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The Truth is Out There . . .

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 1997 • MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

**PROGRAM: VIDEO INTERVIEW WITH SELMAN GRAVES,
WITNESS TO RETRIEVAL OF PARADISE VALLEY UFO CRASH OF 1947**

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I think most of you will find this month's meeting very informative. Several years ago an interview was videotaped of Selmon Graves, one of several eyewitnesses to the 1947 (yes, that magical year appears again, only it's later in the year -- October) retrieval of an apparent UFO crash in Paradise Valley, Arizona (as is referred to on our MUFON-AZ t-shirts).

I would use the term Carefree to describe the site, but Paradise Valley is the location in the literature. The crash is only mentioned briefly in the book "Above Top Secret." I hope you will turn out for this meeting.

I understand Dr. Hover's Field Investigator classes are doing well and a new crop of Field Investigators will be taking their tests later this month.

Please mark your calendars -- the November and December meetings will be ONE WEEK EARLY, on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month, due to the holidays.

Hope a lot of you will come to the Casa Grande Ruins outing (see below). This will be a good opportunity to visit with other MUFON-AZ members and their guests. There will be maps available at the October meeting if you want to meet the group at the ruins. It's about an hour's drive south of Phoenix.

Keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor
State Director

CASA GRANDE NATIONAL MONUMENT OUTING

The date is finally set ... MUFON-AZ will be traveling to Casa Grande National Monument on Sunday, October 26. We will be carpooling, for those who need a ride. Call Tom Taylor ahead of time to arrange for a ride to the meeting place if you can't get there on your own. Bring your own food and drink and a bit extra to share. We will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the NW corner of Mill and Southern in Tempe, next to the abandoned gas station. There is a Circle K across the street where

those joining us can purchase coffee and snacks, but we will NOT meet at the Circle K -- be sure to meet on the northwest corner of the intersection.



Media Watch

by Tom Taylor

On Sunday, October 5, on KTAR Charles Goyette had a panel discussing the "Phoenix Lights." Nothing really too new to report, although much to my dismay Bill Hamilton was introduced as Assistant State Director for MUFON-AZ, which position he no longer holds. If one can't be truthful on this simple fact, how can one believe the rest of what is said?

Preston Westmoreland interviewed Dr. Steven Greer on Wednesday, October 8 concerning the "Phoenix Lights." Dr. Greer claimed that he was in Phoenix on March 13th, and that accounted for the appearance of the Phoenix Lights, which were ETs (??). He also talked about the hearings he had in Washington, D.C. on the UFO situation.

Frank Baranowski, on his "Mysteries Around Us" on Saturday, October 11 had an interesting interview with Ted "Sparky" Loman, Robert Morning Sky, and Standing Elk. They had all been presenters earlier in the day at the "Prophets Conference" held at the Corona Ranch here in Phoenix.

Earlier in the day I attended the Conference and a panel discussion composed of Bob Dean, Ted Loman, Dr. Steven Greer, and Dr. Edgar Mitchell. Wow, what a group! I was impressed by the large turnout and for the quality of speakers. Even if you could not attend all the workshops and panels and could only pick one to attend, I think it would have been worthwhile to go to just one. They may need a larger location next time if it's held in Phoenix again.

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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. ***If you know of additions, deletions or changes to the list of programs presented, please notify Tom Taylor in time for the listing to be changed for the next newsletter.*** 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!

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

11 p.m. 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.

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:

If you find UFO-related television programs we have not listed, please call Tom at 967-6265 and give him the day, time, and channel of the programs. **NOTE: Baseball playoffs have pre-empted some regularly scheduled programs.**

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12. The program aired on the last Friday in October will feature the Phoenix Lights.

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

Sightings Wednesdays, 7 p.m., cable SciFi Channel. May move to 8 p.m. when daylight savings time goes off. Be sure to check your local cable guide for this broadcast.

The Visitor - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Strange Universe - Mondays thru Fridays at 11:30 p.m. on Channel 45.

50+ YEARS OF ARIZONA SIGHTINGS 1946-1997

We are still offering Jim Ossipov's comprehensive listing of reported Arizona sightings for sale at the MUFON-AZ meetings. They have been spiral bound with a soft cover and may be purchased at MUFON-AZ meetings for \$6.00 or ordered by mail for \$7.50 prepaid.

Calendar

Cochise County Chapter - Meeting on Saturday, October 25, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sierra Vista City Library, 2950 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ. Call Herb at 520/378-3024 to confirm this meeting information.

Pima County Chapter - Meeting Saturday, November 1, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Wilmot Library in Tucson. We're hoping to have Ted Loman give a review of the Prophets Conference. Call June at 520/326-0078 for information.

Yuma County Chapter - Next meeting Sunday, December 7, 1:00 p.m. Call Doris Barley at 520/726-0570 for details.

Maricopa County Chapter - Meeting Wednesday, October, 22, usual place and time (see page 1).

October 25-26: "Preparing for Contact" Workshop in Phoenix. \$155 for the weekend; space is limited. Contact Lissa Royal for information at 602/404-1466.

October 26, 1997 - Casa Grande National Monument Outing. See details on page 1.

November 15: Academy of Close Encounters Therapists, Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club in San Diego, featuring Dr. Ruth Hover, Dr. Richard Boylan, Barbara Lamb, and Carol Fraley. \$75.00 admission; call 619/451-2723 to register. Applications available at the October MUFON-AZ meeting from Dr. Hover.

DON'T FORGET: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MUFON-AZ MEETINGS IN PHOENIX WILL BE ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY INSTEAD OF THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS!!

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card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. See Tom Taylor for prices on larger ads. Submit your ad and payment by the first of the month to have it appear in that month's newsletter issue.



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

COCHISE COUNTY SECTION REPORT

Our membership status as of 31 August 1997:

Of our 13 members, we now have 8 certified as MUFON Investigators. We are continuing to devote most of our 3-hour meeting time to UFO case studies.

At our August meeting we spent 2 hours working through a simulated hovering UFO daytime sighting problem. The problem involved two observers located about 3 miles apart. The problem presented several geometric (angular) 'fixes' on the object as well as some timing information. Solution required determination of distance of craft from each observer, calculation of flight level, direction of motion,

acceleration rate upon departure, point and instant where mach number passed 1.0, velocity at 15 seconds after departure begin, and time the sonic boom (if there was one) would have reached one of the observers.

The problem was designed so that one of the observers was able to provide angular information from the field of view of his binoculars and from this and the previous determination of distance from that observer, the size of the object was derivable.

During the last hour of the meeting the NOVA video "UFO's: Are We Alone?" was shown. As usual, we then adjourned to a local restaurant for socializing.

For further information, contact Herb Funston (520) 378-3024 voice or fax, or e-mail at mtfao@primenet.com

SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT OF 1967

The incident occurred at 11 p.m. on October 4, 1967. A UFO estimated at 60 ft. in diameter and flashing four lights in sequence was seen hovering over the water near Shag Harbour. It tilted to a 45-degree angle and hit the water with a bright flash and an explosive sound. Witnesses reported the crash to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and expressed concern for possible survivors. No one reported a UFO.

Witnesses and RCMP officers stood fascinated by the yellow light floating on the water. The craft was leaving a strip of yellow foam in its wake as it traveled toward the open sea. The UFO disappeared before vessels could make it to its last known position. By then, the yellow foam was a half mile wide, but it eventually dispersed.

The incident was brought to the attention of the Condon Committee by the Lorenzens of APRO. It was assigned to electrical engineer Dr. Norman Levine who, after talking to Canadian authorities, decided against an on-site investigation. Styles says that the various Canadian agencies involved in the search and investigation were amazingly open

about their involvement. To them, they were looking for a UFO.

Based on information at the time, the military did not believe that the UFO was below its impact site. They thought that while submerged it had navigated its way to a different location. A flotilla of ships ended up stationed over the submerged UFO with the idea of attempting a recovery. Styles does not indicate how the military came to know its position. Procrastination was due to the fact that a second UFO was on the scene repairing the crippled craft. On the 7th day a Soviet sub violated the 12-mile limit and tried to close in on the UFO's position. Both submerged UFOs began moving toward the Gulf of Maine. They surfaced, became airborne, and quickly flew away. There was a claim that debris was recovered at the impact site.

One week (to the hour) after the crash, a family observed two UFOs hovering over Shag Harbour before flying away at high speed.

Styles tried to locate logs for October 1967 from the manned lighthouse at Cape Roseway, where a clear view would have been made of naval operations above the submerged UFOs. However, the records were missing and could not be located. He ran into a similar situation regarding radar logs. It seems that there is a so-called "Annual Stroker's Report" which deals with major target detection made by Canadian radar. A first inquiry indicated that this report was also missing. This was strange, because only the archival staff ever had access to them. Later it turned up, but with no record of any detection of UFOs. This was hard to reconcile, because the radar facility's administrative officer had run appeals in Nova Scotia newspapers after the crash that read "Military Wants UFOs Reported."

Another interesting connection involved a late Jesuit priest, Father Michael Burke-Gaffney. He was a noted astronomer, professor, and UFO investigator for Canada's National Research Council. When Styles finally was able to access the priest's personal papers [which were] archived at St. Mary's University in

Halifax, he found ten documents related to the Shag Harbour affair.

There is still a possibility for physical evidence on the ocean floor. In June of 1988 a Fisheries Research Vessel was cruising an area near Shag Harbour known as "The Rip." They were doing a sidescan sonar survey for the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. Their sonar recorder printed a strange reflection that perplexed the geologists involved. It implied the presence of four circular objects in the 5-meter range.

The "Sightings" TV program ended up sponsoring an expedition to examine the ocean floor from the last known position of the UFO before it submerged. Time and weather prevented them from accomplishing much.

Chris Styles closed his presentation by stating that the Shad Harbour Incident remains the only two crash scenario that is supported by available and unrestricted government documentation that is without controversy as to its origin and authenticity.

Members are encouraged to read a complete copy of this presentation contained in the "Proceedings of the MUFON 1996 International UFO Symposium," available from MUFON's headquarters in Seguin, Texas.

Dick Moss
Minnesota MUFON Newsletter
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MORE HARD EVIDENCE -- AN EDITORIAL COMMENT

Intriguingly, Wilbert B. Smith, head of Canadian Project Magnet (1950-1954) and a committee member of Project Second story (1952-1954), admitted that a number of fragments from UFOs had been recovered and analyzed by Project Magnet and/or second Story.

Smith disclosed the retrieval of UFO fragments during a recorded interview with C.W. Fitch and George Popovitch in November of 1961. He also stated that one of the fragments had been shot off a UFO by a jet interceptor near Washington, DC in

July 1952, during the famous Washington UFO "flap."

In regard to the fragment shot off the UFO Smith said, "I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later. The entire piece weighed about a pound. The segment that was loaned to me was about one-third of that. It had been sawed off. There was iron rust -- the thing was, in reality, a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers -- thousands -- of 15-micron spheres scattered through it."

It is interesting to note that most UFO critics reserve their most vociferous criticism for UFO physical trace cases. If they can't find an answer to the cold data in front of them, their tactic is to obfuscate and confuse. We have seen ample evidence of this tactic in the Ubatuba case alone. Although the scientific findings in this case are impressive, the critics have succeeded in throwing enough chaff in the air to neutralize the data.

On a more positive note, it is intriguing that magnesium in some form is found in at least half of the UFO physical traces cited in this short article. Magnesium seems to be an important or even key element in these cases -- as it obviously was in the Ubatuba case.

Ed. Note: Reference "UFO Evidence from Six Countries," C-COM, Vol. 5, No. 3, March 1996, and independent UFO/unusual information newsletter published monthly by Erick A. Aggen, Jr. Contact Erick A. Aggen, Jr., 4319 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64110-1533.

Erick A. Aggen, Jr.
Minnesota MUFON Newsletter
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TEXT OF ACCOMPANYING ARIZONA REPUBLIC ARTICLE FROM JUNE 30, 1950

[The front page of the above newspaper reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter was copied from microfilm, and the text proved very difficult to read. It is therefore contained below.]

MYSTERY SOARS OVER ARIZONA

Seven-Hour Show Given Thousands -
Airmen Up 43,000 Feet find "Thing"
Still Above Them

A weird, bulbous thing hung brilliant in the western sky late Thursday afternoon and Phoenix buzzed with questions.

"Flying saucer" was on everyone's lips. Whatever it was, it caught the attention of thousands of Phoenixians.

Some thought the brilliant white object was a flying saucer. Others thought it a weather balloon. But it stayed in sight for more than seven hours. People watched it from busses, rooftops, and lawns through telescopes, opera glasses, and binoculars. Everyone agreed it was something -- but what?

It moved almost due westward, although at one time it appeared to move from a position north of the sun to a point south of the sun. Children called to their mothers to "come look at the start in the middle of the day."

Amateur astronomers telephoned each other to check observations and to get friends busy looking through their telescopes. Newspaper and radio switchboards were flooded with calls from persons wanting to know "What is it? I saw a flying saucer ... If you'll look out your window on the west you can see it ... I saw something shining near the sun."

It couldn't have been a weather balloon. the weather bureau said it was much too large -- and weather balloons don't look like that.

Dr. William A Rhodes, a research engineer at 4337 N. 14th Street, calculated mathematically that at 8:12 p.m. the object was 500 miles

west of Phoenix at an altitude of 50 to 60 miles.

He used the time the sun set at Phoenix, the time the last sun rays flashed off the earth, rotation speed of the earth, diameter of the earth, and figured how far the earth traversed in the elapsed time. Then he used figures to represent a triangle with the sun's rays as lines.

Rhodes watched it through an O-power telescope and said it wasn't like anything he had ever seen before. It was like a globe with an ice-cream-cone-like projection from near the bottom side. A smaller, more brilliant bulb appeared rhythmically from near the top.

An American Airlines pilot and fliers from Williams Air Force Base and Luke Field estimated its height at more than 50,000 feet. Luke fliers went to an altitude of 43,000 feet, but it was still above them.

Joseph Craig, weather observer, followed the spherical gadget with a powerful telescope. "Not a weather balloon and appears to be weighted."

Paul E. Giffen, secretary and treasurer of the Phoenix Observatory Association, also tracked the thing. His observations checked with Rhodes'. He said the gadget moved westward, almost the same as a star.

But it was not a star. Rhodes, Griffen, and several other observers were emphatic on that point. Dr. S.L. Hess of Lowell Observatory near Flagstaff verified their reports that no stars are visible in that portion of the sky in daylight.

Army radar units at Phoenix could not pick up the object on their screens. Rhodes said that supported his contention that it was out of the earth's atmosphere and many miles away -- out of radar range.

Other observers, including Otho Greenway and William H. Etz at 353 N. Third Ave., confirmed Rhodes' and Griffin's reports that the object was not spinning or moving in any particular swinging fashion -- as a balloon might.

It just seemed to be drifting along at a speed that couldn't be

estimated. It was first seen east of Phoenix, then moved on west.

All observers commented on the brilliant -- almost blinding -- whiteness of the thing. It was known to be tremendously high for winds charted at 40,000 feet were blowing in the opposite direction the thing was moving. It was above clouds at 30,000 feet.

And its size was undetermined. Observers had to agree it was gigantic, especially if it was as high and as far away as Rhodes' calculated. A B-36 giant bomber is invisible at 30,000 feet. Your guess?

Jim Blakeslee
Arizona Republic
June 30, 1950

PERIODICAL REVIEW

Periodicals of Interest: A quick look at some serious publications wrestling with the wacky world of UFOLOGY.

For we who still like to carry the print around in our hands rather than sit in front of a Cathode Ray Tube to have our ideas stretched and challenged, we offer the following list of publications which often have subject matter dealing with UFOs or the fringes of the UFO topic.

One of my favorites is The Journal of Scientific Exploration, a quarterly publication of the Society of Scientific Exploration whose editorial office is in Stanford, California. It sells by mail for a hefty \$40 per year but it is worth every penny. It is a true "scientific" journal, which means that it has articles which are refereed by a peer review group. For example, the Autumn 1997 edition contains among others, the following articles: "Accessing Anomalous States of Consciousness with a Binaural Beat Technology" about the work of the Monroe Institute; "The Mars Effect As Seen by the Committee PARA" - a rejection of the Michel Gauquelin claim that Mars has an influence on the performance of sports champions at the time of their birth; "Did Life Originate in Space? A discussion of the Implications of Recent Research"; A letter to the editor from Hal Puthoff of remote viewing fame; A book

review of Steven Dick's book, The Biological Universe: The Twentieth-Century Extraterrestrial Life Debate, plus a number of other articles which would be of interest to those dealing with abductees, hypnosis, and political intrigue.

You can order this publication by mail from Journal of Scientific Exploration, P.O. Box 5848, Stanford, CA 94309-5848

A publication which deals exclusively and effectively with the UFO phenomenon is The Journal of UFO Studies put out by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) 2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659. This scholarly publication features article from those academically christened who have special interest in the field. All Ph.Ds, a recent edition (\$18 a pop) contained articles by Thomas Bullard, Mark Rodeghier, David Jacobs, Michael Persinger, David Pritchard, and Michael Swords just to mention a few of the well known luminaries in the UFO publishing firmament.

The International UFO Reporter (IUR) is another fine publication of the Hynek Center which strives to give scientific credibility to this anomalous field by offering well researched papers which are judged by the editor, Jerome Clark, to illumine some aspect of current UFO activity or field of interest. This is a benefit publication, which means that you have to contribute at least \$25 to the Hynek Center to receive the publication, which comes out quarterly.

Another of my favorites is The Anomalist edited and published by Patrick Huyghe and Dennis Stacy. Huyghe has published a nice catalog of alien types and Stacy is the editor of The MUFON Journal. This publication is also \$10 per issue and seems to come out on an irregular basis. It emphasizes first person experiences or investigations. Articles have ranged from a well-reasoned skeptical view of abductions in "Alien Dreamtime" to an interview with Mario Pazzagliani on "Alien Writing". In the latter, after an interesting review of the history of various alien writing styles, Pazzagliani, when asked about his thoughts on a final solution to the mysterious writing, gives advice

which is always timely for the UFO investigator: "I try to keep away from what one person calls 'the lust of results'. For me premature belief only destroys perception of the possible. Belief excludes and it's too early to do this. I am not sure even if this is an entirely external or internal phenomenon- or perhaps a mix. It could be that we humans, as a group of beings, can elicit from reality what only begins as our needs, thoughts, and wishes. Could there be a psychoid element, as Jung puts it, that is able to materialize what is internal? Or are we really being spoken to through the noise and chatter of this material? Is the something a process, purely within ourselves, or a complex message system from the outside, from an unknown external source? I'm not sure". Nor are most of the rest of us!

For those who need greater assurance, there is a long list of pulp type publications which time and space do not permit me to mention at this juncture but we will try to revisit this subject in a future issue. Additionally, for the information addict there is of course the Triple "W" which, alas, brings us back to the tube, a topic about which we may have more to ponder in a future issue as well.

Reviewed by Herb Moran
MUFON-AZ Member

ALIEN AGENDA Book Review

Alien Agenda. Copyright 1997, by author and journalist Jim Marrs, is one of the better current summaries of UFO/ET/UT realities.

Jim not only writes careful reports on many of the UFO experiences other folks have documented, but he also gives thoughtful examples of why writers like Phil Klass and Curtis Peebles are not really honest skeptics concerning the UFO stuff they write about but are truly dedicated, closed-minded *debunkers*.

And in the Appendix, Jim gives strong reasons about why there's a UFO information coverup and who has what to gain by that coverup.

Max Petersen
MUFON-AZ Member

Universal Studios creates 'Area 51' as part of Halloween haunted house

BY JANET WEEKS

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

LOS ANGELES — So you didn't make it to Roswell, N.M., this summer for the golden anniversary of the government's secret discovery of an alien spacecraft. You missed the fun as people — what, celebrated? — whatever it was that may or may not have happened there 50 years ago.

Not to worry. Universal Studios is creating its own "Area 51" at its theme park this fall, complete with a 50-foot spacecraft. Visitors can witness an alien autopsy and come face to face with space creatures.

The exhibit is part of Universal Studios' "Halloween Horror Nights," a mega haunted house show premiering Oct. 9 and running through Nov. 1 during evening hours only.

In addition to *The X-Files*-ish display of UFO stuff, the spooky show will include "Tales From the Crypt Film Vault," featuring cinematic fiends of the past.

It makes sense, of course, that Universal would have a cool haunted house, since it's the studio that brought Frankenstein, Dracula, the Wolfman and the Mummy to the silver screen in the first place — not to mention Beetlejuice.

This year, the Halloween attraction includes a watery display, too: The Creature From the Black Lagoon's Monsterquarium, which houses mutant sea ogres.

More than 350 performers will be on hand to entertain during Halloween Horror Nights, including fire-eaters, caged dancers and a human pin cushion.

The attraction will operate from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sundays and Thursdays and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$32 at Ticketmaster locations and the Universal Studios box office.

For more information, call (818) 622-3801.

THE TRIBUNE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

Ex-astronaut believes in alien arrival

Crashed craft studied, moon walker theorizes

By Richard Ruelas
The Arizona Republic

He is one of few who can say with certainty that there are no little green men on the moon — but former astronaut Edgar Mitchell is fairly sure aliens have crash-landed on Earth.

Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the moon, called Saturday for congressional hearings on whether the United States has captured alien spacecraft and studied them to produce new technologies.

He spoke at the Prophets Conference, a spiritual carnival held at a ranch in Laveen, a suburb south of Phoenix.

About 750 heard his talk, called "Contact: A Panel Discussion on Extraterrestrial Realities," featuring the words of a man who walked on the moon's surface for more than nine hours.

"When I went to the moon 26 years ago, it was conventional wisdom, eligiously and philosophically, that we were still the biological center of the universe," the 67-year-old said. "Few, if any, thinking, knowledgeable people accept that theory anymore."

"The most likely scenario is that life has organized everywhere environmental conditions permitted."

Rolling his own cigarette after the panel, Mitchell discussed his theory that alien craft have been captured and dissected, with that technology being used on military and other planes.

Mitchell believes that reverse-engineering has been going on for decades under a parallel government administration, separate from the president and the highest-ranking members of the Pentagon, and that it has been kept confidential.

"It would be best if we indeed succeeded in getting a congressional hearing, and we have Washington buy into this and break this shroud of secrecy that has been perpetrated for 50 years," he said.

And according to members of the panel, congressional hearings aren't that remote a possibility.

In April, Mitchell and Dr. Steven Greer, head of the Center for Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, went to Washington, D.C. Greer said they met with unnamed congressmen who heard testimony of some former military men who said they dealt with UFOs.

But politicians consider any discussion of

Ex-astronaut urges alien hearings

— EX-ASTRONAUT, from Page B1

alien cover-ups a taboo topic and are reluctant to step forward, said Frances Emma Barwood, the lone member of the Phoenix City Council to ask for an investigation into mysterious lights seen over the city on March 13.

"Because of all the ridicule, all the harassment, all the jokes, all the Don Rickles-type humor, it makes people afraid," said Barwood, roaming the booths at the conference.

If congressional hearings don't come through, Greer said, he'll put the

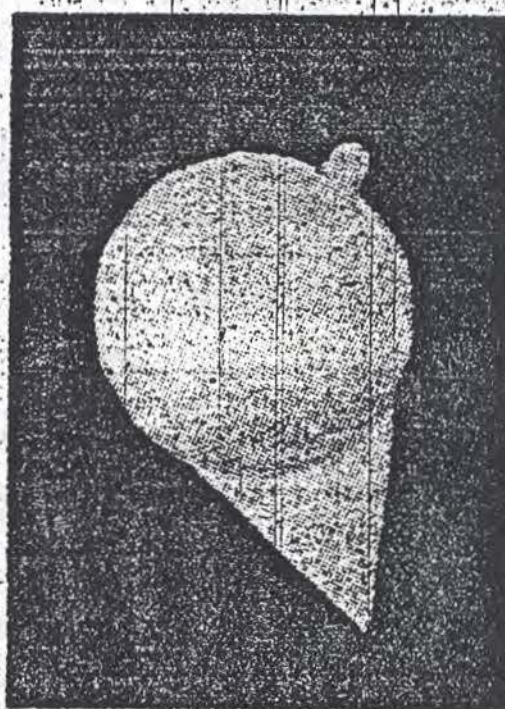
top-secret testimony in a documentary.

The conference was, according to organizer Jim Dilettoso, "the strangest mix of hippies and scientists I've ever seen."

Mitchell is inked both by those who believe he didn't go to the moon and those who believe they see moon cities in photos.

"We didn't meet anyone on the moon," he said. "There is basically no evidence that there were ancient structures on the moon. Certainly none at our landing site reflected in my helmet, as has been alleged."

How It Looked



This is what the gadget over western skies looked like to observers using high powered telescopes. Dr. William A. Rhodes, research engineer, measured the diameter of the sphere, then the length of the cone by using hair-lines on his 80-power lens. He charted the dimensions from his lens, then constructed this model to scale. The bulb at upper right, he said, appeared and disappeared almost rhythmically. It was the most brilliant part of the object. The cone hung at an angle about five degrees from vertical and appeared to be weighted for it did not oscillate. It was solid in appearance and did not resemble the basket of an observation balloon. It graduated to an extremely sharp

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'Extraterrestrial perspective' spurs astronaut's big search

Dr. Edgar Mitchell has a good reason to believe in extraterrestrials.

He *was* one.

Twenty-five years ago, Mitchell slipped the surly bonds of earth with other Apollo 14 astronauts. He hurtled through the cold reaches of space, set his craft down on an alien landscape and became the sixth earthman to walk on the airless surface of the moon.

When his space boot left its first imprint in the moon dust, Mitchell became an extraterrestrial. An alien space visitor.

It was on the flight back, watching his home planet through the window of his spaceship, that he had his epiphany.

"It was the sight of the planet and the cosmos from that *extraterrestrial perspective*," Mitchell, 67, said Tuesday from his home in Florida. "It wasn't anything we didn't really know; it just took on a new meaning. What kind of brain is this — what kind of organism is this that can look at the earth from this perspective and suddenly see it in a new way? What causes that? And that's what set me on this whole area of what is the notion of consciousness."

Back on terra firma, Mitchell founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences to search for answers to the Big Questions:

Who are we? How did we get here? Where are we going?

He's still searching.

The lapsed Southern Baptist says he has more in common with Joseph Campbell than New Age channelers and crystal fetish-



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ists. "All we're saying," he says, "is we need a new myth of our time."

For a guy with a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, such a myth must necessarily incorporate phrases like "electromagnetic energy" and "quantum

fluctuations."

But it all boils down to something I'll call the Janus Principle, just because it sounds good, or what Mitchell calls "two faces of the same reality."

"Instead of living in a mechanistic physical universe with some never-never mystical realm in the other," Mitchell explains, "we live in a universe that is self-organizing, intelligent, creative, learning, trial and error..."

Like the Force? I asked.

Like the Force, he sighed.

Oh.

"Or, to quote Western literature," Mitchell said, "in the Bible where it says God created man in his own image, and I say man promptly returned the favor."

Throughout human history, we've created and re-created myths. Some of them inexplicable.

Say a guy from Alpha Centauri arrived and we tried to explain, say, Catholicism: Yes, that wafer and that wine are literally transformed into the body and blood of

our Messiah. Then we eat him.

Or Judaism: Our deity requires us to remove the foreskin from all our male infants. It's a bonding thing.

Or Buddhism: I may be a subway token vender in this life, but 2,000 years ago, I was Cleopatra.

Mitchell isn't just concerned with the incorporeal. To a lesser extent, his mind bends toward such things as alien abductions, and money being funneled into "reverse engineering" projects to study and apply UFO technology. Yes, UFO technology.

He knows very well that "crazy and ridiculous ideas and theories" abound.

"But there is a hard-core reality here," he says, "that there's something going on and needs to be brought out."

Mitchell is a guest lecturer at this weekend's Prophets Conference at the Corona Ranch in Phoenix. He's a legitimate Deep Thinker curious about the potential of mind and spirit.

I do hope, though, for his sake, he doesn't appear with the psychotherapist billed as an "emissary of the light committee seven, descendent of Freeborn Triton lineage, founder of Metaterra... and Earth branch director of Underground Rising, the age-old on- and off-planet organization aimed at warding off intergalactic fascism."

That would be one hard myth to follow.

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Laser to be shot at satellite

Critics fear test could be 1st step in new arms race

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen gave the go-ahead Thursday for the Army to fire a laser beam at an Air Force satellite, a first-of-its-kind test that critics see as a step toward a new arms race.

The purpose of the test, Cohen said in a statement issued by his Pentagon office, is to collect data for computer models used to develop ways to protect U.S. satellites against lasers. Cohen is at a NATO meeting in Europe.

"It will not destroy the (satellite), result in any orbital debris, nor pose any risk to other satellites," the statement said, adding that the test is "fully consistent" with U.S. policy and violates no international laws.

The only international limitations on militarizing space are the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, which prohibits putting nuclear weapons in space, and the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which outlaws the kinds anti-missile defenses in space that President Reagan's Star Wars idea envisioned in the 1980s.

In 1985 Congress explicitly prohibited the laser test, but the ban was allowed to expire two years ago. In light of past congressional worries, Cohen consulted with members before approving the test, spokesman Kenneth Bacon said this week when asked if Cohen was delaying a decision.

The U.S. military has long wanted the capability to disable or degrade satellites in space to deter other nations from seeking such a weapon for use against U.S. satellites. Critics argue that once the United States develops the capability — or even conducts live tests such as the one Cohen has approved — a dangerous new arms competition will be created as other nations do the same.

Of more than 500 satellites now operating in space, about 220 are

ANTI-SATELLITE LASER TEST

The Air Force has decided to go ahead with a controversial test of the MIRACL laser weapon, firing it at a target satellite.

► Mid-Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser

- Converts energy from burning fuel into 6-foot-wide beam of infrared light.
- Power: 1 million watts of energy or more.
- Has been tested against flying rockets and pilotless planes.

► Test firing

Laser location:
White Sands, N.M.,
Missile Range

Target: Air Force research satellite

- Launched 1996, has completed mission, is scheduled to be turned off.
- Has sensors to detect a laser attack.

Test procedure:

- Fired for 1 second and for 10 seconds to see if satellite detects the laser's light.
- Not expected to destroy satellite.

Sources: U.S. Army, news reports, RPT News In Motion

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John Steinbruner, a senior analyst at the Brookings Institution, said the test approved by Cohen signals the world that the United States is ready to "start the game of destruction and to legitimize it."

"This is an unbelievably foolish judgment," Steinbruner said.

No nation is known to have ever used a laser against a satellite in space.

In the test approved by Cohen, the Army will aim a beam at a small Air Force weather satellite 640 miles in space from the Mid-Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser, dubbed the MIRACL, at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The weather satellite was built in part by Spectrum Astro, a Gilbert company that argued against using the still functional craft for target practice.

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