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The Truth is Out There . . .

NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE AND DAY!!!

PROGRAM: Ron Russell - "Magic of the Crop Circles"

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 20, 1995 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

LOCATION: 5636 E. McDowell Road - National Guard Armory (see below for details)

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our December 20th meeting, which will fall on the THIRD Wednesday this month, will be a little different from those we have had in the past. "Magic of the Crop Circles" will be presented by Ron Russell, coordinator for England's Centre for Crop Circle Studies. For this meeting only, we will need to ask an admission charge of \$8.00 for MUFON members and \$10.00 for non-members.

This two-hour slide presentation should be very interesting, and I hope we will have a good turnout.

Several reports of strange lights in the western sky have been reported, but nothing to really follow up on.

As announced at the last meeting, I have appointed Paul Ankney as Assistant State Director. Paul has been very energetic in attending all UFO functions and helping out at the several displays we have presented. He replaces Irene Alcott, who has been unable to attend meetings or participate at all due to her work schedule. Thanks to Irene for her past efforts, and we wish Paul all the best in his new capacity as Assistant State Director.

As reported last month, Doris Barley stepped down from her position as Yuma County Section Director, and a new person will be named to that position shortly. A meeting with the various Section Directors will probably be held sometime in January.

Also, thanks go out to Thela and Fred Huss, who helped out by collecting admissions at the past few meetings.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to all of you. Keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor
State Director

SEASON'S GREETING! WE ARE GREAT!

My usual occupation is that of an ego-deflater. However, during the Holiday Season of 1995, for once I will change my tune.

Looking back at the past three years I have come to an unexpected conclusion: we at MUFON-Arizona chapter are great!

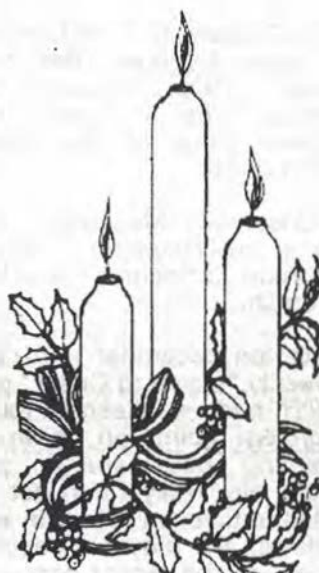
We are a compact group. There are no archbishops of ufology or primadonnas with sensitive egos among us; there are no squabbles, no infightings, no intrigues.

Our membership is a closely knit bunch, endlessly displaying good will and initiative. Let's look at the facts.

It was one of our members who provided us with a meeting place for three years . . . then, when we outgrew it, another member found us a new meeting place, at the Armory. It was one of our members who competently organized the UFO-information week display at Christown Mall, and many of our members "manned the booth" and helped make it happen.

We have a seemingly tireless State Director who is practically able to be many places simultaneously, always willing to volunteer his time and effort to keep things moving at all times. His firm, yet flexible leadership has enabled us to expand to other corners of Arizona and become known throughout the U.S. and other countries as well. His last brilliant move was to appoint a new

Happy Holidays



Assistant State Director, an energetic young man who has proven his good will and ability.

During our meetings at the "old site" the audio/video equipment was provided and managed by two of our members; now part of this is provided by the Armory, but our members still provide much of the video and peripheral equipment for the benefit of all. During our meetings several members are always on voluntary "administrative duty."

Among our members are a distinguished psychiatrist, always willing and ready to help, and an attorney largely responsible for passage of the Freedom of Information Act, among others. On numerous occasions our members have volunteered their time and talents again and again to keep things running smoothly.

All this began three (four?) years ago when our former State Director organized our first Arizona Chapter meeting at his own home. Since then we have grown in quality and quantity. Indeed -- we are great!

Oops -- back to ego-deflating for a second; I purposely have not named any names, so you must guess for yourselves -- and don't get any ideas!

Meanwhile happy holidays to all!
Let's carry this same spirit into 1996.

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov
Maricopa County Section Director

MEDIA WATCH

by Tom Taylor

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are often not notified of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!

November 1995 proved to be a very exciting month, with lots concerning UFOs going on.

However, one item really disappoints me, and that is, in last month's newsletter it was announced that Colin Andrews had announced that an "earth shaking" announcement would be made on November 19 at his leasing of Madison Square Gardens in New York City. Colin made no such announcement in New York and did not lease Madison Square Gardens. In fact, he rented a facility about the size of our own auditorium. No wonder the media does not pay attention!

Anyway, on Sunday, December , in *Parade* magazine, Carl Sagan downplayed and explained all crop circles as hoaxes! Maybe he is related to KFYI's Dr. Science, who declared that the recent Colorado sighting show on several local TV stations as being a "mirage." Perhaps Sagan and Dr. Science are sharing the same blinders. Has either one of these gentlemen done any serious research concerning UFOs? Armchair critics are a dime a dozen.

On Monday, November 27, Channel 12 presented "Visitors of the Night" starring Markie Post, a very good movie concerning alien abductions. On November 29th the talk show "Danny" on Channel 45 at 11 a.m. had a very good panel discussion concerning UFOs. There weren't any names I was familiar with, but it was well done, nonetheless. MUFON-AZ's own Richard Motzer was featured on Channels 3 and 15 on November 30 concerning the videotape of the recent Colorado sighting (the one shown at our own meeting several months ago). Jim Delittoso from Village Labs was also featured.

On December 1 Richard Motzer was again featured, this time on Channel 10's "Arizona Prime" following "The X Files." Richard explained some of the work that MUFON does.

"Unsolved Mysteries" had a segment on December 1 concerning the purported Socorro (New Mexico) UFO crash.

Also on December 1, Art Bell, on his weekly "Coast to Coast" program on KFYI, had a spokesman for HARP, the project going on up in Alaska concerning how energy can be altered. Hopefully I can get a more detailed article on this for a future newsletter and maybe someone with a review of the recent conference in Nevada will get that review to me.

You might want to order the November '95 Catalog from Area 51

Research Center, Rachel, Nevada. Glenn Campbell has all sorts of interesting books, tapes and odds & ends in this 15-page catalog. To order it, write to Area 51 Research Center, P.O. Box 448, Rachel, NV 89001.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, [TIME NOW 8:00 p.m. DUE TO WINTER HOURS] - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. Following are times the program is aired in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience. Related radio program in the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

The Extraordinary - Monday MORNING, 12:30 - 1:30 a.m. (set your VCRs), Channel 15.

Encounters - Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

X Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Sightings - Saturdays at 10:30 p.m., Channel 15.

Classified Ads

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Up to three-line ads are \$5.00; business-card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. Larger ads -- see Tom Taylor for price. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.

GROOM LAKE T-SHIRTS

The official Groom Lake t-shirt, with a 9-inch full color representation of the Groom Lake Patch on the front, is available for \$15.00 plus \$4.00 postage in sizes S, M, L, XL and XXL. Order from Glenn

CALENDAR

Tucson Group - Call June at 520/326-0078 for details.

Yuma Group - No December meeting. Next meeting will be January 7, 1996, at which attendees will decide on future research projects and a calendar for the upcoming year. Phone Gloria at 520/329-7386 for details.

December 28, 1995, 7:30 p.m. - Program by Steven Greer, M.D. Dr. Greer, International Director of The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), will give a program entitled "1996 -- Another Year Closer, But Is The World Deeper In Denial?" CSETI's Work Toward Extraterrestrial Contact and Disclosure." The lecture will be held at the National Guard Armory, Russell Auditorium, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For more information about this program or any questions about CSETI, please call Grace Peterson at (602) 582-1328.

SUMMER 1992 NEW MEXICO UFO SIGHTING

During the summer of 1994 I had the opportunity to discuss the following sighting with one of the witnesses. Below is a summary of the witness' observations.

Summary

At approximately Midnight in August of 1992 on a remote road near Fence Lake, New Mexico, four witnesses came upon an unusual aerial object. They stopped their vehicle and turned the motor off. All 4 witnesses got out to observe the object. The object was first viewed at about 10 degrees elevation, appearing to have been rising from the valley floor below.

The sky was described as clear with a full moon rising. The air was very still and the surroundings very quiet. The witness reported the lack of insect noise to be unusual. No sound was observed from the object.

The object was reported to be approximately rectangular in shape, similar to a bedroom mattress viewed from the narrow end, with both short ends slightly higher than the center. They estimated their distance from the object to be 150 ft to a quarter mile. The estimated size of the object was about the size of an acre; maybe 10' high, 80' wide and 200' long. The object was observed to eclipse the moon.

Illuminated by the moon the surface of the object appeared smooth, semi-glossy, with the color of hematite. The corners were rounded. No seams, fasteners or features such as doors or windows were observed. There were 3 constant red lights and 1 constant white light, one on each top corner of the object.

The object rose slowly to an elevation of 20 to 30 degrees, tilted and started moving to the north. All movements were described as slow and smooth. The object was lost from view when it flew behind some trees.

Stunned, the 4 witnesses returned to the car and continued driving south. The entire event was estimated to have taken 2 minutes. After a brief conversation they agreed to wait until the following day to compare what they observed.

Within a mile or so of the sighting they found themselves in a large elk migration moving to the north. The elk were described as very docile and not intimidated by the car. Groups of elk were encountered for the next 60 to 70 miles often requiring the car to come to a complete stop.

The next morning each of the four made drawings of what they saw and then got together to compare notes. The drawings were very similar and the major points mentioned above were observed by all four.

Mark Wrona
MUFON-AZ

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Again, we very much appreciate the articles and book reviews written by our members. If you write your articles on a computer, it saves Mary (who types the Newsletter) a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, you need to save your articles in WordPerfect 5.1 format, which is the software she

uses. If you cannot do so, please save your document in the ASCII format ("common denominator" text for all software programs) so she can access it to put it in the Newsletter without having to retype it.

Also, if you can't put your articles on diskette to submit them, you can fax your typed articles to Mary at 852-3688. Please put a note on the article that it's for Mary Hart. Thanks.

Isn't technology wonderful??

HOLIDAY GOODIES

If any of you are in a baking mode and would consider bringing extra goodies for us to share at the December meeting, they would be very much appreciated!!

COLORADO SIGHTING

PHOENIX, November 27, 1995 - The Village Labs digital video facility in Tempe, Arizona is donating more computer and personnel time for the continuing review of new UFO video footage recently recorded by Tim Edwards of Salida, Colorado. The more than sixteen hours of extraordinary 8mm home videotape is being logged to isolate the most unusual frames for follow-up analysis of the intense, high-altitude aerial activity taped by Edwards from September 25th to October 23rd of this year. A roll of 35mm still photographs of the phenomena taken by Mr. Edwards' father during this period along with other 35mm stills taken by Edwards himself on November 12th are being analyzed parallel to the videotapes for additional, comparative data. The same aerial phenomena was seen over a very wide area by family and friends of Edwards living in Lamar, Colorado, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and vacationing in Baja Mexico, and with lab personnel using binoculars outside the Village Labs facility itself along with other witnesses in the Phoenix area, all several hundred miles from Salida.

Tim Edwards, a restaurant operator in Salida, gained national notoriety in late August of this year following the daylight-taping of a very large UFO hovering in the upper atmosphere over his home displaying unprecedented movements and flashing colored lights, even for a UFO. The home videotape of the brilliant-white, apparently cylindrical object continues to be the subject of in-depth study at Village Labs after

Edwards' estimates of the huge object being at least a mile in length and flying at an altitude of more than 60,000 feet were confirmed. A Village Labs staff consultant, formerly with the National Security Agency (NSA) in a top secret-level intelligence position, has classified the Edwards UFO as an "Alien Visitation Craft", or AVC, an NSA term to designate a vehicle that is "definitely not one of ours".

For more than an hour and within a triangular area near the mid-morning sun, the obviously enormous UFO exhibited rapid, darting and "dancing" movements, estimated to be in excess of 10,000 miles per hour by Village Labs head, Jim Dilettoso. The unprecedented Edwards video of the huge UFO was chosen as the lead, featured segment in "Sightings", the internationally-syndicated television show on the paranormal, recently aired during the annual November ratings "sweeps" weeks. The first Edwards footage represents images as significant as anything ever recorded in the annals of UFO history, which includes thousands of reports of the unexplained, according to Eric Gardner, the "Sightings" segment director who interviewed Tim Edwards at the scene in Salida.

An ongoing investigation begun in August by Michael Curta, Colorado State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), so far has revealed that an "identical" UFO was seen in Russia in 1990 as well as earlier that same Sunday morning of August 27th by two witnesses while jogging in Grand Junction, Colorado, some 200 miles west of Salida. The witnesses, local radio disc jockeys, described to Curta how two small objects shot down from the large craft and streaked into a nearby mountain, resulting in bright flashes, but with no audible sound. Mr. Curta is also still seeking seven witnesses who called in reports on that same date to the Astronomy Department of the University of Colorado at Boulder to come forward once again as their reports were "lost". The media is being asked to announce such and request that those individuals (or any other witnesses) please contact MUFON directly at (303)451-5992.

Since it is virtually unheard of for the same witness to record genuine UFO activity more than once on film or tape, skepticism of Edwards' new footage has been the typical reaction of investigators already involved in analyzing his first encounter. Of the latest UFO activity captured on

videotape, however, Edwards related, "This time, with dozens of witnesses were in Salida and many others that were hundreds of miles away that I have talked directly to over the phone, there is no denying that something very unusual has been going on up there . . . it's not just me, my family and a few others here like it was the first time in August."

Authoritative scientific help was requested from the Astronomy Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder as well as the National Observatory at Kitt Peak in Arizona by Edwards himself and UFO investigators alike. No response was had, however, to have science professionals witness first-hand the phenomena and offer alternative explanations such as unusual meteorological conditions or sunspot-related activity. This suggests evidence still remains in the mainstream scientific community of resistance to delve into the UFO question apparently in order to avoid the risk of ridicule or experience the loss of credibility or professional standing.

Controversy has already begun to swirl around Edwards' latest video footage, being written-off by skeptics as purely natural phenomena of some kind including flying insects, spider webs, cottonwood spores (or as referred to as a mirage by Dr. Science on KFYI) or other types of seasonal, airborne debris. Eye-witnesses to this new phenomena, on the other hand, have taken an entirely different view, as the activity is described as obviously occurring at very high altitude and definitely not at low levels where organic material is commonplace at times and easily identified as such. Interestingly, UFO enthusiast Tom King of Phoenix, who had first contacted Edwards' following the August encounter, was videotaping the later phenomena over his own home October 8th on cue from Edwards when he managed to capture a few seconds of what appears to be the same large UFO recorded in Edwards' first videotape. Mr. King's tapes are also now being studied at Village Labs for possible corroboration to the Colorado UFO events taped by Tim Edwards.

In a parallel development, the National UFO Reporting Center at (206)722-3000 has disclosed that an unusual rash of UFO sightings with great variety continues to occur nationally, the current "flap" having begun in July just prior to Tim Edwards' first video encounter of the huge object in the Colorado skies

three months ago today. Since then, Peter Davenport, head of the Seattle, Washington-based operation has recounted reports involving the sightings of "thousands of UFOs", from the East Coast to the West Coast and many locations in between. In view of this heightened UFO activity and the recent release of the purported alien autopsy from the Roswell, New Mexico saucer crash incident and other such "leaks", the consensus of many UFO experts is a prediction that the U.S. government will finally acknowledge officially in the months to come (after a lengthy "conditioning process") the reality of beings and their vehicles from other worlds visiting and even inhabiting our planet.

As is the case with the August videotape, testing of the latest Edwards UFO footage at the Village Labs will include in-depth thermal and motion studies, image enhancement and enlargement as well as computer graphics simulations of the UFO events based on the spectrum of data collected and the results of analysis. Dr. Bruce Maccabee of MUFON and other qualified experts such as former NASA scientist, Dr. Jack Kashner of the University of Nebraska in Omaha, are being provided with first-generation copies of the Edwards video footage and being invited to join in the scientific evaluation of the Edwards family's unique UFO home video and photographic evidence. Mentor Group is now coordinating the investigative effort on the Edwards UFO images in addition to its current media and public relations support to the family.

Tim Edwards is anxiously awaiting the results of the experts' analysis, as he firmly believes that the world needs to be convinced of the reality of what he himself has now witnessed first-hand. "The first experience was truly awesome . . . I felt deeply at the time that I was witnessing something of great scientific and historic importance for the world . . . I believe that the August 27th craft was sending a message to the world and wanted to be photographed . . . that its appearance was somehow just the beginning of more to come . . . and that I was really fortunate to be a part of it."

Sure enough, less than a month later this new activity began and went on daily for several weeks. Edwards continued, "I believe that the first craft was of a higher intelligence level than what began on September 25th . . . with the unusual appearances of a bald eagle on that

day and two days later, and what are clearly military aircraft flying around investigating on a daily basis. It is obvious to me that something very special is happening. I have gotten calls from all over the country from media reporters, UFO investigators and all kinds of other people interested in what we have seen here in Salida . . . this clearly seems to me to be just the beginning of a lot yet to come." Results of the ongoing analysis of the Edwards UFO video footage and still images will be released to the media as they are conclusive. With a view to help enable a true understanding of the UFO phenomena, the Edwards family is donating all media licensing proceeds from their videotapes and still images toward covering the costs of the investigative, analytical and communications efforts being put forth by Village Labs and others. Mr. Edwards and his wife are presently attending the 5th Annual International UFO Congress Convention in Mesquite, Nevada where Edwards has been asked to present his videotapes and 35mm still images and to address the attendees there regarding his first-kind UFO encounters. Jim Dilettoso is a computer scientist and recognized authority on film and video image analysis technologies and their applications to purported UFO image evidence and is donating his services to the Edwards UFO case while continuing to serve as Village Labs' president and chief technical officer. Dilettoso has served as a UFO scientific consultant and appeared as an expert on numerous radio talk shows and television programs including "Sightings", "Encounters" and "Unsolved Mysteries" as well as "UFO Encounters" on the Disney Channel and the Discovery Channel's upcoming series, "Mysteries, Magic and Miracles". The Village Labs is an advanced digital video technology design and engineering company founded by Mr. Dilettoso. The firm has plans to soon provide super-computer time-sharing services for the "Information Superhighway" now under construction, and is finalizing the development and launch program of its "Virtual Studio Network" service platform to that end. The unique service platform will enable major film studios, media companies and individual multimedia authors to render graphics, animation and special effects at ultra-high speed as well as to produce their entertainment or educational products on a simultaneous, multi-site basis from their selected central control base.

Michael Tanner
Village Labs

Part 5 of a Summary of "The Earth Chronicles"

Who were they? Definitely not Gods in the sense we understand. Spiritual perfections, they were not. They were -- well, human like us (or the other way around).

Jealousy, power, lust, domination, resentment -- they were definitely not god-like. But what caused most of the problems was their more-than-liberal attitude toward sex. Besides an "official wife," a fellow could have a number of concubines (which was also practiced in Biblical times and afterward), and it was perfectly alright. Incest was encouraged. According to their code, an offspring born of half-brother and half-sister would be socially higher than the offspring born from the same fellow and an unrelated woman lower in rank. Ninurta was the son of Enlil and Ninharsag; again incest. Anu and Enki "knew" their sisters, daughter, granddaughters and even great-granddaughters. Osiris was Ra/Marduk's son and great-grandson at the same time. No wonder that Seth, being legitimate, made mincemeat out of Osiris.

Such an arrangement was a cause of ferocious wars, later involving humans. Inanna/Ishtar did not hesitate to have human lovers, appointed them kings as reward, and sent them to battle for her. Old story!

But in general, the Anunnaki were beneficial. They started our first civilization. Some even loved humans, like Enki, by sheltering them from the wrath of the strict disciplinarian Enlil. So did a kind-hearted Thoth/Quetzalcoatl, a healer and master of sciences.

Their greatest mistake was when they allowed themselves to be worshipped as gods. They became national deities. "My god is better than yours," which lasts until this day. A fair amount of our beliefs may be distorted due to this.

Another amazing thing is their longevity by our standards: a 50-year-old Anunnaki is 180,000 years old in our count. So if they don't smoke, don't booze, eat proper food and manage not to get killed -- some of them who came to Earth with Enki -- may still be alive and well! Then, again, everything is relative: to the insect whose life span is 24 hours, we humans appear immortal.

In other words, they were just like us -- humans, but having all that technology, they appeared god-like to

any one of us, if we land by helicopter among some primitive tribes, loaded with camcorders, medical supplies and an occasional pistol. It's as simple as that!

Part 6 of a Summary of "The Earth Chronicles"

After re-reading The Earth Chronicles, several questions are still left open.

The author is cautious in situating the Biblical Yahweh. He calls him "God of Israel" without linking him to the Anunnaki leadership.

Also, it is not clear at what time humans evolved into different races. In the Lost Realms, there is a mention of tribes with a "mark of Cain" on their faces (beardless). It is not clear how they got to South America and survived the Flood, but then, The Earth Chronicles is not a work on ethnology.

The Earth Chronicles is a collection of ancient records well documented, and containing logical explanations. In fact, it may reconcile creationists and evolutionists. Each detains part of truth, but not all of it.

And now, a final question which, after reading this collection, may bother some of us: if all these records are true, would they diminish the role of our creator, our God? I don't think so. Quite the contrary! Because the next question is: if the Anunnaki created us, who created them?? And this can go on endlessly, until we return to the primordial source . . . God. Not a capricious character with fire and brimstone, as we often depict Him, but a loving God, Creator of the Universe.

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov

CALENDAR

January 26-28, 1995 - "First Ever Crisis Intervention Training Workshop" in Tucson, presented by Bob Dean, Cecilia Dean and Yvonne Smith at the Ramada Inn University. Admission is \$295.00 for the workshop. Call 520/882-9544 for further information.

A LETTER TO CARL SAGAN

by Budd Hopkins

Dear Carl,

I'm glad that you did me the honor of sending me your proposed article on UFO abductions, but I'm surprised and disappointed by its content. Perhaps I should say that I'm most surprised that you wrote it in the first place and that you intend to publish an excerpt in *Parade* [magazine]. The analogy is somewhat inexact, but I'm certain you would be amazed if I had written an article for *Parade* on the Big Bang theory, particularly if I went on to say that the reason the evidence appears weak to me is that I've not spent much time looking into it.

I'm afraid that though your article expresses your *opinion* about the abduction phenomenon, it also suggests that you have no idea of the extent of the evidence, the weight of the literature, or the range and thoroughness of the work in the field. Sagan on the UFO abduction phenomenon and Hopkins on the Big Bang theory suffer the same glaring insufficiencies. I will offer another analogy: A confirmed creationist announces in *Parade* that he finds the evidence for the Darwinian theory of evolution to be "extremely weak," and his article goes on to reveal that he knows next to nothing of either current or past work in paleontology. If you apply this analogy to yourself with regard to the abduction phenomenon, you become the creationist and Thomas E. Bullard, David M. Jacobs, John E. Mack, and many other researchers become, along with me, the paleontologists.

I do not have to remind you that the public at large -- in this case the readers of magazines such as *Parade* -- regard you as the supreme arbiter of almost all scientific issues, a kind of "Pope of Science." At the same time these readers do not know how to discriminate between areas in which you speak with great first-hand authority and knowledge, and other areas, such as psychiatry, folklore, and abduction research, in which your opinion is just that -- the *opinion* of an intelligent member of society with personal research experience. Your article suggests the wide range of your reading in the history of science, but the sources cited, from the past 50 years to centuries ago, may have no bearing on the data accumulated by current abduction researchers. As I'm sure you know, one of the dangers of arguing from perceived historical precedent is that sincerity can falsely be thought to prove relationship.

Though I mean no disrespect, I must confess that the problems your article raises keep distilling themselves in my mind as tabloid newspaper headlines: POPE OF SCIENCE DECLINES TO REVIEW LABORATORY RESULTS, CALLS RESEARCH DATA "UNTHINKABLE." Or: SCIENCE POPE JEERS PSYCHIATRISTS FOR "HERETICAL" CONCLUSIONS. Or: LIBRARIAN MOUNTS BATTLE AGAINST FIELD INVESTIGATIONS.

When we did that TV program in Boston a number of years ago (1988?), you said that I should inform you the next time I had what I considered to be a promising abduction case. You stated that you would "look into it" with me. I waited until I had a good, potentially rewarding case in your area. I wrote to you on January 17, 1990, and asked you to look into it along with me. I was careful to suggest that you could approach the investigation any way you wished. There were subsidiary witnesses involved, and I pointed out that if hypnosis was called for, you could supply

the hypnotist. You declined my invitation to investigate cooperatively. Your letter of rejection comprised six dismissive lines, implying the worthlessness of "anecdotal evidence" and ignoring the presence of physical evidence in the case.

I hope I'm not being too harsh, but that's the way your piece reads. I don't intend a line-by-line reading or defense of the reality of UFO abductions. As it stands, your article leaves only one thing in need of defense, and that is your implied claim of expertise in a very new field of research. It is amazing.

What do I wish you had written? It's simple, and it goes like this: "As someone trained in astronomy and astrophysics and as a contributor to several NASA research programs, I am well aware of the technical difficulties of interstellar space travel. It is therefore almost impossible for me to accept the apparent ease of movement described by many observers of *unidentified* flying objects. My scientific background and personal beliefs lead me to doubt the existence of intelligently controlled 'alien' craft operating in our atmosphere.

"Though I, like the public at large, have heard of accounts of the abduction of humans by the occupants of such craft, I have not had the time -- or, perhaps, the inclination -- to study the developing literature in this bizarre field. I am aware that after firsthand investigation, certain prominent and highly experienced psychiatrists and psychologists say that these encounters are not explainable by currently known and understood psychological mechanisms.

"Though it is my firm *opinion* that these events cannot literally be taking place, I have so far turned down any opportunity to look into the matter on a first hand basis.

"I do not expect ever to investigate such accounts myself, for reasons both rational and, perhaps, irrational. But in the meantime, whatever their individual causes, I recognize that these thousands of worldwide reports of abduction by UFO occupants constitute, collectively, an extraordinary phenomenon. As a scientist devoted to the search for truth, I believe that an extraordinary phenomenon demands an extraordinary investigation. It would be intellectually irresponsible to ignore such a widespread and potentially important collection of physical evidence and verbal testimony. Ridicule and outraged rejection are as out of place as uncritical acceptance. The issue must be squarely faced and the case reports thoroughly investigated. Science can be satisfied with nothing less."

If you had written something like this, Carl, science would have been better served.

Sincerely,

Budd Hopkins

Budd Hopkins, author of Missing Time (1981) and Intruders (1987), heads The Intruders Foundation.

'They're strange, they're gooey, they're . . . blobs!

By Tom Paulson
P. Recorder

OAKVILLE — Blobs Fall From the Sky, Kitten Dies.

"We don't know what it is or where it came from," said Dick Meyer, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle. "It's a puzzle."

It's a puzzle Sunny Barclift wants solved.

"This stuff came out of the sky," Barclift said. "I want to know what it is."

Twice in the past two weeks when it has rained, small blobs of clear, gelatinous goo have fallen on and around the home Barclift shares with her mother, Dotty Hearn, on a 29-acre farm in Grays Harbor County.

The blobs, about half the size of rice grains, might have gone unnoticed had it not been for a number of circumstances, beginning with a small shed covered with black asphalt roofing.

Barclift, who moved here last year from Phoenix after working for six years as director of occupational safety and health for the Arizona branch of the National Safety Council, noticed the clear, jelly-like particles on the shed roof after the rain stopped.

After the first blob shower on Aug. 7, Hearn went to the hospital in McCleary suffering from dizziness and nausea. Barclift and a friend also had minor bouts of nausea and fatigue after collecting and touching the mysterious goop. A newly adopted kitten, which lived outside, died days later after a

struggle with severe intestinal problems.

The blobs came again in the rain on Tuesday but this time no one in the household fell ill.

There have been no other confirmed reports of mysterious blobs; officials with several agencies said. But a National Weather Service employee in the area received a call from an unidentified man in early August describing hot, metallic particles from the sky that burned holes in his children's trampoline.

Dr. David Little, who treated Barclift's mother, said he doubted that Hearn's illness was connected to the strange blobs. Little said her dizziness and nausea appeared to be caused by an inner ear problem. But he agreed to have the lab take a look at the stuff anyway.

"The lab tech put the substance under a microscope," Little said. "He found some human white cells in it."

The hospital didn't do a chemical analysis, Barclift noted, perhaps because the lab staff seemed reluctant to test the blobs in the first place.

Little suggested the blobs might be concentrated fluid waste from an airplane toilet, since this could contain anti-freeze that would explain the presence of human cells as well as the illnesses. The kitten, he said, could have been hurt by ingesting anti-freeze.

But Little said there was no clear evidence of a health hazard.

Barclift called the FAA and eventually persuaded it to investigate the



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The evidence . . . Sunny Barclift holds a test tube containing the jelly that 'fell' from the sky in Grays Harbor County.

mystery blobs.

Meyer said all commercial plane toilet fluids are dyed blue, so it seemed unlikely that was the explanation. He said the FAA investigator asked the military if there had been any flights over the area or any exercises that might explain the blobs.

"This is where the jellyfish theory came in," Meyer said.

It's not clear who should get credit for proposing this theory, but it's based on the fact that the blobs appeared around the time the U.S. Air Force was dropping bombs in the Pacific Ocean off the Washington coast.

"They were conducting bombing runs using live ordnance," said Master.

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Sgt. Thaddeus Hosley, spokesman at McChord Air Force Base, Hosley said the 354th Fighter Squadron was flying last week and this week, dropping bombs about 10 to 20 miles west of Ocean Shores.

Despite the 40 to 50 miles separating the bombing runs and the blob fallout, Oakville Chief of Police Gary Greub said somebody suggested a school of jellyfish might have been blown literally sky-high.

McChord's Hosley, trying but failing to stifle a laugh, said he

could not comment on the jellyfish theory.

"That's ridiculous," said Barclift. Besides, she said, this wouldn't explain why the blobs came twice or why they come only when it rains.

After more than a week's worth of phone calls to state and federal agencies, Barclift yesterday persuaded the state Department of Ecology to conduct tests of the blobs.

"We'll take a look at it," said Mike Osweiler of the agency's hazardous-material spill response unit for Southwest Washington.

Osweiler has heard all the theories, including the flying jellyfish one.

"That's a long way for jellyfish to travel . . . unless they're shooting them in from the coast," he said.

"This is a head-scratcher."

Barclift said she's more curious than concerned about the blobs, noting that the timing of the kitten's death and the illnesses might be just coincidence. But the fact the blobs have twice rained down on her house makes her wonder what's going on.

"It's weird," she said.

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