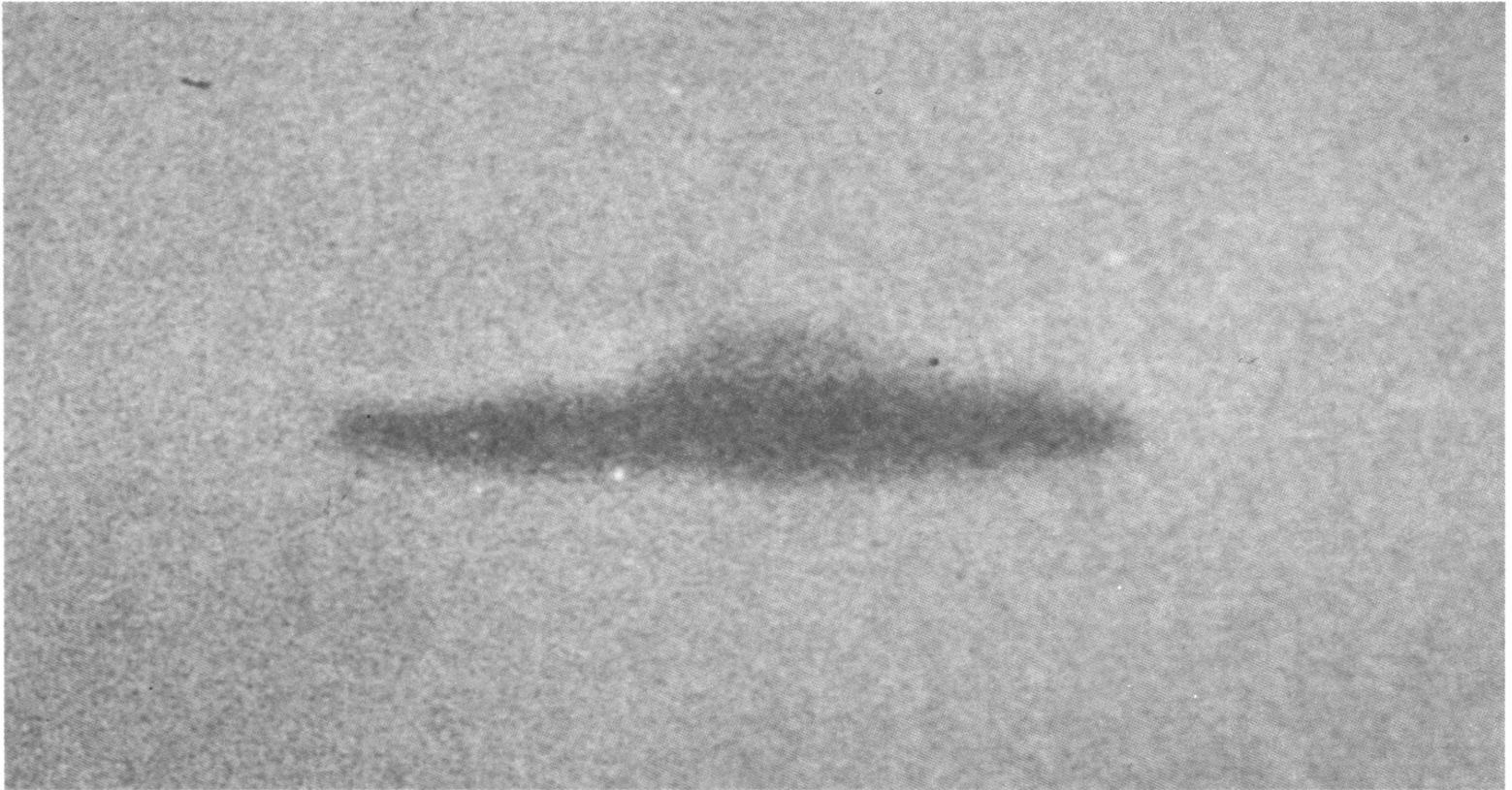


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There is currently a whole generation of UFO enthusiasts who think that the term "contactee" means a person abducted by space aliens, most often smallish grey creatures with large black eyes. One has only to look at the current issues of the major UFO oriented publications, or to watch any of the seemingly endless parade of tabloid television programs to have these images of "the greys" being constantly reinforced into public consciousness. If one accepts the "findings" of the growing number of abduction researchers, our planet is swarming with space aliens who are abducting millions of helpless human beings for bizarre biological examinations and experiments. These "contactees" are the victims of cold-hearted creatures from the stars who are using us as mere laboratory rats.

However, in the early days of ufology starting in the early 1950s, there were men and women who claimed another kind of contact; namely with space beings who were benevolent in nature. These original "contactees": George Adamski, Truman Bethurum, Dan Fry, to name but a few, met space beings who had a message of love and brotherhood for mankind. Many people called them our "Space Brothers", and felt that they were coming to our war-torn planet to warn us of impending atomic destruction at our own childish hands. All we had to do was follow the cosmic gospel, and we could eventually evolve to a point where we could join their cosmic brotherhood.

And while there were many sincere UFO enthusiasts who accepted the stories of the original contactees, eventually they all but faded from the scene when UFO researchers realized that their messages were no more than wishful thinking in a stressful cold war. It was time to seriously investigate UFO reports in the hope of finding out who or what was cruising through our skies.

Well, that was more than forty years ago, and we still don't know what the elusive UFOs are or what they represent. Maybe that frustration is why so many are spending so much time investigating "abductees". After all, it's somehow a more romantic and exciting thing to do than to try to track down mere lights in the sky and fuzzy photographs. In fact, just as it was fashionable back in the '50s to have met the Space Brothers, it's equally "in" today to have been abducted by the grey alien hords.

However, the fact still remains that we have yet to prove the objective existence of UFOs, let alone their alleged occupants (never mind that UFO occupant reports only recently were generally not of the "grey" variety). That's why the UAPA still believes in a nuts-and-bolts approach to the UFO enigma, and why our readers do too, as this issue represents the highest number of subscribers ever in our twenty-eight year history.

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UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

UFO INTELLIGENCE NEWSLETTER: Published by the UFO Filter Center, Francis Ridge, Editor. This is an eight-page newsletter with a UFO Intelligence Summary Sightings Listing. Sample or back issues, \$1.25 each or 12 issue subscription for \$15.00. Send to 618 Davis Dr. Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

SPACE STATION SCHEDULE REVISED: During a meeting held in late October 1994, NASA managers released a revised assembly schedule for International Space Station Alpha. The first assembly flight will occur in November 1997, followed by the launch of a U.S. laboratory module in November 1998, the Canadian robot arm in December 1998, Japan's experiment module in March 2000, and a European module in February 2001. Russia's main contribution to the station, a solar power platform, will be launched between late - 1998 and mid-1999. The station should be completed by June 2002.

Source: Astronomy magazine, February 1995.

AIR RAID ON NORTH AMERICA: Japan floated hydrogen balloons filled with small incendiary devices to Alberta and the western U.S. late in World War II a new book says. The book, written by Edmonton hot-air balloonist Frank Chiovelli, says a woman and five children were killed near Bly, OR on May 5, 1945 when they tried to retrieve one of the balloons. The author says the explosives carried by the 10,000 balloons across the Pacific were meant to start forest fires and raise the morale of the Japanese, whose bombers were not reaching North America. The main damage in Alberta seems to have been to a sheep herder's hut east of Lethbridge in March 1945. Chiovelli says Alberta newspapers and radio stations suppressed the information 50 years ago under orders from Ottawa. Source: Delve Report, February 1995. See how easily it is to suppress UFO reports - AJM.

UFO PETITION: The Fund For UFO Research is seeking to attain 10,000 or more signed petitions urging the U.S. Government to declassify all documents relating to UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. If you would like to read and/or sign such a petition, contact The Fund For UFO Research, PO Box 277, Mount Ranier, MD 20712.

NEW UFO NEWSLETTER: WEST VIRGINIA UFO NEWSLETTER. \$16.00 a year, is published six times a year and is mailed first class from Headline Books, Inc. PO Box 52 Terra Alta, WV 26764. This newsletter is well printed with interesting material. Write and ask for a sample copy. A couple of bucks should do it.

LO! NEWSLETTER: UAPA's Fortean Phenomena's new entry into the field is doing better than anticipated. It seems that there was always some sort of connection between unknown phenomena and the UFO enigma. By all the response through subscriptions and nice comments, we at UAPA are pleased, and promise to continue to bring these mysteries to everyone who wants and needs this information at their fingertips. For only \$7.00 for four issues, we have ourselves a winner. Send to PO Box 347032 Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

ALASKA AURORA VIDEO: Aurora, an hour-long program produced by Anchorage Public Television, explores the nature, forms, and causes of aurorae. Included is footage of northern lights shot by low-light cameras in Alaska. The video also profiles aurora research done with the space shuttle, sounding rockets and satellites, and by ground-based observers. Graystar Productions, PO Box 100506, Anchorage, AK 99510-0506, (800) 330-7997. \$32.95. Source: Astronomy Magazine, April, 1995.

SIGNALS FROM JUPITER: Radio astronomers expected radio emissions at high frequencies to drop when Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crashed into Jupiter in July 1994. Instead, Mike Klein of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in

Pasadena, California, found emissions increased by 20 to 30 percent at a frequency of 2.3 gigahertz.

Astronomers thought dust kicked off the comet fragments would absorb the electrons spiraling around Jupiter's magnetic field that cause the radio waves. But apparently the dust somehow created extra electrons that intensified the radiation through an as yet unknown mechanism.

Expected outbursts at lower radio frequencies didn't materialize, so the dust apparently didn't encounter in a dramatic way the cloud of charged particles surrounding the satellite Io. Source: Astronomy Magazine, April, 1995.

COLLECTORS CORNER: The following magazines are one of a kind, unless otherwise specified. These magazines are extremely rare. Each magazine will be mailed in plastic sheets with backing boards for extra protection with the collector in mind. They also come post-free. Here is this issue's list of rare items:
From England, Space Link Magazine Vol.5, No.4 Oct. 1968 - \$5.00. Vol.6 No.1 July 1969 - \$5.00. Vol.6 No.3 June 1970 - The 1897 Mystery UFO's -\$5.00. Ray Palmer's Flying Saucer Magazine No. 62 Feb. 1969 - \$5.00. No. 68 March 1970 - \$5.00. Beyond Reality's Special UFO Update issue, large, 68 pages, many photos, Oct. 1977 - \$7.00. People Press UFO Report, 66 pages 1975 - \$5.00. Ancient Astronauts Vol.1 No.1 - 1975, many photos - \$5.00. Beyond Reality Magazine - 64 pages, many photos, Oct. 1972 No.1 - \$5.00, Dec. 1972, No. 2 - \$4.50, Mar. 1973, No.3 - \$4.50, May 1973 No.4 - \$4.50. Saucers, Space & Science 1969, No. 55 - \$4.00. UFO Sighter Fall/Winter 1967-68 Vol.6, NO.2 - \$2.00. This issues science fiction special: Space Wars, over 120 photos from movies, large, Dec. 1977 - only \$5.00. Starting with this issue, The UAPA, the largest seller of Fate Magazine in the world, will bring to you special Fate issues well under the \$20.00 to \$25.00 asking price elsewhere. May-June Vol. 4 No. 4 1951, fantastic cover - only \$8.00. Aug-Sept. Vol. 4 No. 6 1951 - \$8.00. Sept Vol. 7 No. 9 1954 - \$7.00. July Vol. 12 No. 9 1959 - \$5.00. Send to: UAPA-CC Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134. See you next issue with more surprises!

THE "KYW PHOTOGRAPH"

by Allan J. Manak

(See cover for photograph) Back in the 1960s Cleveland was unique in having a weekly radio program devoted to the UFO mystery. KYW radio, a 50,000 watt clear channel station, was host to radio personality Harv Morgan's "Ufology Roundtable" every Thursday evening from 9 to 11 p.m. Local and national UFO experts were able to reach interested persons in 38 states as well as many parts of Canada.

One Thursday evening in September of 1963 while I was appearing with another member of the Cleveland Ufology Project, Harv presented me with a letter and photograph, and asked me for my opinion. Needless to say, the photograph had me flabbergasted! I said that I would try to have the photo enlarged and analyzed, and report back on what I could find out.

The next Thursday I reported the following to Harv and his many listeners: The envelope was postmarked Orrville, Ohio and showed what looked like a classic disc-shaped UFO over a cornfield. Analysis indicated that the photo was taken at about either 8 a.m. or 4 p.m. The object seemed to be metallic and approximately 30 to 40 feet in diameter, and located an estimated 2500 feet from the camera. Obviously, these estimates ruled out the possibility that it could have been a model or some type of toy.

The other panelist on the program that evening was Clevelander Earl Neff. After questioning by both Harv and Mr. Neff, I explained that two different professional photographers, Donald Brill and George Shuba, enlarged the original photograph until it was out of focus, so certain facts about the image could be determined. I also told them that the photographers in turn had a scientist in the field of optics, as well as an experienced photo analysis technician view five different copies of the photograph of varied enlargement sizes and contrasts.

After the program had concluded, Mr. Neff asked me to drive him home. As we chatted during the drive he asked me if he might have some prints of the photo, and I promised to mail some along to him the next day.

Two weeks later, at the monthly meeting of the Cleveland Ufology Project, Neff, who was then chairman of the group, stated that he sent his copies of the photo to a UFO group in Akron, and that they believed it to be a hoax. Their reasoning was that they claimed the photo was stained, and also that there were unusual scratch marks around the object that they felt were on the original negative.

However, the facts are that the photograph received by KYW was the one I took to the photographers, and therefore the negative that they made was a second generation copy. Neff's friends in Akron made a third generation copy, and that copy was the basis of their negative conclusion. As you can see from the second generation reproduction on our cover page, there are no stains or scratches on the image. Very curious!

Unfortunately, the witness to this case never came forward, so his or her identity remains unknown to this very day some thirty-two years later.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD
by Rick R. Hilberg

NEW BOOK BY TREVOR JAMES CONSTABLE

LOOM OF THE FUTURE - The Weather Engineering Work of Trevor James Constable, is an interview question and answer type book edited by Thomas J. Brown, who is the Director of Borderland Sciences Research Foundation. As many of you may recall, Constable was an active UFO researcher from the 1950s and '60s who took infrared photos of "UFOs" that he believed were aerial lifeforms - "critters", as he called them. His first book on this subject, They Live In The Sky, did not sit to well with the basically spaceship/ETH ufologists of the time, and was to a large extent ignored.

In Loom we now read about much fascinating work Mr. James has done since about 1970 into weather engineering using devices inspired by the late Dr. Wilhelm Reich. However, to understand why James gets his results, we first have to abandon the Michelson-Morley experiment and all we have learned from modern physics, because Mr. James' devices manipulate and influence the "ether" that is the alleged life-giving energy that literally saturates all of creation.

Although Mr. James claims much success with the various devices he has evolved over the years, the book at times gives only tiny slices out of this possibly earth-shaking work. James claims success with rain, fog and temperature, as well as smog and related kinds of pollution. I would have enjoyed reading detailed background on his many experiments held in many parts of the world, as I imagine anyone would who approached the subject with an open mind. Possibly more in-depth background could have been given if the book's editor hadn't included so much of Mr. James' damning of what he considers a totally corrupt world order. Let's hope that there

will be a detailed sequel to this book. LOOM OF THE FUTURE, 1994, ISBN 0-945685-19-X, large paper format, 147 pages. \$18.95 plus \$2.75 S+H : BSRF P.O. Box 220 Bayside, CA 95524.

MORE NORTHERN MICHIGAN UFO ACTIVITY

Staffer Mark Jager filed this report in the Grand Rapids Press edition of December 25th:

Northern Michigan residents and police are abuzz with talk of UFO sightings in the tiny community of Kingsley that have once again focused national attention on the state.

The sighting of an unidentified flying object hovering in the eastern skies above the Kingsley countryside attracted a surge of telephone calls from UFO buffs and radio talk shows and even warranted mention on a national radio program, Grand Traverse County authorities said.

"It was a zoo up here for two days," said Sgt. Don Laskey of the Michigan State Police.

The object was first sighted by Kingsley resident Tracey Cejda at about 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 21st.

"I saw a streak of light fall down to a height of just over the tree tops near my storage barn," Cejda said. "The object remained at tree top level and appeared to be about two or three times the size of my barn."

Cejda said her dog cowered at the sight of the object, which "appeared to be round and yet not round."

"The whole inside of the object appeared honeycombed. It had what seemed to be mini-lightning bolts in the middle of it that would go off sporadically," she said. "The object was a bluish gray color. We noticed later that it had a red oscillating light on the top of it. It's hard to describe the feelings that were running through me."

Cejda's neighbor, Michael Stelter captured the object on videotape and Officer Glen Guldner of the Michigan State Police arrived in time to witness it himself.

Guldner filed a police report saying he used binoculars to view "a cylindrical mass, possibly gray in color...on the underside of the object a large amount of individual lights were seen that appeared to be connected by a softer light running between them."

He reported that the object rotated back and forth several times and tipped vertically before returning to its original position. He said a shapeless bright light appeared to the east of the object.

Both Cejda and Guldner said the object disappeared when military jets flew past, then reappeared when the aircraft were out of sight.

Local astronomers and meteorologists theorized that the object could have been a planet, possibly Venus or Jupiter, enhanced by atmospheric conditions.

But Dick Cookman, an astronomy instructor at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, said it would be unusual for an image as large as the one videotaped to not show planetary detail.

Numerous UFO sightings in Ottawa County in March attracted the attention of extraterrestrial buffs and prompted a segment on CBS's "48 Hours."

Radio personality Paul Harvey made note of the sightings on his show that day, Laskey said.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE TROOPER HAS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATING UFO REPORT

West Virginia State Police Senior Trooper Joseph M. Menendez was uninjured in an accident on Buckhannon Mountain Friday, December 30, while responding to an alleged UFO sighting.

Trooper Menendez, who is stationed with the Weston Detachment, was responding to a 911 dispatch call at the time of the accident.

The call to 911 came from a Buckhannon resident who thought he had spotted a UFO close to his house and had called the 911 center to request a police officer.

Roy McKisic of Buckhannon made the call after he and his son, Mark, had returned from the Wal-Mart store.

"It was a big object," said McKisec, "and we could see four different colored lights."

McKisic said he saw blue, green, red, and yellow lights emanating from the object.

He said several other people also witnessed the object and that in one instance, a camcorder was used to film the object as it hovered in the sky.

"We watched it for a while," said Eunice McKisic, "and then my son Mark said he was going to call the state police."

After that, the McKisics said, they witnessed a smaller, yellowish object being released from the larger one.

"It came down, moved over the trees and down the embankment before it returned to the tree tops," said Mrs. McKisic. "And that's where it stayed until I went to bed."

The call came into the 911 center at 9:29 p.m., reporting the sighting of a UFO and requesting a policeman to investigate.

The call was transferred to Shinnston because no local officers were available at the time to take the call. The Shinnston State Police dispatched Trooper Menendez to Buckhannon Mountain Road.

When asked about the call he was responding to, Menendez termed it "a suspicious vehicle complaint."

The McKisics saw the trooper's vehicle pass the house and saw it stop at the crest of the mountain, where they thought the trooper was watching the object. Later, they discovered that he had been in an accident.

Menendez was headed south on Buckhannon Mountain Road in his police cruiser, a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice, when he rounded the curve at the crest of the road.

At that point, he encountered a second vehicle coming in the opposite direction, and a sideswipe collision occurred.

Cory M. Fisher, 19, of Buckhannon, was driving the second vehicle, a 1978 Ford truck.

Sergeant Jeff Swagger of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police investigated the accident.

"The accident was unavoidable," said Swagger, who was called at 10 p.m. to investigate the accident.

Swagger cited bad road conditions as the cause behind the accident.

Trooper Menendez said, "The fact is that the other driver was more on my side."

Fisher was uninjured in the accident.

Trooper Menendez's cruiser sustained an estimated \$4,000 damage, while the Fisher-driven vehicle sustained \$500 in damage.

The McKisics noted that, since the accident, no police official had attempted to contact them about the sighting.

Source: Weston Democrat January 11, 1995.

RESEARCHER CLAIMS FALL 1994 FLAP

The U.S. has been experiencing a major "flap " according to a Seattle based research organization.

Peter Davenport, director of the nonprofit National UFO Reporting Center, said his office received nearly 500 phone calls from people who have reported seeing UFOs during one six-week period this fall. "In my opinion, lots of undeniable people are seeing things that are very, very unusual," he said. Davenport said that when he became director this summer, he was told to expect about two or three phone calls a week.

"I'm getting between one and two dozen reports a day," he said. "On the third or fourth of October in Leesburg, Va., the FAA reported two commercial planes reported a UFO within seconds of each other," he said.

Davenport said a UFO similar to the one seen by three Taos residents in September has been reported in about 20 other states.

Madia Martinez, her husband Toby and one of his co-workers, Eric Tafoya, said they saw a bright white light, accompanied by about a dozen smaller lights, drift slowly over Taos.

Toby Martinez and his wife described the object as triangular. His wife said the lights, which appeared between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., made a distinct humming sound as they traveled north to south about 20 feet above the treetops, she said. "It was the most spectacular thing I have ever seen," she said. "There was a round light and a series of red lights, about 12 or 15. We did not hear the blades of a helicopter or the engine of a jet. As the object got closer to our home we heard a hum."

Tafoya, who lives about two miles from the Martinez's home, said he saw a similar UFO in September when he went outside to lock his cars for the night. He described what he saw as a blimp-like object with a "belly" and a tail. The object, which had 13 to 14 white lights underneath, passed directly over him, traveling slowly east to west. When it entered a cloud, the cloud lighted up, he said. "It was like nothing I've ever seen. It made a noise, but it didn't make a noise of any other aircraft I've heard. It was like a rush of wind more than anything else."

Toby Martinez said the day after he and his wife saw the UFO, a tourist who visited his place of work mentioned being "scared" by the sight of a UFO the night before.

Davenport said he knows of one other recent New Mexico sighting. On the night of Sept. 1, a man in Clovis observed a small UFO for about 40 minutes. It "appeared to respond to him," he said.

Davenport said he has received reports in September of a gray, triangular UFO similar to the one the Martinezes described in about 20 states, particularly in Arizona.

"What people have reported about that triangle is that there are (lighted) notches on the trailing edge of the ship," he said. "We had people witness this over northwestern Washington on the night of September 24. One caller reported seeing a delta-shaped ship, slate gray or charcoal gray, drifting at a leisurely pace."

Davenport said it is not unusual for a particular UFO to be sighted in one part of the county one minute, then sighted hundreds of miles away a few minutes later.

"Our experience suggests that these objects can travel at tens or hundreds of miles an hour," he said.

The Martinezes and Tafoya said they could not recall exactly what night they saw the UFO in Taos, but it was in mid-September.

Source: Zack Van Eyck, Santa Fe, NM New Mexican November 14, 1994.