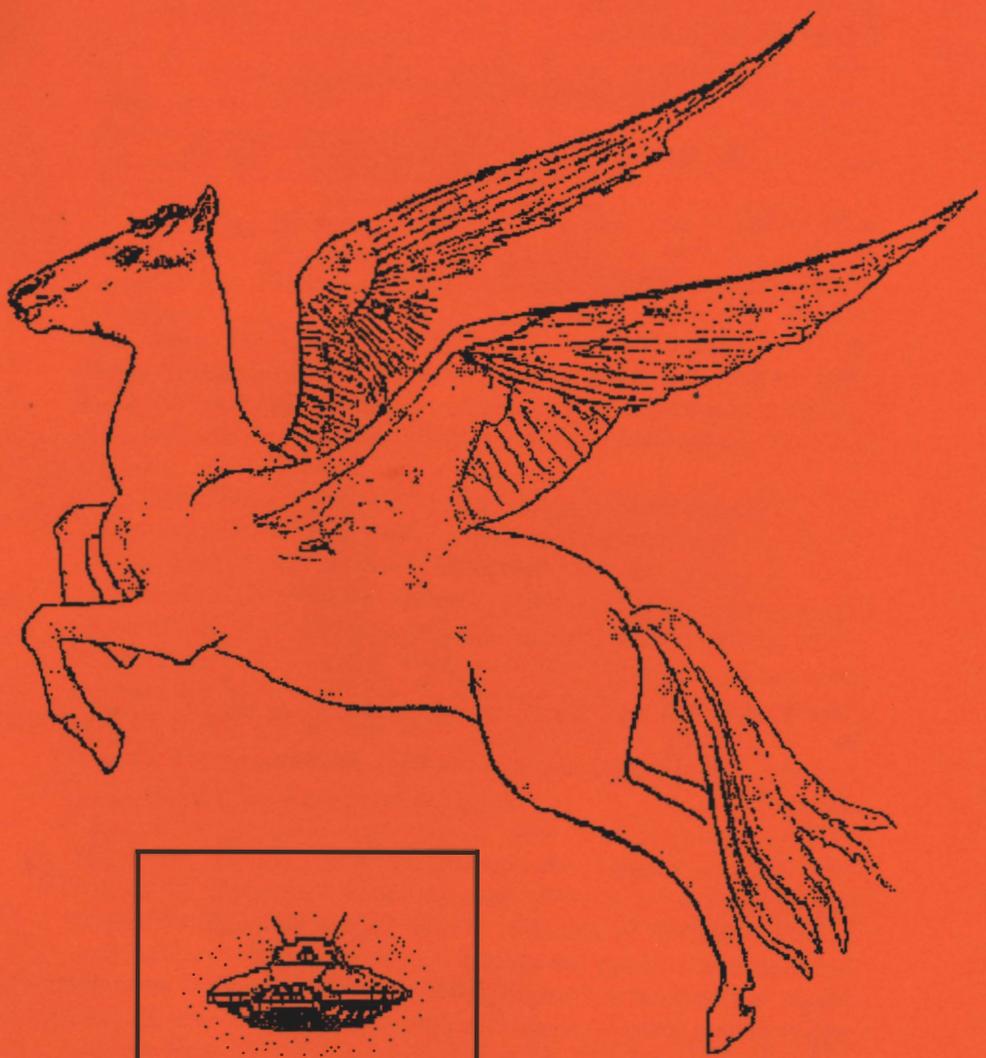


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THE TRUTH IS DOWN HERE

Under the headline "CLOSED ENCOUNTERS", the *Daily Mail* of 26 April 2001 told how Denis Plunkett, a septuagenarian Bristol ufologist, finally closed down his *British Bureau for UFOs*, complaining that "they just aren't coming here any more."

We must confess never to have previously heard tell of Mr Plunkett's half century of striving to validate the UFO phenomenon, since he seems to have remained fixed in the outlook of the Warminster school, typified by Arthur Shuttlewood's night long vigils on Cradle Hill. Even so, more sophisticated skywatchers such as Omar Fowler would scarcely agree that there is nothing to see in British skies and certainly the internet is full of world wide reports of UFO activity of many kinds. Why then is the *Daily Mail* so anxious to promote the idea that the UFO phenomenon is a thing of the past?

For contemporary ufology, the question is no longer *whether* they come, but rather *why*, *how* and *whence*, matters which will never be resolved by sitting in a damp field at midnight with a pair of binoculars. Ufology has moved from an operative to a speculative phase, in a difficult and possibly even dangerous search for evidence which certain interests wish to suppress. The truth is not mystical and out there - it's political and down here. So when shall we hear it?

G.M.

**CHILE: MEN-IN-BLACK APPEAR IN
WAKE OF CHUPACABRAS**

As noted in the last paragraph of an article entitled "A Revealing Study of the Chupacabras Case" which appeared in yesterday's *Estrella del Loa*, Calama UFO Center Researcher Jaime Ferrer managed to detect - after four days of research in a sector of El Loa province - the presence of strange individuals who intimidate those who have had alleged experiences with UFOs or with the allegedly alien creature known as the Chupacabras.

Although the presence of mysterious characters resembles more closely a story drawn from the U.S. box office hit "Men In Black", the expert claims that the events described below faithfully coincide with the statements made by the parties involved. He adds: "If I hadn't investigated the case myself, I would have found it hard to believe. Yesterday's newspaper chronicle named some individuals who visited the ranch of a humble resident of El Loa to recover hair samples left behind by a strange creature which had attacked his poultry animals.

The farmer stated that around 11:00 a.m. on the day following his encounter with a creature that can be described as nothing short of abominable, he saw three strange-looking but very well-dressed men appear while he spoke to a friend who had also seen the creature. They stood some 30 metres away from a group of acquaintances who were busy sharing a side of flame-roasted meat.

"We're policemen and we're here to arrest you," said one of the men - a phrase which shocked the farmer and gave rise to the following exchange:

Farmer: Why? I didn't do anything wrong.

Person: Look, you can't discuss what you saw last night with anyone. If you do you'll only make trouble for yourself.

Farmer: If you're policemen, could you please show me your badges? (He was aware that he had no outstanding matter to settle with the law).

Person: We'll show them soon enough.

After this brief conversation, the farmer began to observe closely the odd behaviour and equally odd garb of the unknown characters.

"These guys were almost two metres tall. I found them very strange. They were thin and resembled one another, especially in their

bearing and constitution. They wore sunglasses that concealed their eyes; one of them had eyes that reminded me of 'Spiderman's'. They always kept their left hand in their pockets - perhaps that's where they kept their side arms. They only withdrew their left hands when they were away from each other to make hand signals; they surveyed the entire area, and never once did I hear them call out to one another," the farmer told Ferrer.

He explained that the trio wore a type of glove which left their ring and smallest fingers exposed, while the rest of their fingers occupied a single space. Their shirt cuffs - he says - covered part of this "pseudomitten", over which they wore a thin, shiny metal bracelet. The farmer also describes a "prosthetic" covering the nail of the smallest finger, and a ring placed at the tip of the ring finger.

"Their Spanish was very strange, sloppy, as if they were drunk. I didn't know if they were Germans or Swedes because they spoke a language among themselves which I was unable to understand, but I can tell you it wasn't English. After they left, we realised that they didn't move their mouths to speak, which impressed us even more. Pity we didn't realise it at the time."

[The farmer] further noted that the group leader wore a hat "similar to a bullfighter's" which barely covered one of his ears, in which he could see a "V"-shaped cut and a darker shade of colour.

He also recalls the following details: a very sharp vocal tone, short blond hair, broad forehead, high cheekbones, straight nose, thin neck, small mouth (except for the group leader, who had thick lips and was wearing a safari-type jacket), a mechanized walk, similar gestures, lined eyebrows, black ties and tie clips the same colour as the stones on their rings.

One of the men engaged in roasting the side of beef remarked: "They approached us at one point and looked us up and down, but said nothing at all. They appeared to walk and spin on the tips of their feet. They gave the impression of weighing less than a normal person." The main witness added: "They didn't accept water from us. They threatened me again, promising to contact us once more. I went into the dining room and when I came back, the three men had already gone. My friend, who is more detail-minded than I am, says they boarded an ivory-lead coloured pickup truck which made no noise whatsoever and vanished after a certain distance.

Jaime Ferrer claims that after his first conversation with the resident, neither he nor his friend had seen the strangers again.

Aliens Under The Sea

Extracted from UNEARTHLY DISCLOSURE by Timothy Good, published by Century at £16.99.

Forget UFOs, something fishy is going on in the Caribbean. Are Unidentified Submersible Objects the latest space menace? Judge the facts for yourself. (Source: Daily Mail)

It's the most outlandish alien theory yet. Beings from outer space establishing secret bases on Earth, and travelling in ships that are just as much at home beneath the sea as they are in the skies. Beyond belief? Perhaps. But a new book expounding the idea is written by one of the world's most respected authorities on UFOs, Timothy Good, and his findings are supported by one of Britain's most senior military men, retired Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton. Here, Good sets out his case. Read it, and make up your own mind...

On the morning of September 4, 1971, four members of the National Geographic Institute of Costa Rica were flying in a twin-engined aircraft 10,000ft above Lake Cote, near the Central American state's forbidding Arenal volcano.

A special map-making camera was slung underneath their plane. It was automatic and large-format, and every 20 seconds it took another photograph of the lake beneath.

When the photographs were developed, one of the frames showed what seemed to be a metallic disc about 160ft in diameter, which had just left, or was on the point of entering, the lake. It was giving off light, and had made a sudden manoeuvre at the instant the photo was taken.

The object showed up on neither the previous frame of film nor the one afterwards. Checks on the negative eliminated tricks of the light as an explanation.

What the geographers had seen was an extraordinary but little-known phenomenon - a USO. Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs, have been reported for centuries. What few people realise is that USOs - Unidentified Submersible Objects - have been reported for almost as long.

Sometimes, as in the mysterious incident at Lake Cote, a UFO can be seen transforming itself into a USO, or vice versa.

Lake Cote is extremely deep, and there have been numerous other reports of unknown submersible craft entering and leaving it. Local fishermen, out on the lake in the small hours, have seen various objects below them, giving off coloured lights.

Sometimes the movement of these objects has caused the men to lose their balance and risk plunging into the water. They have also been blamed for a reduction in the fish population.

One morning, around 9am, two men heard a metallic noise coming from the lake and saw an object emerge that was shaped like a submarine with three 'domes' on its top. It hung there for a few seconds, then shot off towards the mountains to the north.

Other USOs have been seen in lakes and open seas around the world, sometimes giving out light, sometimes deeply submerged, sometimes just below the surface, sometimes skimming across it - and sometimes, as at Lake Cote, entering or leaving.

Evidently, many of the objects we are accustomed to call UFOs can just as easily travel in water as in the air.

On the night of November 6, 1973, a unique encounter with a USO occurred off the coast of America. Fishermen in Pascagoula, Mississippi, reported it, coastguards confirmed it. There were nine witnesses.

The object was circular or elliptical in shape, about 12ft long, and gave out a beam of amber light. The two fishermen who raised the alarm said it looked like 'a mini-submarine' and hovered about 4ft below them in the water. It was so close that they tried to hit it with their paddles.

However, each time they tried to make contact, the light would go out and reappear in another position. When coastguard officers were summoned, they, too, tried to hit the USO. They succeeded, and reported that the object, whatever it was, felt metallic.

The coastguards made detailed notes. The object, they said, had a parachute-like shape and moved at a speed of six to eight knots, making steadily for deeper water.

The intensity of its light varied from nothing to a glare that was sometimes too bright to look at. When a torch was shone at it, the light 'turned off' until the beam was removed. 'The phenomena observed were not consistent with any known fish, other marine life or known light source,' concluded the coastguard report.

So what was in the water- and why was it there?

There is one place in the world where reports of Unidentified Submergible Objects are particularly frequent, and particularly strange.

Puerto Rico, the Caribbean's so called Island of Enchantment, lies in one corner of the area that has become known as the Bermuda Triangle, renowned for the disappearances

of ships and boats, and for sightings of 'flying saucers'. It is here, in this former U.S. colony, whose politics and defence are still inextricably bound up with America, that much of my research into the USO phenomenon has focused.

A great deal of the strange activity around the island has centred on the 28,000 acres of mountainous rainforest known as El Yunque, on the north-eastern coast.

Jose Orlando Golis, who works for the Puerto Rican government, lives close to El Yunque. 'Many people have seen UFOs flying over the water close to the surface,' he told me. 'Once, at 1am, we saw one with many coloured lights flying next to the sea just over the surface.'

'At first we thought it was a boat. It seemed to be dark underneath and had lights - mostly red and blue at another, upper level. Then it angled and moved upwards. It made a humming sound, and seemed to head in the direction of El Yunque.'

Felix Rivera is a diver with an underwater salvage company based near the American Naval Air Station which adjoins El Yunque, one of many U.S. bases on the island. He confirmed to me that UFOs and USOs have frequently been observed often by American military personnel.

'Navy Seals - America's elite special forces - have seen USOs here,' he revealed. 'Some have told me that these things will often come up close to boats, then shoot off. They move too fast underwater to be ours.'

Another hotspot of activity is off the south-west coast. In an area known as Cayo Margarita, 15 miles out in the Atlantic, many fishermen, as well as commercial and private pilots, claim to have seen USOs entering or emerging from the sea. Fisherman Aristides Medina said: 'Once, I was fishing late at night and two of them passed under my boat, radiating a blue light. On other occasions, I have seen them when they emerge from the water and fly away at great speed.'

He has also seen them plunge into the water - and always in the same area of the sea. It would seem these objects have definite preferences as to which part of the ocean they choose to emerge from and enter.

A remarkably vivid sighting was reported by a diver called Inocencia Cataquet. He was in the water off Pena Blancas in the north-east of the island when he came across what appeared to be a disc-shaped submersible craft, lying on the seabed.

The craft seemed to be camouflaged with a sand-like material in order to blend in with its surroundings. Next to it lay a

rectangular object, with a transparent cable, which was moving around in the water.

As if in reaction to the divers presence, the cable was suddenly retracted. Unnerved, Cataquet raced for the surface - in time to see the disc emerge from the water with a loud buzzing sound and fly away.

What is going on here? If strange metallic craft are emerging from the waters around Puerto Rico on anything like a regular basis, it is inconceivable that the military authorities could be unaware of it. Some of the American bases in the area have exactly the sort of equipment that would be needed to track an object from the unknown.

For example, there is the huge aerostat, or tethered balloon, that flies 15,000ft above the island's south-west coast, with radar installations slung beneath it to monitor air traffic. A number of witnesses claim to have seen strange flying objects in the vicinity.

Puerto Rico is also host to the unique radio telescope at Arecibo, a natural crater turned into the parabolic bowl of a gigantic receiving antenna - the largest and most sensitive radio telescope in the world.

One of the acknowledged roles of Arecibo is as a listening post for alien life forms broadcasting from outer space. The project is known as SETI - the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence.

Yet, ironically, unusual craft and beings have been reported around the radio observatory itself. A large boomerang-shaped object was seen 'hanging' above the telescope. One night, witnesses saw a huge disc in the sky, followed by three triangular shaped objects.

Is the paradoxical truth that, while SETI looks for extraterrestrial beings light years away, they are operating on its own doorstep?

On a visit to the site in January 1999, I interviewed the observatory's Dr Jost, Alonso. He told me that many local people believe the observatory is a focus for UFO activity.

'This is a complicated issue,' he said. 'Sometimes I think military experiments are responsible for what people are seeing. There are people who say this is a US. Government cover-up.'

'As to aliens, statistically, there has to be something. There are between 200 to 400 billion stars in our galaxy, and 10 pc of them are of the same type as our sun.'

'If other life forms exist, it's only a matter of time and technology before contact is made.'

Certainly, the Arecibo site is a focus for strange phenomena. One of the strangest came in March 1993, when a former British Airways pilot, Graham Sheppard, experienced a mysterious 'lateral displacement', throwing him miles off course, as he was flying his Cessna 172 light aircraft close to the telescope.

Sheppard, an expert navigator whose experience in the air spans four decades, and includes flying 747s, describes it as the most bewildering moment of his career.

After passing over the telescope, a feeling of unease and growing confusion came over me,' he says. 'Minutes went by with no idea of my position, but I was confident the west coast would soon appear at right angles to my course.'

'I recall the shock of seeing the coastline, not at right angles to my course, but parallel. It became alarmingly clear that I was flying along the south coast. The navigation error here is enormous and should be impossible.'

An on-board video camera confirms that Sheppard's gyro compass was set to the correct bearing for his original course. It also confirms that he was flying at 2,200ft - yet somehow he had passed over hills up to 3,900ft high.

The aircraft's instruments had appeared normal, and later weather checks ruled out a freak wind having blown him off course. None of the pilots to whom I have sent records of this flight can rationalise the displacement.

Sir Mark Thomson, a former Royal Navy Jet pilot who has taken a close interest in the strange events around Puerto Rico, is as baffled as he is impressed.

'It is one of the most important pieces of evidence I've seen,' he told me. 'There is no explanation in our laws of physics.'

Could such aerial displacement be linked to the disappearances that have made the whole area of the Bermuda Triangle so notorious - such as the flight of Grumman Avenger torpedo-bombers that vanished off the Florida coast just after World War II?

In Puerto Rico, there are those who report incidents that are equally sinister and inexplicable. I interviewed two groups of witnesses who, on two separate occasions in 1988, claim to have watched as U.S. Navy Grumman F-14 jets were apparently 'captured or otherwise absorbed' mid-flight by large, unknown aerial craft they were pursuing.

Perhaps it sounds like fantasy. But on one occasion, at least, it seems that the object which had caused such a disappearance may even have been captured on U.S. radar.

'Mayday, Mayday. We can see a strange object in our course. We are lost. Mayday. Mayday'

The distress-call came at 8pm local time on June 28, 1980. Jose Luis Maldonado Torres, a 31-year old pilot, was flying an Ercoupe 415-D aeroplane, together with a 22-year-old student pilot, from Santo Domingo to San Juan, Puerto Rico's main airport.

I have listened to a tape of some of the Mayday transmissions from the Ercoupe, leaked by a Federal Aviation Administration source, and the pilots' anxiety is clear.

'A weird object in our course made us change course about three different times . . . we have something weird in front of us . . . We are right again in the same stuff, sir. . .'

After these words, the pilots were not heard of again. A sea and air search revealed no trace. However, a tantalising clue lies in the official report on the incident.

During the Mayday alert, the American Naval Air Station at Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico was in contact with air traffic controllers at San Juan. At 8.16pm, 11 minutes after the Ercoupe's last communication, the Americans made an intriguing comment: 'It looks like we may see a few of them out there...'

What did this cryptic message mean? It suggests that the air station had made several radar contacts in the area where the plane disappeared. One of them, of course, was the Ercoupe. But what were the others? Might one of them have been the 'weird object', the disorienting 'stuff' that apparently engulfed the doomed plane?

One possibility is that the US. Navy had been monitoring whatever weird phenomenon caused the plane's disappearance.

Jorge Martin, the island's leading UFO investigator, has an important contact within the military, a high-ranking officer connected to the U.S. Navy.

From this source, we learn that the American authorities grew alarmed after a number of military aircraft, as well as private planes, disappeared in an area to the north-west of Puerto Rico known as the San Juan Trench.

A steep undersea cleft in the ocean floor, the lowest point this great chasm lies 30,000ft deep, further below sea level than Mount Everest is above it.

Here is the deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean. The pressures of seawater there would crush any surface creature, and any but the most specially-constructed man-made submarines.

According to Martin's source, the Navy and Air Force found that, on a regular basis, a huge disc-shape craft would come out of

the sea in the Trench, sometimes 'hanging stationary in the air on a great column of water before vanishing or submerging again'.

If this were not outlandish enough, there is more. Pilots were reportedly ordered to approach the object, only for their jets to 'explode silently, to vanish into thin air'.

Can these astonishing claims be true? And if so, what is the terrible secret lurking beneath the ocean?

A stretch of 100 miles of open water divides Puerto Rico from its neighbouring island, the Dominican Republic. That stretch is known as the Mona Passage.

Almost halfway across it, some 45 miles to the west of the last cape of Puerto Rico, lies the small roughly circular, uninhabited Mona Island. At the time of its last communication, the lost Ercoupe aircraft was just to the east of Mona Island.

Other crews crossing the area have reported anomalies affecting their positioning. One pilot in a light aircraft noted an 'an uncontrollable spin' of his compass.

Jorge Martin's U.S. Naval officer offers a remarkable explanation. His revelations about Mona Island are bizarre, extraordinary, and almost beyond belief.

But when I showed my dossier of evidence to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, one of Britain's most respected military figures, he had no hesitation in endorsing my findings.

ABDUCTIONS: A Report on the Roper Analysis Data

By: Geraldo Fuentes <http://www.viewzone.com/abduct.html>

In the typical "alien abduction," the victim is paralysed by some unknown force, taken to a small circular room, and then examined and probed by a number of large-eyed, grey skinned, hairless, short creatures. Tissues and cells are sampled and subcutaneous implants are often installed. Special attention is focused on the genitals and rectum. This involuntary examination is often supervised by a larger non-human creature, sometimes described as female. The abductees are then returned to their beds or automobiles and awake with no memories of the encounter. If they notice anything at all, it is usually that some time has mysteriously passed.

This abduction story has been described by hundreds of people who have been placed under hypnosis by psychiatrists, psychologists and

other therapists. Victims come from all corners of the globe and from every age, gender and race. For every abductee whose recollection has been liberated in therapy, there are many more who remain totally unaware of their routine encounter with aliens.

The amnesia induced by aliens is highly effective, but it comes at a price. Horrific memories can eventually emerge in vivid dreams. In fact, many victims recall being told that they will remember the abduction as "just a dream." Even with effective amnesia of the events, as this paper will show, abductees have other symptoms that can betray their unusual experiences.

John Mack, M.D., a Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School is familiar with these symptoms. His careful documentation of abductees began with his clinical exposure to what is today known as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. This collection of symptoms can vary from strange nightmares, in which vignettes of the abduction are remembered, to full-blown and detailed recollections of the entire examination. This delayed recollection of painful memories was first seen in Vietnam veterans who repressed gruesome memories of death and the carnage of war. Abductees differ in that their memories are of personal suffering which, in many circumstances, is ongoing.

A helpful treatment for Post-traumatic Stress is the effective release of these pent-up memories through hypnosis. Dr. Mack utilised this technique almost a decade ago when patients began to seek treatment for strange, frightening dreams of big-eyed monsters, involuntary physical examinations and large chunks of forgotten time. Under hypnosis, many different patients recalled similar abduction events in great detail. Dr. Mack's patients were not faking their memories, nor did they want to believe in aliens. These first patients described their experiences long before the media made abduction stories a source of entertainment. Most just wanted relief from the nightmares and some explanation of the odd images that terrified them or made them feel "crazy." Regression therapy for abductees, like Vietnam veterans, provided some relief.

With the passing of time, an increasing number of adults were being referred to Dr. Mack by therapists who felt uncomfortable with the stories that were being recalled in therapy. It seemed clear that a growing number of Americans had been periodically abducted and examined by someone or some-"thing," and that it had been going on since their childhood. Robert Bigelow, a pioneer with Dr. Mack, was documenting the abductee phenomenon. He was curious to know exactly who the "typical" victims of this dangerous research were, and why they were chosen.

The Roper Organisation

The American population is vast. With about 350 million people in the last official census, this "melting pot" contains so many races, cultures, ages and economic strata, that it is a major undertaking to find any common denominator with a traditional random sample.

When a big company, like Coca-Cola or Proctor and Gamble, decides to market a new product, the company seeks the views of the "average American" and designs its product and marketing strategies to have the widest popular appeal. A random survey is not reliable enough when millions, or billions, of dollars hang on the success of accurately reading the minds of the American populous. That's why large companies often look to The Roper Organisation.

Based in New York City, The Roper Organisation spends more time deciding from whom they will solicit opinions than they do asking the questions on their nation wide Limobus (TM) survey. Their demographics go far beyond the random selections based on age and gender. Roper's sample populations contain the precise percentages of each ethnic group, political affiliation and education level as is reflected in the most recent census data. From a relatively small sample, The Roper Organisation can determine the preferences of hundreds of millions of American individuals. Also, their database can often reveal subtle psychological factors that not only tell a marketer not if his product has appeal, but why.

The Limobus survey can contain hundreds of questions from a variety of companies. Subjects in their special populations are asked about their laundry, their musical tastes, their food preferences-- all mixed together with no clue as to the purpose or intent of the inquiries. Beginning in 1992, Robert Bigelow, and an anonymous financial partner, formed The Bigelow Holding Company and inserted their own special questions in three separate Limobus surveys to learn both the number and character of alien abductees in America.

The Limobus survey questions

Since most successful abductions involve amnesia, Bigelow realised that he couldn't just ask subjects if they had been abducted by aliens. Also, since the questions would be asked in person, by an examiner, he doubted that anyone would want to admit to such an inquiry for fear of being labelled "crazy." But Bigelow knew that abductees, even before their memories were released, had certain events that they remembered and were likely to admit. These events were not shared by non-abductees. He worked with abduction therapists to carefully craft a list of "positive indicators" and these questions were intermixed with inquiries about the scent of laundry soap, the preferred sweetness of ketchup and a number of other inquiries in three Limobus surveys.

Pre-testing the indicators had assured Bigelow and his team that they could discriminate between true victims of alien abduction and non-abductees with over-active imaginations. Positive responses to specific questions would definitely indicate that an abduction had occurred. The test also had built-in questions to detect fraud. For example, a positive response to "Do you remember seeing or hearing the word TRONDANT (a word Bigelow had made up) and knowing it has a special significance to you?" would automatically eliminate the subject from consideration, regardless of other indicators.

The Surprising Results

The results of the Roper survey took them by surprise. The report was published and confidentially distributed to every member of The American Psychiatric Association. Thereafter it made its way to clinical psychologists and other therapists dealing with post-traumatic disorders.

Roper's representative American sample of about 6000 adults (with a sampling error of 1.4 percent!) showed that one out of every 50 people met the profile of an abductee. This figure suggests that about 33,000,000 individuals had been abducted in America. A closer look at these specific profiles showed that these people were not "average" at all.

Who is being abducted?

The Roper Organisation's previous statistics showed that about one percent of all American adults could be placed into a category they termed "influentials." Influentials were adults, ages 35 to 45, who had higher than average incomes and held positions of political or social authority. They were "trend setters," defining morality and public policy. They were leaders rather than followers. Roper surveys regularly focused on this group for a variety of clients who valued their opinions. The new survey results showed that a surprisingly large number of these "trend setters" seemed to have been abducted.

While the details of the abductee profile are best left undefined for the purposes of future diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic syndrome, the Roper analysis showed the following positive responses to be unique:

Do you remember ever seeing a ghost? Do you remember feeling as if you left your body? Do you remember seeing a UFO? Do you remember waking up paralysed with a sense of a strange person or presence or something else in the room? Do you remember feeling that you were actually flying through the air although you didn't know how or why? Do you remember having seen unusual lights or balls of light in a room without knowing what was causing them? Do you remember having seen, either as a child or adult, a terrifying figure-- which might have been a monster, a witch, a devil, or some other evil figure-- in your bedroom or closet or somewhere else? Do you remember experiencing a

period of time, an hour or more, in which you were lost, but could not remember why or where? Do you remember having vivid dreams about UFO? Do you remember finding puzzling scars on your body and neither you nor anyone else remembering how you received them or where you got them?

Certain types of scars or blemishes can follow an abduction. A "scoop" in skin, appears as a non-red depression and is often adjacent to a hard subcutaneous bump.

The Conclusions of The Roper Organisation

"The Roper Organisation's research on behalf of Bigelow Holding Company produced results that were unexpected by Bigelow Holding Company; chiefly because the number of people reporting occurrences of items on the list far exceeded what was anticipated, and also because the answers cut across most demographic subgroups... It is clear that significant numbers of people do report that these unusual events occurred, independent of any factors in the survey that might increase responses." [Copies of the report, Unusual Personal Experiences, may be available through The Roper Organisation, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017]

Why are abductions taking place?

The report suggested that abductees were selected across gender and ethnic lines, with a larger number than expected falling into the "influential" group. The preference for people with higher education and social awareness may be coincidental, or it may reflect a concerted effort to examine the genetic potentials of these human characteristics.

The larger than anticipated number of Americans who fit the abductee profile is difficult to understand. For this figure (33 million) to be true, the frequency of abductions taking place would surely have resulted in more conspicuous activity on the part of the "abductors." We would expect that there would be more witnesses to these abductions. However, if this activity is being conducted by a non-human, superior life form, then its methods of covert action might escape detection.

The focus of attention on skin samples and reproductive organs seems to suggest an interest in human anatomy and reproduction. If the examinations are for the benefit of the human species, the methods of involuntary intrusion and the subsequent post-traumatic stress that many victims report, is suspicious. The effort to produce amnesia is largely successful, as this study has shown. This could support a theory that the abductors have a more comprehensive understanding of our minds than we have of ourselves. It could also indicate a genuine consideration for our well being, similar to our use of tranquillisers when examining endangered animal species. It could well be that the abductors have a similar mission with our species.

Therapy for abductees

Abductees generally suffer from both a physical violation (similar to being raped) and psychological isolation that results from being afraid to admit-- even to themselves-- the validity of their abduction memories. This is further complicated by the reality that these events are likely to continue into the future. Dr. Mack and other therapists believe that it is important that therapists do not consider recollections of alien abductions as "crazy." He suggests that successful therapy for victims of this terrifying experience requires that repressed memories be acknowledged and accepted as true, regardless of the personal belief (or disbelief) of their therapists. Patients seem to be able to recover some sense of control over their lives when these disclosures are allowed valid expression.



"I suppose it had to happen — genetically modified crop circles"

Why Should We Trust Our Leaders When They Tell Us About UFOs?

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Almost three quarters of Americans believe our government is lying to us about perhaps the most important revelation of the millennium -- that we are not alone in the universe (according to a 1996 Gallup poll, when 71% of Americans said they do not believe the government is telling us all that it knows about UFOs). And yet that number would quickly go up to 100% if the American media would do an honest job of reporting the facts. Imagine if the front-page editors of *The New York Times* did their homework and read just one book of documentation on the material released under the Freedom of Information Act. In particular, I always recommend *The UFO Coverup* (originally titled *Clear Intent*) by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood published by Prentice-Hall in 1984. Fawcett and Greenwood provided the ultimate service of distilling into one very readable tome the 3,000 pages of previously classified documents pertaining to UFOs from the Department of State, Army, Navy, Air Force, FBI, CIA, NSA and DIA. This book should be the first given to any media personality you are trying to educate on the subject since their tendency is to accept without question the government's official releases in which they claim to be hiding nothing.

Among the exceptional sightings documented through the use of the Freedom of Information Act, we learn about visual and radar sightings over numerous military installations like the October 1965 encounter with UFOs over Edwards Air Force Base in southern California. The Edwards event is not unusual because it happened over an Air Force Base, but because it is so well documented. The FOIA petitions of Fawcett and Greenwood have also turned up documentation directly from government sources of visual and radar sightings of unidentified flying objects over Loring AFB, Maine; Malmstrom AFB, Montana; Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan; Minot AFB, North Dakota; Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota; Carson AFB, New Mexico; Elgin AFB, Florida; Fort Ritchie Army Base, Maryland; and an apparent UFO landing at Kirkland AFB, New Mexico, in 1980. The recordings of the Air Force's phone conversations during the 1965 Edwards encounter have been

made commercially available from Independent-International Pictures Corporation, and the cassette series features the original recordings from phone patches, base-to-base communications and ground-to-air radio. Anybody can now listen to the personnel at Edwards Air Force Base as they react to 12 luminous unidentified flying objects which they tracked on radar for six hours, as the decisions are made to contact officers up the chain of command including one called the "UFO Officer," and ultimately to leave the encounter "unidentified."

Far from being a joke, the entire Western Air Defense Command was on the alert on the night of October 7, 1965, during the encounter at Edwards AFB. This included NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command, a joint U.S./Canadian unit), ARADCOM (U.S. Army Air Defense Command) and five Air Force Bases in California: Edwards, Hamilton, Norton, George and March.

This formerly classified documentation of unidentifieds over our military bases was once said not to exist, and it proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the American public has been consciously and deliberately misled by officials and a corporate media that unquestionably repeats what it is told.

Let's face it, the central goal of our corporate media is to keep us in the consumer mode, and we are at the mercy of the vested interests who control what we see and hear as "news." And until we effectively challenge them on their ignorance and complicity, no doubt UFO debunkers will continue to be given front page space to claim that Air Force personnel are not competent to report these encounters, or that Venus, the moon, asteroids, meteors or geese were responsible for putting the Western Air Defense Command on alert.

If UFO Coverup is not enough to convince you that our military or government considers unidentified flying objects very seriously, I suggest you next check out Dr. Bruce Maccabee's *UFO/FBI Connection: The Secret History of the Government's Cover-up* (Llewellyn, 2000). One of Dr. Maccabee's FOIA targets has been uncovering the formerly classified documents of the FBI as they pertain to the UFO phenomena. As he summarizes in his introduction to the book:

"The X-Files show is very entertaining because it was well-written by people who are quite familiar with the phenomena they write about, but it does not accurately portray the FBI interest in UFOs. However, it does get two things right, although probably by accident: (1) FBI agents did investigate saucer

sightings in the early years and (2) UFO sightings were often filed under the title "FLYING DISCS: SECURITY MATTER-X." These are the real "X" files. The FBI also collected and stored information provided by Air Force UFO investigators who had their own file of secret information which is revealed here for the first time. As you will see, some of the FBI and AF information proves top Air Force officials knew there were unexplainable sightings and seriously considered the possibility that some UFOs were extraterrestrial vehicles!"

But how can that be? It's all fiction, isn't it? After all, everybody knows that only "kooks and nuts" and people looking for publicity see UFOs, right?

WRONG! One wonders what skeptical Agent Scully would think if she were allowed to see the REAL X files. Would she reject sightings by responsible citizens of the United States, by Air Force officers, by pilots and by policemen? Would she reject a joint sighting by an employee of the National Security Agency and an employee of the FBI? Would she reject information which the FBI kept secret from the American people until it was finally released as a result of my request under the Freedom of Information Act?

The government records of these UFO events were not lost, they were merely unavailable to the American people until recent years. And now, thanks to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and the efforts of many UFO investigators over the last twenty years, you are able to read what the Air Force and the FBI knew over forty years ago. The perpetrators of the UFO cover-up hope that you won't read this book and find out for yourself that UFOs are real and may well be interplanetary craft.

The Truth is not "out there," it's in here! Read on!"

There is no doubt that the government has not told us what it knows about UFOs. Some evidence suggests that the denial and cover-up of their existence may have been perpetrated at first in consideration of national security. If so, that time has long since passed. Others suggest a deliberate concealment of the phenomena in order to siphon the technical information to favourites in the corporate sector. Whatever the reasoning, the documents released through the Freedom of Information Act prove conclusively that we have been lied to repeatedly by those who have held the public trust. In 1996, already 71% of Americans were mistrusting the official government line on UFOs. As the documentation presented by researchers such as Fawcett, Greenwood and Maccabee becomes more widely distributed and

everyone realises how long they have been lying, the government will automatically be accused of "crying wolf" no matter what it tries to tell us. Next thing you know, "they" will be telling us that the North and South polar ice caps are not really melting, and that shore line properties are still a great investment. Have you tried to insure yours for its maximum value lately? Fat chance!

I guess the moral of the story is to do your own research and never, ever stop Questioning Authority!

TOP AIRCRAFT DESIGNER REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED ROSWELL

[CNI News thanks William Louis (Bill) McDonald for sharing this information, which he acquired through private conversations with the late John Andrews of the Testor Corporation. McDonald, a private investigator and forensic composite illustrator who has made detailed reconstructions of the Roswell UFO based on eyewitness testimony, worked closely with Andrews on the design of Testor's Roswell UFO model kit which was released in July 1997 on the 50th anniversary of the Roswell incident. Based on McDonald's original drawings, Andrews developed the Roswell model piece by piece, and McDonald in turn created blue-prints which resulted in Testor's tooling for the kit. What began as a business relationship evolved into a deep personal friendship. In time, Andrews shared information that confirmed elements of McDonald's Roswell investigation. Finally, McDonald says, he prevailed upon Andrews to ask then-ailing Ben Rich, late head of Lockheed's "Skunkworks," to describe the relationship, if any, between possibly recovered UFO materials at Roswell and advances in aircraft design that occurred starting in the mid 1950s. McDonald resolved to withhold the answers while Andrews remained alive. Andrews died earlier this year of cancer.]

By William L. McDonald

Now that legendary Lockheed engineer and Chief model kit designer for the Testor Corporation John Andrews is dead, I can announce that he personally confirmed the design connection between the Roswell Spacecraft and the Lockheed Martin Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles (UCAVs), spyplanes, Joint Strike Fighters, and Space Shuttles. Andrews was a close personal

friend of "Skunk Works" CEO Ben Rich, the hand-picked successor of Skunk Works founder Kelly Johnson and the man famous for the F-117 Nighthawk "Stealth" fighter, its half-pint prototype the HAVE BLUE, and the top secret F-19 Stealth Interceptor. Before Rich died of cancer, Andrews took my questions to him.

Rich confirmed:

1. There are two types of UFOs - the ones we build, and ones THEY build. We learned from both crash retrievals and actual "Hand-me-downs." The Government knew, and until 1969 took an active hand in the administration of that information. After a 1969 Nixon "Purge", administration was handled by an international board of directors in the private sector.
2. "An item" -- as opposed to "The item" -- was recovered near the world's only combat operational atom bomb base (Roswell AAF) in 1947. Hull design, aerodynamic measurements and propulsion info was passed directly to Jack Northrop and Kelly Johnson, beginning in 1950, with a major block of data being passed on from "The Working Group" at Wright Patterson AFB's Foreign Technologies Division in 1952. "'The' item" refers to the top-secret designation of Kelly's original variant of the U-2 (TR-1) spy plane in Congressional and Pentagon budgets in the 1950s.
3. Nearly all "Biomorphic" aerospace designs were inspired by the Roswell spacecraft, from Kelly's SR-71 Blackbird onward to today's drones, UCAVs, and aerospace craft.
4. The inward canted vertical stabilisers of the F-19, the HAVE BLUE, many drones, some UCAVs, and the SR-71 matched the 30-degree inward cant of the Roswell spacecraft's shark fin-shaped pair of vertical stabilisers or "Winglets." The same goes for the wing camber to fuselage "Blend" of the airframe designs.
5. The outward cants of the F-22 Raptor, the F-117, the McDonnell Douglas YF-23, and the TACIT BLUE stealth concept prototypes perform similar aerodynamic functions for stability in high performance flight.
6. Rich observed that the impression Kelly Johnson's contacts had [of "Them"] was negative, and Kelly implied in rare conversations on the subject that "Factions" from "Out there" were a threat more than they were a blessing, and that the cost of having "Them" around was "Unimaginable" and Unbelievable."
7. It was Ben Rich's opinion that the public should not be told. He believed they could not handle the truth, ever. Only in the last

months of his decline did he begin to feel that the "International corporate board of directors" dealing with the "Subject" could represent a bigger problem to citizens' personal freedoms under the United States Constitution than the presence of offworld visitors themselves.

Andrews passed this information on to me in stages, from 1994 until my last phone conversation with him around the Christmas holidays of 1998.

[Bill McDonald's work was featured in the SHOWTIME telefilm "Roswell." Recently he created reconstructions of the faces of two skulls being studied by Lloyd Pye --The "StarChild" Project. Bill and his wife Lori also administer a discussion forum at AlienUFO@OneList. Persons interested in joining the discussion forum can do so via the McDonald's home page (<http://www.AlienUFOart.com>) by clicking on the ONELIST button. Email: Argonaut-GreyWolf@home.com. Phonelfax: (949) 496-8489]



Ron Baskerville

UFO Video Sold for £20,000

A Derbyshire housewife has sold what she says is a video of a flying saucer to a Hollywood producer. Sharon Rowlands, 44, from the village of Bonsall, in the Peak District, has reportedly been paid £20,000 for the footage. Officials at NASA are said to have asked to examine the tape, because they believe it shows the same type of craft once spotted by the space agency's own cameras during a space shuttle mission. Ms Rowlands said she took the film with a camcorder after hearing an eerie noise outside her home one evening in October last year. She says she filmed the object while it hovered in the sky about two miles away.

"It resembled a giant disc with a bite taken out of the bottom," she told reporters. "As it hovered over the woods, it seemed to expand and then get smaller again. We could see it pulsing as if it started up and then it just went it came really close at one stage and I thought it was going to land in the field. You can hear me on the video say "Wow!"

Hovering in sky

The video shows what appears to be a large craft that emits red, yellow, orange and blue lights and has a dark circle in its centre. It hovers in the sky before moving to the right and emitting pulses of light from its left-hand side. It then flips over, showing two deep scarlet lights, and disappears in a red flash. So certain was Ms Rowlands of the film's value, that she had locked it in a Nottingham bank vault before sending it to America.

UFO capital

Ms Rowlands' is just one of many alleged sightings of strange objects in the sky over Bonsall in the last few months. One woman reported seeing a "ball of fire" in the skies, another "two big, bright lights". A man out walking his dog witnessed a "pink glow, vertically shaped like a shoe box".

The Meteorological Office said there were no unusual weather conditions that might have explained Ms Rowland's sighting. Others believe military aircraft could explain some of the sightings.

World's First 3D Walking Tour Of Area 51 Unveiled!

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One of America's best-kept secrets is today a mystery no more. 3dvillage.com, an emerging Internet marketing company and provider of web-based 3D content, today unlocked the virtual gates to "Area 51," an expanse of desert tundra 90 miles North of Las Vegas that has long been believed by many Americans to be the Federal government's lead facility for conducting alien and extraterrestrial research.

From the comfort and security of the home or office, PC users can visit Area 51 by logging on to 3dvillage's Website (via Internet Explorer) at <http://www.3dvillage.com>. Once there, they can experience the world's first exclusive, online, interactive 3D Walking Tour (TM) of this top-secret military base. The North Carolina-based company developed the Area 51 tour to showcase its technology, which brings city guides, universities, sports arenas, theme parks, travel destinations, tourist attractions and premier real estate properties from all over the world to PC desktops in interactive, real-time 3D.

In developing the tour of Area 51, the 3dvillage.com team used 2-meter resolution imagery captured by the Russian Lometa Satellite on March 15, 1998. With this imagery serving as the basic building blocks for the tour, 3dvillage utilised its proprietary software technology to create the factual, interactive and real-time 3D Walking Tour. To view the site, all that is needed is a 3D player that can be easily downloaded from the company's Web site.

Included in the tour is a detailed look at the Groom Lake Air Force Base, the Papoose Dry Lake Area with its hidden underground facility entrance, several unidentified research facilities and airfields, "ground zero" where six decades of nuclear testing has left its mark, and countless roads that seem to lead nowhere in particular.

For decades, the 60-square mile government compound has been the focal point of numerous rumours and endless debate regarding unexplained activities and occurrences. Unofficially, the U.S. Government has been slow to even confirm the existence of this highly restricted military installation. However, during an April Pentagon briefing following the public release of the Soviet satellite images, Kenneth Bacon, Assistant Secretary of Defense, acknowledged that Area 51 does exist. Mr. Bacon declined to elaborate on the specific activities at the base, noting only that the U.S. has the right and responsibility to develop weapons and that

"sometimes these weapons are developed in classified locations." He did reiterate the government's claim that Area 51 "is not a centre for UFO or alien activity."

Although maps, photos and sketches of Area 51 have been disseminated sporadically over the years, the 3dvillage.com Walking Tour transports PC users beyond such existing flat, two-dimensional content. In short, the Area 51 Walking Tour gives viewers an entirely new perspective of the site that is engaging, entertaining and informative. Included is the ability to glide over the hundreds of miles of terrain in the same way a pilot would scout the landscape from the windshield of a private aircraft.

The 3dvillage tour allows users to drop down to the desert floor to take a closer look or wander the grounds -- invisible to prying eyes and undetected by sophisticated surveillance equipment. Users can carefully approach a handful of installations that are randomly scattered throughout the compound or quietly sneak inside some of the base's larger facilities.

Clarke's Believe It or Not

By Andrew Chaikin, Editor, Space Illustrated magazine

Arthur Clarke is known for spinning elaborate, visionary tales of futures that might be, none more famous than 2001: A Space Odyssey. But according to Clarke, the real 2001 has some pretty unbelievable things to offer.

"I'm fairly convinced that we have discovered life on Mars," Clarke told SPACE.com on Sunday as Buzz Aldrin listened. "There are some incredible photographs from [the Jet Propulsion Laboratory], which to me are pretty convincing proof of the existence of large forms of life on Mars! Have a look at them. I don't see any other interpretation."

Aldrin did not comment, but responded by referring to another remarkable topic, so-called zero-point energy, theorised by some physicists as being a powerful energy source that exists in the vacuum of space. Aldrin said, "To put this into a perspective where Arthur and I agree: It may take 200, 300 or 400 years, but it's going to take zero-point energy to get us to Alpha Centauri." Turning to Clarke, he added, "Correct?"

"I'm glad that Buzz has raised this rather controversial question," Clarke said. "A lot of my scientist friends are crazy to believe there's anything in this. It started with this so-called cold fusion business, which everybody laughed out of court. But I'm now convinced that there are new forms of energy, which we are tapping, and they make even nuclear

energy look trivial in comparison. And when we control those energy sources, the universe will open up."

And then Clarke took an opportunity to rebut those who refuse to believe even well documented events, specifically, the Apollo moon missions. Responding to a recent television program claiming the Apollo landings were faked, Clarke said, "I can't imagine anybody being stupid enough to think that a program involving hundreds of thousands of people, carried out over a period of [more than a decade], in a blaze of publicity, could possibly be faked. Ben Franklin said, 'A conspiracy of three people can be kept secret, if two of them are dead!'"

NEWS IN BRIEF/ SIGHTINGS ROUNDUP

GEORGIA FLYING TRIANGLE SHAPED CRAFT HOVERS OVER TREES - MARIETTA -- Two witnesses were driving up a road near their home when they saw what first appeared to be a helicopter flying very low on April 31, 2001. At 3:47 PM, the witnesses saw the craft was only a few feet above the trees. It had a triangular shape and there was no evidence of blades on the craft. The witness stated, "One thing I am certain, it was not any type of helicopter mainly for two reasons that it made no sound, and second there would be some type of physical blade activity in that general area of the craft since it was so low in altitude. The wind velocity did not cause the branches to sway even though it passed just above them. After seeing the craft, it seemed to have had a 'sense' of something and it finally darted back behind the tall pines trees. It did not take more than three seconds to drive to where we could see behind the trees and the full sky and any normal object would clearly be in view. It was gone and there was nothing. I have not witnessed a UFO that close and in broad daylight. It was spectacular. There was not a cloud in the sky, and you could see the metallic sheen of the craft. It truly was fascinating. The witness had never reported anything like this before mainly because he does his own research, but felt this needs to be heard. Thanks to NUFORC.

EXETER SIGHTING -- On May 19, 2001, the witness reports, "My wife and I were in our back yard at approximately 23.30 hours GMT in the Wonford area." We saw three aircraft at high altitude pass overhead in rapid succession, heading for London. In the heavy traffic, we both saw a luminous grey object suddenly appear directly overhead travelling in a straight line and heading towards Exeter Airport. It was not a plane (no noise, no navigation lights. It was in sight for about 7 to 10 seconds before disappearing into the general haze created by the city lights. It was oblong, with the long side leading. My perception is that it was flying at 1000 feet altitude and was about the size of an airbus travelling at airspeed of 100 m.p.h. Thanks to Kenny Young - UFO Research <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

DISCLOSURE PROJECT UPDATE -- I (George Filer) was one of twenty former military and government employees who spoke at one of the largest press briefings ever on May 9, 2001, at the National Press Club in Washington DC. Organized by Dr. Stephen Greer the speakers told the press that UFOs and aliens exist and have bases on the Moon and here on Earth. Several officers briefed how UFOs shut down our Minuteman missiles and over flew nuclear weapons sites. Details were given concerning UFO crashes, near misses, and possible offensive action by UFOs. Collectively these people know more about UFOs than any speakers I have ever heard, anytime and anywhere. They spoke for a few minutes each, but most have amazing detailed knowledge of our alien visitors. Probably the biggest story of millennium was handed to the news media and they appear afraid or were prevented from publishing the story. The question is why did this amazing story hardly reach the American public? Several hundred plus reporters did not report the UFO news, but ran with the release of FBI documents story concerning Timothy McVeigh. Through Connectlive.com the press conference reached some

250,000 people, but was not generally carried in the National News reports. I received an e-mail from a Congressional staffer who encouraged us all to write, fax, and call your congressmen asking for Congressional Hearings.

WASHINGTON DC OVAL UFO SIGHTING -Linda Willitts reports that on May 11, 2001, there was a UFO sighting during the Disclosure Project activities at 2:55 PM. They witnessed a large silver round object floating over the DC area from a hilltop on Wilson Boulevard just outside of the district. Two witnesses confirmed the sighting with me. We observed a ball shaped object, metallic silver in colour, float in an easterly direction, until it became hard to see. Thanks to XingPt@cs.com, coordinator@cseti.org

'TINY FLYING ALIEN' SPOTTED IN ANANOVA, TURKEY - A field in Turkey has been sealed off by police after a villager claimed he saw a 2ft tall flying alien in a yellow suit. Fevzi Cam, his wife and another woman said they spotted the alien on Monday morning as they rode on a tractor to a tobacco field. Mr Cam said he threw stones at the creature, which was wearing a shiny, yellow-grey outfit with a yellow light on the front. Regional governor Ayhan Cevik ordered police to protect the field near Narli in Usak province, despite having doubts about the claim. He said: "We have more important matters to deal with but we have no other choice. The area is being protected, we are waiting for the scientists." A team from Sirius, a Turkish UFO research group, is on its way to the scene. It will check radiation levels and analyse the soil. Two other villagers claim to have seen lights in the area at the same time as Mr Cam saw the alien. He described it as just over two feet tall with a wide, round head and wide eyes. He said: "It didn't have wings or a propeller but it could fly upward."