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Back in the news: Mystery aircraft and doughnuts on a rope!

That strange aircraft with the deafening noise (see Minnesota MUFON, August 1992) made the news again. Appearing in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on Sunday, September 20, 1992, was an article written by Earl Lane of Newsday reporting sightings and sounds of what is speculated might be a next-generation spy plane being tested by the Pentagon. From California to Texas, civilians have observed delta shaped aircraft with unusual lights and heard engines that pulse with enough force "to make walls quiver and sleepers awake." While no one knows exactly what kind of aircraft they are seeing, recent public evidence includes photos of a high-altitude contrail over Amarillo, Texas, showing a contrail described as "doughnuts on a rope"!

Aviation Week magazine reports that pulser-like noises and the distinctive contrails have been seen and heard over Edwards AFB, near Los Angeles; Portland, OR; and Denver.

Some analysts speculate the craft is part of the Pentagon's "black" program — budget figures not released, but chewing up an estimated 16% chunk of its \$99.9 billions weapon acquisition program. One such analyst, William Sweetman, says there is some evidence that the military may be working on a "stealthy U-2", a subsonic plane that can loiter at high altitude and snoop over borders without actually crossing them.

Former intelligence officer William Arkin studies Pentagon programs for Greenpeace said the military is aggressively pursuing high-speed unmanned drones for reconnaissance and other uses.

Analysts say the "doughnuts on a rope" contrail is consistent with the possible exhaust pattern of an advanced propulsion design called the "pulse detonation wave engine." These pulsers use supersonic shock waves — created by successive small detonations within the engine - - to trigger fuel combustion. But John Pike, director of the space policy project for the Federation of American Scientists is skeptical. He said the pulse detonations engineers would

likely have to have from 100 to 240 detonations a second. Because of the length of the contrail in the Texas photo, Pike estimates the craft would have been traveling *36 times the speed of sound — 50% faster than orbiting spacecraft!*

Aviation Week's senior engineering editor, William Scott, said their analysis suggests the mystery craft more probably travels three times the speed of sound, similar to that of the SR-71.

But the most interesting scientific evidence for this mystery plane comes from a series of sonic booms heard in the Los Angeles area in 1991 and 1992. The shock waves were recorded by earthquake sensors. In one incident, however, specialists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were able to determine that the shock waves were caused by a plane traveling at about 1.1 times the speed of sound, speeds reached by conventional military jets.



Next MUFON Meetings

Saturday, October 17, 1992
The Irish Well
1975 University Avenue
(corner Prior)
St. Paul
Meeting Downstairs
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 1992
also at
The Irish Well
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Join us after the meetings in the lounge upstairs
for supper and more discussion!

UFO Study Group reviews "Unusual Personal Experiences"

At the September meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, President John Schroeder reviewed the 64-page booklet "Unusual Personal Experiences", an analysis of the data from three national surveys conducted by the Roper Organization, which was printed and distributed free to 100,000 professional psychiatrists throughout the nation by the Bigelow Holding Corporation.

Extrapolations taken from three surveys of adults in cross sectional samplings by John E. Mack, MD, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; Ron Westrum, PhD, Professor of Sociology at Eastern Michigan University; David Michael Jacobs, PhD, Associate Professor of History at Temple University; John Carpenter, Psychiatric Therapist, Springfield, MO; and Budd Hopkins, artist, author and experienced UFO researcher in New York City, were aimed at convincing health care professionals that UFO abductees had really experienced what they were describing and that their trauma should be treated similarly to that of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome in the military.

Survey respondents were asked to recall if any of 11 experiences happened to them more than twice; once or twice; or never.

1. Seeing a ghost.
2. Feeling as if they had left their body.
3. Seeing a UFO.
4. Waking up paralyzed with a sense of a strange person or presence of something in the room.
5. Feeling as though they were flying through the air without understanding how or why.
6. Hearing or seeing the word "TRONDANT" and knowing it has a secret meaning for them.
7. Experiencing lost time of an hour or more.
8. Seeing unusual lights or balls of light in a room without knowing the cause.
9. Finding puzzling body scars and not remembering when or how they occurred.
10. Having seen, either as a child or an adult, a terrifying figure in the bedroom, closet, or anywhere else, and
11. Having vivid dreams about UFO's.

Those who felt that "TRONDANT" (a non-word) had secret meaning for them were eliminated. With a very low plus or minus 1.4 percent margin of sampling error, the UFO abduction profile ("Yes" answers to four or more key symptomatic questions) projects to experiences by 3,700,000 adult U.S. citizens excluding residents of Hawaii and Alaska. 33,000,000 saw a UFO, 24,050,000 lost an hour or more, 18,500,000 felt that they were flying but didn't know how or why, and 14,800,000 found puzzling scars.

Other general data linkages may be of interest. Young adults recalled more occurrences of the key experiences than did senior citizens. Respondents considered to be politically and socially active averaged 1 percent to 10 percent higher on key questions. Representing about 10% of the population, this group averaged approximately \$10,000 more in their annual incomes, 43% are college graduates and are considered "trend setters" by marketing standards.

Thanks were given to Robert Bigelow for underwriting the survey, funding its experts, paying for publication and providing a series of workshops for health professionals in various parts of the country. *If you are a professional health care worker or counselor and are interested in attending a regional workshop, write the Bigelow Holding Corporation, 4640 S. Eastern, Las Vegas, NV, 89119. You will be informed of time, place, and cost.*

Note: The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis has four copies of the report, "Unusual Personal Experiences" in its library. We are attempting to contact someone to inquire about the availability of a copy that can be temporarily borrowed by Minnesota MUFON.

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Roswell to host flying saucers...

But they'll just be hanging from the ceiling! The saucers and other spacecraft designs described by UFO sightings will all be part of **The International UFO Museum and Research Center** scheduled to open sometime this fall. The Roswell site was chosen because it was this eastern New Mexico city that was home to the famous UFO case involving a recovered flying disc in 1947. (Recovery near Corona about 75 miles northwest of Roswell.)

Walter Haut, one of the founders of the museum project, was a public information officer and first lieutenant when he was ordered by a Roswell Army Air Field post commander to release the news that the disc had been recovered. Haut said he never saw any remnants of the scattered wreckage but descriptions by military personnel convinced him that something extraordinary happened.

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In addition to the recovered craft, it is said that witnesses also reported seeing dead bodies of extraterrestrial beings recovered.

As you are no doubt aware, Army officials later rescinded the story and told reporters that the wreckage was actually that of a weather balloon.

The Chamber of Commerce in Roswell receives thousands of inquiries about the case every year and attracts a large amount of visitors – and it's expected that the museum will provide even more of a draw.

"Northland abounds with unexplained phenomena"

So read the headline in the **Duluth News-Tribune Sunday, September 20, 1992**. The accompanying article was the outcome of an invitation by the newspaper for people to share their UFO sightings. Just as the News-Tribune didn't have enough room to print all the stories, we can only print a few of the many incidents. Our thanks to **Joe Dundovic** and **Dick Gustafson** for sending the news our way.

We were standing on the deck (in Lutsen) at 1 a.m., March 20, 1992, looking at the lake, when we saw a row of moving amber lights. This phenomenon lasted for about one minute.

It was in the east and looked about two to five miles away. In the next issue of the Grand Marais paper, there was an article reporting that a border guard saw the same thing, at the same time and the same location! According to the paper a sheriff's deputy made another sighting at a different location a few nights later.

— **Jeffrey P. Hicken, Anoka, MN**

I believe I was abducted from my home as I slept on night. It was the same night and hour that sightings over Duluth took place.

I felt a sudden impact, as though I had been thrown onto my bed. I remembered lying in a white, sterile space with many men/aliens. I couldn't see their faces, but they were looking at me as if examining me. It was when I started questioning why and who was doing this to me that I was "thrown back". I had not been drinking or doing drugs. In the morning the media reported sightings occurring about the time I remembered awakening.

— **Anonymous, Duluth**

It was September 8, 1991, in a parking lot. I was parked on the top level, and something told me to get out of the car and look up. There was a ship,

black on the bottom and bright silver on top, and about 25 feet across, coming around the top of a smokestack approximately 800 feet off the ground.

It passed overhead and proceeded toward the Aerial Bridge. As it approached the area of the Superior Sanitary District plant, it seemed to stop and reverse direction. Then it reversed itself again, made a 90-degree turn and proceeded at a rapid speed, climbing up into the clouds and going north. I turned this report in to **MUFON**, the organization for UFO's.

— **Walter J. Quick, Duluth**



My first encounter was approximately 46 years ago at the age of 10, north of Brule, WI. One July afternoon, it was my turn to stay in the house to cook dinner while my folks and sister went to load hay about two miles up the road.

All I actually remember is going to the outhouse which was behind the barn, but you had to cross the yard, driveway and go around the house to get there! Just as I was about to go around the house, I looked up and saw a cigar shaped ship between the barn and a huge oak tree. It was the same height as the tip of the tree.

There were about three or four figures looking down over some kind of railing, and they were wearing flowing robes. They were sitting quietly when they noticed me. They hung over the railing slightly and motioned me to come. I peeked from behind the house, scared to death, and hoped they didn't see me.

That's all I remember. All of a sudden I was standing in the kitchen, my family was home and dinner hadn't even been started! I tried to tell my mother that I could not understand where the time had gone.

— **Anonymous, Duluth**



After World War II ended, I was returning to the U.S. from the Phillipine Islands aboard a hospital ship. About one day out from the CA coast, we were passing through patches of fog, then bright sunlight. When passing through the fog, I noticed a reddish-orange light near the ocean surface. The light would blink off and appear in a different spot, left; right; higher than the ship deck; and then, back down to the ocean surface. At first I thought it was another ship, but as we went into the clear spots, I could see we were the only ship. As the fog appeared, so would the dancing darting lights. I watched these lights about an hour, and they kept right up with the ship.

— **R.F. Thompson, Proctor**

More tales of alien abductions, UFO sightings

Also appearing in the Duluth Tribune in September was an article written by Annette Gillespie for the Knight-Ridder newspapers. In it, Gillespie speaks of **Tom H. Anderson**, a self-described "spiritual counselor" who has interviewed 13 people about their experiences with UFO's or aliens. He currently was counseling a 11-year old boy who has been terrorized of the dark ever since an encounter he'd had at the age of four. The child produced a drawing of a creature who appeared in his room, but remembers nothing else about the experience.

The Roper Organization polls sponsored by the Intruders Foundation and Fund for UFO Research show that "one of every 50 American adults — some 3.7 million people — indicated they may have had an abduction experience with an unidentified flying object," according to an article published May 14 in the Wall Street Journal.

Anderson developed an interest in extraterrestrial as a result of hearing several clients relate similar stories of abductions. He noted that most of the stories focused on a particular race of "Grays", whose behavior, he says, is consistent. "They take you against their will, often a visit is made to a sterile observation room, an "internal paralysis" occurs, but the abductee is aware of what's going on around him.

Anderson has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Roanoke College, Roanoke, VA and uses astrology as a basis for some counseling. He's also trained in regressive hypnosis and sometimes uses that technique on his clients.

Walter Andrus, international director for **MUFON**, commented on the wave of media exposure recently, in particularly, "Intruders" and "Visitors From the Unknown", a CBS program aired in July and featured individuals speaking about their experiences with extraterrestrials.

Andrus explained that the experiences were real and that he was acquainted with some of the abductees personally. MUFON, in fact, was contacted for reference information. "We have obtained documents through the Freedom of Information Act that indicate various government organizations are studying UFOs, but they're doing so on unofficial status," Andrus said.

Interestingly, some mental health professionals say "encounters" can be explained; however, they refused to comment when contacted. But **Dr. Matthew Edlund**, clinical director of Sarasota Palms Hospital and medical director of the West Coast Regional Sleep Disorder Center, said there are

physiological reasons to explain why people believe they have had encounters with aliens. "Most of the time it happens at night," Edlund said. "And it happens when people have had considerable sleep deprivation or during a dream state." The images or faces that people visualize, he suggests, is only a hallucination.

It's refreshing to see the subject of UFO's and abductions treated in a serious manner. In addition to television and news articles, Hollywood is in the midst of filming three (at last count) UFO/alien stories... cross your fingers for quality instead of just quantity!



Not like seeing Elvis?

When the **Boston Globe** published an article about a UFO seminar which was to be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it was a forthright, dead serious account of the claims and people behind the claims of UFO abductions.

The seminar was a closed, invitation-only conference sponsored by an MIT physicist and a Harvard psychiatrist, but neither sanctioned nor endorsed by MIT. Its purpose was to allow the abductees and researchers to determine how best to conduct such research and how to help people troubled by the memories of being abused by aliens.

Until a couple of years ago, **Harvard psychiatrist John Mack**, cochairman of the closed meeting, said he was skeptical of the whole idea of UFO abductions. But after interviewing more than 60 people, he found the information staggering. They tell "very consistent and powerful stories," he said.

MIT physics professor Phillip Morrison, a leading advocate of a scientific search for extraterrestrial life, said the striking similarities are "a very faint argument indeed" and not evidence that "something's out there".

One story told by "Pat", concerned a time when she was lying on her bed and suddenly became aware of a blue beam of light. She went outside and saw police cars in a nearby lot. Then she found herself transported upward into a UFO, where she was examined, her eye cut with a knife, and she observed alien beings and children, half-alien, half human.

Shaken by her hypnotic recall of the experiences, she says she wishes she could be a disbeliever. "This is not like seeing Elvis at Kmart," Pat said defensively. (Not even close...!)

About that jaunt to the Red Planet!

What is it and why is this trip necessary? The Mars Observer will be circling around Mars for two years and will radio back information that just may help to prepare for that next big housing development in the sky. Major exploration by the spacecraft will involve atmosphere and weather, the history of the climate, and *why on mars it's so darned cold up there!*

Launched on September 16 at Kennedy Space Center, the Observer's ETA is not until August, 1993 — the mission will last until 1996. While all this information gathering about the weather is important, what *we're* all really waiting for is to hear something more about that famous "face! NASA is said to have *reluctantly* agreed to re-photograph the area...



The Industrial Fire Journal reported and incident of a near miss with a UFO by a Boeing 737. The jet was approaching Gatwick Airport in London and narrowly avoided a collision with the UFO, says a Civil Aviation Authority report dating back to April 28th of this year. The co-pilot identified a "small, black lozenge-shaped object" about 500 yards ahead and 15,000 feet and descending. The incident happened on July 15, 1991. "Within about 1.5 seconds it passed very close, less than 100 yards away, down the port side of the aircraft, and only 30 feet above the wing."

Investigators were at a loss to identify the 18-inch object since its shape and behavior didn't seem to fit and recognizable piece of aviation or meteorological equipment. London controllers tracked the object on radar as it headed southeast at a brisk 100 knots until it finally disappeared off their screens.

And from Los Angeles came a report of a United Airlines jumbo jet headed for London which experienced a close encounter with an unidentified aircraft that passed at supersonic speed beneath the 747.

The Air Line Pilots Association is investigating the report filed by the pilot and co-pilot of United Flight 934 of August 5 from Los Angeles International Airport, Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine said. Los Angeles air traffic controllers said that did not spot the craft on radar.

U.S. Dept. of Defense officials and Air Force officials said it was not — repeat, *not* — one of their secret projects.

Stir the onions, add a pinch of ... UFOs?

From Vidalia, GA, an area famous for growing the world's sweetest onion, also are growing in popularity with visitors from other parts of the galaxy.

Holiness preacher Rickey Monroe swears on a stack of Bibles that the entire area is becoming a real hot spot for UFO's. Last year, says Monroe, that had a major flap with about 30 reported sightings on a single night. Monroe is also an unpaid section director and field investigator trainee for the Texas-based MUFON.

One of Monroe's sightings involved an actual landing of a large, well-lighted spaceship in a field planted with pine seedlings. When the ship departed, the seedlings shot up like Jack's beanstalk, he said!

Both Rickey and wife Amanda Monroe said "shape-shifters" and other UFOs have beamed red lasers at cars, put on sky-dancing shows and taken soil and water samples from local swamps.

The Monroes publish "The UFO Digest", a newsletter of alien activity. Monroe theorizes the aliens are monitoring activities at area military installations such as Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield (south of Savannah).



George Coyne tells of an interesting case which surfaced in Arkansas when 13 witnesses said a long object with yellow and white lights emitted triangular objects. Yellow, white and red lights were seen as the triangular objects passed in and out of the long object. The attempts of several F-16's to intercept the objects were thwarted when the triangles disappeared — then reappeared! The incident was first reported by just one individual who placed an ad in the paper to locate other witnesses — and the 13 others contacted him.

The first individual and his family were about five miles away from all the action, but a second family was right under all the gyrations. Other families viewed everything from areas all around the UFOs at various distances.

Even as we speak, or rather, as we put this newsletter together, our ears are hearing the tail end of a news broadcast on WCCO regarding a UFO sighting in Elk, River, MN. In spite of a mad leap out of the chair and tripping over the dog's dish, the interview was missed — just a few seconds too late to hear the whole story. What was heard was "His hands were shaking all the while he was interviewed". Curses, what have we missed!



What is the primary purpose of MUFON?

George Coyne, MUFON Central Regions Director, the primary purpose of the organization is to reach out for people who have had sightings and particularly for people who have had abduction experiences and need help to understand what they saw or experienced.

"How can we do this if we aren't attempting to locate these people or new members who are willing to train and perform the necessary investigations," he stated. "Let's get back to the basics -- get the people to join -- then train them so we can be a viable force to help those who need it."

Mr. Coyne's concern was prompted by the fact that in some states, a program for Field Investigator trainees has not been implemented nor have some state directors even taken the exam! The Central states are, according to Mr. Coyne, doing "fairly well" compared to other regions.



From the Director

I'm sure you are all as pleased as I am with the appearance of the new newsletter. Many thanks are due to Lynn Bell, who did the editing, typing, copying and mailing, and to David Bell, who contributed much of the artwork for the last issue.

Your director appointed an "Executive Committee" composed of State Section Directors, Field Investigators, and the leaders of the Abductee Support Group. This group met on Saturday morning, September 12, to hear a proposal by John Dingley on actions that abductees could take to possibly gain more information about the aliens. In the afternoon meeting, this proposal was outlined to the group by John. We will consider it and discuss it further.

As I told those of you who were at the last meeting, Lynn Bell ran into a problem when Kinko's refused to copy the copyrighted foreword, by **Dr. John Mack**, to **David Jacobs' book "Secret Life"**. I then called Dr. John Mack, and he very graciously gave and faxed his permission for us to reprint the forward. Dr. Jacob was of great help to me at the time of the first abduction case I dealt with. Kudos to Dr. Jacobs and his excellent book!

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The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. and The Mutual UFO Networ of Missouri
present

SHOW ME UFO/IAC CONFERENCE IV

Saturday, October 24, 1992 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 p.m.

at the Harley Hotel of St. Louis, Earth City, Missouri

Conference Admission: \$30 for entire day

Registration: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.	David Childress
10:15	Virginia Tilly
11:30	Lunch Break
1:30 p.m.	Dr. Thomas E. (Eddie) Bullard
3:00	Dr. John Kasher & Harry Jordan
4:30	Dinner Break
8:00	Break
8:15	Open Panel Discussion/Questions from the Audience
10:00	Closed Panel/Discussion Among Speakers (Audience welcome to listen.)

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SHOW - ME UFO/IAC CONFERENCE

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. and the mutual UFO Network of Missouri proudly present the 1992 Show-Me Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Harley St. Louis Hotel in Earth city, Missouri on Saturday, October 24. The Harley St. Louis Hotel is located just a little north of Interstate 70 on the Earth City Expressway. The Earth City Expressway is the next exit west of Interstate 270.

Once again, this will be a one-day marathon conference running from 9:00 a.m. all the way into the night, and featuring world class speakers, five presentation on timely subjects and two panel discussions.

Featured Speakers:

David H. Childress:

Author of many books about lost cities and ancient mysteies, including ancient aircraft and power sources. He has also written books on anti-gravity and the unified field. His books include: "Lost Cities of North and Central America", "Anti-Gravity and the Unified Field", "Anti-Gravity and the World Grid", and "The Anti-Gravity Handbook".

Virginia M. Tilly:

Ms. Tilly is MUFON's Director of Public Education and a clinical hypnotherapist. She has worked with more than 70 abduction cases and has contributed several articles regarding abductions to UFO publications including "Resisting Resisting" in the August '92 MUFON Journal and "The Aftermath of Abduction" in a 1990 publication.

Dr. Thomas E. (Eddie) Bullard:

Eddie Bullard received a doctorate in Folklore from Indiana University. His dissertation was written about UFOs and folklore, and since then, he has carried out a comparative study of abduction reports. He has contributed articles on abductions, hypnosis, and folklore to UFO literature, including the two volume landmark survey of abduction literature, "UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery".

Dr. John C. Kasher and Harry Jordan:

Dr. Kasher is a professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Nebraska. He is also a consultant at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he specializes in electromagnetic theory. Dr. Kasher is a consultant, state section director, and assistant state director for MUFON.

Harry Jordan is an M.F.A. graduate of Cranbrook International Academy of Art & Architecture. He is a lay faculty member at Creighton Preparatory Jesuit School of Omaha. Since 1984, he produced numerous drawings and scaled models of regions on Mars photographed by the Viking orbitors. His work is credited in the book "The Monuments of Mars", by Hoagland. He is a special field investigator for MUFON.

Dr. Kasher and Mr. Jordan have collaborated on several Iowa and Nebraska investigations, including apparent landing sites.

Dr. David M. Jacobs:

Dr. Jacobs is Associate Professor of History at Temple University. He is a leading academic authority on UFOs and abductions. He is the author of "The UFO Controversy in America" and "Secret Life, Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions".