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CONVENTION IN THE WORKS

Well gang, the old shoe's on my foot this year (or next year from the perspective of my writing this) -- the Tenth Annual National UFO Conference, having kicked around the Northeast and Midwest since the first one in Cleveland, Ohio in '64 is coming to Atlanta 1973 and I'm conference chairman.

The whole thing's a chance to gain some for myself ego-boo-wise, but I could also get royally bumped if it flops. Now would y'all wanna do that to little ole me? 'course not!

So come. Buy tickets.

Do both, though. **DON'T BUY A TICKET IF YOU DON'T EXPECT TO COME.**

Our speaker at the public session will be nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman. You can attend that session alone for \$1.00 paid before or at the door. However, we also have delegate sessions. Tickets for the whole shebang including delegate status at the con are available until June 20th for \$3.00; after that it goes up to \$5.00.

If you'd like to sell a block of advance tickets (and please don't ask for them if you can't sell them) to the delegate sessions and public session together (that is, delegate tickets; no blocks of public session tickets except as we specify), write us about it and we'll consider. Any tickets distributed on this basis are subject to recall by us without notice in advance. Now that's the stick; here is the carrot: tickets sold on this basis sell for \$3.00. You keep one (that's \$1.00, folks) on every ticket you sell, if you sell three or more. One more thing: any unsold outstanding tickets will be recalled sometime before the convention.

Convention program subject to change without notice.

Dates: June 22, 23, 24, 1973; Location: Atlanta, Georgia;
Public session: Lenox Square Auditorium, Lenox Square,
Friday evening, June 22, 1973. Time of session:

7:30 PM (tickets:\$1.00); Delegate Sessions: Rodeway Inn, across the street from Lenox Square, June 22, 23, 24, 1973 (tickets: \$3.00 until June 20, 1973; includes public session). The program is subject to change without notice.

STRANGE PHENOMENA IN THE RECENT LITERATURE

by Allen H. Greenfield

Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, M.D., a psychiatrist who has engaged in ufo investigations, has presented a number of highly unusual cases in a copyrighted article in the January-February, 1972 edition of Flying Saucer Review.

The case constituting the principle subject of the article came to Dr. Schwarz's attention following his lecture at the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization's Eastern Symposium of January 23, 1971. The case involved a Massachusetts woman, Mrs. Stella Lansing, and included such factors as little men, disembodied voices, religious symbolism, etc. Soon after the beginning of her UFO study, Mrs. Lansing became emotionally disturbed and was twice admitted to a state hospital during 1967. At the time of her first stay at the hospital she had been diagnosed as being paranoid schizophrenic with flying saucer hallucinations among her symptoms. Since 1967 she has not had a recurrence.

Dr. Schwarz notes that symptoms of her schizophrenia, as she recalled them years later, are similar to various contactee cases reported by John Keel and Jacques Vallee. A Roman Catholic, she had consulted a priest before her first hospital admission, and had regarded her "telepathic messages" as having come from Beelzebub. As Dr. Schwarz observes, in former times she might have been considered a woman possessed.

If we were to stop right here, this case could be construed as merely an interesting contribution to the literature of mental illness, perhaps with implications for the origin of other contact-type experiences reported in the annals of this. Mrs. Lansing had pictures.

While acknowledging the need for expert photographic analysis in his article, Dr. Schwarz viewed what he estimated to be hundreds of ufo's recorded on film in her collection of over 300 regular and super 8mm reels.¹ He noted that these objects contrasted with such conventional phenomena as dust and dirt, also noted on her films.² Furthermore, Dr. Schwarz, having made psychiatric evaluation of the subject, including physical examination, neurological examination, electroencephalographic examination, considered Mrs. Lansing to be subjectively honest.

The story becomes more complex even than this, however. After an interview with Mrs. Lansing and friends³, Dr. Schwarz and Mrs. Lansing visited one of her UFO locations at 4:00 AM on February 12, 1971. A mysterious light was seen. After viewing the film footage taken by Mrs. Lansing, Dr. Schwarz

could not find reason to ascribe the phenomenon to conventional origins such as airplanes, pranks, etc.

On April 15, 1971, during his second visit to the area, he and Mrs. Lansing, along with a lady-friend of the latter, went to another site in a rural area at 10:45 PM.

While both Mrs. Lansing and Dr. Schwarz filmed the incident with separate motion picture cameras, two lights appeared, changed color and size, merged into one and divided into two before moving off soundlessly. Dr. Schwarz's tape recorder refused to work at the time of the incident, even with a change of batteries, the first set having been tested earlier that day. The next morning the camera was again functional. During the same period Mrs. L's camera, which was battery driven, functioned normally, and the Doctor's watch seemed unaffected. It is unclear to me whether, and for how long, the recorder was out of the car and being subjected to the slightly-below-freezing temperatures, nor do we know offhand what effect such exposure would have. Dr. S. notes, however, that the interior of the car was warm due to the heater.

During the incident another car appeared 100-200 feet in front of their own auto. The other car's headlights illuminated the area that the Schwarz party was in, flickering alternately going dim to pink and again coming on. Mrs. Lansing's friend panicked and they all returned to their car. Dr. Schwarz obtained brief film footage of this. In the film the object can be seen in the background just above the other car's lights. Part of the event, filmed from inside the car, shows windshield reflections.

The other auto turned its lights up and sped away. Due to the intense headlights, they could not read the license plate. They also were not able to see whether anyone was in the car.

Following his discription of this latter incident Dr. Schwarz includes a lengthy footnote on other such strange ufo-related phenomena, and we shall mention these later. But at this point I am going to introduce a case from a different source.

The article in question appeared in Skylook for December, 1972, and is based on material published in the Santa Ana, California Register by Robert B. Klinn and David Branch, published on October 25, 1972 and November 1, 1972.

On October 18th, 1972, a photographic engineer named Norman F. Schulte disclosed infra red ufo photographs taken by him and two other men, Bob Forrester and La Rue Stillwell in 1955. At that time all three were employed by North American Aviation and were with the photographic engineering department.

The strange images first showed up unexpectedly after film exposed on March 5, 1955 was developed, and continued to appear during a series of subsequent tests. Schulte indicated that they had eliminated conventional possibilities. Apparently, no

objects were seen by the experimenters, but an FAA official affirmed privately to the authors of the accounts appearing in the Register that at the approximate time of the tests, numerous sightings were made by tower operators at the Los Angeles airport, confirming the experimenters' determination that something was in the sky above that locale.

A number of North American employees in the photographic engineering department knew of the experiments. Several weeks after their discontinuation, Schulte encountered a man one evening in a classified section of North American. Inconsequentials led ultimately to discussion of UFOs and the films, whereupon the man expressed interest in seeing the pictures which were at Schulte's home. The man wanted to know why North American property should be at Schulte's home; Schulte stated that the pictures were not the property of North American.

Showing a military i.d. indicating he was a Captain somebody (Schulte doesn't remember the name with certainty), he also indicated that he was from the Air Material Command at Wright-Patterson A.F.B., and that he had heard of photos made at North American, and that he had been sent to obtain the negatives for investigation and analysis.

Schulte was willing to loan them the film if its return was guaranteed, but the man would not so stipulate. Heated words were exchanged during the discussion.

Schulte did not release the films. It is of interest that Schulte, who had a Top Secret Military Information clearance and an Atomic Energy Commission Q clearance, was threatened during the conversation with losing his job for breaches of security. Apparently, no further harassment took place.

Dr. Schwarz, in the footnote to his article previously mentioned, related several similar case. Sgt. Ben Thompson received a call at his unlisted number, alleged to be from Washington, D.C. He was asked a number of questions about a UFO case and was told not to say anything about the experience. Similarly, a witness to a 1966 multiple-witness incident received a call at her unlisted telephone number and was urged not to talk about the experience. The caller gave no identification, but the woman got the impression that the individual was a government representative.

In April, 1967 two New Jersey families had a ufo experience during which the police were contacted. They arrived in unmarked vehicles and witnesses recalled hearing radio communication between a police car and headquarters. However, neither local nor state police have any record of the event. Other unusual occurrences also took place in connection with this report.

In yet another incident, a 79-year-old widow of an Air Force

Colonel reported a series of ufo experiences in 1969. A Smith College graduate, the woman was convinced that in several instances she had seen a car signaling the ufo with its lights, and that the ufo seemed to respond with its lights. Psychiatric investigation indicated that the woman was alert and intelligent.

footnotes

- 1) I do not know how many of the reels Dr. Schwarz himself viewed.
- 2) Some unexplained phenomena also appeared on control film. This raises the question of conventional origin of some objects, but does not explain combined visual-photographic cases.
- 3) Dr. Schwarz investigated the Lansing case on a number of occasions, both in his New Jersey office and in the field, as well as having had various telephone and mail communications.
- 4) The lights flickered alternately left and right and right and left.
- 5) The object gave a fiery appearance. For more specific details on the appearance of the UFO manifestations, we refer you to Dr. Schwarz's article. We do not here render a judgement regarding the specific ufo encounters of the Lansing case, and caution readers against making such judgements based on this present article, "Strange Phenomena in the Recent Literature".

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