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MARCH ON THE WHITE HOUSE BY OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW

By Tom Benson

This July, I celebrate the 40th anniversary of my UFO sighting that occurred in 1953. Back then, I wondered why the government representatives explained away the July 1952 UFO flap over Washington, D.C. as a weather inversion. What I saw at the time of my UFO sighting was certainly not a weather inversion. The C.I.A. sponsored Robertson Panel that convened in 1953 perceived the UFO phenomenon reports as a security problem. I didn't know the terms definition then, but yes a

worldwide, institutional cover-up must have already in place at the time. I believe the insidious cover-up continues in order to maintain the status quo in our class divided societies, and it started long before 1947. Also the cover-up is due in part to the aliens themselves because of their behavior such, elusiveness and contradictoriness.

Well it's 1993 and the cover-up steadfastly remains in place. Operation Right To Know (ORTK) was established in 1992 as a political action UFO organization to get things accomplished. Except, for Donald E. Keyhoe of NICAP's past efforts, a couple of Congressional hearings that went no where, and the release of questionable FOIA documents, nothing has been accomplished by established UFO organizations. ORTK organized a march on the White House on July 5th, to get things going. We do not wish to sit on ours asses for another forty years.

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Space is the place

Associated Press

Protesters march in front of the White House, demanding that President Clinton make a 'full disclosure' about government information concerning UFOs. Some 50 people participated in the protest. They're calling on the government to release some 20,000 pages of documents which they claim prove the existence of UFOs.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

DATELINE: July 16, 1993, North Brunswick, New Jersey... An advance recon/sabo unit from the Zeta Reticula group have successfully accomplished their mission and have returned to their attack group...their objective...one antique 286 12Mz computer ..destroyed....their goal...New Jersey Chronicle not able to publish....2 years ago it was the hard drive, this time it suffered a fatal heart attack...the motherboard went....I apologize for the delay in publishing but a new computer had to be purchased...we were close...4 pages from completion...well...we're back. To this issue...Our lead article is about the *March on The White House by the Right To Know* group by Tom Benson, this time their demonstration got a lot of press and even CNN coverage...see *In Washington Nothing's Bizarre* article by Sandy Grady for a Washington reporter's view of the event....in State Director's Message...our State Director George Filer discusses Jacques Vallee's *Middle Age Demons and Modern Day Aliens* theory and updates on new state appointments..In *Letters to the Editor* the Linda Cortile case is discussed with some blasting of the particulars.....The conclusion of the Stefula, Butler, Hansen *Critique of the Budd Hopkin's Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda Napolitano* is presented. If any of our readers receive *IUR* (*International UFO Reporter*) or the *MUFON Journal* you know how much time and copy these magazines have spent on reactions to this article....but they have never published it! Why is that?..... In *An Inside View*...Tom Benson gives us the inside track at what happened at the Fourth Great/UFO/Seti Congress one of Pat Marcattilio's extravaganza's (see upcoming conferences)...A local trivia piece...*O-Bit...Who was Orfeo Angelucci*.....*A Call for Entries for the 1993 Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism award* sponsored by the Fund for UFO Research....*Bits and Piece's* present some interesting articles...A Princeton astrophysicist predict the demise of our species.....In the second article the Hunt for space aliens detects 164 mysterious radio signals....the third article discusses a

new plastic that is found to withstand the heat generated from a nuclear blast...*Upcoming UFO Conferences* and of course...*The Lighter Side of UFOlogy*....till next issue.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be the last of the 1992-93 publishing year. Since our inception almost four years ago we have attempted to publish on a bi-monthly basis...at that time we were an 8 page newsletter. Over time we have become a publication whose average size is now is 20 pages or more, with most issues at 24 pages in length. Do to it's increased size the Chronicle will be published on a quarterly basis in 1993-94 publishing year.

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STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

MIDDLE AGE DEMONS AND MODERN DAY ALIENS

Last summer at Princeton, I had a nice conversation with Jacques Vallee about the UFO phenomenon. I asked his opinion on UFOs and abductions. He said, It's the same situation that occurred in the Middle Ages with fairies, elves, demons, incubus or succubus. The demons the churchman studied are alive and well, they now call them aliens. They had carnal union with men and women in the Middle Ages and were taken very seriously by the men of science and religion in those days. We might find the real answer, if we start with history. Except for the descriptions of more modern craft the abductions seem very similar.

Jacques Vallee's book "Passport to Magonia" is very enlightening. He feels there is no gap between the fairy-faith and ufology regarding the sexual question. "What we have here is a complete theory of contact between our race and another race, nonhuman, different in physical nature, but biologically compatible with us. Angels, demons, fairies, creatures from heaven, hell, or Magonia: they inspire our strange dreams, shape our destinies, steal our desires....But who are they?"

Jacques quotes great men such as St. Augustine. "It is a widespread opinion, confirmed by direct or indirect testimony of trustworthy persons, that the Sylphs and Fauns, commonly called Incubi, have often tormented women, solicited and obtained intercourse with them. There are even Demons...who are quite frequently using such impure practices: this is vouched for by so numerous and so high authorities that it would be imprudent to deny it.

Now, the devil makes use of two ways in these carnal contacts. One he uses with sorcerers and witches: the other with men and women perfectly foreign to witchcraft. This is a point of paramount importance, what Sinistari is saying is that two kinds of people may come in contact with beings he calls demons; those who have made a formal pact with them - and he give the details of the process for making this pact - and those who simply happen to be "contacted" by them. The implications of this fundamental statement to occultism for the interpretation of the fairy-faith and of modern UFO stories should be obvious to the reader." pages 125-26.

These fairies or demons of the past are still with us. Do they come from different dimensions? Mankind in

different ages, gives them different names, but their tactics are almost the same. They wear different disguises, they try to make us believe they are space travelers, but their goals and mission appear the same.

In fact, we have reason to believe that they can make themselves appear almost any size or shape. Perhaps their real shape is too ugly for us to accept, so deception is needed for us to cooperate.

There is another phenomenon in our society that appears amazingly similar. Recently I had a talk with a psychologist friend who indicates 70% of his clientele is being treated for memories associated with incest. These patients mostly women believe they were sexually abused by their fathers. Yet in contacting his patient's parents, brother and sisters, they most strenuously deny the incidents ever occurred. Obviously, there are some real cases of incest. Yet ten years ago, incest was seldom treated, but now the experts expect incest.

In fact, so many parents nationwide are being accused of incest that they are forming support groups to investigate the allegations. Is it possible that an expert may cause a troubled person to fabricate or falsely interpret memories. The patient tends to believe whatever story is expected by the expert. A person's mind may try to piece together a rational story from insufficient data. There is growing evidence that people's belief systems can be interpreted and molded by the person they respect. If a psychiatrist can convince a daughter that her father committed incest, then a person can be convinced of almost anything. It is possible a person who sees a UFO now expects that they have been abducted. Under hypnosis or in therapy they are able to fabricate a series of partial memories to fit the experts expectations. Telepathy may help create or change memories.

Many abductees have clouded memories of sexual encounters similar to victims of incest. Since most psychologists do not believe in aliens or demons, they assume the memories are caused by parental incest. The memories of incest may actually cover over abduction by aliens or incubi. The relationship between abductions and incest may be closer than we realize. If demons exist, confusion with both aliens and incest provide society with new more accepted explanations. We appear to be dealing with another race of beings who kidnap, force sex, mutilate, and take our bodily fluids and even fetuses. If the allegations made by thousands of witness are true, these beings are evil. John Keel told

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me, the closer you get to the truth, the more dangerous and evil the aliens become. If Jacques Vallee is correct we are still dealing with fairies, angels, demons from heaven or hell or even Magonia. They may now use more advanced technology, but they're still fooling us.

On a business note: There are several new State Section Directors that have been appointed for the state of New Jersey. They are: Stephen M. Rucci/Ocean County, Richard Butler/Atlantic County and John Pizzo/Cumberland County. All are good investigators and I welcome them aboard.

We have reports of strange lights and strange government operations around reservoirs in North Jersey. Susan Van Slooten and Tommy Briggs are investigating.

George A. Filer



THE INFORMATION NETWORK

We share stories and information from other newsletters from all over the country. Among them are:

Arkansas MUFON Newsletter
Arizona MUFON Newsletter
Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
Colorado MUFON NEWS
CONTACT NOTES UFO Forum-Atlanta, Ga.
Florida MUFON NEWS
FOCUS-Fair-Witness Project, Inc., Ca.
Illinois MUFON Newsletter
LA MUFON Newsletter
Michigan MUFON Newsletter
New Hampshire MUFON Newsletter
New Mexico MUFON NEWS
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Oklahoma MUFON NEWS
Operation Right to Know, Washington D.C.
PASU Data Exchange, Pa.
SKYWATCH, Ga.
The UFO ENIGMA, Missouri
the Ufologist, Palatka, Fl.
UFO Potpourri, Houston, Tx.
and especially the
U.F.O. News clipping Service for providing
current UFO related stories from around the world!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

Dear Editor:

The April/May 1993 issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR) contains a series of linked articles defending the "Linda Cortile Case of the Century" and denouncing the investigators who have questioned the veracity of the claims made by Budd Hopkins and "Cortile." Jerome Clark leads off with an editorial calling the New Jersey researchers (one of whom is a former MUFON State Director, the other a former State Section Director) "saucer smearers," apparently equating them with what to Clark is the lowest form of ufological life, Jim Moseley, publisher of Saucer Smear.

The IUR articles resound with a dogmatic tone, emotionally but not objectively - challenging the work of researchers Richard Butler, George Hansen and Joe Stefula. This trio simply did what UFO researchers are supposed to do, but seldom accomplish: a great deal of hard, time consuming, common sense investigation. They followed all reasonable leads, found a multitude of "real world" discrepancies in the "Cortile" story, and then published their findings in a lengthy report.

For that they should get a gold medal in recognition of their exemplary investigation, which among other things has saved ufology from the devastating result of having the "Case of the Century" exposed by the media. But Hopkins (and Andrus, Clark, Mack, Jacobs, et al) wants them kicked out of ufology, stating "I have heard that Stefula and Butler have resigned from MUFON saying, I suspect, director Walter H. Andrus Jr., from the job of having to get rid of them."

Whitley Streiber (one of the legion of "former" associates of Budd Hopkins) says that the "visitors" have a beehive behavior, and act as if they are part of a linked group intelligence. It appears that the pro-Cortile crowd is similarly linked, react as if some strange animal crossed their territorial boundary, and mindlessly attack the intruder.

This strange mind-linked brotherhood seems to think that evidence doesn't count, that their joint pronouncements are enough, sheltered by an angelic force field immune to fact or discussion. Eventually, they must lift the Veil of Isis and answer the real world question about "Cortile"; Where's the beef?

Tom Benson
"Former" New Jersey State Director MUFON

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After I attended the Mutual UFO Network symposium in Richmond, VA, (800 approximately attended), as a vendor selling UFO related literature, I left for over a two hour drive to Washington, for the march on the White House.

The temperature was over 100 degrees and the march was scheduled to begin a little after 1:00 P.M. I judged by all media present, we were going to get our message out, and we did!

Approximately 100 people were assembled for this historic event. Among the hundred included a woman in a wheelchair and another woman on crutches. About half of this group, actually marched in front of the White House. Well known ufologists in the crowd included Jim Moseley (long time satirical style writer, editor of the notorious "Saucer Smear" newsletter, lecturer (only Stan Friedman tops him at the total number of college audiences he has lectured to) and media personality), Tim Beckley (editor of "UFO Universe" magazine (tops in its field) and many other publications, and Impresario of the P.T. Barnum style promoting the most popular UFO related events of this type, nationally), Antonio Huneus (MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) International Coordinator and columnist for FATE magazine) Rosemary Guiley (author of several books on the paranormal and columnist for FATE magazine) and ("true patriot" Larry Bryant, known for his one man campaigns against UFO secrecy, MUFON Director of Governmental Affairs and his Just CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) organization).

During the demonstration, not many security personnel were evident, they were probably in air-conditioned buildings, looking through binoculars or viewing video monitors observing the activities. On the way home, I even had a helicopter fly over my car as I neared the Washington city limits, I was too busy driving to get a look at it as to markings, although it was a "dark" color.

Last year, ORTK in a similarly oriented, less publicized, effort had only about ten people picketing and distributing leaflets in front of the White House. This year ORTK moved to another level in reaching the masses regarding this relevant UFO topic. At a rally, ORTK organizers, Elaine Douglass, Hal McKenzie, Ed Komarek and Mike Jamison all gave uplifting short talks before the march began. Tom DeLoach gave us all spiritual guidance and invoked the name of Dr. Martin Luther King (a leader of the non-violent Civil Rights/Peace Movement of the 1950's and 60's).

Seven members of the New Jersey-Pennsylvania UFO Study Group attended this historic event. Besides myself, there was Pat Marcattilio (UFO Conference Impresario and UFO Museum to be Curator), Mindy Gerber (serial UFO Abductee) and George Hansen (well known Paranormal researcher) , participated in the march in front of the White House. Arriving later, was Chelsea Flor (3rd Eye magazine editor) , Pat Stein and Art Sielicki, who participated in later activities. New Jersey probably had the largest contingent for this event. Yea! New Jersey!

We hope this event will grow in numbers of participants annually, coupled with other political oriented action activities (e.g.,visits to political representatives, letter writing campaign,etc.). At the local level, "grass roots" leaders must emerge and initiate actions.

At the end of the march, I shook hands with Elaine Douglass who was acclaiming, "We Did it". Looking back on this event, one can glimpse figures from the past standing among us such as Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Harriet Tubman all singing; Carry it on... carry it on....

For more information on "Operation Right to Know", write: ORTK, 1801 Clydesdale, NW, suite 501, Washington, D.C. 20009. They need your support! For New Jersey ORTK actions, I can be contacted at P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606-1174.

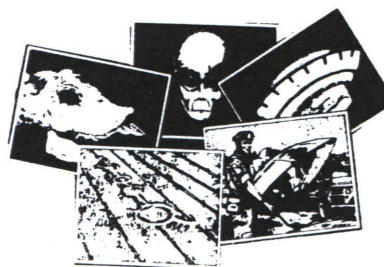
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is conclusion of the scathing Stefula, Butler, Hansen Critique of the Linda Napolitano UFO Abduction case. Comments from our readership on this two part article are encouraged.

A Critique of Budd Hopkins' Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda Napolitano (Part 2)

by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler,
and George P. Hansen

HOPKINS' REACTION TO OUR INVESTIGATION

In concluding his Mufon UFO Journal paper, Hopkins wrote: "if rumors are true and there are officially sanctioned intelligence agents within the various UFO investigative networks, these people will also be mobilized to subvert the case from the inside, even before its full dimensions are made known to the public at large" (Hopkins, 1992c, p. 16). Hopkins apparently takes this idea quite seriously. After he learned of our investigation, he warned Butler that he suspected Butler and Stefula of being government agents and that he planned to inform others of his suspicions. A few weeks after our October 3 meeting, he told people that he suspected Hansen of being a CIA agent. This was not an offhand remark made to a friend in an informal setting; rather this was asserted to a woman whom he did not know and who had happened to attend one of his lectures (member of MUFON in New Jersey who feared future repercussions if her name was mentioned, personal communication, November 7, 1992).

A POSSIBLE LITERARY BASIS FOR ELEMENTS OF THE STORY

This case is quite exotic, even for a UFO abduction. Government agents are involved, the UN Secretary General is a key witness, Linda was kidnapped in the interests of national security, concerns are expressed about world peace, the CIA is attempting to discredit the case, and the ETs helped end the Cold War. The story is truly marvellous, and one might wonder about its origin. We wish to draw the readers' attention to the science fiction novel, *Nighteyes*, by Garfield Reeves-Stevens. This work was first published in April 1989, a few months before Linda claimed to have been abducted from her apartment.

The experiences reported by Linda seem to be a composite of those of two characters in *Nighteyes*: Sarah and Wendy. The parallels are striking; some are listed in Table 1. We have not bothered to include the similarities commonly reported in abduction experiences (e.g., implants, bodily examinations, probes,

etc.). The parallels are sufficiently numerous to lead us to suspect that the novel served as the basis for Linda's story. We want to emphasize that the parallels are with discrete elements of the case and not with the story line itself.

Table 1 - Similarities Between the Linda Napolitano Case and the Science Fiction Novel *Nighteyes*

* Linda was abducted into a UFO hovering over her high-rise apartment building in New York City.
Sarah was abducted into a UFO hovering over her high-rise apartment building in New York City.

* Dan and Richard initially claimed to have been on a stakeout and were involved in a UFO abduction in during early morning hours.
Early in Nighteyes two government agents were on a stakeout and became involved in a UFO abduction during early morning hours.

* Linda was kidnapped and thrown into a car by Richard and Dan.
Wendy was kidnapped and thrown into a van by Derek and Merrill.

* Linda claimed to have been under surveillance by someone in a van.
Vans were used for surveillance in Nighteyes.

* Dan is a security and intelligence agent.
Derek was an FBI agent.

* Dan was hospitalized for emotional trauma.
One of the government agents in Nighteyes was hospitalized for emotional trauma.

* During the kidnapping Dan took Linda to a safe house.
During the kidnapping Derek took Wendy to a safe house.

* The safe house Linda visited was on the beach.
In Nighteyes, one safe house was on the beach.

* Before her kidnapping, Linda contacted Budd Hopkins about her abduction.
Before her kidnapping, Wendy contacted Charles Edward Starr about her abduction.

* Budd Hopkins is a prominent UFO abduction researcher living in New York City and an author who has written books on the topic.

Charles Edward Starr was a prominent UFO abduction researcher living in New York City and an author who had written books on the topic.

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* Linda and Dan were abducted at the same time and communicated with each other during their abductions. *Wendy and Derek were abducted at the same time and communicated with each other during their abductions.*

* Linda thought she "knew" Richard previously. *Wendy "knew" Derek previously.*

* Dan expressed a romantic interest in Linda. *Derek became romantically involved with Wendy.*

* Dan and Richard felt considerable vibration during the close encounter. *During the UFO landing in Nighteyes there was much vibration.*

* Photographs of Linda were taken on the beach and sent to Hopkins. *In Nighteyes, photographs taken on a beach played a central role.*

THE REACTION OF THE UFOLOGY'S LEADERSHIP

One of the most curious features of our investigation has been the reaction of several prominent leaders in ufology. Indeed, in the long run, this may turn out to be the most important part of the entire affair.

After the MUFON symposium in July, Stefula had several conversations with Walter Andrus, International Director of MUFON. Andrus told him that MUFON had no interest in publishing any material critical of this case even though they had published an article describing it as "The Abduction Case of the Century." This is a most surprising statement from a leader of an organization which purports to be scientific. Andrus' statements should raise questions about the legitimacy of MUFON's claims to use objective, scientific methods.

On September 14, 1992, Hopkins faxed Butler a letter saying that as a long-standing member of MUFON, he was issuing an "order" (his word). He "ordered" Stefula and Butler to stop their investigation of the case. We found this very curious, and we wondered how Hopkins, as a member of MUFON, could believe that it was in his power to issue such an "order." His letter seemed to reflect the mindset of a leader of a cult rather than that of an investigator searching for the truth.

For the meeting on October 3 in New York City, Hopkins flew in his close friend Jerome Clark from Minnesota. Under the sway of Hopkins, Clark strenuously urged that outsiders cease investigations, thus seemingly trying to reinforce Hopkins' earlier "order" (de-

spite the fact that the case already had been reported in the Wall Street Journal, Omni, Paris Match and the television show Inside Edition). Clark (1992a) later committed his position to writing, saying that this case may indeed involve a world political figure and have international consequences.

Andrus and Clark are arguably the two most influential figures in U.S. ufology. Andrus is International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), and he organizes the largest annual conference on UFOs in the country and regularly writes for MUFON's monthly magazine. Clark is a columnist for Fate magazine, editor of International UFO Reporter, vice-president of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, and author of books and even an encyclopedia on UFOs. Because of their eminence, their statements should be of special concern to the UFO research community.

At the meeting on October 3, the kidnapping and attempted murder of Linda were discussed. We informed Hopkins and the other participants that we were prepared to make a formal request for a federal investigation of the government agents responsible for the alleged felonies. Hopkins, Andrus, and Clark appeared to literally panic at the suggestion. They vigorously argued against making such a request. We could only conclude that they wanted to suppress evidence of attempted murder. We wondered why.

This situation seemed so outrageous that a few days later Hansen called Andrus, Clark, John Mack, and David Jacobs and asked them if they really believed Linda's story about the kidnappings and attempted murder. All of these individuals said that they accepted her account. We were forced to seriously consider their opinions because they had been given secret information not revealed to us. During the telephone conversations, Andrus and Clark again strongly objected to requesting an investigation by law enforcement authorities.

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The UFO that allegedly abducted Linda, as drawn by "Richard"

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A PSYCHO-SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE

The Napolitano case brings into stark relief symptoms of deep problems within ufology: major figures in the UFO community aggressively sought to suppress evidence of a purported attfailed to obtain and verify even the most basic investigatory information; his coinvestigator, Penelope Franklin, approved of lying by the principal witness; and leaders in the field have willingly accepted and promoted the case despite its exotic features and lack of supporting evidence. This state of affairs raises perplexing questions and cries out for a plausible explanation. The thinking and motivations of ufology's leaders deserve at least as much attention as the abduction claims themselves.

Did these leaders really believe, as they said, that they accepted the report of attempted murder? If so, they seem not to have acted as responsible citizens. However, these people do not appear to us to be delusional, in any usual sense of that word. They are highly functional members of society. They also do not appear to be perpetrators of a hoax or even "yellow journalists" with a "wink-wink, nudge-nudge" attitude who knowingly want to capitalize on it for their own temporary glory or financial gain.

We believe that other motivating factors and concepts provide a better explanation and framework for understanding these seemingly bizarre actions. We would suggest that perhaps, at some semiconscious level, these individuals do not really believe their UFO investigations to be fully engaged with the "real world." Rather, their behavior and statements seem more consistent with something like fantasy role playing, perhaps akin to the game Dungeons and Dragons (D & D).

Both ufology and D & D allow direct, immediate involvement with powerful "other-world" beings and mythological motifs. Both endeavors have been known to overtake (possess?) the participants, though only occasionally to their detriment. Most "players" are able to successfully detach themselves from involvement, but occasionally the "game" becomes obsessive and interferes with "real-world" pursuits. This "role playing" taps archetypal images that hold great psychological power. The archetypes can become immensely attractive, even addictive, to those playing the game. The notions and images of powerful "other-world" figures are part of the human condition. Accounts of them are found in all cultures throughout history, this being one of the traditional domains of religion. Even atheists and those who deny the existence of such beings must still grapple with the ideas on some level, though this might not be consciously recognized by an individual.

In the Napolitano case, the "other-world" figures include not only the ET aliens, but also the pantheon of agents of an unreachable, evil government conspiracy determined to prevent humankind's knowledge of the ETs. Intermediaries between flesh and blood humans and the powerful masters of the mystical higher orders are ubiquitous in the realm of religion. Angels and devils serve the centers of ultimate good and evil. So here we see the largely invisible minions "Dan" and "Richard" and the mysterious witness on the bridge furthering the cause of "Truth." Likewise, Hopkins discerns the skeptical investigators as agents of a secular satan.

Thus the interactions of Hopkins, et al., with these players are seen to conform to the rules that historically control the interactions between humans and gods. Humans question and provoke the gods only at the greatest peril. The proper approach is to appease, mollify and supplicate these "entities." It should be no surprise that the simplest reality tests of the Napolitano story were not made in this case. Hopkins' failure to check the weather conditions during the abduction actually makes sense in the context of this cult-like thought process. Just as lice were called "pearls of heaven" by medieval religious devotees, the physical event-reality issues in the Linda story are transmuted by her supporters.

The roles of high priest and acolytes are only too obvious when examining the behaviors of personages Hopkins, Clark, Jacobs, and Andrus. These aging white males patronizingly refer to Linda's "average" intellect, perhaps to reassure themselves that they are indeed in control. Yet the high priestess has, in effect, achieved the godhead (metaphorically speaking, of course).

There are some differences between D & D and ufological pursuits. D & D has more restrictive and structured rules. The boundaries of appropriate behavior are rather clearly defined. Ufology is more "unstructured," there are fewer "rules" about what is and is not possible, and the powers of the "other-world" figures are almost unbounded. This relative lack of structure makes the UFO game somewhat more "dangerous." In order to grapple with the phenomena, the paradigms adopted by many ufologists have "concretized" (i.e., structured) the beings as ET humanoids.

In fantasy role playing, the rules are not questioned; they are accepted by the players at the beginning. Similarly in the Linda case, the basic evidence is not to be questioned. Andrus, Clark, and Hopkins have all urged that outsiders cease investigation (despite the massive publicity given to the case). Such challenging of "rules" leads to disruptions of the "game," and the dungeon masters need to keep order.

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Direct interfacing of the "fantasy role" with the "real-world" (i.e., direct allegations of attempted murder, verification of details of testimony), usually does not cause problems, except when the players do not act in accordance with consequential "real-world" concerns. Hopkins, Andrus, Clark, Mack, and Jacobs seem to have accepted a system of beliefs and assumptions that have led to a collision with the "real world." They have been unable to rationally defend their behavior, and Jerome Clark's (1992a) "Torquemada" article is perhaps the single best example of that. In fact, his emotional attack labeling Hansen as "Torquemada" (director of the Spanish Inquisition) resurrects and reinforces religious themes, and it perhaps betrays his unconscious feelings of religious persecution.

The above discussion derives from a psycho-social perspective, and we would like to encourage U.S. researchers to become more familiar the ideas generated from that approach. We admit that the psycho-social theorists have failed to address many aspects of the abduction experience generally. Exclusive use of that perspective can lead to positing simplistic and scientifically sterile explanations. On the other hand, those that shun the psycho-social perspective typically fail to recognize the explanatory power it possesses and its ability to illuminate risks faced by investigators. Those wanting more information about the psycho-social perspective may wish to read the book *Angels and Aliens* by Keith Thompson (1991) and the British magazine *Magonia*; almost without saying, the works of John Keel are also recommended.

We are not denigrating ufology by such comparisons as those made above, nor are we attacking the existence of "other-world" entities. Regardless whether entities or ET aliens exist, the comparisons are useful and the consequences and insights are applicable. Such a comparative analysis should not be limited to only D & D players and ufologists; similar comparisons could be made for virtually everyone in the "real world." They can help serve as warnings about becoming too complacent regarding beliefs in our own "rationality."

DISCUSSION

The Napolitano case appears beset by an overwhelming number of problems. It was with some misgivings that we first embarked on this investigation because we did not wish to see UFO abduction research discredited. In fact, one of us, Butler, has had abduction experiences himself. It was our judgement that if we did not raise these issues for public discussion, there was a much greater risk for the field. The case was garnering considerable attention, and if it became widely regarded as evidential, it would reflect very badly on the

field as a whole if it was eventually shown to be false.

We were quite unprepared for the reaction to our work from leaders of the field. Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark aggressively tried to dissuade us from continuing our investigation, and so far they have failed to publish any material critical of the case. We were unaware that such belligerently antiscientific attitudes were so prevalent at the highest levels of ufology. When these same individuals attempted to suppress evidence of an alleged attempted murder, we concluded that their beliefs and actions were incompatible with "real world" events. However, we do not consider the label "deluded" appropriate here, and we remind the reader that these individuals are backed by people such as Harvard psychiatrist John Mack and David Jacobs, professor of history at Temple University.

Despite our disappointment, we strongly support scientific research into the abduction phenomena and would like to call attention to high quality studies in the field (e.g., Ring & Rosing, 1990; Rodeghier, Goodpaster & Blatterbauer, 1992). We also believe that the core abduction experience has not been adequately explained within normal scientific frameworks. We commend the work of Hufford (1982) in exploring similar issues.

The present case has significant implications for assessing the true nature of the abduction phenomena. The idea that actual extraterrestrial physical creatures are abducting people has been vigorously promoted in the scientific literature and in the media. Jacobs has promoted that view in the *New York Times* (Hinds, 1992) as well as in the *Journal of UFO Studies* (Jacobs, 1992). He suggests that the ET aliens are visiting earth in order to obtain human sperm and eggs. In his JUFOS article, Jacobs was bitterly critical of Ring and Rosing, saying that they ignored "cases of witnesses seeing others being abducted while not being abducted themselves" (p. 162). Surprisingly, Jacobs gave no citations for any of these cases. Hansen wrote to Jacobs requesting such citations but received no reply. Jacobs' article was lavish in its praise for Hopkins' work, and we suspect that Jacobs had in mind the Napolitano case when he wrote his article. We would like to remind the reader that it was Hopkins (1992a) who wrote: "The importance of this case is virtually immeasurable, as it powerfully supports both the objective reality of UFO abductions and the accuracy of regressive hypnosis." Because the argument for the "objective reality of UFO abductions" relies heavily on Hopkins' work, our findings call into question this entire theoretical perspective.

In our judgment, conscious hoaxes are rare in the abduction field. The vast majority of those claiming to

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be abducted have had some kind of intense personal experience, whatever the ultimate cause. Nevertheless, the problems of fraud and hoaxing have long been a problem in ufology, especially for cases with high visibility. This will continue. Researchers must become more open minded to the potential for hoaxing, yet not be blinded to the genuine phenomena. This is a difficult balance.

Some have questioned possible motives in this case; it is impossible to obtain certain knowledge here. Perhaps Linda really had some kind of an abduction experience (Butler believes this is likely to be the case). As she became acquainted with Hopkins and other abductees, she may have wanted to vindicate them—to save them from ridicule and derision. Perhaps money was the only motivation. Possibly there was a combination of factors. It does appear that if this was a hoax, it was not perpetrated by a lone individual. Collaborators would include the woman on the bridge, an X-ray operator, and a man (or men) preparing the tape recordings. However, we want to emphasize that we have no direct evidence to implicate Hopkins in attempted deception.

Cynics might criticize Hopkins saying that he ignored the obvious problems because he was motivated by money that might accrue from books and movie rights. While this might possibly be an unconscious factor, critics rarely acknowledge that Hopkins does not charge abductees for his services (unlike some "professionals"). Hopkins has spent an enormous amount of his own time and money investigating the phenomena. Furthermore, he does not have an academic position subsidized by the tax payers. One should not begrudge him the profits from his books. Hopkins has been involved in considerable controversy, and some have disputed his methods. Nevertheless, he has done much to bring the abduction problem to the attention of scientists and the mental health community, and his efforts have made it much more acceptable to discuss such strange encounters. Abduction experiences are often emotional and traumatic, and the abductees need considerable support. Hopkins has attempted to provide much needed aid.

The outside critic who is not directly involved in such activities almost never recognizes how difficult it is to serve as both a therapist and as a scientist. Those persons trying to help abductees emotionally need to provide warmth, acceptance, and trust. The scientist, however, needs to be critically open minded and somewhat detached and analytical. The two functions are not altogether compatible. We cannot realistically expect one individual to be 100% effective in both roles. By the nature of the endeavor, those trying to be helpful can be vulnerable to deception.

APPENDIX

A Note on the Hansen-Clark Communications

One of the more entertaining aspects of this case has been the resulting missives by Hansen (1992a, 1992b) and Clark (1992a, 1992b) which have been widely circulated and posted on electronic bulletin boards. We encourage those interested to obtain copies.

Clark's (1992b) most recent piece deserves comment. He now says that he now does not accept Linda's claims about the kidnapping and attempted murder by government agents. However, in a telephone conversation with him on October 6, 1992, he told Hansen that he accepted those claims. Hansen did not tape-record the conversation, but he is willing to provide a sworn statement to that effect. Hansen also talked with Marcello Truzzi who had spoken to Clark near the same time. Truzzi understood that Clark believed that Linda was sincere in her claims and was telling the truth to the best of her ability.

The salient points are summarized as follows:

1. At the 1992 MUFON symposium, Linda Napolitano spoke in front of hundreds of people and claimed that she was kidnapped by government agents.
2. Clark told both Hansen and Truzzi that he accepted Linda's story (i.e., that she was telling the truth to the best of her ability).
3. Hopkins claims to have much evidence that could be used to identify the culprits.
4. Hopkins flew Clark to New York, whereupon Clark aggressively injected himself into matters and vigorously opposed continuing an outside investigation and reporting the alleged felonies to law enforcement authorities. He defended this position, in writing, saying: "if this story is true, it is not just a UFO case but a 'politically sensitive' event because it supposedly involves a political figure of international stature...banging on the wrong doors could alert the relevant agency that two of its agents were leaking a huge secret." (Clark, 1992a, p. 1).

We will let the readers decide whether Clark's initial position was compatible with "real-world" considerations.

We are gratified that Clark has taken the time to comment, at length, on these issues, and in a style so typical of his level of dispassionate commentary. We caution readers that Clark perhaps may be currently acutely embarrassed by his statement quoted in point 4 and may feel the need to obscure this central issue. Nevertheless, we are pleased that he now seems to have made a cathartic conversion.

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Those Mysterious MIBs

The Men In Black

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The evolution of the comprehension of the UFO phenomenon and related subjects has, by April, 1993, accepted to some degree such extraordinary happenings as abductions, cattle mutilations, and even so-called Bigfoot sightings. I guess it is time for me to acquiesce and consider the really far-out subject of the infamous Men In Black. I don't like to think about them for I have always thought the subject not a little silly.

Since 1977, the year of my great enlightenment, Men In Black have been mentioned to me by a few citizens. In fact, around 1979, at an Ohio UFO Investigators public presentation in Cincinnati, Ohio, my friends and I may have encountered two of the "creatures."

During the registration for the conference two men entered the lobby. They were dressed in very neat, dark suits, sported very GI haircuts and what looked like Air Force regulation dress shoes. The twosome would not speak to anyone. Neither would they register, although they paid the admission fee. Actually I have always thought that they were Air Force Intelligence agents who forgot to change their shoes.

But then, at the end of the program we were walking down a long corridor leading to our vehicles. The two mystery men were walking ahead of us. We were laughing and talking rather loudly. Both men turned and looked at us. At that point the corridor made a right angle turn. They rounded the corner. Although we were probably no more than forty or fifty feet behind them by the time we turned the corner the two men had disappeared. We were all astonished. We looked for a door that they could have ducked into and at the same time were wondering why they would do that. Three of us ran to the outside door and looked around the parking lot. They were gone. Unless they did duck into one of the unmarked doors what they did was inhuman.

Some years later a married couple moved into an apartment complex just two blocks from my residence. The lady, a nurse, had had some very unusual experiences. Somehow she had found out that I was a MUFON investigator and came down to the house to discuss her situation. I can't remember what she told me.

But, I do remember what her husband

said. They had moved from Akron, Ohio. While there the husband became the leader of a rather healthy UFO group of citizens. He would rent part of the enormous hangar of the Goodyear Blimp and conduct meetings in it.

Since it was so long ago I can't recall how the warnings began but eventually the Men In Black became involved in an attempt to scare him off. He didn't scare. That is, he didn't become frightened until his little girls told him that two men, in dark suits and hats, driving a large black automobile, were following them to and from school.

The implication was clear. Either he stop his UFO activities or something would happen to the children. That is when the family moved to Dayton. The gentleman would have nothing to do with any UFO organization.

There was no reason for me to doubt the authenticity of the story.

Somewhere around the end of the 1970s the Men In Black were made known to me again. That time, I felt, the story was filled with humor.

I taught a senior high school class in Anthropology. There were two sisters, who were my students. Their heritage was part Native American. In fact, their mother was a Native American from South America.

Mrs. X was a citizen of Chile. During the

terrible days of the Chilean revolution and the following years of dictatorship she became involved in supporting Allende, the legitimate Communist presidente of that suffering nation. Then, the Communists were thrown out of office, with what seems to be considerable support from the United States intelligence community. Mrs. X, realizing that the Communist leader was far better for her country than the military dictator, became quite vocal. Prudence dictated that they flee while they were still alive. They went to Brazil.

The father and the daughters, my students,

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were American citizens and I think the wife also was a U. S. citizen. Peculiar things happened and they were unable to leave Brazil for the United States. A long time passed and finally they made good their exit from Brazil before the authorities could catch on to their plan for legally leaving Brazil.

Both parents were professors at one of the Ohio state universities. Both came in and lectured to my students about the primitive natives of South America and other peoples



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of the world.

One day the gentleman told me about their experience with Men In Black.

At that time the family lived in a community east of Dayton. By the time I had met them, the mother and both daughters, because of their heritage, had been accepted into the local, urban, Shawnee Tribal Council.

What happened to them next is what we wish would never happen in America. Someone was watching them. They discussed the problem and decided that either a foreign or United States intelligence organization was watching them and at the same time intimidating them by being obvious. They didn't consider the situation dangerous.

One evening two members of the Shawnee Indian Nation visited the family's home. The men in that council are large, for the most part; very impressive physical specimens; proud descendants of the famous Tecumseh.

Somewhere in the course of the conversation the one Native American said, "There are two guys sitting out there in the alley watching your house. What's going on?"

The response was, "Oh, those two sit out there about every night. Don't worry about

Don't ever show up here again or bother our friends again or you will disappear forever."

My story teller, a college professor, mind you, laughed. "They took baseball bats and smashed out all of the lights and windows on the car. That's the last we ever saw of the Men In Black.

Because of that story I never took The Men In Black very seriously. I was prone to think they were costumed agents of a paranoid government agency running amok.

In the May 1992 edition of Lou Farish's UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE, there is an article that is far more serious than what I have written. The validity of the report is questionable. I don't know any of the people involved, writers or witnesses. That isn't to say the story isn't true.

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April 2, 1992 (Credit to Don Worley)

Newspaper column AS I REMEMBER, by
Norman Kissell

"MEN IN BLACK" demand photograph

It was closing time one warm April day in 1973 at Thompson's Auto Parts store, which was located on Franklin Street in Milan. Two strange "persons" came into the store. Were they human — or something else?

Reed's ferocious guard dog, ordinarily murderously protective, didn't think they were human. The dog, named Queen, was a 100-pound-plus German Shepard, a dog that would attack when told to do so. But when she saw these visitors, she hid in a corner and rolled herself into a ball, trembling, cowering and crying in devastated terror. Reed told me, "At this point, I knew we were in trouble!"

What did the visitors want? One was very thin, wearing a hat, apparently male, and so tall (possibly seven feet) that he had to duck to enter the shop door. This was the first thing that grabbed Reed's attention.

The other "person" was abnormally short (probably under five feet), also very thin, long-haired and apparently female. In spite of the warm weather, both wore heavy gloves, and their clothing left no exposed skin. Their faces were flesh-colored, but appeared not to be human faces — more like plastic than skin.

In an odd monotone devoid of any inflection, the spokesman said to Reed, "On January nineteenth, nineteen hundred and sixty seven, at four minutes until three o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, did you see

something unusual?" It seemed more a statement than a question.

Reed replied, "I've been so busy today that I can't even remember what I saw yesterday at three o'clock."

Without a moment's hesitation, Plastic Face fired back to Reed in a sharper voice the exact same question, still speaking in an unemotional monotone. At that time it dawned on Reed what he was talking about.

"Yes, I did," he answered. Plastic Face wanted to hear a description of what Reed had seen six years ago. Reed told his weird visitors about his observation of the UFO that moved slowly across his parents yard that day. Then the "man" asked another question. "Did you take a photograph?"

Reed told him bluntly, "Yes."

The Plastic Face spoke with additional commanding emphasis in such a way that the words burned in Reed's mind: "I MUST have the photograph and the negative, NOW!"

Reed flatly defied them. "I'm not going to give them to you."

Two customers in the store and a now-deceased employee watched in amazement. Reed was a typically courageous and stubborn man, and he and Plastic Face continued a loud argument. Finally Reed told him that what they wanted was in a bank vault and the banks were now closed.

Not in the least deflected, Plastic Face said, "That does not matter. It will be no problem. We will go get it." The little one maintained, "Yes, we WILL go get it."

Up until now, Reed's employee had seemed to find the situation humorous. But when he slipped out to check out their visitors' car, he came back grim and wide-eyed with this alarming news: the car appeared to be a 1969 Buick LeSabre, bright yellow, lacking any chrome — and the car was a shell! It had no interior, no seats, nothing at all inside!

Reed was still wondering if these were either "two incredibly weird" people or if this was some horrific dream. He finally told them once and for all that they could not have the picture or negative, that he was closing for the day, goodbye, and would they please leave? He walked out and shut the door. (When he returned later, he found the door locked, which must have been done by the visitors.)

Reed got into his pickup truck and headed for Versailles fast by way of back roads, hoping he wouldn't be followed and to loose the eerie pair. But the yellow car did follow him, mere inches away at the same high rate of speed. It was impossible for Reed to shake them off his bumper. For once, Reed wished a policeman would show up.

The visitors followed him, "practically pushing," right to Reed's destination, a

Reports of MIB actually extend back into Antiquity. In the Middle Ages, they were called "The Brothers of the Shadow.

them. But, they do make us nervous."

The Shawnee replied. "Don't worry about them. We'll take care of it."

The next night the black vehicle was once again parked in the alley, both men, clad in dark clothing, were watching the house. Suddenly the two Shawnee appeared, one on each side of the car.

"Hey, man! What are you doing out here in the dark?"

The car windows were rolled down and the occupants had no recourse but to respond. "Nothing. Just sitting here. We aren't doing anything."

"Yes you are," said the deep voice of one of the Indians. You are bothering our friends inside the house."

"No. We're just sitting here."

"Look, man, we say you are. Do you know what's behind your car, at the end of this little alley? Well, I'll tell you. There is a swamp. The swamp is deep and boggy. In fact, my buddy and I could roll this car backwards into the swamp and it would sink and no one would ever find it. Get it?"

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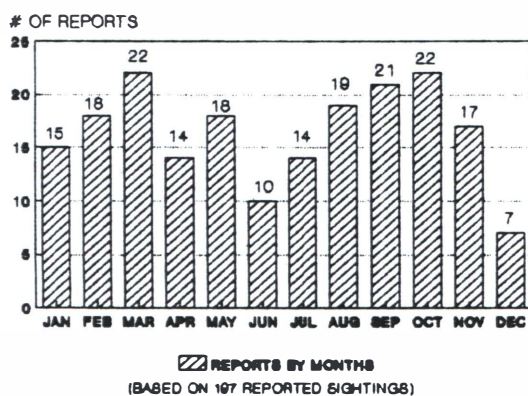
By Paul Ferrughelli

1992: THE UFO YEAR IN REVIEW

Statistically 1992 was certainly a year of changes. Close Encounter UFO sightings represented 29.2% of the total reports for 1992 as compared to the 18.2% for 1991, a stunning 11% increase. Of that 29.2%, most were in CE1 and CE2 category.

The monthly distribution of UFO sightings (refer to Figure 1), took on a different profile as compared to 1991. March and October were the leading months with 22 sightings each or 11.2% of the total. June and December were the lull months for 1992, nothing surprising there. As in 1991, "Lights and Illuminations" represented 50.5% of the total UFO sightings. "Objects and Shapes" represented 43.5% of the total. As in 1991 the mysterious "Red Ball of Light" made its presence seen in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

REPORTS BY MONTH - 1992



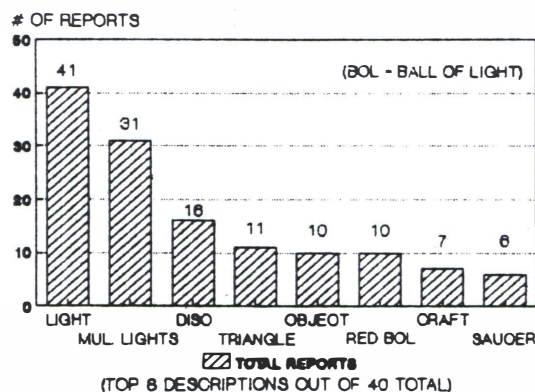
DESCRIPTIONS

The single leading description for 1992 was that of a single "Light", which represented 21.5% of the total re -

ports. (refer to Figure 2). An unusual fact for 1992 was the absence of any "fireball" type UFO descriptions. In 1991 it ranked third with 6.7% of the total.

There was a marked increase of the "Disc" UFO description for 1992, with 8.4% of the total, an increase of 5.2%. The most frequently reported shape on reported Close Encounter sightings are the "Round/Disc/Sphere

UFO DESCRIPTION BREAKDOWN - 1992



STATE PROFILES

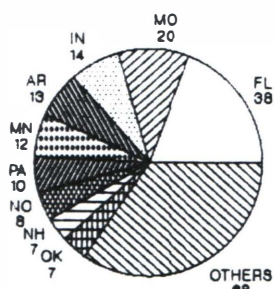
Florida again was the leading state in 1992, with 38 sightings or 19% of the annual total. (refer to figure 3 for state breakdowns)

Gulf Breeze, Florida was the leader in recurring UFO sighting locations with 27 reports. This indicated that 71% of the UFO sightings in Florida occurred at Gulf Breeze. It should be noted that 92% of the UFO sightings in Florida were "Light/Illumination" type reports (35 out of 38 reports). No state to date has ever experienced such a large ratio of "Light/Illumination" reports.

Missouri ranked second for 1992, with 20 reports, five of which were "Daylight Discs" type reports. Minnesota was the leader for Close Encounter UFO reports, with 5 total for the year. Four (4) of these occurred at Elk River, Minnesota.

New Jersey ranked tenth in 1992 with 6 UFO sightings. All 6 of the sightings were observed during night time visibility. Of the 6 sightings, 3 were Close Encounter sightings. Two of the reports occurred at Seacacus, within one week of each other. The other sightings were at Asbury, Carlstadt, Wayne and Wanaque.

REPORTS BY STATES - 1992

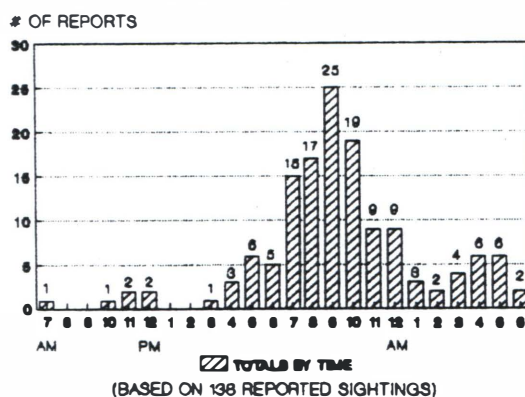


34 STATES REPORTING 197 SIGHTINGS

TIME OF DAY

Please refer to Figure 4 below.

REPORTS BY TIME OF DAY - 1992



RECURRING SIGHTING LOCATIONS

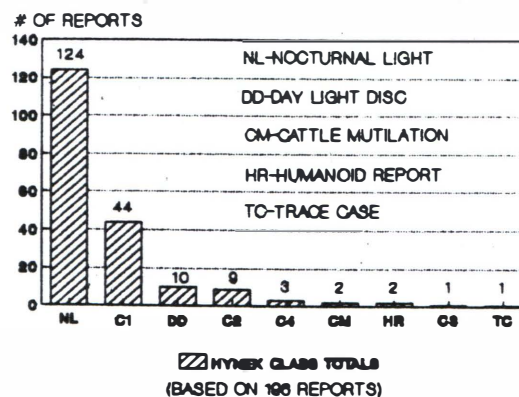
In 1992 there were 24 cities in 14 states reporting a total of 93 UFO sightings. Those 24 cities reported 2 or more sightings during the 12 months of 1992. These 93 sightings represented 47.2% of all the sightings reported in 1992. This is higher than the 6 year average but not unusual due to the 27 reports occurring in and around Gulf Breeze, Florida.

HYNEK CLASS BREAKDOWN

This had some real surprises for 1992 (refer to Figure 5). The Nocturnal light sightings dropped to 62.6% in 1992 as compared to 74.5% in 1991. The six year average for nocturnal lights is 70.8%. The big surprise were the

Close Encounter sightings (CE1-CE4), which represented 29.2% of the annual total. The six year average for CE reports is 20%. This is most interesting since we are approaching the 61 month UFO cycle in April 1994, established by the UFOCAT Data base. Previous studies have shown a marked increase in Close Encounter reports prior to "UFO Waves".

HYNEK CLASS BREAKDOWN - 1992



OBSERVATIONS

Although 1992 did not experience any major UFO events, there were some very interesting changes in some of the UFO sighting characteristics. There were 3 states that entered the top ranks, they were Missouri, Arkansas, and Minnesota. Arkansas observed the greatest increase in sightings, with 2 reports in 1991 to 13 reports in 1992. The fact that Close Encounter reports increased by 11% going into 1994 could be an indication for events to come. Another interesting fact is that 50.5% of the 1992 sightings had a duration between 1 and 9 minutes in length. It should be noted that Wednesday represented 21.5% of the total reports for 1992, up from 17% in 1991. What happened to those "Trace Cases" and Crop Circles in the USA for 1992? Only 1 trace case was reported as compared to 14 reports in 1991.

One of the more puzzling statistics for 1992 was the average sighting duration per UFO sighting, 18.6 minutes for each report. Although this includes all reports, it indicated that witnesses have enough time to comprehend what they are observing. And finally, as in prior years the "HUM" still remains the most popular sound reported during UFO sightings.

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1992 RECAP DATA

Annual Total.....197 reports
Peak Month.....Mar/Oct - 11.2%
Geographical Span.....68% of USA
Leading State.....FL - 19%
Peak Date Distribution.....1st through 10th - 41%
Peak Time of Day.....9-10 pm - 18.1%
Lull Time of Day.....6 am to 4pm - 18.1%
Peak Reports by Shape Class.....Lights/Illum - 52.1%
Lull Reports by Shape Class.....Cylindrical - 2.1%
Peak Reports by Hynek Class.....Noct Lights - 62.6%
Peak Duration Class for Reports...1 to 9 minutes - 50.5%
Sightings Reporting Sound.....12.5%
Sightings Reporting No Sound.....78.5%
Reports - Day Time Visibility.....9%
Reports - Twilight Visibility.....1.5%
Reports - Night Visibility.....76.5%
Reports - Objects/Shape.....43.5%
Reports - Lights/Illuminations.....50.5%
Multiple Witness Reports.....54.5%
Single Witness Reports.....36.5%
Leading UFO Descriptions.....Single Light
Recurring Sighting Locations.....24 Cities in 14 States
Top 5 Ranking States.....FL,MO,IN,AR,MN

SEVEN YEAR SUMMARY ON 1441 UFO SIGHTINGS 1986 - 1992

An important aspect of the NSRC UFO Sighting Data Base is to compare annual data to combined cumulative data over time. Below is the 7 year summary data on the 1441 UFO sightings in the NSRC Data Base.

Total Witness count over 7 years.....3605
Peak Year for UFO Reports.....1988/291 reports
Peak Year/Month of Reports.....Oct 1989/44 reports
Combined Peak Month over 7 years.....October - 11.7%
Combined Lull Month over 7 years.....June - 4.7%
Peak State Reporting over 7 years.....Indiana - 17.2%
Combined Peak Time of Day.....9:00 pm - 16.9%
Combined Lull Time of Day.....8:00 am - .4%
Combined Peak Day of Week.....Wed - 17.8%
Combined Lull Day of Week.....Saturday - 11.7%
Combined Peak Shape Class.....Lights/Illum - 43.1%
Combined Lull Shape Class.....Rectangular - 3%
Combined Peak Hynek Class.....Noct lights - 67.9%
Peak Duration of Reports.....3 to 9 min - 26.9%
Combined Sightings/Sound.....11 %
Combined Sightings/No Sound.....77.3%
Reports - Daytime Visibility.....9 %
Reports - Twilight Visibility.....3.6%
Reports - Night Visibility.....76.6%
Reports - Objects/Shapes.....49.8%
Reports - Lights/Illuminations.....41.1%
Multiple Witness Reports.....59.2%
Single Witness Reports.....33.8%
Most Common Sound Reported.....HUM
Top 5 Ranking States.....IN,FL,PA,CA,NY

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garage in Versailles. The creatures got out of the yellow car directly behind Reed and followed him like shadows to the door of the garage. Inside, some welding was taking place. The second Reed opened the door, a blinding arc-flash was emitted by an electric welder. The unwelcome duo and their bright-yellow car vanished instantly — never to return.

According to the April 1974 issue of ARGOSY magazine, UFOs in great numbers were seen in the summer and fall of 1973, ARGOSY claimed that there were over 500 sightings, seen by 5,000 people, many of whom were stable citizens of high reputation (including John Gilligan, Governor of Ohio), and also including a number of police officers and others of indisputable integrity.

That same summer, a neighbor told me that she had seen a "flying saucer" land in her field, but she had not reported it because

of fear of ridicule.

Was there a connection between Reed Thompson's eerie visitors in 1973 and these sightings?

Unwelcome visits from pairs of these unexplainable creatures have been reported numerous times in the past. They usually were, but not always, reported to have been dressed in black and driving black automobiles.

For example, a Mrs. Mary Block, South Bend, saw a silver flying object one December day in 1968, then several days later, answered a knock on her door. Her caller had a deathly-white face which had absolutely no lines and no expression (was it Plastic Face?).

The figure wore all-black clothing and wore a black hat. The "Man In Black" got straight to the point. She and her children were not to mention to anybody what they had seen. He left riding in the back seat of a big black car whose windows were heavily

tinted. Mrs. Block did not report this experience until 17 years had gone by, and then she was still badly frightened as she made her report to Don Worley.

Worley believes that the MIB (Men In Black) phenomena seems to operate in some other dimensional realm. Reports of MIB actually extend back into Antiquity. In the Middle Ages, they were called "The Brothers of the Shadow."

So you courageous readers of MUFO-NEWS, laugh it off as another stupid "fringe" element of UFOlogy. That's right.

But wait! Perhaps you'd better check the door locks once again before you retire for the night. Has your "Watch Cat" been acting strange lately; more like a pussy-cat? Does your canary's voice have a nervous warble to it? Humm. Oh well. There's nothing to fear. But then...

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the *Home News* four days after the Operation Right to Know march on Washington. I felt that reprinting it gave a unique perspective into the event, et al, an insider's view (Tom Benson's lead article) and that of a Washington columnist.

Sandy Grady

In Washington, nothing's bizarre

WASHINGTON — Hang around Washington long enough and nothing bizarre or fantastic can surprise you.

I've heard Pentagon generals swear their missiles never hit civilians. I've heard congressmen claim they took cash bribes to catch the bad guys. I've heard a U.S. president insist he wasn't a crook.

So it wasn't startling to hear a woman, standing in front of the White House, describe how aliens from outer space took her for a spacecraft ride.

"A white ball of light came through the ceiling," she said. "They touched my shoulder. They said, 'We will not harm you. Come with us.' They took me into this craft with a dazzling control board. It moved at the speed of light. Later, they taught me to fly it."

Uh, later?

"Oh, I was 6 years old. I'm 39 now. I've communicated and flown hundreds of times with the creatures."

She smiled as I wrote this in a notebook. Shucks, she made as much sense as most U.S. senators.

Natra, the name she says "space creatures" gave her, was from Whitfield, Va. She had flowing auburn hair, sunglasses and a black UFO T-shirt that said, "We're Here."

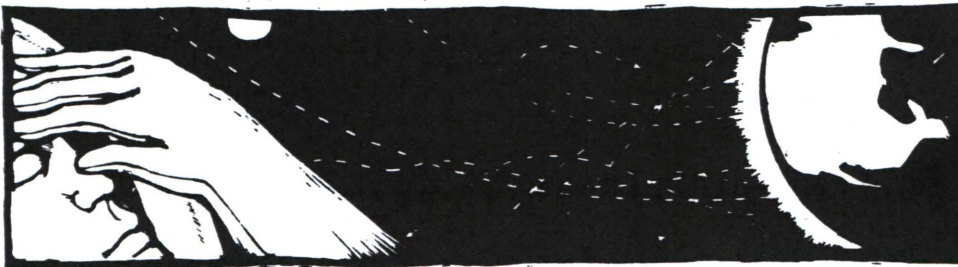
On this steamy, 96-degree afternoon in Lafayette Park, Natra was in her element. Dozens of true believers were sweating, yakking and demonstrating to make the federales 'fess up about Unidentified Flying Objects.

"Stor the Cosmic Watergate!" said their signs. "Wake up! UFOs Are Real! The Government Knows It." "Tell the Truth About Roswell, N.M., 1947!"

About 50 marched in front of the White House in Mars-like heat. "UFO! UFO! The people have the right to know!" they chanted.

Too bad Bill Clinton wasn't home. The UFO crowd — a truck driver, farmers, housewives, a computer researcher, a mailman, a network cameraman — sounded more logical than congressmen. And they didn't want money.

"Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan sighted UFOs," said Hal McKenzie of Hyattsville, Md. "We want 20,000 pages of evidence released



Catherine Kanner/Los Angeles Times Syndicate

There's been a cover-up since the Roswell spaceship crash killed four extraterrestrial beings."

Actually, spacemen first came to Washington in the black-and-white movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still." The leader spoke in a slow monotone ("We ... come ... in ... peace"), a style later perfected by Al Gore.

Forget movies. Several folks I encountered at the UFO demo witnessed space invaders up close.

"It came in from the east at about 10 p.m.," said Ed Komarek, a red-mustachioed Thomasville, Ga., farmer who organized this protest. "It had a pulsating purple light, and I could see windows. I'd been researching UFOs 20 years, so I wasn't surprised."

Don Ratsch, 53, of Dundalk, Md., taped what he says were two UFOs on a satellite dish picking up NASA signals. "They were zipping around the shuttle Discovery," said Ratsch, whose 1991 tape appeared on CNN.

"There are millions of UFO sightings all over the world," said Elaine Douglas, a Washington woman who claims there are 1,129 space abductions each day.

"The UFO leader came to my house — I know it sounds bizarre — and invited us out to see his spaceship," said Robyn Quayle, no relation to the ex-veep.

"UFOs regularly fly in and out of a lake in Puerto Rico," said Hal McKenzie. "They come from Zeta Reticula on the far edge of the solar system."

Hey, none of this strikes me as weirder than, say, Jesse Helms discussing art or Sam Nunn on homosexuality.

Sure, psychiatrists scoff that UFO fever de-

rives from religious yearning or Cold War hallucinations. Scientific spoilsports blame weather balloons, space debris, meteors or 100-proof refreshment.

"We know we'll be ridiculed," said Ed Komarek, talking over the blast of a band called Oola Boosh. "But we want the government to stop the lying."

"This is a small, feeble attempt to open the files," said Larry Bryant, a Pentagon mailman. "Every president since Truman has been sworn to secrecy."

Natra, the auburn-haired lady in the black T-shirt, was the demonstration star. She seemed to fly UFOs as regularly as a USAir shuttle.

"The creatures come from Sirius, Orion or the Pleiades," said Natra serenely. "Except for 'grays,' who torture people, they're spiritual beings. They'd land on the White House lawn, but the government wants to capture their technology."

What do the, uh, creatures, look like, Natra?

"Some are 7 feet tall with long arms and blond hair," said Natra. "Others are small, leathery beings with knobby heads."

Hmmm. Reassuring that UFO critters resemble Shawn Bradley or Ross Perot.

"I communicated with them last week," said Natra. "They implanted my brain so I could talk to the press."

Hurry home, Mr. President. And talk to Natra. At last, somebody to run the White House travel office.

Sandy Grady is Washington columnist for *The Philadelphia Daily News*.



AN INSIDE VIEW....

"THE FOURTH GREAT UFO/SETI CONGRESS"

by Tom Benson

This historic, "exciting" event took place April 16, 17 & 18, 1993 at the Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J., which is rapidly becoming known as "UFO land" because of all the conferences, lectures, etc. held there over the years. This annual event has been organized by the "terrific" impresario of UFO related happenings, Pat Marcattilio. This writer was only able to attend Friday and Saturday, thus Sunday happenings will be brief.

One of my sideline conference related jobs was to pick up a speaker at the airport, and a thunder storm in the area delayed the flight arrival of our "star" speaker, Kevin Randle of Roswell, New Mexico fame. After picking Kevin up at the Philadelphia Airport, the first time I have been on the road, coming back I started to take a wrong turn. My instantaneous reflexes upon seeing no other autos were in the area, allowed me to quickly deaccelerate and make an abrupt left turn to get back into the proper lane. The only problem was hitting a couple potholes or so on the way. I told Kevin, that I now know the shocks on my new 93 auto work. Anyway, we made it to the motel A-ok.

Friday evening started off with a banquet and incidentally the food was "great". An interesting highlight of the evening was the meeting, I arranged between Howard Menger, (one of the conference speakers) and Mike Barbieri, a local New Jersey resident. They met for the first time, since both served together in World War II. Both were elated by this fond meeting. Although Menger has claimed personal contact with the "space people" before and during the war, Mike never remembers him speaking about the experiences when they were together during the war. All of the weekend speakers gave short presentations after the dinner. Later, after the banquet, several of us moved over to the bar area, where it was "singles night" and a DJ played music and we danced into the night.

On Saturday morning, the program began late and eventually almost made midnight into the next day. Pat Marcattilio, the MC appeared in a bright, purple, double breasted, "zoot suit" with color coordinated shirt, tie and socks along with white shoes. The only things lacking to complete the 1940's style outfit was a low, wide-brim, white hat and a gold watch and chain.

Kevin Randle, co-author of the "UFO Crash at Roswell" book discussed various eyewitness testimony of the event. The object's shape was described as similar to earlier sightings of an object sighted by Kenneth Arnold and one photographed over Phoenix, Arizona. The object crashed alot closer to Roswell than earlier claimed and there were five, not four dead alien bodies. The object's debris field on the Brazel ranch was 75 miles northwest of Roswell. 30-40 newspapers covered the original press release before the weather balloon cover story was initiated. Randle raised the question, why did the Airforce ship "just" a weather balloon to Ft. Worth? According to witness General Exxon the debris and bodies were sent to Wright Field in Ohio. Brazel was held by the military for 6-8 days and forced to change his story. This was a violation of his Civil Rights.

The impact site of the crashed UFO was between the debris field and Roswell and not on the Plains of Agustin and was near highway 285 and a lighting storm occurred at the time of the crash. Randle discounted John Keel's "Fugo Balloon" theory explaining the Roswell UFO. He mentioned that 9,000 balloons were sent aloft by Japan during the war according to the New York Times, dated of Feb. 9, 1946, so the public were aware of the balloons and not kept secret from them as Keel has claimed. Dr. Lincoln La Paz involved in Project Twinkle thought the Roswell crash was an unmanned probe, he didn't know about the bodies. The military recovery operation was on July 5 not the 7th as previously claimed and the impact site was 35-40 miles from the debris field. The bodies were found 2 and one half miles from the impact site. General Eisenhower, already knew about the crash at the time, thus he didn't need a briefing paper such as the MJ-12 document. Randle mentioned his article in Ronald Story's UFO Encyclopedia, published in 1980 was at a time when he didn't believe in crashed UFOs because of the Frank Scully book, Behind The Flying Saucers, published in the 1950

Q: *When will the Government admit what it knows?*

A: No, not in the near future.

Q: *Was military equipment involved?*

A: Yes, a convoy plus a crane lowboy.

Q: *When will your next book come out?*

A: A hardback edition should be published by the end of the year.

Q: *Why the continued cover-up?*

A: Post World War II atmosphere; it was a technology we couldn't understand, we wanted to be one up on the enemy and the panic factor, because of what happen as a result of the "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast of 1938 and an Airforce sponsored, Brookings Institution study in the 1960's.

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Q: *What threats were made to witnesses (or something similar was asked)?*

A: There were Civil Rights violations in 1947, Sheriff Wilson was threatened to have his whole family killed if he talked.

Q: *A question was raised about the object's shape, etc.*

A: The object was not a disc, but crescent shaped and small enough to fit into a cargo plane with 15 foot wide doors. (It was rumored at this conference that the object was very strong, but very light enough so that 6-7 men could pick up the object).

Q: *Have you seen any of the debris?*

A: Yes, a prune sized piece of a silver pumice, was stratified and of no weight. The witness who had the artifact will not allow to have it analyzed by a laboratory.

Q: *(About the aliens):*

A: The alien bodies are kept in cryogenic suspension. Autopsies conducted on the alien bodies indicate a difference in the spinal column, the number of vertebrae are not the same. There was no special (U.S.) body prior to July, 1947 that studied UFOs. 500 people and 2000 interviews have been conducted by (Randle & Schmitt). There is no evidence that two UFOs crashed in 1947 and the Barney Barnett story was based solely on Fleck Danley's (spelling ?) testimony.

Next on the program was Thomas J. Carey who reviewed his library research efforts with follow-up interviews with archaeologists who it is claimed witnessed the remains of the Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash. Carey didn't provide the latest revelations as advertised because Randle put the clamp on him, so I guess we will have to wait until the book comes out. Carey in his slide presentation reviewed literature of the period such as American Antiquity, January, 1948 where Wesely Hurt and Daniel McKnight discussed the, "Archeology of the San Agustin Plains". Berlitz and Moore (The Roswell Incident, 1980) referenced this article referring to "Bat Cave", later brought out in the Gerald Anderson testimony (now an admitted hoaxer). Brew and Danson, of Harvard University who conducted a study there in 1947 didn't hear anything. Randle was the first to question the Anderson testimony. Anderson's drawing of Dr. Buskirk, who wrote a book in 1950 entitled, The Western Apache: Living with the Land Before 1950 (1986). Dr. Buskirk taught at the Albuquerque High school from 1949 to 1966. and in 1958 Anderson attended the school. It was a group of archaeologists, not a class that allegedly was at the site.

"Olde Time" contactees from the 1950's, Howard and Connie Menger started their presentation with a videotape interview of themselves. Howard brought along

with him a model 4 ft. radio controlled HMX1-1951 Electro-craft. (On October 16, 1963, according to Saucer News, Non-Scheduled Newsletter #19, November 1, 1963, Jim Moseley and Eugene Steinberg had an exclusive interview with Howard Menger who at the time said he was working on a similar model to the above called "X4"). Connie Menger said 1956 was the main contactee period. For thirty years after they left New Jersey, they retired in Florida and raised their children and came back in (Ufology) a few years ago. Howard said he took a film of a 40-50ft UFO landing in 1956. He said he had other witnesses including a Princeton University Professor and a F.B.I. person standing next to him. Howard described the beings getting off the UFO as "angelic beings" that were time travellers were "solid" and shook hands.

The Mengers book, The Highbridge Incident, 1991 discusses this sighting. Regarding his model, Howard claims the original flew in 1951, flew away, heading west and disappeared, a \$60,000 investment was lost.

Howard says the aliens are preparing humanity for the next step in our evolution. He calls it the "Alien Receptiveness" program. He feels our political process and structures, must change and it must be more global. There must be more cooperation, sharing, caring and a change in our collective consciousness. The alien thing has been going on for a long time, the signs in the skies, occupant contact has different sources and types. Governments will have to acknowledge our part in the galactic family. He mentioned that his original photos were stolen. The "little grays" are strange like demons and are not extraterrestrials.

He described being visited by Pentagon officials in 1959-60 and they asked him to build a man-carrying model and it was to be built in Colorado Springs. The model was to cost 20 million, be 36-40 ft. in diameter, have eight crystals costing 2 million each and 80 scientists were to be involved. The craft was to fly by the "push, not pull" theory of gravity concept, would have hardly any noise and have 100's of pulses.

Following the long Menger presentation was Rosemary E. Guiley, author of 8 books on the paranormal and 7 in process and Director of the Center for North American Crop Circle Studies. Her talk was entitled, "Crop Circles, UFOs and High Strangeness". She says we find our own meaning in the crop circles, alot appear along Ley Lines and more "goddess" symbols are occurring. The following statistics on crop circle UFO links were 84 cases, 27 complex pictograms, 34 in UK, 25 US (simple circle in grass), 10 Australia, 8 Canada (wheat) and 7 others. Circles appear from late April to late August an early September. July and August

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peak months. North American Crop Circle Studies organization started in 1990. She says 90 circles per year appear, forming on hillside and flat land.

Most are only seen from the air now. "Cropies" people are out at night looking for circles to appear, but they didn't see anything, but late do appear. But there have been three dozen witnesses who have seen the circles being formed. They reported whirlwinds and rushing noise, balls of light and beams of light coming down. She gave further statistics on UFO links: 74 cases reported lights, craft, 16 noises (roaring, rushing, metallic, thrilling), 13 biological effects, 10 heat, 8 electromagnetic disturbances, 5 animal mutilations, 3 wind, and 3 abductions. She also referenced a movie showing small, silver discs flying over the fields.

She discussed Dr. Greer's work where his group visualizes and communicates with E.T. via mediation, high powered lights and sound. He claims a 80-100 ft. diameter lighted disc came into their view and signalled them at intervals. Seven sets of letters and initials of deceased members of the British Society for Psychical Research have appeared. She wonders, is this the latest form of automatic writing? She said a geometric analysis of circles has been found, the ratio shows a diatonic musical scale similar to whales and birds (Shades of Close Encounters of the Third Kind movie). She quotes two SETI scientists statements related to the crop circle pictograms.

Phillip Morrison, describes a three step scenario: 1. acquisition of signal, 2. pictograms, stand by signal and 3. contact. Frank Drake states the highest content message would be a 2D pictogram. But, she says we now have 3D in crop circles.

Natural forces are involved such as microwave energy. Plant samples indicate changes in cell structure, and membranes expanding is consistent with microwave radiation. Paranormal, quasi-mystical experiences have occurred while people stood in circles. For some there has been a spiritual awakening. Of 76 adults, 64% had unpleasant experiences, 36% pleasant/neutral, 40% strange emotions/feelings (awe, euphoria, disquiet, fear anger), 36% long lasting over 24 hours, 26% beneficial long lasting, 20% healing/cessation of pain, 19% nausea, 16% fatigue, 16% pain, 15% tingling/sensation of energy, 12% headache.

Rosemary closed her presentation, after showing personal photos she took near circle formation areas and light streaks appeared in the film like ectoplasm. She also said her camera went off by itself. she believes there are few hoaxers such as the admitted, Doug and Dave.

I had to attend a private meeting during most of next two lectures, so I am limited in my review.

Dr. Valadimar Avinsky, a Russian Ufologist, discussed a UFO crash and retrieval and many other reports and testimonies.

CMDR. Graham Bethune discussed some 1950's style contactee experiences and showed some "too good" to be true UFO photographs..

The final speaker was "Dr." Frank E. Stranges who has been researching the topic since the 1950's actively and lecturing on it almost as long, again discussed the "Val Thor" alien story. Stranges says the alien has no fingerprints and can fuse the fabric of his clothing with his hand. He claims UFOs go in at the poles from Venus. He mentioned Admiral Byrd's polar trip and inside the earth experience. By this time about midnight, the evening ended when a group of ufologists gathered together for a toast, at the invitation of Dr. Avinsky and associate to share in a real "Black Sea" area bottle of Vodka along with caviar and crackers. A lovely way to end the evening.

The speakers for the following day, which I was unable to attend, were Major Colman S. Von Kevicky who discussed his projects on contacting politicians about UFOs. David Huggins, the man with the sexy drawings reviewed his lifetime experiences of the 4th kind. Howard and Connie Menger discussed their activities further. Richard Butler discussed piecing together early mankind's history and his Gods who protected him. Dr. Stranges topic was "Space, Science & True Religion". Richard Price spoke about his retrieved alien implant and accompanying scientific analysis. Dr. Avinsky discussed the UFO science in Russia and the final speaker was Jim Moseley who described a crashed UFO report that allegedly occurred in Germany in 1974.

If you missed this exciting conference, I strongly suggest you attend the next National UFO Conference (30th anniversary) which will be held at the same place on October 16 & 17, 1993. See Conference details elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle.

O-BIT.....WHO WAS ORFEO ANGELUCCI?

Do you know? Write and tell us. Answer next issue

Orfeo Angelucci, 81

LOS ANGELES — Orfeo "Orville" Angelucci, 81, of Los Angeles, died July 24 at Glendale Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles.

Born in Trenton, Mr. Angelucci resided in Trenton for 33 years before moving to Los Angeles.

He retired after many years in the family business, Trenton Mineral Flooring Co., Trenton.

Son of the late Domenico and Theresa Ciancaretti Angelucci, he is survived by his wife, Mabel Borgianini Angelucci; a sister, Euridice "Irene" Salamandra of

CALL FOR ENTRIES

1993 Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award

Sponsored by The Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

The Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit scientific organization based in Washington, D.C., announces cash awards for the best articles or stories published or broadcast in 1993 concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The award was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Major Donald E. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps pilot and former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Maj. Keyhoe was an aide to Charles A. Lindbergh after the aviator made the first solo, non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927. During the 1930s, Keyhoe was a freelance writer whose work appeared in such publications as *The Nation*, *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Readers Digest*. He passed away on November 29, 1988.

The recipients of the 1992 Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award were:

- Christopher Evans of the Cleveland, OH, *Plain Dealer*, for an article describing a U.S. Coast Guard investigation into the March 4, 1988, landing of an unidentified flying object;
- Annette Gillespie of the Bradenton, FL, *Herald*, who wrote about the UFO abduction phenomenon; and
- Dawn Shurmaitis, a reporter for *The Times Leader* of Wilkes-Barre, PA, for a detailed examination of UFO activity and interest in the subject throughout the state.

The three winners shared a cash award of \$850.

Eligibility Requirements

Any journalist working for a newspaper, magazine, radio or television station whose story on UFOs was published or broadcast between January 1 and December 31, 1993, is eligible to enter the competition. In order to be considered, the story must be submitted with an entry form, signed by the principal author of the story, and a newspaper or magazine clipping, audio cassette or videotape on VHS format. Foreign language stories must be accompanied by an English translation in order to be considered.

A winning entry will be one which--in the opinion of the judges--makes the most significant contribution to public understanding of the UFO phenomenon. Entries should emphasize scientific research. Possible topics may be, but are not limited to: the U.S. Government's involvement in the UFO subject; the phenomenon of UFO "abduction" cases; or investigations into eyewitness reports of UFO sightings. Awards are made without regard to any particular theory about the source of the UFO phenomenon.

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 1994. The panel will make its decision by April 1. Entries should be mailed to:

**Journalism Award
Fund for UFO Research
P.O. Box 277
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712**

To receive an entry form or an information package on the UFO subject, call Don Berliner at (703) 684-6032.

BITS & PIECE'S

Scientist devises math formula to predict demise of our species

By KITTA MacPHERSON

If cosmological reasoning has any bearing on it, the clock is ticking on the existence of the human race.

In a series of calculations performed by a Princeton astrophysicist who insists it represents dead-serious reckoning, the professor has stated that the species will last for anywhere between 5,100 years and 7.8 million years before it goes extinct.

J. Richard Gott, a member of a world-renowned group studying the evolution of the universe at Princeton University, made headlines two years ago when he solved a problem posed by Einstein proving that time travel was possible.

Now he is making even bigger waves. In a paper published last week in the distinguished British science journal "Nature," Gott has employed a statistical method to make predictions that have stirred up his colleagues and may even help revive the American space program.

Gott's "Delta t" method, which represents a statistical analysis of a change over time, is based on an alarmingly simple premise that one can make a mathematical prediction about the longevity of anything with basic information and a key assumption.

The age of the object, creature or institution has to be known. Furthermore, the person performing the calculation has to accept the "Copernican principle," Gott said, so named for the astronomer who first said that the earth is not the center of the universe. Essentially, the observer has to assume that his position is not special.

After that, Gott takes a hypothetical time line and divides it into 40 sectors.

"All you know is that you are located somewhere between the beginning and the end," the 46-year-old Gott said, in the soft accent evincing his Kentucky roots. "If you are not



J. Richard Gott
'A brief window'

especially lucky or special, you are located randomly in there."

Each sector is assigned a percentage of 2.5 percent. There is one sector in the beginning, one in the end, and the 38 parts representing the middle 95 percent of the timeline. If objects are randomly distributed, the chances are 39 to 1 against that object being in the earliest sector of the time line, with the same odds applying for the end.

"It's 95 percent likely that you are in the middle 95 percent of the life span of the human race, not in the first 2.5 percent or the last 2.5 percent," Gott said.

He bases his predictions on the future fate of our species, homo sapiens, on the fact that conservative estimates show homo sapiens to have existed for 200,000 years. The average longevity for species is between 1 and 11 million years and for mammals 2 million years.

People in academic circles, Gott

said, argue about whether the intelligence of homo sapiens is a help or a hindrance affecting its ultimate lifespan.

He got the idea for the statistical approach back in 1969. He had just graduated college and was touring Europe, making a point to see the Berlin Wall. As he stood before its face, he said he turned to a friend and noted there was a 50 percent chance that the visitors were seeing the wall in the middle two quarters of its existence. Following that, he made a prediction it would last somewhere between 2.5 years and 24 years. The wall, eight years old when he saw it, fell 20 years later.

The number of human beings born so far numbers about 70 billion and Gott, employing his method, predicts the number of human beings yet to be born is between 1.8 billion and 2.7 trillion.

He has also calculated the lifespan of the space program and has concluded civilization has a limited time in which to colonize other galaxies before it is confined to Earth where it will eventually die out. Given the fact the space program has been in existence for 32 years, Gott calculated it will last a little more than a year or slightly more than 1,200 years.

The Cold War that created the space program is over, human flights to the moon lasted only four years, and human activity in space is presently confined to low Earth orbit.

"My argument suggests there may only be a brief window of opportunity for space travel during which we will, in principle, have the capability to establish colonies," Gott said. "It's interesting that there should be a debate over a manned space program. In the debate, you don't often see the word 'survival' mentioned. Yet in the long term, whether our space program survives may have a big effect on our species' survival."

Hunt for space aliens detects intriguing signals

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—A search for aliens in outer space has turned up 164 mysterious radio signals that must be studied to learn if they come from natural causes or from E.T. trying to phone Earth, scientists said yesterday.

"At this point, we have no concrete evidence for signals from intelligent aliens. We have some possibilities we're going to investigate further,"

said Stuart Bowyer, head of the search and an astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley.

Detection of the 164 unexplained radio signals since the latest, most sophisticated phase of the \$400,000 search started 14 months ago was announced during the American Astronomical Society's annual meeting.

"If one of these candidate signals is really a signal from an extraterrestrial civilization, it's likely we will be able to confirm it within a year," said researcher Dan Werthimer. "But it's very unlikely that any of these candidates are really from extraterrestrials. It's much more likely that they are human-made interference or natural noise sources."

Since the 1960s, dozens of searches have been conducted for radio signals leaking into space from broadcasts or radar used by any advanced societies that might exist on distant worlds.

Bowyer and Werthimer said the UC-Berkeley search, which uses a 1,000-foot-wide radio telescope an-

tenna dish in Puerto Rico, is more powerful and sensitive than any other, analyzing 30 trillion signals in the last 14 months alone.

A \$100 million, 10-year search by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration eventually will be more powerful once it is running full time and with more advanced equipment. That search started Columbus Day, using antennas in Puerto Rico and California.

Several other searches for radio signals from intelligent alien societies also have detected radio signals that couldn't immediately be explained. But all of them either were never heard again or were found to be caused by natural or human sources.

Early phases of Berkeley's search, which began in 1980 with partial funding from NASA, found about 130 mysterious signals but all eventually were attributed to natural or manmade causes, Werthimer said.

Werthimer said some of the yet-unexplained signals have come from the same locations in the sky a month or more after they were first detected.

"Our most interesting candidates are signals that are still there when the telescope comes back to a particular spot," he said.

That finding is "very interesting" because a radio signal that appears fixed over time "has to be from beyond our solar system," although it could be created naturally, said Edward Olsen, a scientist working on NASA's search at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

But Werthimer said some such signals may come from within the solar system, generated by two sources.

UC-Berkeley's statement said other signals needing more study include "drifting signals that could be coming from a spinning planet, and signals that rise in intensity as the telescope moves toward a point, then fall as the telescope moves away, matching a pattern expected from a stationary signal in the sky."

'It's very unlikely that any of these candidates are really from extraterrestrials. It's much more likely that they are human-made interference or natural noise sources.'

— Dan Werthimer, researcher

Briton's super-tough plastic amazes the world

LONDON (Reuters)—A British inventor has astounded the military and scientific world by producing a type of plastic so tough it can withstand the heat of nuclear explosions, the International Defense Review reported.

Businessman Maurice Ward, a former hairdresser with no university training, started experimenting with plastics 20 years ago before stumbling on the kind of secret of which nuclear physicists dream.

Rigorous tests by military research establishments in Britain and the United States have shown the substance can withstand simulated nuclear flashes generating temperatures of more than 10,000 degrees Celsius (18,030 Fahrenheit).

'Starlite' is found to withstand heat generated from nuclear blast

"So promising is the lightweight compound, registered as Starlite, that defense companies are eager to buy into the project," said the authoritative International Defense Review, published by London-based defense experts Jane's in its latest edition.

Experts believe Starlite could be used to protect aircraft from fires, for cabling in ships, to coat launch sites for advance vertical take-off and space aircraft, and possibly as a heat-deflective coating for space shuttles.

Starlite—made of a variety of 21 polymers, co-polymers, ceramic and additives—has emerged virtually unscathed from being zapped by lasers that would have burned holes through classic polymer material.

Only minimal pockmarks are visible on the plastic coating because en-

ergy is absorbed and diffused rather than bouncing off the surface.

Tests under NATO auspices at the White Sands missile range in New Mexico showed Starlite withstanding a simulated nuclear explosion and a simulated nuclear flash.

Further trials are planned but Ward, a freelancer, is reported to be talking to French defense consortiums and to the Japanese.

The British Defense Ministry describes Starlite as "a potentially interesting and promising development."

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UPCOMING UFO CONFERENCES

NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE CELEBRATES ITS THIRTIETH YEAR!

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The National UFO Conference (NUFOC), founded in 1964, is now the oldest organization in the United States devoted to informing the public about flying saucers and other exciting New Age topics. Each year a convention is held in a different city.

This year's Convention will take place on October 15th - 17th at the Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey, just off exit #7 of the New Jersey Turnpike. A press conference will be held there at 5 p.m. on Friday October 15th.

Approximately 16 speakers are expected for the Saturday and Sunday conference, of whom the following have been booked: David Huggins; Robert Oechsler; Timothy Green Beckley; Dr. Frank Stranges; George Hansen; Tom Benson; Rick Hilberg; Jim Moseley; Pat Marcattilio and Alice Haggerty.

Admission is \$40 per person for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday. Advance tickets may be obtained by writing Pat Marcattilio at 138 Redfern Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08610 or telephone 609-888-1358 (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. only).

The above information will be updated in the CHRONICLE as the dates for the National UFO Conference draw near.

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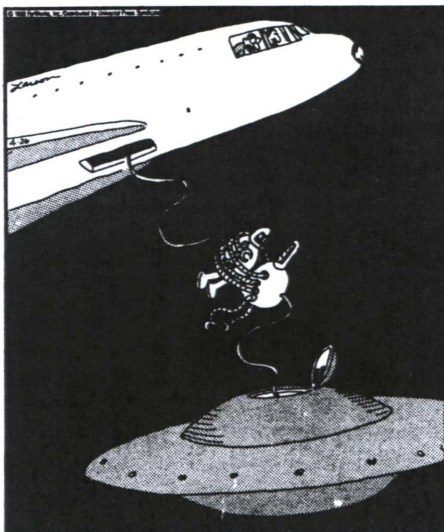
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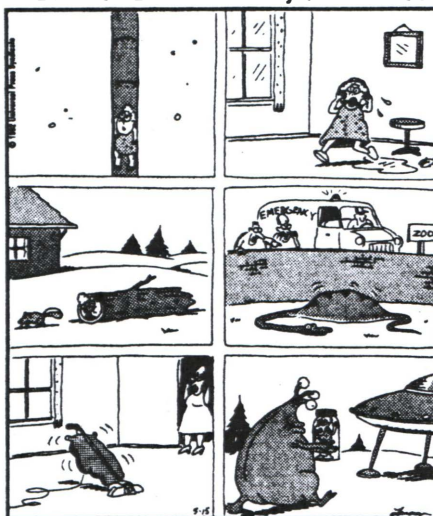
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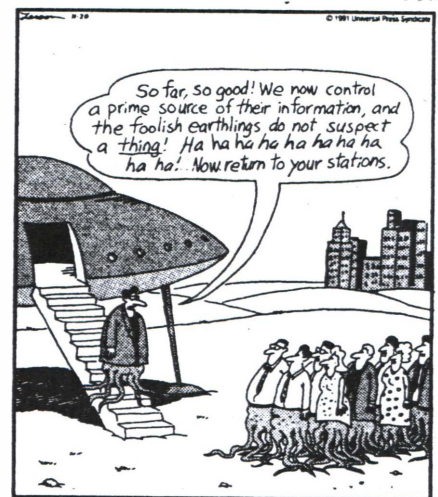
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By GARY LARSON



The life and times of baby Jessica



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