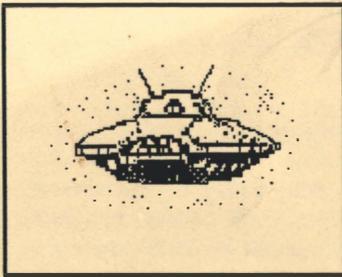


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If there were to be a prize for the most startling ufological idea ever put forward, David Icke's assertion that the British royal family are actually shape-shifted reptilians would probably win it! If it were true, our picture of the home life of our dear queen would clearly require modification, but the proposition appears quite bereft of any evidential support. Even so, at least one account of alien presence at a centre of power deserves more serious consideration, having been investigated by two well respected French ufologists.

The account of Doctor X's healing by rays from a UFO had been credibly reported in FSR (9/69 & 11/71) by Aimé Michel, but it was not until eleven years later that Jacques Vallée learned from the doctor that this had been only the prelude to a series of extraordinary events which suggested a more intimate involvement in human affairs by alien intelligences than had hitherto been generally supposed. A man he referred to as "Monsieur Bied" had entered the doctor's life, causing him to experience teleportation, time travel and other experiences which convinced him that his new acquaintance was alien in origin and identity, though he was always smartly and conventionally dressed, tall with brown hair and piercing blue eyes, and driving the latest and most expensive Citroën car.

In 1971, however, Monsieur Bied teleported the doctor to a room in Paris near the Ministry of the Interior, from which he saw his acquaintance driving into the courtyard there *and being saluted by the sentries on duty*. Vallée suggested there was much more to be told, though we have since heard nothing more of this extra-terrestrial who seems to have held high rank in French government circles. But if there was even one such, could there not surely be others, both there and elsewhere?

G.M.

At our next meeting, detailed on the enclosure with this copy of Pegasus, we will be viewing a video of Dr David Jacobs describing his research into abductions. In the following article he briefly outlines some of the characteristics common in many abduction reports.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT UFO ABDUCTIONS**A Typical Abduction Event by David M. Jacobs****Introduction**

Abductions are complex series of events and procedures directed by the abductors to passive or controlled abductees. In a typical or common abduction, humans are taken out of their normal environment by aliens. The people are rendered passive and cannot resist. They are taken aboard a UFO, their clothes are removed and they are made to lie on a table. A series of physical, mental, and productive procedures are then administered to the subjects. People's physical bodies are probed and examined. Sperm is taken, eggs are harvested.

The aliens perform staring procedures during which they gaze into abductees' eyes at a distance of only an inch or two. These "mindscan" procedures appear to be neurological manipulations which give the aliens the ability to "enter into" peoples' minds.

After the table procedures, abductees report that they are sometimes taken into other rooms where they are required to have skin on skin contact with unusual looking babies. Abductees say that these babies seem to be crosses between humans and aliens. They call them "hybrids." Abductees also see hybrid toddlers, older youth, adolescents, and adults.

Sometimes abductees report that they are required to perform tasks, that they are "tested" in some way. They say that machines are brought in to examine them. They sometimes are required to have a form of sexual intercourse with other humans, and sometimes with adolescent and adult hybrids. They are returned to their normal environment and within seconds, they forget what has just happened to them.

Removal of Clothes

Clothes are removed from the abductee apparently for three reasons

1. It facilitates the procedures that the aliens are about to do;
2. It helps prevent the spread of infection and disease to hybrids;
3. It prevents the stealing of instruments and other artefacts.

The Exam

For years researchers thought that the examination was the reason for an abduction. It allowed them to think of the abduction phenomenon as a "study" or "experiment." In fact, the examination, while taking place during most abductions, is seldom the reason for an abduction. Rather it is usually a preliminary procedure accomplished before the abduction's main purpose.

The examination is bizarre. It usually entails aliens running their fingers over a person's body. What exactly is accomplished by this is unknown. However, recent evidence has suggested that the examination is primarily neurologically based with the beings paying particular attention to the nervous system. Thus, they closely examine the brain, the spine, and other specific neurological sites.

Mindscan

Mindscan is a staring procedure in which an alien peers directly into an abductee's eyes from a distance of a few inches or less. The abductee cannot close his eyes or avert his own gaze. When asked what is happening in the abductee's mind during this procedure, the abductees report having a variety of emotional states and seeing images. The evidence suggests that the alien is neurologically engaging with the optic nerve and using it as a conduit through the brain and into other neural pathways. The alien can then generate whatever emotion or image that he wants the abductee to experience or see.

Very often Mindscan is linked to egg harvesting. The alien prompts sexual stimulation to a high degree and then at a specific moment begins an internal procedure in which an egg is harvested.

Because of the intensity of the experience abductees often mistakenly report that they and the alien have "merged" into one person, or that the alien wants "to experience what it is like to be human" by this procedure. They have also mistaken Mindscan for having sexual relations with the alien.

Egg and Sperm Harvesting

It is an unfortunate but constant aspect of the abduction phenomenon that aliens take eggs and sperm from people on a routine basis. For women it involves the introduction of instruments that take either recently matured eggs or invade the ovary for follicles. There is some evidence to suggest that the aliens can accomplish rapid egg maturation and release through Mindscan for harvesting purposes. Harvesting can be accomplished at any age.

For men, sperm is extracted mechanically by a device placed around the genital area. Sometimes these devices are small and portable, other times they are on carts or attached to the wall.

Sometimes abductee women are brought in for sexual relations with men. These are sperm collection procedures and do not reflect any particular interest in sexuality by the aliens.

Foetal Implant and Extraction

From time to time women have more complicated internal procedures. They report that something is being placed in them. Sometimes the aliens will tell them after this procedure, "Now you are pregnant." The next day they do feel pregnant. An Early Pregnancy Test or a trip to their gynaecologist confirms this. After about 9-11 weeks, another abduction ensues and the foetus is removed.

Incubatorium

At times, women, and men and even children will be brought into a special room in which they see many containers of liquid either in columns or in rows against the wall.

Suspended in each container is a foetus. The aliens tell the abductee that one or more of the foetuses is the abductee's. Why the aliens conduct this "viewing" is unknown.

Hybrid Babies

Frequently women are brought into a room filled with babies in special holders. They are required to have skin-on-skin contact with the baby and, if a particular procedure has been performed during the examination phase, they are told to nurse the baby. Abductees describe the babies as looking like a cross between human and alien. They say they are "hybrids." The babies are phlegmatic and do not have the reactions of normal human babies. Often abductees think that the babies are sick. The evidence seems to suggest, however, that this is their normal state. Men and children often have skin-on-skin contact with the babies.

Toddlers and Young Children

Humans are taken into a special room where they encounter hybrid children age 2 to 10. As the hybrid children grow, their contact with humans becomes more complex. As toddlers they engage in play behaviour often helped by the abductee who is required to teach them games to play. They are sometimes seen playing with their specific toys. Human children are required to play with the hybrids as equals and also teach them games.

Adolescents

When hybrids are adolescent, their roles in the abduction phenomenon expand. They are used as assistants in abduction procedures. They help the aliens and adult hybrids. Some of them have more sophisticated technological devices for their amusement. Others have more contact with humans, sometimes sexual in nature.

Adults

Adult hybrids have been playing what appears to be an increasingly important role in the abduction phenomenon. They have been described as conducting abduction procedures in the company of aliens. In recent years, abductees have described complete abduction events conducted by hybrids without the supervision of aliens. They have also engaged in sexual relations with hybrids, bypassing the alien egg harvesting and implantation procedures of female abductees.

Personal Projects Hybrids

Abductees report that some hybrids have had on-going, complex, contact with them since they were children. They see the same hybrid many times over the years. The hybrids age at the same pace as the abductees. Their relationship is usually reproductively orientated. Sometimes abductees have very positive feelings toward their Personal Project Hybrid, others have extremely negative feelings about what they consider hybrid abusiveness.

Neurological Procedures

The neurological basis of many of the procedures that abductees describe is just now being identified. The full meaning of these procedures is not fully understood.

Envisioning

Aliens sometimes place images in abductees minds which they then "view" as if they were happening in reality. These visions are often of cataclysmic events—war, atomic explosions, meteorite destruction, earthquakes, and so on. At other times they may see routine scenes of middle class life—picnics, walking in a park, and so on. Although the reason for the content is not fully understood, recent evidence has suggested that the viewing of these scenes has an important neurological function in which the abductee will be asked to perform some activity in the future.

Imaging

Sometimes the characteristic scenes of devastation or mundane life are presented on a screen. Often they are accompanied by staring procedures conducted by the aliens while the abductees observe the screens.

Staging

Abductees will be required to play out a "charade" in which they are made to believe that some pre-arranged events are occurring and they must interact in that scene (which they believe to be real) with aliens or other abductees. This also might be a neurological procedure for future activity.

Testing (training)

Abductees are required to sit at a console and operate an electronic-like device for a specific goal. It might be keeping a dot between lines on a screen, or pressing the "correct" button upon hearing a tone. These are thought to be neurological training procedures for future activity.

Miscellaneous Procedures

There are many other procedures that abductees report. They all appear to be in the service of the aliens specific goals for the abductees.

THE FACE IN THE FIELDS

26-Sep-2002

U.K. Crop circle investigator Lucy Pringle, who creates crop circle calendars and postcards, talks about her research of the "Face" and "Computer Disk" crop circle, which was the most controversial circle of the recent season. She writes:

On Friday, August 16th 2002, a woman telephoned the Ocean FM radio station to report a crop formation that was clearly visible from Sarum Road. This was broadcast at 9am. I made a close examination and spoke to the farmer, Mike Burge and I agreed that this field couldn't be seen from any road. It is completely hidden and lies beneath the radio towers at Crabwood.

It has since transpired that a woman riding her horse along the top of the field below the radio towers saw the formation and telephoned the radio station. Traffic reporter Pippa Head, while flying over her area, was

notified of this formation by a link from the radio station to her single engine Piper Warrior aircraft and was asked to investigate. She confirmed that this formation was present and sent back a report. She was the first known person to see the formation from the air.

Mary Hill, who lives in one of the farmhouses beyond the bottom of the field, reported that either a helicopter or generator was heard making a loud noise in or above the field between 12:30 and 1:30am on the morning of Thursday, August 15th. She had gone to bed about midnight and was about to go to sleep, when she heard a throbbing sound which came closer and closer and then appeared to hover, the noise continuing in-between 10-20 minutes. (Note: This is a commonly described sound of UFOs, except when they're silent—which is most of the time).

Stephen Short was in the field on the night of August 21st and fell into conversation with 3 middle-aged women who were staying at the campsite the other side of the radio towers. They reported that during the night of Thursday August 15th, they had witnessed an amazing display of dancing lights over the field which kept darting about, spiralling down to the ground and then back up again; then going round in circles, then down and coming back up again before disappearing like a shooting star.

On Sunday, August 25th, I got a telephone call from Marie Wakelam whose house borders the Crabwood field. She had just returned from visiting the formation and had fallen into conversation with a family who had shown her stalks of wheat taken from inside the formation that were slightly singed and blackened. Marie thought this was curious as at about 11-11.30pm on the evening of Thursday, August 15th, she had been surprised to smell a strong smell of burning, like a bonfire coming from the field.

I flew over the field on Friday, August 16th, and neither the pilot nor I could work out the meaning of the formation—there appeared to be no coherent shape that we could decipher. But having flown over the face at Chilbolton last year, I said to the pilot that we would just have to do the best we could and hope that something intelligible would come out of the roll of film. Geoff Knight rushed through the development and printing of the film and we were amazed at what we saw.

Mike Burge kindly opened the field to all those who wished to visit it. On Saturday, August 17th, two friends accompanied me and as we entered the formation at the top of the "head," we all felt dizzy and our heads were throbbing. We hastily moved away from that position and the sensations diminished until by the bottom of the formation, they had disappeared completely. This could be due to the frequencies given off by the radio tower and indeed while filming one day with a Mexican team, the pulsing noise was so great in the headphones we had to move to the

bottom of the formation away from the towers before recording became possible.

The lay in the "Alien" was one I had seen only once before, in the Chilbolton "Face" of 2001; it seemed as though the flattened, swirled crop around each standing tuft had been laid individually—a task that would surely be beyond the ability of man during the short hours of darkness at this time of year. None of the stalks were broken in either formation; they were bent at the base. Whether the origin of the formation is of man or of a complex energy as yet unknown to man, it is most impressive in every respect. It would appear that, if man-made, a technology was used that is unknown to all but a few selected people.

In the photographs, the formation appears in the positive, while previously, apart from the 2001 Chilbolton event, the large majority of events have been in the negative (i.e. in this instance, the standing crop has determined the pattern rather than the fallen crop). It is the subtle shadowing of the standing wheat that creates the image of the face. Another similar aspect is that the meaning of this formation is completely unambiguous. It is the face of an extraterrestrial, no more, no less; there is no other possible interpretation.

One noticeable aspect of the disk was that there was no evidence of a single seed head missing from any of the standing clumps of wheat inside the circular shape. In order to construct a circle, it is likely that a person would stand at a central point holding a rope and his accomplice would hold the other end of the rope while walking around the perimeter of the circle. In ripened crop, when the seed heads are heavy and hanging down against the stem, they are very fragile and any movement of a tightened rope stretching across the standing wheat will catch against the seed heads, flicking them off as it passes. I examined the circular dish minutely and did not find a single wheat stalk with a missing head.

On Tuesday, August 20th, I returned to the field to interview Mike Burge and the tractor driver Sid Colles. Sid Colles told me that on Wednesday, August 14, at 1pm, he had gone into the top of the field where the head of the alien was and he saw the edge of the frame and a few of the grid lines going across.

Tuesday, August 20 was the first time he had been back to the field since Wednesday, August 14. I asked him to retrace his steps of the previous week exactly and when he entered the top of the formation, he was amazed to see a large flattened area to his right that had not been there on his first visit. He then continued to walk down the right hand side as he done before and once again was amazed to see a complex circle where originally the line had stopped. He assured me that he could not possibly have missed seeing the additional elements of the formation if they had been there on his first visit. Both he and the farmer are of the

opinion that this enormous and complex design, measuring some 300 feet x 200 feet, could not have been made overnight but both are still sceptical about the origins of the formation.

It would appear that the tufts of standing crop inside the circular element (the "computer disk") are not random. Binary is the language used by NASA when trying to communicate with other intelligences; it is also the basic language used by computers. In order to convert binary into our alphabet, a code called the ASCII set was developed by the ANSI (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) in the 1960's.

Paul Vigay and Eltjo Haselhoff, author of "The Deepening Complexity of Crop Circles," have found that the circular dish contains a code that consists of binary. By using the ASCII character set which consist of 128 characters and translating the binary digits and sequences into their decimal equivalent and then looking up them up in the ASCII character set in order to see which letters they correspond to, they arrived at the following decoding: "Beware the bearers of FALSE gifts & their BROKEN PROMISES. Much PAIN but still time. (Damaged word). There is GOOD out there. We OPOSE DECEPTION. Conduit CLOSING (BELL SOUND)."

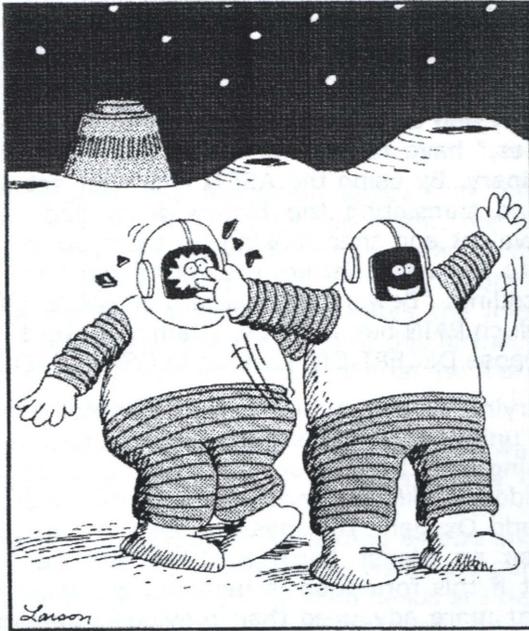
When trying to communicate with external intelligences, we have always used universal symbols such as were encoded into the Arecebo message, giving such basic information as the numbers 1-10, the atomic numbers needed for life on earth, such as Hydrogen, Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Oxygen. The message also included our DNA structure, the population on planet Earth in 1974 and our solar system. Paul suggests that if this formation is genuine, we could be dealing with an intelligence far more advanced than previously imagined; an intelligence which is able to bypass universal symbols and interact directly, using our language. In contrast to this possibly advanced level of interaction with our planet, I am disappointed in the content of the message which does not seem to me to be commensurate with a higher intellect.

One question is: is there an interactive process occurring between the circle making force and the microwave frequencies given off by the radio towers that plays a vital part in the formation of these images? Also, in all the photographs, the "Alien" appears to be of a sinister appearance and if man made one wonders why it was depicted in this mode. Over the years the "powers that be" have not, despite all their efforts, succeeded in their quest to destroy the appeal of this phenomenon by ridicule or by producing trumped-up people, such as Doug and Dave. Maybe to plant fear in the minds of people could be their new line of disinformation?

The media interest in the Crabwood formation has been intense and extraordinary. People have travelled from all ends of the earth to visit this formation. Many of us have been interviewed by TV producers from the BBC, Mexico, America and Slovenia. Jaimie Maussan from Mexico

travelled 5,000 miles to see the formation in person. Investigators from Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain and many other European countries were among the throngs of fascinated people crowding into this event.

Source: <http://www.unknowncountry.com>



"We've made it. Warren! ... The moon!"

[Perhaps SIGAP members may prefer the caption: - Director: "Cut!" - Ed]

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN THE NETHERLANDS

Last Saturday night (September 28, 2002) a UFO like a ball of light frightened a Dutch couple, Pieter Vosters and Judith van Heerwaarden, who live in Bladel (eastern part of Noord-Brabant province, not too far from Eindhoven) in the southeast of the Netherlands.

The couple told the police the strange ball pursued them for a period of three quarters of an hour (45 minutes) while they were driving their car on the road from Valkenswaard to Bladel."

"I am a very hard-headed man in these things," said real estate agent Pieter Vosters, 40, "And I know people will think we are mad. But what we saw was real.

The light followed us all the time. It reacted immediately to our movements. And I really didn't drink too much."

According to Vosters, the white ball radiated a bright light and flew at a high altitude. "First I thought it was a kind of laser show for a discotechque. We even started to make jokes about it. But when it kept on following us, I thought to myself: Something is wrong here. We stopped the car on the side of the road. The light stopped as well and stayed above us while it was turning around in circles (spinning--J.T.). This happened about six times more. When we stopped, the thing stopped as well."

"When we turned left in the direction of Bladel, the light did the same. It was a very bright light. I told my wife (Judith) to step on the gas. But it kept on pursuing us at a very high speed. The speed was so high, the object now looked like a streak of light. By this time, we were convinced it couldn't be a laser. My wife became frightened. I was afraid to go home." Vosters said the UFO disappeared when his wife stopped their BMW not far from their house.

The Dutch investigations group, UFO Werkgroep-Nederland (UWN), has started an extensive investigation of the strange light phenomena that was reported last weekend by a couple who live in Bladel, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

On Saturday night (September 28, 2002), in Utrecht, 40-year-old Linda Schajik was also followed by the UFO. Late Saturday night, at about 12:30 a.m. (actually, that would have been early Sunday morning, September 29, 2002--J.T.) Linda had to walk home because she missed the last bus.

"I saw a flat, luminous white spot slantingly above me," Linda reported, "It had a grey luminous tail, and the tail went up and down like a windscreen wiper. I was not surprised when I saw it. But the light kept on following me. When I turned to the right, the light did the same. And when I stopped, the light stayed above me, while it was turning around in small circles (spinning). I was not afraid. On the contrary, I found it fascinating. I stopped a few times, sometimes as long as 15 minutes. The light stayed above me, gently hovering like some kind of guardian angel who would escort me safely to my house. I thought: What do you want from me? As I took two steps to the left, it also made a fast movement. Can you imagine this? After an hour, I walked up my street. It was spinning for a short while above my little apartment. A man on the balcony asked me what I was looking at. When I told him about the light, he immediately closed the door. Perhaps he thought I was mad."

On Monday, September 30, 2002, at 10:30 p.m., Edmond Kruk reported, "I was alone in my garden in Hoorn (a town in Noord-Holland province). That night the sky was very bright here. I saw something that could be a UFO. At this time, I was just smoking a cigarette in my garden when I saw a strange, red flying thing passing by at an unusually fast speed. It only lasted for ten seconds, and then it was gone. The thing was flying faster than a normal jet plane and was also much bigger. It also was higher in the sky, flew very stable, and, in a very strange way, it looked like 'slow motion' because it was that big."

Describing the UFO, Edmond added, "I thought it looked like a 'game pad' (computer game input device) with five points of red light on either side. The UFO came from the east, passed Hoorn, and then went to the west, towards Alkmaar."

"Some 20 seconds after that, a white flying ball went the same way at the UFO, as if it was following the red UFO." (See the Netherlands newspaper De Telegraaf for September 30, 2002, *UFO frightened Dutch couple*; and for October 1, 2002, *More sightings of the mysterious UFO*. The Kruk story was an Email Form Report. Many thanks to Peter Hoeke of UFO Werkgroep-Nederland for the newspaper articles.)

(Editor's Comment: Taking the three stories together, it sounds as if the small white UFO was a probe sent out by the red UFO. The probe may have been monitoring Pieter Vosters and Linda Schajik for some unknown purpose. It's interesting to note that both Vosters and Schajik are 40 years old. Were the UFOs up to something in the Netherlands back in 1962?)

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COMPUTER SEARCH FOR RADIO SIGNALS FROM ALIENS RUNNING OUT OF CASH

BY CHARLES ARTHUR, Technology Editor, The Independent, 19th October 2002

THE WORLD'S biggest computing project, seeking radio signals from aliens, faces a funding crunch because of the hi-tech crash. That, in turn, could imperil researchers' wish to check a number of promising "signals" from outer space which might have come from alien species. The technology companies which have provided most of the sponsorship for the three-year-old SETI@home project, which uses idle time on people's PCs to analyse data from outer space, are so strapped for cash that they are cutting back on donations to the project.

Despite having more than four million users worldwide who run its Screensaver program, SETI@home still needs more than \$400,000 (£258,000) annually to cover its costs. But with sponsor companies such as Sun and Hewlett-Packard laying off thousands of people in the economic downturn, the project is having to seek out new sources of revenue - and finding it difficult.

"Our current funding will see us through the next four to five months," said David Anderson, the project leader. "It has been hard to get money donations from companies" though he added that "this has been true from the outset".

SETI@home started in 1999 and is a "distributed" version of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, which scans space for radio signals with patterns suggesting they were generated by an alien intelligence. Anyone can download a small program from the SETI website which will connect to the internet, download a small piece of recorded radio data and then analyse it when the computer is not being used. Once finished, it sends the results back.

So far, the project has used the equivalent of 1.1 million years of processing time, and performed 2 million million "gigaflops" - each gigaflop is a billion calculations. That dwarfs anything available or expended commercially.

Significantly, it has thrown up a handful of "candidate" signals, and the team

wants to book time on one of the world's biggest radio telescopes to check whether there are still signals coming from those locations. But without further funds that will be impossible.

A second stage of the overall project, called SETI@home II, would start a new session, recording signals from space in Australia.

But earlier this month Dan Werthimer, SETI@home's chief scientist, told Australian colleagues in an e-mail: "Our funding is drying up and we are very uncertain about the future of SETI@home I and II... I'm working hard trying to raise more funds, but as you know, it's not an easy time to raise money."

Dr Anderson admitted that "like any academic research project, we live from one grant to the next". He said he was encouraged by new funding from the US government, which previously banned any funding for SETI-style research.

"We recently received a \$900,000 three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to develop software for future projects," he said. But that funding could not be used for the current project.

"In the worst case, we'd cut back to a skeleton staff: one or two people rather than our current five - and complete the analysis of all the signals we've collected so far," Dr Anderson added.

That could take another 10 years. Each signal is checked at least three times, which has only been done for 20 per cent of the data collected.

From the files...

I KNOW THE SECRET OF THE FLYING SAUCERS

Source: True Magazine 1966 Issue by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)

Editor's Note: Major Keyhoe has been writing about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) in this magazine and elsewhere for over 15 years. From the outset he has insisted that flying saucers are real and interplanetary, and many authorities have come to agree with him. Now he claims that control over gravity itself is the only explanation for the astounding manoeuvres which saucers are said to make. Some physicists dismiss this theory as fundamentally erroneous. But, as you will read, there are others who find Major Keyhoe's latest chapter in "The Great Flying Saucer Story" important and plausible.

One night last February, over the North Pacific, a Flying Tiger Airlines crew had a startling aerial encounter. What they saw is a clue to a fantastic technical mystery. In its solution lies a prize so great that six government agencies are searching for it right now. The answer may not be far off. What they are searching for is the secret of gravity control.

About midnight on February 15, the Flying Tiger plane, carrying a military group from the U.S. to Japan, was four hours out of Anchorage. Suddenly the cockpit

radar picked up three fast-moving objects. The plane captain and his crew looked out at the side and saw three huge oval-shaped ships, glowing red in the night.

An Air Force captain who was a passenger on the plane was called forward to confirm the sighting. His signed report is in the files of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

According to the captain's report, the unknown machines slowed down to the airliner's speed and flew in close formation. Five miles away, by radar range, they levelled off to pace the plane. The Air Force captain computed their length as much more than 700 feet. It was plain that the giant Unidentified Flying Objects had an unknown type of propulsion. No jets or exhausts were visible. For 30 minutes, still in formation, they continued to pace the plane. Then, swiftly accelerating to 1,200 knots, they climbed out of sight in seconds.

This startlingly swift acceleration is a manoeuvre that could not be duplicated by any ship now made on Earth. What makes it possible for UFO's? According to many scientists and engineers, there is only one possible answer. The answer is antigravity: artificial gravity fields and control of gravity power.

Control of gravity is something that men have been dreaming about for centuries. Now it appears that we are on the threshold of achieving it. Its value, to the country that first attains it, is incalculable. Our government, hoping for a technical breakthrough, has set up 46 different research projects on various aspects of gravity control. The Air Force is running 33 of these projects and the others are divided among five other agencies.

Included in the 46 government projects are experiments and research at two Air Force Laboratories (Flight Dynamics and General Physics Research), Radio Corporation of America, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa; Stevens Institute of Technology; the universities of California, Denver, Harvard, Indiana, Manchester (England), Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Purdue, Stockholm (Sweden), Syracuse, Texas, and two New York schools - Queens College and Yeshiva Graduate School of Science.

And, of course, some government agencies have projects so secret that they are not publicly registered and cannot be revealed without permission.

Private industry is also looking at the question of gravity control with new seriousness. A large number of giant corporations, including Bell Aerospace, General Electric, Hughes Aircraft, Boeing, Douglas and many others, have set up gravity projects.

If you add up all the known gravity programs being run by the government and private industry, you get somewhere between 65 and 70 projects. This means there is a heavy concentration of scientific and engineering brains working on the problem.

One leading scientist who is convinced that UFO's are spaceships using gravity control is Dr. Hermann Oberth. Doctor Oberth, a recognised authority, was co-designer of the V-2 rocket and later a U.S. special consultant at Huntsville, Alabama, one of the installations where important antigravity research is now under way.

"With ordinary propulsion," Doctor Oberth told me in 1961, "such violent accelerations and manoeuvres would endanger the ship. Also, the force would crush any creatures aboard against the rear or sides of the machine. But with an artificial

gravity field the force applies simultaneously to the passengers and the spaceship. Even in swift changes of speed and direction, the ship is not strained and the passengers feel nothing."

Today, doctor Oberth is willing to go further. He is now of the opinion "that energy, inertia and gravitational fields are only aspects of one and the same thing" and that it will prove impossible to separate them from each other. What he has in mind, he says, is "not yet known fields of force" which can be used to accelerate material objects in a way similar to the force of gravity.

Another noted authority who agrees that UFO's are using artificial G fields is William P. Lear, Sr., [see "Hard-nosed Gambler in the Plane Game" in this issue] multimillionaire inventor, pilot, designer of air and space equipment and builder of jet aircraft. Lear, who once sighted a UFO from his executive plane, predicts that future U.S. vehicles will also use artificial gravity. "The people on board would probably not feel any more effect," Lear says, "than they do from the tremendous speed of the Earth as it rotates and orbits the sun."

Several years ago, Glenn Martin's vice-president for advanced design, G. S. Trimble, predicted that by 1985 practically all airliners would be using artificial gravity, flying at almost unbelievable speeds. At about the same time, future airliner speeds of 10,000 mph. or more were pictured by Dr. Walter Dornberger, then Bell Aircraft's chief guided-missile scientist and now president of Bell Aerospace.

Grover Loening, pioneer aircraft builder and consultant to the Air Force, said it even more strongly, "I firmly believe that before long man will acquire the ability to build an electromagnetic contragravity mechanism that works," he stated.

A top official of Bethlehem Steel, Jesse V. Honeycutt, has indicated some of the results we can expect if Loening is right. "Serious research is being concentrated in an attempt to solve the mystery of gravity and bring about a control of its power. It would bring about a greater revolution in power, transportation and many other fields than the discovery of atomic power", he stated.

Antigravity? It seems inconceivable. Yet, the search goes on and many responsible men believe the answer will be found. And, to my mind, it is the only possible explanation for the performance of the UFO's.

The stakes are so high that no clue can be overlooked. The Air Force Technical Intelligence, hunting for overlooked leads, is carefully checking hundreds of verified UFO reports. Hopefully, some of them will help us find out how these strange vehicles operate.

Four days before Christmas, 1964, a round, metallic craft about 125 feet in diameter was observed to make a brief landing in a field near Staunton, Virginia. Two Du Pont scientists later took Geiger counters to the site.

"It was 'hot'-highly radioactive," Du Pont engineer Lawrence Cook reported. "We checked for 45 minutes - it was definitely 'hot'."

In Puerto Rico, near dusk on December 26, 1964, Ramey Air Force Base radar spotted two large discs. As A4D jets streaked up to pursue them, the discs accelerated to terrific speed. Making instant right-angle turns-impossible for any known aircraft-they vanished over the Atlantic.

On March 21, 1965, Capt. Yoshiaki Inada, piloting a Toa Airlines Convair on a domestic Japanese flight, was chased by a "mysterious, elliptical luminous object." Flying close to the plane, the UFO blanked out his radio and "violently interfered" with his automatic direction finding equipment.

Puzzling earlier cases also are being rechecked. On July 1, 1954, an AF F-94 - a two-man jet - was scrambled to chase a UFO near Walesville, New York. When the pilot tried to close in, a sudden, unbearable heat filled the cockpit. Half-dazed, the pilot and radar officer bailed out. The jet crashed in the street, killing two children and their parents.

These odd phenomena, high radiation, mysterious heat and electrical interference may be side effects of gravity control devices.

Like most people, you probably took gravity for granted before space flights began. Now you know, for example, that one "G" is the Earth's normal gravitational pull. This is what holds you to the seat of your chair - and more important, keeps you from being tossed into the air by the Earth's rotation. You feel two or three "G" in a roller coaster or a stunting plane -- a mere hint of what our astronauts have to endure during blast-off and acceleration. But gravity causes a lot of trouble and expense we seldom think about. Aircraft and rocket builders have to provide heavy engines, huge weight of fuel, just to offset gravity. In construction of buildings, bridges, and in a hundred other ways, G affects our lives and adds billions to the cost of work.

Gravity control could reduce or end many of these problems.

How soon can we expect antigravity?

Some researchers say it may take a long time. Others believe there may be a sudden breakthrough. If that happens, there will be some fantastic results.

First, obviously, our space program would take a big leap forward. Instead of our present wasteful rockets, we could build spaceships matching the UFO's high speeds and manoeuvres. With such advanced ships, we could make swift flights to the moon and the planets.

Recently, Alexander de Seversky stated that "with abundant energy available, we will move in space with constant acceleration or deceleration. Accelerating half-way to our goal and decelerating the rest of the way at one G or 32.2 feet per second, the moon will be reached in three and a half hours, Venus in 36 hours, Mars in two days, Jupiter in six."

According to Oberth, German physicist Burkhard Heim and other scientists, gravity control will enable spaceships to reach even greater speeds than these. With such advanced machines, we could explore the nearest star systems a century or more ahead of our present timetable.

Using carrier or "parent" ships with short-range probes, we could fully explore a planet - either by remote control or direct observation - before attempting to land. Many cases are on record in which large UFO's have launched small units, apparently for close observation of the Earth, then retrieved them in swift, precise operations.

In one such case (an official AF Intelligence report), groups of small UFO's flying at 5240 mph. were seen and tracked by the crew of an AF B-29. One group, after abruptly slowing to pace the bomber, resumed its speed within seconds. The

small UFO's were then seen to merge with or go aboard a huge carrier which accelerated to more than 9,000 mph. before it disappeared.

Because of G-crafts' tremendous speeds, the picture of possible military operations becomes hair-raising. Let's take as a basis the figure in a documented case at White Sands Proving Ground, where Navy scientists saw and tracked a UFO flying at 18,000 mph.

Such terrific speed could put bombers back into the picture in place of missiles. Attacks by G-bombers from bases near major targets would take less than five minutes. If a "rush-fire" war broke out halfway around the world, a huge G-transport carrying a fully armed division - or even an army - could be on the scene in 40 minutes, or less.

Another effect of gravity control will be a big change in air travel. Here's what a G-liner trip would be like, according to several researchers. Let's say you are making a flight from New York to London. You go aboard a large ship - probably disc-shaped, from present indications. Your seat has no safety belts - none are needed. The ship takes off vertically, accelerating at incredible speed. You feel weightless but you feel no motion.

The airliner arcs up into a great circle course, silently, with no "bumps" - no rough air. In 10 to 15 minutes, London suddenly takes shape below. There is no long approach, skimming over rooftops. You descend vertically and land. If traffic is heavy, your pilot would stop the ship in midair and hover until cleared. In spite of the speed, you'd be safer - especially in regard to many of the strange eddies which have thrown jet airliners into uncontrollable dives.

In probing the riddle of gravity, project scientists try widely different approaches - some even contrary to accepted natural laws. Under an Army contract, a University of Detroit team has built a 4,000-pound, specially wired rotor which spins at 100,000 rpm. With this unique device, scientists are testing gravitational radiation theories searching for a possible key to G control.

Using gravity meters based on new principles of physics, Air Force teams make frequent flights around the equator and over the poles, to speed up worldwide measurement of the Earth's gravitational pull. Tied in with this is a network of gravity stations and special projects all over the world.

Though no breakthrough has occurred (unless in highly secret projects) two significant facts have been established.

The Earth's G field is relatively weak, compared with the pull of gravity between planets and the sun. There is a connection between gravity and electromagnetic fields. Igor Sikorsky, discussing the colossal force of spatial G, says a steel cable about 8,000 miles thick would be needed to hold the Earth in its orbit -- if it were not for gravity.

But, fortunately for our anti-G search, the Earth's gravity pull, for objects on the ground or at average flight altitudes, is fairly small. Likewise, the force required to cancel its pull would be relatively small - if a method can be found.

Using various barriers we can shield ourselves from the heat, light and sound waves. But, so far, no way has been found to create a gravity shield. Some scientists

still call the gravity shield idea a "lunatic fringe" notion. But many now refuse to say that such a thing is completely impossible.

Are UFO's using a gravity shield? In an effort to find out, the Air Force is renewing its attempts to capture a UFO. If we could get one on the ground, undamaged, it might make possible a big shortcut in our gravity research and save us years of slow, tedious scientific work.

In the past, many Air Force pilots have tried to down UFO's, without success. But the Air Force has new reason for hope now, based on the recent increase in low-altitude UFO approaches and "touch landings."

On the night of January 12, 1965, an officer of a federal law enforcement agency had a close encounter. As he was driving his official car toward Blaine Air Force Station, in Washington, a flying disc 30 feet in diameter hurtled down at his automobile. At the last moment the disc arced up steeply, avoiding collision. When the officer jumped out, he saw the UFO hovering overhead. After a minute, it shot up into clouds at high speed. A short time afterward, the UFO - or a similar one - was seen landing in a field near Blaine, melting the snow and scorching the ground before it took off. When the AF questioned the federal officer, they said they had tracked the UFO by radar as it raced down toward his car. This officer, like many other UFO witnesses, was warned by his superiors not to let his name be used in connection with the sighting.

On January 25, 1965, two NASA engineers sighted a UFO which touch landed near Hampton, Virginia. One witness was Maj. John Nayadley, a retired AF jet pilot. The other was A. G. Crimmins, who saw the strange machine manoeuvring toward the ground.

"It was zigzagging as if searching for a landing spot," said Crimmins. "I watched it through 20 x 50 binoculars and I could see flashing lights. They appeared to be on the rim of a rapidly rotating disc." Before anyone could reach the spot, the flying disc took off and rapidly climbed out of sight.

The step-up in UFO chases was demonstrated at Washington, D.C., on January 11, 1965, when AF jets pursued several flying objects over the city. The chase was confirmed by an Army lieutenant-colonel and a group of Army communications specialists. If jets had been near any of the "touch" sites, they might have swarmed down and kept the UFO from getting away. But records of previous attempts to capture UFOs indicate it will be a tough job.

Whether we capture a UFO or not, the search for the elusive secret will go on. The connection between gravity and electromagnetic fields may provide the key to the mystery.

For several years, Burkhard Heim, director of the German Research Institute of Field Physics at Goettingen, Germany, has been searching for the answer to the gravity riddle. Finally, Heim revealed that by direct experimentation he had discovered a positive lead to antigravity. The discovery involved an intermediate field, neither electromagnetic nor gravitational.

The results, Heim stated, if applied to space flight, would be direct levitation, conversion of electricity into kinetic energy without any waste, and "immunizing the

occupants and the structures of such vehicles against any effects from acceleration of the vehicle, however great and violent."

After the first shock, several scientists examined Heim's claims.

"His approach is not in conflict with known laws of nature, and it agrees with the quantum theory," A.R. Weyl said in an analysis for the British magazine, *Aeronautics*. "If Heim were right, the amazing properties commonly ascribed to the mysterious flying saucers' would be, in fact, sound physics and proper engineering."

Heim's work toward the goal of an actual antigravity device using "field inducers" has evidently been put under official German security. He has refused to divulge the key to his formula.

Heim's findings would indicate that antigravity researchers may discover new scientific laws and that their work may invalidate old theories. Some scientists are already saying privately that Einstein's famous "general theory of relativity" may turn out to be totally fallacious. Newton's law has also come in for attacks. However, Robert Forward, G expert of Hughes Aircraft Company, uses the Einstein theory to show that it is possible to partially nullify the Earth's gravitational field. The amount of nullification obtainable with present-day technology is extremely small, however. Forward predicts that some day, when our technology is greatly advanced, we will be able to "create artificial gravity fields at will."

With a real all-out effort this could happen a lot sooner than the 10 or 20 years many scientists have in mind.

But getting enough top men to work in the field is a problem. One scientist says, "Scientists are sensitive about their reputations and many of them still think antigravity is a joke. If they knew the facts, they'd be eager to get into it."

Fear among scientists is partially due to the Air force censorship of UFO reports. Air force censors not only hide the facts but also belittle those who publicly report UFO sightings.

One recent victim was Dempsey Bruton, chief of satellite tracking at NASA's Wallops Island station in Virginia. On January 5, 1965, Bruton saw a strange round object flying at terrific speed toward the station. After it passed overhead, the UFO shot straight up out of sight. Using the elapsed time - six to nine seconds - and angles and times reported by other witnesses, Bruton said the speed was definitely "several thousand miles per hour, possibly 8,000 mph. or even higher." The AF, implying he was incompetent, rejected the report and said it was not evidence of any technically superior machine.

But AF policy notwithstanding, the drive to get the secret of antigravity is well underway. It can't be stopped now. But it can be speeded up. We are already spending billions on the space program - on the race to the moon, to Mars. Harnessing gravity could put us years ahead and save us enormous sums of money.

With control of the universe at stake, a crash program is imperative. We produced the A-bomb, under the huge Manhattan Project, in an amazingly short time. The needs, the urgency today are even greater. The Air Force should end UFO secrecy, give the facts to scientists, the public, to Congress. Once the people realise the truth, they would back - even demand - a crash G program.

For this is one race we dare not lose. - Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe

CHALLENGING UFO SECRECY - BUT DO WE WANT THE TRUTH?

Analysis and Commentary By Michael Lindemann

British newspapers on September 15, 1999 reported statements made the previous day by Dr. Jacqueline Mitton, an astronomer and press officer for the British Royal Astronomical Society. Announcing the release of "A Debunker's Guide to UFOs," Dr. Mitton declared that there is no evidence whatsoever that Earth has ever been visited by beings from elsewhere. Moreover, she said, the persistent misguided belief in UFOs as alien spacecraft was having a negative effect upon those scientists who might wish to pursue a legitimate search for extraterrestrial life. "There is very clear public support for such research," Dr. Mitton said, "but it is not supported by governments, who have been frightened off" -- presumably by the stigma associated with "little green men." Dr. Mitton made her public anti-UFO remarks in the company of an inflatable alien.

That respected scientists representing major scientific institutions can still offer such assurances at the turn of the millennium is testament to a very different myth than the one Dr. Mitton thinks is operative. For her and countless others like her, UFOs represent nothing more than a myth based on an accumulation of misperceptions, pseudo-science and the willingness of weak-minded, ignorant people to believe the absurd. But in point of fact, she is the one victimised by a myth -- the unexamined myth of "No Evidence."

For it is hardly likely that Dr. Mitton has deeply examined and pondered the best UFO cases. Why should she, when her predisposition to declare UFOs absurd is the de facto correct attitude for a person of her station? The myth of No Evidence is no accident. On the contrary, it is a Big Lie purposely created and assiduously cultivated over many decades. This is no longer the opinion of a mere handful of conspiracy nuts, but a dawning recognition among leading thinkers in many fields. It is quietly discussed around the boardroom tables of giant corporations, out of earshot of the rank and file. It haunts the dreams of numerous scientists, military officers and politicians who have not yet figured out how to "come out of the closet" with their concerns. It is the boldly stated message of the ground-breaking UFO assessment issued in July 1999 by COMETA, a committee of leading French military figures and scientists who declare that some UFOs are not only real, technological and likely of non-Earth origin, but also pose a serious challenge to international security and should be openly treated as such. (See story now posted at http://www.cninews.com/CNI_New.html)

There is undoubtedly public momentum toward greater acceptance of the reality and importance of UFOs, and with it a growing boldness among some UFO activists to demand official disclosure. But in this regard, two important questions must be asked: 1) Can disclosure be forced by any reasonable means? and 2) If the unvarnished truth were told, would we the people be glad, or find ourselves wishing for a return to blissful ignorance?

Attorney Peter Gersten, through his organization Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, is testing the limits of the law and the courts to force disclosure of UFO secrets. Over the last 20 years, he has probably filed more lawsuits directly related to UFO secrecy than any other person in the United States. As recently as September 14, 1999, he has filed a "Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law" defending his request that a judge in Phoenix, Arizona deny a motion by the U.S. Department of Defense for summary judgment (i.e. dismissal) of Gersten's previous request for release of documents that might shed light upon "the existence of triangular aerial object(s) with certain specific performance characteristics, in our skies for at least the last twenty years." Gersten argues that he has presented 33 eyewitness affidavits attesting to such craft, spanning a period of 23 years up to and including 1999, and that such a body of affidavits "creates a Triable Issue as to the Reasonableness of the Search" allegedly conducted by the Department of Defense into this matter -- a search which the DoD says turned up nothing of note.

Based on the assumption that such flying objects undoubtedly exist, Gersten says, "an inference can be drawn that no matter what the object(s) origin or identity, the OJCS [Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff], because of its 'intelligence and security' responsibility... must have information about it. Not only must the defendant have information about the object(s), but due to its unusual appearance and highly sophisticated performance characteristics, the information should be easily retrievable. The fact that the defendant maintains there is no information about an object that is so apparently within the defendant's jurisdiction, is evidence of the unreasonableness of its search, notwithstanding the 'good faith' accorded the affidavits included with its Motion."

Gersten knows the law and is aggressive in pursuit of such remedies as the law can provide. If the legal playing field were a level one -- as those who put their faith in the rule of law must believe -- then the efforts of Peter Gersten, and others like him, should bear fruit.

But is the playing field level in this instance? Probably not. There is an impediment to "blind justice" -- and it can be called "Policy." That is what journalist Frank Rain calls it. The first instalment of Rain's multi-part article titled "Kissing Through Glass: The Uneasy Relationship Between A Free Society and Its Secret-Keeper" appears in the current September 1999 issue of UFO Magazine (<http://www.ufomag.com>). In it, Rain points out that policy plays a special role in the handling of matters deemed significant to the national security. Setting up his argument, he writes: "Why is a discussion about something as decidedly unsexy as policy relevant to a magazine about UFOs? Because one cannot effectively understand the management of proprietary information inside government without first understanding that the single, determining factor for any transfer of that information beyond government is not reason, conscience or happenstance, but policy."

If policy is to not release information, then no amount of public action, legal or otherwise, will cause information to be released. What must be recognised, Rain says, is that the UFO subject is not unique in this regard. He offers a stunning parallel, now historically certified, regarding President Franklin Roosevelt's handling of the fact that German submarines were sinking literally hundreds of ships with complete impunity

just off the U.S. east coast during 1942. Rain writes: "The White House was desperately concerned for a number of reasons: The war had come to within binocular distance of America, but we were still almost a year away from having adequate numbers of ships and planes available to protect our eastern waters. Further, the Roosevelt Administration feared that if word of the number and severity of the U-boat incursions were to become widely known, there was risk of a national panic.... Thus, lacking any course of corrective action, a policy of denial was enacted.

"First, an older admiral with no public profile, Adolphus Andrews, was put in charge of our eastern coastal defences. Second, despite Andrews' repeated urgings for Washington to order coastal blackouts thereby making cargo ships more difficult to be seen against the shoreline, his requests were ignored so that the public's suspicions would not be raised. Third, certain trusted members of the eastern press were briefed about the situation and asked to refrain from reporting stories about it, which they agreed to do. Fourth, any report of German U-boat activity near the American coast was met with official scepticism or the reliability of the source questioned. Fifth, all evidence of torpedoed ships (wreckage and bodies) that washed up on shore was immediately impounded and disposed of by the military, while the local population was told that it was the result of a storm at sea and warned not to speak to anyone about it. And sixth, those who were in the government information loop on this policy were strongly informed that any breach of security would be considered treason, a crime punishable by execution.... "Today few Americans have even the slightest notion that between December, 1941 and September, 1942, 292 vessels were torpedoed and hundreds of merchant seamen lost, most within sight of American beaches." [For more information on this "hidden war," see Homer Hickam's "Torpedo Junction: U-Boat War Off America's East Coast, 1942" (Naval Institute Press, 1989; currently in Dell paperback, 1999)].

Anyone familiar with the general suppositions about the so-called UFO cover-up cannot help but notice the parallels with Roosevelt's campaign to dissuade the public from recognising and reacting adversely to the very real peril of German submarine attacks. The submarines were real, they were seen by countless civilians along the eastern seaboard, they sank nearly 300 ships with thousands of casualties -- and they were successfully denied. It was policy. It worked.

Examples like this are important, because without them (and perhaps even with them), most reasonable people would not believe such things are actually done by governments -- or if attempted, that they could succeed. But they are done, and they do succeed. That is the shocking truth. Here at CNI News, we are absolutely convinced that some UFOs represent technological artefacts of non-human intelligence. We are absolutely convinced that non-human intelligent beings are present on and around planet Earth in significant numbers and are interacting with significant numbers of innocent civilians as well as various other of Earth's life forms, including livestock. And we are absolutely convinced that policies are in place to enforce the sequestering and denial of these facts, and that no amount of legal manoeuvring is likely to overcome these policies any time soon -- unless, that is, there are compelling reasons to change the policy, reasons arising among those secretive persons and agencies in whose hands the policies reside.

In attempting to assess the prospect that the policies themselves may change, allowing for disclosure of UFO-related information, we must ask: What might be the operative suppositions behind the origin of the policies in the first place? Perhaps the U-Boat example is instructive again. The U-Boats represented a covert alien force capable of doing much mischief with impunity. During the period 1941-42 at least, the United States had no effective military rejoinder to this threat. Thus, Roosevelt chose to act not upon the U-Boats but upon the perceptions and beliefs of the American people. There seems good reason to believe that a similar situation pertains with respect to UFOs -- with the difference that, in regard to the U-Boats, the Allies found remedies fairly quickly, but regarding UFOs, no such remedies are at hand. At least, we may entertain this as a reasonable possibility.

Roosevelt was afraid the American people would panic. The CIA, in its Robertson Panel report of 1953, drew the same conclusion regarding public response to UFOs. Some sceptics continue to doubt that the invocation of public panic is sufficient to justify a UFO cover-up, but their doubts are frankly absurd. If more proof were needed, we have been shown this year -- in the public pronouncements of the Clinton administration regarding the possible effects of Y2K -- that our national leadership is far more concerned to quell potential panic (in the form of "hoarding food" or "running on the banks") than they are to tell the unvarnished truth about Y2K. Indeed, we the people seem to be The Government's biggest problem. Our presumed proclivity to become irrational, unpredictable and potentially destructive at the first sign of trouble is THE problem which official policies of denial are designed to treat.

Whether "the aliens" are actually benign or malevolent is a moot point if, as officially supposed, the tendency of most humans would be to "shoot first and ask questions later." It is not at all clear that such a response would really occur under all variations of alien disclosure. But a conservative policy, based on the precedence of national security above all other values, might assume as much.

More to the point, it cannot be ignored that the "reality" of alien activity on planet Earth might not be entirely benign. Even if not actually hostile, the methods and motives of some non-human entities might have the net effect of terrorising most humans if directly perceived. In that case, would it be wise and good to tell us all "the truth"?

Linda Moulton Howe is one investigator who has specialised in the seeming dark side of non-human intelligent activities, especially with regard to "unusual animal deaths" or surgical livestock mutilations. Explanations aside, such events occur with alarming regularity on the ranches and farms of America, and in many other countries. Occasional efforts to explain away the grotesquely precise excisions on these animals as predator attacks, disease, lightning strikes or even cult activity are pitifully, laughably inadequate. Overwhelming evidence shows that these animals are operated upon in a highly intelligent and methodical way, for purposes unknown, by an agency that comes and goes with absolute stealth, leaving no sign of its presence or identity save the marks on the animals themselves. And, very often, it is obvious that the animal's corpse came to its final resting spot after being lowered from the air -- as, for example, a huge bull found recently on a ranch in South Dakota, draped neatly over a

barbed-wire fence. (Linda Howe's most recent investigations of unusual animal deaths are posted at her "Earthfiles" website at <http://www.earthfiles.com/earth068.htm>.)

It is Linda Howe's belief, expressed in a recent conversation with this writer, that "People want the government to tell the truth, but they don't want to know the truth if it's bad."

Is she right? I dare say yes, based on attitudes expressed to me by readers of my own publications. One example: a man who recently sampled my Global Situation Report, which factually tracks environmental trends, global conflicts and similar issues, offered this reason for not subscribing: "Who needs this grief? Head in the sand? No, not quite. But I am not going to wallow in possible disasters." In the face of admittedly uncomfortable facts, this man wilfully chooses denial. He is hardly alone. Let's conclude with a quick speculative scorecard:

1) Do The People "need to know" about UFOs? Probably not.

2) Would The People actually be happier knowing the whole truth about UFOs? Possibly not.

3) Does The Government have any compelling reason at this time to change its presumed policy of denial regarding UFOs? Probably not.

4) Can civil actions provoke The Government to make UFO disclosures in the absence of a change in policy? Probably not.

5) Shall we therefore despair of ever learning the truth about UFOs? Perhaps surprisingly to some, my answer to this last question is: Certainly not. CNI News is predicated on the perception that our collective understanding of matters relating to the existence and nature of extraterrestrial life is growing today at an unprecedented rate. At the same time, various political, social and environmental pressures are also building rapidly. These are pre-conditions for potentially massive and sudden changes in social attitudes and even government behaviour. Even if the truth is not forthcoming, we are well justified in pursuing it. At any moment, something unexpected might occur. But, again, we must prepare (as best we can) for the possibility that "the truth" might not be exactly as we'd like it.

NEWS IN BRIEF/ SIGHTINGS ROUNDUP

NEW PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

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A new planet has been discovered in our solar system. It is circling the sun out farther than Pluto. It's about 800 miles across—half the size of Pluto, which was discovered 72 years ago—and circles the Sun every 288 years. Astronomers have also discovered a tiny moon circling the planet Uranus. The new planet was discovered by Michael Brown and Chadwick Trujillo, using a telescope at the Palomar Observatory in California. They used the Hubble Space Telescope to confirm their discovery. They gave it the name Quaoar, after the creation myth of the Tongva people, who lived in the Los Angeles area before the arrival of the Spanish and other European settlers. Quaoar was the god who created all things. But Quaoar

isn't its official name until the International Astronomical Union votes on it. Right now, it's officially called 2002 LM60.

Quaoar and Pluto are in the Kuiper Belt, which is a swarm of objects made of ice and rock that orbit the Sun. They are thought to be remnants of the swirling debris that formed the Solar System about five billion years ago. Many astronomers have argued that Pluto isn't actually a planet, and they'll probably say the same thing about Quaoar.

Astronomers have also discovered a small moon circling the distant planet Uranus. It was first seen in August 2001, but they quickly lost sight of it in the glare from Uranus. It was rediscovered in September. "The extraordinary small moons we detected around Saturn convinced us that there should be similarly sized small moons around Uranus," says Dr. J. Kavelaars of the National Research Council of Canada. "Now we have found them."

Source: <http://www.unknowncountry.com/news>

UFO ORBITTING EARTH IS MOST LIKELY APOLLO ROCKET

Something odd is circling our planet. It's small, perhaps only 60-ft long, and rotates once every minute. Amateur astronomer Bill Yeung first spotted the 16th magnitude speck of light on September 3rd 2002. He named it J002E3. It might be a spacecraft after all—an old one from Earth. Apparently, J002E3 left Earth in 1971, went around the Sun 30 or so times, and came back again. Chodas, an expert in planetary motion who has seen plenty of complicated orbits, says "I've never seen anything like this." NASA scientists have confirmed the first known capture of an object into Earth orbit from a Sun-centred orbit, thanks to continuing observations of what is most likely the long-lost third stage of a 1969 Apollo rocket to the Moon. "Last week we didn't know for sure that it had been captured, and now there's no doubt that it was captured in April of this year," said Dr. Paul Chodas of the Near-Earth Object Program Office at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif. "What's more, we are virtually certain that it originally escaped Earth orbit in March 1971 and that it will escape again next June. It's only a temporary visitor." Thanks to NASA.

ARE THERE UFOS UNDERWATER?

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Continuing what seems to be a gradual leak of formerly secret UFO information by Russia (See Sept. 18 news "Will Russians Reveal Data on UFOs?"), Pravda reports on a case of underwater lights seen in 1908 from a Russian ship: "Suddenly, an unusual green- white light broke out under the stern, which soon occupied most of the water's surface. This luminous surface had an oval shape and moved for some time together with the ship, then gradually separated from it and flew ahead of it. It moved away fast and shone as a strip."

They go on to describe strange lights seen from another ship in 1909: "Waves of light were moving from west to east. Gradually, they took the

shape of long rays coming from one centre at the skyline and rotating clockwise. These rays were not straight, but concave. The whole system was moving, while reducing the speed of its movement, and gradually it vanished all together."

In 1976, Bulgarians Yulia and Doncho Popasov saw large circles of light circles on the water surface from their boat and thought, at first, they were from a searchlight. Yulia then saw a large light approaching them, shaped like a ship with people onboard.

In 1977, the Soviet newspaper Nedelya reported that underwater lights were observed by Vladimir Vorobyov from a Soviet research ship: "After having completed an ocean investigation, the team suddenly noticed a white light rotating clockwise at a distance of 150 or 200 m, which split into eight parts. A sonar device registered a depth of 170 (miles) and showed the presence of a big mass under the keel at a depth of 20 (miles). After 30 minutes, the luminescence disappeared."

None of this information is recent. Is Pravda desperate for entertainment stories or are the Russians trying to tell us something? Maybe we need to send some divers down to look for the source of these lights. Or maybe they've already come to us.

ANCIENT OLMECS HAD CELESTIAL NAVIGATION FORMULAE

Astronaut Gordon Cooper in his book "A Leap of Faith" tells the reader his strong views on the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence and even the distinct possibility that we have already had contact." His photographic team at Edwards Air Force Base photographed a landing of a disc craft.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper in his book states: "During my final years with NASA, I became involved in a different kind of adventure: undersea treasure hunting in Mexico. One day, accompanied by a National Geographic photographer, we landed in a small plane on an island in the Gulf of Mexico; local residents pointed out to them pyramid-shaped mounds, where they found ruins, artefacts and bones. On examination back in Texas, the artefacts were determined to be 5,000 years old! When we learned of the age of the artefacts," Cooper writes, "we realized that what we'd found had nothing to do with seventeenth-century Spain. I contacted the Mexican government and was put in touch with the head of the National Archaeology Department, Pablo Bush Romero." Together with Mexican archaeologists the two went back to the site.

After some excavating, Cooper writes, "The age of the ruins was confirmed at 3000 B.C. Compared with other advanced civilizations, relatively little was known about the Olmecs who made large statues of their faces that appear they came from the Black Africa race." Gordon Cooper writes, "Engineers, farmers, artisans, and traders, the Olmecs had a remarkable civilization. But it is still not known where they originated... Among the findings that intrigued me most: that, when translated, turned out to be mathematical formulas used to this day for navigation, and accurate drawings of constellations, some of which would not be officially

'discovered' until the age of modern telescopes. "It was this, rather than his experiences as an astronaut, that triggered Gordon Cooper's "Leap of faith": "This left me wondering: Why have celestial navigation signs if they weren't navigating celestially?" And he asks: "If 'someone' had helped the Olmecs with this knowledge, from whom did they get it?" Thanks to Gordon Cooper Chapter 11 "A Leap of Faith"

MOON OPENS FOR BUSINESS

By Dr David Whitehouse, BBC News Online science editor

The first private Moon landing has finally been given the green light by the US Government. TransOrbital of California has become the first private company in the history of spaceflight to gain approval from the US authorities to explore, photograph and land on the Moon. The US State Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have granted the company permission to send its TrailBlazer spacecraft into lunar orbit. The launch is set for June 2003 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Moon rush

The decision to let TransOrbital launch its lunar mission could spell the beginning of the commercialisation of the Moon.

"The Moon is ripe for commercial development," said Dennis Laurie, of TransOrbital. "It's a lot closer than you think, at least in travel time, which is four days."

Winning permission took TransOrbital more than two years. To get federal blessing it had to prove the Trailblazer satellite would not contaminate the Moon with biological material, pollute the lunar surface or disturb previous landing sites. In the long term, TransOrbital wants to develop communications and navigation systems for lunar exploration.

"The cost of Moon travel will be coming down and opportunities going up," says Mr Laurie.

Several other private companies are pursuing Moon missions. LunaCorp of Virginia also wants to put a satellite into lunar orbit in 2003.

TransOrbital and LunaCorp hope to find the money for their missions by selling pictures and video taken by their spacecraft. One use of their images could be for immersive video games that give players the feel of going to the Moon and back.

'Significant moment'

Trailblazer will provide high-definition video as well as maps of the lunar surface (at one-metre resolution), as well as new images of Earthrise over lunar terrain.

After 90 days the mission will end with the delivery of a time capsule to the lunar surface. It will contain messages, photographs and memorabilia. The cost to the public to send something to the lunar surface is \$2,500 (£1,600) a gram.

In addition, the Trailblazer mission should provide the opportunity to photograph the equipment left behind by past Apollo and Russian landings putting an end to suspicions that the Moon landings were faked.

Beyond the orbital missions, TransOrbital and Lunacorp have plans for lunar landers and rovers. TransOrbital says it has the technology, the desire and now the licensing. "It's a significant moment for our company," says Dennis Laurie. "People will soon get to experience the Moon in ways they never imagined."

POSSIBLE ET HABITATS ON EUROPA

Galileo space probe data suggests there's an ocean on Jupiter's moon Europa, which is Earth-like and could harbour life. The moon's icy crust is relatively thin, with cracks and vents, which would allow gases, heat and organic matter to reach water underneath. This is same situation that probably exists on Mars. Europa's Ocean may be like the icy bodies of water on Earth, such as the Arctic Ocean, which is our smallest ocean and occupies the area around the North Pole. It's exposed to air and heat through its cracking and melting ice. Another similar body of water is Lake Vostok in Antarctica, which is one of the deepest-known bodies of fresh water on Earth and resembles the ice-covered oceans that are being discovered elsewhere in the Solar System. It may even harbour undiscovered forms of life. Dr. Cynan Ellis-Evans says, "These new interpretations suggest that a European ocean could be dynamically interacting with the moon's surface atmosphere over short time scales that increase opportunities for life to exist and evolve." Clouds of sulphur spewing from Io, another of Jupiter's moons, could be reaching Europa. "If we're getting a sulphur source going into the lake it's an exciting possibility," he says. "It increases the opportunity for life." One theory is that a meteorite carrying microbes could have crashed into Europa. NASA is considering sending a robotic probe to Europa to drill through the ice and look for life. Another possible ET habitat is a planet orbiting around another star that has a circular orbit, meaning it could be Earth-like. Researcher Chris McCarthy says, "Now it's seeming like there is a sizable and well-populated class of giant planets that have circular orbits." This newly discovered planet orbits a star called Tau Gruis, which is about 100 light-years away. Thanks to London Sunday Telegraph October 6, 2002

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