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Why Was There a Cover-Up?

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The following narrative is based in large part on a presentation made by Richard Gottlieb at the 1977 MUFON Symposium held in Scottsdale, Arizona. At the time he was a Research Staff member with Ground Saucer Watch. His perceptions for that time period were well-formulated and some of his ideas may still apply.

Civilian UFO research organizations and individuals have assumed that government Intelligence agencies developed a UFO cover-up plan immediately after determining that the phenomenon had an extraterrestrial origin. If so, we might ask why our government has expended so much energy to blind the American public. From what are we being shielded? Is there some awful truth that was understood from the beginning?

When trying to expose a conspiracy, citizens could end up doing harm to America. Attempts to expose classified information can be dangerous if those trying to do so have a limited understanding of the factors that warranted secrecy in the first place.

If a cover-up has been in effect since 1953 few, if any, office-holders along the way were participants. Elected officials come and go, but intelligence agencies live on. They comprise the only segment of our government with the size, longevity, legal seclusion, and resources needed to maintain a large-magnitude cover-up.

The intelligence community feels little public influence. Elected officials nominate and confirm the chiefs, but that seems to be the extent of their control. There are no obvious constraints on covert intelligence activities.

Gottlieb cited the usual possible reasons for cover-up which include social, political, religious, and economic consequences. Culture shock could result if ETs are socially different or if they are quite physically different from us. Ego-shock might occur if we were to find out that we are not the most advanced creatures in the universe.

But, as of 1977, we were far enough into the space age that Gottlieb doubted that the reasons listed above were actually responsible for the cover-up. The work of CETI was geared to formulating feasible methods of contacting ETs without the use of space vehicles and the Viking probes on Mars were searching for alien life. He could not reconcile the existence of two such mutually contradictory programs as a UFO cover-up based on fear of public reaction to contact and research programs hoping to make contact.



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During the flap following the Arnold sighting the Air Force seemed to have had no idea what was happening and Project Sign was formed to relieve public pressure on the Air Force. The report "Estimate of the Situation" concluded that UFOs were intelligently controlled ET vehicles. If true, a decision had to be made to the masses about releasing its conclusions. In a sense America was a Bible-Belt that would have to be convinced that we were not God's only inhabited planet.

The Robertson Panel made the decision to cover up the brewing UFO mystery. The government then secretly conducted an investigation. But, the public also continued to report aerial phenomena and fear of a mass public reaction remained uppermost in the minds of policy makers. An order to foul up public investigation into UFOs and cover up the evidence was issued by the upper echelons of Intelligence to ensure that no UFO story could be proven. Private citizens were ridiculed and ridiculous official explanations flooded the media. There was no place for a witness to turn without being labeled a lunatic.

Deliberate attempts were made to falsely explain away the mystery. It seemed as though the Air Force was always testing a new type of aircraft. The AVRO vehicle was built at great cost to back up this lie with photographs, but it crashed on its first "flight" less than two feet off the ground.

FBI and CIA agents made house calls to UFO witnesses, their evidence was confiscated and somehow "lost" in the process. Ground markings were destroyed, films withheld, and witnesses were told not to mention their experiences to anyone.

Eventually, Intelligence determined that there was no immediate hostile intent and their problem shifted to buffering the public for the inevitable announcement. Intelligence realized that if the truth about UFOs was told, they would have to explain why they withheld the news for so long. They would then also become accountable for illegal acts against citizens which had caused the loss of jobs, public ridicule, and unnecessary personal agony.

Gottlieb felt that as early as 1977 we were in the conditioning phase of the government's plan to break the news to us. Part of the result probably has been that many of us have seen various UFO specials on TV, movies with an ET theme, and watched live reports from Mars.

But, will the errors and crimes of the Intelligence community ever be exposed?

Perhaps the cover-up will continue to exist only to hide past crimes by the Intelligence community against UFO witnesses. In that case, Gottlieb admonished us to proceed undaunted in our efforts to find the truth.

Since comparing past insights to the present has value in better understanding the UFO situation, readers are encouraged to further research UFOs by acquiring past issues of Proceedings for MUFON Symposiums. Contact MUFON at PO Box 369, Morrison CO 80465-0369 for information on availability.

India may be the first country to explain to the world about extra-terrestrial and UFO contacts - secret debate is on
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New Delhi is in the middle of a big secret internal debate. On one side the largest democracy of the world is eager to explain to its citizens and to the world about the ongoing contacts with the UFOs and extra-terrestrials. On the other hand there are invisible untold international protocols that prohibit doing anything that may cause worldwide fear and panic.

It is well accepted between the UFO and extra-terrestrial experts that all the five nuclear powers are in contact with the beings from other stars for quite some time. Recently India has seen enormous news on UFO contacts and secret UFO bases in Himalayas near the Chinese bases. In Ladak, for example the locals clearly point out the everyday phenomenon of large triangular spacecrafts coming out below the ground and Indian security forces protecting them.

Military officials and politicians have confessed the fact that India has been contacted. India has been told the rules of the Universe.

The current debate is on whether to keep it secret like other countries are doing or in tradition of a total transparent society come out and tell the truth. India is so open and democratic; it is very difficult to keep a secret for long. The biggest concern of the Government today is that unlike in

other countries, it will be very difficult to keep it secret for long. If the information comes out through unofficial channels first and then the authorities are pressed against the wall to confess, two bad things can happen. First, it can really cause a panic in the country as well as the world. Second, the way the Indian politics is run, the ruling party will be thrown out of power in no time if it is ever found that the Government withheld such information from the public.

The recent rush of world leaders to India is remarkable. Starting from Russian President Putin to major Senators from America have visited or are planning to visit India. European Union is in deep discussion with India on cooperation. All sanctions against India's nuclear programs and Indian Space Research Organization are in the process of being lifted. India is cooperating with Europeans and the Americans in space explorations and technology research program. India is also part of World Trade Organization. India is receiving major outsourcing contracts in IT and call-center service work from America and Europe. India's Forex reserve is at a level never imagined before because of international direct investments from Western nations, Japan, Korea and others. Interestingly, China the arc rival of India changed its posture in the last few years to make India's friendship and trade a priority. India is slowly getting to the point when it is accepted as a permanent member of the Security Council. All the five Security Council members China, America, Russia, France and UK support India's inclusion.

When all these factors are added together and analyzed, it seems like India is being told by the world to abide by the hidden protocols and in exchange be recognized as a major emerging superpower.

The debate the country is facing internally is whether to abide by the laws of the world and the Universe to be recognized as a superpower or be truthful to its citizens and the world.

According to sources close to the Government, the UFO contacts is known by quite a few politicians in the opposition and of course by those who are in power.

The military has legitimate concern of not letting the secrets out either.

Recently, India's foreign affairs minister Mr. Natwar Singh came out and said that for India it was not necessary to become a nuclear power. He is a strong supporter of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, India's former Prime Minister who initiated the nuclear program in the mid sixties. India first exploded a nuclear device in Pokhran in early seventies. The whole country including people from his own party questioned Mr. Singh for such an irresponsible statement. But on analyzing his statements, it is evident, that based on what he knows now, being a nuclear power really does not matter much because the technologies controlled by the extra-terrestrials are so advanced that all our technologies mean really nothing. But importantly he may be irritated with this controversial ongoing secret debate and what he really meant was that if India was not a nuclear power, the debate on UFO and extra-terrestrials will never be there in India.

Estimate of the Situation for 2005 **By William I. McNeff** **MN MUFON Assist. State Dir.**

The researchers continue to chip away at the history of UFOs, including UFO crashes. The recent UFO Crash Retrieval Conference, presented by www.majesticdocuments.com, besides accounts of crashes, had papers presented on the Ramey Office Photos (which described efforts to read the famous "Ramey Memo"), the Bentwaters/Woodbridge incident, the USSR equivalent of "Majestic 12", and the "Evidence for the Existence of... MJ-12". While I was not able to attend the conference, I bought the Conference Proceedings.

At the conference, Grant Cameron gave a two-part presentation on "The Presidents and the Hard Evidence". This included an examination of the Frank Scully book "Behind the Flying Saucers". He writes that Wilbert Smith, Canadian heading "Project Magnet", asked Dr. Robert Sarbacher in 1950 about the Aztec story in Scully's book. Sarbacher replied, "The facts in the book are substantially correct." Further, Cameron writes:

"The Scully story has generally been written off by most Ufologists as a hoax put over on Frank Scully by oil well prospector Silas Newton. However, a single line in a book published in 1983 now indicates that Silas Newton may have been telling the truth." In a book called UFO Dynamics, Berthold Schwartz wrote:

"Newton became acquainted with several high-ranking geophysicists who had actually seen the downed craft and occupants, and according to Sherman, through the intervention of Wilbert Smith, electronics expert and organizer of Project Magnet, Newton actually saw the bodies himself."

The importance of this statement is two-fold:

1. If Newton was making up this part of his story, it makes no sense that he would say that he received access to alien bodies from a foreign national who would seemingly have a slim chance to be given access to Top Secrets. He surely would have said he was shown the bodies by some high ranking U.S. official or scientist.

2. The story that Smith had access to crashed saucers and bodies was not made public until 20 years after Schwarz wrote of Newton's claim.

Cameron also detailed statements by Dr. Robert Sarbacher and Dr. Eric Walker, which confirm military recoveries of flying saucers and the bodies of occupants.

In addition to this information about Roswell, I have received stories from two sources about events that allegedly happened at the time of the crash on the Foster ranch. One is a mostly second hand account by a woman claiming to have seen and photographed the bodies of aliens in the Roswell base hospital. This witness, under the impression that the Roswell crash was declassified, allegedly told the following story:

She said that she was in the Army Air Corps and was a reporter and photographer. She was stationed at the Base at Roswell in 1947 at the time of the alleged alien crash. On the day that alleged alien beings were brought into the base hospital, the witness was called over to the base hospital, as was normal when there was news to be covered. She went into the hospital room where the alien beings were. A nurse asked her what she was doing there; she said it was part of her job. The beings were on gurneys; they were like small children and were a grayish color. Two of them had allegedly been still alive after the crash, but had soon died due to being unable to breathe our atmosphere. She photographed the beings. Quite possibly her presence and her being allowed to photograph the beings was a security slip-up. At some point after the witness photographed the bodies, she was asked to leave and they started to escort her out. She was

reluctant and reportedly said, "What are you doing, this is my job; I'm taking a few pictures here. I'm a photographer, I'm a reporter, I've got clearance." But they told her, "You don't have this much clearance!" and she was escorted out of the hospital. She was assigned to make prints of the photos she had taken. By the time I talked to her she had become aware that Roswell events had not been declassified and she would not give me any details about the event. However, she told me that she believes the film and prints that she had were sent to Wright-Patterson AFB and would be in the base archives. (My personal opinion is that any such film and prints would be under much higher level custody than that.) Efforts to confirm this story have failed to find any confirming evidence, but "absence of evidence is not evidence of falsity".

The other story was from a rancher living just north of the White Sands missile range, who one night heard a crash and saw a fire on the ranch. Going to the site, the rancher discovered beings that were dead. But the rancher was contacted the following day by "authorities" who ordered silence in no uncertain terms. The location of that crash is independently indicated by one of the "Majestic 12 Documents" on the Wood's website. The rancher is deceased and this story comes to me third-hand. I am not at this time at liberty to give any more details.

Along with the alleged crash on the Plains of San Augustin, these stories support the idea that there may have been at least three major crashes that occurred early in July 1947 in the Roswell area. Reasonable speculation in some of the conference papers is that anti-aircraft fire, missiles and/or high-powered radar may have brought these craft down. Linda Moulton Howe writes that the first of these efforts to bring down a craft may have occurred on May 9, 1947. Following these events, a rash of airplane crashes took place in the U.S., which may have been alien retaliation, resulting in the loss of over six hundred military and civilian lives by July 31!

Over three hundred witnesses to the Roswell crash have been documented. The most important ones substantially agree that the debris included unusual materials that couldn't be cut, creased or burned by ordinary means. The most important of all the witnesses, the Roswell base head of intelligence, Jesse Marcel, stated that a metal sheet as thin as cigarette foil was laid on the ground and struck with a sledgehammer, which bounced off it, leaving no

visible dent. He also stated that the source of the debris was "not of this world". His son, Jesse Marcel, Jr. saw some of the debris and remembers metal I-beam members. Kids of his day would not have confused balsa wood from a weather balloon target with metal. The clincher is that the Air Force's preferred explanation, that the crash debris was the remains of a Mogul balloon and instrument package, is belied by two facts:

1. An identification plate was attached to all of the Mogul packages stating they belonged to the University of Pennsylvania.

2. None of the Mogul flights could be traced to the time and location of the crash given known launch times and wind directions, etc.

Of course, all this and a quarter won't even buy you a ticket on a Metro bus. Only confirmation by the U.S. government will convince a substantial percentage of people that alien spacecraft crashed at Roswell, but many will still wonder what the real truth is (including this writer)!

As I have written before, eight years ago there was a private meeting at NUFOC in which participants were told that the group which knows the most about the alien presence (MJ-12?), was of two minds. It was said that part of the group wanted to reveal the facts about the aliens to the public, but part wanted to maintain the secrecy. It was said that those who wanted to reveal the truth were going ahead anyway, and that a gradual disclosure process was already underway, with the expectation that the government would finally admit the alien presence in eight years, which would have been in 2004. Obviously that didn't happen. My personal belief is that the process is underway, but we are probably years away from the time that the government will admit the truth. Yet, barring some unforeseen catastrophe, we are surely coming closer to that time, day by day.

Fastwalkers by Alfred Lehmberg,

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That's a word that just drips incongruity and high strangeness, isn't it?

"Fastwalker" is a term NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) invented to categorize

objects that approach from space, enter our atmosphere, maneuver strangely about, and then leave the atmosphere again in a manner that is... not consistent with the aforementioned boosters, birds, and bolides! It is a word also used to describe trans-lunar phenomena (tlp's): anomalous objects with the particularly peculiar flavor of *things* ufological... moving quickly across the face of the full moon and filmed through quality telescopes on Earth... or on shuttle flights... or on radar screens...

The Air Force NORAD facility, it has been convincingly reported, observes these "fastwalkers" from its subterranean facility deep inside Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, and tracks a rough average of 500 of them (UFOs for the uninitiated) each YEAR as they enter the Earth's atmosphere from deep space, maneuver around, and then leave again. This is not a fiction. It corroborates a similar report from AeroJet General engineers Lee Graham and Ron Regehr, who have revealed to the well respected UFO researcher Don Ecker documents indicating that AeroJet's DSP satellite system, alone, routinely detects UFOs flying into Earth's atmosphere from deep space... up to two to three times per month.

But these ironically well cited stories can be dismissed as fatuous fluff from "Philip's fabled foggy fringe of facile fools..." until one stumbles, quite inadvertently (you understand), upon corroborating evidence from an unlikely source in an unlikely place and at an unlikely time. MY corroborating evidence was picked up like a winning lottery ticket found in the commode stall of a Baptist Church lavatory...

Here are the details:

As a function of my long military experience at Fort Rucker, Alabama, I have a few enjoyable privileges left that come as a result of it. One of these privileges is an invitation to the annual "October Fest" that the German aviation Officers put on every year (towards the end of September, oddly), for their American allies, et al. At this fest (gonzo party!) there is polka music, traditional German fest fare, and the best beer in the known universe (imported deliciously unpasteurized (YUM!) from the genuine breweries of the Fatherland. FREE! Life is indeed GOOD at these (by invitation only) Teutonic soirees... but I digress...

Towards the midpoint of the party my wife and I sat down at a table with a woman she knew from the Fort Rucker German club. The conversation got very lively, all the male participants were abundantly sloshed and feeling expansive while expressing themselves similarly with all guards well down. The females graciously indulged us that - given how messy we are to both tolerate AND clean up after... (after an abundant sloshing ...) anyway...

One of the participants at this little ad hoc collection of retired and active duty aviation officers was a very senior Army lieutenant colonel who was just coming from a very interesting, on topic, and unusual military assignment. He was a senior Army liaison officer to the AirForce's facility at Cheyenne mountain... NORAD, mentioned earlier. I sobered up pretty fast.

"How about those fastwalkers," I asked him in a lull of his oration regarding NORAD. The broad smile came off his face like I'd slapped him. UFOs ARE serious business, it seems.

"NORAD is not set up to see things like that," he admitted astonishingly with a focused and too narrow tightness. "Like... see what exactly"? I asked with an evil grin.

"That's classified," he said frostily, all expansiveness in retreat and guards coming up like fists. The other guys and their wives noticed the immediate frost and fell silent. What's the matter? Someone asked. What happened?

The good colonel just gave me an indication how weird things really are... without violating any security oaths, I thought to myself, but allowed, OUT loud, to the beleaguered colonel that I didn't mean to put him on the spot about security issues, just that I found the subject very interesting myself (and shouldn't everyone?). The conversation went (too gratefully) back to party talk, and the colonel and his wife were the first to leave.

Does anyone else see the veiled admission here? Does anyone else see the incongruity of the exchange between the colonel and I? Why the quick frost; why the terse (and blundering) reminder of top level classification; why was he so put off? Maybe if he told me he'd have to kill me, not as funny as it sounds, and what's up with that?

Fastwalker... It's just a word, isn't it? That fascination of facile fools mentioned earlier? Be that as it may, it was a word that one very slightly ambushed colonel knew and apparently knew, very well. It was also a word that held a lot of jaw clenching import for him - forgetting that it was enough of a word for one stranger to be abruptly and reflexively terse, tensed up, and tight-mouthed with another. It was certainly enough of a word to inject ill will into the encounter - when seconds earlier good will flowed from fountains and a good time was being had by all! Perhaps it's more than just a word at our cultural denouement. Nest ce' pas?

As regards the absence of my own observed fastwalkers? They've been absent for so long now that I could begin to wonder if I had ever seen them at all... but that I can review the previous twenty-four pieces in this series (you're presently reading) for evidence (and a personal record) of something indeed seen in starry skies all over North America, points north AND south, and overseas. But for this series I wouldn't (couldn't!) be so sure. They've been veritably squeezed from the after-midnight sky THAT well, of late.

So I did see something, my testimony is a matter of public record, and "fastwalker" IS a real word... indirectly, but convincingly confirmed by one of the *players*.

UFOs are real.

I got an e-mail stating:

"There is a funny story DP witness John Maynard* tells of being in NRO Radar set monitor room and noticing half the radar sets were pointed into deep space. He asked regarding [them], [and] was told, "you figure it out".

Ray Fowler tells of [a] GTE source, [reporting] objects repeatedly arriving from cislunar space at 100km/sec slowing to suborbital velocity.

So much for no ETH evidence folk[s]."
[* Disclosure Project witness - lg]

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'Cryptohominids' And The 'Alien Autopsy'

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There's been some arrestingly offbeat speculation by Ed Gehrman on UFO UpDates proposing the "alien" in the "alien autopsy" footage - if an authentic cadaver and not FX trickery - is a terrestrially evolved humanoid. This idea converges nicely with my own musings on earthly hominids developing a technological culture in relative seclusion.

For example, I've theorized that ancestors of the Flores "hobbits" (or a similar race) may have been forced to take up hidden residence in homo sapiens society. Moreover, the oral mythology surrounding the Flores beings has the general flavor of contemporary UFO occupant reports - human abduction, etc. Even the physical appearance of "ufonauts" and the "hobbits" share interesting similarities; both are usually described as short, with large eyes and long arms.

There are notable anomalies in the "autopsy" film; the being is polydactyl with an out-sized head (rather than the comparably microcephalic head possessed by the Flores specimens) and lacks secondary sexual characteristics. These traits argue against a normal mammalian origin, prompting theories of genetic engineering (presumably at the hands of competent extrasolar aliens using human stock).

The "autopsy" footage has always intrigued me because the supposed alien looks far too human to be anything other than a close human relative. This could be explained if the being is:

- a.) a fake,
- b.) a terrestrial genetic/surgical experiment,
- c.) a "cryptohominid" that fell into government hands after a hardware malfunction - possibly but by no means necessarily the famed "Roswell crash."

The national security implications of the latter would be at least as dramatic as the US government learning that its airspace was being penetrated by extraterrestrials - and on an anthropological note, far more disturbing.

If the cryptohominid theory is accurate, then it provides a plausible motive for nonhuman craft to visit our nuclear installations and military bases, as UFOs have done for 50 years; fellow terrestrials may wish to determine the risk posed by emerging destructive technology or even attempt to thwart it. Coincidentally (?), the modern UFO phenomenon began shortly after the development of radar, reliable aircraft and atomic power - three factors that may have justly aroused the concern of any secretive "aliens" in our midst. It's even possible the global conflict of the second World War forced cryptohominids to subtly intervene - perhaps, as I wondered in a previous post, encouraging the popular conception of UFOs as spaceships from some other planet. One can hardly think of a better "cover-story."

Lastly, but by no means unimportantly, there is a vast overlooked literature of "little people" in our midst that extends from ancient legend to contemporary times. I'm aware of one first-hand narrative - which I tend to accept as factual - involving members of a race of diminutive nomadic humanoids that can successfully pass themselves off as members of "normal" society. They claim to predate known North American cultures and appear to have an abiding interest in at least some members of "visible" society. Could these strangers have achieved more, technologically, than they choose to let on in face-to-face contacts?

I think it's perfectly conceivable that at least one race of human-like beings could be sharing the planet with us. If they belong to an ancient, enduring civilization - however seemingly disenfranchised - it's probable they're smarter than us; contact, if desired, would be on their terms. In the meantime, it's near-impossible to guess how deeply their culture infringes on our own, or if our own intelligence agencies have been quietly scrambling, for the last half-century, to determine whether they represent friend, foe - or something else entirely.

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**RICHARD DOLAN PRESENTATION
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Also in 1952, there were UFO sightings at Oak Ridge during which radiation was detected. The Chadwell memo of Dec. 1952 stated that "[The UFOs] are not attributable to natural phenomena..." After a brief review of the situation, the infamous Robertson Panel concluded that "UFOs are not a threat to national security" and should be debunked, so that reports would not clog reporting channels. The report also noted that "Project Blue Book" was a public relations operation. In this time frame, Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, Donald Keyhoe, and Edward Ruppelt kept the UFO subject before the public with articles and books.

In 1953, a memo from Oak Ridge described an object as "...deep black metal exterior with a fine gloss...flew at tremendous speed, then stopped..." An object seen by many near Trinidad Island off the coast of Brazil and photographed by a news photographer led to a report by the Brazilian military that the incident "permits the conclusion...that there are UFOs."

Edward Ruppelt in 1957 published his book which set forth "evidence of flying saucers." After apparent pressure in 1960 he revised his book and stated that UFOs don't exist. Ruppelt died from an apparent heart attack at age 37. Was Ruppelt killed? At that time there were vapors that could be sprayed that would induce a heart attack yet leave no evidence.

In 1961 Hillenkoetter called for an investigation of UFOs and urged immediate Congressional action. In 1962 he changed his tune and stated that it would not be a good idea.

Hynek went to investigate some Michigan sightings and at Air Force urging issued his famous "swamp gas" explanation. Rex Heflin took his famous UFO photos, and Life magazine published one of the best color photos of a UFO taken up to that time.

On March 16, 1967, six missiles went off-line at Malmstrom AFB during a visit by an unknown craft. In 1968 the Condon study came out, with its "conclusions" at odds with the body of the study.

During the study, the infamous Low memo was leaked, which described "the trick" that the Condon group should use "would be to display almost zero expectation of finding a saucer," while attempting to appear as objective as possible. But during the study director Condon went around making jokes about UFOs. His "conclusions" should have been no surprise. Project Bluebook was closed and there was then no place to officially report UFOs. But the Bollender memo stated that "...reports [of UFOs] which could affect national security are not part of Project Blue Book..."

After the Blue Book closure, government interest in UFOs was not over. In 1972, Nixon fired Richard Helms; he was given one month to clear out his office. But the MKUltra file, of "Manchurian Candidate" fame, was saved by an official. There were major sightings in 1973. In 1974 the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was passed. We UFO researchers got to look at documents in the custody of the FBI, CIA, NSA, etc. for a short while. In 1976 Jimmy Carter was elected and he told the agencies to respond to FOIA requests. DIA documents were obtained, revealing the infamous MKUltra mind experiments, which included temporal sensory deprivation and frontal lobotomies. Cameron, the president of the World Psychiatric Federation, lobotomized one of his woman grad students with sickening results.

Can the government keep secrets? Yes and no! With special efforts it can keep secrets for years. But certain secrets have a tendency to eventually leak out.

There was a wave of Spanish UFOs in 1974. Information on these can be found in US Department of Defense (DOD) documents. Gen. Franco died in 1976. Spanish Gen. Carlos Castro Cervero stated "UFOs are ... extraterrestrial craft. The nations of the world are working together..." on this problem.

In 1975 at Loring AFB an "...intrusion by a helicopter over the weapons storage area..." was reported. At first the craft was at 300 ft altitude, then 150 ft. Fighter coverage was requested from NORAD, but was denied! On Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 the craft returned, and was seen visually and on radar, again over the weapons storage area. But this craft was silent, and probably not a helicopter. Another unknown craft was reported over Wurtsmith AFB in 1975. Speed was estimated at

1000 mph; the top speed of the Apache helicopter was 190 mph.

In Nov. 1975 a glowing orange disk, the size of a football field, was seen over Malmstrom AFB. F106's were scrambled, but the disk climbed rapidly to 200,000 ft. out of range of the fighters. Meanwhile, the targeting of one of the missiles had been unaccountably changed. There was a repeat the next night. I would call them advanced intelligences not of our civilization, rather than extraterrestrial.

Cattle mutilations began to be reported. Abductions, some of them very spectacular, such as Sgt. Moody and Travis Walton, were reported. In Iran in 1976, F-4s were scrambled after a UFO. As they approached the UFO, electrical systems failed. In Canada a man named Michalak got close to a UFO and received a grill-like burn on his chest. Many sightings in the Hudson valley occurred. In 1989 and 1990 the Belgian triangles were recorded on radar. These craft accelerated from 30 mph to 1500 mph or more. In Feb. 1990 UFOs were photographed over Area 51. Bob Lazar went public with his story of reverse-engineering of alien craft. Gerry Schultz got a good photo, which might however be our stuff.

Nick Cook has speculated about German scientists making a break-thru on disk-shaped craft. I doubt it.

After the 1967 Nixon purge, the UFO problem was handled by an international board of directors. Ben Rich (of Lockheed "Skunk Works" fame?) has stated that "Aliens are more of a threat than a blessing." As of 1993, we now have the technology to "take ET home." It is time for public knowledge. Bob Lazar is not a lot different from other good sources.

Near Milstadt Illinois in 2000, a large triangular-shaped object was seen by a number of law officers. In 2002, a light blue object was pursued by F-16s over the Washington DC area.

What are the implications of 9/11/01 attack? The Patriot Act has resulted in the "brown-shirting" of US culture. The FOIA is rendered ineffective. The Black Budget is unknown. There is the issue of complicity: Was 9/11 an inside job? Building 7 at the WTC came down as controlled demolition. Why? The media are now mostly owned by five

owners. The public is stupefied. Peak oil (the time when demand outstrips production) is facing us, with the potential of economic collapse. Asia and the midwestern US are drying up. Computers will be smarter than humans in 50 years. The future could be amazing.

(Note: Richard Dolan is the author of "UFOs and the National Security State.")



The CE4 Corner

By Craig R. Lang MS, CHt

Jan, 2005 - The view from the revolving door

It is an interesting vantage point, being the outgoing field investigation coordinator for Minnesota MUFON. As the year 2004 passes into the year 2005, I have decided to step aside from this role, to exit through the revolving door, as the new coordinator, Margaret DeHarpPorte steps in to lead the FI group. This will allow me to focus more on my work in the realm of the close encounter, and will bring new talent to the role. I wish Margaret well in her new job.

It is only now that I can look back and realize just how active the group has been in the last ten years. Looking at the MN MUFON website, I can see just how many cases we have written up. It gives me a nice feeling inside to see that we have accomplished quite a lot. And yet it is incredibly humbling to realize that the sightings and encounters we have investigated are probably only the tiniest tip of the UFOlogical iceberg.

The Roper polls of unusual personal experiences (http://www.nidsci.org/news/roper_surveys.html) in 1991 and 1998 indicate that about one percent of the population meets the criteria of having had four of the five key indicators which would qualify them as being experiencers. This implies that out of the entire Twin Cities population of about two million people, approximately twenty thousand would appear to have the qualifications for membership in this strange community of mystery.

If we instead adopt a more conservative criterion for being a possible experiencer - that of frequently experiencing all of the indicator events listed in the poll, then the number becomes only about one to two tenths of a percent. This number still implies that there may be about two to four thousand experiencers within the Twin Cities metro area. This is a far smaller number, but still powerfully significant. And to me it implies that we have only met a small fraction of the people who have actually had some form of interaction with the phenomenon.

What does this mean? To me, it suggests that the close encounter phenomenon is an active - and very powerful - force within the present-day fabric of modern society. It is an influence which is hidden beneath the surficial life of the experiencer - what

David Jacobs refers to as the "Secret Life". It is a covert influence on a colossal scale. And as such, it deeply affects the very core of our society. And thus, it is my mission to in some small way, work to better understand this phenomenon

In recent years, I have written a column for this newsletter, which I called the Field Investigator Update. Now, as I step aside from that role, and focus more on the CE4 phenomenon, I hope to begin a new column - one that I call the "CE4 Corner".

But just what is a CE4? Simply put, it is a close encounter of the fourth kind. A close encounter is a sighting or experience with the phenomenon which is up close and personal. An event of the fourth kind is one in which a reality transformation takes place - where the witness is in some way, taken into the reality of the phenomenon. The previously separate witness now becomes an experiencer. For most in the UFOlogical realm, this is referred to as either a contactee (a positive connotation) or an abductee (less positive).

In the last six-plus years, as I have become increasingly active in the realm of close encounter research, I have found this to be my increasing passion - to explore and to understand this deep but invisible influence on humanity. And so, it is with a sense of mission that I introduce my new column - **The CE4 Corner** - with the sobering realization that this phenomenon is still, in spite of nearly 50 years of work, very poorly understood.

I have often asked myself what we have learned in the 10 years I have been most deeply involved in UFO studies. What do we understand now, that we didn't ten years ago? Are we any closer to understanding the phenomenon? Or are we, in some ways, farther away now than we were in 1985? I hear from some researchers, declarations such as "we are close to the answer", etc. But when I look at the descriptions of many of the theories that have been broached to help us understand close encounters, I wonder how much we understand at all.

The physical, nuts-and-bolts view of UFO visitation theorizes that the phenomenon is one of biological aliens visiting us in physical space craft from the stars. Yet this hypothesis does not account for the apparent reality anomalies which seem to permeate close encounter narratives. Many describe their encounters as being like dreams, but ones that

leave physical traces such as burned spots on the lawn, or physical marks on the body. It is an overlay of the physical and the (para)psychological which suggests that the reality of the close encounter is far more complex than perhaps we even realize.

In summary, I suspect that we really know very little about close encounters. But as we learn more about them, I believe that we will learn a whole lot more about the very fabric of reality itself. So as I exit the revolving door of the FI coordinator role, I bid you a new welcome - welcome to the **CE4 Corner**. The adventure continues...

Field Investigation Report by Margaret DeHarrpporte (MN MUFON FI Coord.) and Dean DeHarrpporte, Jan. 2005

Report Details:

Bright light over abandoned NIKE Missile Base

Type of Report: CE 1: Bright light

Date of Sighting:

First 3 months of 1985 (date unknown)

Investigators: Margaret and Dean DeHarrpporte

Place of Sighting:

NIKE Missile Base near Los Angeles, California

Significance: Extraordinary

Evaluation: Massive blue-green light, parting of clouds, possible communication, unexplained.

Sighting Account:

The date of the sighting was in 1985, when Chet was 16 years old. The specific date is uncertain, but was either January, February, or March. The weather was cloudy, with a thick cloud cover, the ceiling at approximately 300 feet. The location is an abandoned Nike Missile site near Mulholland Drive in Los Angeles County, California. At some time around 12 midnight to 2 AM, Chet and two friends drove in Chet's car to the abandoned missile base, a place they had visited several times before, to explore the area and just hang out and drink beer. Chet added that the Nike missile bases were supposedly set up to stop Russian ICBM's during the height of the cold war, and that some people speculate they were also to shoot down UFO's in case of an alien invasion.

The area is rather remote for the Los Angeles area. The three friends were up on the missile platform, up on the pad, which is elevated about 20 to 30 feet off the ground, with Chet standing on one side and

the other two on the other side of the pad. At this point, without having seen anything yet, he said to his friends, as if he'd received an unspoken message, "Look up!". They all looked up and at that exact moment a light came out of the clouds. Chet says he could physically see the cloud cover separate as the huge, blue-green circular light came through the opening. The cloud cover was very thick and well defined. Chet said he could see the lights from LA were "bouncing off the clouds", so he could clearly see the opening in the cloud cover as the light came down. The three teens at first thought it was an LAPD helicopter. They were very frightened and "hit the deck", as they figured they could be in trouble for being at this abandoned military base.

Chet looked up and saw clearly that it was not a helicopter. It made absolutely no sound. He saw that all three of them were bathed in a very intense bluish-green light. The light was not at all like a beam of light, as it was extremely bright, lighting up a large area and making visible the surrounding grasses and shrubs.



Old Nike missile radar site, top of San Vicente Mountain, 1999

At that moment Chet thought to himself "Oh my God we're going to be abducted!" Right when he had this thought one of his friends said the same thing, "Oh my God we're going to be abducted!" "He said exactly what I was thinking," remarked Chet.

He states that at that time in his life he had very little interest in UFO's, but did have some interest in the paranormal, so he didn't actually have much knowledge of, or information on, the abduction

phenomenon. At that point he thought "oh my God, I think they can read my mind." He felt "they" were "probing my thoughts" (he doesn't know why he thought that) and that made him more scared. The teens stayed prone about 30 seconds, afraid to get up. He believes the light hovered above them, stationary, for about a minute, then began moving back the same direction that it came. He figures it was about 200 to 300 feet above them at it's closest. He could not see evidence of a craft, just a circular light, "massive", "about the size of a house", was how he described it.

He felt no heat or other effects. As the light moved upwards, the clouds started to move back and envelop the object and, quickly, it was gone. He says there is nothing to indicate there was an abduction, but adds that they weren't thinking about that at the time, and he doesn't remember checking a clock. The three teens talked about what had happened for about ½ hour, then left the area, thinking they should probably "get out of here" in case it comes back. They pretty much stayed up the whole night, still talking about it. For several months the sighting was a frequent topic of conversation, although none of them felt particularly traumatized.

When asked if he thought either himself or one of the two friends could have been the "target" of the experience, Chet said he feels it was possibly more directed at him as he felt he experienced some sort of "communication", when he told his friends to look up. He reiterated that he didn't see anything at first; he felt they should look up, and then instantaneously they saw the clouds part and the massive light come towards them.

**A CATALOG OF AIR FORCE
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
SECRECY NEWS from the FAS Project
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A massive listing of classified or otherwise restricted historical documents held by the Air Force Historical Research Agency is in the process of being made publicly available online, courtesy of www.TheMemoryHole.org.

The listing, which includes more than half a million individual records dating from the 1920s to the 1980s, was obtained under the Freedom of

Information Act by researcher Michael Ravnitzky. The document titles and metadata, compiled in large Excel files, are typically not very revealing. But the list as a whole is a potentially important new resource for students of military history.

See the introduction to "Listing of Classified and Restricted Documents at the Air Force Historical Research Agency" here:
<http://www.thememoryhole.org/mil/afhra/>

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Minnesota UFO Quote:

"I was testing a P-51 fighter in Minneapolis when I spotted this object. I was at about 10,000 feet on a nice, bright, sunny afternoon. I thought the object was a kite, then I realized that no kite is gonna fly that high. As I got closer it looked like a weather balloon, gray and about three feet in diameter. But as soon as I got behind the darn thing it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a saucer, a disk. About the same time, I realized that it was suddenly going way from me-and there I was, running at about 300 miles per hour. I tracked it for a little way, and then all of a sudden the damn thing just took off. It pulled about a 45 degree climbing turn and accelerated and just flat disappeared."

- Donald Slayton, Mercury astronaut, in a 1951 interview.

**A guide into the UFO wilderness
BY AHMAD SAYUTHI, Dec. 14, 2004**

<http://star-techcentral.com/tech/story.asp?file=/2004/12/14/itfeature/9559513&sec=itfeature>

THE subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and close encounters with extraterrestrial beings never fails to create a lot of interest and controversy. Believers and skeptics are equally passionate, with each having their own references to either advocate or contradict a given cause – with neutrals in between not knowing who or what to believe.

With the advent of the Internet, even more material is now made available for everyone to analyze in the hope of gaining a better understanding of the subject. But there is a problem: The researcher is usually left dazed and confused with so much raw information swamping him. A guide is needed to show him the way through the complicated world of the UFO phenomenon.

The World Internet UFO Directory (ISBN 89-5563-057-3) might do just that.

Published by South Korea-based Lingua Franca (e-mail: info@linguastudy.com), it is the product of a project team that spent countless hours sifting through and evaluating the resources available. Those selected were then compiled to provide a concise and convenient reference to several hundred reference points for the phenomenon.

Project leader David Ritchie, from the United States, said the large amount of new information about UFOs was the main reason for producing the book. Despite the enormous task of sifting through all the material, the team decided to take up the challenge. "We thought there was a real need for an overview of this information and to show Internet users where to find it," he said.

Getting an overview does not mean simply selecting anything that sounds interesting. Hoaxes are plenty when it comes to UFOs and anyone can put up just about anything on the Internet.

Ritchie said the information had to be authenticated with different sources before being selected. However, he readily agreed it was not a bulletproof method in the hotly-debated subject.

"It's a challenge to compile a factual reference about a mysterious phenomenon where the difference between information and misinformation may be impossible to establish," he said.

The best that the team could do was to try.

The book was also compiled to counteract a perceived bias toward reports and case studies from a small number of countries such as the United States and Canada as well as west European nations. In many UFO compilations, the rest of the world apparently does not exist. UFO Directory plans to change that, with reports coming from all over the world, including Malaysia.

Readers here might be flattered to know that Malaysia is regarded as "outstanding in the field of UFO studies..."

This comes about due to the activities of the little-known Centre for Malaysian UFO Studies (CENMYOFUS, www.geocities.com/cenmyufos), which is highly regarded by its peers.

The book also points out something interesting and unique about Malaysia – the high number of sightings involving tiny humanoids of around 15cm since 1953. The descriptions of these Awang Kenit are also consistent despite coming from different locations.

The case in Kampung Gobek, Kelantan, is also mentioned. It is of significance due to the statements of multiple witnesses and the physical evidence from an alleged UFO landing site in 2000.

The topics covered in UFO Directory are certainly wide-ranging. The reference points are convenient and helpful for different audiences, whether they are dedicated students of the UFO phenomenon or a general audience seeking leisure reading.

For example, under Humanoids, it is explained that this term refers to alleged aliens having the same basic bodily structure as humans (head, trunk, legs and arms) but different in other respects, such as the length of limbs and proportion of head size to body size. Descriptions of close encounters follow, with discussions and speculations of what they are, where they came from and why they came here.

Other relevant reference points like the Adamski Case, Men In Black, Montauk Project, Malaysia, Hallucinations and Hoaxes are highlighted for further follow-up for readers to gain a deeper understanding.

UFO Directory is not limited to just sightings of UFOs and extraterrestrial life forms. It excels by also providing articles and bibliographic references that introduce readers to other facets of the phenomenon which were previously unknown to many. Readers will feel a sense of breadth and complexity where the book also involves subjects that include astronomy and astrophysics, physiology, religion, psychology, history and folklore.

And the entertainment world is not given a miss either as the book looks at the material on radio, television and in the movies that were inspired by the phenomenon over the years. Among them are 2001: A Space Odyssey, The X-Files and Independence Day, to name just a few. For many people, the entertainment world has been their main source of influence when it comes to interest in the UFO phenomenon.

UFO Directory is certainly not a one-sided sympathizer aiming to convince readers of the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial life forms, as one might suspect at first. Although the book is heavy with accounts of UFO and encounters with humanoids and such, it comes with its fair share of UFO critiques too. Hoaxes and fakes are revealed and articles expressing skepticism and suspicions of some sightings and encounters are also included to provide balance.

Ritchie said the editors had avoided taking sides in specific controversies and have attempted to include a broad range of opinions.

He is well aware that different groups and individuals have different beliefs and can be passionate and emotional about them. Debates can sometimes get acrimonious as a result. This he blames on individuals having a poor understanding of the UFO phenomenon.

According to Ritchie, this will only change when people get more acquainted with the different viewpoints, which the book attempts to do by providing a diverse range of topics and opinions.

Closet UFO buffs who have kept their interest hidden for fear of being mocked and ridiculed will be encouraged to know that it is now accepted as a legitimate field of study. Ritchie said the phenomenon of UFOs runs deeper than simply being the exclusive domain of people who are generally regarded as weird.

"It is no longer viewed entirely as a preoccupation of eccentrics and fantasists. Ufology has become part of mainstream culture and is acceptable to millions," he said. And with UFO Directory serving as a guide, their search for the truth – which is said to be "out there" – might yield an encounter which is out of this world.

Sample links from UFO Directory:

UFO Cults

www.religiousmovements.lib.virginia.edu/nrms/ufos.html

UFO/Aliens: Malaysia

<http://ufos.about.com/library/bldata/bl5mala.htm>

Humanoid Encounters In Malaysia

www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc1038.htm

Kidnapped by UFOs? – Interview with Carl Sagan

www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc19.htm

Other UFO Websites of interest:

The Flying Saucer Gazette

www.erols.com/sardonica

Estimate of the Situation was presented by the Project Sign team in 1948 on grounds that were political and national security related rather than technical - see:

<http://www.ufoscience.org/history/swords.pdf>

The general public overwhelmingly believe that the ETH is true and that a political cover-up is underway. A 2002 Roper poll confirmed that almost 70% of the US public support the ETH and believe that a government cover up is underway:

<http://www.scifi.com/ufo/roper/04.html>

X-Conference 2005 Press Release - December 23, 2004

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Washington, DC - PRG (Paradigm Research Group) is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Exopolitics Expo (X-Conference), scheduled for April 22-24, 2005 at the Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg, has begun assembling the speaker lineup for 2005.

The X-Conference is a unique event which focuses on the political, governmental and social aspects relating to extraterrestrial-related phenomena. It is more than a public conference - it is part of the disclosure process itself. As was the case last year, all Congressional offices will be notified and Members or staff encouraged to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to become informed on

an issue about which they have been misinformed for over five decades.

Speaker information will be posted in the Speaker section at: www.x-conference.com.

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The MMJ will still be bi-monthly with a possible occasional extra issue in between. File size will vary ~200k to 1mb for the .PDF depending on content. One advantage of the .PDF file over the former printed copy is color images with better image resolution.

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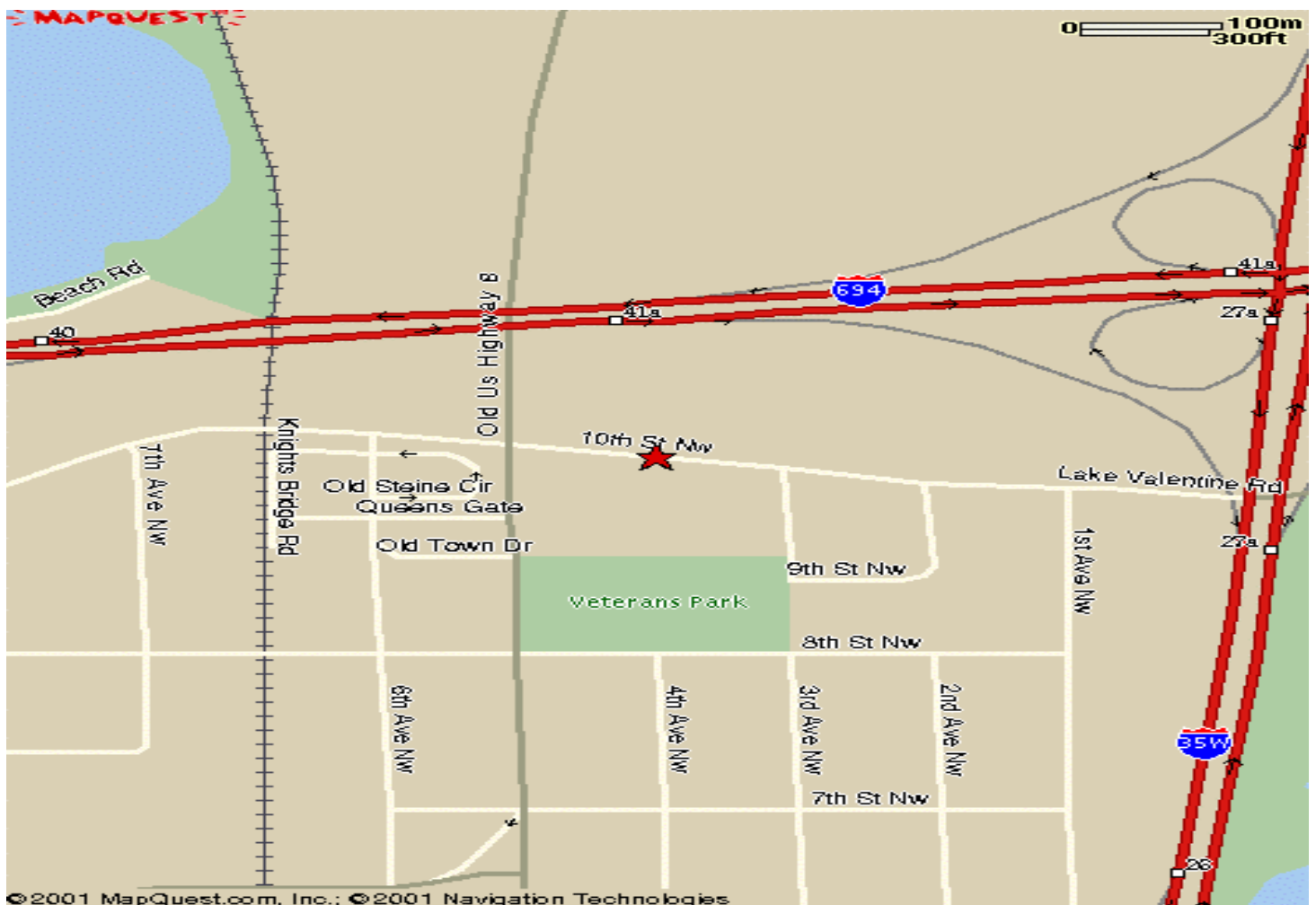
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