off at an amazingly high speed."

A key feature of Stealth aircraft are triangular surfaces. Radar beams striking the plane are not deflected enough to register on radar screens. Stealth planes also give off little Infra-red energy. Defence sources say that although America was first with Stealth craft, Britain is developing something that will be generations more advanced.

It is thought that Stealth planes will be able to fly at 3,000 mph, which would enable them to fly from America to Britain in one hour. Mr McAndrew said he believed the new aircraft was remote controlled and was being developed at the nearby British Aerospace factory at Warton, Lancashire.

Details of the HALO project are listed in the respected publication, Janes Military Aircraft. It talks of 100 million Sterling being spent on Stealth aircraft development, and adds "British Aerospace are urging Government go-ahead for Stealth demonstration in 1997. Production aircraft then to be available in 2013 with the International collaboration likely." A Ministry of Defence spokesman yesterday officially denied existence of the HALO project, saying "We don't know of any project by that name."

An official at British Aerospace said: "Silver triangle object? Sorry, not one of ours."

I have included the whole of this Review of Behold A Pale Horse in my long article on Eisenhower & the Moon / Skunk's Air Bell Landings JM

BEHOLD A PALE HORSE

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[Under this title, derived from the biblical book of Revelations (Ch.6,v.8), Milton William Cooper published in 1991 the documented information he claimed to derive from his knowledge of the TOP SECRET/MAJIC material he saw and read between 1970 and 1973 as a member of the Intelligence Briefing Team of the Commander in Chief of the (USA) Pacific Fleet. Though all such material is always open to question, Cooper's account has over time accumulated credibility through compatibility with other sources and therefore deserves consideration. The following account is drawn from a section of his book.] - G.M. (Editor, PEGASUS)

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Cooper states that between January 19⁴7 and December 1952 at least 16 crashed or downed alien craft, 65 alien bodies and one live alien were recovered by the United States forces. Another craft had exploded, and from it nothing was recovered, but of these events 13 occurred in the USA, 1 in Norway and 2 in Mexico. One alien craft was found on February 13th 1948 on a mesa near Aztec, New Mexico, and another, 100 feet in diameter, on White Sands Proving Ground. A total of 17 alien bodies were recovered from these two craft, and a large number of human body parts were stored in each vehicle. A security blanket even tighter than that imposed upon the atom bomb was immediately inaugurated, eventually under the control of the National Security Agency.

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Secretary of State James Forrestal objected to this secrecy. Idealistic and religious, he was one of the first abductees and believed the public should be told. He began to talk to Congressmen and Truman demanded his resignation. He was later said to have suffered a mental breakdown and was confined in the Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he was murdered by CIA agents on May 22nd 1949. His secret diaries later came into the hands of author and alleged CIA agent Whitley Strieber, who published much of the material in fictional guise under the title "Majestic".

The surviving alien from the 1949 Roswell crash was named EBE (Extraterrestrial Biological Entity), the first of several. EBE1's revelations were eventually embodied in what would be known as "The Yellow Book", and Cooper said he saw photographs of him in the Project Grudge material. In 1951 EBE became ill and died the following year. His biology was apparently chlorophyll-based, like that of a plant, and no one could cure him.

The Soviet Union had been kept informed of the alien situation in case there was a threat to humanity in general, and plans against a possible alien invasion were formulated. To co-ordinate international efforts a secret ruling body known as the Bilderberg Group, with headquarters in Geneva, was set up. It eventually evolved into a secret world government which now controls everything.

In 1953 astronomers detected large objects in space, moving towards Earth; they took up a very high geosynchronous orbit around our planet. They were alien space ships, and projects SIGMA and PLATO were able to establish radio communication with them, using binary computer code. A meeting was arranged in the desert - the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is a fictionalised version of what took place there. In the meantime, however, another race of humanoid aliens landed at Homestead AFB in Florida, and warned against the orbiting grey aliens. They offered humanity help with its spiritual development on condition that all nuclear weapons were destroyed. Their offer was rejected: it could have been a big mistake.

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After a third landing at Muroc (now Edwards AFB), in 1954 President Eisenhower signed a formal treaty with the grey aliens, whose emblem was the "Trilateral Insignia", displayed on both craft and uniforms. The landings and meetings were recorded on film, which still exists. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act to view it stand little chance of success! The treaty involved an exchange of ambassadors and permission for the aliens to abduct humans for medical studies provided they were not harmed and returned safely. For their part, the aliens agreed to make available some of their advanced technology. It was agreed that underground bases would be constructed for joint use, initially in Indian reservations. Cooper read documentation stating that 600 aliens lived permanently at the Area 51 site in Nevada, working with US scientists and CIA personnel. There are now more than 75 such sites in the USA alone, he claimed. In 1955 a secret committee (Majesty 12 - MJ12) with 19 members was set up to oversee and conduct all covert activities concerning aliens.

It was decided that any public disclosure of the true situation would lead to unmanageable civil unrest, so the utmost secrecy was to be maintained. When the aliens were confronted with evidence that they were using both humans and animals for source materials in their genetic experiments, they said such researches were necessary for their survival, and that without improvement of their genetic structure their race would soon die out. They added that they had created mankind originally, manipulating its development through religion and the occult. They alleged that through time travel they could see the future and prophesied that World War 3 would begin with the invasion by an Arab nation of Israel, culminating in a nuclear holocaust which would destroy most life on the planet.

When President Kennedy set out plans to place a man on the Moon by the end of the decade, he little knew that even as he spoke there was already a joint alien, US and Soviet base already established there. There is also a Mars colony. When Kennedy informed MJ-12 that he intended to reveal to the American people details of the alien presence, he effectively signed his own death warrant. He was in fact shot by William Greer, the driver of his car in the motorcade, as the Zapruder film plainly shows. Since then, over 200 material witnesses or others actually involved in the assassination are also dead.

"Since our interaction with the aliens began we have come into possession of technology beyond our wildest dreams," Cooper concludes, "We currently have, and fly, atomic powered anti-gravity craft in Nevada. Our pilots have made interplanetary voyages in these craft and have been to the Moon, Mars and other planets. We have been lied to about the true nature of the Moon, the planets Mars and Venus, and the real state of technology that we possess to-day ...the alliance continues ... to my knowledge the only hostility between aliens and humans was provoked by the US military when they were ordered to shoot down UFOs in order to capture technology."

There is more - a lot more - in Cooper's book, with formidable quantities of documentation. It is not light reading and understandably examines the questions from a transatlantic viewpoint, but it makes clear that the whole question of humanity's future, with or without the aliens' interventions, is approaching a crisis point.

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"STAR OF DAVID" CROP CIRCLE REPORTED -- IN INDIA

Crop circle researcher Colin Andrews has told CNI News of some unusual, and previously unreported, crop circle activity in India. According to Andrews, a high ranking scientist from India contacted him in mid-January asking for data on crop circle activity. This scientist told Andrews that he had first become interested in the subject when he investigated a huge "Star of David" formation in a wheat field in India during 1987. The scientist said the six-pointed star was 500 metres across and was set inside an equilateral triangle, suggesting that it would rank among the larger and more elaborate formations seen in England.

The scientist told Andrews that he has briefed a high-ranking official in the Indian government on the Star formation and is now amassing data on some 2,000 other crop formations that have been reported in India in recent years. Colin Andrews notes that his global database at Circles Phenomenon Research did not include even one report from India. "How many more go missing?" he asks.

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MOONS OF GIANT PLANETS MAY BE SUITABLE FOR LIFE

Jupiter's Europa Raises Hopes that Large Planets Around Distant Stars Could Have Life on Their Moons

Mysterious gassy planets spotted outside the Earth's solar system may not be hospitable to life as we know it, but rocky moons orbiting them might be, U.S. scientists said on January 16.

Darren Williams and colleagues at Pennsylvania State University said they had identified two distant star systems that might have planets with such moons. "Such a moon would... need to be large enough to retain a substantial and long-lived atmosphere, and would also need to possess a strong magnetic field in order to prevent its atmosphere from being sputtered away by the constant bombardment of energetic ions from the planet's magnetosphere," they wrote in a letter to the science journal Nature.

There are precedents. Jupiter's moons Io and Europa have water and Earth-like atmospheres, and Ganymede has a magnetosphere. Saturn's moon Titan also has a measurable atmosphere.

"All this suggests that the systems belonging to 47 Ursae Majoris and 16 Cygni B should be considered as possible abodes for extraterrestrial life," they wrote. These are two of the systems shown to have large planets since the first such discovery was made in late 1995.

So far, nine probable planets have been spotted outside our solar system, but they are all as large or larger than Jupiter and considered unlikely to support life as we know it. But new photos of Jupiter's moon Europa, taken by the Galileo spacecraft on December 19 and announced by NASA on January 17, show what appears to be an ice-covered ocean, a discovery that could greatly improve the odds of life existing elsewhere, scientists say.

The new images indicate that Europa has a thin, fragile layer of blue ice that covers a thick layer of what could be a liquid water, or semi-frozen slush. Complex markings in the ice suggest the ice often cracks and shifts, allowing what is below to ooze to the surface.

If the findings pan out, Europa would be the first body outside of Earth where liquid water is abundant. So the photos are touching off speculation about the presence of life on Europa, in part because life thrives beneath the sea ice at Antarctica.

"I think Europa is an excellent laboratory for the existence of possible life," said Jim Brown, a planetary scientist at Brown University in Rhode Island. "It's got the ingredients."

One thing that needs to be explained is how Europa, which should be frozen solid because it is so far from the sun, might keep water warm enough so it remains in a liquid state. The likely source of energy is tidal friction, a constant torquing and twisting of the moon caused by interactions with the gravity of Jupiter and the other three Galilean moons.

This suggests that a whole new category of planet-like moons could be suitable for unusual forms of life. These moons would not rely on their sun, but rather on the gravity of their parent planet, to produce life-sustaining warmth.

It is already known that if water and sufficient warmth are present, solar radiance is not necessary for life. On earth, exotic lifeforms have been found surrounding thermal vents in ocean trenches so deep that no sunlight can touch them.

The new colour pictures from Europa show a smooth, uncratered surface. The absence of craters indicates that Europa's existing surface is very young. Any craters formed by bombarding meteorites seem to be quickly erased by whatever is "re-paving" the moon's cold landscape.

The new images of Europa offer such big surprises that scientists are already trying to persuade NASA to allow Galileo to explore the remarkable moon in greater detail. Galileo will make its closest scheduled pass at Europa on February 20, when it comes within 364 miles of the moon's surface. But more can and should be done, scientists say, beyond the scheduled end of Galileo's mission later this year. The only obstacles to extending Galileo's explorations will be its onboard supply of manoeuvring gas, and NASA's limited supply of money.

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