

CAUS BULLETIN



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Curious Phenomenon in Venezuela.

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of interest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities:

During the night of the 24th of October last, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house.

The occupants, completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips.

It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell.

The next morning the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores.

The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the phenomenon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured.

The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time.

No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned.

Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the house.

This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms.

I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove fatal.

WARNER COWGILL

U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela,

November 17, 1886.

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AN EARLY ODDITY

The accompanying clip is included in this issue for three reasons. One - We forgot we had it or else it would have been used much earlier! Two - Note carefully some of the details, particularly the types of injuries to the witnesses. It reminds us of the Cash/Landrum story very much, though it pre-dates C/L by 94 years!(See CLEAR INTENT, pgs. 106-108 for C/L details) Three - The story is filed by a U.S. Consulate official in Venezuela. We wonder if any official reports were sent to Washington since Mr. Cowgill found the incident important enough to contact one of the premier science publications of it's day, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. Today this report might have been dispatched as an information report to the State Department.

It might be an interesting project for any of our readers to try and find the first evidence of government attention to strange aerial phenomena. In CLEAR INTENT we had indicated that the so-called "Battle of Los Angeles" incident may have been the first but since then we have found suggestions of others at earlier times. We are looking into a series of incidents before U.S. involvement in World War I near the Canadian border which have this potential. Various war chronicles may contain such information. Let us know if you find anything.

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*Barry: You can publish
this letter if you want.*

J. Sider

Ihr Zeichen

Ihre Nachricht vom
10.03.1988

Unser Zeichen

Lüdenscheid, den
7.06.1988

Dear Mr. Sider,

kindly excuse me for not answering your letter until today.

You ask for secret aircraft projects of German engineers in the W.W.II.
We not have interesting informations about "Hitler's secret Weapon's".

The Flying Discs from German engineer "Schriever" demonstrable can not fly because of constructional faults (Journal für UFO-Forschung, Nr. 3'1982). One can hold different opinions in the matter, but I think, that the secret weapons (Flying Discs) come not out by the phase of the theoretical development.

I think, that the reports about this Flying Discs are only rumours. And the rumour-monger, as SAMISDAT and other, are not serious. This organisations disseminate only "NAZI propaganda-material" (neonazistisches Propagandamaterial). This activitis are very alarming and we will publish in the next issue of our "Journal für UFO-Forschung" an article about this problems.

In my opinion, it ^{does} not exist serious, definite (clearly) hints or evidences on "NAZI secret Flying Discs" at the W.W.II.

Sincerely yours


Hans-Werner Peiniger

Enclosure

Report from "QUEST-JOURNAL", 3'1988, YUFOS, England

P.S. I hope you understand my bad english!

CAUS NOTE

Our thanks to correspondent Jean Sider for this letter from one of the top UFO groups in Germany. It expresses a rather skeptical opinion of the abundant theories that the Nazis had something to do with flying saucers. It is curious that if the Nazis had perfected such devices then they should have won World War II, or at least have fought back a bit harder near the end.



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Dear Major VonKeviczky:

This is in response to your letter of April 22, 1988 regarding the declassification of Coast Guard records regarding Unidentified Flying Objects operations around our coastal waters.

There are no records responsive to your request. This is not a refusal to disclose information but rather is notification that there is no information to disclose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. D. Smith".

M. D. SMITH
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Defense Operations
By direction of the Commandant

CAUS NOTE

Thanks to Major Colman Von Keviczky for a copy of this Coast Guard response to an inquiry for UFO files. It is especially amusing since on page four of this issue we reproduce a Coast Guard document on a March 4, 1988, UFO incident at Eastlake, Ohio, which is being investigated by Rick Dell'Aquila and Dale Wedge of MUFON.

The document dates three months before the Coast Guard's Washington office had denied that there is "no (UFO) information to disclose."

We doubt that this was a deliberate cover-up since it was so easily exposed. Nevertheless, it is an example of how to be careful when dealing with government agencies' "official" statements on UFOs. Often their so-called file searches are not very thorough or not done at all under FOIA. Furthermore there is not exactly a burning desire for the government to keep the public informed about UFO activity.

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SUBJ: INCIDENT REPORT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. UNIDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS 1/4 MILE EAST OF CEI POWER PLANT.
2. AT 2035 LCL THIS STATION RCVD A CALL FROM SHEILA BAKER (35978 HIAWATHA, EASTLAKE, OH PH# 216-951-0970) RPTNG A LARGE OBJECT HOVERING OVER THE LAKE AND APPARENTLY ON A SLOW DESCENT. THE OBJECT HAD A WHITE LIGHT AND WAS APPROX. 1/4 MILE UP AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE HOW FAR OUT IT WAS. THIS UNIT SENT 2 CREWMEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE. BEFORE THEY ARRIVED O/S, WE RCVD 2 MORE CALLS RPTNG THAT THE OBJECT HAD APPARENTLY DISPERSED 3-5 SMALLER FLYING OBJECTS THAT WERE ZIPPING AROUND RATHER QUICKLY. THESE OBJECTS HAD RED, GREEN, WHITE AND YELLOW LIGHTS ON THEM THAT STROBED INTERMITTENTLY. THEY ALSO HAD THE ABILITY TO STOP AND HOVER IN MID FLIGHT. WHEN MOBILE 02 GOT O/S, THEY RPTD THE SAME ACTIVITY. THEY WATCHED THE OBJECTS FOR APPROX. 1 HOUR BEFORE RPTNG THAT THE LARGE OBJECT WAS ALMOST ON THE ICE. THEY RPTD THAT THE ICE WAS CRACKING AND MOVING ABNORMAL AMOUNTS AS THE OBJECT CAME CLOSER TO IT. THE ICE WAS RUMBLING AND THE OBJECT LIT MULTI-COLOR LIGHTS AT EACH END AS IT APPARENTLY LANDED. THE LIGHTS ON IT WENT OUT MOMENTARILY AND THEN CAME ON AGAIN. THEY WENT OUT AGAIN AND THE RUMBLING STOPPED AND THE ICE STOPPED MOVING. THE SMALLER OBJECTS BEGAN HOVERING IN THE AREA WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT LANDED AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES THEY BEGAN FLYING AROUND AGAIN. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT THEY APPEARED TO BE SCOUTING THE AREA. MOBILE 02 RPTD THAT 1 OBJECT WAS MOVING TOWARD THEM AT A HIGH SPEED AND LOW TO THE ICE. MOBILE 02 BACKED DOWN THE HILL THEY HAD BEEN ON AND WHEN THEY WENT BACK TO THE HILL, THE OBJECT WAS GONE. THEY RPTD THAT THE OBJECTS COULD NOT BE SEEN IF THEY TURNED OFF THERE LIGHTS. ONE OF THE SMALL OBJECTS TURNED ON A SPOTLIGHT WHERE THE LARGE OBJECT HAD BEEN BUT MOBILE 02 COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING, AND THEN THE OBJECT SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR. ANOTHER OBJECT APPROACHED MOBILE 02 APPROX. 500 YDS. OFFSHORE ABOUT 20 FT. ABOVE THE ICE, AND IT BEGAN MOVING CLOSER AS MOBILE 02 BEGAN FLASHING ITS HEADLIGHTS, THEN IT MOVED OFF TO THE WEST.
3. THE CREWMEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE OBJECTS USING BINOCULARS AND AFTER CONTACTING LOCAL POLICE AND AIRPORTS, THIS UNIT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS, AND RECALLED MOBILE 02.

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