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The Truth is Out There . . .

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 1997 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

PROGRAM: JOYCE MURPHY from "BEYOND BOUNDARIES UFO RESEARCH":

SLIDE SHOW OF UFO SITES AROUND THE WORLD

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

There have been several new local MUFON appointments this month!

Dimitri "Jim" Ossipov, in addition to being the Maricopa County Section Director, has volunteered to step in as Assistant State Director to help me out with the many tasks involved in keeping MUFON-AZ running. I am very grateful to Jim for taking on this extra task!

Ken Kerber in Casa Grande has been appointed Section Director for Pinal County, and I'm sure Ken will do an excellent job. We have needed someone in that area.

Unfortunately, those members who were supposedly interested in the trip to the Very Large Array failed to keep in touch, and the trip has been postponed (see article below).

As you can see from the article in the Arizona Republic (reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter), Emma Francis Barwood, Phoenix City Councilwoman, has asked for an investigation into the Phoenix Lights. Upon reading the article, I got on the

phone and left a message that MUFON has investigators on this large, involved case. I received a call back a few days later and had a rather lengthy conversation with Ms. Barwood regarding the Phoenix Lights. An informal meeting (or so I thought) was set up in Tempe later in the week for 8 p.m. Upon arrival 30 minutes early for that meeting, I discovered that the TV program "Extra" had a crew there to record the meeting, and I realized this was no "informal meeting."

"Extra" did do a fair job covering the meeting, which was aired Friday, May 16 on Channel 12. A few days later I got a phone call from Ms. Barwood's office asking what I thought of the meeting, and I told them quite frankly that I didn't think the first meeting went well. A second meeting has been planned and will have occurred by the time you read this.

Councilwoman Barwood has come under a lot of criticism because of her remarks asking for an investigation into the Phoenix Lights. *I am asking our members, especially those in Phoenix, to find out the name of their local council member*

and telephone that person asking for an investigation. I feel Mayor Rimsa needs a few phone calls to that effect, as well. Councilwoman Barwood has gone out on a limb for us, and we should support her by asking other Council members for an investigation into this matter. **Please help out by making a call or two.**

Signup sheets will be at this month's meeting asking for volunteers to operate MUFON-AZ's booth at the "UFO Awareness Weekend" at Christown Mall August 16-18. Please try to come and spend a few hours with the general public to answer their questions about UFOs and tell them of your experiences with MUFON. You don't have to be any type of expert researcher -- most of the questions are of a general nature (and people want to recount their UFO experiences). We will have Dr. Ruth Hover and a few abductees, as well as videos, posters, and handouts for the public. So come on out!

And remember to keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor
State Director

TOUR OF V.L.A. TO BE RESCHEDULED

The tour of the VLA (Very Large Array) outside of Socorro, NM has been postponed until after the summer heat, due to logistics problems. When we reschedule, we will probably fly to Albuquerque and rent vans to drive from there to the site. We will again use a signup sheet for those interested, and the cost will include the air fare and van rental, but this time no hotel/motel will be necessary as it will be a one-day trip; so the cost will be about the same.



Media Watch

by Tom Taylor

On Sunday, May 11, Frank Baranowski (on his "Mysteries Around Us" program on KTAR radio) had one of the best UFO Round Tables I have heard in some time. It featured Wendelle Stevens, Jim Dilettoso, Bob Dean, and Tyler Pauley.

Speaking of Bob Dean, I was able to speak with him concerning the recent broadcast of "Interview with an Alien" on the *Strange Universe* program. I respect Bob's opinions, and he feels that the alien shown on that program was, indeed, authentic.

Art Bell featured Dr. Stephen Greer with his report from witnesses on "grays." It was a preliminary report to the U.S. Congress. Not a lot of new information was not made public, but the fact that the hearings are taking place is good news in itself.

Several new motion pictures are about to come out that you might want to be aware of. "Men in Black" with Tommy Lee Jones and "Contact" with Jodi Foster are among them.



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.

Extra on Channel 12 covered the Phoenix Lights story recently; this resulted in City Councilwoman Frances Barwood becoming involved and speaking to members of our group.

Unsolved Mysteries featured a segment on May 9 concerning Sunny Barcliff and the 'blobs' in Seattle. Many of you will remember that she spoke to our group about a year ago.

Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!

WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS:

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. The program is aired on the following stations in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; Yuma: 560 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM. Art also hosts "Coast to Coast" weeknights at midnight and often features UFO related guests and/or topics. A "Dreamland" repeat is also broadcast at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Erskin Overnight, KXAM Radio, 1310 on the AM dial, Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Jim Keith will be the special guest.

UFO-AZ Radio Show - In the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

Mysteries Around Us, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 10:00 p.m. Sunday (*note day/time change*), hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypnotherapist specializing in regression.

WEEKLY TV PROGRAMS:

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS: Scottsdale TCI Cable, Channel 28, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.; now also in Prescott on Channel 13 Friday nights at 9 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Co-produced by Alan Morey. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

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

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

Sightings (cable only - SciFi Channel) **moved to Wednesdays, 8 p.m. and 12 midnight** according to a MUFON member and viewer in California. Be sure to check your local cable guide for this broadcast.

Strange Universe - every weeknight at 11:00 p.m. on Channel 45.

Dark Skies, 7:00 p.m. Saturdays, Channel 12.

Late Night Cosmic Contact - Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m., Channel 61 [TCI Tucson Public Access]. This new talk show features host Chris Maynard and guests who believe they have experienced contact with life from other worlds. Chris also examines national contact cases to evaluate facts, comparisons and trends of this growing phenomenon.

*** If you're disappointed that "Dark Skies" keeps getting pre-empted and are concerned that the show might not be renewed for another season, write a letter to:

NBC Programming Department
3000 W. Alameda Ave.
Burbank, CA 91523

And send a copy to the production company:
Columbia/Tristar Television
Romano Bldg.
10202 W. Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230

MUFON-AZ WEB ADDRESS: <http://www.idowebpages.com/mufon.html>

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50 YEARS OF ARIZONA SIGHTINGS 1947-1997

Jim Ossipov has an updated version of reported Arizona sightings since 1947. Copies may be purchased at MUFON-AZ meetings for \$5.00 or ordered by mail for \$6.50. Contact Tom Taylor for details.

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Many thanks to those submitting articles and book reviews, and if you haven't done so, here's an invitation to add to YOUR newsletter by doing so. Handwritten articles and those typed on a typewriter are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, PLEASE save your articles in Word-Perfect 5.1 software or in ASCII (DOS text) format and put your name on them. Then send them (either the hard copy or the diskette) to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax hard copy articles to Mary Hart at 907-0609. You can also send them via internet to her husband's internet address, which is: taz7211@ix.netcom.com

Calendar

Cochise County Chapter - Meeting
Saturday, June 28, 2-4 p.m., Sierra Vista Public Library (Mona Bishop Room), 2950 E. Tacoma St. in Sierra Vista. The library is next to the Community Center. Call Herb at 520/378-3024 for further information if necessary.

Pima County Chapter - Meeting
Saturday, June 21, 1997, 1 p.m. at the Wilmot Library. Call June at 520/326-0078 for more information.

Yuma County Chapter - Meeting
Sunday, June 1, at Desert Lakes Clubhouse. No meetings for the rest of the summer. Contact Bobbie Jones at 520/627-2461 for details.

Maricopa County Chapter - Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, usual place and time (see page 1).

June 7, 1997: Controlled Remote Viewing Training, basic course taught by Lyn Buchanan. Call Pete at 971-9277 for information.

June 21-22: "The UFO Event of the Year" in North Haven, CT. Stanton Friedman and Dr. John E. Mack. Contact John White; 60 Pound Ridge Rd.; Cheshire, CT 06410 or phone 203/272-2151 or fax 203/250-0501.

June 26-28, 1997 - 18th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

July 11-13, 1997 - 28th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme of this symposium will be "The 50th Anniversary of UFOlogy."

August 10-16 - International UFO Congress, 1st Annual "Summer Seminar," Laughlin NV. For info phone or fax 303/543-9443.

August 15-17 - UFO Awareness Week. We will have our usual display in Christown mall. To volunteer some of your time at our display, sign up on the special signup sheet that will be at this month's meeting.

January 23, 1998: Experiencers Group, 7:30 p.m. Call Dr. Ruth Hover for details at 837-0446.

SCIENTISTS MYSTIFIED BY OBJECT SIGHTED IN MIDWESTERN SKY

Reprinted from Orange Co. Register, Santa Ana, CA -- 12/17/96
By Ron Harris, Assoc. Press

Science: The strange ball is videotaped traveling at nearly the speed of light.

SAN FRANCISCO: A mysterious glowing ball of light traveling close to the speed of light has been spotted and videotaped in the Earth's upper atmosphere, but what it is has scientists puzzled.

Brief footage of the image, which appeared for about 3/100 of a

second at an estimated height of 50 miles, was presented publicly for the first time Monday at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

In a six-frame sequence, the object can clearly be seen crossing upward and left across the field of view while retaining its shape and intense glow.

"It's the first and only event of this kind photographed, to my knowledge," said Dean A. Morss, assistant professor of atmospheric sciences at Creighton University in Nebraska. Morss is heading a research project designed to videotape luminous electrical phenomena, called sprites, in the upper atmosphere.

Scientists were observing a region of thunderstorm activity in western Kansas from a ground observation point in Nebraska when the mystery ball appeared. Navy Lt. Paul McCrone, a graduate student at Creighton, videotaped the image August 22.

"It's clearly something that does not have any mass. The angular speed is too fast to be anything at orbital velocity," said Morris B. Pongratz, a scientist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory who has examined the tape. "This guy is clearly moving."

From UFO Potpourri #412
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REMOTE VIEWING COMES TO PHOENIX: AN UPDATE

In last month's MUFON-AZ newsletter there was a brief article on plans to bring Controlled Remote Viewing here to Phoenix in a class to be offered June 7. Following is updated information and a few more details on the class. There is a lot of interest in remote viewing among MUFON members and the public at large, and there's good reason to be. Well-trained controlled remote viewers can do some remarkable things, such as:

- ◆ Access or describe places and events so inaccessible or hostile that no other form of data collection is possible;

- ◆ Provide a eyewitness account to an event (crime, one-time annal, or short-lived phenomena) for which there were no witnesses; the event could be hundreds of miles distant or years into the past or future;

- ◆ Perceive meanings, origins, and implications beyond the obvious;

- ◆ Peer below the surface of the earth or sea to aid the search for the location of otherwise hidden and undetectable objects, such as archaeological artifacts, sunken ships, oil, water, and other natural resources.

- ◆ In the most extreme example, can enter a guarded building, pass beyond bolted doors and search locked file cabinets to read papers no one is supposed to see . . . all without tripping alarms, being spotted by guards or dogs, or being featured on closed-circuit TV. (Note: although remote viewing has been used for industrial and other forms of espionage, it is not PSI's policy to get involved in such ventures.) (Consider the CRV potential impacts on the Freedom of Information Act and the phenomenal secrecy which underpins certain institutions of our society.)

- ◆ Look beyond the obvious to identify the real problems and their causes, predict solutions from among the many available, and define innovative paths for future advancement.

If any of this interests you, you are invited to look into this upcoming class and enroll. The cost is \$1,000 for a three-day program basic class, which includes two eight-hour days of classroom instruction and one full day of private work with Lyn Buchanan and his staff. He was a nine-year veteran member of and CRV trainer for the U.S. government's project STAR GATE, a 20-year highly classified program which used CRV to collect intelligence against targets of interest to the military, CIA, FBI and other national organizations, drug interdiction efforts, and foreign political relations.

An informational packet is available for those seriously interested in the class which can be mailed to you. The deadline for sign-up is May 27, which means your

payment deposit for the class and completion of the training affidavit must be in by then. For this class to occur here we need a minimum of ten people enrolled and paid, with a maximum of 20 people enrolled.

People work in pairs of remote viewers and monitors, who then switch roles. There's a lot more information available on the class and its goals. For further information call Pete Creelman at 602/971-9277, or contact the organization which will conduct the class: Problems> Solutions> Innovations, 26944 Bosse Drive, Mechanicsville, MD 20659, 301/884-5856. PSI has a very informative WEB site at <http://www.ameritel.net/lusers/rviewer/> Their e-mail is: raziel@mail.ameritel.net.

From all that I've heard and read about this mind technology, you won't be disappointed!

Pete Creelman
Local Coordinator

COCHISE COUNTY ACTIVITY REPORT 4/97

No new sightings were formally reported to this unit during the month of April 1997. We have two cases that remain open that are of interest. Either could be resolved as a UFO sighting; however, lack of substantive evidence makes closure impossible.

Our training program for our 13 investigators and investigator trainees continued. Our 3-hour monthly meeting time is wholly devoted to exploring and studying the many properly scientific fields to which a MUFON investigator may be exposed as he collects and evaluates the data that may be found in a UFO sighting/encounter.

Discussed at our April meeting were: (1) airport traffic procedures and the normal appearance of aircraft around an airport in both daylight and nighttime operations as viewed by a ground observer; (2) motions of the Earth as viewed from a distance and the motions of other planets as viewed from the Earth; (3) examination and a brief mathematical proof of distance vs. size problems where the size of a craft (IFO or UFO) is known; and (4) viewing of the

NOVA video "Kidnapped by UFOs?" followed by a brief critique of the film.

Our next meeting will be on May 10, 1997 at the Sierra Vista city library and will begin at 1300 hrs. The date was moved forward to avoid possible conflict with Armed Forces Day activities and those of the Memorial Day weekend. The principal subject of this meeting will be a case overview of the July 1947 Roswell incident. We will view two films on the subject, one dealing with the Corona impact site (debris field) and the other with the Ragsdale impact site (El Capitan Mountains). Members will be asked consider these as training films and to take notes. The remainder of the meeting will be utilized to discuss the events which presently comprise the Roswell crash.

We are recommending Kevin D. Randle's new (1997) book entitled *The Randle Report, UFOs in the '90s* to our members. This new effort by Mr. Randle hopefully represents a new trend toward better scientific procedures and more detailed and careful data gathering, analysis and synthesis than has been common in UFOlogy in years past. Such is the thrust of what we are trying to accomplish in the Cochise County MUFON Section.

From an official standpoint, we are purposely steering clear of what may be termed 'peripheral disciplines'. Our basic premise is that really very little that is 'strange' or uncommon is the result of UFO activity, and such 'disciplines' should be forced to 'earn' their position by good scientific methodology into the admittedly broad and quantifiable domain of UFOlogy.

Although some outside our section find this difficult to understand and tolerate, we will greatly appreciate patience on the part of members of other sections while we proceed with our experiment in developing competent investigators, analysts and UFOlogists.

Whitey Reese
Cochise County Section Director

COMET WATCH

We had a very good turnout at the MUFON-AZ Hale-Bopp Comet Watch west of the White Tank Mtns. on Saturday, April 29. We met at McDonald's at 51st Ave. north of I-10 and then proceeded west past Perryville Prison to the Sun Valley Parkway. From there we proceeded north about 12.5 miles to the only west turn past McDowell Rd. -- this seemed to be an unnamed dirt road -- and then a short distance west to the site. As we arrived, we realized an astronomy group had already set up camp just west of our chosen site and were possibly not too pleased with our headlights coming up the road.

There were among us five or six nice telescopes, and binoculars abounded. As the glow of the sun still lit the western horizon, Hale-Bopp came into view. Then as the sky grew darker and the stars appeared more visible, Hale-Bopp's tail became brilliantly obvious. Some felt that binoculars gave the best view, while others thought the telescopes did the best job. Bill Goodman was hounded with questions from all sides and good-naturedly and patiently answered them. He said Hale-Bopp will be visible into early summer, when it will pass below our horizon and become more visible to the southern hemisphere.

Lively conversation and speculation ensued, and we were treated to the sightings of three "shooting stars" and at least three satellites in the crystal-clear night sky. The site was an excellent one, as the White Tank Mountains obscured much of the light from Phoenix. More outings of this type are planned to observe the celestial beauties of the desert sky -- and perhaps a UFO or two, as well. We'll keep you posted.

Mary Hart
Newsletter Producer

INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER Editorial by Bob Thrift

We've wondered about the reason for the flood of UFO and paranormal topics in the media over

the past couple of years. We've had TV series, talk shows, special reports, and movies on everything from UFO crashes to alien abductions. "Are we being prepared for something?" is a question that has been asked frequently.

The movie *Independence Day* has come out with a rather different slant on the subject. Along with the drama and spectacular special effects, the viewer gets a large dose of super-patriotic, pro-government, pro-military propaganda which tells us that, in time of crisis, we must entrust our welfare to the government and the military. Also, world unification is a necessary requirement in order to save our collective behinds. Does that ring any bells?

In the movie, the innocent kooks who go out on their own to welcome the aliens in peace, are the very first ones to get fried. Moral: aliens are bad, aliens are dangerous, aliens are evil, aliens are not to be messed with by the population at large. Leave them to the military, for your own good.

Coincidentally, this comes at a time when government and military powers are not getting much utility out of the concept of nationalism, as a tool for maintaining control. A convenient war usually does that, but we don't have much going on at the moment.

Well, then, what about a war with aliens? Wouldn't that bring us all together to fight? (With you-know-who in charge, naturally.) The threat of an alien invasion could be the one thing that might accomplish what has been, up to now, very difficult -- namely, it would enable a small group to overtly seize control of world governments. In the name of necessity and survival, of course.

In this case, the obvious thing to do would be to stage an alien invasion, since the aliens seem to be disinclined to start something on their own. Could an event be convincingly staged? I dunno. But new-world-order-wise, the idea has potential.

Along these lines, I'd like to call your attention to a channeled communication from "Sasha," A pleiadian, through Lyssa Royal (now

Lyssa Royal Holt). She is co-author of *The Prism of Lyra, Visitors from Within, Preparing for Contact* and other books. Regardless of your feelings about alien channeling, the ideas are interesting on their own merit. "Sasha" says:

"When the 'powers that be' who are attempting to control the ET situation in your world are feeling as if they and the extraterrestrial issue itself is out of control, a way for them to regain that control would be for them to stage their own extraterrestrial event. Thereby, this would sway public opinion in whatever way they desire."

". . . as we read the energy right now it is possible within the next two years (as the first probability) and the next five years (as the second probability) that some type of extraterrestrial event will be staged in order that the 'powers that be' will feel more in control of the situation itself."

". . . If within the next 2 - 5 years your media or your government makes some type of announcement about hostile actions on the part of extraterrestrial life forms, 99.9% of chances are that this is a total untruth."

More is said on this subject, but you get the idea. Those of you with access to the World Wide Web can see the full text by visiting <http://www.worldtrans.org/lyssa/>

UFOCUS, Fall 1996

Submitted by Max Petersen
MUFON-AZ

MAIN MUFON HOTLINE

I find it interesting that I hear almost constantly from Peter Davenport, who mans the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center's UFO Hotline, about local sightings in our area. I can't help but wonder why the main MUFON hotline number, (1-800-UFO-2166) never reports sightings to us. Many thanks to Peter for his many hours of work in taking these calls and passing them on to the applicable local MUFON group.

CLYDE TOMBAUGH PASSES:

(January 17, 1997)

by Virgil Staff

Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, died at the age of 90 in his home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. According to "The New York Times" of January 20, 1997, he had first viewed the stars while looking through his uncle's three-inch diameter telescope. After graduating from high school, he ground a 1/8 inch

mirror on a post on the family farm in Burdett, Kansas and then made his own reflecting telescope. A bit later, and "using the shaft from his father's 1910 Buick and parts from farm equipment, he made a nine-inch reflecting telescope that turned out to be an excellent instrument."

The Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff needed a dedicated amateur who would operate the new photographic telescope and make photographs. The job was offered to Tombaugh, and he left Kansas for Flagstaff on January 14, 1929. Shortly, he began searching for the Planet X that Percival Lowell and others had searched for over a period of many years.

It had already been determined that irregularities in Neptune's orbit had to be caused by some other distant planet. Tombaugh worked on this project for ten months, and his discovery with a specially built 13-inch-diameter wide-field telescope was announced on March 13, 1930. Tombaugh shortly again went to school where he eventually won a master's degree in 1939. At various times he returned to work at Flagstaff, but left there in 1943. Later he taught physics at Flagstaff, was employed as an optical physicist at White Sands near Las Cruces, and in 1955 joined the faculty at New Mexico State University.

Clyde Tombaugh has become well-known to ufologists by virtue of his own two sightings of apparently anomalous activity, one on August 20, 1949, and a second a year or two later. In his first sighting, he and two other observers, for approximately three seconds, watched from his back yard as a "geometrical group of faint bluish-green rectangles of light" moved S-SE. "I was too

flabbergasted to count the number of rectangles of light, or to note some other features I wondered about later. There was no sound. I have done thousands of hours of night sky watching, but never saw a sight so strange as this." In his second sighting, a year or two later, he viewed a -6 magnitude object moving in approximately three seconds from its zenith to the southern horizon, with maneuvers much the same as what he had first seen in 1949.

In 1950 he predicted that Mars would have impact craters caused by asteroids, and he was proven correct 15 years later when the Mariner 4 space probe produced images that proved him correct. He retired from New Mexico State University in 1973, but continued to study the skies with his own home-made telescope.

JOHN MACK CLEARED

By Virgil Staff

In an article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Associated Press Writer Jon Marcus reported in early January, 1997, that the Harvard Medical School closed their case on Dr. John Mack without issuing a censor. The one year investigation by a faculty committee was not to decide the truth or falsity of Mack's claims, but rather to determine if his work significantly exemplified the rigor and professional standards alleged to be existent among others of the Harvard faculty. A further problem faced by the committee was to determine if Mack's research might be considered as an inquest into the lives of human subjects.

The review panel had been instituted following Mack's appearance on *Unsolved Mysteries*, and various other programs, where he promoted his book *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*. Mack has been quoted as saying that aliens have "invaded our physical reality and (are) affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people." Mack is reported as having stated in 1996 that he did not necessarily believe in space aliens but believes some unknown traumatic experience may explain these memories of his patients.

The faculty urged Mack to follow a more scholarly approach in studying patients who reported they had been abducted for sex

experiences, and Dean Daniel Rusten wanted that Mack should refrain in allowing his enthusiasm for UFO research to circumvent the standards expected of the faculty. Dr. Arnold

Reiman, committee chairman, stated "It was not our function to describe whether John Mack's astonishing claims are true." Mack's lawyer, termed the Harvard challenge as a breach of academic freedom, and that "all that he was basically saying was that there were some mysteries in life; he was not vouching for the kind of testimony these people have been making, just that they did not appear to be mentally ill."

In 1977 Mack won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of *Lawrence of Arabia*. He is the founder of the psychiatric department at Cambridge Hospital, and directs the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research at the Harvard-affiliated Center for Psychology and Social Research.

CASE BRIEFS: EXPLORATIONS & REVIEW

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Saturday, May 10, 1997

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X-File is opened into Phoenix 'UFO'

Barwood asks staff to investigate lights

By Susie Steckner
and Chris Fiscus
The Arizona Republic

It's not exactly the kind of made-for-TV case those *X-Files* agents would investigate. But, says Frances Emma Barwood, those strange lights in the Phoenix sky should be checked out by city staff, at the very least.

"I asked them to find out if it's a hoax or what," the Phoenix councilwoman said Friday. "I did

not see it. I wish someone would have called me.

"Apparently, people all over the city got video of it. They all said it was as big as a football field."

So Sculley — Sheryl, the assistant city manager, not *X-Files* FBI Agent Dana Scully — has asked police to look into the sightings, at Barwood's request.

"I guess they'll ask Sky Harbor, ask the military, look at videos. I'd love to see all the videos," Barwood said.

In March, callers from Prescott Valley to Tucson flooded the National UFO Reporting Center

— See **ODD LIGHTS**, page A29

"As far as I know, this is the first time I've ever heard of a local or state body taking an official stand," he said. "I'm encouraged. I'm heartened by that."

At a City Council meeting this week, Barwood said she was "a little curious" about the recent sightings. She said a television news crew asked her about the lights, and piqued her curiosity.

The crew was from the show *Extra*, which aired a segment Thursday about the "Phoenix UFO mystery."

Barwood said the main reason she asked the city to look into the matter is because the TV crew asked why no one was investigating the reports.

"I said, 'I'll ask.'"

"I don't know why they (the government) don't check it out and if it was nothing, say it was nothing," Barwood said. "Being there were videos of it, it has people's curiosity. Why not check it out and see if it's a hoax?"

Odd lights in sky stir curiosity

— **ODD LIGHTS**, from page A1

in Seattle to report the appearance of a boomerang-shaped, lighted object.

The center called it "the most dramatic sighting" reported in the past two or three years. In the following weeks, it drew hundreds of calls — even one from Las Vegas — and resulted in an inch-thick stack of written reports, center Director Peter Davenport said.



Frances Barwood / Being "a little curious," she says, "I'd love to see all the videos."

Then, in April, the sighting was featured on the out-of-this-world radio program called *The Edge of Reality*, which is produced in New York City.

"Personally, I think it's something the Air Force is working on, some sort of large transport," Bar-

wood said.

Does she believe in UFOs?

"That's a good question," she said. "I guess I have an open mind." Since God created the universe, she said, "Why couldn't he have created others?"

UFO researchers so far say they have no explanation, despite asking questions around Luke Air Force Base and local airports.

Davenport, meanwhile, is thrilled to hear that a public official is taking the sightings seriously.

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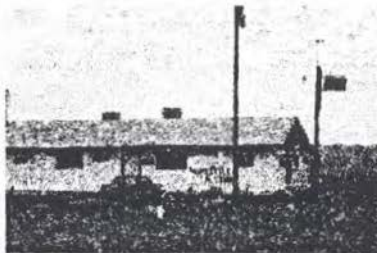
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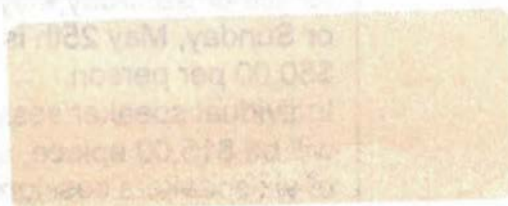
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