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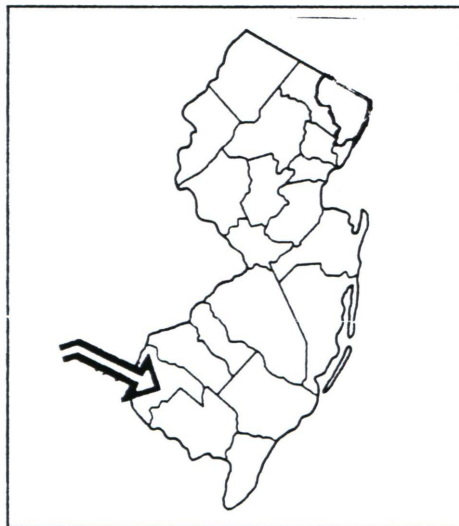
"HELICOPTER" CRASH IN SALEM, N.J., POSSIBLE CE-4 CASE



A Preliminary Investigation

Lower Alloways Creek
Township, New Jersey

On Sunday, April 21, 1991, at 10:18 p.m., three women reported seeing something that looked like a helicopter crash in Salem County, NJ, not far from the Salem Nuclear Plant. Although police and rescue squads conducted an extensive air and ground search throughout the night and several hours the next day, no trace of a helicopter crash site could be found. No helicopters were subsequently reported missing. A number of unusual things about the description of the helicopter, such as the absence of sound and a burst of light shooting to the ground, suggest that the object that was observed may not have been a helicopter but a UFO. In addition, one of the women



The location of Salem County
within the state of New Jersey.

reported strange recurring dreams prior to the incident. The incident is being pursued as a possible abduction event, with the "helicopter crash" staged as a screen memory. Budd Hopkins has been contacted about the event.

Although the names of witnesses were published in the local

newspaper, the police and all UFO investigators to date have ostensibly treated the event as a mysterious helicopter crash. Any allegations that this represents a UFO abduction event should be made only in the context of such being a remote possibility. The witnesses do not want any more local publicity, therefore, the *CHRONICLE* shall use the synonyms of "Mrs. H", "Mrs. W" and "Mrs. E".

Mrs. H, 38, said she was in her bathroom at 10:22 p.m. Sunday night, April 21, when she saw what she thought was a helicopter in distress. According to the report she gave the Salem County newspaper, *TODAY'S SUNBEAM*, she "looked out the window and in the woods could see sparks low over the woods. I called my one neighbor and she said she saw the flames that went to the ground."

The neighbor was Mrs. W, 22, who
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NJ COUPLE OBSERVE "UNIDENTIFIED" IN HUDSON VALLEY

CENTRAL VALLEY, NEW YORK

On March 12, 1991, at 6:05 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. B of Teaneck, N.J., were shopping at the Woodbury Commons Outlet stores in Central Valley, NY. Mr. B was completing his shopping while his wife waited in the car for him to return. While walking in the parking lot towards his car, Mr. B noticed a large cigar shaped object moving to the southwest. The object appeared dark gray in color, with a very bright orange/red tail. The object did not emit any sound (See illustration of object observed as drawn by Mr. B on page 10). Mr. B stated that the object

appeared to be moving unusually slow, and stopped and hovered for several seconds at a time. Mr. B entered his car without saying anything to his wife until he positioned his car for a better view. Mr. B pointed out the object to his wife and his wife commented "that's not an aircraft".

Mr. & Mrs. B observed the object for several minutes as it continued in a southwesterly direction. The object continued to move very slowly and again appeared to stop momentarily. Mrs. B stated the tail on the object resembled the end of a paint brush. The
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

ALIENS ATTACK THE NEW JERSEY CHRONICLE'S COMPUTER CENTER!

I was seriously considering running that headline in this issue. Last week while preparing the final layout I had a power-source and controller card failure. After three days of nail biting and a transplant, the "PC Doctor" pronounced the patient "A-OK". Since our last issue, much has transpired at the Chronicle. We have upgraded the publication programs used for production of this paper and will continue to do so in the future. Any comments by our readers on their likes or dislikes concerning the new format or comments on published articles will be greatly appreciated. Onto this issue....Page 1..the investigation on the Salem County "Helicopter" crash makes for some interesting reading and raises some interesting questions (more to come next issue); the sighting in Hudson Valley...what was it?; on page 3 our Director's message shows the continuing effort needed to convince Congress of the need for an investigation into the Roswell incident. This is further stressed when you read Richard Hall's article on page 6; UFO 'Image' Must Improve..A Government Inquiry..here is a man that has been "there" in the halls of Congress before. For those who are curious as to what goes on at the TREAT conferences you've read about...see page 10 for a gem that should be in every UFOlogists library. On page 11, Dr. Don Johnson, in an abstract of a paper prepared for the TREAT III Conference presents his findings on the various personality characteristics of persons reporting abduction experiences. A must read! On page 13, The National Sighting Research Center presents a unique statistical study of triangular

UFO's from 1986 to 1990. I've talked to Paul Ferrughelli at the center, and he assures me that there will be more to come on this. He's just beginning to enter the 1991 statistics on this "type" of phenomena to the Center's database. That's about it till next August. Before I forget....please read the article on page 5 concerning forthcoming subscription renewals...till then.

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

JUNE 1991

By Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.

I have been informed that the book by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, UFO Crash at Roswell, was released at the end of May, and is available for \$4.95. However, when I checked with my local bookstore they said that their book distributor would have copies available in July. Having previewed a copy of the manuscript, I highly recommend that everyone read this book, and get your orders in now with your book supplier. A news conference scheduled is for June 28th, in which Kevin and Don will present their findings to the Press. The event is scheduled to be covered by CNN. There will also be a Center for UFO Studies special report on the Roswell incident, with a revised and updated timeline, available by the end of June. This report can be ordered from CUFOs, 2457 W. Peterson, Chicago, IL. 60659, and will be priced at \$12.00 (includes P&H).

We are still planning to purchase copies of the Randle and Schmitt book and send them to each member of the New Jersey Congressional delegation, together with a cover letter asking for a meeting with one of their aides. The information packet will also include a copy of the videotape of interviews with a dozen of the original Roswell witnesses, produced by the Fund for UFO Research, entitled Recollection of Roswell. If you haven't seen the videotape, contact me, Paul Makuch, or Susan Van Slooten to borrow a copy. Special thanks go to Fred Whiting of FUFOR for allowing us to make copies of the tape for this purpose.

I am asking each member (or interested reader) to donate \$5.00 to cover the cost of purchasing the books and blank video cassettes. If you are on the MUFON New Jersey membership list, you will be receiving a special letter from me asking for a donation. If you would like to donate to the fund and haven't been contacted, please send your \$5.00 donation to MUFON/NJ, P.O. Box 734, Marlton, New Jersey 08053. The donation is NOT tax deductible.

The following people were appointed State Section Directors in New Jersey MUFON since January: Vincent Creevy for Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Dan DeSantis for Atlantic County, Tim Jones for

Burlington County. In southern New Jersey this leaves only Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties without Section Directors.

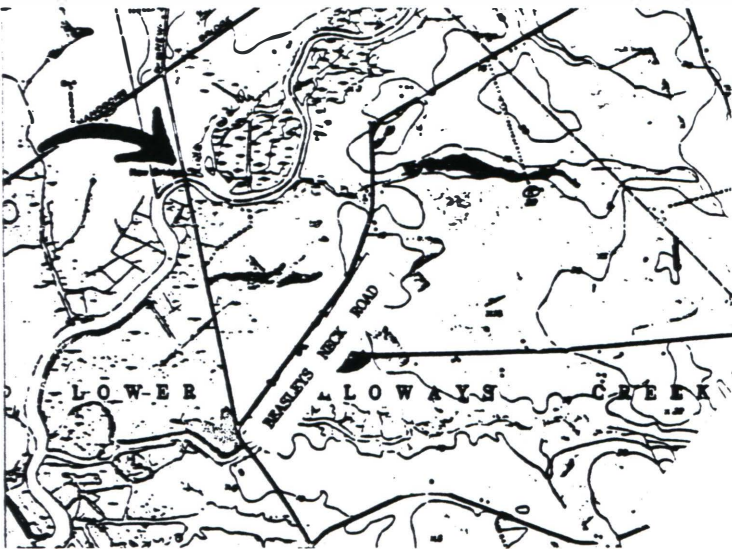
The last meeting of the southern New Jersey MUFON group was held February 23rd, at Assistant State Director George Filer's home in Medford. Tome Carey from PASU S.E. Pennsylvania reported on UFO reports and a deer mutilation case he investigated last year. I also gave a report on the National Conference on Anomalous Experiences which I attended. The conference was sponsored by Dr. David Jacobs and Temple University, and held in Chestnut Hill, PA, January 18-20, 1991. It brought together about 75 scientists, therapists, UFO abduction researchers, and UFO abductees. The culmination of the conference was the announcement of a grant for \$200,000 to David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins form two unnamed benefactors, to conduct abduction research and fund a national survey to assess the prevalence of the UFO abduction phenomena.

The next meeting of the southern New Jersey MUFON group will be held Saturday, June 29th, at the home of MUFON State Section Director Vincent Creevy, in Howell, New Jersey. All are welcome to attend. Please bring refreshments or a side dish, chips, or lunch meat, for a potluck lunch at noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. From Route 18 or the NJ Turnpike, take Route 9 south to Lanes Mill Road. Turn west on Lanes Mill Road to Kent Road. Turn left on Kent Road, and your next left will be Brown Road. Vincent Creevy's home is at 30 Brown Road, and will be the first house on the right after the sharp right bend in the road. It's a grey saltbox house with a blue mailbox. From the south or southwest take Route 70 to Route 9 north, or the NJ Turnpike to I-195 to Route 9 south, then to Lanes Mill Road. If you need further directions, call Vincent Creevy at (908) 367-8589.

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saw the alleged crash and called police. Mrs. W told the newspaper, "Roberta called here and asked me if I saw the helicopter and I did. I looked out my kitchen window facing New Bridge Road and saw sparks and it looked like it was coming toward our houses." "As I kept watching I saw fire shooting out the side of it, then a big ball of fire and it fell," she said. "After the crash I hung up on Roberta and called the police," Mrs. E was also present in the home of Mrs. W and also witnessed the event. She reported she was sitting down watching T.V. when Mrs. W said, "Oh my God". She came running and saw sparks, then the helicopter exploded and fell. Neither of the three witnesses reported hearing any sound. According to both witnesses it was raining at the time of the incident. The object was described as solid in appearance, helicopter shaped, with white and blue lights at first, with a shower of red-orange sparks, followed by a bright flash to the ground.

The police log shows that Mrs. W called the police at 10:18 p.m. Police and rescue squads were on the scene immediately after she called the police. Mrs. W said she spent part of the night on the phone talking to the pilot of one of the rescue helicopters that was dispatched to the area, trying to tell him exactly where she saw the crash while he flew overhead.



The above map shows the general area of the sighting; Beasley's Neck Road (location of the witnesses houses.) The arrow indicates the location of the New Bridge Road where the object was first sighted.

Assisting in the search was the Lower Alloways Creek Fire Department. Fire Chief Calvin Hill contacted the Federal Aviation Agency but learned that there were no reports of a late or missing aircraft at any nearby airport. The Fire Chief contacted local airports in Salem and in Wilmington, Delaware, which did not report any missing aircraft. There was no information from FAA flight logs that would have suggested that an aircraft was flying over the area at the time of the crash. The incident was also reported on the late night news by Channel 3 news, a Philadelphia TV station. Michael Talpas of Roebling, NJ, videotaped the TV coverage.

The search began at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, in a wooded area near Beasley Neck Road. A nearby neighbor, Scott A. George of Cross Road, told police he thought he heard a crash, but "just assumed it was a gust of wind. According to police there were two independent callers. Police took the two callers reports seriously and are not looking into the possibility of a false report.

"No, I don't feel it was a prank call," a police spokesman said. "We received calls from two different people. They were both reputable adults and I don't have any reservations about what they said." The police spokesman speculated that because the area was so densely wooded, a helicopter could have disappeared from view. However, MUFON investigator, Richard Butler, after visiting the homes of the witnesses, disagrees with the characterization of the area as densely wooded, and disputes the notion that a crashed helicopter would be difficult to find in the area.

Three rescue helicopters combed the rainswept area along the Delaware River Sunday night and Monday morning while boats searched the water. The Delaware River is approximately 5 miles away from the homes of the witnesses. State Police with the Trenton Station said a helicopter using an infrared scope searched the coastal region using grids but came up empty. Rescuers called off the search at 3:30 a.m. Monday, having found no trace of a crash, but resumed the search again at 8:00 a.m. The search officially ended at approximately 10:15 a.m. Monday.

Lower Alloways Creek Township Police Chief Eric Peterson, said that at about 2 p.m. Monday, he received a call from a woman in Deptford Township who said she saw the something. According to

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Michael Talpas, who talked to the police, at least two other people who were driving in cars called in to report sighting the "helicopter". While some have speculated that a possible meteor might have fallen in the area, police are not speculating. Mrs. H estimated that the event lasted 20 seconds, which would place it within the range of duration of a meteor. Both Mrs. W and Mrs. E estimated the event lasted 3 minutes, but here is no check on the accuracy of their estimates.

It would have to be long enough for Mrs. H to walk to the phone, call her neighbor, have her look for it, and spot it in the sky before it "crashed".

One of the younger women (Mrs. W) reported an unusual dream on the Friday night preceding the event. She reported that during the previous week she was a week late getting her period and took a self-administered pregnancy test which was negative. From Monday through Thursday she reported waking up excited, nervous, and anxious. That Friday night she and her husband were out late at a party and returned home to be around 4:15 a.m. She dreamed walking out of the house to a half-wooded area, where she encountered 3-4 "giant hamster cages", with bright red and orange twist-ties on the bars of the cages,

about halfway up. Out of the bottom of the cages came gray and white "mongooses", who walked erect. They walked in-step in coordinated movement, and began chasing her around. There were also two large snakes in her dream, and she felt she was protecting the snakes from the mongooses.

She reports that she had never really seen a mongoose, and didn't know what they looked like. Richard Butler regards the dream as a screen memory of an actual abduction experience, with the giant hamster cages actually being UFOs (with lights around the rims), and the "mongooses" with the peculiar albino coloring actually gray humanoids. It's all interesting speculation at this point, but she has agreed to explore the dream further, presumably through hypnosis.

Weather reports obtained by Bob Durant from Philadelphia International Airport has shown that the cloud layer at the time was scattered clouds between 1100' - 1200', and overcast clouds at 2000'. A light rain was falling at the time. This makes a meteor explanation very unlikely. There are no power lines in the vicinity, according to maps and on-site inspection by Michael Talpas.

UFO "UNDERSTRUCTURE" LECTURE GIVEN AT NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

New Jersey MUFON member, Tom Benson, gave a well received scientific analytic presentation on UFO Understructures, before approximately 50 people, on Sunday April 28th at the New Jersey State Museum. As a previous lecturer, Tom was invited by the museum to participate in the museum's ongoing "Super Science" weekend lecture series.

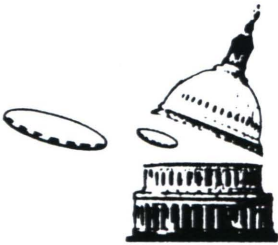
Tom's lecture discussed 96 cases, of which 20 were artist illustrated via slides. Data presented included 24 major categories with sub-category percentiles given. A tentative conclusion, based on the data given was presented. The data indicated a potential UFO propulsion system design. Future research directions regarding Tom's ongoing study were described which includes various statistical techniques; upgrading quality of the data base, either with new more reliable cases or with additional information for older cases; and use of a motif classification system. A final summary report eventually, will be published in a future issue of *THE NEW JERSEY CHRONICLE* and later a full report will be published in a scientific referred journal format.

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UFO 'Image' Must Improve A GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

By Richard Hall

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was first published in California UFO Magazine, Vol. 6, No. 2, 1991. I would like to thank Vicki Cooper for giving permission to reproduce the article for our readership.

In recent years, various groups and individuals have advocated mounting a campaign to call for Congressional hearings on UFOs. Not all these are credible organization; among the groups are ones rife with what are, to most, crackpot notions about alien hierarchies and constant "messages" from moralistic "aliens" who babble on endlessly. Crackpots or religious fanatics are just one of the problems.

When asked, "What would you request Congress to investigate?" - even the more reputable advocates respond with blank stares and dead silence. Presumably it is "obvious" (to them) what the investigation would be about. To expect Congress to investigate the UFO subject in any general or comprehensive way is naive, but there may be some specific areas that would be of interest to one of the Congressional committees under certain circumstances, mainly when they could investigate a specific incident or event without having to take a position on the larger UFO subject.

FORMER HEARINGS

In the 40-odd years of UFO history in the United States, there have been exactly two open congressional hearings on UFOs, and I had a part (indirectly) in both of them. (According to rumors, there were other classified hearings on UFOs and I don't doubt it.) The first, on April 5, 1966, was by the House Armed Services Committee in response to pressure from NICAP, impressive new UFO sightings, and other influences. The second, on January 19, 1968, before the House Science and Astronautics Committee, was termed a "symposium" and primarily consisted of an exchange of views by scientists about UFOs. The latter hearing was strongly influenced by Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona atmospheric physicist, whose whirlwind investigation of the subject had stirred a fresh breeze in the scientific community.

Why did the hearings come about at all? For several years, NICAP had been bombarding Members of Congress with serious UFO reports from qualified observers, letters from constituents, and facts to counter Air

Force debunking statements. (The Air Force then had the Government responsibility for UFO investigations and was NICAP's main target.)

Helped considerably by having a number of prominent scientists and military men on the Board, we had access to the Washington Press Corps, including national media and representatives of nearly every major daily newspaper in the country. Our efforts had attracted some high-level interest, and resulted in a lot of individual support from Government scientists and others in Executive Department agencies who leaked information to us. But this alone was not sufficient to bring about hearings.

What finally brought about hearing was the lucky (?) coincidence of having the NICAP information followed by a new and extraordinarily prolonged wave of UFO sightings starting in 1964, and an outpouring of public sentiment, also reflected in newspaper editorials from all over the country, just as NICAP's 200,000-page documentary report *The UFO Evidence* was released. Congress responds to strong and clear, broadly based public opinion. We all support our troops in the Persian Gulf. We should not expect "courageous" actions based on principle, facts, logic, or anything else when it come to UFOs. By the very size and nature of the Congress, representing the diverse views and concerns of hundreds of selfish and fickle constituencies, it should be clear that more fundamental matters of survival, health care and other basic and broad-based human concerns take precedence over such esoteric questions as the credibility of UFO reports (much less the notion that "aliens" are intervening directly in our lives).

The popular conception of UFOs in mass media (not just the tabloids, but also popular magazines, daily newspapers, and network TV news) is of a silly hodgepodge of wild stories unsupported by any solid data. Very simply, UFOs are treated as a joke. Serious researchers should, for their own education, back off a step and take a look at the steady diet of sensation that is fed to the public, and indirectly to the Congress; Alien kidnaping of humans. Secret alien underground bases in the Southwest jointly manned by aliens and humans. Alien cannibals. World conspiracies in which our leaders have sold out to alien forces and are plotting to enslave us.

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Some members of Congress may be able to distinguish serious facts from lurid fiction, but to publicly take UFOs seriously is a great risk because of the way the subject is perceived by important opinion makers. It would take large numbers of concerned citizens actively contacting their Congressmen, endorsement by prominent scientists of other influential people, perhaps some current spectacular UFO events in the news, and a clear-cut, focused issue which lends itself to Congressional style. General investigation of phenomena is not something suitable for a Congressional investigation.

FOCUSED ISSUE

The 1960s' hearings also came about in part because there was a specific target, and a focused issue. NICAP and other critics claimed that the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book was grossly misleading the public and denying that UFOs were anything significant, despite scores of impressive reports from reliable witnesses. The hearings, then, centered entirely around the issue of whether the Project Blue Book investigation was adequate. House Armed Service Committee Chairman L. Mendel Rivers was adamant that the Air Force was not lying to the public, and effectively "rigged" the hearing to be an Air Force showcase.

Next day the Air Force announced that it would seek an outside scientific review of the project, and this led ultimately to the University of Colorado UFO project. It also took the Air Force off the hook.

Although the 1968 hearing was presented as a "scientific symposium," it, too, centered around the adequacy of the Air Force study. Several of the scientists attempted to make the case that UFO's were something new, and a potentially important phenomenon of interest to science, but this was largely to offset the strongly ingrained notion purveyed by the Air Force that UFOs were a nonsense problem. In a sense, the two hearings provide some balance for the record, because the first was dominated by the Air Force and the second by Dr. James E. McDonald, who had been outspokenly critical of Project Blue Book.

After the Colorado Project issued its largely negative report (actually more equivocal except for Dr. Edward Condon's summary section, but given "negative spin" by the power that be), the Air Force quickly opted out of the UFO business, disbanded Project Blue Book, and turned over the files to the National Archives - probably with a sigh of relief that echoed down Pentagon corridors. Since then there has been no Government focal point on UFOs, no single agency responsible that

provided a convenient "target" for public criticism. Now our "enemy" is the entire Government octopus! We do know, however, that the Government is not out of the UFO business. Thanks to some enterprising research and the Freedom of Information Act, documentary evidence shows that UFO reports continue to circulate through the intelligence community.

CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON PROJECT

For the past few years, a small group of serious UFO researchers around the country has been providing background information to Congressional officers as a matter of education and laying of groundwork. Pooled information has been compiled into scholarly briefing documents by a Washington area attorney, and face-to-face meetings have been held with Congressional staff members. Thus far, there has been some positive response forthcoming in regards to the Roswell, N.M., crash case. This could lead to an investigation and/or closed hearings - not all hearings are open to the public - but this congressional liaison project is still in preliminary stages.

Roswell fits the profile of something Congress conceivably might look into. If the crash really happened, then the Executive Branch deceived Congress and the public. Judging from past situations, prospects of the nature can get the Congressional juices flowing. The Roswell case is a specific incident that stands or falls on its own evidence and can be investigated independently of the broader UFO subject. It involves a large number of credible witnesses, including some surviving members of the military who allegedly participated in the retrieval of crash materials and alien bodies.

Thanks to research breakthroughs in the past few years, there is ample evidence for a Congressional inquiry. Realistically, though, the inquiry is not likely to go public, at least in the early stage, unless the investigators satisfy themselves that they are onto concrete information that can withstand critical assault by skeptics, including skeptical Congressional colleagues.

The 1965 Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, crash is another case that is beginning to turn up large numbers of witnesses. It is a focused case that can be looked into in its own right without commitment to broader inquiry. Again, it involves alleged government cover-up of potentially significant events and, like Roswell some high-handed treatment of local citizens. The only weakness of Roswell and Kecksburg is that neither case immediately affected a large number of Congressional constituents -

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except insofar as Government cover-up affects us all. But the human testimony and physical evidence is potentially strong in both case.

Hypothetically, cases even more likely to attract broad-based interest in Congress might be:

* If crop circle/pictographs began showing up widely in several farm states in the U.S., and included considerable crop damage, in conjunction with UFO sightings.

* If UFOs began showing up over the Persian Gulf, causing electromagnetic effects, and showing up on military radar.

* If widespread UFO sightings over a few month's period also were recorded on videotape from independent locations and showed some detail (not merely pinpoints of light against a dark sky). In short, if the reports were sufficiently widespread, detailed, and convincing, and left physical traces or instrumental data for analysis, Congress would pay attention. So would scientists.

BIZARRE FRONT

Instead, the ufological "front" displayed to Congress and scientists is bizarre, clownish, confusing and unconvincing, thanks to the crackpots and opportunists who seize every opportunity to grind their particular axes.

Also - at risk of sounding paranoid - I am convinced that it is in the interests of those in the government who favor a complete cover-up to deliberately introduce disinformation, false information, confusion and doubt into the picture, so that no one knows what to believe and the whole truth is almost impossible to figure out. So there is a natural alliance between the information manipulators and the manure spreaders, both of whose stock in trade is public snowjobs. They use each other for their own ulterior motives.

In summary, Congressional hearings on UFOs are extremely rare, and then only brought about by very unusual combinations of circumstances. Before advocating Congressional hearings on UFOs, one should know something about the structure and workings of

Congress, what problems members face when they are asked to investigate UFOs and the types of information or evidence that are likely to stimulate Congressional interest.

Solid, credible UFO facts and evidence is the most persuasive material to be furnished to them. Congress is daily faced with fundamental questions on military affairs, housing, anti-drug trafficking, agriculture, health care, transportation, environmental pollution, energy resources, space programs, science and technology - you name it. When members are asked to look into UFOs (read: crackpot stuff mainly in the tabloids), don't be surprised by their lack of enthusiasm. It is our job to separate out the crackpot stuff and present convincing evidence to persuade them that UFOs are not a nonsense problem.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

Dear Editor:

UFO promoter and or lecturers that are Federal Government employees should beware. On January 1, 1991, a new Federal Law took effect, according to *JUST CAUSE* December, 1990 issue. In essence, Federal employees will be forbidden from speaking or writing about non-fiction topics for a fee. Violation of this law can carry a \$10,000 fine.

As a sidebar to the above, I must also point out that people selling UFO literature, etc., within the State of New Jersey, must pay the appropriate New Jersey Sales Tax, or be subject to fines and/or possible incarceration.

Tom Benson

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

HUDSON VALLEY SIGHTING

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object moved out of sight after 6 or 7 minutes. Apparently no other witness were noticed watching the object during Mr. & Mrs. B's observation.

Mr. B was interviewed the following day after his observation. He provided a drawing (see illustration below right) along with his detailed account. Phone calls were made to the Woodbury, New York Police; Tuxedo Park, New York police; New York State police at Harriman; Stormville Airport and Stewart Airport. No UFO's were reported to any of the Police stations or airports between 5:30 and 6:30 pm on March 12th. Inquires were made at an IGA Supermarket in Tuxedo Park, NY. There were no reports of any unusual sightings.

THE INVESTIGATORS COMMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. B are definitely considered to be credible witnesses to the noted event. This object was close enough for Mr B to dismiss the possibility of a blimp or weather balloon. He also noted that there was no observable wind to cause flying debris. A follow-up will take place if any other reports emerge.

"DARK MASS" SEEN OVER EMERSON

Emerson, New Jersey

On April 10, 1991 at 10:00 pm, Bill walked out of his house with his dog for their nightly walk. Bill was observing the sky when about 30 feet from his house he observed a "dark mass" overhead traveling in a straight trajectory in a northwest direction. The "dark mass" appeared to be the size of a 1/2 to 3/4 fist at arms length.

Bill said the altitude was constant with no variation and the mass did not emit any sound. The object moved overhead to the horizon, out of sight, in about 15 seconds. The mass did not have any lights on it and did not leave a vapor trail. Bill stated that the object appeared to be a "dark amorphous mass" with the surface altering slightly as it was moving.

Bill was completely surprised that an object of that size could traverse such high winds. The winds were reported at 20-30 mph, with gusts up

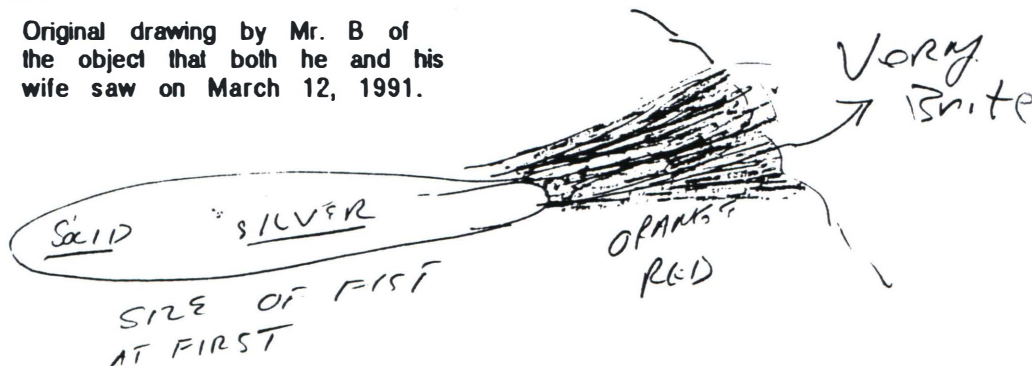
to 40 mph. The winds were out of the south according to the weather reports. Bill estimated the altitude to be approximately 500 ft. Bill initially thought that the mass was a flock of birds, but realized that the birds must be traveling REAL fast to go from overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. No EM or physical effects were noted during this sighting.

On April 11th, the following day Bill was outside his house setting up his telescope to do some star gazing.

His neighbor Don was walking his dog and Bill called him over to talk to him about his sighting. Before Bill could say anything, Don asked him if HE saw anything strange in the skies over the past few nights. Bill said he had not and asked who did he ask. Don stated that two nights before he saw a "dark blob" in the sky heading toward Kinderkamack Road. Immediately Bill was SHOCKED to hear this

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Original drawing by Mr. B of the object that both he and his wife saw on March 12, 1991.



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and tried to keep his composure. Bill asked him specific questions about the time and shape of the dark blob.. Don said, the time was about 9:30 to 9:45 pm, and the shape was not discernible because of the altitude. The altitude was about 1000 - 2000 ft, the height of an airplane. Don stated the blob traveled in a northwest direction at a uni- form rate of speed. Bill was quite astonished to hear Don's account of his sighting. Finally, Don asked Bill what he wanted to talk about. Bill told him he wanted to know if HE HAD SEEN anything strange in the sky on the night of April 10th. Now Don was shocked about Bill's exact account of the SAME sighting.

INVESTIGATORS COMMENTS

Here is a CLASSIC case of an anomalous night time sighting were two independent witnesses observed the SAME aerial phenomena. It should be noted that Bill is an amateur astronomer and is familiar with observing the night time sky. Bill also made extensive inquiries with a bird hunter regarding nocturnal birds and flock- ing habits of birds. The hunter CANNOT explain Bill's observations as birds or bats. At this point in time, no detailed investigation has taken place other than the interview with Bill. A follow-up investigation with Don and other natural phenomena checks is under way.

TREAT II CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

TO BE PUBLISHED

Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma (TREAT) was organized several years ago by Rima Laibow, M.D., a psychiatrist and UFO abduction researcher, in order to provide "mainstream" scientific input to the abduction puzzle.

To date three conferences have been held under the auspices of respected universities, but on a very quiet, no publicity, "invitation only" basis. State Director Dr. Don Johnson attended the first two and contributed a paper to the third; and R. J. Durant, who has worked closely with Dr. Laibow, attended the second.

Don contributed papers to the conferences, and now his Treat II paper, along with those of many other researcher and clinicians, is being published in book form.

The publication of the Proceedings of TREAT II is a milestone in ufology. The Publishing House, is highly regarded in the academic world, and they are handling this project as a 100% bona fide scientific publication in every respect.

Although the book is aimed primarily at the academic and professional community, many of the writers will be familiar to those of us who have followed the abduction controversy. Therein lies the great significance and promise of this volume. It will present the work of ufologists such a Maccabee, Friedman, Bullard and Johnson to Establishment Science.

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Many, if not most, abductees think they are "going crazy". And it is an unfortunate fact that many clinicians agree, although the patients test "normal" in every respect except for their bizarre abduction story.

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A copy of the TREAT II Proceedings can be had for the pre-publication price of \$22 (Post publication price \$32) by writing TREAT, P.O. Box 728, Ardsley, New York 10502.

Editor's Note: As this paper goes to press 6/17/91; there has been no announced publication date. I assume that the pre-publication price is still valid.

PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS REPORTING EXPERIENCED ANOMALOUS TRAUMA: WHAT WE KNOW FROM QUESTIONNAIRE DATA The MMPI, 16-PF, MBTI, NEO-PI, and WAIS

By Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.

Editor's Note: What follows are excerpts from a paper prepared for the Third Conference on Treatment and Research on Experienced Anomalous Trauma, Kansas City, MO, March 7-10, 1991. We thank Don for permission to reproduce the complete text of the abstract and conclusions. This article first appeared in the Bulletin of Anomalous Experience, Volume 2, Number 4, June 1991; David Gollib, M.D., Editor. Due to the length of Dr. Johnson's article a smaller than normal font has been used so that we may include it in this issue.

ABSTRACT

Reviews the current literature and latest research findings on the personality characteristics of those persons reporting experienced anomalous trauma (EAT), including data on those who claim to have been abducted by UFO aliens. Results from the MMPI, 16-PF, Myers Briggs Type Indicator, NEO-PI, and Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) are summarized and discussed. The viability of the fantasy-prone personality hypothesis as a likely psychological mechanism for explaining these claims is examined. Evidence for psychopathology as well as individual differences within the range of normal adult behavior are presented. Data on hypnotic suggestibility, dissociative experiences, self-reported childhood experiences with fantasy proneness, and subjective psychic experiences are also discussed. (Dr. Johnson reviews research findings from the followingsources:

- * Slater (1985): *Blind evaluations of the psychodiagnostic test batteries of nine alleged UFO abductees.*
- * Ring and Rosing (1990): *Comparative study of UFO close encounter experiencers and near-death experiencers, with control groups.*
- * Stone (1989): *MMPI results from 18 subjects who had conscious recall of a UFO abduction scenario and a period of missing time.*
- *Parnell (1986, 1988) and Parnell and Sprinkle (1990): *MMPI and Sixteen Personality Factors (16-PF) profiles of 225 persons who claim to have had UFO experiences.*
- * Rodeghier, Goodpaster & Blatterbauer (personal communication): *MMPI, ICMI and Creative Imagination Scale (CIS) scores from 16 UFO abduction experiencers who had a least partial conscious recall of the event unaided by hypnotic regression.*
- *Johnson(1991): *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and NEO-PI personality test results on five EAT claimants.*
- * *Analysis of Personality Assessment System (PAS) classification for 20 EAT claimants in the PAS database maintained by Dr. David Saunders.)*

CONCLUSIONS

1. It is reasonable to conclude that some of the individuals reporting UFO abduction and contact experiences have personality profiles that lead one to doubt the veracity of their accounts. This conclusion is based in part on the PAS* reference group membership of some of the EAT claimants to reference

groups consisting of rather immature, unstable, and untrustworthy individuals, and in part upon the finding of some "markedly elevated" profile scores on scales F ("faking"), 6 "Pa"--oversensitivity to criticism possible accounted for by paranoid tendencies), and 8 ("Sc" divergent thinking possible accounted for by schizoid processes) on the MMPI in the Parnell and Sprinkle data.

2. There does not seem to be very much support for fantasy proneness being a likely cause of the reported cases of experienced anomalous trauma from the data collected to date. Not only have Ring & Rosing (1990) and Rodeghier et.al. (personal communication) failed to find significant relationships, but it is also clear from the standardized psychological test data that most EAT claimants do not fall into that small group (by some estimates 4% of the population) who have extensive and deep involvement in fantasy. Individuals reporting abduction experiences do appear to have slightly elevated scores for openness to fantasy, but not outside the normal range. If the EAT claimants were fantasy-prone personalities, then they would have quite elevated scores on either the ICMI scale or the Childhood Experiences Inventory developed by Ring and Rosing. Despite the claims made by Bartholomew and Basterfield (1990), utilizing the full range of test instruments as developed by Lynn and Rhue (1986, 1987, 1988) or Barber and Wilson (1978) is not what is needed next. There is no plausible benefit to be derived from doing this.

Wilson and Barber developed their heterogeneous ICMI scale as a screening device to identify members of that select group of individuals who fantasize a large part of the time, and who truly experience ("see", "hear", "smell", "touch") what they fantasize through hallucinating voluntarily. Once identified, their fantasy proneness should then be confirmable through behavioral observation. While willing to grant the Whitley Strieber's recounted experiences in the book *Communion* seem to fit the pattern of fantasy-prone-personality type (Bartholomew and Basterfield, 1988), the life histories of many of the other EAT claimants fail to fit that pattern.

What is needed is better conceptualization of the explanatory constructs. A stronger distinction needs to be made between fantasy proneness, dissociative experiences, psychic experiences, and hypnotic suggestibility. As Ring points out, factor analysis has shown that his measure of fantasy-proneness is conceptually quite different from his measure of sensitivity to no-ordinary realities. More study of the relationships between dissociation, hypnotic susceptibility, subjective psychic experiences, and EAT experiences are needed.

* Personality Assessment System identifies an individual's personality profile as belonging to one of 104 reference groups.

To date no strong relationships have emerged between hypnotic suggestibility and self-reported psychic experiences, leading one to suspect that heightened hypnotic susceptibility may not be a very likely explanation for the EAT experience either. Although Myers and Austrin report moderate correlations between fantasy-proneness and ESP experiences, and relate the cause of the parapsychological experiences to a form of fantasizing bordering on waking hallucination, it is difficult to know if this is the correct interpretation to put on these

correlations. When one encounters correlations in the .20 to .40 range, it is often not enough to just have the figures. It is usually prudent to examine the bivariate scatter plots underlying those numbers. It may be that only those with higher fantasy-proneness report ESP experiences.

3. Many individuals reporting abduction experiences do seem to have personality profile data that are in accord with the hypothesis that they have experienced a serious traumatic event. Based on limited data, it appears that some have a heightened sense of vigilance, and more threat sensitive than would normally be expected. The self-report personality questionnaires, the projective test results, and the indirect assessment of personality based upon the WAIS all suggest that many of these individuals are less socially adept, ill at ease in interpersonal relationships, vulnerable to rejection, and lack a strong sense of identity.

Some believe that because EAT claimants also report significantly higher rates of childhood physical and sexual abuse, the UFO abduction scenarios represent an attempt by the victim to create a screen memory to protect oneself from intolerable information and overwhelming affect. Laibow (1989) points out that if this is so, it is perplexing that the victim consciously recalls and reports the abuse which is supposed to be intolerable for him or her to recall, and raises the interesting question of why the repression of an intolerable trauma is completely unaccomplished and the trauma coexists with its protective screen memory.

The PTSD hypothesis needs to be pursued further by comparing the psychological profiles of EAT claimants to those of rape and child abuse victims. Those EAT claimants reporting childhood abuse should be analyzed as a

separate subgroup from those who do not report such experiences.

4. The findings on psychological characteristics do not settle the ultimate question of what the true source of the UFO experience is. Ring and Rosing are correct to point out that, if you believe in the existence of extraterrestrials, you can make a case from the data that they are somehow selecting especially vulnerable, psychically sensitive people for these experiences. Similar arguments can be constructed for other alternative explanations. At this point, one can impose a variety of interpretative templates on the data, and make them fit whatever your favored schema might happen to be. However, the role of psychological factors in the UFO abduction experience has been sufficiently demonstrated, and must be acknowledged as an important source of clues to providing definitive answers and possibly an ultimate resolution to the UFO question.

5. The fact that Rodeghier et.al. have found personality characteristics to be important predictors of certain aspects of the UFO abduction experience, suggests that progress towards understanding the dynamics of the EAT could be made by developing a concise method of categorizing the various aspects of these experiences. It seems reasonable to believe that there might be different underlying causes and dynamics to these reported experiences, and that more would be gained by analyzing the psychological characteristics of subgroups of EAT claimants, rather than merely lumping them altogether into one category.

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NATIONAL SIGHTING RESEARCH CENTER



— UPDATE —

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ANALYSIS OF TRIANGULAR
SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECTSBACKGROUND

Perhaps one of the most interesting of all groups of UFO sightings are the Triangular (deltoid) shaped objects. This study will present an analysis of deltoid characteristics, statistics and a correlation analysis against general UFO sightings. The data used for this analysis is the NSRC data base (1986-90) containing 944 cases including 92 deltoid type sightings.

Deltoids have displayed many unusual sighting characteristics over the years. The most prominent characteristics today is that 32% of all deltoid reports are CE-1 or CE-2 cases. The book *Night Siege*, provides excellent first hand accounts of deltoids in the Hudson Valley, NY area in the early 80's. In March of 1990, the deltoids made their way through Belgium, Spain and the Netherlands creating instant media attention.

CHARACTERISTICS

Deltoids have been reported to be huge in size; as big as a football field and up to four times the size of a Boeing 747. Rarely is there any sound, but when sound has been reported it is a faint hum. Their colors are dull gray to a reddish/brown. Observers of these deltoids experience long duration sightings occurring mostly during night time visibility-rarely are they seen during the day. Deltoids seem to hover, move slow then bolt away from witnesses. The most popular descriptions for deltoids are as follows:

Triangles, Diamonds, Boomerang, V-Shaped, Wing, Delta, Stingray, Cone, Semi-circle and Banana. Refer to the actual witness drawings Figures 1 through 4 below, of some Classic Deltoid shaped objects.

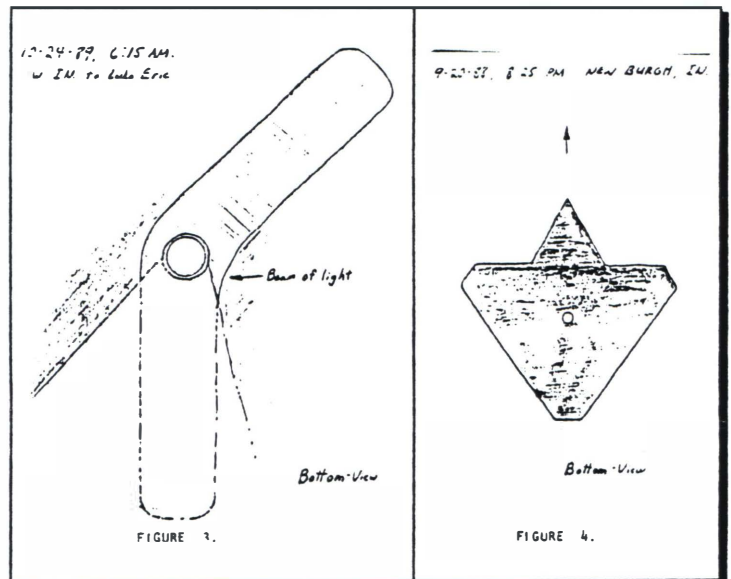
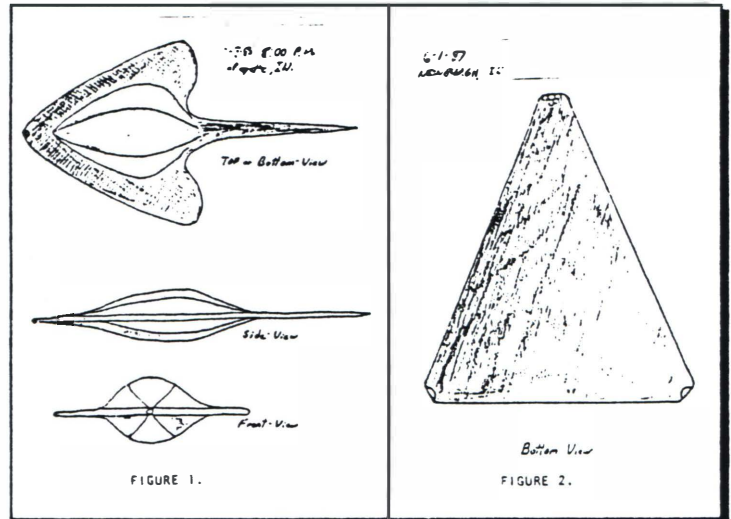


Figure 1 is a rare Stringray shaped object. Figure 2 is the classic Delta or Triangular shape. Figure 3 is the famous Boomerang and Figure 4 is another rare Diamond shape. These objects are hardly the type of aircraft most of us are familiar with in the skies above. (Witness drawings courtesy of the *UFO Filter Center*, Mt. Vernon, Indiana; Francis Ridge, Director.

STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN

The following is a statistical summary based on the 92 deltoïd sightings occurring in the United States from 1986 through 1990. (Expressed in percent of total reports.)

PEAK YEAR.....1989 (38%)
PEAK MONTHS.....Jan (16%), Mar (13%),
 Aug (13%)
LULL MONTH.....June (1%)
PEAK DAY OF WEEK.....Thursday (26%)
LULL DAY OF WEEK.....Saturday (5%)
PEAK TIME OF DAY.....Between
 9-10p.m. (29%)
PEAK GROUPED HOURS.....Between
 9-12p.m. (55%)
LULL GROUPED HOURS.....Between
 7am-3pm (0%) **NO REPORTS**
REPORTS WITH NO SOUND.....(84%)
MULTIPLE WITNESS REPORTS.....(67%)
MEAN SIGHTING DURATION....11.5 Minutes

Refer to Figure 5 for the National Distribution of Deltoïd sightings by states. The key states are shaded with the quantity of sightings superimposed within the state.

CORRELATION ANALYSIS

For our study we treated deltoïd sightings as a separate and individual group from all other UFO sightings reported during 1986 through 1990. We compared the 92 deltoïd sightings to 852 other sightings and tested for a linear trend between the two data sets. There were 60 data points, one for each month over the five year period. (Refer to Figure 6 at right for the Scatter Diagram)

The Correlation Coefficient indicates the closeness with which pairs of values fit a straight line relationship. A value approaching +1 or -1 indicates a strong linear

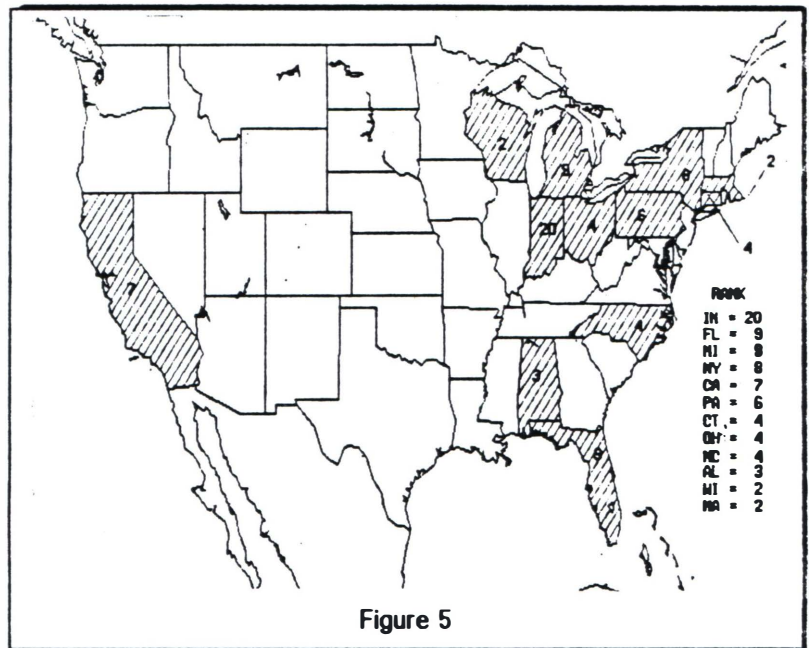


Figure 5

relationship, a value toward 0 indicates a weak relationship. The computed value of the Pearson Correlation Coefficient for the relationship between deltoïd sightings and general sightings is .344. This value implies a somewhat weak linear trend.

NOTE: The computer program analyzing the data also computes the *T-Test* for significance of slope, if the *P* value is less than .05 the linear relationship is strong. The *T-Test* value of the Deltoïd data set is .007, and the low value of *P* indicates a strong relationship. The low value of *P* does NOT imply a cause/effect relationship, only a strong significance of slope.

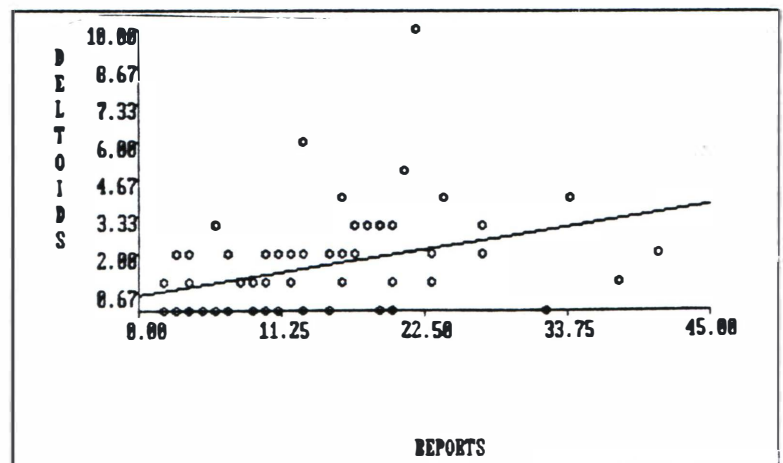


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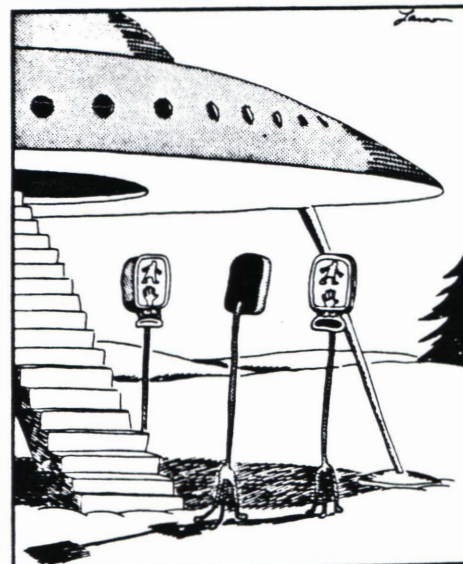
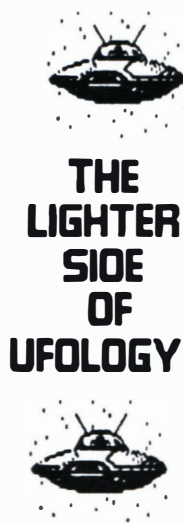
CONCLUSION

Many skeptics have stated that UFO report are simply the product of misapprehended natural phenomena, misidentified aircraft or hoaxes. This is difficult to accept due to the known facts of the deltoid sightings. This simple fact that 32% of the deltoid reports are close encounter cases, provides us with quality observational data with little distortion. The size of these objects are large, they hover, move slowly, and appear for long durations of time. There has been no evidence to date to support the "natural phenomena" theory. As far a "misidentified aircraft" there are no known aircraft of the described sizes able to hover and maneuver as the deltoids. Even the VSTOL (Vertical Short Take Off and Landing) aircraft of today can only hover for a few minutes while expending large amounts of fuel and creating earth shaking noise.

If these deltoid sightings were some elaborate projection type hoax, why would anyone go through the effort and expense to do it worldwide? One would think the hoaxer after all this time, would cash in at Hollywood for special effects.

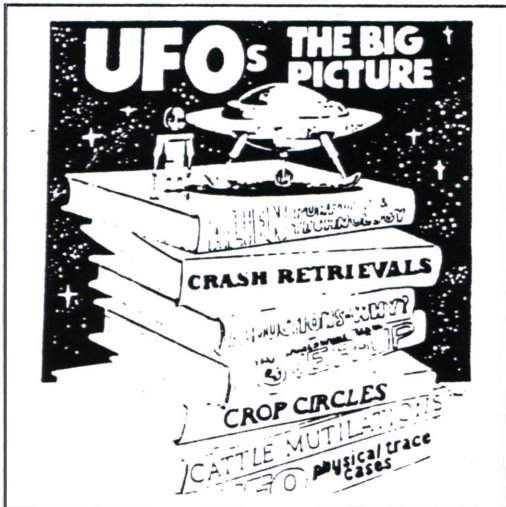
The fact remains that the data set show a weak correlation value along with a strong significance of slope value. It appears deltoid sightings do tend to increase as other UFO sightings increase. Could this be a technique to disguise themselves, or be part of the same general phenomena? One must remember that the correlation analysis only considered the sightings for each month for both UFO groups. Other characteristics such as: time of day, peak and lull months, states, multiple witness cases, visibility reference, sound presence, and modal duration matched up with the general reported sightings.

Some unusual facts stand out. First...Thursday has never been a peak day of week for UFO sightings over the past five years. Tuesday and Wednesday have been the peak days for other sighting during the same time period. Second...there were no reported deltoid sighting between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., generally something is observed during those hours. Finally, the scatter plot of the deltoid sightings definitely shows some strong straight line relationships....**TO BE CONTINUED**



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- More than 200 witnesses have been located who were involved in the events. Those who handled the recovered material said it was extremely unusual: it couldn't be cut, burned or creased, and some of the wreckage had unusual writing or symbols. Some witnesses also indicate that the bodies of aliens were found at one or more UFO crash sites in New Mexico in 1947.

- A retired U.S. Air Force Brigadier General says officials at the Pentagon ordered the cover-up in order to divert the interest of the press. Other witnesses say they were harassed and intimidated by military officers, who ordered them to keep silent about the real story.

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