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ROTATING "BOX-LIKE" UFO SPOTTED OVER TETERBORO, NEW JERSEY

On September 21st, at approximately 4:15 in the afternoon, a unique rotating "Box/ Rectangular" shaped unidentified flying object was observed by two witnesses traversing the sky at high speed near the Teterboro Airport in Northern New Jersey. This "rotating" Box traveled in a S to N-NE direction at approximately 500 ft in attitude with the duration of the sighting lasting between 1 1/2 min and 45 seconds respectively for the two witnesses. At the time of this sighting, two airplanes were observed before, during and after the UFO disappeared. Both witnesses to this event are MUFON members, with one being an experienced Field Investigator/ Researcher. Below in it's entirety is a personnel account by one of the witnesses. THE EDITOR



My good friend Mr. BG came to visit me at my office this Friday, we talked for a while and at approximately 4:10 p.m., I decided to call it a day. BG and I walked out of the plant, through the guard shack and into the parking lot. We talked for a few minutes, then shook hand and said good-bye. I started walking to my car as did BG. I got into my car and backed out and proceeded to the main isle in the parking lot. I started driving up the isle when I heard BG Screaming my name, I looked over and BG had his arm extended pointing up at the sky. I stopped my car, looked up and observed something spinning in the air. (At this point the object was approximately 70 degrees above the horizon.) I pulled my car into the row where BG was standing, stopped and jumped out of my car, never taking my eye off of the object. At this time the object, clearly a rectangular box shape, was rotating around very, very fast. It moved rapidly to the north on a straight line course. It did not move up or down, nor did it move to the left or right. This object appeared to have a black side and a shiny side. This was observed due to it's rotating motion. The object proceeded to the

north for some distance and then it disappeared. It did not go out of line of sight, just disappeared. At no time did the object make any sound or leave any vapor trail. During this sighting I did notice a jet banking to the left in the distance. This object was in between us and that jet. There were no clouds in the sky, it was a perfectly blue sky and with no measurable wind. After the sighting I looked all around us to see if anyone else observed this object. No one was in the parking lot or in their cars. Immediately after the sighting BG said to me, "Did you see that Box?, it was spinning like crazy." BG also commented "that thing didn't change it's course, it went perfectly straight". I was simply astonished, I could not believe my eyes. I asked BG, "What the ---- was that?" I know it was not a plane, bird, balloon, cloud, reflection, fireworks and so on. When I first saw the object in my car, I would say it measured about 3/4 of an inch at arms length. At the time it disappeared it was about 1/8 of an inch. BG and I stood around for about (10) minutes and pondered about our observation, then drove home.

The New Jersey Chronicle will present more information about this sighting in it's January edition. The Editor



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to our second edition. There have been several UFO sightings (page 1) in the northern part of the state since our September/October paper, we will keep you informed as their investigations progress. Two new columns appear this issue: Letters to the Editor and An Inside View. In which local UFO conferences and their content are reported on by attending MUFON members. We hope that you enjoy this issue and find it's articles stimulating as well as informative. Remember this is your newsletter, your articles, comments, and ideas are encouraged.

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE.....

By Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.

I suppose I should start with an undate on the book by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle. I was quite disturbed to learn from Mark Rodeghier and George Eberhard of the Center for UFO Studies that Bill Moore has threatened a lawsuit against Schmitt's and Randle's publisher for copyright infringement. Of course there is no basis for such a lawsuit, as anyone is entitled to do their own independent research and write their own book about historical events. Nevertheless, the written threat of a lawsuit has the desired effect, with the publisher adopting a "go slow" policy. Now the new release date for the book is late May 1991. Bob Durant, State Section Director for Mercer County, endorsed my notion of discreetly lobbying Congress by sending each member a copy of the book with a executive summary, but he suggested that if we were serious about it we'd better get quite a bit more coordinated. To this end he wrote letters to both Walt Andrus of MUFON and Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS suggesting that MUFON, CUFOS, the Fund for UFO Research, and Citizens Against UFO Secrecy coordinate the distribution of the

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DISINFORMATION---



---50's STYLE

By Robert J. Durant

What follows is the introduction to Bob Durant's 1958 Fitzgerald Report, a fascinating close encounter case plus Bluebook investigation plus voluminous correspondence between an Interested Congressman and the Pentagon plus no less than ten pages of Donald Menzel's debunking. The whole package is far too long to reproduce in the *Chronicle*, but Bob will send a copy if you write him at 106 Hessian Hill Drive, Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

THE EDITOR

The Fitzgerald Report is a little ufological gem from the fabulous fifties, when Major Keyhoe led the good guys in pitched battle against the "Silence Group" and the Air Force's hated Project Bluebook. Ufology had taken a beating. Bluebook press releases claimed a 98% success in explaining saucer sightings, and they were treated as Gospel by the media. Witnesses and researchers were subjects of ridicule. The sighting in Sheffield Lake, looked like a real winner. (Editor's note: the sighting took place on September 21, 1958, Sheffield Lake, Ohio.) We, the members of the UFO Research Committee of Akron, Ohio, were eager to strike back at Bluebook, and this seemed a golden opportunity, indeed. That is the context in which the Fitzgerald Report was written. We were able to enlist the assistance of the local U.S. Congressman to force Bluebook to make an on-site investigation. Experience taught us that field investigation by the Air Force were notable by their absence. This time we would hold their feet to the fire, with a case which could not conceivably be written off as another "Venus" or "weather balloon." Even by today's standards the Fitzgerald sighting is exceptional: a close encounter of relatively long duration, nearly unique in the literature in that the witnesses were looking down on the object, multiple corroborating witnesses, no possibility of a prosaic explanation. Two sergeants from Bluebook appeared, made an amateurish interrogation of the principal witness, and left. Decades later, thanks to the memoirs of Ruppelt and Hynek, we learned that Bluebook consisted of only two non-coms and one low-ranking commissioned officer. So we had cleaned out 2/3 of the staff of what was held up to the world as a large, serious research and investigation group within the Air Force Technical Intelligence service. Eventually we were informed of the results of the investigation. And we were astonished. But we also saw this as a chance to prove, forcefully and unambiguously, that the Air Force UFO investigation program was phony. With that

goal in mind, we gathered all the correspondence that followed our analysis of the "explanation," produced the Fitzgerald Report, mailed it to each member of the House and Senate and various media outlets, as well as to the handful of UFO organizations then in existence...and waited for the fireworks. We got nothing. Zero. Congressman Baumhart privately told us he thought this was a major cover-up, but he was powerless to pursue the matter. We fully expected NICAP to make a major media and Capitol Hill push with the case. Zero. The failure of even the ufologists to follow up was dismaying, but the answer probably lies in fact that this was a close encounter case. NICAP wanted daylight discs sighted by airline pilots, nothing more exotic, thank you. Jacques Vallee put it this way in his recently published *Confrontations*: "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 sent landing reports into the psychological category." The Air Force had every opportunity and, one would suppose, every incentive to explain the "explanation" and to counter the very specific charges we made. Instead, they assiduously avoid substantive comment and engaged in escalating generalized attacks on ufologists.

Four years later the Air Force found just the man to do the tough talking for it. One would suppose that Professor Donald Menzel had better ways to occupy his time than denouncing saucers, those who in their ignorance thought they saw saucers, and, with an unwavering ferocity, those whom we today call "ufologists," an ultimately evil gang of miscreants. But time he had, and Menzel's debunking books were immensely influential. A whole generation of scientists and academicians read Menzel and dismissed the subject as arrant and perhaps even dangerous non-

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sense. Menzel devotes ten pages of his *The World of Flying Saucers* to the Fitzgerald sighting. The reader is immediately at a disadvantage in that he does not have the Fitzgerald Report at hand, and thus Menzel is at liberty to say anything he wants. Indeed, I think that the average reader would be perplexed, if not enraged, to see the two documents side by side. Comparing the substance of the Fitzgerald Report (FR) with his rejoinder one is struck by the great care with which he engineered the debunking. It is obviously a labor of love or some similar obsession, beautifully crafted. Phillip Klass learned his debunking from Menzel, that much is clear. It is not my intention to comment in detail on Menzel's account, but there are a few items of interest. An example

of his insertion of false data is the assertion that "none of the neighboring houses was lighted." (279) Says who? Small point, but typical. In fact, and in the FR, one finds that neighbors were up watching the same late movie, and lend corroborating evidence to the reported UFO, but the reader of Menzel never discovers that vital item. Indeed, the insertion, nearly unnoticeable, of the remark about the totally dark neighborhood short-circuits one of the most important elements in the case. On

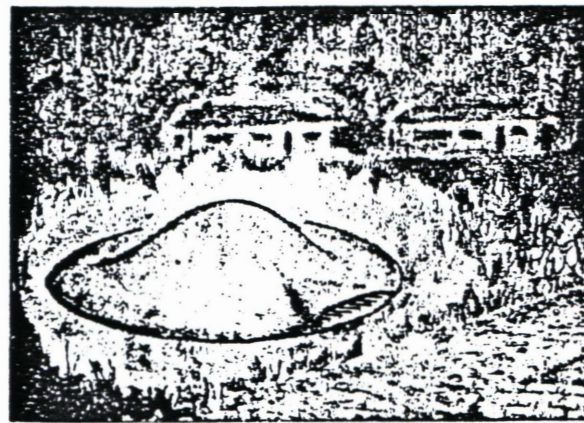
page 281 we learn Menzel's version of what transpired when Sergeants A & B visited Mrs. Fitzgerald. For the record, I was "Mr. C." I did not answer questions put to Mrs. Fitzgerald. A frustrated Sergeant A, did not lead me out into the yard. It was I who, in my frustration, led him into the yard when it appeared that neither Investigator had the slightest interest in looking at the place where the witnesses claimed the object hovered. The Sergeant who accompanied me into the yard was plainly intoxicated and reeked of alcohol. We agonized about making an issue of it, or reporting it to the Air Force, but decided it was not the gentlemanly thing to do. (I am no longer feeling very gentlemanly about any of this.) Dracula's Daughter was, I am sorry to say, the late movie that morning. I recently looked that up. I also looked up the Lorain Journal's weather report in order to clarify two Menzel/Bluebook claims about the weather. Apparently desperate to have a rain-smeared window, rather than a clear view, it became necessary to have rain at the time of the sighting. So, despite the clear statement of the witness, Menzel has it raining. See 283 and 286, charge 6a. The Lorain Journal for Saturday, September 22nd, reported "Cloudy, mild today, occasional rain

tomorrow. Low tonight, 61." Monday's report was "Mostly sunny, warmer today, tomorrow. Fair tonight. Low tonight, 49." Tomorrow meant Sunday, the day of the sighting. (The Journal did not publish a Sunday edition.) So the capsulized prediction for Lorain, Ohio was occasional rain, fully consistent with Mrs. Fitzgerald's recollection. Chief Boatswain's Mate Schott, writing on Coast Guard letterhead, and presumably both an expert and disinterested witness, tells us that at the time in question there was seven miles visibility with a drizzle. He doesn't mention rain, and it is fair to assume that, given his duties at the time, he would remember rain if it was present. The Cleveland weather report, taken at a location about 25 or more miles

from Lorain, shows what Menzel says it show, which sounds more like drizzle than rain: "continual slight precipitation." And that was at Cleveland, not Lorain. Similarly, the wind direction, which is necessary to support the claim that smoke blew from the steel plant into the Fitzgerald yard, is gleaned from the Cleveland report. Again, an expert and disinterested and Federally employed witness, Chief Schott, is ignored by Menzel.

Schott: "....sea condition out of the north east." The idea that smoke from the plant stacks had anything to do with this sighting is absurd, but the point is, only a wind directly from the south would blow smoke in the "necessary" direction. Anything else wouldn't do, so Bluebook had to resort to using the Cleveland weather summary, instead of the local U.S. Coast Guard data. Menzel ends his exercise with a copy of a letter from Thornton Page, of Robertson Panel fame. The first three sentences make eminently good sense, even though they flatly contradict everything that Menzel just spent ten pages trying to prove, namely, that Mrs. Fitzgerald "simply saw the train headlight on the mist." Then he fades into the same logical never-never land with his colleague. What neither Page nor Menzel can abide is the free market place of ideas. That is the civilized and truly scientific way of approaching a problem like this UFO report. Where is the forum for both sides to present their arguments? Removing UFOs from access to this fundamental mechanism was Menzel's real goal. For many years ufologists debated the question, "Can anybody be that stupid?" This in reaction to the pronouncements of Menzel, Bluebook, then Menzel's successors. My view is that no, nobody can. Rather, it was

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DRAWING OF MRS. FITZGERALD'S CONCEPTION OF UFO

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considered so important to the security of this country to debunk flying saucers that some very good men made fools of themselves. Menzel was an absolutely first class scientist and immensely productive practical thinker/doer during World War II. In my opinion, the debunking of the Fitzgerald case was just another instance of patriotic service. He took a terrific risk, but neither the media nor the politicians called the bluff. And the brilliantly conceived and marvelously executed disinformation program rolled on, as it had since 1947.



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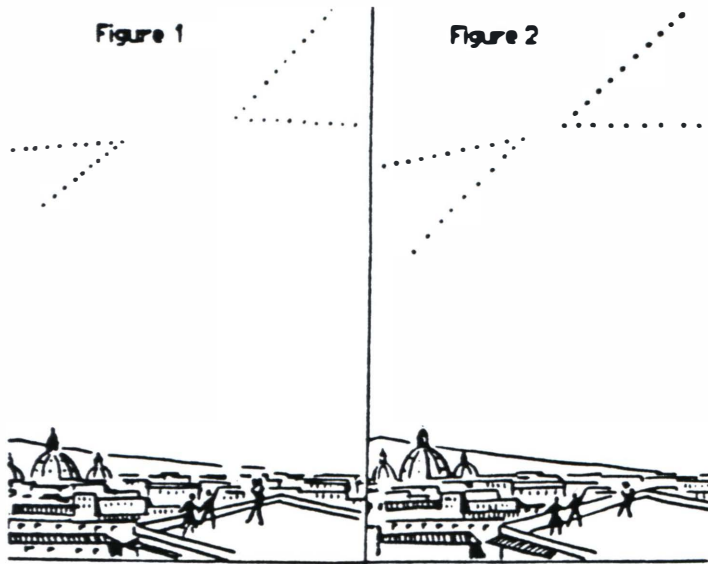
1994 - "OUT OF THE PAST AND INTO THE FUTURE?"

By Tom Benson

Recently while extracting New Jersey UFO reports from Ray Palmer's magazine, *Flying Saucers* (1957-1976), I came across an interesting, timely article in the March, 1970 issue. The article by Dr. Alberto Perego, was entitled, "Forty Flying Saucers in A Cross Formation Over the Vatican City". Dr. Perego describes his sighting on November 6, 1954 as follows: "At 12 o'clock I saw a big formation of exactly 20 machines, forming a 'V', the biggest I had seen until that moment, proceeding East (toward Ostia). Almost immediately after, I noticed an identical one, of 20 machines coming from the opposite direction (from Ostia). (See figures 1 & 2 below)

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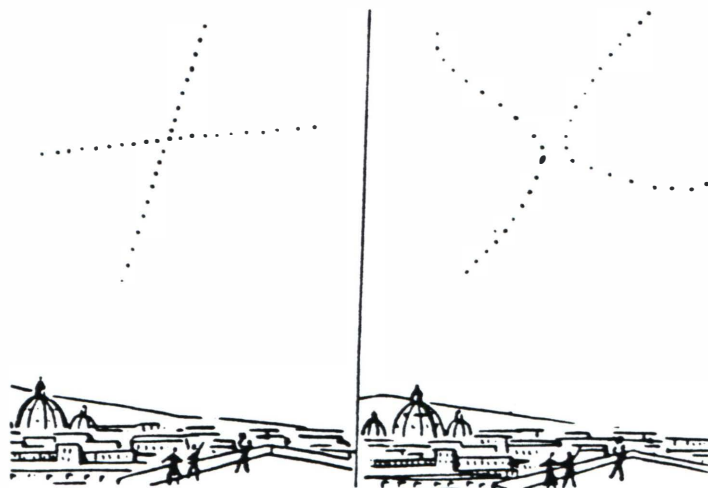


The two squadrons approached rapidly and converging the vertexes of the two enlarged "Vs" formed a perfect "Greek Cross", of 40 machines, with 10 machines at each bar (See figures 3&4). This happened on the Trasterer-Monte Mario district just over the Vatican City

at an altitude of about 7-8000 meters. The "cross" reminded me of the Vatican, which lies in that direction."

Figure 3

Figure 4



Dr. Perego also pointed out in his article that the date of this sighting, November 6th was the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Dr. Perego is contactee-oriented and has written three books along similar lines. I don't mean to sound apocalyptic, particularly now that the millennium approaches but, I thought the above sighting, if true, might have a symbolic meaning. The number of 40 UFOs, might mean 40 years ahead, into the future 1994, when a cataclysmic earth upheaval would take place. Support is given to my interpretation of the above sighting report by Whitely Streiber in his book, *Transformation*, (Pages 61 & 62). Streiber writes, I was given by an individual associated with the hierarchy of the Catholic Church the alleged contents of a letter opened by Pope

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Schmitt and Randle book. I'm for that, and I'm still pledged to contact the New Jersey Congressional Delegation. The book's delay give us more time to formulate unified strategy. On the topic of what really happened at Roswell on July 8th, I just read the article by Moore and Shandera in the September issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*. It seems to me to be a feeble attempt to defend Moore's earlier assertion that the photographs taken by Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* reporter J. Bond Johnson were of the real material retrieved from the crash site, not the weather balloon and radar target material substituted later.

I have been assured by George Eberhard that Schmitt and Randle have tape conversations with Johnson that directly contradict what Moore and Shandera report in their article. Moore and Shandera try to stretch the story by suggesting that because General Ramey describe the material as "some sort of tin foil" he didn't know precisely what it was. Of course he knew what the substituted material was: it was "some sort of tin foil" and that was as precise a definition as the General needed! Anyway, the material in the photograph certainly looks more like tin foil than the type of strange material that Maj. Jesse Marcel described.

In a related development, I have learned that Don Berliner and Stan Freldman are writing a new book about Roswell and other possible crash retrievals in New Mexico. Among other research, they are cautiously investigating the fact surrounding testimony obtained under hypnosis from a man who was six years old at the time of a 1947 incident, which allegedly occurred in the same general vicinity as the Barney Barnett story. The man's family had been out rock hunting when they came upon the crash site and the military. The man's uncle had kept a journal of the day's events and has sent that journal to Stan Freldman.

Some mention must also be made of the new book *Out There*, by Howard Blum, former *New York Times* journalist and author of best sellers of the Walker spy family and WW II Nazis living in America. According to this investigative journalist, a 17-member "UFO Working Group" exists in the U.S. government, headed by DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) Colonel by the name of Harold E. Phillips. The book documents the formation of this group in 1987 and their exploits since then, which include spying on Elmwood, Wisconsin as well as the SETI scientific community.

Actually, despite several inaccuracies which I spotted in reading the book, I found the book to be well worth reading. Mr. Blum is not an expert of the UFO phenomenon, and he makes that abundantly clear. However, what he says

about the American intelligence community has the ring of truth to it. Much of the book seems to be filler, such as the 70 pages devoted to SETI, the long introduction and background on Elmwood, Wisconsin, and the long discussion about MJ-12 and Bill Moore's escapades with alleged government operatives. This suggests to me that he was led to believe he would have more to say when he started writing the book, based on what his inside informant told him, than what they actually delivered to him in the end.

I think the most important discussion in the book is on pages 262-265, where the UFO Working Group is deciding what to make of the MJ-12 document. They conclude that the MJ-12 document is a hoax, but then the interesting question becomes who did the hoaxing. I think one of the DIA scientists was on the right track when he suggested that there might be another secret group within the intelligence community that hoaxed the document and was using the UFO Working Group as pretense, as part of the cover-up. After all, why would a top secret UFO Working Group be necessary to determine whether or not there is anything to UFOs (or SETI for that matter) if the whole question has been settled in 1947 by the crash government retrieval, and study of the wreckage from Roswell? The DIA scientist elaborates:

"...Perhaps our job is to provide realistic cover, to keep the press, the UFO believers, and even the FBI and other intelligence agencies away from the real story. Perhaps our roll is to go skulking off to...Elmwood, Wisconsin and quietly ask our questions. After all, if we don't know, who would? Yet all the while, somebody already knows. There's an MJ-12 Group or a whatever group somewhere in some dark corner of the chain of command that already knows exactly what is out there." (H. Blum, *Out There*, p. 266).

No where in the book does it say that the name Colonel Harold E. Phillips is a pseudonym. Therefore, if we really want to check out Howard Blum's story, I suggest we start by tracking down Colonel Phillips. If it's true that the Colonel has been spending five million dollars of the taxpayers money each year looking into UFOs, I'm sure Congress would like to know about it.

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NATIONAL SIGHTING RESEARCH CENTER



— UPDATE —

By Paul Ferrughelli and Bob Sylvester

NSRC DATA BASE SUMMARY RESULTS

From 1986 through 1989 the NSRC data base has accumulated 759 UFO sighting reports with 1744 witnesses. This data base is collecting a *PORTION* of the reported UFO sightings, since the actual population of the sightings is not known. With 4 years of data at hand there are some developing repeatable tendencies occurring. Simply stated the majority of the UFO sightings are observed by multiple witnesses; occur in night time visibility; do not emit any sound; with defined objects/shapes being observed.

DETAILS

Over the 4 year period (86-89), the leading tendency for "time of day for sightings" was between 9:00 pm to 1:00 am, accounting for 48% of the sightings reported. 47% of the sightings range in duration between 3 and 27 minutes. Approximately 75% of all the reports were long range sightings, classified as a Nocturnal Light or Daylight Disc. This means 75% of the sightings were at a distance of greater than 300 to 400 feet from the witness. Florida and Indiana remained to lead the nation in UFO sightings over the past 4 years with 35% of the total reported sightings. 64% of all reported sightings occurred in the early part of the week (Mon-Thurs) as opposed to the weekend. With 34% of the total; August, March and October represent the peak months for sightings. The month of June has the least sightings at 5%. The most predominant description reported of a UFO was *Multiple Lights* (lights and illuminations represent 30% of the total) When breaking down the reported sightings into various shapes: *Disc/Round/Sphere* shapes are the most common. The *Deltoid* shaped objects appear to be predominant in Indiana, New York and Connecticut, with a 400% increase in Deltoid sightings from 1988 through 1989.

An interesting characteristic in the UFO sightings over the past 4 years is that 38% of all sightings occurred at recurring sighting locations. This means the same town or city had two (2) or more sightings within a given year.

HISTORICAL COMPARISONS

Project Bluebook investigated some 14,000 UFO sightings between 1947 to 1969 and classified 640 sightings as *unknowns* or *unexplainable*. Of the 640 *unknowns*, 42% were classified as Daylight Discs or day time visibility type sightings. The data from 1986 through 1989 show that only 8.6% of the sightings were Daylight Discs. *The Hynek UFO Report*, (1977, Dell Pub Co.) reported that of the 640 unknown UFO sightings from 1947 to 1969, 12% of the reports were close encounter cases. The data from 1986 through 1989 show a total 21% were close encounter cases (CE1 and CE2 only).

With respect to sightings and their state distribution; the '86-'89 data shows that after 43 years, 7 out of 10 states are still peak states. Today, Florida and Indiana are the top two states, whereas from 1947 to 1969 California and Texas were the top two states. It should be noted that of the top peak locations; Texas, New Mexico and Washington dropped and Indiana, Florida and Illinois entered into the top 10. From 1947 to 1969, 39% of reported UFO sightings took place during the peak months of July, June, September and August. Today ('86-'89), August, March, October and January represent 45% of all sightings. It's interesting to note, that in the reporting sightings between 1986 and 1989, each month is from a different season.

Another change occurred with the duration time of reported UFO sightings. From 1947 to 1969, 29% of all sightings had a duration time of LESS than one (1) minute. Today, only 13% of all sightings fall into the "less than 1 minute" category, 20% in the "1 to 5 minute" and 11% are of 30 minutes or more duration.

OBSERVATIONS

The data is starting to display some repeatable tendencies, that may show a possible dynamic change in characteristics over 40 years. More data points are required to subject this type of data to a statistical analysis. If the data is allowed to stand on its own merit, the sightings today are coming closer, lasting longer, involving multiple witnesses, emitting no sound, seek darkness and still leave little physical evidence.

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John XXIII in 1960 that contained a final prediction from our "Lady of Fatima". The Lady previously appeared to children in 1917. Streiber states: "According to my information, the last of the Fatima predictions involves, among other things, an inundation of coastal areas of the earth, taking place between 1994 and 1997." Whether the above is just a coincidence, profound synchronicity or prophecy, the year 1994 is not too far ahead in time, to check out. I had a dream related to the above, back in the late 60's. I recall in my dream, hiking along the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey, beyond Sunfish Pond. I was on a ridge and when I looked to my right, everything was under water, almost level with the ridge. This would indicate a several hundred feet rise above the normal sea level. Streiber in *Transformation* implies that the coastal inundation, will be caused by the rapid melting of polar ice. Streiber states: "If one of the Antarctic ice shelves were to slip into the sea, a substantial problem would be created, and inundation could certainly be one result." Most scientists claim that the polar ice melt will be gradual and that the sea level would also rise a few feet after many decades. However, if a flock of Apollo-sized meteors (some are one mile in diameter) hit the ocean intact, inundation of the coastal areas would be a sure result. Other possible earth changes that suddenly would bring about the inundation effect are dramatic shifts in tectonic plates of the continents. Explosive volcanic activity along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, etc., would cause a similar effect. A flyby of an extraterrestrial planetoid body would generate inundation tidal effects, but none have been reported yet, by astronomers or other scientists, as being on the way. Back in the 1970's, my chiropractor at the time, who also led a Psychic interest group, told me that his group expected the lower half of New Jersey to slip into the sea due to earthquake activity. The group claimed this event would happen in the early 1980's. Of course, this event didn't happen but, the group's leader died shortly before the prediction date in the early 1980's. But, on the other hand, the lower half of New Jersey in sedimentary rock, (unconsolidated sands, gravels and clays, so it would not take much for this area to go under. Anyway, I am looking forward to my daughter's graduation from high school in 2001 from a New Jersey school. If the reader has any other ideas from the above, as to what the "flying cross" UFOs might mean, write Tom Benson at P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, New Jersey 08606-1174



UFOCAT IS BACK

By Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.

After a ten year hiatus, I am pleased to report that I have installed a working copy of UFOCAT on an IBM personal computer. UFOCAT was begun by Dr. David R. Saunders as part of the Colorado UFO Project and was continued by the Center for UFO Studies up until 1980, when it became too expensive to maintain on a main-frame computer. The computer catalogue contains over 106,000 entries, and occupies over 11 megabytes of disk storage on the personal computer.

Although currently lacking the most recent 10 years of UFO history, UFOCAT is still the most massive computer file on UFO reports in existence, and is an extremely important research and bibliographic tool.

I will attempt to update UFOCAT and make it available to serious UFO researchers in the form of specialized listings and computer datafiles at inexpensive rates. An important addition to the UFOCAT database will be the 800 reports being donated by Paul Ferrughelli and Bob Sylvester of the National Sighting Research Center, which covers the period from 1986-89. I also intend to add the citations to UFO case investigations from Dick Hall's excellently researched book, *Uninvited Guests*. Computer technology has changed in very important ways in the last 10 years, particularly with dramatic reductions in the prices for memory and mass storage, and many more researchers now have personal computers. Because of this, it is likely that others will want copies of UFOCAT for their own use. Because UFOCAT is still the property of J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, a license agreement will have to be worked out for copies of the entire database. Also, a portion of any fee charged for listings or floppy disks containing data files will be donated to CUFOS. That portion of the fee will be tax deductible to the UFO researcher who purchases the list.

I have already produced three listings for researchers dealing with photographic cases and physiological effects cases. State listings for New Jersey and Colorado have also been produced. Anyone wishing to purchase a listing of UFO reports by State can do so by writing me at P.O. Box 734, Marlton, New Jersey 08053. The price for State listings will be \$10.00 plus \$2.50 for postage. The listing of photographic cases (66 pages) is also available for \$10.00 plus \$2.50 for postage. Please specify whether you would like the listing in sort order by geographic location or date.

COMING IN JANUARY

The conclusion of George Filer's Gulf Breeze personal account, more info on the Teterboro, N.J., UFO sighting, is the Crop-Circle Effect Solved?, and much more!

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go above it. She braked her car to avoid hitting it. On August 20th, a cigar-shaped UFO was seen over the Gulf of Mexico by a seventeen year old from Ohio who knew nothing of the situation. He said "You probably won't believe this, but there was a plane without wings just floating in the sky. I said "Many people have been seeing strange looking aircraft in the sky. He said "I never believed in UFOs until I saw this one." A shrimp boat captain whose boat is docked behind the "Boy on a Dolphin" restaurant, told me "If you spend your nights fishing on these waters you'll see them all right, but they ain't from this world.

He was a crusty seaman who was not easy to frighten, but there was genuine fear in his face. I felt he knew a lot more, but was embarrassed to tell me. In all, I talked to over fifty people who had seen UFOs, and there were an additional one hundred written reports of UFO sightings that appeared in the papers or were investigated by MUFON Investigators.

(George's personal account will be continued in the *CHRONICLE's* January issue.)

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AN INSIDE VIEW.....

The Long Island UFO Conference

By Tom Benson

New Jersey MUFON members attended The Long Island UFO Network's "UFOs On Long Island" Conference III on Saturday, October 27, 1990. Approximately forty people attended the Conference on the first day. Network Chairman John Ford augmented with a videotape discussed the alleged Moriches Bay, Long Island UFO crash of September, 1989. Evidence presented included photos of lights in the night and testimony by anonymous witnesses. Another videotape by Tony Gonsalves on his theories of a B-2 Stealth Bomber model he

made showing various light arrays and patterns. Antonio Huenees gave a slide presentation on the 1989 wave and earlier Soviet UFO reports and some China sightings. Major (Ret.) Coleman Von Keviczky expounded his intergalactic UFO invasion theories and via slides described his correspondence with government officials. After a one hour lunch/dinner break, Richard Price, an alleged abductee discussed his experiences and described a possible "implant" that was removed and now being analyzed by a physicist who lives in New England. Another alleged abductee, James Lefante followed discussing his experiences, but I left with my ride, before he finished, for the long ride home, discussing the conference which left far more questions than answers.

UPCOMING UFO CONFERENCES

1990 SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UFO'S
SYMPOSIUM - December 1-2

Scheduled speakers will cover subjects ranging from UFOs to Ghosts and Spirits. MUFON Directors from the following states have been invited to speak: New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, New York, Washington D.C., Delaware, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The cost for the two days will be \$75.00 for advanced registration. The symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn on Route 206 at Exit 7 of the N.J. Turnpike in Bordontown.

Reserved seats only! For more information on the conference you can call (609) 888-1358, between the hours of 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

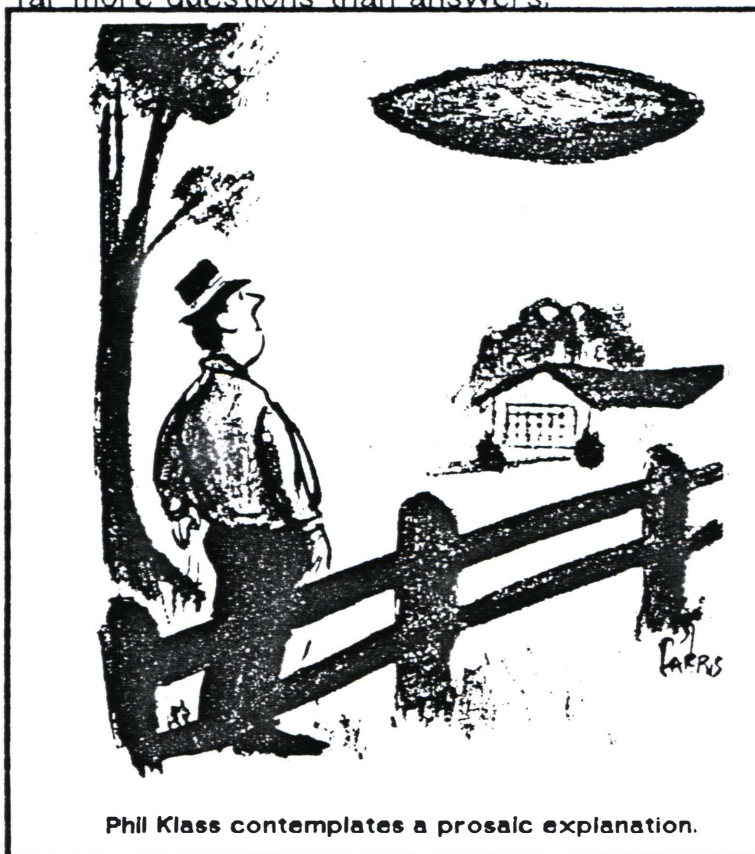
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

20 Sept. 1990

Dear Paul,

It is sad that in modern Ufology the exchange of insults has replaced intelligent debate. I started answering Benson's strident attack, which is full of inaccuracies. Then I realized it served no purpose to engage in such polemics

Jacques Vallee



Phil Klass contemplates a prosaic explanation.

GULF BREEZE---A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

By Major George A. Filer, Ret.

Gulf Breeze is a small resort town near Pensacola, Florida that became the center of UFO encounters and sightings during the last few months of 1987 and throughout 1988. Ed Walters was the focus of attention because of his many photographs and videotape taken of allegedly alien craft. His photographs are some of the most revealing ever filmed, but there has been widespread concern that the photographs might have been faked by him in a particularly clever way.

My daughter, Victoria lives in nearby Pensacola Beach, so decided to spend the last two weeks of August 1988 conducting my own investigation into the UFO reports. It seemed logical that either Ed Walters was committing a gigantic hoax or else the sightings must be real. If others were seeing UFOs in the Gulf Breeze area, it seemed reasonable to believe that Ed Walter's was in fact taking photos of an existing phenomenon. If no one else was able to see the craft, then it was likely the photographs were clever fakes, despite what experts like Dr. Bruce Maccabee were saying. My goal was to find the truth to the best of my ability.

Part of the mystery was that did not know the identity of Ed Walters or where he lived when I started my investigation. I noticed that the photographs depicted some very unusual shrubbery and that an UFO had reportedly landed behind the high school. It seemed logical that Ed must live close by. I just drove around the area asking questions and was able to pinpoint his house. Considering where the UFO photos were taken, it seemed to me he would have needed to set up elaborate movie sets of a full scale model in his neighbor's yards. It's very likely some of his neighbors who live in this closeknit and well kept sub-division would have seen his preparations. One of his neighbors assured me that he would have been able to see these kind of preparations.

I was able to get Ed Walter's phone number from one of his neighbors who assured me that she has seen the UFOs firsthand. Based on my phone conversation with him, he seemed sincere and truthful, and many of his friends were ready to vouch for his honesty.

However for the sake of argument, let's assume Ed Walters has chosen not to tell anyone about his photographs. Would Gulf Breeze still be important for its UFO sightings?

I decided to find out. I felt the people of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach, which is across Santa Rosa Sound, could provide the real answers. So I started asking questions. Upon reaching Gulf Breeze, I just started being friendly and asking people about the strange happenings. Most of the people around Gulf

Breeze and across the sound in Pensacola Beach were willing to talk, if you did not push them for their names and addresses. If they didn't feel threatened, the average person would freely admit to seeing strange lights and the UFOs. They indicated that most of the sightings were occurring at very low altitudes virtually just above the trees or just above the surface of the water. These people live in a very busy air traffic area with hundreds of jets, helicopters, and small aircraft of every description flying in the sky, night and day. There were undoubtedly some cases of mistaken identity. I usually asked during the interviews, "Were you confusing the civilian airport and military traffic for UFOs? They seemed offended by my question, an explained, "The UFOs were different, because they made little if any noise and flew comparatively low, often just above the tree tops." I attempted to talk with people of all ages and occupations. Virtually all of the children I met had either seen the UFOs or had friends who had seen the craft hovering overhead. Sammy, a boy about ten years old, was convinced they were as real as any of the aircraft flying nearby, but he was afraid they might return. When I mentioned that there were a great many aircraft flying over Gulf Breeze that could have been mistaken for the UFOs. Sammy said "I can tell an F-18 or an A-4 from a UFO". His grandmother reported seeing the UFO as well. Another group of kids claimed that on March 21st (1988), they had seen fighter aircraft from Eglin Air Force Base above the UFOs, and the fighters had attempted to chase them away. When the fighters got close, the UFOs seemed to disappear into thin air, and when the planes flew away they would reappear.

People in the street were willing to give me detailed descriptions of the UFOs, and how the craft hovered near their house, just thirty feet over their heads. Many would talk freely until you asked them their names. They described the orange and blue lights, and said the objects were not very big, perhaps twenty feet wide and eight feet high with port holes. Policemen, Marine Patrol Officers, doctors, teachers, builders, real estate agents, landscapers, housewives, retail clerks, fishermen, and students had seen them. A Gulf Breeze Councilwoman gave me a detailed description of her encounter one night when she followed the lights to Shore Line Park. Darline told of how she has seen them fly over the Sound and the bridge between Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze, virtually on the deck of the bridge. Darline thought the UFO might hit the bridge, but it seemed to gain just enough altitude to

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