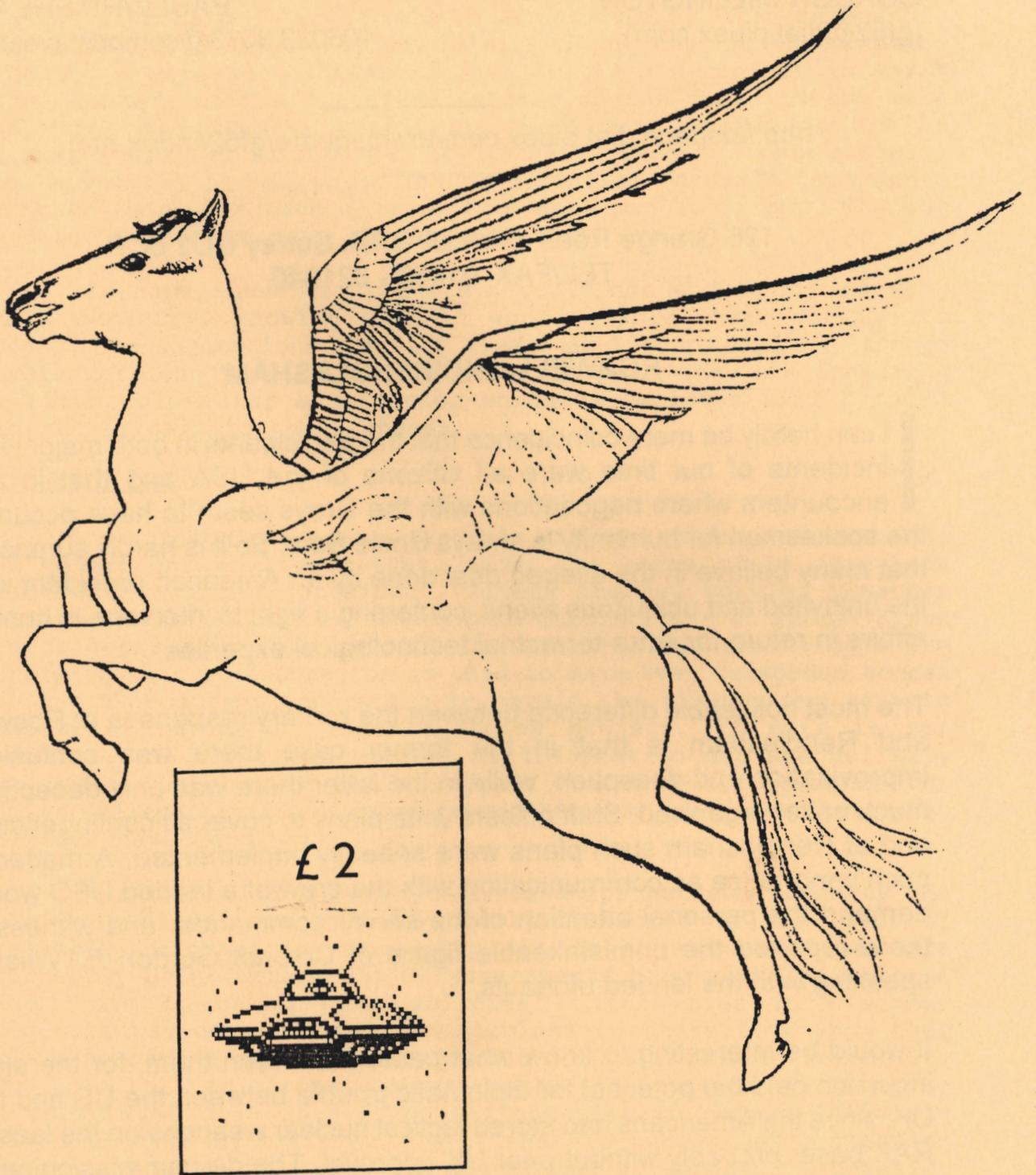


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ROSWELL AND RENDLESHAM

It can hardly be mere coincidence that the participants in both major UFO incidents of our time were all citizens of the USA and that in any encounters where negotiations with the Greys seem to have occurred the spokesman for humanity is always Uncle Sam. So it is hardly surprising that many believe in the alleged deal done by an American president with the uninvited and ubiquitous aliens, conferring a right to intervene in human affairs in return for extra-terrestrial technological expertise.

The most noticeable difference between the military responses at Roswell and Rendlesham is that in the former case there was confusion, improvisation and deception, while in the latter there was only deception, much better organised. Staff officers write plans to cover all contingencies, and at Rendlesham such plans were speedily implemented. A matter of such importance as communication with the crew of a landed UFO would demand the personal attention of the senior commander and witnesses there reported the unmistakable figure of Colonel Gordon E. Williams speaking with the landed ufonauts.

It would be interesting to know what passed between them, for the alien incursion held the potential for diplomatic trouble between the US and the UK, since the Americans had stored tactical nuclear weapons on the leased RAF base, probably without prior UK approval. The de-commissioning of these weapons by rays poured down from UFOs into their subterranean storage area was certainly of major military significance, but the Americans seem to have needed to keep this from the Brits - hence, perhaps, the Halt

memorandum, with its stress on a minimal involvement, and the consequently incredible MoD statement that events at Rendlesham around Christmas 1980 had no defence significance. With the massing of Soviet troops on the Polish frontier at this time, in response to the push for power by the trade union Solidarity, there had of course been a possibility that the US might use, or merely threaten to use, the Bentwaters nuclear capability. This the UFOs had prevented and a technical team from the German US base at Ramstein AFB had subsequently to be flown in to assess the current condition of the impaired nuclear materials.

It is unlikely that the Americans could have prevented the alien action and their policies in these matters are clearly under alien constraint. Equally, the fact that such happenings, on British soil and in British airspace, were strenuously concealed in UK at the behest of American Intelligence suggests that Britain's own policy on UFO phenomena has never been independent of the USA and perhaps never can be.

Roswell happened nearly half a century ago; contemporary records were destroyed and most of the original witnesses are dead: we probably know now as much as we shall ever know about it, but Rendlesham is comparatively recent. Evidence is available and much has already emerged. The whole story could be told, *if only the governments concerned are willing to disclose the role played by the aliens.*

The British government could make the disclosure if the Americans would let them, but perhaps the Americans would need permission from the Greys? Though open UFO intervention in 1980 could be favourably presented as averting a possible nuclear war, all witness reports since have described the aliens' continuing preference for clandestine operations. For disclosure to occur, it is their policy that would have to change, and there would have to be a reason for it. Unless and until we know such a reason, many would consider us well advised to be satisfied with the *status quo* and even believe in Orford Ness!

Some have suggested that the recent increase in media output of UFO - related items, and the welcome diminution of an accompanying Little Green Men syndrome, herald a more serious public attitude to the phenomenon. Others have gone further, and think there is a concerted attempt to prepare the public for the ultimate revelation of alien presence. If it is so, we can also suspect that it is the aliens themselves who are behind it, a possible inauguration of the next phase of their hidden agenda. Let's hope it's a benevolent one!

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THE UNINVITED. A British Defence official examines tales of alien abduction and draws startling conclusions.

FOR THREE years, Nick Pope was UFO desk officer at the Ministry of Defence's Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a. He swept aside official reticence about compelling military and civilian evidence of extraterrestrials visiting Earth. Concerned by the national security implications, he wrote "Open Skies, Closed Minds", serialised by the Mail and an instant bestseller. All along, though, he was amassing evidence of an even more frightening phenomenon - abduction of humans by aliens. Now, in his new book, which is being serialised by the Mail, Pope reveals his extraordinary conclusion ...

by NICK POPE

ABDUCTIONS of humans by alien visitors to Earth are fact, not fiction. That, I know, is a startling and shocking statement, but I stand by it. The evidence for abductions is so strong as to be virtually undeniable. At the Ministry of Defence, I started out as a sceptic about UFOs but came to believe that some were genuinely of extraterrestrial origin. At the same time, I slowly accumulated evidence for the abduction of humans by these mysterious aliens. Initially, I was distinctly sceptical about the abduction phenomenon. I believed these claims were made by cranks, and that they devalued 'ufology' and alienated the public. Slowly, though, my views changed. The sheer volume of reports, the common features of independent accounts and the physical and emotional effects on abductees convinced me that we were dealing with more than just hoaxes or psychological delusions.

While prosaic explanations accounted for some abductions, they could not explain all of them. Around the world, thousands of people have reported being taken into a craft against their will. Having spoken to hundreds of genuine, well-meaning people, I believe alien abduction may be far more common than even many ufologists suspect. The purpose of this extraterrestrial meddling is, I believe, to 'civilise' human society. Most abductees are neither cranks nor hoaxers. They are only too mindful of the adverse reactions to their claims. Many had their sanity questioned, were called liars and ostracised by family and friends. At the very least, they have risked ridicule.

I started off feeling that genetic explanations, centring on an extraterrestrial programme to create a human/alien hybrid race, were the key to the mystery. But why should aliens whose technology is clearly light years ahead of ours bother with the logistical nightmare of thousands of abductions when they could easily remove the genetic material they wanted from our laboratories?

Ultimately, though, I discarded the genetic theory because it did not tally with the views of the abductees I met, many of whom had positive feelings about their experiences. This, coupled with the abductees' frequent and spontaneous development of interests in spiritualism and the environment, seemed at odds with the idea of aliens using them as guinea pigs. I am the first to admit that my belief that the phenomenon is part of a campaign to civilise us is only one more theory to join the ranks of competing ideas.

The distress experienced by some abductees has been sobering and has acted as a brake on the idea that my theory may represent some sort of New Age interpretation of the phenomenon. It would be nice to think that the motivation behind abductions is to prepare humans for entry into some sort of galactic network, but if this were so, why aren't the extraterrestrials open with us?

The covert nature of what is going on suggests that any alterations being made to our behaviour are done for the benefit of the abductors, not for us - perhaps to remove the threat we may pose to them.

This phenomenon needs serious investigation. The real crime against humanity may not be that inflicted upon us by extraterrestrials, but rather the official indifference that allows the phenomenon to continue unchallenged. Today and tomorrow I will be revealing the most convincing - and startling - cases I have investigated.

Roswell Never Happened - Official

by Tech. Sgt. David P. Masko (USAF)

PEGASUS COMMENT

Roswell, UFOs and an alleged Air Force cover-up have fueled a controversy that seemingly will not die.

In fact, even President Clinton is talking Roswell these days. During a recent visit to Northern Ireland, Clinton's somber plea for peace turned to UFOs when answering a young boy's question. "No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947," the president said.

Clinton is not the only one being asked such questions. For nearly 50 years, the Air Force has taken the brunt of accusations about UFOs. The outgrowth of this deluge of UFO-related questions was the famed "Project Bluebook" -- the official Air Force investigation of flying saucer occurrences.

Now, in response to various views that the government has withheld information about the Roswell sightings, the Air Force has issued a new study titled "The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert."

"This report represents a joint effort by Col. Richard L. Weaver and 1st Lt. James McAndrew to address the request made by Rep. Steven H. Schiff (R-N.M.) for information regarding an alleged crash of an unidentified flying object that occurred in 1947," said Richard Hallion, Air Force historian, in the report's forward.

"Interest abounds surrounding the UFO wave of 1947 which began in the spring and did not dissipate until fall," Hallion said. "Interest in UFOs climaxed during the summer, when multiple sightings of such objects occurred."

McAndrew, now a captain working at the Pentagon, said he spent six months researching hundreds of documents relating to Roswell. He told Air Force News Service that after a year-and-a-half of work in getting the report to print, he's "100 percent sure that the Roswell sightings are a hoax."

Asked if there's any real evidence of an Air Force cover-up, he said, no. Also, he said there's nothing conclusive in all the recent books, movies and television programs about UFOs landing at Roswell.

What's included in the 1,000-page Roswell report are opinions on both sides of the UFO controversy. However, what Weaver and McAndrew try to unearth are the "facts" only. Rather than coming off as non-believers or at least skeptical of the existence of alien beings, the researchers instead focus on what the Air Force was doing at Roswell when the alleged UFO crash occurred.

Moreover, the researchers said if any of the information they discovered was under security classification, it was declassified. And if active or former Air Force officials had been sworn to a secrecy oath, they were to be freed from it. In short, the writers said the objective was to tell the Congress, and the American people, "everything the Air Force knew about the Roswell claims."

Research went so far as to delve into the personal documents of Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, Air Force chief of staff in 1947-1948 when the Roswell incident occurred. The report states that the Spaatz files "do not in any way suggest that U.S. Army Air Forces recovered a flying saucer or its alien occupants."

UFO conspiracy theorists alleged that both Spaatz and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg directed the recovery of a flying saucer at Roswell Army Air Field on July 8, 1947. A review of Vandenberg's official daily activities calendar revealed "his knowledge of a reported flying saucer recovery on July 7 in Texas, an incident that the later determined to be a hoax."

Records do not support the claim that Vandenberg -- then deputy chief of staff -- had any similar involvement on July 8.

Note the "as far as I know" qualification

It is known that Blue Book never got the most important cases.

At least they are admitting that a UFO flap occurred.

100% certainty in any UFO matter is always suspect!

How do you define "conclusive" in this context?

Even tho' relevant records are admitted to be "missing"?

Good. Though the best witnesses are now dead!

OK - So what?

"determined" does not mean "proved".

UFO theorists also allege that Gen. Nathan F. Twining altered his plans unexpectedly in July 1947 to go to New Mexico to oversee the recovery of a flying saucer. The report found that Twining -- then commander of Air Materiel Command -- did indeed go to New Mexico in 1947. But it was with several other general officers to attend the nuclear bomb commanders course.

"He (Twining) received orders to attend this course more than a month before the alleged incident occurred," the report states.

While a review of top brass involvement in a UFO cover-up proved unfounded, some questions remain about Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, who was commander of 8th Air Force in 1947. Ramey is alleged to have participated in the cover-up of the recovery of an extraterrestrial vehicle by substituting debris from an ordinary weather balloon for that of an alien spacecraft.

The report said "Ramey withheld only the components that would have comprised the highly sensitive MOGUL project."

MOGUL refers to a then-top secret balloon project designed to monitor Soviet nuclear tests. Comparison of information obtained when the UFO crash supposedly happened are consistent with a balloon device, and most likely from one of the MOGUL balloons that had not been previously recovered.

"Air Force research efforts did not disclose any records of the recovery of any alien bodies or extraterrestrial materials," the report states.

Still, UFO buffs contend that claims by Walter Haut, a former Air Force public affairs officer, are true. Haut said on July 2, 1947, he was told to prepare a news release reporting the Air Force had recovered parts of a flying saucer and then was told to change the story to report a weather balloon.

On the day in 1947 when an alleged flying saucer crashed, the Air Force said a weather device crashed.

News reports of the time say people reported seeing a spacecraft. There were also stories of autopsies of "oversized head" aliens whose bodies were taken to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Similarly, the Roswell report cites a lot of the information that has kept the controversy alive for almost 50 years. From the records reviewed by the Air Force, however, there was nothing to suggest that a UFO cover-up was the case.

Although the bulk of records leave much to the imagination, the Roswell report states some interesting conclusions:

-- Concerted research has failed to turn up any evidence relating to the Roswell incident, or of a flying saucer and/or aliens at Wright-Patterson. Because this conclusion is based on the absence of documentation, the issue can never be definitively resolved. There will always be those who say, "You didn't search hard enough" or "We know you really do have the records, saucers, aliens."

-- Because the Roswell incident occurred so long ago -- now nearly 50 years ago -- there may be no record trail to follow to absolutely determine if an Air Force study had ever been conducted.

-- Despite the best efforts of UFO researchers over the years, not one scrap of physical evidence or one incontestable photograph of either a flying saucer or an alien has ever been found relating to the Roswell incident.

In short, the Air Force's report on Roswell states that "the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence" because every reasonable avenue of research has been exhausted without finding evidence that a flying saucer or aliens landed at Roswell or were taken to Wright-Patterson.

"The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert" is available at most base libraries, or for sale from the government printing office.

- AUFORA News Update

Ike went to the dentist, remember?

They lied about the weather balloon. Why believe the Mogul story?

Well, maybe they wouldn't any way.

It's all on record. Undeniable.

Of course there's nothing in the records. Now.

Yes, there will. And no wonder.

Exactly.

The clean-up of all evidence at the time is well documented.

It's been a long time coming - too late to convince.

HALT RECOUNTS RENDLESHAM

Takes Issue with Claims in New Book by Larry Warren

[The following text is excerpted with permission from a longer transcript of a May 13, 1997 interview conducted by journalist A.J.S. Rayl with Colonel Charles I. Halt, USAF (ret.), for Project Watchfire on the Microsoft Network. Colonel Halt was the most senior officer directly involved in the famous and still unexplained UFO events of December, 1980 at RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge NATO bases in England. A new book on these events, "Left at East Gate" by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, has just been published by Marlowe and Company. Larry Warren, a young airman at the time of the UFO events, has become well known on the UFO speaking circuit as a witness to an alleged "third night" of UFO activity at Bentwaters. "Left at East Gate" is more than just the story of Larry Warren's involvement in these indisputably strange encounters, but his involvement has been questioned by a number of other known witnesses, notably Colonel Halt. In this interview, Halt talks about his own UFO experience, and also his impressions of Larry Warren. Project Watchfire on MSN, the Microsoft Network, is an innovative interactive webshow that takes a serious, unbiased look at all sides of the UFO controversy. Project Watchfire combines exclusive reports, a live internet-radio show featuring interviews with top researchers, UFO news, and science breakthroughs. The URL is <http://watchfire.msn.com>. Hosting Project Watchfire is veteran journalist A.J.S. Rayl. CNI News thanks Celeste for transcribing this text.]

A.J.S. Rayl: To briefly summarize, on the night of December 27, 1980, Colonel Charles I. Halt was dining with other officers and their families at a belated officers' Christmas dinner when the on-duty security police lieutenant came in and announced that the UFO was back. Two nights before, Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston and Airman John Burroughs encountered a very unusual craft when they went out into the woods bordering the bases to investigate what Penniston thought was an airplane crash. Instead, they found a triangular-shaped craft that had strange markings on it, a craft that eventually ascended, maneuvered through the forest, and disappeared with no sound.

When the on-duty officer made his announcement at the Christmas dinner, it was decided that Halt would gather a team of men and investigate. Halt, who at the time was Deputy Base Commander, fully expected to dispel the rumors of UFOs. Instead, he and his men witnessed things so mysterious, they were beyond comprehension.

[interview begins]

A.J.S. Rayl: Colonel Halt, when you arrived at the edge of the woods, what was the first indication that something strange was going on? Colonel Halt: They were having problems with the Light-Alls, small fluorescent-type lights with a small four-cycle engine. They wouldn't work properly. And the radios were acting up. And people were scurrying about, trying to get them working, and having great difficulties. A.J.S. Rayl: And what was the general situation out there? Halt: There were probably 25 or 30 security policemen there, kind of scurrying about all excited, and pointing into the forest. And the lieutenant who had picked me up at the officers' mess handed me a Starlite scope and said, "Look into the forest," and pointed to one area. I looked in and saw a glowing area. Nothing one could discern, exactly, but just a glowing area. Rayl: Had you ever seen anything like that before?

Halt: No, I hadn't. I don't really know what it was to this day. We decided to go into the forest and investigate. At the approximate area where we'd seen the glow, [we] found three indentations in the floor of the forest. I had an individual from Disaster Preparedness with me, with what you call a Geiger counter, and he started taking readings. The Geiger counter indicated it was a little warmer there. Nothing of any danger, really, but certainly above background radiation. Suddenly the lieutenant pointed off toward the farmer's field, and said, "Look over there."

Rayl: Describe what you saw at that point.

Colonel Halt: We saw a glowing red object, as best I can describe it, almost like a red eye with a black pupil, and it was sort of winking and dripping what appeared to be the equivalent of molten metal. We just stood there in awe, and watched for several minutes, probably, and decided to try to approach it. At that time, it started moving through the forest. We could see it moving between the trees. It was moving in a horizontal plane, and moved probably 25, 30, maybe 45 degrees, in-between the trees, and back around. It was obviously moving. It sort of approached us a bit at one time, and then it receded out into the farmer's field. And as we approached the fence-line to the field, it literally exploded, almost violently, and it broke into multi[ple] white objects. Just prior to that we had also noticed that the farmer's house appeared to be glowing, as though there were a fire inside. I was quite concerned for the occupants of the house. We stood there and watched for quite a while, [then] went out into the field and tried to find any evidence, such as any burned spots or anything of that nature. We couldn't find anything. We crossed the farmer's field. I thought about knocking on the door. But then I thought, "Well here I am, in a uniform, in a foreign country, with a group of people, this probably won't go over too well." So we went on past the farmer's house out into a plowed field. About that time, one of the people who was with me noticed some objects in the sky, I believe three, to the north, about 35 to 40 degrees off the horizon, that looked like they were elliptical, kind of like a Cherokee moon. But they had lights on them. And as we watched them, they turned into a full circle, then they started moving about in a strange pattern. One of the members of the party suggested they were doing a grid search. I'm not really sure. Somebody else noted another object, very similar, to the south. This object hovered back and forth, and at one point approached us at very high speed. It stopped overhead -- probably 2, 3, maybe 4,000 feet, and sent out a beam, sort of like a laser beam, that fell very close to our feet and illuminated the ground for maybe 3, 4, 5 seconds.

Rayl: What is going through your mind at this point?

Halt: The first thing I thought was, "I wish I hadn't gotten involved in this. Nobody's ever going to believe it." But I didn't know whether the objects were hostile, friendly, trying to signal, trying to warn us, or trying to communicate. I really didn't know. I was quite concerned,

but I guess I really wasn't that worried.

Rayl: Did you think they were craft that belonged to a foreign country? Halt: No, there was nothing that we have in our inventory, or that anybody that I knew had in their inventory, that could travel at the speeds these were moving, and make the sharp, angular turns. They had to be pulling 30, 40, 50 Gs. There is no way that anything we have -- even today -- that could do that.

Rayl: Okay. So this object moved directly toward you. It shoots down this pencil-like beam toward your feet. What happens then?

Halt: We stood there in awe and watched, and suddenly it was as though it was switched off. It just clicked -- it was gone. The object was still in the sky. We also noted that it receded. It moved about. It sent down beams other places, including some various places on the base. And we could hear chatter on the radios. We were on three different radio nets: two security-police nets and the command net. And we could hear chatter. Other people on the base were seeing these things, especially security police. I had called the command post when we first saw the objects in the sky, and asked them to call Eastern Radar. I heard later from second-hand sources that they did see some objects on the radar.

Rayl: What happened next?

Colonel Halt: We were out there for several hours watching them, and it was just amazing. Finally it was -- I don't know -- 2, 3, 4 o'clock in the morning. We were wet, and cold, and people were getting miserable, and I was getting quite concerned about the five people who were out there with me. And we decided to head back in. Then we went back to the base, and went home. In disbelief, I guess.

Rayl: What happened in the days following this event? I understand you took reports from Penniston and Burroughs...

Halt: And one other individual that was involved the first night -- the three individuals that were involved. I also took them from the flight commander, and one individual that went out with me, a Master Sergeant. And they all basically said the same thing, although they didn't go into a lot of detail. I think they kind of -- how shall I say it? -- filtered it a bit for me. They were quite concerned. Penniston, for instance, didn't tell me he actually got close enough to the object to touch. I don't think Burroughs told me that initially, either. I think they were quite worried. I know they were very concerned about losing their security clearance or their job, in fact.

Rayl: Now, why would they be worried about that?

Halt: Because they weren't sure anybody would believe them. Rayl: So, UFOs are not exactly a subject for open conversation in the Air Force?

Halt: No, not really. I don't think the Air Force actually has an active program at all to investigate, after Project Blue Book was closed. Rayl: What happened to the evidence? You, as I understand, took photographs that night.

Halt: The individual from Disaster Preparedness that had the Geiger-counter was also a professional photographer. He took one if not two rolls of film of the indentations, of marks on the trees, of the objects in the sky, and he developed them. I gave him a call a day or two later, and said, "How did the film come out?" And he said, "It's all fogged." I said, "Fogged? Are you sure you didn't make a mistake?" "No," he said, "I've been doing this for many years. Obviously, something happened to the film." So, as far as I know, that night, there were no good photographs. There was no video. There was no film taken, to my knowledge.

Rayl: Two weeks later, on January 13, 1981, you issued a memorandum to the British Ministry of Defense. Why did you do that?

Halt: At the request of the RAF liaison officer, or the RAF base commander, as we called him, Don Moreland. I approached him and I said, you know, this happened off base. I discussed this through our channels. And the real answer from our channels was, "Hey, we don't want to touch this with a pole. This is a British incident. It happened off the installation, let them handle it." So I contacted him. The only reason the memo was dated that late was because he was on vacation, and I wasn't able to find out what he wanted. When I finally caught up with him on about the 10th or the 12th, he said, "Well, write a brief memo, kind of sanitize it, and we'll send it to London, and we'll see what happens." So, that's what I did.

Rayl: That memo is probably one of the most amazing documents that's been released to the UFO community within the last 20 years or so. And while you never use the term "UFO," it reads like science fiction. When you were writing that, did you get a sense that what you're writing may be not taken seriously?

Halt: Well, there was no intent for that to be released publicly. You know, it was not a classified document. It was given to Don Moreland to forward through his channels, which was the Liaison Officer, Third Air Force Headquarters in England, to the MOD, and to see what their interest was. And I really expected somebody to pop up in a day or two and want more details. To this day, it hasn't happened.

Rayl: That's interesting, don't you think?

Halt: Oh, it's very interesting.

Rayl: Have you made any attempts to discuss this with members of Congress, in order to force the government to open up records and findings of past investigations into these types of matters?

Halt: I have responded to very senior congressmen, actually two senators, and provided them information at their request.

Rayl: Any follow-up on that at this point?

Halt: None that I know of.

Rayl: How did this affect your career in the Air Force? Halt: It could have very seriously derailed it. Fortunately, I had enough credibility to my superiors that I was able to carry through. It did not help me in any way, shape or form, I can tell you.

Rayl: I think we should point out that subsequent to that you were promoted to be the Base Commander. You were also promoted to Colonel. I believe you got several awards after that, correct?

Halt: That's correct.

Rayl: Let's cut to the chase here. In recent weeks, there has been a new book released by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. First of all, Warren claims that there was a third night of activity. Can we clear that issue up? Halt: I read his book. I found it to be very interesting. I really

feel sorry for him. But let me get back to the question. I'd say there was a third night -- there was a first and a third night. There was an intervening night in between, where I don't think anything happened. Larry Warren was not on station, according to his records, until what I call "the third night," or the night I went out. As far as I know, Larry Warren was not on flight, officially assigned on duty. He was officially assigned, but he had not finished training. I don't believe he was there, although it is possible that he may have been back at a distance. But as best I can determine, he was not there, and his former supervisor said he wasn't there. Rayl: He certainly wasn't one of the five or six men that you chose to go with you. Halt: He certainly was not. They were all senior people, and I knew them on a first-name basis.

Rayl: Warren also claims that there were, on this third night, holographic aliens that appeared, and in some way communicated with the wing commander. What is your comment on that?

Halt: The wing commander at that time was not present. He was at another social event.

Rayl: What is your opinion, overall, of Larry Warren's version of what happened, as written in "Left at East Gate"?

Halt: I felt kind of sad when I read the book. It's sort of Larry Warren's -- how shall I say it? -- his life. A lot of misfortune. I think Larry Warren has either relived a fantasy so many times that he sincerely believes it, or he's been meddled with. By that I mean hypnosis, drugs, or whatever. I think he may have been a lightning-rod, drawn a lot of attention, and something may have happened to him. I don't know for a fact. And he has admitted this to me. He and I have talked a couple of times.... I've listened to many of Larry Warren's tapes. He's on the talk circuit. I have half a dozen of them, and the story changes. It keeps getting embellished. And the book is even different. So, what can I say?

Rayl: Okay. Another question. What about the skeptics' explanations? There are some people who say that you mistook the lighthouse lights for a UFO. There was also a Russian satellite that entered on the night of the 25th which, of course, was not the night you were out there. It was, rather, the night that Penniston, Burroughs and Kabanazag were out there. There have also been suggestions that perhaps this was experimental aircraft of our own. And perhaps it was psychological warfare. What are your responses to those? Halt: First, the lighthouse was visible the whole time. It was readily apparent, and it was 30 to 40 degrees off to our right. If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us. The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right, and the object was close to the farmer's house and moving from there to the left, through the trees. So it actually moved through the trees. It couldn't have been a falling object. I've thought about everything... and I've sat down with some of the foremost astrophysicists, etc., and discussed this, and asked them for explanations. Some of them said, well, I can debunk this, and we've gone around and around, and they've all walked away, shaking their head. Rayl: What about the Russian satellite?

Halt: I can't say a piece of the satellite didn't fall somewhere. That's certainly a possibility. But, how do you explain something that blinks and moves horizontally through the trees, that recedes, that explodes, that stays in the sky, that sends down a beam of light? There are just too many things that don't fit together. When you compound and put them all together, it's pretty tough.

Rayl: Any thoughts that it could have been experimental aircraft? Halt: Keep in mind, this was 1980 -- 16 years ago. I didn't see the craft, so I really can't comment on that. I saw lights. I saw an object that... appeared to be a light.

Rayl: But a light that also shot out a pencil-like beam, which would seem to imply that there was a craft -

Halt: There had to be some type of an object, yes.

Rayl: Psychological warfare?

Halt: I've discussed this with Jacques Vallee. In fact, he and I had lunch and talked for a long time, and he said, "Well, you were the victim of a mind-control experiment." And I said, "Well, how do you explain this? The numbers of people involved -- we're talking 30 to 50 or more people, on three different radio nets, at different geographic locations. That's too hard to do, I think. When the people clear over on the base are seeing these same objects, seeing the same beams of light come down, and they're a mile or two miles away, it's pretty tough to pull off, isn't it?" And he just shook his head on that.

Rayl: And what was his conclusion after that?

Halt: He didn't give me a conclusion. He kind of apologized. In fact, I have it in writing. Because when he put his book out ["Revelations," 1991] that said the "Bentwaters incident" was nothing but a mind-control experiment, I wrote him a caustic letter. And he responded. He came to Washington, and we sat down and had lunch, and talked for a long time. I think he's changed his mind now.

[In "Revelations," Vallee in fact left open the possibility that the Bentwaters/Woodbridge events could have involved authentic UFO phenomena. Interestingly, one of his main reasons for preferring the "deception" theory was testimony given to him by Larry Warren. -- ed.]

Rayl: We are 16 and a half years later now. Any ideas on what it was that you saw that night?

Halt: None whatsoever. Something under intelligent control. That's all I know.

Rayl: What would you like to see happen now?

Halt: I'm sure there are some files someplace with some more information that will correlate this with other sightings, other incidents. There's no doubt in my mind a lot of agencies are collecting information, and they are competing for information, and probably know a lot more than you do or I do. Rayl: There is a group now that is trying to get congressional hearings held, and they would like to get immunity granted for people such as yourself, military officers, astronauts. What are your thoughts on Congress being able to do anything? Can congressional hearings open this issue up? Halt: I seriously doubt it. You have to understand what black programs and compartmentalized programs are. I really don't think so. They can get people to come forward probably, and gather a lot of data, which may be quite interesting. But will they ever pry everything out of some file cabinet somewhere? Probably not.

Rayl: What are your own personal thoughts on the possibility of other intelligent life being out there somewhere?

Halt: I think there's something somewhere -- be it another dimension, another place -- I don't know.
 Rayl: Do you think that what you saw that night, or parts of what you saw that night, might have been from someplace else, meaning not of Earth? Halt: I certainly think so.
 Rayl: So you think it's possible that what you was extraterrestrial? Halt: I would suspect as much.
 Rayl: What would close the book on this for you?
 Halt: I'd have to have a lot of questions answered. What was it? What was their intent? And, you know, who are "they," if it's a "they"? I really would like the answer.
 Rayl: Do you have any hopes that you'll get that in this lifetime? Halt: I seriously doubt it.

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Where Greys Walk the Streets ... ?

The island of Puerto Rico, situated at one vertex of the notorious Bermuda triangle and politically controlled by the USA, has been the source of many UFO reports. In the south-west area of the island is a small lake called the Laguna Cartagena, where local people claim that for years they have seen UFOs diving in and out of its weed-strewn waters.

During the 1980s they say they heard building noises deep underground, and one huge subterranean explosion which caused a blue-green vapour to bubble up out of the earth. The area has been declared a refuge for the Silvestre bird and an allegedly disused CIA HQ is named as the office for the protection project, though the array of well-maintained aerials and insulators atop the building is hardly a suitable roosting place. The supposed bird enthusiasts visiting it carry around their persons enough weapons to fight a small war and people rash enough to question them about their alleged avian activities are told to leave the scene - at once!

Since they have all heard about an alleged underground base there, staffed jointly by aliens and the US military, they hasten to comply for they have also heard of neighbours being abducted into the place. Two motor mechanics from the Betances community near the Laguna Cartagena were working in their garage one day when out on the paved road in front of their workshop they saw five little "Greys" walking down the street towards them. Seeing they were observed, the Ets jumped off a nearby bridge into a ravine which led down to the Laguna. People say that such occurrences are by no means uncommon on this isolated outpost of the USA.



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CSETI'S Starlight Briefings

By Michael Lindemann

Many details of the April 9-10 Washington DC "closed briefing on UFOs and Extraterrestrial Intelligence" hosted by Dr. Steven Greer's Project Starlight Coalition for members of Congress and invited press have recently been disclosed to CNI News. A participant at the briefings, who has requested anonymity, sent CNI News a complete set of briefing documents as well as a videotape of the closed press briefing and the videotape titled "CSETI Video and Photographic Evidence of UFOs, 1997."

From these materials it would be possible to disclose to our readers the names of many key UFO witnesses as well as the names of many Congressional personnel who attended the events. It is precisely this information which Greer and his organization have sought to keep confidential, on the theory that only such confidentiality at this stage will preserve the fragile but growing trust needed to bring witnesses and government leaders together on this highly sensitive subject.

CNI News believes there is merit in maintaining this confidentiality. After viewing the closed press conference videotape of April 10, it is our judgment that potentially important information was presented in a dignified and persuasive way to a small but significant group of people. We see evidence that Greer's organization is making good, at least to some degree, on its stated strategy.

Although the two most-publicized events in this multi-day program were a closed presentation for invited members of Congress and other government officials on April 9, and a closed briefing for members of the press held on April 10, CNI News has learned that Greer conducted a large number of smaller private meetings with various government and press personnel who either could not or did not wish to participate in the higher-profile briefings. Thus, those who attended only the two main briefings were not in a position to know how many people Greer and his team actually met with.

CNI News has received a complete list of Congressional offices that indicated plans to attend, in most cases sending staff aides; but we have also learned that only a minority of those named were actually in the official briefing on April 9. Assuming Greer found other ways to meet with the no-shows, the list indicates contact with no fewer than 11 Senate offices, 25 members of the House, two state governors and one Clinton staffer. However, our sources at the briefing say that they can be certain of only three Congressional office staffers and one Clinton staffer being present, as well as one Congressman and eight other Congressional staffers "probably" in attendance. Two state houses were also "probably" represented by staff.

Videotape sent to CNI News shows the April 10 press briefing to have been a well-organized, no-nonsense affair. Steven Greer made brief opening remarks, then introduced a succession of witnesses, each of whom made a personal statement of several minutes' duration.

The first of these speakers was astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who has never claimed to be a UFO witness but is now on record as a strong supporter of the Greer organization's efforts. Dr. Mitchell stated that he has become convinced that a core of UFO incidents are real and highly important, and that it is time for official secrecy to end. He also stressed that a great deal of the UFO information in the public arena is nonsensical, at least some of that no doubt intentionally planted to promote the cover-up, and that this briefing was meant to help sort out the essential facts from the nonsense. In sum,

Mitchell's opening statement was a strong starting point for a briefing that continued strongly thereafter.

In a printed "Summary of selected witnesses" participating in the DC events, Greer listed 15 people, but named no one in writing except Edgar Mitchell. At the press briefing, seven witnesses spoke following Mitchell. Each of these people was introduced by name. Since they were named in a press briefing, it would seem fair to assume that naming them here is permissible. However, CNI News chooses to err on the side of caution in this regard, for the moment. Two of these witnesses, however, have been public enough in the past that naming them here cannot be faulted. The first of these is Air Force Major (ret.) George Filer, who, among other things, is the Eastern Region Director for MUFON.

Filer, the first to speak after Edgar Mitchell, briefly described three UFO incidents he had witnessed but emphasized an event that occurred in 1978 at McGuire Air Force Base and the adjoining Fort Dix in New Jersey. At that time, Filer said, he was Deputy Director of Intelligence for the 21st Air Force at McGuire. Early one morning he reported for duty only to find the base headquarters in an uproar over UFO sightings that had been happening around the base during the night. More important, he learned that shots were fired at Fort Dix at an intruder who was then seen running toward a runway at McGuire. A small body was soon found lying on the runway, Filer said. That body, evidently dead and not human, was soon picked up by a C-141 aircraft dispatched from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Filer did not know what became of it after that.

Another witness whose statements have been previously published was Commander (ret.) Graham Bethune, a Navy pilot and test pilot who witnessed an extraordinary UFO off the coast of Iceland in February, 1951. An account of this incident was published in "Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good. Bethune says he had been told by military personnel in Iceland that there had been many sightings of unusual aircraft, which were assumed to be some new Soviet weapon. However, Bethune and a crew of men were flying a Navy transport on the night of February 10 when they witnessed, first, a bright glow on the water at a distance of some 25 miles, then saw a large disk-like object move toward them at a tremendous speed, stopping only a few hundred yards in front of and below their own aircraft.

The object, Bethune said, was at least 300 feet in diameter and had approached them at a speed well in excess of 1,000 miles per hour, then stopped and hovered for several moments before withdrawing to a distance of about five miles and pacing their plane for several more minutes before disappearing over the horizon at super speed. Bethune noted that his onboard magnetic compasses were spinning wildly while the mystery craft was nearby. He surmises it was lucky that his plane's control functions were mainly hydraulic rather than electrical. He said it was not until much later that he realized his sighting corresponded to the other unusual reports in Iceland, but he knew immediately that the object he saw could not have been a human aircraft.

Another male witness, now a successful attorney, told of attending a briefing while in the Army Signal Corps in which he was shown unusual metal fragments with strange embossed hieroglyphics, and another piece that could be bent but would always spring back to its original shape. He said he was also told that President Eisenhower was keenly interested in UFOs, and that the presidential bunker at Mt. Weather, Virginia was equipped to track UFO activity. Another male witness told of tracking UFOs on radar as they performed extraordinary feats of speed and maneuvering. Yet another male witness, an Air Force Lt. Colonel (ret.), told of observing a number of luminous UFOs at Loring Air Force Base on the night of April 19, 1969.

The sole woman witness at this briefing told of her work at a NASA facility, where she was a technical illustrator for many years. On one occasion she observed a large black and white NASA photo which contained an obvious UFO. She pointed it out to a photo technician, who explained to her that "we always airbrush those out" before releasing them to the public. From this she surmised that this happened fairly often.

The last person to speak was a long-time professional astronomer who explained that the SETI project (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, using radio telescopes) had received a large number of signals of "unusual quality" -- meaning non-random, repeating, not generated by known human equipment or celestial objects. In this astronomer's view, "It is quite clear that there have been signals received. From where, from who, I do not know." The combined impact made by this lineup of witnesses was extremely impressive. Each one came across as a highly credible, rational, articulate and concerned human being. Each one obviously understood that they were not providing proof of anything, but their stories could not fail to arouse interest in any open-minded listener.

With this in mind, CNI News finds it unfortunate and even somewhat odd that there was not more press reporting of this briefing. Nonetheless, we feel that the reporters who attended must have gone home with plenty of food for thought, and perhaps this will make them more ready to do responsible reporting on the UFO subject at a later time.

Along with the presentation of witnesses, Greer's team assembled and distributed a large package of printed materials and a videotape titled "CSETI Video and Photographic Evidence of UFOs, 1997." The printed package has recently been offered for sale to the public, but the video will undoubtedly remain unavailable because of copyright infringement.

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SAUCER CRASHES

Roswell .. and the rest

On July 10-12, 1990, a group of investigators and witnesses involved in the Roswell UFO crash case gathered in Arlington, VA, at the invitation of the 'Fund for UFO Research' to discuss new developments and evidence.

The purpose of the meeting was to debrief the witnesses and investigators on evidence in the case and to record the witnesses' accounts on videotape for archival and other purposes. The meeting was conducted by David Jacobs, Ph.D., an assistant professor of history at Temple University and author of 'UFOS IN AMERICA'.

The investigators included:

* Stan Friedman, who initiated the investigation into the Roswell case and who has continued to pursue the case independently; and

* Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, who re-opened the Roswell investigation under the sponsorship of the Centre for UFO Studies.

The witnesses were chosen by the investigators based on their first-hand knowledge of events associated with the Roswell case. Several witnesses had not been known previously to anyone in the UFO community. A summary of their testimony follows: LORETTA PROCTOR--'Mac' Brazel's closest neighbour who recalls Brazel bringing a piece of unusual debris he found on his property to her ranch.

PHYLLIS MCGUIRE and ELIZABETH TULK--daughters of the Sheriff in Roswell who was contacted by Brazel after seeing the Proctors; both sisters recall seeing a number of Army Air Force personnel at their father's office during the period and were aware that Brazel was held incommunicado by the military for several days.

JESSE A. MARCEL, M.D.--son of Major Marcel; as an 11-year old, he handled the debris his father recovered on the Brazel ranch.

WALTER HAUT--the public information officer at the base who issued the news release (on the orders of the base commander, Col. William Blanchard) that the AAF had recovered a 'flying disc.'

ROBERT SHIRKEY--the flight operations officer at the Roswell Army Air Force base who recalls seeing the wreckage loaded on a B-29 with Major Jesse Marcel, headed for Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth.

ROBERT PORTER--a crewman on the plane with Marcel who helped load the wreckage.

JOHN WROMSCHROEDER, D.D.S., and WILLIAM LOUNSBERRY--close friends of 'Pappy' Henderson, pilot of a flight which transported both wreckage and ALIEN BODIES to Wright Field, who told them about his involvement several years before he died.

VERNE MALTAIS--close friend 'Barney' Barnett who told him of finding a damaged craft and dead alien bodies on the Plains of San Augustin.

All of the witnesses were extremely cooperative. We went to great lengths to assure them in advance that their testimony would be held in confidence and that an attorney would be present to provide legal counsel. Such assurances turned out to be unnecessary. All of the witnesses (with one exception) agreed to be videotaped and signed forms granting permission to the Fund to use the information at its discretion.

Moreover, the witnesses made every effort to distinguish between what they knew first-hand and what they heard from others. As a result, the videotape record provides an honest and vivid account of their recollection of events 43 years ago. "Although the purpose of the meeting was to record history, it also made history: it was the first on-the-record gathering of a group of witnesses to the apparent crash and recovery of a UFO and alien bodies.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Executive Committee invited the investigators to submit proposals to conduct follow-up research in the Roswell case. The objectives were to record videotaped depositions with as many witnesses as possible; to edit the videotapes into a viewable presentation for selected Members of Congress and/or the news media; and to construct a revised timeline of events connected with the events in New Mexico in 1947.

Stan Friedman, Don Schmitt and Leonard Stringfield indicated plans to cooperate in follow-up research. Schmitt's request for \$6,600 to interview 24 additional witnesses and Stringfield's request for approximately \$1,500 were approved by the Executive Committee and referred to the National Board. In addition, an initial contact was made with the staff director of an important congressional committee who had indicated an interest in reviewing evidence associated with the Roswell case.

The goals of the congressional effort were (1) to seek immunity from prosecution for current and former military employees who have expressed reluctance to talk about their involvement in this affair, and (2) to explore the possibility of closed-door hearings involving first-hand witnesses with an appropriate committee or subcommittee.

The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation to the investigators and witnesses for making the conference possible.

In relation to the above information on "crash/retrievals" we quote here from a letter released by William Cooper detailing alleged retrievals of other "alien" craft. For obvious reasons, Cooper has kept the name of the author of the letter, which was dated June 13, 1987, confidential:

"Although I missed your very recent radio and TV shows, a friend suggested that I write this letter and share my information with you. I am (a) fifty year of age engineer that has worked in the private sector, as well as with the government. "From 1975 to 1980, I was involved with several investigations having to do with E.T. material. Even though the project was very well covered, I am still very much surprised that Project Pluto and results have not surfaced yet.

"Inasmuch as the project was handled by others, there was no question that the government was in full control. For security purposes, Project Pluto had five levels. Those who investigated one level had nothing to do with the next, and would only turn in the results of data of these findings to the next level, then go on to another area.

"No one that I knew ever had the results of two levels at the same time. There was only one very rare exception to the rule which took place in 1975, and was in fact my very first assignment with the project. I was employed by a non-government firm that of course was directly involved with the government, and probably fronted for them on projects.

"I would assume that eventually government records could be made available to the general public, but not from the private sector. I'm not really sure. In any event, several others and myself were rushed to a rather remote place in upstate Pennsylvania.

"We were informed that every thing was top secret, and had to remain that way. We were even housed in a hotel close by, and security people were assigned to us. Some type of aircraft had crashed in this area, and the government felt that it would be easier and faster to do all of their investigation right there rather than move the remains of the wreck, and whatever evidence the soil may contain.

"The wreck site was rather difficult to get to, however, we turned it into a construction site, clearing the area, and building two small and one very large metal pre-general buildings over and around the wreck. Heavy equipment, materials, and workers were flown in and out on a daily basis.

"We were moved from the hotel to some mobile homes that were brought in for us, and any more top level people who joined us. I might add that the local people who still lived some distance from the site, were led to believe that a large private corporation was preparing to build an electrical power supply for the area. But it was off limits to everyone in the area.

"We were some of the first one's on the scene other than lots of security people. The wreck had already been covered by very large canvas blankets, and large nets were tented over head to protect the site from any possible air traffic. I did manage to get a very good look at the wreck on several occasions. My first thoughts were that it may have been an experimental air craft of our government, or perhaps the government of another.

"It was later suggested to us that it was a new type of air craft of a foreign government, and it was a super hush - hush project. The air craft was nothing like I have ever seen (or) probably ever will again.

"The crash site was also something quite different. The disturbed soil was about a hundred feet in diameter, although the craft was much larger in length. I only saw what appeared to be about two-thirds of the rear end, and even that was about ten feet below the surface. When it crashed on about a 30 degree angle, it pushed all the earth back away from the craft itself. Almost as if the hole were made first, and then something half the size was put in place.

"My best thought of this rather strange hole is that some kind of magnetic field had pushed all the earth away from the craft at impact. It was reasonable to assume that I was looking down at the rear end of the air craft, yet there was nothing to indicate that it had any kind of engine as we know it. Not even one little opening.

"I don't really like to use the term cigar, but since I could not see the front part, it certainly appeared to have once been shaped like a large cigar. That's my best description.

"If it was a craft from a foreign government, then we are in big trouble. I actually held one small portion of the wreck in my hand. Incidentally, there was only a very small reading of radio waves in the area. The area was quite safe. There was on the other hand, a great deal of free magnetic energy in the area. It was very difficult using our instruments. It was very difficult just to establish the correct time. Every wrist watch was a different time.

"The piece of physical evidence that I held in my hand, was a material that I really can't identify. It may have been torn from the front of the craft when it crashed. A few of us had ever compared thoughts as to what it might be, but no one was really certain. None of us had ever seen anything like it before. It was about one square foot and about an inch thick. It weighed almost nothing, and one had the feeling that it may blow away if you let go of it and the wind increased.

"It was the same colour and texture of the large portion, so it was safe to assume that it was part of the shell of the craft. It weighed no where near enough to be any metal that we had ever seen. It even weighed less than any plastic that I had seen of a similar size.

"I tried to scratch it with a pocket knife, and even cut away a small piece of the edge, but the knife did nothing to it. The surface was clear as glass, and stronger than anything we had ever seen. It was like trying to scratch the surface of glass with a feather. Of course, we had to turn it into the security people.

"After the site was secure, the first groups that included myself were taken away. There was a very thorough strip search prior to us being given jumpsuits, and put into a truck for transportation to a waiting plane. We were taken to another area and debriefed before we were allowed to return to our normal way of life.

"About three months later, a few of us returned to the site to remove the buildings, fill up the hole, and generally put the area back into the same shape as it may have been prior to the crash. We went through the same type of security search and debriefing as we had done the first time. Whatever was left of the craft had been removed and sent to - unknown -.

"Almost a year to the day, I was sent to another crash site. Everything was a repeat of the first time, except that there were six of us. Four of us were part of the first crash site, and the other two were new. This time the air craft was buried so deep into the lower side of the hill that we could not get a good look at it.

"The security arrangements were just about the same, and we constructed similar buildings around it. It was very close to a rerun of the first crash site. Only this time we were told, 'as a matter of fact,' that it was a top secret experimental air craft that had crashed. I could however, manage to see the rear end of the craft. It appeared to be the same type as the first. The code name of the project was Pluto, as it was the first also. Incidentally, that was in upstate New York, in 1976. I do not know if there were any 'people' or life forms aboard.

"Several years later, I had an occasion to be in the area of site # one, and I managed to stop in the cocktail lounge of hotel # one. The bartender only recognized me because he brought in our first room service the first night we stayed there. There was no room service there, but he made his one and only exception to the rule for us. He asked me lots of questions which (I) of course had no answers for, nor would I give any. He told me that he heard that there were lots of medical people on the site. He thought that rather odd for an electric power station. He assumed that there must have been some kind of accident, or lots of waste material in the area. We let it go at that.

"It appears that security was very good, and no one had any idea that an air craft had crashed there. I suspect that the air craft was fifty feet in diameter and as long as two hundred feet. I could be wrong in the length. I could recall the under portion of air craft # one had more of a flat surface. It was difficult to see, but I do recall the difference in the portion of the under surface that I could see.

"There was also a few interesting grooves on the top and side areas about twenty feet long. We had speculated that either a steering fin had been attached, or a place where it could slide through from the inside, similar to the type of system used to lower wheels on any air craft. First speculation!

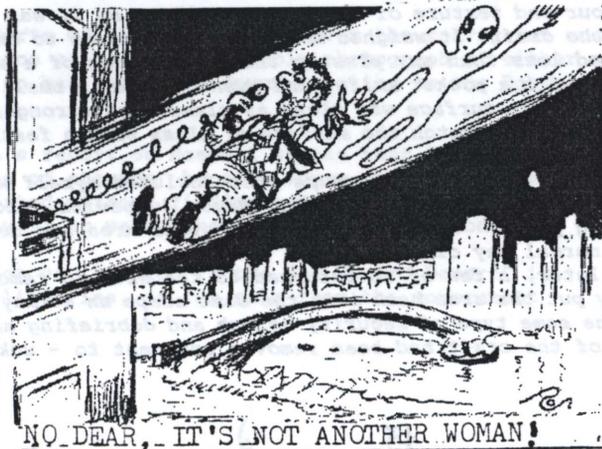
"In 1978, I was again sent to a crash site. We arrived the day after the security people. This time the air craft landed in a lake in upstate Pennsylvania. We went through the same motions, and built several buildings on the edge of the lake to house the craft, once it was removed from the water. Lots of Navy equipment was flown in, and there were divers everywhere. The same magnetic field was present as in the first two incidents. There was no air craft.

"I spent three weeks there in the event that the buildings had to be adjusted. It seems that the divers had located the exact spot that the air craft had rested on the bottom, but it was gone. There was lots of evidence on the beach that something very large had crashed into the lake causing the water of the lake to splash ashore, over thirty feet, and what was normally a rather clean lake, was suddenly a very large mudhole. After three weeks, I left and was subjected to the same type of security as the first two times.

"I didn't have to return to dismantle the pre-general buildings. I would think that it was done by others very soon after. There was some thought at first that the craft may have been buried under the bottom of the lake, but by this time, we knew enough about the craft to know if that were the case. It was not - it just vanished. Perhaps it was not damaged and managed to fly away. That may sound silly, but I believe it is a reasonable conclusion. There was some damage to the immediate area. Six large electrical transformers, and some other equipment were burnt out and had to be replaced by the electric company. The government took the electrical equipment and had it flown somewhere else.

"...I don't really believe that the air craft belongs to our Government or any other government on this earth. From 1975 to present, we would certainly have seen some kind of revolutionary change in our air craft.

"...After twelve years we probably don't even know what it is, or how to make it. I am positive that at the very least, they have two of the air craft hidden some where, and probably have learned very little from them, other than they exist. However, THE COMPANY THAT I WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HAS MADE SOME GIGANTIC LEAPS FORWARD IN ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCES. Perhaps they did learn something from it after all...



The Alien Truth

by Gordon Millington

Forget about Magonia and all that - the Age of the UFO began in 1947 when a business man flying his light aircraft home was treated to an aerobatic UFO display over the Cascade mountains in Washington State, USA, and reported it. If we disregard reconnaissance activities by wartime "foo fighters", we can say that the UFO Phenomenon, which first went public in the USA, has conducted all of its most significant activities within the bounds of that unacknowledged empire which stretches from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska.

The Cover - Up

Its initial concern was to establish itself in the minds of governments as an independent, non-terrestrial power over which they had no control: hence such activities as the buzzing of the White House by massed squadrons of UFOs and the interference with electrical power distribution systems. The almost total elimination of these happenings from public memory is a powerful tribute to the skills of US government spin doctors, who went on to construct one of the most efficient cover-up operations ever. Precisely what it is that was covered up is still a matter for speculation, but a confluence of leaks has finally begun to suggest that some kind of deal was done with at least one particular group of extraterrestrials, who calculated astutely that governments would impose secrecy, if only to hide their relative impotence in any relationship with the incomers.

UFOs Are Real

The first phase of ufology, however, was entirely concerned with seeking to establish verification of the mere existence of UFOs, against a calculated campaign of government inspired ridicule: its main activity was the organised skywatch and the compilation of sighting reports, most of which were easily shown to have been in error. The fantastic claims of the "contactees", men such as Adamski, may well have been inspired by the ufonauts' providing them with "experiences", and certainly helped to foster public incredulity, the screen behind which the ufonauts doggedly pursued their hidden agenda. Nevertheless, a firm body of credible reports was continually in process of compilation and by the end of the 1980s the presentation of evidence proving the existence of a world-wide governmental cover-up of UFO activities by researchers such as Timothy Good marked a change of direction for ufology. The question was no longer *whether* UFOs invaded unchallenged the national air spaces: ufologists next wanted to know *why*?

UFOs Abduct

This second phase of the ufological enterprise can now be seen to have really begun with the unpublicised abduction of Antonio Villas Boas in 1957, recognisable in retrospect as the first known attempt by the ufonauts to produce a genetic hybrid by comparatively normal methods, soon to be superseded by more sophisticated psycho-technology.

Just as sightings had eventually confirmed for all but the wilfully obtuse the presence of the invaders so, as the mass of reports from abductees accumulated all over the developed world, the aims of that presence finally became clear also. The eventual, long-term purposes remain, however, still obscure, but it has become reasonably certain that in practical terms humanity has to deal with only one set of aliens, namely the little greys now familiar to us all from the cover of Whitley Strieber's first book on the subject.

There is indeed some evidence of the existence of other types of UFO occupant, but nothing to suggest that they have anything other than an academic interest in observing the activities of humanity: perhaps they are precluded by some ethical constraint from interfering. "Channelled" reports of the alleged existence of galactic councils pondering the suitability of mankind for admission to some organisation of united planets will need much greater evidential support before they can be taken seriously.

The Grey Agenda

It is apparent, however, from the abundance of witness reports, that the sole agenda of the grey aliens is the creation of a cross-bred race of semi-humans: the worst case scenario is that they intend to replace humanity on this planet by their new creation. Perhaps the greys themselves are mere organic automata sent by some master race to provide a planet full of biddable slaves as a prelude to their take-over? Could they be the agents of Zecharia Sitchin's Annunaki, who were finally unable to control the turbulent race they had created in their own image? The twelfth (more accurately, tenth) planet is on its way to perigee in the asteroid belt, he reminds us.

Ideally, one would have hoped by now that contact with the aliens would have allowed us to form some credible idea of their ultimate origins and intentions, but they have shown in all reported interactions an unwillingness, perhaps even an inability, to discuss anything other than their breeding project. Their communication with abductees is entirely one way, and yet it is reportedly entirely *telepathic* communication. They are, in short, making use in this process of **human** telepathic abilities which alone make it possible. Professor David M. Jacobs has analysed in depth the structure of such contacts, which proves to be a complex psycho-physical study of our race. One would

suppose that by now they must have amassed all the data they could possibly need, but the abductions continue. Perhaps someone has forgotten to tell them to stop?

Communications Hegemony

Ingo Swann, the well-known psychic, has suggested that in this interchange, while the human capacity for telepathic reception and transmission initiated by the aliens remains intact, a corresponding ability to initiate a contact in which the thoughts of the alien are exposed to the human in the same way that the human's mental processes are exposed to him is either inhibited in some way or virtually absent. Swann suggests that humanity possesses an innate potential for full telepathic contact which has been allowed in modern man to atrophy through disuse, but which many could awaken and develop.

Perhaps, however, the greys would not abduct humans with this capacity, knowing that it would enable their victims to resist the suggestions they are always seeking to implant, though Professor John Mack of Harvard seems to think they are preparing a fifth column for a take-over which he believes will bring a spiritual gain to those chosen.

A Deal Done?

Some ufologists see as credible witness evidence from former US government employees that, under the terms of an agreement made with a former president, aliens are now working together with human scientists in underground laboratories at secret sites on projects only made possible by use of alien technology. The price of this collaboration is said to have been unimpeded access to human abductees and cattle to obtain the tissues and genetic material needed for their breeding project. If this is so, applications under the Freedom of Information Act are unlikely to reveal it, but it would suggest that a *modus operandi* for fuller telepathic intercommunication between human and alien must already have been worked out.

Thus the third phase of relationships between humanity and the grey aliens can only be openly developed in the light of reliable information concerning the level at which they are currently being conducted. If governments have such information and claim to be managing policies in this area in a manner demonstrably advantageous and harmless to those from whom they claim to have a mandate, they should not be afraid to reveal it. The idea that an electorate constantly and voraciously consuming a televisual diet of X-Files and the like, a people which has lived unmoved by the potential threat of nuclear extermination for half a century, could not absorb and accept a collaboration with aliens for their mutual advantage is merely a figment of an outdated Brookings judgement. There may indeed prove to be aspects of past government conduct upon which it could be appropriate for the populace to be less than censorious, but such

adjustments have a long history in international affairs and would surely be found negotiable.

There is thus every reason to come clean on this matter - if, of course, the aliens will agree to it!

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Yet, under hypnosis, the alien figures they described were so alike that Jacobs could set down common denominators and describe the essential features of an extraterrestrial.

They occur so frequently, and are so stereotyped, that they have even been given a name: psychologists call them the 'Greys'.

A GREY IS 3.5ft to 4.5ft tall, with a disproportionately large head,
like a pear upside down. THEY are hairless, have leathery skin, only
the smallest protuberance for a nose and lipless mouths that do not
move. THEY communicate by telepathy. THE most striking feature is
the eyes: black, enormous, almond-shaped, compelling. They do not
blink, nor do they move in their sockets. They are like goggles.
Yet, staring into them, they seem to have enormous power - to
communicate, to reassure or to frighten. GREYS are usually naked.
but no genitals are seen. The chest does not swell as they breathe.
THESE beings are frail, with thin limbs and no bone structure or
musculature. They have three fingers, with no opposable thumb.

A second type is also reported: the Nordic. It is humanoid, taller and has blond hair. Americans see 12 Greys to every one Nordic. In Europe, though, the Nordics outnumber the Greys.

Some abductees feel that the Nordics are female. One woman even reported that a Nordic had tried on her high-heeled shoes. That is either evidence of derangement or it is a detail that no one could possibly have made up.

One bizarre detail: to Britons, Greys smell of cinnamon or rotting leaves; in America, the scent is of ammonia, sulphur, lemons and almonds.