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**PROGRAM: VIDEO: Zecharia Sitchin's "Are We Alone?"**

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of the issues in discussing the UFO phenomenon is where to begin and what to include. Do you start with Arnold's sighting in 1947? That was the beginning of the term "Flying Saucer." Yet during World War II both German and American pilots were seeing objects in the sky which they dubbed "Foo Fighters."

There was an interesting case that Jacques Vallee documented in his book Confrontations. A 17-year-old boy was driving home near Yakima, Washington around 4 p.m. when he sighted an object coming over the rise about 75 feet off the ground. It moved slowly, and appeared to be a metallic hexagon with a dome on the top; it was olive drab in color. It was described as approximately 22' wide and 7' high. Floyd Dillon, the observer, could see *rivets* along the vertical section (I will expand on the significance of the rivets in a future article.) The object had a 2' x 3' window set in a metallic frame. In this window the observer saw the head and upper torso of a man dressed in a dark blue uniform. The man in the window looked intently in the direction of the observer's car; then the object rotated, flew across the road, and sped off at a terrific speed. The amazing thing is that *the date was 1928 and the car was a Model T Ford!*

So again, the issue arises of *just when* the UFO story began. In 1989 there was a wave of "giant airships" sighted across the United States. These stories were too many and too widely dispersed to be thrown off as figments of someone's imagination. So at our next monthly meeting we are going to look at the very, very beginning of the UFO story. We will be showing a videotape with Zecharia Sitchin presenting his theory that the gods of early man were really space travelers and that Planet Earth was seeded by beings from another world. Mr. Sitchin claims that aliens and UFOs have been with us throughout history and that some of the world's folklore is a misinterpretation of that data.

Be sure to join us this month for an interesting look at man's ancient history and an alternative look at the origins of man with Zecharia Sitchin and "Are We Alone?"

As always, I look forward to your ideas and input.

Ray Maurer, State Director

### *Happy Holidays*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you



a very Merry Christmas



or Happy Hanukkah

and to extend our best wishes for the coming year -- may it be the Year of the Big Event, in which contact occurs *and is officially admitted by the government!*

Ray Maurer  
Tom Taylor



### UFO-AZ TALKS CABLE PROGRAM

On Friday, December 3 Tom Taylor, Dave Schulze and I had the opportunity to join the audience at the studios of TCCC, Tucson's Community Cable Channel, for the live broadcast of Ted Loman's popular show "UFO-AZ TALKS" which is carried on *some* cable networks here in Phoenix. As Mr. Loman was in Las Vegas on UFO-related business last week, Jim Nichols served as guest moderator. Bob Dean and his wife, Cecilia Vindiola Dean, were the featured guests for this most fascinating, informative, and all-too-soon expended hour. (Mr. Dean was to have been the featured speaker at our Phoenix MUFON meeting in November, but illness forced him to postpone his visit until early next year.)

The program did not follow a predetermined format, which allowed Jim, his co-moderator Rick Keefe and the Deans to speak on a variety of current issues including the current printing of Fire Officials' Guide to Disaster Control, written by Kramer and Bahme, which is used by many Fire Departments as a reference. This year a new Chapter 13 (interestingly enough) has been added, which is devoted to -- UFO incidents! This is an official publication, and the book (about 10 x 12" in size and

over 1" thick) is a compendium of various types of disaster incidents and proper response methods for fire department personnel, who are usually the first called to respond to such situations. Mr. Dean revealed that this new Chapter 13 was written largely due to a UFO crash that occurred in Long Island, NY in late November of 1992, wherein the local Fire Department personnel encountered mass public confusion, fumes and chemicals which were foreign to those having to deal with them, the presence of alien bodies, etc. Apparently those called to the scene were totally unprepared to handle the aftermath of this incident (which in itself is a riveting story and one we'd like to hear more about).

Also discussed was the new McDaniel Report by Stanley McDaniel, which is an evaluation of NASA and its refusal to address the reality of the "faces on Mars" as revealed by Hoagland. Mr. Dean mentioned that the Mars Observer is, indeed, alive and well; but government officials do not want made public the pictures that it has sent back to us!

Cecilia Vindiola Dean is a warm and very intelligent woman who is active in several crisis intervention programs, and she is now also making people aware of the desperate need for a new type of crisis intervention -- for people directly *and indirectly* affected by UFO sightings, abductions, and related incidents. She has spoken on several panels addressing this issue and says the subject has been very well received.

Ms. Vindiola-Dean then discussed the recent Native American Conference which she and Mr. Dean attended as invited guests. She gave a very sobering account of the prophecies of the seers of many different tribes, all of which had a common thread -- the fact that the damage we have inflicted on Mother Earth will be totally irreparable in just a few short years if we do not reverse our thinking *immediately* and take steps to remediate our actions. Most of us are aware that time is running out, but it is imperative that each and every one of us stop and consider what we can do, both as individuals and as parts of groups, to take *action* before it is too late.

As mentioned, the broadcast of the program passed all too quickly, and before we knew it the time had come to close the show. We were able to speak with Bob and Cecilia for a few moments following the program, and they assured us that they would be available to make their visit to our Phoenix group after the first of the year when their schedule opens up a bit. It will be well worth waiting for!

Mary Hart  
Contributing Editor

## SCOTTSDALE UFO CONFERENCE

We have been advised by Jim Nichols that a special 1-day UFO conference will be held at the Safari Resort in Scottsdale on Saturday, February 5, 1994. The approximate hours for this conference are 4 or 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (exact details will be published as they become available), and there will be a unspecified admission charge.

Bob Dean, Wendell Stevens and David Froning will be featured speakers at the conference, making it an event not to be missed.

## YUMA ABDUCTION CASE

[This case documents the alleged abduction of a Yuma man. The information was taken by Doris Barley of Yuma, whose story follows. The identification of the young man has been verified but is anonymous for purposes of this publication. The pseudonym "John" will be used.]

John, the subject of the alleged abduction, does not take drugs or drink (except for an occasional beer). He is a member of the New Age Religion and attends meetings of that group in Yuma. He has had no interest in UFOs but states that he knows they are "out there." He has not read or watched any TV specials involving UFOs or abductions.

On October 2, 1993 I received a call from a prospective MUFON member who is very interested in UFOs. I had also spoken with this person in August during the UFO flap we had here in Yuma, and he is also a member of the New Age Religion.

He told me that he wanted me to talk to John about a possible abduction. John had confided in this other man, who told John he should talk to me. He did so, and his story is as follows:

On the evening of September 30, 1993, John was alone in his trailer. He was tired and went to bed around 7 or 8 p.m. Around 1 or 2 a.m., he believes (early on the morning of October 1) he was awakened by the floor shaking. He woke to find 15 aliens around his bed. There were no bright lights, but there were high-pitched beeps, like a high frequency sound. He described the aliens as blackish gray in color, about 5 feet tall, with helmets over their faces and big almond-shaped eyes on the helmets. He stated there was a hose on the sides of each alien's helmet which led into a box on each alien's back.

John remembers nothing until he "came to" on a slab table in a metallic gray/blue room. An instrument tray was next to him. While on the table, he observed animals strapped to examining tables and plants in terrarium containers with electric wires going to them. He believes there were 3 or 4 white cows with black spots, with "pieces" missing from open areas. There was a sheep, but he could only see its head; yet he thought it was still alive. There was also a small blackish poodle-type dog, and a cat (he can't remember the color), both of which were alive.

The same size and type of aliens were aboard this craft, if that's what it was, with the exception of one -- this one was a little taller and appeared to have tubing hooked into some electronic equipment. There was also an entity that sounded like a "reptoid" -- it was 7 or 7-1/2 feet tall, huge, and very muscular with greenish scales and black streaks like thin scratches. Its eyes were large and greenish. It appeared to be "guarding" the craft.

John does not recall any communication given to him aboard the craft, but he did hear the same beeping

noise that he had heard in his bedroom, along with something that sounded like musical notes. He does not remember having any type of fluid to drink.

While on the table, he blinked and all of a sudden a flash went off in his head -- his arm snapped up and broke the strap holding him down, and he was able to sit up. He believed at the time that he was fighting off the aliens and had forced them to stop the examination. Then he felt as if he floated in space for a second and saw a huge ship with 30 to 34 small ships flying in and out of it.

John described the crafts thusly: the large one was about the size of 10 football fields, shaped like a rectangular box, with spotlights coming in and out at angles. There were symbols on the large craft. The smaller crafts were 25 to 50 yards in size, about 1/4 to 1/2 the size of a football field. There were two types of small crafts: one was saucer-shaped with colored lights, and the other looked like a black dragonfly with no wings, and it had no lights. There were also symbols on these smaller crafts. There was absolutely no sound coming from any of the crafts. The crafts all suddenly disappeared "like dust."

John awoke in his own bed around 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. the morning of Friday, October 1. When he had gone to bed, he'd been wearing boxer shorts. When he awoke they were on the floor beside his bed.

At first he thought this had just been a horrible dream, but the events kept troubling him (and so he told his friend, who told me). John had drawn sketches of the aliens, the three types of craft, the symbols on the aliens' suits, and the symbols on the crafts. He also drew the instruments on the tray beside the examining table he was on in the craft. The pictures mysteriously disappeared from his locked trailer the next day. John has since redrawn these sketches.

John has what appears to be old, pinkish-colored burn scars on the tops of both arms and on the inside calf of his right leg. These scars are 1 inch long and 1/4 inch wide; they are flat and cause no pain. He cannot afford to go to a doctor to have them examined. He has no other marks on his body.

During the day on Friday October 1, John had two bad nosebleeds and a dizzy spell on Saturday, October 2. I asked him if he'd had nosebleeds in the past, and he answered he'd had severe nosebleeds as a very young child -- so severely that his mother was concerned. But he'd never had them again until now.

In 1990, when John was in the Navy, x-rays revealed that he had an abnormal skeletal structure (he has extra bones in his body: extra vertebrae, foot bones, and ribs). I asked him if he had ever had any prior x-rays that showed such abnormalities, and he stated that once when he had an x-ray the doctor accused him of moving when the x-ray was being taken.

Both John and his friend who contacted me work together and live on the same property. There are multiple trailers on this property, but a check of other residents of the property proved negative -- no one heard or saw anything. I also checked with military, local and federal facilities in Yuma for unusual

occurrences on the night and morning in question, but nothing was reported.

John is very sincere and cooperative. He is a soft-spoken, polite young man with hobbies such as art and music. He seems to me to be very intelligent and has offered to speak with other MUFON representatives about his experiences. He is also willing to be regressed.

John's friend has told me that John is afraid to go to bed ever since the incident. His friend leaves his own door unlocked so John can come over and sleep on his couch if he is too afraid to sleep in his own trailer.

## PART II

The saga continues. On Tuesday, October 14 I received another phone call from John. He told me he had been abducted again on October 12.

He had gone to bed around 8 or 9 p.m. and thinks it must have been around 11 p.m. when he "came to" aboard a craft. There were 3 or 4 of the same type of aliens he had encountered previously. This time he was in a room all by himself -- no plants or animals. He was paralyzed and was on a table in a human shape with arms and legs stretched out. Being paralyzed, he could only look straight ahead. As in the previous abduction, he heard the same high frequency sound but without the accompanying musical notes he'd heard the last time. He said he had the impression that his hands and feet might have been twitching.

The inside of the craft was the same color as the last time -- metallic gray/blue. This time, however, the only things in the room were the table and a chair. He does not think he was given any fluids this time, nor did any of the entities communicate with him to his knowledge.

The aliens lifted him up and put him in the chair (a big metal chair with arms); he was strapped down and a helmet was put on his head. The helmet had an open face, was split in half, and the halves locked together on the front side. After the helmet was put on him, his head went numb; there was tremendous pressure on his head (brain). He said he then blacked out. Just before he blacked out he noticed that the aliens and the same type of reptoid entity appeared to be writing something on a board. The reptoid was standing at a 45° angle to his left and only 2 to 3 feet away.

John did not regain consciousness aboard the craft, but he woke up in his bed between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m. He was physically very sore, especially in his back and neck. He had a terrible headache. There were no additional marks or nosebleeds.

I questioned him again about any abnormalities he noted, and he said no, except that his eyes were extremely sensitive to sunlight. He was very distressed this time -- he said "they just treated me like a piece of meat. I wish they would leave me alone."

As before, a check with the military, federal and local authorities turned up no other reports on that evening.

Doris Barley  
MUFON Field Investigator Trainee



## NEW HOTLINE NUMBER

We have changed phone service for the MUFON Hotline number and have subsequently had to have the number itself changed. The new number is (602) 407-2685. Please pass this number along to anyone wanting to report a sighting or experience. Thanks.

## ABDUCTION INTERVIEW

On October 27, 1993, an interview was arranged by Doris Barley so I could meet with "John" (the subject of the previous abduction article) for a first-hand talk.

I found John to be a serious type person and very concerned by what had happened to him. In having relate his story, I did not detect any sense of deception, and he tried his best to recall the events as they happened.

One interesting comment John made was that when he was three or four years old he suffered a serious nosebleed and after each of these encounters he also suffered a nose bleed. Just what, if anything, this could mean is anyone's speculation.

When John mentioned that he hoped this was the end of his experience with the aliens, I felt I had to be honest and, based on other cases, tell him that there would possibly be more to come. Doris will keep me (and our members) posted on any new developments in this most interesting case.

Tom Taylor  
Section Director

## TUCSON ART

I have been on a temporary assignment in Tucson since mid October, and on one of my exploratory jaunts around the city I noticed a block fence on Grant Street east of I-10 which has a hand-painted mural on it. The fence borders some type of meat processing establishment, and the mural is of a very widespread herd of cattle on desert pastureland -- and, as one travels from west to east on Grant Street, on the very last panel of the mural someone has spray-painted a UFO hovering over the last group of cattle. I found that an amusing and "politically" conscious addition.

Mary Hart  
Contributing Editor

## COTTONWOOD RANCH SIGHTING

Early this spring our MUFON State Director, Ray Maurer, was a guest on one of the talk programs on KTAR radio. During the broadcast, Ray gave out our "hot line" number and we subsequently received a large number of calls. I answered part of the calls and Dana Harper agreed to answer the rest.

One of the calls I answered was from a man named Jim in Tempe, who related that he was not comfortable in talking over the phone and wondered if we could meet sometime to "talk UFOs."

We agreed on a time and place: a coffee shop in Tempe.

What Jim had to relay to me was that a friend of his had a series of unusual sightings, and he went into some detail on several of them. I found them rather interesting, but really nothing new or that I hadn't already heard.

After about an hour or so, I told Jim that it was nice meeting him and that we could probably spend all afternoon telling UFO tales -- I thanked him, told him I'd found his story interesting, and was ready to leave, when he mentioned that his friend had both pictures AND videos of these UFOs! Once he told me that, I told him that I would very much like a chance to view his friend's photos and videos.

Jim told me that his friend was very reluctant to discuss her sightings with anyone.

I subsequently called Jim several times, asking if he had made any headway with his friend, Diane, as I would really like to see the material she had. But nothing seemed to be happening. Then, at the conclusion of one of our MUFON meetings, Jim approached me and said he had brought his friend Diane along to the meeting and asked if I'd like to meet her. The three of us went out on the back steps of the clubhouse and I was introduced to her.

Diane was a small, attractive woman, in her early 20s, with dark brown hair. We visited awhile, and then she showed me the photos she had with her. Upon looking at them, I honestly could not determine what they were photos of. I then asked if I could borrow them to let a couple of friends take a look and then ask their opinions, and she said I could do so. She also related to me that she had witnessed these lights or objects on several occasions, and that she "knew" when it was time for her to go to the desert. I asked her if I could go along the next time she got the "message" to go out into the desert because I'd like to see what it was she was seeing. She told me she would do so, stating that it was often on short notice.

Over the next month or so, I did call and talk with Diane several times, and I reminded her that I was serious about wanting to go along with her on her next trip to the desert. She told me that she was glad I would go along, because she didn't like going out there alone at night and that her friends who had been with her on other occasions were so frightened that they would not go again!

I never did get a chance to view the video that Diane said she had. I believe Dana did get a chance to see them, though.

Several weeks later the phone rang around 10 p.m., and it was Diane. She told me that she had a "feeling" that it was time for her to go to the desert. It was nearly 11:00 p.m. by the time we left Tempe, and the ride up to the turnoff to go to Cottonwood Ranch was about 45 minutes. I really didn't know just where we were going when we left that night -- Diane was just pointing the way! We had brought plenty of still cameras, video cameras, tripods, binoculars, and other assorted equipment we might need. In fact, I thought we had too much equipment, but that didn't prove to be the case.

It turns out I had been to the Cottonwood Ranch area before, while out roaming through the desert. The trip up to the turnoff was really uneventful, and we made good time, as the traffic at that hour was pretty light. Almost as soon as we turned off the paved highway and got onto the washboard dirt road to Cottonwood Ranch, Diane kept trying to point out lights or objects she was seeing as we drove along the dark, lonely road. The only things I saw, since I was trying to keep my truck centered on the road, were the glimmering lights of Phoenix in the distance.

As you approach Cottonwood Ranch, the road dips and you end up in the floodplain of Sycamore Creek, with Four Peaks, having an elevation of some 5,000 ft., in the distant background. Once we got to our destination, I parked the truck and Diane proceeded to set up her cameras and other equipment she brought along.

While this was going on, I was looking around the moonless sky, observing the stars, and I really didn't see anything out of the ordinary. By then Diane had her cameras and whatever set up and we were both taking in the views.

Diane had brought along a pair of binoculars, and I had picked them up and was starting to look at a bright light in the northeast sky, which up 'til now I had to my back, when I viewed what I thought was a light behind a mountain. The light wasn't very bright, just enough to make out the outline of the mountain; but this disappeared after several minutes, and I have no idea as to its origin.

When I went back to look at the bright light, about the size of a "large star" through the binoculars. I was shocked to see a fluorescent green, hula-hoop shaped object through the binoculars! I watched it for several minutes, thinking I was "seeing things," and then looked at the object with unaided eyes, and it just appeared as a bright light. Once again I looked at it through the binoculars, and once again I saw the fluorescent green, hula-hoop-shaped object with a pulsating red light on its left side. The object did, at times, appear to be getting larger and then smaller. There was no way for me to determine its actual size or distance from where I was observing it.

In the meantime, I sensed a "presence," which is the only word I can use to express my feeling. I became very uncomfortable. While I was viewing the object, I did ask Diane to tape it with her video camera, which she attempted to do.

In scanning the heavens to the northwest, I spotted another similar object, though not quite so intense, with a similar red, pulsating light. I looked back and located the original object and kept looking at it, both with and without the binoculars, trying to reassure myself that this was what I was really seeing and not my eyes playing tricks on me.

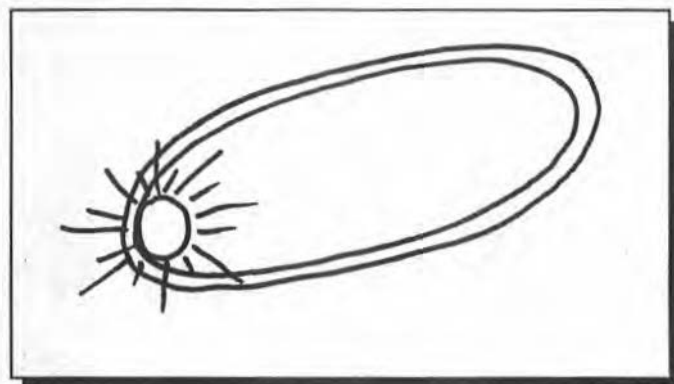
I became more and more uncomfortable with my surroundings and the sense of the "presence." It finally reached the point where all I could do was say to Diane, "We are getting out of here, right now!", and we had everything loaded up in the truck in what seemed like a few seconds!

I'm afraid that I drove my Toyota pickup over that washboard road so fast that I had shaken the screws loose on my tailgate by the time we got back to the paved highway!

It's been several months since this all happened and I have looked back on the events of that night. To this day, I cannot even guess what the object was that I saw that night, but I can still relive the terror that I felt; and I find it interesting to note that I never felt this way before when I have had other sightings.

Diane dropped her video camera in the river somehow in the meantime, so we will never know whether or not she caught the object on film!

Tom Taylor  
Section Director



UFO SIGHTED BY TOM TAYLOR  
(Rendering by Tom Taylor)

### JANUARY CONFERENCE

Just a reminder to that Triad Research is sponsoring a conference entitled "Art There Intelligent Life Forms Out There?" on January 22 and 23 at the Sunburst Hotel, 4925 N. Scottsdale Road (near Chaparral). Ray will be Master of Ceremonies at the conference, which promises to be very interesting and informative. Contact Ray for times, featured speakers and admission prices.

### *Holiday Goodies*

How about creating a festive atmosphere at our December meeting by bringing holiday snacks? Cookies, cider, holiday breads and the like would make the season merrier and provide great refreshments for all who attend. Let's give the Castors, who usually go out of their way to prepare the snacks, a much-needed break and bring our own goodies this month to share. Coffee will be provided as always. We can always use a donation of styrofoam cups, small plates, and napkins for the snacks as well. Thanks for your support.

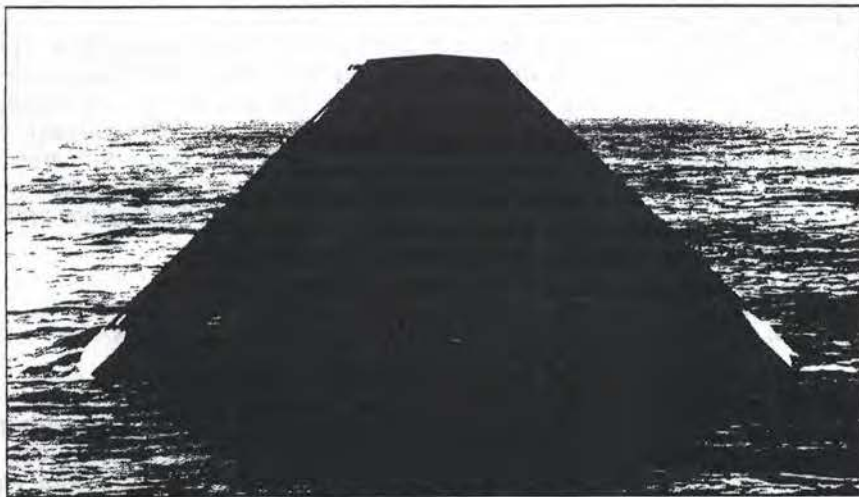
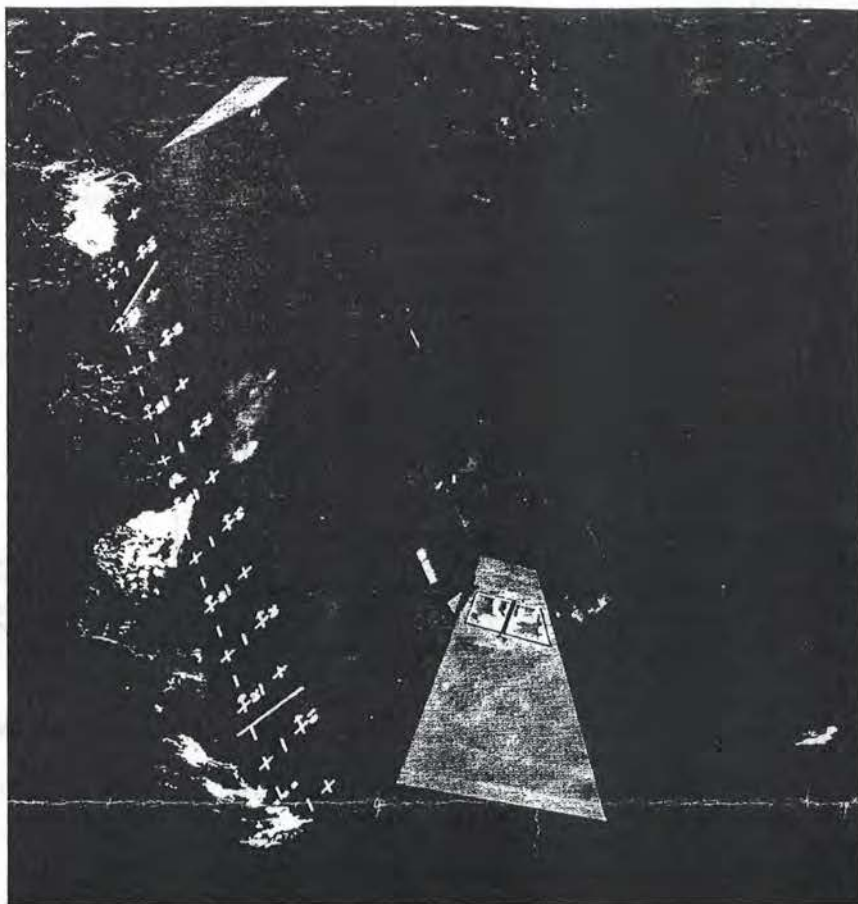
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# STALKING THE SEAS WITH STEALTH

The Sea Shadow, one of the U.S. Navy's best-kept secrets, was revealed in early April for unclassified daytime testing. The stealthy, twin-hull craft, mothballed since funds dried up in 1985, was hidden in a floating, covered dry dock in the San Francisco Bay area.

The craft is the largest of several stealth testbeds designed in a joint Navy, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Lockheed project. Smaller craft with the same faceted twin-hull configuration were also constructed by Lockheed, secretly tested in the ocean and remain classified. Specialized test facilities were also designed for different missions in the late 1970's.

The 160-ft-long Sea Shadow bears a slight resemblance to the Lockheed F-117A stealth attack aircraft. The craft is a small waterplane with a twin-hull design (SWATH). Submerged pontoons connect to the ship's body with struts so it is unaffected by high waves. Propulsion is diesel-electric, with electric drive motors located in the submerged pontoons. Speeds range up to 13 knots when running without radar or weapons. The Sea Shadow is made of welded steel, displaces 560 tons, is 70-



ft wide, with a 14-ft draft. According to sources, the Sea Shadow could serve as a surface-to-air missile launch platform to protect a carrier group from enemy aircraft. Attacking aircraft positions would be transmitted to the stealth ship,

which would then launch a missile using autonomous guidance.

Besides serving as a prototype for stealth and SWATH technology, the Sea Shadow was built to test ship control, structural, automation, and sea-

***The Sea Shadow, shown during daylight testing off the coast of southern California, is designed to explore advanced technologies for surface ships including ship control, structures, automation for reduced manning, seakeeping, and signature control. Signature control technology from the Sea Shadow has already been incorporated into the DDG-51, Arleigh Burke class destroyers.***

keeping technologies. Three weeks of unclassified daytime testing are aimed at completing unfinished structural, hydrodynamic, and other nonstealth tests.

The craft can be operated with a remote control box from outside the top hatch. The ship, boarded at the side hatch, is manned by a commander, navigator, helmsman, and engineer. Navy officials estimate the program cost for the ten years through fiscal 1993 at \$195 million, including \$50 million for the craft. ■



**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**July - September 1993**

During this quarter, the Fund participated in an unprecedented effort to launch a legal inquiry into the Roswell UFO crash case. The effort was initiated by a supporter who donated \$20,000 to the pay retainer fees required by a prestigious Washington, D.C., law firm to interview individuals who are said to have had an operational involvement in the recovery of a craft and bodies. The supporter donated an additional \$2,000 to pay for travel costs for investigators to introduce these witnesses to the lawyers. After ascertaining the facts in the case and assessing the credibility of the witnesses, the law firm will recommend further possible legal action. More on this project will be reported in the future.

In the meantime, the effort to launch a congressional inquiry into the Roswell case is proceeding. A Member of the U.S. House of Representatives is making official inquiries into the matter, and a request for a congressional investigation is expected in the near future. It is hoped that the investigation will lead to hearings, which will produce more witnesses and more evidence, into the apparent recovery of a craft and bodies outside Roswell, N.M., in July 1947.

Thanks to those who responded to our most recent appeal, the Fund was able to fully support half of the costs of an ongoing abduction database project being coordinated by researcher Dan Wright. The Fund and the Mutual UFO Network are sharing the costs of the \$7,000 project, which involves making transcriptions of hypnosis sessions with abduction witnesses and entering the material into a computer database. The information will be made available to a select group of qualified researchers.

We're pleased to report that the recipient of this year's Isabel Davis Award, as selected by our supporters, is **Raymond Fowler**, investigator and author of six books on the UFO subject. Mr. Fowler will receive an award in the amount of \$1,000. The Isabel L. Davis Memorial Award was established in 1986 "to recognize long-term accomplishments and excellence in promoting rational inquiry into reported UFO sightings and related phenomena."

The Fund's major public education project during this period was coordination of a seminar, "Mysteries of the Sky," at a community college in the Washington, D.C., area. Members of the Fund's Executive Committee and other researchers combined their talents to make presentations on several significant aspects of the UFO phenomenon. A videotape of the proceedings is now available; please see the enclosed flier for more information.

The Executive Committee wishes to acknowledge the support of the International UFO Center, a museum in Orlando, Fla., for its contribution of \$80 in September. The museum is donating to the Fund 25 cents out of each \$2 admission fee received. If you are in the Orlando area, be sure to stop by the International UFO Museum, located at 7227 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

# Those who see UFOs not weird, study says

## No abnormalities found during test

A study of 49 people who have reported encounters with unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, has found no tendency toward abnormality. However, many of the 49 did say they believed in such extra-earthly visitations before their reported experiences occurred.

The survey was designed to explore the suggestion that such sightings are associated with disorders like epilepsy or a tendency to fantasize.

Abnormality of the temporal lobe of the brain, the outer, lower region, which figures in memory and learning, has also come under suspicion. It has been proposed that abnormality of the temporal lobe may be associated with intense religious experiences, visions or apparitions.

The study was conducted by four researchers in the department of psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and reported in the November issue of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

Each subject was interviewed for about three hours and paid \$5 an hour. For comparison, 127 people recruited from the student

body and the local population were similarly tested.

The tests included standard psychological tests used to identify subjects with various mental disorders and assess their intelligence. The UFO group proved slightly more intelligent than the others.

Members of the group were divided into two categories: those who said they had simply seen UFOs at a distance and those who reported more intimate encounters, classified as "intense" candidates.

The large majority of UFO experiences were reported to have taken place at night, and almost 60 percent were associated with sleep. Of the experiences classified as "intense," the study said a quarter were "most probably explicable in terms of sleep paralysis," a condition that occurs in otherwise normal subjects either just as they fall asleep or as they wake.

The Carleton authors note that sleep paralysis often produces a feeling of suffocation as well as auditory and visual hallucinations and "the sense of a presence." For a moment the person cannot move.

# Shuttle veteran says he tries to contact 'life out there'

Reuters

HOUSTON — When Story Musgrave is floating outside the space shuttle at a speed of 17,300 mph on the Hubble Space Telescope mission, he may have a little more on his mind than fixing the blurry telescope.

"I try to communicate with the life that's out there," Musgrave said Wednesday in an interview with *The Houston Post*. "I'm serious. It is not that far out."

"When I'm circling around out there, I try in whatever ways I can to get them to come down here and get me."

Musgrave, 58, who became an astronaut in 1967, is the senior member of the seven-member crew set to launch early today on the critical mission to fix the Hubble.

He will set a number of National

Aeronautics and Space Administration records on the Hubble-repair flight, including becoming the world's oldest spacewalker and the first astronaut on five shuttle missions.

Musgrave also should set a record for time in orbit in a shuttle, at about 860 hours.

The records fit into the personality of the bald astronaut, who has at least six college degrees, including a master's in business administration from UCLA and a doctorate in medicine from Columbia University, and who takes college courses for recreation.

Musgrave, a former Marine pilot, served as a backup scientist-pilot for the 1973 Skylab mission and helped design the spacesuits and spacewalking system now used on shuttles.

In 1983, on his first shuttle flight, he made the first shuttle spacewalk.

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