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CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY URGED FOR ROSWELL TESTIMONY

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What should we do about government UFO secrecy? This answer depends upon what you believe the U.S. government is keeping secret. Ten years ago, I agreed with Dr. J. Allen Hynek and many other UFO researchers, who felt that probably the most the government had was better gun-camera photos. The consensus then was that it probably wasn't worth the effort to go after them. Leonard Stringfield was starting to uncover accounts of U.S. government retrievals of crashed disks, but Stringfield's evidence on UFO crash retrievals was regarded by most as unconvincing. His informants seemed to be low ranking enlisted men of questionable integrity, who often refused to give their names. That, of course, was before Major Jesse A. Marcel came forward about the Roswell Incident. I first saw his videotaped testimony on a 1979 episode of the "In Search Of..." television series hosted by Leonard Nimoy. Here was something very different indeed: public testimony by a military intelligence officer, who had been first on the scene and at the center of the investigation and subsequent cover-up. Kevin Randle's and Donald Schmitt's new book on the Roswell crash of July 2nd, 1947 will be due out during the last week of October. Don Schmitt told me that enough important new material has surfaced since May 1st that a new chapter is being included. To date over 175 people have provided testimony about the Roswell incident. Direct and indirect testimony about the recovery of four alien bodies has now come from a number of independent sources, including a civilian mortician. Don Schmitt also revealed that the Center for UFO Studies plans to reserve 200 copies of the book to send to key members of Congress, with a request for a Congressional inquiry into the events occurring at Roswell Army Air Base during July of 1947. The request for action from sympathetic supporters in Congress would be very limited in scope. Schmitt and Randle would like Congressional immunity granted to fifteen men

who have been "sworn to secrecy" about the Roswell crash retrieval, so that they can come forward and tell their story. What is their story likely to reveal? Is it possible that, despite all of the testimony to the contrary, we are only dealing with the crash of a U.S. military secret project, such as an unrecorded A-9 rocket launch, or a secret experimental photographic surveillance system carried aloft by a Skyhook balloon? It's possible, but I doubt it. The reason that I believe we will learn much more stems from a private conversation I had this Spring with a senior CIA policy analyst. He told me that, although he had no personal knowledge about a government UFO coverup, two of his colleagues were convinced, based upon documents they had seen dating from the mid-1980's, that the government had indeed retrieved at least one crashed craft of alien technology during the late 1940's or early 1950's, and that parts of it were being stored at a military installation in Nevada and being used for NASA materials research. He also offered the opinion that it would be possible to keep such a thing secret, even in the United States for 40 years, provided that the number of individuals who knew of its existence was kept to a limited number, say, fewer than 20, and that those who were charged with keeping the secret were very motivated to do so. Which leads to an important point: when we talk about "government" secrecy, we are referring to a very small proportion of what we typically think of as "the Government". Even senior policy analysts in the CIA only stumbled upon the truth by accident! It's pointless to charge the Air Force or any other branch of the military with secrecy; they simply don't have the answers we are looking for. It is also important not to make the mistake of regarding the government as a monolithic entity. It is quite possible that a difference of opinion exists even among the secret holders about the wisdom of releasing what information

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

WHO AND WHAT WE ARE.... Welcome to our first edition of The New Jersey Chronicle. Our goal is to inform, educate and most importantly communicate to the local MUFON chapters throughout our state. The Chronicle will present a forum in which current statewide investigations will be presented, as well as those of the past. Our state Director, Dr. Donald A. Johnson will have a regularly scheduled column discussing a variety of subjects which effect us, our investigations and MUFON as a whole. A section will be reserved for upcoming conferences and meeting of interest in the tri-state and on the national level. Most importantly a column will be reserved for letters expressing your views. Please feel free to contribute to YOUR newsletter.

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE.....

By Donald A. Johnson, Ph. D.

Welcome to the first edition of your newsletter. This newsletter will be published every other month (six times a year) by the New Jersey Mutual UFO Network. It will have two purposes: to keep you, the New Jersey member of MUFON, informed about the latest news we receive, or, in some cases generate, about the UFO phenomenon; and to inform the rest of the country's State MUFON organizations about what is happening in New Jersey. We need your financial support to make it work. Every member and subscriber to the MUFON UFO Journal will receive this first copy free. State Section Directors will continue to receive subsequent issues for free. However, everyone else is being asked to subscribe, for \$12.00 per year, to defray printing and mailing costs. I think you'll agree that the need for this newsletter has been obvious. We live in the most densely populated State in the Nation, yet until now we have lacked a forum for communicating with one another about the important issues and questions raised about the UFO phenomenon. We will strive to supplant the rumor mill with accurate and up-to-date information. It's possible that this newsletter will eventually be combined with an electronic bulletin board as another method of keeping

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you informed. Secondly, there is much information that does not make it into the MUFON UFO Journal and subsequently is not being shared with the membership. Most UFO reports that originate from New Jersey do not get published, or, if they do, appear in print so much after the fact that they are no longer of much interest. We hope to rectify this by providing you with a chronology of regional UFO events, soon after they occur. As an organizational note, the most recent news we have to share with you is our recent division of the state into two regions, to facilitate membership meetings. Susan Van Slooten of Randolph, NJ has been appointed Assistant State Director for Northern New Jersey. George Filer of Medford will continue to serve as Assistant State Director for Southern New Jersey. Monmouth, Middlesex, and Mercer Counties will be the north-south

dividing line between the two regions. For reporting purposes, Monmouth and Mercer Counties will be included in the southern region, while Middlesex County will be in the northern region. It is our plan to hold membership meetings alternately between northern and southern New Jersey. Naturally, you will be welcome to attend all meetings regardless of location. Finally, I would like to thank Paul Makuch for volunteering to be the newsletter editor. Without his efforts this endeavor would not be possible. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Bob Durant, Tom Benson, and Paul Ferrigelli. Most newsletters start as the effort of a single individual, and we are indeed fortunate to have such a breadth of talented writers as contributors for our maiden edition.

VALLEE FLUNKS HISTORY

By Tom Benson

Ufologist Jacques Vallee makes the following statement concerning close encounters in his new book, *Confrontations* (pg 236): "It may be hard for the modern reader to realize that until the late Sixties American ufology did not admit that such reports even existed. Among the major civilian organizations, only APRO, headed by Jim and Coral Lorenzen, recognized their significance.

The Air Force's Project Bluebook automatically placed landing reports into the psychological category." Vallee is in error. In the 50's NICAP kept a long distance from CE-III reports, but collected and published CE-I and II cases. This was largely due to the mess caused by the "contactees" such as Adamski, Bethrum, Angelucci, Van Tassel and so forth. These contactees made claims that were ridiculous, but got great publicity and neutralized the efforts of serious ufologists to get the media and Congress to take a hard look at the core of excellent cases. The UFO Evidence published by NICAP in May of 1964 describes various CE-I, II and III reports, including electromagnetic effects, radar cases, photographic evidence, physical traces, and physiological effects on witnesses.

On page 181, NICAP makes the following policy statement: "Our policy has been to quietly investigate the controversial cases to the best of our ability without engaging in polemics about them." Section VI is devoted to reports submitted by Scientists and Engineers, and Section VII to reports by Officials and Citizens. The first paragraph of Section VII says: "The reports of technically trained observers, military and civilian pilots, in themselves are sufficient to make a strong case for UFOs.

However, when we also realize that a broad cross-section of the reputable citizens has described identical phenomena, it seems

incredible that UFOs are not an acknowledged fact. The disc-shaped elliptical and other main-types of UFOs observed by pilots and scientists have been reported with great frequency by such responsible persons as judges, civil defense officials, professors, lawyers and clergymen." NICAP's 1969 publication, *UFOs: A New Look*, contained an entire chapter on humanoid reports.

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Dr. Vallee, "You need to see medicine man - me just handyman"

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Vallee's idea of what constitutes a "major civilian organization" is puzzling. For example, Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI) of New York was very active for 1954 through 1959. Their research director, Ted Bloecher, gave a scientific-oriented lecture on January 28, 1956, entitled "Saucer Landings and Little Men", which was reprinted and widely distributed among ufologists in the U.S. and Europe. Among the many ufological periodicals published in the fifties the following contained much material on Close Encounter cases: *Nexus* (later *Saucer News*) Jim Moseley 1954-68; Gray Barker, 1968-70; *CRIFO/ORBIS* by Leonard Stringfield, 1954-57; *Saucers*, by Max Miller, 1953-59; *Little Listening Post*, 1954-65; *Saucerian Bulletin*, by Gray Barker, 1953-62; *Flying Saucer Review*, Rockmore, 1951-54 (Although *APRO* claimed to be the first to publish a UFO journal, Rockmore's Review, first published in July 1951, appears to be the "real" #1.); *Flying Saucers*, Ray Palmer, 1958-76; *Fate*, 1948- present; *A.P.R.G. Reporter*, Robert J. Gribble, 1957-67; *Flying Saucer News*; James S. Riberg, 1955-84; *New England UFO Study Group Newsletter*; 1957 to present; *Search*, Ray Palmer, 1956-76; *Marge Palmer*, 1976-present; *Spacecraft News*, Gray Barker, 1959-67; *UFO Newsletter*, Lee Munsick, North Jersey UFO Group 1956-60.

We could quibble about what one means by a "major" UFO organization or periodical, but the record shows that close encounter cases were reported and taken seriously by ufologists in the 1950's.

By his own admission, Vallee dropped in and out of ufology from time to time. Also, he has held views that were often at odds with those of American ufology. His recent writings, particularly *Confrontations*, tend to denigrate the work of ufologists in this country, and to imply that what little really good research has been done in the result of more sophisticated thinking on the other side of the Atlantic. That may or may not be so, but it is unfortunate that Vallee has to re-write history in order to support his thesis.

(Editor's Note: Tom Benson is a former MUFON State Director for New Jersey. He has a very extensive library of periodicals and books dealing with Ufology. Tom is eager to trade or sell items similar items and publishes a catalogue (\$1.00) of items that are available. Tom's address is: P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606-1174)

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A listing of scheduled speakers will be published in the November/December edition of *The New Jersey Chronicle*

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they have. Those of us who are concerned citizens may be able to work a quiet alliance with those within the government intelligence agencies who share our opinion that the cover-up ought to come to an end. We must also be patient and work quietly with those elected public representatives who are supportive of our views. You should know that although these people are few in number, they do exist. No politician can afford to take the political heat from the debunkers or the national media, who would immediately attack their motives and question their sanity should they appear to be "believers in UFOs". Thus we should not attempt to win a full disclosure of "every and all" form of evidence the government has in its possession. Rather we should concentrate on very specific and limited requests, such as the request the Center for UFO Studies is contemplating for immunity from government prosecution for Roswell informants. Framed in this manner, these requests are more palatable and can be more easily granted by public officials. It becomes more like the type of assistance they are used to providing their constituents, and they will be much more comfortable with this type of approach. I believe that

the Roswell book release represents an opportunity to lobby Congress for a limited inquiry into the facts surrounding the Roswell incident, and allegations that the material collected from the crash site is still in the government's possession and still being subjected to analysis. I propose that we in the New Jersey MUFON organization take it upon ourselves to contact, in a coordinated effort, our two U.S. Senators and fourteen Congressmen. I propose that we send them copies of the Roswell book together with an executive summary and a short action request list, and offer to meet with their Congressional aides to provide our side of the story. Congressman Roe from the 8th District would be an important contact in particular, because of his position on the NASA oversight committee. This should be done immediately following the November elections, when the political heat is at a minimum. I know this sounds like a longshot, but if we play our cards correctly and keep our request reasonable, there is a chance that we may get what we ask for.

TEMPORAL LOBE EPILEPSY

by Robert J. Durrant

Epilepsy...a chronic nervous disease, characterized by fits, occurring at intervals and attended by convulsive motions of the muscles and loss of consciousness. So says the dictionary, and the man-on-the street would agree.

The sort of epilepsy described above results from irregular electrical functioning in those parts of the brain that control many of the muscles. As the ability to monitor the brain's electrical activity developed, it became obvious that other parts of the brain are similarly prone to the haphazard currents that produce the physical, convulsive type of epilepsy. Of particular interest to this discussion is epilepsy of the temporal lobes of the brain. These areas control what is often called the "higher functions" of the brain/mind. That is, "...accessing declarative memory, the conscious or active recall of not only what was learned but when and where it was acquired, and with attributing personal meaning or significance to the constant stream of sensory input."

What happens when this portion of the brain suffers an epileptic event? The subject does not thrash about -- the temporal lobe doesn't have any connection with the muscles. Instead, he tends to have experiences that could be called mystical or paranormal, a sense of a very special purpose in life, or he imbues unusual events with great and unrealistic meaning. These are not just vague and generalized feelings. Often they are extremely intense and at times are described as "more real than real."

In some cases this form of epilepsy is so vivid and frequent that a formal psychiatric and neurological diagnosis of temporal lobe epilepsy is possible. But the usual case seems to present only occasional events. As with any medical condition, the person afflicted is not likely to seek help unless the condition is painful or debilitating. A positive diagnosis is possible, but a negative diagnosis is speculative at best. In other words, it is not within the state of the art of today's medical technology to say definitely that any given patient does not have temporal lobe epilepsy. Whitley Strieber, author of *Communion*, *Transformation*, and *Majestic*, underwent two series of tests for temporal lobe epilepsy. Both were negative. Per the remarks above, and by his own admission, that still leaves open the option that he does suffer from the condition. But it would indicate that the condition occurs only sporadically, if at all. It is certainly to Strieber's credit that he went to such lengths to preclude a psychiatric foundation for his abduction experiences. In addition to the general symptoms listed above, there exists a set of quite intriguing specific symptoms of temporal lobe epilepsy. They are as follows: "(1) paranormal/mystical experiences, (2) enhanced imaginings (especially from childhood), (3) widening affect, (4) vestibular (floating, low frequency vibration) sensations, (5) anomalous smells, and (6) intense episodes

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of personal meaning. "With this set of symptoms in mind, I reviewed the three Strieber books related to UFOs and abductions. My goal was to determine if there exists in that body of writing a clearly repeated emphasis on these topics. *Communion* and its sequel *Transformation* can fairly be said to be continuous reiterations of symptoms 1, 2, 3, 4 (floating), and 6. *Majestic* is a fictionalized rendering of the Roswell crash and its aftermath. It should be distinguished from the previous two books, which are veridical and autobiographical. One would expect to find that *Majestic* presents few, if any, of the temporal lobe symptoms. This on the theory that the autobiographical abduction accounts were produced subsequent to epileptic events, but that the deliberate fiction writing would be free of the symptomatology.

My analysis shows that most of the symptoms are present in greatly reduced intensity in *Majestic* compared with the previous books. But oddly, symptom 4 is there in complete form, with both floating as well as low frequency vibrations, and so is symptom 5, which is nearly absent in the earlier works, but here erupts repeatedly. Indeed, so common are references to these two symptoms in *Majestic* that I have systematically culled them out of the text and listed them serially below. Perhaps their concatenated, seemingly obsessive use is merely a literary device. Certainly Strieber is a master of the thriller, and I will defer to him on this point. But it does seem strained and unnatural to my eye. The simple interpretation of this analysis is that Strieber is clearly suffering from temporal lobe epilepsy. As with everything else in ufology, and particularly the

abduction phenomenon, quick judgments are dangerous.

Several other optional interpretations are possible, and I will summarize them here with the understanding that in future articles they will be expanded. First, that most if not all persons who have close encounters with UFOs suffer, among a variety of other physiological effects, disruption of the electrical functions of the brain, including the temporal lobe area.

Because of the peculiarities of the temporal lobe, "flashbacks" can occur throughout life after the initial triggering event. It is unlikely that monitoring of the electrical pulses of the brain would reveal the irregularities associated with clinical diagnosis of temporal lobe epilepsy. Second, it may be that external means of controlling or communicating with the temporal lobe regions is the means by which the aliens deal with abductees. In addition to the positive communications or signals, the process may well include generation of "noise" both during the communication and, per the remarks above, long after the communications.

This option may seem absurdly speculative, but in fact it is based on laboratory work that has been carried out for several years. Subjects have had their temporal lobes excited by external electromagnetic radiations, with the result that many of them experience visions and sensations remarkably similar to the standard abduction. This will also be covered in detail in future articles.

(Editors Note: Bob Durant is the current State section Director for Mercer County for MUFON.)

NATIONAL UFO SIGHTINGS DATA BASE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCHERS

By Paul Ferrughelli and Bob Sylvester

In 1988, the National Sighting Research Center (NSRC) was established in Emerson, New Jersey. NSRC's main objective was to develop a Data base of UFO's reported on the national level and maintain a current record of recent sighting activity. This sighting data is published in an annual report to interested investigators and researchers in a concise and highly flexible format. The first annual summary report entitled "National Sightings Yearbook 1986-1988", contains data on 494 sightings with complete data summary analysis and high resolution graphics. The second annual summary covering 1986-1989 is being prepared and will be available with data on an additional 265 sightings. The "summary report" contains UFO sighting density maps of the U.S. by national, regional, state and localization within the state. Various charts and graphs are utilized to ex-

press the different characteristics of the UFO sightings. The sighting data is displayed compositely for each year, then combined over the total time period. Selected special analyses are performed on outstanding data characteristics. State profile data is displayed by state for each given year. Historical comparisons are made between current sighting data from previous research findings. Finally, a trend summary analysis is generated based on the annual and combined sighting data. The source of the sighting data is obtained from various UFO organizations, publications and news-clippings. The data is entered into the data base exactly as stated with no interpretation or manipulation. The data is analyzed based strictly on the sightings reported. The computer system resources of the NSRC are

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

December 13, 1989, 11:10 p.m.
Glen Ridge, NJ.

Investigator: Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.

A woman, who works as a commercial artist, was driving home from a bridge game when, not far from her home she noticed a bright flash of light out the driver's side of the car. She next noticed a UFO out of the window on the other side of the car. The UFO had hundreds of pin-points of light--white, red, and green--which appeared to twinkle. The object had an irregular shape, somewhat flattened and more broad than tall, "but it was not a flying saucer". It had numerous spines sticking out of it with lights on them, and perhaps a tall like appendage. She drove home to get her children to see it. Just after she pulled into her garage her 18-year-old son drove up and watched the UFO with her. The UFO looked like it made a "dipping motion" when it moved: It would dip and go up, slow down, then start up. It didn't appear to be traveling on a course like a plane would. Then the UFO just got dimmer and was gone. They stayed out and watched seven shooting stars in one hour (Gemini meteor shower). It was a clear and cold night, with excellent visibility. The sighting lasted approximately 5 minutes for the first witness and 45 seconds for the second.

January 6, 1990, 5:50 a.m.
Cookstown, NJ.

**Investigators: Donald Johnson &
George Filer.**

A man awoke early and looked out his window in the direction of McGuire AFB to notice two strange looking lights. One was a blueish green light, oval in shape, which was high up in the sky and hovering. The other one was either much larger or much closer, and looked like it had red and white lights in a straight line. The UFO with the red and white lights came down from the sky until it was hovering low near the horizon, right over the AirForce base (apparently over the base arsenal, where it is known that nuclear weapons have been stored in the past during transshipment to and from Europe). At that point he saw lights beaming up from the ground, from the base itself, like a row of parallel search lights, toward the object, but they didn't quite reach it. The UFO seemed to be humming and stayed stationary above the base. When he

concentrated on the bottom of the UFO, it did look like it was disk shaped. It was peculiar that the lights from the ground didn't reach the bottom of the disk, because although it was a cloudy morning, there was no rain nor fog, and he could distinctly see the UFO. He went to call a friend who could confirm and triangulate his sighting, and when he got back from the phone call the UFOs were gone. He noticed a cargo plane takeoff 15 minutes later from McGuire AFB. He had the the UFOs in view for 12 minutes.

February 6, 1990, 8:20 p.m.
Barnegat, NJ.

Investigator: George Filer.

A mother--who is also a private pilot--and her daughter were driving to the store when they noticed a dome-shaped UFO just below the cloud cover and partially obscured by a cloud. They first noticed it because of the reflection caused by a very bright light coming from the bottom of the UFO. The daughter said that the object and the bright light together had the appearance of a mushroom. The UFO also had many multicolored, flickering lights in a row, which were yellow, green, and red in color. The object appeared to the mother to be spinning very fast, and it also apparently had windows. It hovered for a long while, then moved suddenly, then hovered again, then moved up and down, hovered again, and continued to repeat this sort of motion. The grandmother and a neighbor woman also witnessed the object when the pair drove home and pointed it out. The grandmother, who is 78 years old, ran into the house and started praying because she thought it represented the end of the world. The mother called the police and stayed outside to show them the UFO until the object disappeared. The last thing seen on the object was a red light on the end, blinking. The police called back and said they didn't see anything, but apparently went to Barnegat Bay and looked in the wrong direction.

REMINDER



FOR

FIELD INVESTIGATORS

The new Computer Input Form Number 2 is now available from our State Director. This form will be included in the 4th Edition of the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual.

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as follows: Graphical User Interface (GUI), Data Base Manager (DBM), Graphics Generator (GG), and Telecommunications. The details of this system will be explained fully in a later column to allow interested investigators and researchers access to the sighting date and summary reports. This bimonthly column for New Jersey MUFON's

THE NEW JERSEY CHRONICLE will present the leading UFO sighting characteristics with graphics provided from the data base reports.

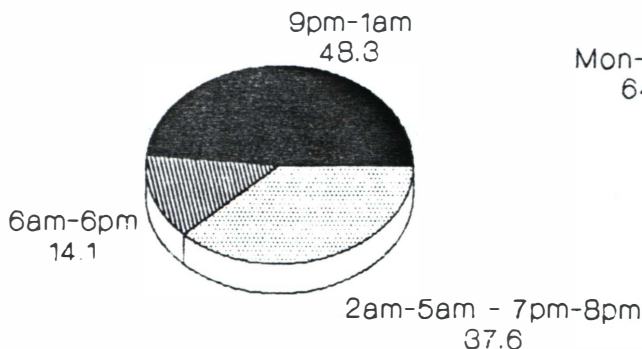
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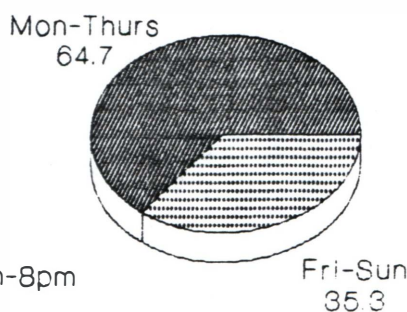
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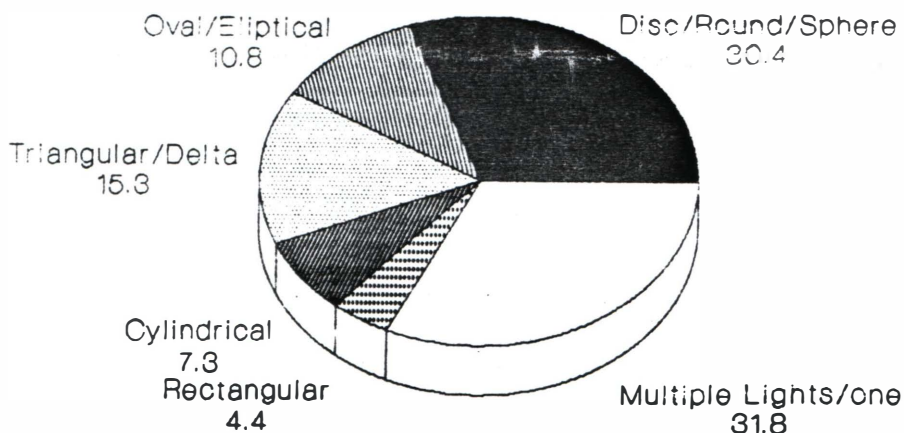
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OF UFO SIGHTINGS



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Combined Data 1986-1989

Editors Note: Information has been extracted from NSRC documents consisting of 759 UFO sightings reported by 1744 witnesses



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