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UFO Over O'Hare Airport

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Sam Maranto is Director of Illinois MUFON, is an associate of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, and was the lead investigator into the O'Hare Airport sighting. This article summarizes his efforts in trying to understand exactly what was involved with this important sighting. Although the event occurred on November 7th, 2006 the story was not printed in the Chicago Tribune until January 1, 2007.

Months later Maranto interviewed the daughter of a retired Naval Commander who had a knowledge of both commercial and military aircraft. Because she was driving a car she observed the object from two vantage points. The length of her observations were about one minute and later, after parking her car at the airport, about ten minutes. She had formerly been an investigative reporter and was able to provide a detailed description of her sighting.

The first thing she noticed was that the object seemed to take on the color of its surroundings. The top took on the color of the sky and the bottom of the craft seemed like it was reflecting the color of the ground. Her first impression was that it was metallic but then thought it looked more ceramic. It had been motionless and, if it moved, she could not discern the motion. This witness saw many others taking photos of the object with cell phones. There was a fuzzy quality to the object and her impression was that there might have been a fast wobble to it as it appeared stationary in the sky. The object seemed to be about three times as long as its thickness

When the oval-shaped object departed straight up at a slight angle in her direction and underwent the usual-and-customary instant acceleration to a very high velocity, people gasped and a few squealed. As it streaked away there was a change in its color. The witness said that the object went from not in motion to "Oh my God, that thing is gone." As it raced up through the clouds it "punched" a hole in the cloud layer. The clouds were low and it was a gloomy dark day. The FAA had tried to say that the event occurred at night but the witness said that it was not anywhere near dark.

After Sam Maranto's interview the witness became ill. A few weeks later the witness called Maranto and made plans to further discuss her sighting and get her comments on camera. For months later she did not answer her phone and did not return messages although that may have changed since the Symposium.

It was agreed that only Dr. Richard Haines of NARCAP (The National Aviation Reporting Center Anomalous Phenomena) would file for FOIAs, radar tapes, and other data. At the end of the article in the 2006 MUFON Symposium Proceedings you will find five pages of an



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interview between Sam Maranto and Dr. Haines.

At the time of the MUFON Symposium the NARCAP report had not been released. Since then I have not able to find the 100-page Report on www.narcap.com although it is said to have been completed.

The above synopsis is necessarily abridged. A DVD of Maranto's MUFON presentation is currently available from www.ufocongressstore.com for \$20. The MUFON 2007 Proceedings also contain his presentation, along with all others, and can be viewed in pdf version on the MUFON web site. The hard copy version is available from MUFON for \$33.

Richardson To Investigate Roswell UFOs

James Joyner | October 28, 2007

<http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/archives/2007/10/richardson-to-investigate-roswell-ufos/>

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"What do you want me to do? You want me to open up all those files?" he asked the alien enthusiast, who answered that he did. "I'll work with you on that."

Presumably, Dennis Kucinich would be his running mate.

While I suppose whatever records the government has on a 60-year-old UFO investigation should be opened to the public at this point, I seriously doubt that doing so will satisfy the people who actually care about it. Indeed, as Dale Franks observes, "it just looks to me like a way to misdirect attention from the really important issue of getting to the bottom of that whole Bigfoot deal."

Further, one has to wonder if working with some guy on answering his flying saucer questions is really the best use of a president's time. Well, okay, we probably don't need to wonder.

Bill Richardson Not Alone: Judge Wants PA UFO Info Released

by Mondoreb, October 29, 2007

<http://deathby1000papercuts.blogspot.com/2007/10/bill-richardson-not-alone-judge-wants.html>

This weekend, the news was that Presidential candidate Bill Richardson was demanding answers about the Roswell incident of decades past. Now a judge wants information released about an incident that happened outside of Pittsburgh. First, the lowdown on Richardson from Weasel Zippers:

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WZ comments: A Richardson-Kucinich ticket would lock up the tinfoil hat vote...

Now, there's news that about a UFO incident outside of Pittsburgh in the 1960s. It's back in the

news as a journalist gets involved to get to the bottom of a curious event that happened over 40 years ago. More on the Pennsylvania UFO matter, as it now stands, from Penn Live:

NASA has agreed to search its archives once again for documents on a 1965 UFO incident in Pennsylvania, a step the space agency fought in federal court. The government has refused to open its files about what, if anything, moved across the sky and crashed in the woods near Kecksburg, Pa., 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Traffic was tied up in the area as curiosity seekers drove to the area, only to be kept away from the crash site by soldiers. The locals know what they saw.

Eyewitnesses said a flatbed truck drove away a large object shaped like an acorn and about the size of a Volkswagen bus. A mock-up based on the descriptions of local residents sits behind the Kecksburg Volunteer Fire Department.

UFO enthusiasts refused to let the matter die and journalist Leslie Kean of New York City sued NASA four years ago for information. A judge entered the fray on the side of Kean and the public's right to know.

"This is about the public's right to know," Kean said. "We would be doing this lawsuit regardless of whether UFO groups were interested in it or not. It's a freedom of information issue."

The agency has turned over several stacks of documents which Kean says are not responsive to the request, an argument that U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan agreed with. In March, Sullivan rejected NASA's request to throw the case out of court, resulting in negotiations that led to the agency promising last week that it will conduct a more comprehensive search.

So maybe Bill Richardson is right: we may not be alone. And the U.S. Government may or may not know that. We may all soon know what they know.

Millions Of Americans With Kucinich On UFO Belief - Nov 1, 2007

<http://kdka.com/politics/ufo.Dennis.Kucinich.2.480102.html>

BOSTON (CBS) ? Do you believe in unidentified flying objects -- UFOs? A third of Americans do. One in seven claims to have seen one. And that group includes a presidential candidate.

A lot of voters might find this the most believable claim they've heard in this race.

But while politicians may laugh at UFO sightings, millions of Americans apparently aren't in on the joke. 34 percent of Americans say they believe in ghosts, according to a pre-Halloween poll by The Associated Press and Ipsos. That's the same proportion who believe in unidentified flying objects - or UFOs- exceeding the 19 percent who accept the existence of spells or witchcraft.

Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said he has seen a UFO, and he points out that, in more ways than one, he is not alone.

"You have to keep in mind that Jimmy Carter saw a UFO and also that more people in this country have seen UFOs than I think approve of George Bush's presidency," Kucinich said.

Despite millions believing in UFOs, this may have been a source of amusement for the political elites Tuesday night.

Massachusetts House Speaker Sal Dimasi said Wednesday night, "If by a UFO you mean an unexplainable phenomenon that flashes in, stays briefly, and leaves a mess in its wake, then yes, I have seen one -- Mitt Romney."

And Massachusetts State Treasurer Tim Cahill said he doesn't believe in UFO's, and if that means he's out of touch with a third of the public, "I'll take the other 67 percent," he said. "That's enough to get me re-elected."

But who are you going to believe? Those guys or your own eyes?

Keep in mind, it's government that consistently debunks a UFO phenomenon millions believe in.

And whatever you believe, believe this: that's a sign of a major credibility gap.

A LOOK AT SOME ALIENS

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The last issue of the Journal carried my article "IS THE UFO STORY REACHING A 'CRITICAL MASS'?" That article included some information from "Rocky", a witness/experiencer from Bagley, Minnesota. Much of Rocky's information correlates with information from other sources that I consider to be reliable. During one of his experiences Rocky said that he was directed to control the alien craft, which had a mind of its own, with his own mind. Rocky read my article last month and had some comments. In the following, "R" stands for Rocky, "W" for William. I had quoted Dr. Rudy Schild as saying, "the power supply for [the craft] is a plasma contained centrally in the operating console...This quantum chaos is focused by an information field telepathically generated by the operators. This causes the information pattern of the spacecraft and the operators to be projected thru a wormhole to any place or time in the universe."

R: I read your article in the MUFON Journal Sept/Oct. 2007. I agree that the working part of the craft is in the bottom and centrally located, but there was no console, it was telepathically controllable. This ship can control the minds of men, women and children during abductions, is given orders remotely and then autonomously carries out orders. It is semi-sentient so that it will not have mental breakdowns; it does not carry on continuous thoughts such as ourselves. It would have been cruel to create a machine that would have to think like us, for as long as these craft were made to last. It can re-make itself, using a beam of light to scope out selected materials from within the earth to remake or repair itself. The craft I knew was ancient, older than I could imagine.

W: In the ship you describe, the way I now understand it, the information field is telepathically generated by the semi-sentient on-board computer, or by your mind in conjunction with the computer when you were placed in control. I think that instead of the word "console" that Dr. Schild should have used another word such as "module". Do you agree with that interpretation?

R: Yes, module would have been a better word to use.

W: Another of my friends and fellow ufologists, Donald Flickinger, told me of a sighting by friends

of his years ago near Butte, Montana. A disk-shaped craft was moving along above a mountainside, sending a light beam down to the ground at intervals. Since there were no houses on this mountainside, it seems quite possible that the ship was procuring "selected materials from within the earth to remake or repair itself," exactly as you stated.

What is your understanding of the origins of intelligent life on the planet that produced the craft which abducted you on several occasions?

R: A planet just like our own hit the jackpot, it was just the right distance from its sun and had a moon that gave all the advantages of our own, the chance of this was a number too large to write. A life form began evolving that lived in the mud of the ocean. They were telepathic and spread from one pole to the other, before though they reached a critical mass and became sentient, they began exploring their world using their telepathic powers. Creatures they controlled evolved to their wishes, without any brains of their own, instead using a small section of the biomass that became sentient. These sections could commune with the whole mind but were also separate (over mind?), and returned to the collective upon death of the creature.

All of the experiences of these creatures were never lost; only the flesh died and their minds lived on within the mass. Millions of years passed, a bipedal creature claimed the land and a civilization was born. They looked to the stars wondering if they were alone, but could not travel more than a short distance to their moon before losing their telepathic connection. They developed devices to scan the heavens and found no planets like their own in their galactic neighborhood. They then decided to make their own neighbors (terra-forming on a solar system scale), and began seeding life from their own seed. Needless to say this took millions of years, longer than their civilization lasted, longer than life on their planet lasted. But time travel still connects the pinnacle of their civilization to their children's. No contact was made [with the children] until they reached a desired level of consciousness; we have not reached that point yet.

When I was at the meeting of aliens at our farm, one moonlight night, there was no creature there that I could not find some similarity with terrestrial life. Why, we all came from the same seed. To their shame, one of the planets they seeded turned out badly, they all are at war with it. It evolved almost

identically to their parent world, but this creature living in the mud of the oceans did not partition off portions of itself to life on the planet, it kept absolute control of every life form. Then took itself to other worlds already seeded and took them over. I visited one of these worlds; the beings there had no thoughts or dreams of their own, they were simply biological robots (they used to be like us). I was not there more than 3 minutes when the planet's mind (its only mind) found me, and I had to flee or be assimilated.

The ship I met and the one I called my friend was one of the original craft assigned to our solar system, responsible for shaping our world into what it is today. It has replaced itself many times but all knowledge has been retained in each copy. This is the ship that was controlling me telepathically when I was 3 years old. Somehow I managed to overcome its control and entered into a part of its artificial mind that controlled the ship. It knew I could reach its controls [mentally], that is why it let me fly it and let me travel thru time with it. My oldest son can do the same.

The ship not only passed on this info to me but put me into a young alien from its planet's past. I saw how they lived as a family, their hopes, wishes and aspirations.

W: How did you get this information?

R: I was flying over the Red River Valley with the ship when I thought to myself "I wonder why it is so flat" and the ship answered. I quickly asked it "What are you!?" It gave me everything it had, way too much, so much that when it was done I could not frame another question!

W: Science writer Patrick Huyghe in his book "The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials" showed sketches of about fifty different extraterrestrial aliens based on eyewitness descriptions. I recognize many of these aliens from cases I have read about over the years. Most of these share a basic humanoid shape. You mentioned one occasion in which you were taken to an open field on your farm that was filled with a great variety of aliens.

R: Do you wonder why the aliens, although all different in shape and size, are all similar in many ways? They could all have the same origins. The first sentient life seeding the Universe with life like itself, but each planet shaping that life to its own ends. Some times going terribly wrong. Those

shaped in similar ways banding together. The aliens I have met are more like us than you may think, we may share the same origins, may be brothers or at least distant cousins.

I believe the semi-sentient ships are what remains of the first life to become sentient. Their mission is to tip the balance for life, make conditions for life favorable, encourage new life, and seed lifeless planets with life.

When I communicated with the ship it made it clear to me that its makers no longer existed. It carries the gift of life and all the thoughts of a planet that wants to be remembered.

W: The study of life from elsewhere is fascinating. I hope to live long enough to see our race mature and our society open to this study and living in peace with ourselves and our extraterrestrial neighbors.

The CE4 Corner (c)2007 by Craig R Lang, MS CHt

November/December, 2007: Evidence and Agendas, Notes from the Area 61 Conference in Duluth, MN

This was the second year I have presented at the Duluth, MN conference, the Area 61 UFO Convention- http://www.gonzoscience.com/GonzoUSA/?page_id (on Hwy 61 north of Duluth - no, it's not a typo for Area 51) on Saturday Oct 20th.

The conference is put on by Jim and Allen Richardson, each year in October. This year, just like last year, it was a pleasant gathering, about 50 people (my estimate). I had a book table set up at the back of the room (thank you Jim and Allen for inviting me to do this), and as a result, I got to talk to quite a few people in the UFO community - experiencers, investigators and simply interested parties. What a fascinating day! And I even sold a few books... :)

The Richardson brothers are both advocates of the Earthlights theory, and tend to be more skeptical of the E.T. Hypothesis. This made for an interesting series of discussions and a fascinating afternoon. The first two talks were by the Richardsons themselves. One was on Earthlights (and to some extent, arguing against the E.T. school of thought). The next was on cryptocritters, including legends of

a lake monster in Lake Superior. Then it was time for yours truly to talk.

My talk was on UFO sightings in Minnesota and Wisconsin - a combination of several previous talks at MarsCon, the Winona conference, etc., with a bunch of new material on local cases. I also updated my discussion of the abduction signs and indicators. As always, this resulted in a number of raised eyebrows - mostly from people who recognized such signs in their own lives.

After my talk, several people whom I suspected might be experiencers came over to my book table. I got to talking with several of them, hearing a number of stories about UFO sightings, abductions, and other anomalies. Also, several other people approached me about doing work on various healing topics, such as weight loss, fear management, etc. Most of them live in the Duluth area, however, which is a bit of a drive to Minneapolis. Thus, when the work time arrives, I suspect that Saturdays will become a wee-bit busier.

Usually, the discussion came back, once again, to the topic of the alien nature and agenda. What is the phenomenon doing? Who/What are the Visitors and why are they here? I have always had to make it clear that I certainly do not know the answer. I do not believe that anyone else does either. In *The Cosmic Bridge* (<http://www.thecosmicbridge.com>), I talk about a few possible ideas - namely the Nature Preserve metaphor, the Indigo Hypothesis, the Deardorff model, and a few others. Yet in my view, there are far too many unknowns to draw any firm conclusions. We simply know too little about the phenomenon.

The final speaker was a ghost hunter from Northern Minnesota (his name escapes me at the moment) talking about various exploits in cemeteries, haunted houses, etc. He described some fascinating paranormal mysteries in the region. While I have never been actively interested in ghost research, the topic does intrigue me, so this lecture really tickled my curiosity.

He had some interesting comments to make about orbs, specifically that some of them have been detected with film cameras. The key here, however, is that the cameras were film-based, rather than digital. His comments were that from an evidential point of view, digital cameras are nearly worthless, since the evidence cannot be scrutinized. However,

film photography leaves negatives which are available (presumably) to investigators. Ultimately, he stated that what counts is the evidence.

How, I wondered, does this apply to close encounter research? In truth, I believe that it applies in a big way(!!!). In anomaly investigation, evidence is the Holy Grail, and yet in my research, it is almost unattainable. I deal with anecdotal accounts of events that occurred many years previously. They are those flickers of memory, meaningful and informative, so tantalizing in their suggestion that there is so much more we do not yet understand - and so much that we cannot (yet) prove.

The biggest issue in close encounters, as in any other scientific research, is how we can characterize, quantify and measure a phenomenon. How can we develop ways of capturing verifiable evidence for CE4 events? Is there any way to do this? How does one quantify an alien agenda? And how does one measure a superposition of realities? Again, I don't know, but I believe that there are things we CAN do to gather evidence of the phenomenon. Some possible avenues of research come to mind:

1. Continue to collect and catalog ground traces left from UFO touch-downs.
2. Set evidence traps - ways in which the Visitors may betray their presence, such as through the use of hidden cameras, placing aluminum foil under throw rugs in the bedroom, the abductee carrying a personal GPS device, etc.
3. Measurement of physical phenomena associated with encounters, such as paranormal fallout. Are there electromagnetic anomalies associated with an abduction experience? Does the abductee have unusual EM characteristics, especially in the short time after she/he returns from an encounter?
4. (Continue to) Develop means of measuring PSI ability, and construct a baseline of data about the experiencer and the non-experiencer. Does PSI ability vary between the two groups, and/or vary either before or after an encounter?
5. Examine the family lines of experiencers for genetic or other medical anomalies. Are Indigo children more common in the family lines of abductees? And what does this imply about their genetics, etc.?

It would be easy to brainstorm a myriad more such experiments, and I invite anyone to send more ideas, either to myself or to other researchers. As a hypnotherapist, I tend to focus on the mental, emotional, spiritual and metaphysical aspects of the phenomenon. I would hope to see more research out there, focusing on physical evidence of the mystery.

I have lots of other notes from that afternoon, but for the moment, these cover the bases of the talks and discussions. To me, once again, the whole afternoon/evening simply drove home the diversity of opinion on the phenomenon, and how strange it really is.

As I have stated so many times before, I believe we really know very little about close encounters. The only thing I can truly conclude is that UFO and CE4 researchers have a whole lot of work to do.

Scientific Study Of UFOs

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Following up on recent posts about how science could and should study UFOs, here is what I outlined in The UFO Evidence, Vol. II (2000).

From The UFO Evidence, Vol. II (Scarecrow Press, 200), pp. 645-647, I reported the "Elements of a Scientific Study." Condensed here, they are:

- I. Adequate funding for scientific personnel and administrative staff infrastructure.
- II. Systematic gathering of both historical and current information at one or more collection points.
- III. Quick reaction teams equipped with instruments to conduct timely field investigations.
- IV. Re-establishment or establishment of new reporting networks similar to successful ones of the past.
- V. Cataloging, documenting, and data analysis of evidential types of UFO reports:
 - a. E-M effects
 - b. Radar
 - c. Physiological/medical effects
 - d. Landing traces
 - e. Animal reactions

- f. Photographic evidence
- g. Computerized pattern and correlation analysis

VI. Publication and peer review of data, analysis, and findings.

VII. Testing of the hypothesis that some UFOs represent an as-yet unexplained, potentially significant phenomenon of worldwide scope, giving both the appearance and some instrumented evidence of being solid, structured objects (i.e., craft).

Looking for aliens on the Moon **Kimm Groshong, 16 May 2006,** **NewScientist.com news service**

http://space.newscientist.com/channel/astronomy/astrobiology/dn9173-looking-for-aliens-on-the-moon.html?feedId=astrobiology_rss20

When astronauts return to the Moon, they should keep their eyes peeled for extraterrestrial artifacts – pieces of technology from alien civilizations that have wound up on the lunar surface either by chance or design.

So says Ian Crawford, a researcher from University of London's Birkbeck College in the UK. He told a SETI specialist meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) in London last week that although he considers such a find a long-shot, it is definitely worth bearing in mind.

"This is not a primary reason to go back to the Moon – there are very strong scientific reasons for going back. But if we go back to the Moon in the next 20 or 30 years, then amongst those things we might like to keep our eyes open for are alien artifacts," Crawford told New Scientist.

The focus of the RAS discussion was the history and status of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence – an endeavor that has largely relied so far on large radio telescopes listening for electromagnetic signals from other technological civilizations.

Little additional cost

Crawford thinks scientists will be keen for the next lunar astronauts to sift through the lunar soil in greater quantities and in more detail was possible during the Apollo era. So there would be little additional cost to remain open to the idea that alien material may exist within those upper metres of the moon's regolith.

Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, says the possibility of such an interesting payoff for little additional cost makes the idea of looking for artifacts worth considering.

"On the Moon, I think it's certainly worthwhile taking a couple hundred square feet or so of material and looking it over," he says. But SETI researchers "probably wouldn't bet their mortgages on finding anything".

Message in a bottle

Looking for small artifacts, or even probes or time capsules, in our solar system is not a new idea in the SETI community, Shostak notes. Indeed, our own civilization has already taken this approach several times.

NASA's Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft carry metal plaques showing the spacecraft's time and place of origin. And the Voyager 1 and 2 probes carry gold-plated records (pictured) bearing messages, images and sounds depicting life on Earth for any extraterrestrials who might encounter them thousands of years from now.

In 2004, an engineer and a physicist published a paper in *Nature* suggesting that if extraterrestrials were not in a hurry, their best shot at making contact with other civilizations would not be with radio waves, but with an interstellar message in a bottle – a physical artifact to tell other intelligent life forms something about their existence.

Crawford says the moon would be a good target for such "inscribed matter", given its lack of geologic activity and airless environment. But if an intentional targeting of a relatively small body sounds a little too like 2001: A Space Odyssey, he says there is also a possibility first brought to his attention by a 1998 paper by Ukrainian astronomer Alexy Arkhipov.

This suggests that if enough space faring societies have existed, even if they never traveled beyond their own planetary systems, they may have produced enough space debris to make it possible that micron-sized particles could have reached our own solar system. And Crawford says such tiny material could have fallen to the moon, remaining there within the top 10 or 15 metres of regolith.

Excruciating detail

But several lunar experts describe the prospect of finding extraterrestrial artifacts on the moon as "far-fetched". Gary Lofgren, lunar curator in charge of the scientific preservation of the Apollo lunar samples at the Johnson Space Center in Houston says even if such extraterrestrial micron-sized particles are there, it would be incredibly difficult to find them, requiring special instrumentation that has never been sent to space before.

Apollo astronauts brought a total of 842 pounds (382 kilograms) of lunar material to Earth and researchers are still studying the samples today. Lofgren says: "People have gone through the samples in excruciating detail and haven't found anything that would suggest extraterrestrial activity."

In fact, he says, scientists have even been surprised by how little of the material has been assigned an origin off the moon – rocks from Earth or Mars thrown up by meteorite impacts, for example.

Still, Lofgren says, scientists will be eager to study new samples from the Moon, noting that the Apollo samples only cover six sites clustered around the equator. And he says, a discovery of material that cannot be explained by an origin and evolution within our solar system "would be an incredible find".

Scott Hubbard, former director of NASA's Ames Research Center and now a SETI Institute researcher says: "While nothing is impossible, I find the payoff from seeking a cometary in-fall in the Moon's permanently shadowed craters much more compelling than extraterrestrial civilization artifacts."

NASA, Google bring more of the moon to Earth - Goal is to make lunar data more accessible by Linda Rosencrance

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9037741&source=NLT_AM&nid=1

September 19, 2007 (Computerworld) -- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has made new higher-resolution images and maps of the moon as well as multimedia content available on Google Inc.'s Moon Web site: <http://www.google.com/moon/>

The updated information includes new material from the Apollo space missions, including embedded panoramic images, links to videos and audio clips, and information about the astronauts' tasks on those missions, said NASA in a statement. http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/news/releases/2007/07_65AR.html

NASA also added detailed charts of various regions of the moon that can be used by anyone simulating a lunar mission, particularly scientists and amateur astronomers.

"NASA's objective is for Google Moon to become a more accurate and useful lunar mapping platform that will be a foundation for future Web-based moon applications, much like the many applications that have been built on top of Google Maps," said Chris C. Kemp, director of strategic business development at NASA's Ames Research Center, in the statement. "This will make it easier for scientists everywhere to make lunar data more available and accessible."

Closer to home, NASA's Earth content, including photographs taken by NASA astronauts and imagery from NASA's Earth observing satellite sensors, is also available on Google Earth.

The alliance between Google and NASA was accomplished under a Space Act Agreement signed in December 2006.

Non-Investigated Flying Objects
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Non-Investigated Flying Objects (NFOs) - Neither UFO or IFO

I suggest naming the category of non-investigated or uninvestigated sightings "NFOs" or Non-investigated Flying Objects (NFOs). This is an indeterminate catchall category for initial incoming sighting reports prior to any Hynek screening or investigation. Most cases will fall into this category and never get reclassified as either IFOs or UFOs. The 'NFO' term falls nicely in between IFO and UFO alphabetically which is conceptually where it belongs.

For simplicity I include all conventional explanations within the scope of the term IFO including cases where there is no object at all, such as some hallucinations and hoaxes. I don't quibble

over hypertechnicalities of the 'flying' term, where purists complain that we usually don't know if the object is flying using aerodynamic principles, and celestial bodies are not 'flying' at all, etc. The traditional 'UFO' term uses the word 'flying' and everyone has a rough idea what 'UFO' and 'IFO' mean and they don't take it so literally. 'NFO' nicely and logically alliterates with IFO and UFO so it will suggest the others.

Trying to replace the term "UFO" because of quibbles over the word 'flying' will simply lose 99% of the people who have an interest in the UFO subject.

The Hynek screening process is explained in his basic textbook of UFO science, *The UFO Experience*, published in 1972 and endlessly reprinted in numerous editions ever since. You can buy paperback copies on Amazon.com for less than the cost of shipping so there is no excuse for serious UFO researchers not have it and read it.

No sighting report according to Hynek should get the 'UFO' label until after a scientifically competent investigation has eliminated IFOs and other conventional explanations.

Whenever it is unclear what we mean by 'UFO' or if there is a possibility of some confusion then simply say UFO Unknowns or 'real UFO' or Unexplained UFOs or the like, just as we now do anyway.

With this new terminology the AF Project Blue Book statistics would transform to something like this (these are extremely rough approximations subject to refinement and more thorough statistics after Will Wise's BlueBookArchives can get all the BB files online so a more thorough analysis can finally be done):

NFOs - 10,500 (approx.)
IFOs - 1,500 (approx.)
UFOs - 3,000 (approx.)
Total - 15,000 (approx.)

I am being very conservative on the number of UFO Unknowns, as 20% of the total, whereas it is more likely as McDonald estimated, about 30% to 40% or about 4,500 to 6,000 Unknowns.

UFO's thus outnumber IFOs by at least 2 to 1 when we stop bastardizing the statistics by including non-investigated NFO's. Using Hynek's definition an investigation must be scientifically competent,

hence very few BB (Blue Book) investigations would qualify in his opinion and in the estimation of McDonald and others who have reviewed BB's work.

Fair Interest **by Lorna Hunter MNMUFON FI**

MUFON's presence at the Redwood, Stearns, and Benton County Fairs this summer created quite a buzz. People were stopping by to "See that UFO booth everyone is talking about!" When asked if it was good talk or bad talk one lady replied, in a Twilight Zone voice "FREAKY!" Several people stopped by just to pick up literature and business cards; some returning with friends or relatives in tow. Others tried to avoid our booth altogether by moving to the opposite side of the aisle!

The two phrases heard most often were: "What the heck is MUFON?" and, in a hushed voice, "I've never told anyone this before, (hesitation) I saw something once." When people realized we were legit, that MUFON was no joke, they were eager to relay their experiences. Stories that had been repressed for years came pouring out, as well as stories of recent sightings.



Sightings consisted of: 18 reports of anomalous lights varying from star-like to basketball size orange spheres; 13 reports of craft (5 discs, 4 unspecified, 3 triangles, and 1 cigar shape); 2 reports of missing time; 2 reports of abductions; one report of an entity wearing a silver suit. Three of these reports came from men who had been serving in the military and were on Air Force bases at the time of the sightings. When pressed as to whether or not the object they witnessed could have

been something military the answer was an emphatic "No way! We don't have anything that can move like that!"

A few people were convinced there is a "HUGE government conspiracy" surrounding UFOs and there is no point in MUFON investigating. Two people had witnessed unmarked black helicopters shortly after seeing the UFO. One lady vehemently warned against the evils of investigating UFOs because they're demonic and we'll all end up in Hell. One young man has his computer connected to the SETI program, but had never heard of MUFON. Three people that stopped reported experiences with ghosts.

In all, 35 people completed questionnaires expressing interest in attending MUFON meetings locally. A search for a meeting place ensued and we found the American Legion in Waite Park to be most accommodating. Our initial meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 1, 2007 at 7:00pm. There were 17 people in attendance*. All expressed interest in attending future meetings on a bi-monthly basis. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, 7:00pm**. Keeping in mind that 20 years ago MUFON MN began holding meetings in the Twin Cities area with five people in attendance, our Central MN group is off to a great start. Let's hope we continue to grow!

* Two of the people who attended the Waite Park meeting have already become MUFON members.

SIGHTING REPORT **William I. McNeff, FI, Assist. State** **Director**

The date and time of the sighting was Sept. 11, 2007, beginning at 4:50 AM. The witness input his report to CMS later that same day. The location was Little Canada. The following is the witness report, with one correction in brackets:

"I was walking to work, along Centerville Road." [The witness was actually on Edgerton Street when he first saw the object. Centerville Road crosses Edgerton a few blocks north of where the witness first saw the object.]. "One truck passed me and I was watching the truck as it was going down the road. Then, I noticed in front of it (the truck), an object rise out from some trees about a quarter mile or so up the road. My first thought was a helicopter,

but, there are a few things wrong with that. It made no sound as it rose and took off, it had a light pattern that wouldn't make sense for a helicopter, and most obvious, what the heck would a helicopter be doing in the middle of a town. Plus, there are several airfields nearby, so it's highly doubtful a pilot would choose the middle of town to touchdown instead of a few miles away. When it rose up, it was a quick, very straight climb to about 150 feet. Then it hovered stationary for about 5 to 10 seconds. As it was turning to climb higher, I noticed that it started to wobble in a strange way. That is when it started to become clear that this was not a helicopter. As it turned I saw the arrangement of the flashing lights, then I was certain that this was something else. Also, the truck was just kind of sitting at a stop sign as this was going on. So I knew that he or she was taking notice of what was going on in the sky.

Unfortunately, after the initial rise and turn to take off, the object was obscured by some trees I was walking by. So I could not make out a definite shape of the object. I saw it again as I came out of the canopy of trees about twenty seconds later, but by this time it was already a small ball of light cruising in the night sky. It was going very fast. A very interesting thing happened while I was walking under the trees, I noticed a sound that I knew well. It was the sound of a jet. Sure enough too, the jet was on the trail of the UFO. Well, not very hot on the trail of it. When I saw the jet following it, that is when I realized how fast it was actually going. Watching the jet behind it made you almost want to laugh at how slow the jet was compared to the UFO. Then I realized that the jet was aware and in pursuit (kind of). That may have been the reason for the hasty departure of the craft.

So I am willing to bet that the craft was detected as an unidentified, so they sent a jet to check it out. So, I am sure that there is record of this happening, since it was only about 6 hours ago. I did say my sighting lasted at least 10 minutes. While the jet was trailing the craft it seemed to stop at a very high altitude and then it luminated almost as a star. As I'm watching this in the sky, I have now walked fairly close to the area which the craft first rose, and I noticed trucks and jeeps driving around the general vicinity where it rose from. There are not many vehicles at all driving around at this time in this area usually. Seemed even that they were almost looking for something.

Back in the sky, the last strange thing happened. It looked, I won't say 100%, but it looked like the jet actually got close to the object as it was stationary and glowing bright. Then it seemed as it got close, it turned away very suddenly and went in the other direction. Almost like it was leaving it alone, or maybe the state the UFO was in, was causing problems with his jet. Well, by this time I had managed to finish my walk to work, but then as I was walking in the building I took one last look at the sky and then saw that there were a lot more jets, and helicopters, and the like. It seemed that the sky was just crawling with activity.

Anyway, I wanted to get this information to you before too long so maybe you will be able to find something out. I thought the whole event seemed very exciting, but I kept feeling a little concerned, because I kept thinking that someone, a fellow person, could have been taken. Hope this helps, and it wasn't swamp gas (no swamps in the area). I also made damn sure I saw and knew where Venus was too. Which it was risen, and a good 90 degrees away from the craft at all times. Good luck.."

Witness Education:

Graduated from high school, studied psychology in college, but had to move. Did not finish courses. Works in a corporate office as an Inventory Rep for a large furniture chain.

INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

This investigator made three visits to the area from which the witness reported seeing a large object with lights. The witness wrote a detailed account of his sighting. The witness was knowledgeable about astronomy; the planet Venus was low in the east on the morning of the sighting and would have been a good 90 degrees away from the object just as he stated. On my second visit to the area I walked through the sighting with the witness. The witness account during the walk-thru was consistent with his account in CMS, except his estimate of the distance to the UFO when it first rose into view was approx. half a mile vs. his initial estimate of approx. a quarter mile. Using the quarter mile estimate and the estimate of angular size (softball at arms length) given by the witness, it is calculated that the object was a fairly large object, perhaps 70 feet in diameter or larger. The witness account and the distance of a quarter of a mile from the witness would place the object slightly west of the

intersection of Edgerton St. and Allen Ave. in Little Canada.

We talked to one man who lived near that intersection and was awake on the morning of Sept. 11 at the time of the witness sighting but who recalled hearing or seeing nothing unusual. If a helicopter (the only craft that would fit the actions reported by the witness) had taken off from near the area, it would have likely been heard. There is no area of any size suitable for landing a helicopter near the initial location of the object, except for a truck crop field. This field was posted "No Trespassing". Looking at it from the edge of the field disclosed no unusual markings. Also, from the witness account it appears there was a second witness (a truck driver). The unusual motion reported by the witness ("it started to wobble in a strange way") is typical of many reports of suspected alien craft. It is unlikely that a secret government craft would be operating at low altitude over a city, although operational problems cannot be ruled out. My conclusion is that the object was an unusual unidentified craft, quite possibly an extraterrestrial craft.

Ted Philips new website by Lorna Hunter, MNMUFON FI

Ted Philips has a new and improved website:
http://ufophysical.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1
He is still looking for funding to get back to Slovakia and the Tatra Cave Project.

" We are also looking for funds (much less than Slovakia) to obtain two good CCD cameras, high speed internet so we can hook up to the satellite system at the Site 1 farm (Marley Woods) and have 24 hr video of the primary sighting area on the website. If folks can see this stuff going on in real time we might get additional donations for higher quality CCD units you can zoom in from home remotely. We are thinking of doing 'webasods' on the site in real time of the SIU at work in Marley and I hope in Slovakia. So, thank you and please do remind folks that these are important projects they can be involved in at least from their homes. "

On Ted's website, just under the Main Menu, is an area where you can donate by credit card or PayPal.

North Dakota Alien Abduction Caught On Film

DICKINSON -- Around midnight May 2007, has taken some excellent footage on an unknown event which was one of the best bits of footage I have received to He has also had more than his share of sightings, up close and personal ones. I found him also to be a very creditable person. I have been your guest on the Jeff Rense radio show twice and I need you to call me! I have the smoking gun on alien abduction without a doubt! No joke! I have been sitting on this for two months trying to decide on what to do with the film or where to send it because it is quite disturbing! I don't think even the researchers are going to like what they see! It is in night-shot with my Sony camera but still definitive as even the microphone picks up on the noise when the entities move! There are three different types of entities on this film! Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research <http://www.hbccufo.org>



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MUFON Minnesota Meetup

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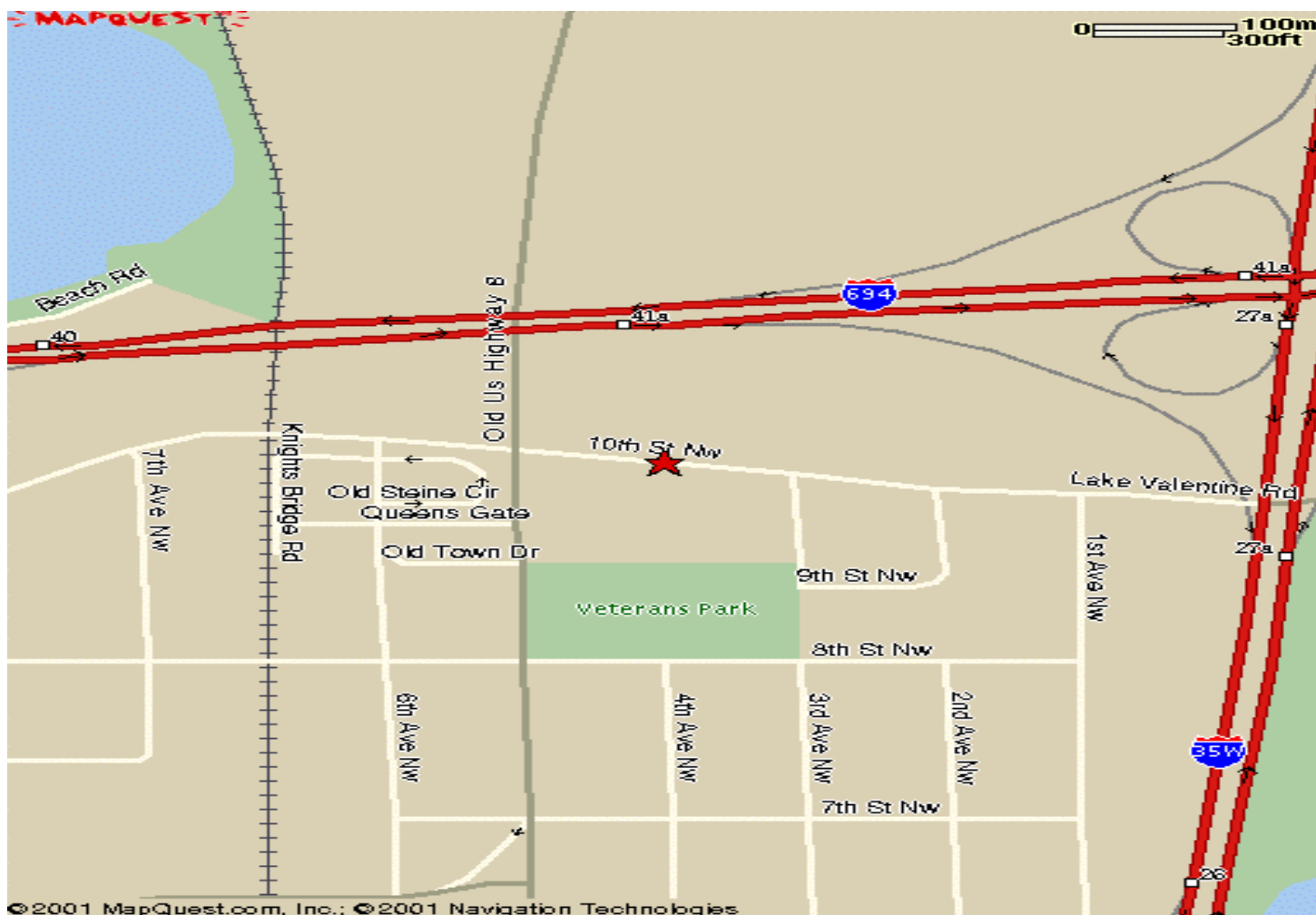
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