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SKYWATCHING is out of fashion - ufologists no longer assemble on Cradle Hill with cameras and binoculars to brave the cold and wet of a Warminster night. They quite rightly feel that we now have evidence enough to prove the presence of UFOs to all but the most bigoted debunkers. Proof of UFO reality is, however, no longer the aim of groups such as those in northern England which, co-ordinated by Omar Fowler, have been able to track the nocturnal wanderings of the black triangles over a considerable area. (See *Flying Saucer Review* for Summer 1997.) Their propensity for visiting sites concerned with nuclear energy has in particular been noted.

There is no reason to suppose that the skies over Derbyshire and adjacent counties are unique in this respect, for Surrey skies have indeed yielded a few sighting reports: but whether the paucity of these is a consequence of lack of UFOs or merely lack of witnesses is not yet certain. Yet Home Counties folk, even when they do offer testimony to UFO groups, seem singularly fearful of being identified and often delay their reports, so that they cannot then be properly investigated. The ideal witness gives full details of the event as soon as possible and uses the media to find others who may have shared the experience, but ufologists and journalists will always respect a request for anonymity, even though it may mean the report loses much of its value as evidence.

Since public opinion surveys assure us that most people now accept the reality of UFOs, this reluctance to speak out is surely no longer justified. SIGAP is always ready to listen to witness accounts and to investigate whenever asked - all people have to do is pick up the phone as soon after the event as possible. Fax and e-mail are available too.

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Saved by the Aliens

by Chris Rutkowski

Of the many different cores around which a cult can form, possibly the most curious is the phenomenon of UFOs. Fanatical UFO belief is basically an anti-science movement. It rejects the scientific evaluation and rational explanation for UFOs in favor of a more mystical and religious view. It becomes cult-like when adherents become closed to any interpretation of UFOs as conventional phenomena. Further, fanatical UFO believers often alienate themselves from other UFO buffs, who are interested in a search for "the truth" but do not "know" the truth as fanatical followers claim.

There are two basic forms of such fanatical groups:

- 1) spiritual/religious UFO cults; and
- 2) obsessive UFO belief cults.

The spiritual UFO cults embrace omnipotent beings known often as the "Space Brothers," closely akin to deities. They are always much more advanced than humans, and their levels of advancement are such that they almost always have apparently magical or mystical powers, often including ESP and other psychic abilities. In some cases, they are also more "spiritually-attuned" than us.

They are extraterrestrial in the same sense that God is "not of this world," and come from distant planets. Each sub-cult names a different planet of origin for their alien brothers and sisters, including Clarion, Korendar and Zanthar. In UFO cult mythology, for example, Clarion is said to exist "on the other side of the Sun." Some groups select planets within our Solar system as their aliens' homes, including Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus, although some have located their aliens on or inside the Earth.

The belief-based cults usually have no spiritual relationship with the Space Brothers, but simply believe that extraterrestrials are visiting Earth. They reject scientists' explanations of UFOs, and often insist that there is some sort of grand cover-up of the knowledge that aliens are among us. One of the early, well-known spiritual UFO cults was the Aetherius Society, founded in Britain by George King in March 1954. One day, King said that he heard a voice from heaven, telling him: "Prepare yourself; you are to become the voice of Interplanetary Parliament."

Eight days later, King said a man in white robes walked through a door into his room and delivered the aliens' message that mankind is spiritually unwell. King was advised he was to become the terrestrial representative of the Interplanetary Parliament, which meets regularly on Saturn. He was told to prepare himself for his important duties by practising yoga and leading a healthier lifestyle.

A few months later, King was contacted again, this time by the aliens' leader, Master Aetherius. Aetherius was from Venus, where an advanced civilization rules the Solar system. King's body was taken over and controlled by Aetherius, who began proselytizing as he was the "primary terrestrial channel." His mission was, simply, to "alert the world." King attracted a considerable number of followers. His meetings usually took the form of a public channelling display. King went into a trance and began speaking as a "lesser agent," telling of upcoming natural disasters as well as happier occasions such as sightings and landings of flying saucers. Then, Aetherius himself would get channelled, and inform the gathered crowd about esoteric teachings, describing "cosmic energies" and the need for more "positive ions" in the world.

Occasionally, another entity would get channelled, including such individuals as Jesus Christ. Jesus explained that He had been born on Venus and had come to Earth in a flying saucer which was disguised as the Star of Bethlehem.

Jesus is now on Mars, where He continues His teachings. Channelled, Jesus recited from the New Testament and led the group in prayer. King commended that his followers needed to "charge" mountains in order to prevent cataclysms. He would often lead groups into various mountainous regions where they would pray in circles, thus charging "energy batteries" which could be used by the aliens to prevent disasters.

Another UFO cult leader was George Adamski. His mission on Earth began on November 20th, 1952, at 12:30 p.m., near the town of Parker in the California desert, when he and some friends saw a UFO apparently land nearby. He instructed his friends to remain with their car while he went to investigate. Adamski said that he came face to face with a space being who had human features and long, light-colored, shoulder-length hair. (Later, such aliens were called blondes.) Communicating in sign language, Adamski learned that the visitor was from Venus. Later, he was told that the Space Brothers were very displeased with human behavior and had enlisted Adamski to carry their message of peace and goodwill to all mankind.

Adamski published three books describing his encounters with the aliens and their messages. They each were financial successes, allowing him to travel widely and attract a huge following. He referred to himself as Professor George Adamski, and claimed that he lived and worked at Mount Palomar Observatory. In reality, he ran a small cafeteria halfway up the mountain road leading to the astronomical institution. He did have a small portable telescope, through which he took several photographs of aliens and their spaceships hovering nearby, all of which were out of focus or of dubious heritage. One widely-published photograph, showing a closeup of a flying saucer with portholes and ball-like objects underneath, has been dismissed by skeptics as the top part of a vacuum cleaner, a bottle washer or a chicken brooder. Adamski's followers formed groups in many cities around the world, including Canada. Adamski died in 1965, but his groups continued meeting as recently as the late 1970s.

George Van Tassel founded the "College of Universal Wisdom" in 1953. Van Tassel is best known as the organizer of the Giant Rock Flying Saucer Convention, which was held annually for nearly two decades on a desert airfield near Giant Rock, California. The night of August 24, 1953, Van Tassel was sleeping with his wife and was woken up at about 2:00 a.m. to find a man standing at the foot of his bed. The human-appearing entity said that his name was "Sol-ganda" and insisted that Van Tassel come with him aboard his spaceship. Van Tassel noted that his wife was in a deep sleep which Sol-ganda said was because of a "spell." Outside, Van Tassel saw a bell-shaped craft that was powered by an "antigravity beam."

Van Tassel didn't receive any direct message from his alien contact, but simply was shown things which he interpreted as directions and information to pass on to others. For example, during one of his later contacts, he was visually shown the "true history" of the human race, as observed by aliens. Typically, Van Tassel would go into a trance at a meeting and channel information from Sol-ganda or other aliens.

Van Tassel was often attacked by skeptics, and one of the most memorable incidents was the action of a lawyer who set out to show that Van Tassel's stories were hoaxes. He sent Van Tassel faked UFO photos, which Van Tassel quickly adopted as true and proof of his own experiences. However, when both the lawyer and Van Tassel appeared together on a popular UFO-related radio talk show, the lawyer revealed the photos as his fakes. Despite such damaging evidence, Van Tassel remained popular and his Giant Rock convention attracted many thousands of devotees and contactees annually. Near the convention site, he built the Integratron, a wooden dome-shaped temple, from plans he said were supplied by the Space Brothers and similar to Solomon's Temple from the Old Testament. The Integratron was designed for 'rejuvenation' of the human body, through 'omni-beams' directed from above.

In September of 1944, Amazing Stories magazine editor Ray Palmer received a letter from Richard Shaver. Shaver detailed how he had learned of an "ancient alphabet" from a lost race that had once thrived on Earth and had battled evil aliens. Palmer had his reservations, but he published the letter and was surprised to receive hundreds of requests for more information. Shaver replied with a long story titled: "A Warning to Future Man," which Palmer edited and rewrote as "I Remember Lemuria." It was published in March, 1945. The piece received an unprecedented response from the magazine's readership. More than 50,000 letters flowed in from people who praised the work but also added their own personal experiences which supported the story.

Basically, Shaver's story relied on "racial memories" about a race of subhuman creatures called deros (detrimental robots) living in underground cities with the Earth. The deros had once been slaves of an advanced civilization which had once existed on Lemuria, but had perished during the cataclysm that destroyed Atlantis. Deros had control of the Lemurians highly-advanced technology, including mind-rays which they directed at humans on the surface of the Earth, causing mental, emotional and physical problems. Other devices caused earthquakes, volcanoes and droughts. Their sole pastime was to annoy and persecute the human race. Occasionally, they would kidnap humans

and torture them, sometimes returning them to the surface, but most often hiding them forever, such as the case of Jimmy Hoffa and Judge Crater. Ray Palmer continued to publish the Shaver stories as fact, which eventually led to his firing from *Amazing Stories*, but he then began his own science fiction pulp magazine, called first *Other Worlds*, then *Flying Saucers from Other Worlds* and then finally *Flying Saucers*. The stories continued being published until the 1970s.

MARK-AGE is a quasi-religious group that still exists today. Its basic set of beliefs is that mankind was once part of an interplanetary spiritual communications system, but has turned away from spiritual matters. Because of this, the Hierarchical Board of the Solar System "drew the veil" over our consciousness. However, some of the aliens, being benevolent, are trying to increase our spiritual consciousness, using mental communications with certain members of our society, projecting their own bodies or actually making themselves seen in their flying saucers. Mark is the chief contact for Earth, and has been assigned to make mankind "space-conscious" and ready to meet other life forms.

Mark-Age devotees believe that God is helping the United States space program because it was defined as "one nation under God." The Soviet Union was not given such help because it was in their opinion atheistic. A similar group is the Universal Link, which is concerned that our spiritual understanding is not at the same level as our technology. They view our society as plagued by injustice and strife. They also hold that the Chinese are "breaking the power balance of the world" and may lead us into atomic war.

Flying saucers are the "links" in the aliens' operation to Earth, which is designed to create a paradigm shift towards more spiritual matters. The Universal Link is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Earth, Jesus being an alien whose real name is Orthon.

According to the Raelians, aliens are really the "Elohim" referred to in some biblical teachings, meaning literally, "those from the sky." They created humans in a laboratory on their own planet and put us on Earth. We accidentally gained intelligence through interbreeding, and became self-conscious. The aliens left us to our own affairs, but they occasionally send messengers to check on us, such as Jesus, Mohammed and Buddha. The latest alien messenger is Rael, born as Claude Vorhilon, who has been to their home planet and met all the other messengers there. Raelians believe that all of the miracles and visitations recorded in the Bible were performed or caused by aliens and their UFOs. They have about 10,000 members worldwide, based in France but with satellite groups in other countries including the USA and Canada.

Robert Barry founded the 20th Century UFO Bureau in the late 1960s. He stressed that the public had been lied by the government about the existence of UFOs and aliens on Earth. Basically, an anti-coverup group, Barry also taught that UFOs were spaceships piloted by angels, although a few are driven by Satan and his forces. The angel-piloted UFOs assist the Israelis in their battles in the Holy Land. In the 1970s, Barry held public meetings in a number of cities and towns, promoting himself in "bible belt areas such as Steinbach, Manitoba and in Pennsylvania.

Vonnetta Chouinard was born in 1935 in Oxford, Nova Scotia. When she came out of her mother's womb, she had a caul on her face, considered a lucky or fortunate omen. She claimed that at age 7, she died from pneumonia, but "rose again on the third day" after sulfa drugs were administered to her. At age 10, she walked into another dimension and began having visions. In 1968, space creatures took her in their craft to other planets, and even inside the Earth. While on board during one of her journeys, they used an x-ray device to look inside her body. They found several tumors in her body and they operated on her with such advanced surgical techniques that they left no scars. Vonnetta says she was chosen by beings from the fourth dimension to carry their message of peace and sanity to the world. She was directed to help convince mankind to stop pollution, cease atomic testing and repent to God. She was interested in educating children in the aliens' message through UFO comic books and TV shows.

In 1975, a "scout craft" burned a cross into a field in Nova Scotia. No snow stayed on the cross, which remained warm to the touch all winter. In spring, no grass grew. A spring nearby turned reddish, then cleared, but Vonnetta began holding religious ceremonies at the site. She claimed that people could be healed by water from the spring, and her "services" were attended by many devotees who were healed of ailments such as arthritis, lameness and blindness. However, some local residents who were skeptical of the activities attempted to put an end to them by hiring a bulldozer to plow the cross over. Vonnetta and her group made a public demonstration of solidarity by lying in front of the bulldozer and stopping the plan. But, as Vonnetta noted, the bodies of those who wanted to plow over the cross were found soon after at the bottom of a lake, with many bones broken. She said that this showed how bad things would happen to those who got in the way of the plans of Space Brothers.

WIMBLEDON DAYLIGHT UFO

Saturday 5th July 1997 was a bright and cloudless day at Tibbets Corner near Wimbledon, where the annual tennis championships were taking place as usual. But just after noon, when Alex Maddern and his wife glanced out of the kitchen window of their fourth floor flat there, they told SIGAP they had seen, glinting in the sunlight, "a very strange object moving across the sky."

It was travelling so fast that they only had it in view for about half a minute, until it disappeared in the direction of Kingston, Surrey. The Madderns, living as they do in the Heathrow flight path, are very familiar with the ordinary air traffic but claim that this distinctive object was outside the usual flight paths and much lower in altitude.

They described the UFO as "a metallic disc" with "a highly reflective surface" like aluminium, and "clam shaped", which would suggest that the disc had a raised conical central section. Enquiries by a SIGAP member who is also an Air Traffic Controller at Heathrow indicated that no normal air traffic was logged in the area at the time, and a UFO outside the normal flight paths would not be registered on his equipment. There was a possibility that it might have been recorded on the radar tapes, but these would not be accessible.

Whether the ufonauts were studying the behaviour patterns of humanity in the mass, using the Wimbledon concourse for area observation, we shall probably never know: but at least it could make an interesting change from hovering over military installations!

SIGAP received Mr. Maddern's report by E-mail the day following the occurrence, which made possible immediate investigation, and we congratulate him on the detail and promptness of his account. If he contacted his local newspaper, a report there might produce confirmation from others who also witnessed the phenomenon.

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Friday, May 5: FEMA's Secret Control of the Airwaves

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) was hailed as a major upgrade to the antiquated Emergency Broadcast System; federal officials predicted it would save lives and cut costs. But how much praise would it receive if people realized that the new system gave the government complete control over all broadcast communications? A recent mishap during a FEMA test of the new system revealed the inner workings of digital totalitarianism, as a "trigger" station in Cleveland, Ohio, sent a signal to all area broadcasters which could not be overridden until a second signal from FEMA returned control of the transmissions to local TV and radio stations. Soon, new digital equipment, from your clock/radio to your pager, will **AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATE** upon reception of the EAS signal, regardless of whether they're turned on or not. How could this system be abused? Are you ready for the government to turn on your "telescreen" whether you want it on or not?

SAUCER LANDS SOUTH OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

A week-long UFO flap in Bloomington, Indiana (population 51,646) culminated in a saucer landing the night of Sunday, May 18, 1997. Just after 11 p.m., local ufologist John Tosti and two co-workers "were witness to a UFO hovering over an area behind the plant...He then drove to Snoddy Road on the southeast side of Bloomington and pulled over to the (road's) shoulder. It was 12:15 a.m. (Monday, May 19, 1997) when, one by one, eight UFOs 'blinked on.'

John decided to elicit a response from one of these by flashing his headlights from bright to dim, on and off. Two ships began to approach his position. Not a sound could be heard as the craft moved in. The car's electrical system went dead as the object hovered overhead."

Tosti was able to "make out a disc-shaped metallic surface, with a round, smaller-section dome, and an even smaller but dome-shaped object at the very top. Emanating from the whole underneath of the object was a blue glow, which was so intense that it illuminated the roadway below. A shimmering, sparkling effect 'like shiny silver particles' could be seen in the air between the bottom of the ship and the ground. All the while, a bright white strobe light at the very top was flashing rapidly. Around the middle of section of craft was a row of "square windows" showing a "'yellow to amber' ambient light within."

"With the craft now tilted slightly, John could see through some of the windows the silhouettes of several individuals with disproportionately large heads." Tosti reportedly attempted to communicate with the occupants by waving his arms, but they gave no sign of having noticed him. After deploying "two smaller illuminated spherical objects, one red, the other blue, which were 'doing figure eights'...some of the occupants stepped away from the windows, and the ship levelled itself and flew off into the sky."

Three days earlier, on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at around 11 p.m., John Tosti and fellow ufologist Lynn Taylor drove to the Morgan-Monroe State Forest, located 15 miles (24 kilometers) northeast of Bloomington to do some skywatching. "Across a field, situated on top of a ridge, was a bright yellow object. For a moment, it remained motionless above an outcrop of trees, before it rose straight up and moved out of the area."

The previous night, Wednesday, May 14, Lynn Taylor and his wife, Linda, "were returning home from town when we caught sight of another amber glowing object rising in a northerly direction between new and old Highway 37 West." The flap began on Saturday, May 10, 1997, at 11:40p.m., when ufologist Jim Bailey phoned Taylor and reportedly said, "Sorry for calling you so late, Lynn. We're standing outside watching three UFOs, and they're heading right towards you."

Pulling on his clothes, Taylor ran downstairs and out the back door. "There it was. I could see it through the trees as it tried to sneak by undetected. I was staring at the most brilliant UFO I've ever seen. It flickered and shimmered like a road flare. Most (UFOs) that I've witnessed have been yellow or amber in color, but this one was red/orange--actually more red than orange. It was a half-mile distant and moving at a leisurely pace."

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. The Corso Revelations

William Birnes on Himself, UFOs, Impressions of Col. Corso

[CNI News thanks William J. Birnes, co-author (with Col. Philip Corso) of the new bombshell book "The Day After Roswell," for this exclusive interview in which he discusses his involvement with the book and his candid impressions of the man behind the story, Col. Philip Corso.]

CNI News: Please tell us a little about your background: schooling, profession, military involvement, other publications -- anything you'd like our readers to know about you.

William Birnes: I'm a 52-year-old writer, editor, book publisher, and literary rights agent in New York and Los Angeles. I write mostly true crime, but have done some celebrity books and sports biographies. By training, I'm an academic with a Ph.D. in Medieval Literature and Linguistics from N.Y.U. I taught English and Linguistics on both undergraduate and graduate levels for many years at what is now called the College of New Jersey. When I taught there it was called Trenton State College. I have been an NEH fellow and an NEH grants judge. I've never served in the military.

CNI: How would you describe your orientation to the UFO subject? Prior to working with Corso, were you familiar with UFO research and lore? Did you have a personal opinion on the "reality" of UFOs as unusual aircraft of possibly non-human origin?

WB: I was a UFO literary and movie "fan" with a cursory background into the research. I'd read Kevin Randle and Stan Friedman, saw all the relevant documentaries, knew the lore of Roswell and spoken with people in Roswell who had claimed to have knowledge of the 1947 incident. I had heard "stories" about a group called MJ-12 and, of course, read about it in books, but had no direct knowledge of it. I'd spoken to some pilots who's claimed to have had encounters and had heard stories about UFOs in Mexico and Brazil. But I had no direct knowledge of any UFO encounters except through second-hand or third-hand sources.

CNI: How did you come to collaborate with Col. Corso on this project? When did your collaboration begin and how did it develop?

WB: I was brought to Col. Corso by a Los Angeles motion picture company that was working with him on his World War II and Korean War Army Intelligence experiences. I was particularly interested in writing a book with him on his tour of duty in Rome when he managed to arrange for the escape of a Jewish displaced war refugee camp from Rome to Palestine right under the noses of the British and the Soviet NKVD units operating in Rome. But after developing a book outline for this, I learned about Col. Corso's experiences as a member of the U.S. Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1963 and his investigation of the Warren Commission (all of it documented) and I really got intrigued.

It was only after we'd talked about what kinds of books we wanted to do that [Col. Corso] confided in me that he'd had another job when he was at the Pentagon from 1961-1963 which concerned the development of U.S. weapons technology from "foreign" or "alien" sources. Ultimately, he told me that he had information from the Roswell crash that had been kept in the Army files since 1947 and gradually put into development. When it became his time to take over the files, he was in charge of the anti-missile missile, military applications for the already-in-development laser, a night vision lens, and the high-energy kinetic electron beam. The inspiration for all of these devices, he said, came from files the Army kept on the technology of the devices retrieved from Roswell. The cover for this "alien" technology

development was the routine Army weapons development program. He showed me the development histories of these weapons and from what I could see, the cover worked perfectly. Things just seemed to "appear" in development without any previous history. Of course, nobody wrote down anything about Roswell.

CNI: What else can you say about Corso's background and overall credibility?

WB: Phil Corso was an Army Intelligence officer trained by the British. His records were covered up by his bosses at the Pentagon because he had made intelligence discoveries (not related to Roswell) that put his life in danger. I have seen some of the classified information he developed and it amounts to nothing less than a "secret history of the United States." I'm almost afraid to talk [about] some of this stuff. But the man is as credible as they come. He was responsible for POW exchanges, had sources deep inside the KGB, fought a real battle for over fifteen years with the CIA, and saved the life of House Speaker McCormick in the hours after JFK was assassinated in Texas. I've even managed to confirm through columnist Paul Scott (now in his 90's, I think) that it was Corso who leaked information about the Soviet IRBMs [intermediate range missiles] in Cuba in 1962 because the president wasn't going to do anything about them. Corso's as real as they come.

CNI: While you worked with Corso, was there any point at which your own sense of reality was challenged by his claims? If so, what caused that to happen for you?

WB: I was frankly amazed at the matter-of-fact way in which Corso recounted the day-to-day operations of slipping alien technology into the R&D units of large corporations. His facile way of dealing with large companies through the offices of General Trudeau showed me just how narrow the line is between the military and corporate America. Maybe it's different today, but back in the 1960s, while JFK was talking about idealism and altruism, the military was fighting its own war both within government, with the Soviets and their satellite nations, and with some alien presence that the military believed was hostile. It was as if there was an entire universe during the early 1960s that was completely invisible unless you knew it was there. More than ever, Phil Corso's revelations pointed me in the direction of a "secret American history" that is still unfolding today.

CNI: Turning now to the specifics in the book, does Corso state as fact that alien (i.e. off-world, non-human) artifacts have been acquired by the U.S. government?

WB: Yes. Said artifacts were part of the Roswell debris delivered to the Pentagon from Wright Field and were stored in R&D files for over ten years before anyone tried to harvest them. Corso handled some of these artifacts, especially the cracker-sized IC wafers, a fiber-optic harness, and some kind of metallic headband, and tried to determine what use they had.

CNI: And does Corso state as fact that alien bodies have been acquired by the U.S. government?

WB: Corso saw one of the alien bodies floating in some kind of gel in a casket at Fort Riley in 1947 and reviewed the Army autopsy of an alien body while he was at the Pentagon. He describes what the Army pathologists speculated upon in his book.

CNI: In your understanding, why is Corso writing this book now?

WB: Corso says that now that everybody is dead, especially his boss, Arthur Trudeau, he feels comfortable talking about the Foreign Technology section of Army R&D. Five years ago, he wouldn't have compiled this manuscript or dared to describe what he did. But, now, he says, there really is no reason to keep these facts hidden. Besides, he believes he's part of the disclosure.

AN INTERESTING BROADCAST

(23:15 UK Time, 29th May 1997.)

Regular talk/music show on BBC Radio 2, Richard Allinson Show. Allinson's guest that night was a Dr Richard Lawrence, a Ufologist, and the interview was not the usual patronising rubbish, but quite serious.

When asked for an example of a solid UFO experience, Lawrence related the story of a friend of his who was driving home with his wife in the late '70's near Worcester, England when their car was lifted off of the ground by a bright light. They were approached from the light by a 6ft humanoid male with pale blue eyes, and that is all the couple remember.

Subsequently, and more interestingly they were visited at home by a (supposed?) Ministry of Defence official who tried to persuade them that they had seen only the lights on a new highway, and that their humanoid encounter was with a milkman delivering in the early morning! Since they had not, at that time, discussed their encounter with anyone they were distressed and frightened by the visit. The couple have not publicised their experience since.

Even more interesting was the reaction of the interviewer. He related a story of his having Buzz Aldrin on the programme, and how Aldrin told him that on the Apollo 11 mission the vehicle was closely tracked to and from the moon by a variety of spacecraft of unknown origin. He would not repeat these statements on air, and confided that the "recordings" he heard later from himself, Armstrong and Collins had been edited to remove all traces of their reports of bogeys.

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UFO LEAVES CROP CIRCLES IN CROATIA

On Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 8:15 p.m., the Croatian national TV aired a strange report during the show Ziva Istina (The Living Truth). According to the announcer, a UFO appeared over the town of Zagorje in northern Croatia. He said, "It seemed like a giant cigar."

A Zagorje man was watching TV at 6:45 p.m. that evening when he suddenly noticed "red light streaming through the window." He left his chair, got dressed and went out in the yard to see what the disturbance was all about. About 160 meters (530 feet) away, in a farm field, a "fireball" hovered just above the ground. The witness described the UFO as a black sphere surrounded by a fiery red glow, approximately 12 meters high and 15 meters in diameter, with "three holes like windows."

After the UFO flew away, the man went to the field and discovered a crop circle measuring 28 meters (92 feet) in diameter. He also found a few strange footprints "larger than his own." The prints were Croatian shoe size #43 (Size 9 U.S.)

This is Croatia's second UFO incident of 1997. On February 20, Damir Nozica spotted "three orange fireballs" flying over Lokrum Island in the Adriatic Sea, about 8 kilometers (5 miles) south of Dubrovnik.

CNI NEWS INTERVIEWS COLONEL PHILIP CORSO

(Interview edited by PEGASUS)

[From the moment he arrived in Roswell, New Mexico, Colonel Philip Corso was in constant demand for press interviews. Despite his advanced age, Corso was energetic, lucid and very generous with his time. CNI News editor Michael Lindemann was fortunate to be invited to interview the Colonel in his hotel room on Saturday morning, July 5.

In the book, Corso says that a genuine alien spacecraft, with bodies, was recovered near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. He says he personally viewed one of the dead alien bodies. More importantly, he says that during the early 1960s, he was stationed at the Pentagon under the command of General Arthur Trudeau, and was assigned the super-secret task of parcelling pieces of alien spacecraft wreckage out to various defence-related companies who could back engineer the alien material into useful human technology. From this program, Corso says, sprang such strategically important developments as the integrated circuit for computers, fibre optics, advanced night vision technology and lasers.]

Michael Lindemann: Not only are you a highly decorated military officer, but it seems you've always been willing to be a bit of a maverick when it comes to "doing the right thing," even if it might make some other people uncomfortable -- to the point where this latest disclosure about Roswell seems essentially in character for you. But this is a bigger disclosure, a bigger departure from the norm than your previous actions, don't you think?

Philip Corso: Well, some other things have been pretty important. I have to give a lot of credit to General Trudeau, who made it possible, and to the other people who were with me. Maybe we changed the course of the world. The thing that I've done now is going to affect the future. That's why I bring the children in on it, the young ones. We're old now, we're going to be moving on. But they're going to be here. Let them know what happened. I think it's of great importance that those children are going to read this and know what happened and what it came from, and that it was true. It did happen. They have to know what's involved, and what it's leading to. They're the ones who will be involved in what it leads to. From that point of view, it's the most important thing I ever did.

ML: Where do you think it does lead to?

PC: The world's not going to stop. Maybe this was a seed that was sown to start a new world. Look what they did with the [computer] chip -- in just a few years, how it blossomed out into the supercomputer. I said to General Trudeau, "What are we unleashing on the world, General? If this can integrate with the brain, there's great danger." He said, "Yes, Phil, but the people coming after us, we hope, will possibly understand and take this into consideration. But maybe not in our lifetime." He didn't see it in his lifetime. He died three years ago.

ML: Do we know how to build the kind of craft that they found at Roswell?

PC: I think that we will know. Where we were missing out on a lot of this was in the propulsion and guidance systems. We came to the conclusion years ago, and now it's starting to take hold even among scientists, that the reason we missed out on this was that the extraterrestrial himself was the guidance system. He was part of the system. See, this is all starting to come forward now.

ML: Did you know that the American public was this hungry for this information, and this ready to believe you?

PC: Sure I knew. Let them know. They want to know. That Orson Welles show [War of the Worlds, 1938] has thrown a lot of people off. It's not going to be like that.

ML: Do you feel we are ready to know the truth on this?

PC: We've been ready. A long time ago.

ML: Did you have to wilfully break any personal oaths or promises to the military or the country in order to do what you've done?

PC: No. The oath that I held was with the General. I held that oath until he died, because he was an honourable man, an honest man. I liked him. He was a great man. As far as being an Army officer, I kept my oath for thirty-five years. I did not violate any security, and I had all the clearances. I was the one who used to stop people from violating security. I did not reveal anything that's harmful or should be kept quiet.

ML: There have been rumours and speculations that Roswell, and what came from Roswell -- the way we exploited Roswell technology -- might not have been the very first time such a thing happened. There have even been indications or speculations that the Nazis had done such a thing, that some of their extraordinary technological developments may have come from a similar source. What do you think about that?

PC: Yes. True. I had German scientists on my team. I discussed this with them. I discussed this with Oberth, von Braun. I was part of Project Paperclip with General Trudeau. There's an example in the book. In the middle of the book there's a photograph of Edward O'Connor, one of Truman's poker-playing buddies at the White House -- he was a Soviet expert -- and General Trudeau, myself and Victor Fediay of the Library of Congress, who spoke fluent Russian. Fediay was going to Russia. I gave him a series of questions. I said, "Ask a KGB general these questions [pertaining to UFOs]." So Victor comes back and says, "Phil, I asked him the questions. You know what he said? He said, 'I know what you want. But do you want me killed?'" Now, that's Russia. Germany? Yes. Canadians and British also, and something in Italy. There were crashes elsewhere, and they gathered material too. The Germans were working on it. They didn't solve the propulsion system. They did a lot of experiments on flying saucers. They had one that went up 12,000 feet. But where all, we and they, missed out was on the guidance system. In R&D we began to realize that this being was part of the guidance system, part of the apparatus himself -- or itself, because it had no sexual organs. This is where most people missed out.

ML: Do you think, then, that if we are going to develop a way of interstellar travel, we will have to develop a similar relationship to our spacecraft?

PC: Man can't travel in space today. Those clones were created to travel in space, specifically. They can travel in space. Our muscles, our bones, our brain, can't take space travel, even today. We can't do it.

ML: We can do it to some extent.

PC: Well, when they go to Mir, they stay up there two or three months, and when they come off, they have to be carried off. Their bones won't hold up. If they stayed a little longer, they'll never be able to walk. But the big thing that is not talked about is [that] the brain is affected up there.

ML: How is that?

PC: Gravity, radiation -- it comes right through that ship. Look at Senator [John] Glenn, he saw "fireflies" coming through his capsule. They weren't fireflies, they were some kind of electromagnetic thing that came through there. Those [alien] beings are created specifically to travel in space.

ML: Just the other day, the Air Force issued their latest official explanation of what happened at Roswell. I'm sure you must have had a few chuckles over it. How are you responding to this? And how is the press treating you, now that you've made your position so clear and now that the Air Force has said, again, that it's all a bunch of baloney?

PC: They're treating me better than I ever expected. I expected criticism. As far as the Air Force, I fought alongside them in Korea. I have a lot of friends in the Air Force, and I will not criticize a sister service. But I will criticize their superiors, the Secretary of the Air Force and so forth. It amazes me and I cannot comprehend why they do this. They don't have to do this. Why do they want themselves to look like fools? Even the young kids are telling me, "Dummies? Dummies?" and then they laugh. I can't comprehend why they put that out. What is in their mind? If I'd have written something like that, General Trudeau would have thrown me out of the top window of the Pentagon.

ML: Cutting to other news, there was a story that broke here yesterday morning [Friday, July 4] about an object that had been tested by several scientists. Its content was almost entirely pure silicon, with small traces of metals such as germanium and zinc. This sounds suspiciously like some kind of solid state artifact, and it showed such highly anomalous isotopic ratios that a scientist was willing to say on the record that it had the appearance of extraterrestrial manufacture. Can this be compared with anything you saw at the Pentagon, Colonel?

PC: I don't know anything about it. It doesn't even sound similar to me.

ML: According to your book, you spent most of your time dealing with the artifacts and debris of the Roswell incident, but what about the aliens involved, and more especially, what about the alien situation today? What do you think is the nature of the alien presence, if any, on earth today?

PC: From my knowledge, at the moment, I don't know of any alien presence on earth. There are still reports of flying saucers, of course, but I don't know of any report of a body, or anyone who has seen [an alien] lately.

ML: What do you say about people such as abductees who claim to be actually seeing these creatures?

PC: My reports were thirty-five years ago. If there's anything now, I'm not aware of it. I know just what I saw in those days, and the truth like I lived it. If there's any aliens now, I'd like to see them. I don't know where they are. I'd like to see if they compare with the ones that I saw.

[Due to the Colonel's other commitments, the interview ended here.]

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CHUPACABRAS SCARE SWEEPS BRAZIL

Stories of a strange Chupacabras-style creature that attacks sheep have created panic among "chacareiros" (ranchers) in Brazil's southern states of Sao Paulo and Parana. Known as "O Bicho" (pronounced Beee-shoooo), meaning "The Beast," the creature has killed over 50 sheep since January 28, 1997. The attacks have been concentrated in rural districts surrounding the city of Campinas in Sao Paulo state and the small city of Campina Grande do Sul, 30 kilometers (18 miles) from Curitiba in Parana state.

A woman of rural Sao Paulo state, who saw Bicho two weeks ago, described the creature as "two meters tall (six feet, six inches), very thin, with small forearms and long claws, and of a dark gray color." On May 11, 1997, the newspaper Folha de Londrina in Parana state published a long feature story on Bicho. According to journalist Paulo San Martin, "The first attacks occurred at the end of January. But no one called attention to them until a month later when the massacre occurred at the ranch of Samuel Ramos Lago" near Campina Grande do Sul.

On February 20, 1997, Ramos Lago and his wife, Rosimara, left their ranch on a business trip. Staying behind was housekeeper Jose Batista de Moraes.

Batista de Moraes told the newspaper that "at 2 a.m. (February 21) he "awoke apprehensively having heard loud noises coming from outside." Because it was drizzling, he put on a raincoat before going into the barnyard. "When I approach the corral, I heard sheep bleating and a loud rumble, a type of growling that I'd never heard before," Batista de Moraes said. "I tried to enter through the gates, but they were tightly shut. By the time I got to the other gate, the strange animal had escaped."

Inside the corral, Batista de Moraes "switched on the lights and found a scene of massacre. Twelve sheep lay dead, and another 11 were very much chewed up. All of the sheep were mutilated with surgical precision. Some of the living sheep had suffered an excruciating blow, a violent break of the maxillary bone."

When the Ramos couple returned home, Samuel examined the dead sheep and "found claw scrapes and a curious cut on each sheep's ear. The cuts were perfect. They appeared to have been executed by a surgical instrument."

Local veterinarian Dr. Luiz Cintra was the first to investigate the scene. He took samples of a "mucus-like substance" found on the wool of the dead sheep.

Three days later, on February 24, the Policia Florestal and a team of veterinarians led by Dr. Ana Silvia Passarinho of Curitiba's municipal zoo examined the dead and wounded sheep. "Other predators of the region were immediately dismissed," Folha de Londrina reported. "Jaguars don't attack sheep. Also, their teeth marks are too small to fit the incisors shown on the remains." Dr. Passarinho said, "Cats do not attack their prey from behind. Nor do they go for the ears first, as this creature did." She added that the scale of butchery was out of character for felines, as well.

METEORITES ANCIENT HISTORY

NASA's announcements about Martian meteorites have led many to suppose that this is a recent discovery. In fact, as the following extract from Frank Edwards' book *Flying Saucers - Serious Business* (pub. 1966) shows, such meteorites have been objects of study since the 1950s.

A meteorite of the type known as carbonaceous chondrite (granular, containing carbon) had been found near Murray, Kentucky, in 1950. It was turned over to the Smithsonian Institute for study, where scientists subjected it to lengthy observation and chemical analysis. Their report, over the signature of Dr. Melvin Calvin, may easily be construed as evidence that they were aware of the criticism they were inviting. The report was published in the book *Chemical Evolution* in 1961, and it identified their findings as "organic compounds" of the type common to primitive evolutionary processes. Few laymen were likely to see that statement; fewer still were likely to interpret it for what it was - a guarded admission that *the Smithsonian group had found the basic stuff of life in that meteorite.*

So it was in 1953, when a researcher at University College, in London, Dr. George Mueller, set about dissecting a meteorite from South Africa, a carbonaceous chondrite which had blazed to Earth in 1838. The doctor patiently secured from the stony mass a tiny amount of a resin which proved to contain organic acids in complex forms. He also reported finding water which was unlike the water common to Earth. Mueller added his name to the list of those who had found evidence of primitive life forms from space.

For different reasons, neither of these two reports (Mueller's and the Smithsonian's) drew any critical fire. Not so with the work of their successors in the 1960s.

Dr. Warren Meinschein, an analytical chemist for ESSO (Standard Oil Co.), used a mass spectrometer which brought the revelation that the hydrocarbons of crude oil were evidently the hydrocarbons of living things. Meinschein's discovery came to the attention of two scientists at Fordham University, Bartholomew Nagy, a geochemist, and Douglas J. Hennessy, an organic chemist. Having similar interests, they quickly formed a group to examine the hydrocarbons which a French scientist had isolated from the well-known Orgeuil meteorite, back in 1868.

These findings stirred up a scientific storm when they were published in *NATURE*, the British equivalent of the *SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN*. *NATURE* said that the study of the Orgeuil meteorite had brought to light evidence of primitive life forms which resembled, but which were not identical to, ancient forms of algae which live in water on Earth.

Actually Nagy, Meinschein and Hennessy listed and pictured five different fossil forms which

clearly indicated elementary life forms in the structure of the meteorite, all of which, they said, had developed in an environment where water had been available to them for a very long time.

Critics showered challenges from all sides. Their principal argument against the findings of the researchers was that the meteorite had been contaminated by striking the earth. Therefore, they said, any earthlike fossils had merely been acquired by contact.

It was not an unreasonable assumption, but it was badly weakened when the scientists pointed out that they had actually studied two different meteors ...and the one from France (Orgeuil) was identical in content to the one from Africa (Ivuna).

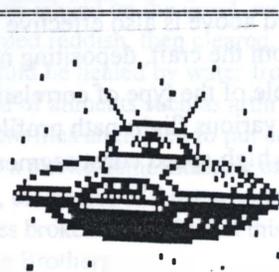
[To further confound the critics, and to startle the researchers themselves, as it turned out, fragments of the Murray, Kentucky, meteorite of 1950 were turned over to the U.S. Biological survey for study. There, in a carefully sterilised environment, tiny samples of the meteoritic substance were placed in nutrients and carefully attended. By 1961 "some growth" had been noted. In the spring of 1965 they were still growing!]

Summed up to this point in our discussion, it means that reputable scientists have discovered considerable evidence which indicates that somewhere in space there is, or has been, life. If it developed under conditions which seem indicated by the nature of it and by the content of the material in which it was found, then we have no reason to doubt that it continued to develop - at least until the cataclysm which rent the body on which life existed.

This in itself is not proof of intelligent beings - not even of little green men - but it is evidence that somewhere out there *life* did exist - and that *is* important.

Is it still there in some recognisable form on some celestial body which is capable of being interested in us ... and of reaching us physically perhaps?

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Book Review

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Synopsis of *Unconventional Flying Objects*, by Paul Hill, Hampton Roads Publ. Co., Charlottesville, VA 1995 (ISBN 1-57174-027-9), \$15.95

To the degree that the engineering characteristics of UFOs can be estimated by empirical observation, in this reviewer's opinion the above-referenced, recently-published book by Paul Hill provides the most reliable, concise summary of engineering-type data available.¹ The data were compiled over decades of research by a Chief Scientist-Manager at NASA Langley Research Center² who acted as an informal clearinghouse for UFO-related data. The strength of the compilation lies in its thoughtful separation of wheat from chaff, and the analysis of the former into coherent patterns, including detailed calculations. Perhaps surprising to the casually interested, under careful examination the observations, rather than defying the laws of physics as naive interpretation might suggest, instead appear to be solidly commensurate with them, as the following discussion shows.

One of the most consistently-observed characteristics of UFO flight is a ubiquitous pattern in which they tilt to perform all maneuvers. Specifically, they sit level to hover, tilt forward to move forward, tilt backward to stop, bank to turn, and descend by "falling-leaf" or "silver-dollar-wobble" motions. Detailed analysis by Hill shows that such motion is inconsistent with aerodynamic requirements, but totally consistent with some form of repulsive force-field propulsion. Not satisfied with paper analyses alone, Hill arranged to have various forms of jet-supported and rotor-supported circular flying platforms built and tested. Hill himself acted as test pilot in early, originally-classified, versions, and found the above motions the most economical for control purposes. Pictures of these platforms are included in the text. In an effort to examine the force-field propulsion hypothesis yet further, Hill analyzed a number of cases involving near-field interactions with an apparent craft in which some form of force was in evidence. These include examples in which a person or vehicle was affected, tree branches were parted or broken, roof tiles were dislodged, objects were deflected and ground or water were disturbed. Under close analysis the subtleties of these interactions combine to point unequivocally to a repulsive force field surrounding the craft, while discriminating against propulsion mechanisms involving jet action, pure electric or magnetic effects, or the emission of energetic particles or radiation (although the latter may accompany the propulsive mechanism as a secondary effect). Further detailed investigation indicates that the particular form of force field propulsion that satisfied observational constraints is what Hill labels a directed acceleration field; that is, a field that is, in general, gravitational-like in nature, and, in particular, gravity-canceling.³ Such a field acts on all masses in its sphere of influence as does a gravitational field. Corollary to this conclusion is that observed accelerations ~ 100 g's relative to the environment could be sustained without on-board high-g forces.

One of the consequences of the above identification of field propulsion type by Hill is his conclusion, supported by detailed calculation, computer simulation and wind-tunnel studies, that supersonic flight through the atmosphere without sonic booms is easily engineered. Manipulation of the acceleration-type force field would, even at supersonic speeds, result in a constant-pressure, compression-free zone without shockwave in which the vehicle is surrounded by a subsonic flow-pattern of streamlines, and subsonic velocity ratios. An additional benefit of such field control is that drops of moisture, rain, dust, insects, or other low-velocity objects would follow streamline paths around the craft rather than impact it.

Another puzzle resolved by Hill's analysis is that craft observed to travel continuously at Mach 4 or 5 do not appear to generate temperatures sufficiently high to be destructive to known materials. In other words, UFOs appear to prevent high aerodynamic heating rates rather than permitting a heating problem to arise, then surviving it with heat-resistant materials as is the case of the Shuttle whose surface temperatures can reach 1300°C. The resolution of this potential problem is shown by Hill to derive from the fact that the force-field control that results in the prevention of shockwave drag as discussed above is also effective in preventing aerodynamic heating. In effect the airflow approaches, then springs away from the craft, depositing no energy in the process.

A further example of the type of correlation that emerges from Hill's analytical approach is provided by an analysis of the economy of various flight-path profiles. It is shown that high-angle, high-acceleration departures on ballistic-arc trajectories with high-speed coast segments are more efficient than, for example, intermediate-level, horizontal-path

trips, both in terms of required impulse-per-unit-mass and time-of-flight parameters. This he correlates with the observation that UFO departures are of the dramatically high-angle, high-acceleration type.

Also of interest is Hill's analysis of the spectra and intensity of an apparent plasma sheath surrounding such craft, the details of which correlate with what one would expect in terms of it being a secondary effect associated with the propulsion system; for example, a blue shift and intensity increase during a "power-up" phase, and the opposite during hover and landing maneuvers. An additional fine point that emerges from this analysis is resolution of the paradox that observation on a direct line-of-sight to a near part of the craft can reveal a metallic-like structure while the attempt to observe the outline of the craft, necessarily by an oblique line-of-sight, results in an indistinct blur. Analysis shows this to be a reasonable outcome of an expected re-absorption of reflected light by the surrounding plasma in the longer-length path associated with the more oblique view.

Another typical nugget of information is found in Hill's discussion of the results of the analysis of a possible UFO artifact, the famous Ubatuba magnesium fragments claimed to have originated from an exploded unidentified craft near Ubatuba, Brazil. Laboratory analysis of the samples found the magnesium to be not only of exceptional purity, and anomalous in its trace composition of other elements, but 6.7% denser than ordinary pure magnesium, a figure well beyond the experimental error of the measurement. Hill's calculation shows that this observation can be accounted for by assuming that the sample contained only the pure isotope Mg-26, rather than the naturally-occurring distribution among isotopes Mg-24, Mg-25, and Mg-26. Since the only isotope separation on a significant scale in terrestrial manufacture is that of uranium, such a result must be considered at least anomalous, and possibly as evidence for extraterrestrial manufacture.

Additional calculations concerning the parameters of interstellar travel (including relativistic effects), and the energetics of such travel, have been performed and are included in tabular and graphical form. The wealth of material in these sections, along with discussion of the broad implications of this material, reveal the dedication and thoroughness of Hill's approach to his self-assigned task.

In the final analysis, one must conclude that Hill has assembled as good a case as can be made on the basis of presently available data that the observation of some "unconventional flying objects" is compatible with the presence of engineered platforms weighing in at something around 30 tons, which are capable of 100-g accelerations and 9000-mph speeds in the atmosphere. Perhaps more important for the technical reader, however, is Hill's supporting argumentation, based on solid analysis, that these platforms, although exhibiting the application of physics and engineering principles clearly beyond our present-day capabilities, do not appear to defy these principles in any fundamental way.

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1 The book also comes highly recommended in a Frontispiece by Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell, and in a Foreword by retired McDonnell Douglas R&D Manager, Robert M. Wood.

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SIGAP/BUFORA SKYWATCH 1967

by Jim Goddard

The skywatch took place on Pewley Down on June 24th, 1967, and was televised on the BBC's Panorama programme, in which a number of other people reported their sightings. Nothing really spectacular was seen at the watch, but we saw several quite interesting things. Perhaps the best of these was an orange light seen approximately westwards at 11.23. The report from the watch was this:

"A large bright orange light was seen approximately 5 deg. above the horizon in the WSW for approximately 2/3 seconds. It then reappeared a few deg. further south for three seconds and moved up and down before going out."

This was interesting as I had had a mental impression to leave the main group and travel to the Hog's Back just before this occurred. I saw what seems to be the same orange light in the same direction at the same time, so this is a case of a sighting seen from two viewpoints.

At 12.25, a line was seen halfway across the moon. It was slightly rippled and appeared to move down, as the moon rose in the sky. It was finally lost to sight. It was thought it could be an aircraft contrail seen against the moon.

Robert Coultie, present at the watch, describes the incident thus in the Woking News and Mail. "Just before midnight there was a cry of "Cigar over the moon!" Across the face of the moon was a thin line that seemed to sink and tilted slightly before disappearing below the moon. When first sighted it had been about three-quarters of the diameter of the moon and central to it, so that it terminated at both ends. It could not have been a cable of any sort because there are no cables in that direction".

Several other groups were watching on the same night in different parts of the country, and things seen included a cigar-shaped object over Essex, five small discs over Manchester, an object that circled over Reading and twin yellow lights at Halifax.

The night after the watch, a Mr. B. Knowles saw what he described as a "shimmering football" over the Hog's Back. This was later identified by SIGAP as aircraft landing lights, but nevertheless it caused someone to ring me about a sighting he made on June 27th, which turned out to be very interesting.

This was Squadron-Leader Shipwright, who had been walking on Albury Downs on a small track leading from the beauty spot Newlands Corner. The time was about 12.30 mid-day. He was with his wife, and when they were about half a mile from Newlands Corner they saw what at first they took to be a white horse galloping in a field about a mile away.

They soon saw that this was not a horse, however, for it was round, or very slightly egg-shaped, and was moving very rapidly backwards and forwards in a N-S, S-N direction (viewed in a southerly direction). This continued for about ten minutes, then the object stopped and began moving slowly at right angles to its previous path, until it reached the edge of the field. Then it changed direction moving off to the east, across an open part of the field, which was L-shaped. When it came to a line of high trees it paused for about half a minute, then slowly rose over them and continued on its way. It was still moving when they returned to their car at 1.45.

He rang me on July 4th, and the following day he, my father and

I went to visit the field where the object had been seen. Where the object had been moving rapidly backwards and forwards there was a scatter of what appeared to be reddish sandstone. One was much larger than the others and had what appeared to be a kind of design in the top of it. We took this and a smaller piece back with us.

Some years earlier I had obtained a set of the pictures sent back to earth from the Mariner 4 space probe, and on the best of these I had drawn some ley-type alignments with natural features and bright spots on the pictures. Although these were only three-point alignments I found them interesting because they formed a precise isosceles triangle with a perpendicular - a pattern noted before in some leys on earth. When I looked at the Albury stone I noticed a marked similarity with the pattern on top of the stone - which itself was a rather Mars-like colour.

This sighting was part of quite a widespread UFO flap, a number of the sightings of which involved orange objects. I spoke to a lady in Woking who saw a "brilliant orange disc" over Woking in the early hours of the morning. The Daily Mirror of July 19th reported "Sky Riddle of a UFO Squadron - Thousands see Orange Discs over Europe" Luminous discs apparently flashed across France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland. Orly Airport at Paris was inundated with calls, and a witness in the city mentioned that they were flying in a good formation. They were reported as far south as Italy in Verona, Turin, Milan and Florence.

Others I spoke to included someone who had heard an unusual noise overhead at night in Winchelsea in August; another person, also in August, saw a pale, circular, fuzzy object apparently giving off sparks, after returning home from a talk on the Warminster Phenomenon at Caxton Hall. I have a number of the accounts on audio tape.

UNINVITED GUESTS

A startling encounter took place in Colebrook, N.H. (population 1070), on the east bank of the Connecticut River 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Stewartstown.

According to Peter Geremia, director of MUFON New Hampshire, a Colebrook woman, age 73, "claims she was visited by 12 aliens who sat at her table, took notes and whispered among themselves, and wouldn't leave until 3:30 a.m., despite her polite requests."

"I just want to forget about it. It was very disturbing," said the 73-year-old woman, who told her story to co-workers at a local nursing home and to a MUFON investigator."

"Co-worker Tracy Perry said the woman is stable and not one to make up stories. But since the day last month (February) when she told her tale, Perry said, 'She hasn't been herself.'"

Leading the current investigative effort is Raymond E. Fowler of Wenham, Mass., MUFON's national director of investigations and the author of THE WATCHERS and THE ANDREASSON AFFAIR.

Fowler told the Herald, "I don't think we've had anything like this since 1973. We've had sightings but not sighting after sighting after sighting." (Many thanks to Jeffrey Wilcox for this story.)

1865 ANOMALOUS METEORITE

from St. Louis Democrat, October 19, 1865

A Messenger from the Celestial Regions A Stone Falls to the Ground with Characters Engraved Upon It

Mr. James Lumley, an old Rocky Mountain trapper, who has been stopping at the Everett House for several days, makes a most remarkable statement to us, and one, which if authenticated, will produce the greatest excitement in the scientific world. Mr. Lumley states that about the middle of last September, he was engaged in trapping in the mountains, about seventy-five or one hundred miles above the great falls of the Upper Missouri, and in the neighborhood of what is known as Cadotte Pass. Just after sunset one evening he beheld a bright, luminous body in the heavens, which was moving with a great rapidity in an easterly direction. It was plainly visible for at least five seconds, when it suddenly separated into particles, resembling, as Mr. Lumley described it, the bursting of a skyrocket in the air. A few minutes later he heard a heavy explosion, which jarred the earth very perceptibly, and this was shortly after followed by a rumbling sound, like a tornado sweeping through the forest. A strong wind sprang up about the same time, but as suddenly subsided. The air was also filled with a peculiar odor of a sulfurous character.

These incidents would have made but slight impression on the mind of Mr. Lumley, but for the fact that on the ensuing day he discovered, at a distance of about two miles from his camping place, that, as far as he could see in either direction, a path had been cut through the forest, several rods wide - giant trees uprooted or broken off near the ground - the tops of hills shaved off, and the earth plowed up in many places. Great and wide-spread havoc was every-where visible. Following up this track of desolation, he soon ascertained the cause of it in the shape of an immense stone that had been driven into the side of a mountain. But now comes the most remarkable part of the story. An examination of this stone, or so much of it as was visible, showed that it had been divided into compartments, and that, in various places, it was carved with curious hieroglyphics. More than this, Mr. Lumley also discovered fragments of a substance resembling glass, and here and there dark stains, as though caused by a liquid. He is confident that the hieroglyphics were the work of human hands, and that the stone itself, although but a fragment of an immense body, must have been used for some purpose by animated beings.

Strange as this story appears, Mr. Lumley relates it with so much sincerity that we are forced to accept it as true. It was evident that the stone which he discovered was a fragment of the meteor which was visible in this section in September last. It will be remembered that it was seen in Leavenworth, in Galena, and in this city by Colonel Bonneville. At Leavenworth, it was seen to separate in particles or explode.

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