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On August 3, 1999, the *LaGrange Daily News*, reported "Mystery 'Boom' Probed". The article stated, "Residents in Troup and three other counties were startled by a loud boom and ground tremor for which officials have been unable to determine a source... The disturbance was reported about 10:10 PM, Monday in Troup and Heard counties, in addition to Alabama's Chambers and Randolph counties according to law enforcement dispatchers who received a flood of 911 calls... Gary Crook, a Heard County police dispatcher, described the boom as an 'explosion, earthquake, something....' "GEMA spokesman Ken Davis said such a 'snap, pop, explosive type shift' typically signifies an earthquake... [but] GEMA still was unsure of what caused the vibration and boom."

In the August 4th edition of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the article "Source of tremors a mystery" appeared. It said that, "...The disturbance, described as a major, earth-shaking explosion... said Don Strength, Randolph County's Ala.'s emergency management director... shook the ground real good for three or four seconds... So many calls flooded [Randolph] county's 911 system that the emergency center had to be activated to handle the volume... Pamela Swanson, a spokeswoman for [GEMA], which sent in a team of investigators Tuesday... [said] we've checked with military bases and the FAA... [and] all say there were no military maneuvers or authorized flights by any low-flying aircraft in the area Monday night...."

"Dr. Jim Gaherty, an associate professor at Georgia Tech's earthquake monitoring laboratory said seismic monitoring instruments showed no record of earthquake activity Monday night in counties around... [West Point] Lake."

Then on August 24th, the *LaGrange Daily News* reported; "'The Boom' was meteor". It explained that, "Authorities have concluded that a meteor caused the loud boom that rattled windows... GBI spokesman John Bankhead said an Alabama school teacher reported seeing the meteor, which officials believe burned up in the atmosphere... GEMA spokesman Pamela Swanson said the teacher was driving in Carroll County shortly after 10 PM when she saw an object the teacher described as a 'brilliant sight, definitely a meteor.'" "The witness didn't hear anything, but it was right about the time that people in Troup and Heard counties heard the boom, Swanson said."

On the same day *The Atlanta Constitution* professed "Kathy Scruggs; 'Rumble ruling: It was a meteor'. The explanation was, "'We have determined that it was a meteor--end of discussion' Pamela Swanson... said Monday."... Yet that explanation has not completely satisfied Gene Greneker, principal scientist at Georgia Tech, who indicated that there was not enough evidence to rule out man-made blasts."

The initial booms, if only one set, occurred between 9:45-9:50 pm It is also possible that a series of airborne sonic booms were produced that stretched from 9:45 to 10:10 PM This latter possibility would best explain why the booms were heard so widely in portions of at least four counties in Georgia and Alabama. Checks with the Sheriff Departments and witnesses in Heard and Troup counties in Georgia and Randolph and Chambers counties in Alabama revealed that the booms did not extend east or south of Troup County, nor north or east of, perhaps, the extreme

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southwestern portion of Coweta County (north of Troup and east of Heard County). While the booms were heard by at least hundreds in Chambers and Randolph counties in Alabama, the mystery explosions were confined largely to an area near the Georgia border that lays north of Lanett (Chambers) and south of Wedowee (Randolph). In Alabama the communities of Standing Rock and Rock Mills especially felt the ominous booms. As in western Troup and Heard counties, satellite, cable and even power interruptions were briefly noted in and around these communities. Perceptions of what was heard varied widely.

One elderly gentlemen in Mountville of eastern Troup County, who was on his porch, said that it sounded only like "thunder." The night sky, however, he said was clear and no lightning seen. Moving further west, and towards the source or track of the booms, this perception changed. It also mattered whether the witnesses were inside or outside. If inside, children playing, radio/TV noise and the hum of air-conditioners camouflaged the bangs heard. Outside, passing vehicles or distance away from the bangs cause confusion on where they were originating from. One witness, inside and on West Gate Road, west of LaGrange, said the morning following the booms that the explosions he heard "sounded like thunder but had more power than any I've heard." Becoming more definitive he said, "Picture a land slide, then when the rocks hit the ground...a big boom. The only noise that I've ever heard that even remotely

sounded like what I heard last night, is dynamite." Another home-owner, living on Wares Cross Road in north-central Troup County, thought the boom sounded like a "car crash." He made this assumption based on that "it sounded like a crash with metal on metal." This Vietnam veteran added he did not think it was a sonic boom. Further east and south in LaGrange some equaled the blast or blasts to firearms being shot next to their homes or with a backfire from a large passing truck.

Between Franklin, LaGrange, and Rock Mills the intensity of the blasts were strong enough that most who were inside ran outside to see what was happening. Many thought someone had hit the side of their houses or a tree limb had fallen onto the roofs of their homes. Those in trailers thought their homes were about to bounce off their underlying pillars or foundations. Underneath the path of the unknown airborne object it felt as if a strong hard jolt had hit the top of the roofs of homes. By asking people what side or portions of their homes where they thought the noise had originated from, a pattern developed: Those east of Lake West Point and the Chattahoochee River thought the mystery explosions had come from the west side of their homes; many west of the lake or river thought it was atop of them or to the east. Thus, it appears an airborne craft or object flying at or above the speed of sound may have paralleled the western side of the Chattahoochee River, which West Point Lake is part of, to the southwest.

Troup County Fire Chief Tim Duffey provided one clue. As reported in the 8/4/99 LaGrange Daily News article, and confirmed on the phone, Chief Duffey in southwest Troup County, while talking to a lady on the phone directly south of him, heard the blasts ten seconds before she did. As this lady lived two miles away some simple math suggests the noise heard moved at the speed of sound. This suggests that the airborne object moved at exactly the same speed of sound or that there was only one point of detonation which was equal to or north of Chief Duffey's location. Another clue was provided by comparing when and where the first calls to Heard and Troup County 911 came in from.



Heard County 911 said their first calls came in BEFORE 10 PM and that more calls came from the western part of Heard County than elsewhere. Chris Madden of Heard County 911 said that one person living four miles east of Franklin on Hwy. 34 claimed to have heard, but not seen, a plane flying overhead before hearing the blasts. In all, Heard County 911 received at least 80 calls in a half-hour period inquiring about the blasts. Director Susie Noles of Troup County 911 said that the first Troup County call came at 10:01 PM. This call significantly came from the Liberty Hill community in northwest Troup County. Within minutes, other calls came flooding in from the Wares Cross Roads area southeast of Liberty Hill. The 200 or so calls continued to come in until 10:30 PM, with most of the last calls coming from southwest Troup County along Lake West Point and the Alabama border. All of this suggests that something moved from the northeast to the southwest at or above the speed of sound; or that one set of booms—as many heard "boom-boom!"—originated near Franklin and rippled along the Chattahoochee River Valley, more to the south, than northward. Since Heard County's elevation rises generally northward it could be that the pressure waves created by a low airborne explosion pushed southward down the Valley until it dissipated just below West Point Lake. In short, a natural "shotgun" was created with the higher ground behind the "charge" acting as a breech to help propel it southward.

The twin booms, of course, are typical of what a sonic boom from an overhead aircraft flying faster than the speed of sound produces. The double booms are caused by shock waves from the front and back of a

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Nov 14, 1999 ..... MUFON of Georgia Meeting  
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Nov 17-18, 1999 ..... Leonids sky watch. To be held on the night of 11/17 and early morning 11/18 on Fort Mountain, near Chattsworth, Georgia. Contact Tom Sheets or Mark Ausmus for further details.

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plane as it flies supersonic. The booms, however, come so fast together that often many cannot perceive they are listening to a set of two booms rather than hearing what they think is only one larger and longer boom. Those that were inside their homes and heard the boom or booms in west-central Georgia and east-central Alabama were almost equally divided on whether they only heard one or two booms. Those outside, however, with often no surrounding noise interference, more often than not reported hearing twin booms only a second or so apart. The fact that twin booms were heard by many suggests strongly that an airborne object was the cause of the booms.

A meteor, traveling usually at speeds equaling or exceeding man's fastest rockets, can produce sonic booms on entering the earth's atmosphere. Any meteor or supersonic plane, however, if seen, will be SEEN BEFORE BEING HEARD. As the shock waves generated are moving slower than the airborne vehicle making them, the sound has to follow later. There is no better illustration of how this works than when one sees a flash of lightning at a distance and later hears its resultant and much slower thunder.

Many knowing that Heard County had documented earth tremors less than two years earlier, thought that an earth quake had taken place. But Dr. Jim Gaherty of Georgia Tech said he made a thorough search and no seismic data was registered from Georgia Tech's closest seismic sensor in Clayton County, 50 miles to the northeast. Later on the same day of the booms a 5.5 quake was seen originating from Ecuador so

Georgia Tech's seismic equipment, he said, was working fine. Dr. Gaherty pointed out that if the source for the loud explosions heard was "airborne" and located over "flat areas [such as a lake or open field] with no large hills or tall buildings" to help funnel the shock waves downward there most likely would be no seismic data to acquire. Because of no seismic data found he wondered, if anybody had seen a flash of light over nearby Lake West Point.

A call to Bob Chitwood, head park ranger for the Corps of Engineers, Lake West Point, revealed that there were no reports of anything seen unusual at the lake. He astutely pointed out that if an explosion had occurred on, or immediately above, the lake that there should have been reports of fish kills. There were no fish kills he said and no evidence of sensor detected anomalies on the lake.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency in Atlanta having ruled out an earthquake called the FAA and various "military commands" to determine if a plane flying supersonic was the culprit for the alarming explosions. As it is illegal for civilian aircraft to fly supersonic over land portions of the US., a military aircraft was considered the most likely source of the booms. Ken Davis, a spokesman for GEMA, told this field investigator that "major military commands" GEMA had contacted, all denied that any of their craft were responsible for the widespread and near-panic on the night of 2 August. Interestingly, said Ken, the "military commands" did not instantly all come out with flat denials as he expected. Some took longer than others to ascertain their denials.

This FI's own inquiries to the military generated blanket denials. Public Affairs Officer Second Lt. Stephanie Breske of Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery said GEMA had not checked with them but her inquiries on my behalf showed that aircraft from Maxwell AFB were not responsible for the booms heard. She also checked with Warner Robbins AFB near Macon, Georgia and the Army's Ft. Benning (Lawton Field) in Columbus, GA and Ft. Rucker in southeast Alabama. All of these bases said they had no aircraft of ANY KIND on August 2 in the area where the booms were heard. Similar inquiries made

by this FI to Moody AFB in Valdosta, Georgia, Eglin AFB in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, and the Air Forces Special Operations helicopter squadrons at nearby Hurlburt Field yielded no admission of activity by these forces. The public affairs officer at Hurlburt Field, Ian Stern, did expressed a keen interest in what type of craft were seen by witnesses following the blasts.

While there is an Alabama Air National Guard unit stationed in Birmingham, Alabama they do not fly high-performance aircraft capable of making sonic booms. All the bases contacted, however, said they could not be responsible for any aircraft that might have been in transit and touched down at their airfields on 2 August. Someone, somewhere, in the military, and thus far not contacted by GEMA or this investigator, is being mum about what went on during and following the explosions—as there was considerable military activity!

Like much information gleamed in past investigations, witnesses were found through calling people and businesses in the suspected area of activity. A call to a small store in southwest Heard County brought a lead to three witnesses to singular activity only one minute following what they considered was a single loud blast.

The witnesses, a married couple and their nine-year-old girl, live in Chambers County, Alabama. On hearing the blast, they, like hundreds of others in the West Point area, immediately went outside to see if, perhaps, a large tree limb had fallen on their home. Living on a high hill, the husband soon noticed while looking to the southwest, and where the blast seemed to have come from, a huge bright blue-white, halogen-like, light approaching. Flying extremely low on the horizon and at times appearing behind nearby trees, the light took nearly two minutes to reach the couple's home. As the unknown craft flew directly overhead they now saw it had about seven giant lights. Because of the lighting arrangement made, it appeared the lights were on the leading edge of an unseen V-shaped craft. Amazingly, the UFO flew at only 200-300 feet high and made absolutely no sound. Not only was it low but at least twice as big, according to the husband and wife, as their 82 feet long mobile



home they live in. The husband who has seen B-1 and B-2 bombers at air shows said the shape of the UFOs was similar to a B-2 bomber but much larger and flying at only 30-35 miles-per-hour. Each light had an intensity of "12 times" an outside security light only 75 feet away from their trailer. The entire hilltop around their home was illuminated as the V-shaped UFO passed over.

Continuing to the northeast, at 35-40 degrees, the giant UFO or stealth craft flew silently. Turning around, the husband called to his wife that another giant light could now be seen approaching. This unknown craft, however, was moving much faster. While looking to the southwest they soon heard the sound of jet engines. Whereas the two UFOs had no blinking lights, the husband said he could clearly see red and green anti-collision blinking lights on the loud approaching jets. The second UFO flew about 1000 feet high, while the jets were even higher. As the second UFO passed over, with the same giant blue-white lights as the first UFO had, the husband ran inside and got a pair of binoculars. Racing back outside, he heard 4-5 jets go "swooshing" by in the same direction the UFOs were flying in front of them. Looking at all of the craft with the aid of his binoculars he suddenly saw the two UFOs, who were now almost even with each, arch up and away from each other. The UFOs according to the witnesses went almost straight up. The husband said one of the UFOs left a "three feet streak" of light as it shot up. The jets, meanwhile, appeared to be standing still as the UFOs streaked off in opposite directions to the south and north. Following the departure of the UFOs, the jets began to circle in wider and wider circles in what appeared to be a futile attempt to relocate the UFOs. All family members are adamant that the UFOs seen flew in such a fashion that they thought no man-made aircraft could fly. Total viewing time of the UFOs was "3-5 minutes."

Curiously about an hour following the blast the family noticed that insect and animal life had reappeared. In their excitement of watching the UFOs and the jets they had not noticed that crickets had stopped chirping and tree frogs quit croaking. Several dogs they own had also ran whimpering under their home following the blast and did not return until insect and

frog life resume noise-making. Dogs seeking cover, following the blasts, was noted by another person living 15 miles north in southern Heard County off Hwy. 219.

Apparent size of the closest UFO while directly above the witnesses' home was four feet or larger. Each light on the UFOs had an estimated real size of several feet or larger. No shape to the lights could be ascertained by the witnesses. At no time was any structure seen behind the lights because of the brilliance created. Drawings done by the husband and wife matched remarkably well with a sketch done by ISUR investigator Terry Kimbrough.

Terry's drawing is of a boomerang shaped UFO that he and his niece saw on Sunday, 8 May 1999, in Hartsville, South Carolina. On mailing the Chamber County witnesses a copy of Terry's 10:27 PM UFO, the husband and wife agreed that was exactly what they had seen, with the same lighting configuration as Terry had drawn. Perhaps not coincidentally Terry's apparent size and elevation of his UFO indicates that it had a real size of approximately 200 feet. Like the Chamber County witnesses, the Hartsville UFO flew silently and was heading on a somewhat similar NE heading. If they are the same craft, this could point to a military black-budget craft that flies a predictable route. The actions of the jets and follow-up helicopter activity following the sightings of the two V-shaped UFOs in Chambers County do not indicate that the pilots of the conventional military aircraft thought the unknown craft were "friendlies."

One mile to the east, and almost right on the Alabama-Georgia border near West Point Lake, a retired Navy aircraft carrier sailor, while not seeing the UFOs or jets, heard "30-40 minutes later" three large helicopters going "to the northeast." The boom at this gentleman's house "rattled" his home and he said it was much louder than any sonic boom he had ever heard. The blast to him came from the west, and the helicopters in his estimation, came over near where the UFO witnesses live at. He felt the helicopters could have been moving from Maxwell AFB to Dobbins AFB in Marietta, Georgia. (Lockheed has a large aircraft manufacturing facility next to Dobbins AFB. George Filer, MUFON's eastern regional director

and a retired USAF intelligence officer, has suggested Lockheed, a government contractor, has built and is flying a large triangle shaped black budgeted craft from there.)

Off Hwy. 27, near the Hillcrest community in northern Troup County, a former soldier of the 101st Airborne, said he saw and heard three "Apache" helicopters twenty minutes following the blasts flying towards Franklin. On asking him how he was sure the choppers were Apaches, he said, "An Apache makes a noise like no other helicopter makes." He also said that with the lead helicopter he could see the distinctive Apache silhouette. According to this former soldier, the attack helicopters were flying low to the ground in a triangle formation, with the lead Apache shining three spotlights to the ground. The lights he said lighted an area between his home on a tall hilltop west of Hwy. 27 and the Chattahoochee River. The lead Apache he said, from what he could see by the light reflecting off the helicopter's nose, was "loaded for bear." The other two Apaches could only be heard and they were up higher and had no lights on. He said this is a typical combat formation that Apaches fly in. The first scouting and drawing the enemy's attention with its searchlights, while the other two choppers hang behind about 500 yards and 300 hundred yards apart. This is done he said so as ground forces can be pounced on after they open up on what they perceive is only one chopper stalking them. He said in over 30 years living in the Hillcrest community he had never seen this formation flown by military helicopters over the area. He has also had never seen any helicopters shine spotlights on the ground. It is his conviction that because of the superior speed and armament of the Apaches they were vectored in following the blasts to find "something" and were loaded with munitions to do combat with whatever was found.

Another person on Zachary Road, in the Denver area of southwest Heard County, said he thought the single blast that shook his house came from the east. For the next hour his Dish satellite TV went blank but strangely still had audio. Before midnight, he said, a large multi-engine prop plane flew extremely low over his house. Some minutes later several helicopters

came over flying just as low. All aircraft he said were headed towards Franklin.

At approximately 1 am, helicopters flying low were seen by the Chamber County witnesses above their house. Significantly they arrived about "15-20 minutes" after the last of the combat jets had left. The military jets were heard about an hour after the blasts by one individual seven miles northeast of Roanoke in Randolph County and by another in West Point in Troup County. At 2 AM another person saw helicopters over Heard County. Around the same time another Heard county resident on Hwy. 34, west of Franklin, heard choppers over-flying his home. Going nearly 20 miles to the southeast, on Old Chipley Road and near the Harris County line, an ex-Navy air crew member and private pilot said he saw two most unusual helicopters flying to the south-east-south. The helicopters he said were not searching but clearly transiting to, perhaps, Moody AFB in Valdosta. While helicopters frequently fly over this individual's home, like the Heard County witnesses, he thought the late night timing of the flight was most suspicious. Equally strange was that the entire bottoms of the choppers were lit-up white as if light was spilling outside from the inside of the choppers. He said it appeared the helicopters had "bomb bay doors" opened and light from the inside was streaming outside. The bright white light coming from the bottom of each helicopter he said was not characteristic of the normal dim yellowish lighting that is used inside helicopters at night. The helicopters despite being several thousand feet high could easily be heard and their single red anti-collision lights seen blinking. At no time did the helicopters shine spotlights or illuminate the ground. Since this report it has been learned by this FI that some Black Hawk helicopters are made where their bottoms open up so that parachutists can jump out easier or so infra-red sensing instrumentation can be lowered about a feet below the craft for finding down pilots or enemy soldiers at night. The Hurlburt public affairs officer explained to this FI the Air Force version of Black Hawks—"pave-hawks"—stationed at Hurlburt have infrared sensors in the nose of their craft and not on their bottoms.

At around 5:30-6:00 AM, near dawn, a Heard county resident on Red Land Road said he saw and heard



several helicopters. After showing him a photo of a Blackhawk helicopter he said that was what he had seen and they appeared to be looking for something since they lingered in the area.

In the days following the blasts more unusual helicopter and plane traffic was seen by many in Troup and Heard counties. Like the earlier Heard County UFO incident in Feb. of 1997, a helicopter was seen circling a water tower in LaGrange following the blasts. The same helicopter was also seen in Heard County.

On August 5 several witnesses saw a dark green Blackhawk helicopter, with its doors open, "struggling" to fly around the water tower on New Franklin Road. The Blackhawk was seen at between 1-2:00 PM, flying at less than 500 feet high, and, at times, circled so erratically that some thought it was going to crash. The Blackhawk had a spear-looking refueling probe on its bottom front side and had for markings only a "white square with a red cross inside it" on its fuselage indicating it was a medivac helicopter. This same typed medivac helicopter, except without probe, along with three unmarked "pitch black" Blackhawks that did have refueling probes, was seen at about 11:30 AM on 20 August over the Chambers County UFO witness's home. According to the husband they were flying towards Franklin. Another Blackhawk was seen by many again circling the water tower on New Franklin Road and other parts of western Troup and Heard counties on the 10th of August around 2-2:30 PM. One of the Heard County witnesses near the Troup County line on Hwy. 27 said the single helicopter he saw was not green but "grayish-black." On the same day, and in the afternoon, another witness while not seeing the helicopters, heard several of them flying over her house in Centralhatchee in northeast Heard County. A large transport like plane was seen in the latter part of August for days doing a search pattern west of Franklin in the Texas-Denver communities according to two witnesses and confirmed indirectly by a third who lives there. No government ground teams have, thus far, been learned of.

The medivac helicopter and other Blackhawks seen with refueling probes suggests two possibilities:

Someone thought there might be injured people on the ground who would need help, and the helicopters with probes at least did not originate from any close-by military airfields. Because of the speed which helicopters initially arrived following the blasts it has to be thought that these choppers were from a base closeby-- but all closeby fields deny this.

In the Texas community several miles west of Franklin on Hwy. 34 at least one homeowner reported that his Prime Star satellite system "was blown out." He was told that he had \$340 of damage. His power was also interrupted for over an hour and a half and was still off when he went to bed around 11:30 PM the night of the blasts. This same homeowner said the blasts he heard and felt were of considerable more intensity than when a F-4 exploded and crashed in March of 1994 four miles south of his home. Like other witnesses in Heard County he said the 2 August blasts were of much larger intensity than any so-called earthquakes felt two years earlier. Helicopters he said, when interviewing him on 8/14, had been constantly in the area since the blasts.

On at least two occasions while talking to Ken Davis of GEMA and before GEMA and the GBI released to the media that the mystery booms were caused by a meteor, I was told by him that there major witness was a "LaGrange college student who [he believed] majored in geology." He also told me that what this person saw was a "blue-white light come down towards Alabama." On telling him, August 5th, that I had three witnesses who claimed to have seen two V-shaped UFOs which had first appeared at a distance looking like single blue-white lights he became most excited. So much so, that he put one of GEMA's team members, who had come down to Heard County on 8/3 to investigate the blasts, on a three-way conversation so she could hear what I had to say. Jonna Wheeler, the GEMA team member, listened about what the Chambers County family saw but said nothing. It was clear to me and I think Ken that there was at least a possibility that their LaGrange College witness had seen one of the same craft the family in Chambers County had seen. It was also clear that the

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meteor explanation was, as Ken said first, what GEMA was "leaning towards." I had hoped after sharing my new information that a meteor might be ruled out; I was wrong.

GEMA's investigation was over before 8/10 with their recommendation of a meteor being the source of the mystery boom or booms sent to the Governor of Georgia and the GBI. If in fact they were certain it was a meteor, one has to ask why was the investigation passed on to the GBI? It was plain that confidence in the meteor explanation was not terribly high and that a bomb detonation--the providence for the GBI to explore--had to be considered. I had only met in person with my Chambers County witnesses the day before but passed on their names, address, and phone number to Ken upon talking to him on 10 August. He said while GEMA was finished, he would pass my information on to the GBI. Later, in another conversation he confirmed that he did pass on my information to the GBI.

On August 24 the story broke in the LaGrange and Atlanta newspaper and TV media that the "boom" was a meteor. While I knew it was coming, the twist in the story surprised me. Now instead of a "LaGrange college student" seeing a "blue-white light" coming "down towards Alabama" it was an "Alabama school teacher" driving in Carroll County (north of Heard County) who saw "a brilliant sight, definitely a meteor" coming down AFTER 10 PM. No mention was made in the press of what color the meteor was or what direction it had taken while descending.

Within a few days following GEMA and the GBI's announcement that the 8/2/99 blasts were caused by a meteor, Fernbank Scientific Center in Atlanta announced publicly that the boom was not the result of a meteor. Talking to David Dundee, an astronomer there, he said that they did not receive a single call from anyone seeing a meteor on 2 August. He said if the 2 August event had been a meteor it would have been seen by many and reported to Fernbank as always happens. He also said that despite what the newspapers had written, there is not a good meteor shower at the beginning of August.

My conclusions on what happened around 9:45-50 PM on August 2nd remain the same as outlined in my letter to the GBI and GEMA. It is almost certain that two UFOs or advanced stealth craft were involved. It is possible that a fighter chasing the UFOs made the sonic booms heard. It is equally possible that two true UFOs entered earth's atmosphere in the most noisy fashion imaginable. What is certain is that a meteor AFTER 10 PM was not responsible for the booms heard. ■

### **Congratulations!**

**Mary Dee Janssen has been appointed to the position of State Section Director for Floyd, Polk and Chattooga Counties.**

### **MUFON Public Meeting**

**When: Sunday, November 14, 1999**

**Where: Holiday Inn, Magnolia Room.  
1690 North Expressway  
Griffin Georgia, 30223**

**This is Hwy 19-41. The hotel is within about a block north of the intersection of Hwy 92 and Hwy 19-41.**

#### **Agenda**

(1) Computer Class for MUFONGA members, 9:00AM until 10:00AM. Q&A for getting the most out of your PC for research and investigation.

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(2) Field Investigator's Training, 10:15AM until 12:00 Noon, presented by MUFONGA HQ Staff. (Bring your MUFON Investigator's Manual and note materials)

Lunch (12:00PM to 1:00PM)

(3) Public Meeting, MUFONGA members and the public. 1:00PM until 4 or 5:00PM. Overview of MUFON and the UFO enigma by SD Tom Sheets; Author Michael Hitt and his book, 'Georgia's Aerial Phenomenon 1947-1987'; David Brown and a situation report of UFOs in Israel; A video presentation on the status of the West Georgia/East Alabama investigation of V shaped UFOs that appeared immediately after the so called 'sky booms' in August; Brief updates on other current cases; Q & A session with the MUFONGA Staff.