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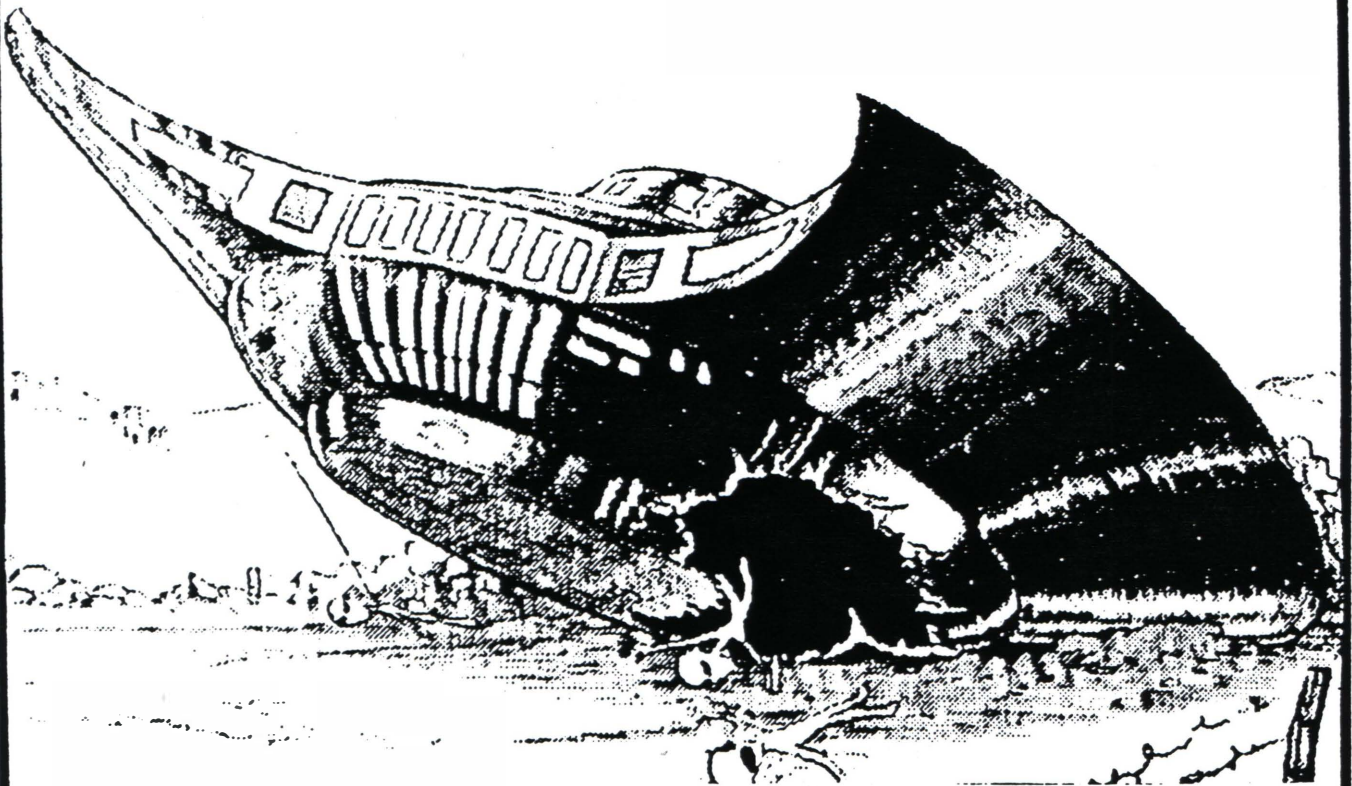
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Artwork by Bill McDonald as part of an illustrated article entitled *An Illustrated Roswell* which appeared in *UFO MAGAZINE* May/June 1993 Vol. 8, No 3. The illustration depicts a theorized partial disc which could conceivably still make maximal use of the donut-shaped energy fields which are generated by deep-space propulsion systems.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS BEGINS OUR FOURTH YEAR of publication, much has changed in the field of UFOlogy since our inception, but much remains the same. A prime example of this is our lead story on the GAO investigation on the Roswell crash in 1947. If your unaware of this investigation requested by Congressman Steve Schiff (R-NM) read the newsclips that compile the article.....then read and act on the article written by New Jersey MUFON Director George Filer entitled *Memo For New Jersey MUFON Members* and the article written by Operation Right to Know's Mike Jamieson.....maybe something will finally happen in the way of information release after 47 years! *MUFON vs The New Age* is a though provoking article on the biggest threat MUFON faces today...themselves....written by W.L. Garner, Jr. Louisiana's MUFON State Director he aims for the heart of the problem and is right on target.....*1993 UFO Year in Review* is covered by The Fund For UFO Research and covers anything from government involvement, abductions to cattle mutilations must read.....ATTENTION.....ATTENTION..... OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW IS PLANNING A UFO DEMONSTRATION AT THE PENTAGON IN MAYREAD THE INFO ON PAGE 7.....*Investigative Reports* covers three recent sightings in New Jersey...Elizabeth, Orley Beach and Williamstown ..more to come next issue.....every wonder if our neighbors in Canada ever see UFO's... read *UPDATE* in which the National Sighting Research Center and Paul Ferrughelli present a statistical study of USA/Canada UFO Sighting Data Comparison....The 30th Annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) is covered in full detail by Tom Benson in *An Inside View*..If you weren't able to attend....read the article Tom doesn't miss a beat and you'll feel you were there...In *UpComing UFO Conferences*Don't miss this one The 5th Annual UFO/ET Alien & Abduction Congress held in Hamilton Square, New Jersey the weekend of April 8th.....it has become a New Jersey tradition.....The winner of the Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism award is announced on

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Schiff Reopens 1947 UFO Case

Agency Takes New Look At 'Roswell Incident'

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 46 years now and Rep. Steve Schiff thinks it's high time the federal government came clean on whether space aliens crashed their flying saucer in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Republican has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether a government cover-up followed the crash of a mysterious object near the little ranch town of Corona on July 2, 1947. And the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, has begun such a probe.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said Wednesday.

The congressman admitted he's curious about the incident, but added, "I would not ask for an investigation of something I was just curious about. The issue is whether the government is being forthright with the American people, and that is a serious issue to me."

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The 1947 crash, known as the "Roswell Incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel, and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and, perhaps, the bodies of aliens.

They also assert the remains of the crash were taken first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Air Force said the day after the recovery that the material was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar reflecting gadget.

But UFO believers say the incident was the beginning of a government secrecy program that has hidden proof of the existence of extraterrestrial visitors for more than four decades.

"For sort of all-around thoroughness, Roswell's the best case we've got," said Michael Lindemann, a

Santa Barbara, Calif., futurist who does research on UFOs. "If we had no other UFO case at all, the elements of the Roswell case would go a very, very long way to proving we have had alien visitation."

Philip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who's worked for decades debunking UFO sightings, said, however, that there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell. He said declassified military documents show high-ranking Air Force and White House officials never had any knowledge of such a find, and it's absurd to think lower-level operatives could have kept such a secret from their bosses.

But Schiff said long-standing suspicions of such a conspiracy make the GAO investigation worthwhile.

"I just assume that if there were alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, somebody would have discovered them during all these years," he said. "On the other hand, you have to say anything is possible as long as the government won't talk. The government

promotes these things with its silence."

The congressman said he decided to look into the allegations after receiving letters from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

Last March, according to Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, Schiff wrote to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin requesting an Air Force briefing on the Roswell Incident. Schiff said Wednesday that Air Force officials told him later they couldn't brief him because all the documents from the investigation known as Project Blue Book had been sent to the National Archives.

He contacted National Archives officials, who said they're not in the business of giving briefings.

"We went back and forth a little bit and, frankly, I got tired of going back and forth," he said. "I talked to the people at GAO (in October) and I told them about this."

Schiff has frequent contact with GAO officials because he's on the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

"I asked them, 'Is this anything that you might be able to assist me with?'" Schiff recalled. "They said, 'We've never done anything like this before. We mostly look into fiscal matters... but it sounds interesting. Why not give us a stat on it?'"

Since then, said GAO spokeswoman Laura Kopeison, an investigator has begun studying documents and looking into the cover-up allegations. She said the results will be reported back to Schiff.

Schiff said he was told a few days ago the investigator had nothing to report yet, and one of his aides was told the investigator was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," he said.

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Friday, January 14, 1994

Albuquerque Journal

Letters Lead to UFO Inquiry

Schiff Denies Prompt From Aide's Spouse

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Rep. Steve Schiff says his investigation into the 1947 recovery of a mysterious object in New Mexico was prompted by letters from constituents, not by his aide's UFO-hunting husband.

Placitas resident Karl Pflock, who's married to Schiff's district director, Mary Martinek, has worked vigorously for nearly a year investigating the so-called "Roswell Incident" under a grant from the Fund for UFO Research in Washington, D.C.

Last fall, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office, which he helps oversee from his position on a House committee, to investigate allegations the military pulled off some sort of cover-up after crash debris was recovered on a ranch near Corona in the summer of '47. The investigation is under way.

Pflock said Thursday he didn't prod Schiff into seeking the GAO probe.

"This is his baby," Pflock said. "He's not doing me any favors. He's doing it because he's committed to the idea that this is something that should be brought out in public."

Pflock said he's talked to Schiff in "strictly casual conversations" two or three times about his interest in the case. Schiff said he didn't recall those conversations, and that his interest was sparked by a "flurry" of letters from constituents.

What matters, he said, isn't why the inquiry began, but how the Department of Defense "stonewalled" when he asked for information.

The Pentagon told Schiff it no longer had the records on whatever was recovered from the ranch and steered him to the National Archives.

Archives officials, however, said, "We have not located any documents related to this event in the (Air Force's) Project Blue Book records, or in any other pertinent Defense Department records in our custody."

The Roswell Incident has been the source of debate and research among UFO buffs for decades. Many think the incident is the best case for alien contact with Earth, despite the military's statements at the time that the debris was from a weather balloon.

Schiff said Thursday he doesn't believe a UFO was recovered at the ranch.

"I think, first of all, it could be a weather balloon," he said. "But because of the government's obvious disinterest in giving me the information, that leads me to think it might've been something else."

Like what?

"If I had to guess, I would say some kind of military experiment," he said. "But that's sheerly a guess."

Pflock, too, said he isn't convinced an alien space-

craft was recovered by the military, but "something extraordinary was recovered."

Pflock said he and other UFO researchers first made formal contact with Schiff's staff about the incident in August 1992.

Pflock and fellow researcher Fred Whiting subsequently compiled a 130-page "briefing paper" filled with news accounts, military documents and testimony from witnesses, much of which points toward some sort of government plot to hide whatever really happened in 1947. That paper was given to Schiff's office in December, Pflock said, and "they're going to be giving that to the GAO, if they haven't already done that, to help in the investigation."

Schiff began his search for information in March 1993, when he and Martinek wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, seeking a "definitive explanation of what transpired and why."

In the three-page letter, they said records and witness testimony make it appear that "the balloon explanation was a cover story" and that "federal authorities sought to intimidate witnesses and their families into silence."

The letter said Martinek, then Schiff's legislative director, would "coordinate all activities concerning this request."

After a series of letters resulted in one dead-end after another, Schiff took his quest to the GAO. Schiff said he hasn't gotten any answers yet from the GAO, but when he does, he'll make them public.

MEMO FOR NEW JERSEY MUFON MEMBERS

On January 14th, Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico announced that at his request the General Accounting Office had initiated an investigation of the Roswell incident. This presents an outstanding and long sought opportunity for us as UFO researchers.

Schiff first approached the Defense Department in early 1993 with a series of questions about the Roswell event. He was stonewalled, and in late October, exasperated by the lack of cooperation from DOD, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office to investigate. The GAO is the Congress' investigatory agency.

We believe that the GAO inquiry is limited to two major areas. First, exactly what individuals and agencies within the government hold the records and have responsibility for Roswell, and second, why do they refuse to answer questions posed by members of Congress. To the best of our knowledge, the basic question about whether the Roswell event was in fact the crash of an alien spacecraft has not been addressed by GAO. We believe the GAO inquiry is designed to lay the groundwork for hearings at which the responsible federal officials identified by the GAO be forced to testify, and to testify under oath.

In the meantime, it is vital that you contact your congressman to enlist help for Mr. Schiff. A sample letter is enclosed. We suggest that you stick to the Roswell problem, and that you steer very far away from Area 51, aliens in underground bases, and so forth. Note that the sample letter does not "sell" the ET explanation for Roswell, but does alert the congressman to the nature of the controversy.

If the Schiff project fails, that will be the end of any hope of congressional action.

George Filer
New Jersey State Director MUFON

LOBBYING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO STRENGTHEN GAO ROSWELL QUERY

By Mike Jamieson

The powerful investigative arm of Congress, the General Accounting Office (GAO), has agreed to inquire into the 1947 Roswell case after the reported frustration experienced by Rep. Steven Schiff (R-N.M.) in his own Roswell inquiry.

Operation Right to Know (ORTK) has initiated a letter writing campaign to encourage support for the recently announced GAO inquiry. Specifically ORTK suggests

that people write to express their support for this inquiry and to recommend two courses of action for Members of Congress:

(1) Review and confirm the extensive testimony and records connected to the Roswell case.

(2) Affirm to GAO and targeted Congresspersons that there indeed may be fiscal issues involved. In a January 14, 1994 letter to Rep. Schiff, ORTK Treasurer and Membership Director Stan Hendler observed that there would "have been vast Federal expenditures ever since 1947 to study the alien crew, to replicate their technology, and for myriad activities related to the alien presence. The cost of a staff to maintain a program of disinformation and cover-up, in itself, would be substantial. I suspect that much of this would be reflected in the military's 'black budget'".

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ORTK (as well as NJ MUFON) is encouraging everyone to write to their own Congressperson. If a Member of Congress requests further information, please notify Fred Whiting of the Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712. Whiting has prepared an updated briefing on the Roswell case for Members of Congress.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article originally appeared in Operation Right To Know's (ORTK), Right to Know Forum, Vol 2 No 2, Winter 1994 edition. Michael Jamieson is a regular contributor an Associate Editor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was written by the MUFON State Director of Louisiana, at the request of Florida's State Director for their MUFON Newsletter. This article has appeared in both the Florida MUFON News and LA MUFON (Louisiana's MUFON newsletter) in their November/December 1993 issues.

MUFON VS THE NEW AGE

Scientific Challenge or
Just Muddled Argumentation

By W. L. Garner, Jr.

In the last couple of years, MUFON meetings, publication and conversations at all levels have seen an escalating tempo of controversy between the "pseudo scientists" on one hand and the "new age psychics" on the other. Like a festering wound, the controversy is beginning to affect MUFON's effectiveness and reputation. Unfortunately, many of the noisy antagonists on both sides are venting their emotional wants and have little or no concern for MUFON's stated purposes or the scientific method.

Mufon purports to be an international scientific organization that believes a concentrated scientific study by dedicated investigators and researchers will provide the ultimate answer to the UFO enigma. A scientific organization dedicated to scientific study must establish and must demand adherence to protocols for its investigators and researchers, or its reports and conclusions simply become more meaningless babble. Personal beliefs are threatened only to the extent each individual chooses to expose his beliefs to available scientific evidence.

The scientific protocols for the MUFON Field Investigator (FI) are well established in the MUFON Field Investigators Manual, the essence of which is laid out in Chapter II, The Field Investigator's Code of Ethics. Properly documenting the evidence is an essential scientific first step. Simply stated, the FI's primary responsibilities to identify and document the evidence as objectively as possible without causing any harm to the percipient or others. It is NOT to publicize the incident or to pass final judgment on the evidence or the percipient. Thus, every effort should be made to record a percipient's experience exactly as the person experienced it. In practice, the FI first must make a decision as to whether there is the potential for acquiring enough factual evidence to justify the time and expense he/she will spend acquiring and documenting it. If he/she decides to proceed, there are provisions in the protocol that provide the investigator an opportunity to question or express doubt

about any part or all of the evidence reported, but he/she must not ignore or change any part of the evidence. Protocols for scientific researchers in the various disciplines are much more complex and demanding, and usually require extensive training in each particular discipline. Protocols for the scientific method began in mathematics with rules of logic, stemming from the protocol that all propositions which are not themselves self-evident must be derived from others that are self-evident. From this simple beginning with clear-cut answers, protocols have become far more complex, encompassing and difficult as the scientific method has been applied to more and more areas of nature and life. UFOs, extraterrestrial aliens, abductions, telepathy, out-of-body experiences, etc., are all valid areas for scientific investigation, but scientific investigation demands the protocols of specific research objectives, techniques, and proofs. One or more individuals espousing grandiose revelations may sound authentic and compelling, but without scientific validation it is useless gossip. One major hurdle in investigating these types of claims is the necessity for independent confirmation (feedback), without it nothing is scientifically established. Another is the patience and self-discipline to avoid jumping to conclusions until enough scientific evidence is in to be able to draw valid conclusions.

The human mind is still the greatest mystery, capable of creating or wiping out memories, biomedical conditions and even whole personalities. These changes can result from a wide variety of traumas, and sometimes from just wishes, desires or needs. Interactions with entities or extraterrestrial aliens may or may not be one of the causes. Those of you who have suffered through the terminal illness of a loved one, or who have worked with the results of childhood trauma, may have witnessed some of these psychological manifestations. Science is just beginning to scratch the surface trying to understand the reality behind all of this.

For MUFON to be a viable scientific organization there must be continuous, aggressive efforts at all levels to keep all activities directed toward scientific objectives. At the level where activities are directed primarily towards the investigation of alleged UFO incident, that mandate is comparatively simple to pursue. The protocols for that are laid out in the MUFON Field Investigator's Handbook. At any level where activities are more involved with public relations, meetings and publications, that mandate is infinitely more difficult. Keeping discussions, meetings and publications aimed toward improving scientific skills and understanding is much harder, particularly if you also want to keep it attractive for a wide variety of members.

The conflict between MUFON's stated objectives and

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the New Age proponent's practices are most obvious at meetings. Personal, even if sincere, tales of other-worldly experiences presented as unquestionable, factual events may improve attendance, but it adds little or nothing to anyone's scientific understanding of whatever may be going on, or to the skills needed to investigate such claims. It is not even an acceptable method of documenting these incidents. At its best, it risks psychological damage to fragile personalities, both speakers and attendees, for the sake of attendance. At its worst, by definition turns your organization into a cult.

The director who plans your meetings and issues your publications has a narrow and difficult path to follow. The difference between presenting a controversial experience as part of a training program to improve investigators' skills versus presenting it as entertainment or recruitment may be difficult for some to fathom; but, when scientific objectives and standards are sacrificed for entertainment by unverified propaganda, your group as already begun the transformation from a scientific organization into a cult.

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

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New Hampshire MUFON Newsletter

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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!

1993 UFO YEAR IN REVIEW

1993 was the busiest UFO year in at least a decade. Sightings increased in quality, as did the interest level of scientifically trained persons.

SIGHTINGS

While sightings of odd lights in the night sky continued to predominate, there was a clear increase in the number of sightings of objects, also mainly at night. Craft shaped like discs, triangles and boomerangs were reported on numerous occasions from all parts of the USA. There were "mini-flaps" of limited duration and geographical spread in the Midwest and the West Coast.

In December, a committee of the European Parliament recommended establishment of a UFO observatory, as a result of the study of large numbers of reports from France, Belgium, and Italy. According to the Financial Times of London, a French government space group claimed 2,300 sightings in the past 15 years, of which more than 40 percent remained without explanation.

GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

On an official level, the Executive Branch stonewalling continued, insisting UFOs have not been of interest to anyone in the U.S. Government since Project Blue Book was shut down by the US Air Force in 1969.

Nevertheless, media interest in the reported crash of an unidentified object outside Roswell, New Mexico, continued in 1993. At year's end, there was a made for TV movie about the case in production, and two books and a video documentary were on the drawing boards. And in response to constituent requests, Rep. Steve Schiff (R-NM) has asked the General Accounting Office to look into the matter. New witnesses to the 1947 New Mexico crash have been found, and nearly 30 of them have signed affidavits. A 130 page briefing paper has been produced for interested persons in the government.

ABDUCTIONS

This strangest of all aspects of UFOs continues to attract the interest of mental health professionals, who are unable to account for the consistent descriptions of involuntary encounters with presumed aliens. New cases appear at a rate of several hundred per year and are dealt with using a referral service operated by the FUnD and by other nonprofit groups.

At year's end, publication was imminent of the proceed

ings of the 1992 abduction conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which drew an impressive collection of psychiatrists, psychologists and other professionals. The conference was co-sponsored by the Fund. In cooperation with the Mutual UFO Network, the Fund is also supporting the creation of a computer database of abduction investigation information. When sufficiently advanced, it will be made available to qualified professionals for study. The results of their efforts will then be made public.

ENGLISH CROP CIRCLES

For more than a decade, complex and geometrically precise formations have appeared in fields of grain, mainly in southwestern England. Well over a thousand have been recorded, with no clear explanation of their origins and meaning. Evidence that some have been hoaxed greatly reduced local press interest - yet the phenomenon continues. While there is as yet no solid link to UFOs, the Fund retains its interest in the phenomenon, since a lot of people suspect a connection.

CATTLE MUTILATIONS

This is another modern mystery which some feel is related to UFOs, despite the lack of convincing evidence. Baffling mutilations were reported from northern Georgia and elsewhere in 1993, but sufficiently rapid investigations were not conducted, and so the details remain anecdotal.

CRAZY TALES MUDDLE UFO PICTURE A COMMENTARY

Some truly outlandish claims are being made by self-styled UFO experts who are completely unable to provide a scrap of supporting evidence.

Since the spread of such stories does great harm to the serious efforts to learn the nature of UFOs, the Fund for UFO Research feels morally obligated to inform the press of this unfortunate trend.

One simple rule to follow when evaluating any claim in the UFO field is: beware of anyone offering simple answers to the basic questions (e.g. what are they?, where are they from? what are they up to?). While the answers to these and other important questions are the goal of everyone in the field, they remain beyond reach at the present time. Some examples of the wild stories being spread by individuals and groups clearly not bound by the need to be objective.

Crashed UFOs have been rebuilt by the USA with (or without) the help of alien technicians. Such craft are said to have been test flown from secret US Air Force bases in Nevada. A "scientist" who claims to have briefly worked there insists he has been harassed by the government for speaking out and had his educational records erased.

The U.S. Government has "sold out" to the aliens and participates in the operation of their underground bases in the West. The aliens are said to be allowed to abduct humans and to mutilate cattle.

The aliens feed on human body parts.

The aliens love oriental music and strawberry ice cream!

As ridiculous as all of this sounds, such information is not limited to the supermarket tabloids. Phony UFO authorities are lecturing to large audiences and have appeared on TV talk shows.

Their stories have been checked wherever possible and as yet, nothing has been found to lend credence to their bizarre claims. In some cases, there is reason to consider the sources sadly lacking in credibility. One of the more disturbing recent trends is the claim of connections between UFOs and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, as well as with elaborate (and sometimes anti-semitic) international conspiracy theories.

The possibility of government cover up of some aspects of the UFO subject is very real, but those who argue for it are able to present facts in support of their claims. The peddlers of extremist claims, on the other hand, expect people to accept them despite the total lack of evidence.

The Fund has additional information on these purveyors of nonsense, but to detail it here would be to risk charges of libel. If you are interested in an off the record briefing, contact Don Berliner at (703) 684-6032.

OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW PLANS UFO DEMONSTRATION AT PENTAGON

ORTK is planning a demonstration at the Pentagon's South Parking Entrance in Arlington, Virginia on Monday, May 23rd from 12-2 PM.

A dress code will be observed at the march. No T-shirts, hats, masks, or other paraphernalia which might lead to press ridicule will be allowed. If you are interested in attending or arranging group transportation, or can contribute money to the cause please contact Stan Handler, ORTK, P.O. Box 3173, Gaithersburg, MD 20885.



INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

UFO SIGHTING AT ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

BACKGROUND: This sighting was provided by Tom Briggs, MUFON Field Investigator at a North Jersey MUFON meeting in October 1993.

The witness of this UFO sighting stated he was referred to Tom by NASA! This is quite remarkable if accurate. This is the first time anyone ever heard of a referral by NASA to contact a MUFON Field Investigator.

THE SIGHTING: On August 20, 1993, at midnight, "John" was sitting on his steps outside his apartment waiting for his wife to arrive home from work. John noticed a brilliant light in the sky that was stationary and did not appear to be any type of aircraft. John stated that the light was the size of a light bulb and there was no sound associated with it. John stated that there were clouds in the background and it was overcast outside. John stated the altitude of the object was 20,000 feet (this seems unlikely since the cloud level was low).

As John observed the object for about a minute, he ran inside his apartment to get his camera. When he returned outside he took several photographs of the object. As soon as he photographed the object, it shot up to his left and disappeared. John stated there were no electromagnetic effects or missing time associated with this event.

THE INVESTIGATION: Tom Briggs went to John's apartment to investigate the UFO sighting. Tom stated that John appeared to be sincere and credible. Tom observed the photographs and presented a copy of the photo at the meeting. The photo shows a smeared light which appears to have a dome on the top. The photo was taken with a 250mm lens. Tom stated that there were no other witnesses to this sighting (No other reports have been filed). Tom also stated that John has experienced paranormal activity along with strange dreams involving fog, and landings of UFOs.

UFO SEEN OVER ORTLEY BEACH, NEW JERSEY

THE SIGHTING

On November 11, 1993, "Doug" was walking his dog on the boardwalk at Ortley Beach, New Jersey at approximately 5:00 a.m. Doug observed a greenish glowing plate object rise out of the ocean, the object zig zagged around, then headed toward land. Doug stated that there were four or five other people around while he was walking his dog. As the object passed over land, Doug noticed that all of the lights in the area flickered on and off.

Doug called the local radio station WJRZ located in Manahawkin at approximately 8:00 a.m. Doug described his UFO sighting to a gentleman in the news room. The station aired the story during the 8:00 news brief. Shortly after airing the UFO story, a second witness called in to WJRZ to describe his account of the same UFO.

"Ben" stated that he was coming home from a party at about 4:30 a.m., when he saw a green object flying around the sky. Ben stated that this was the same object as described by Doug.

SIGHTING DATA:

DATE - 11 NOVEMBER 1993

TIME - 5:00 AM

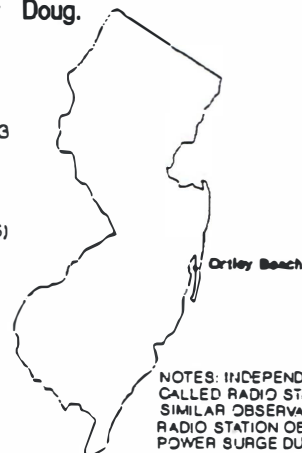
DURATION - MINUTES

WITNESSES - ONE (PLUS)

DESCRIPTION - GREEN
GLOWING PLATE SHAPE

SOUND - NONE

HYNEK CLASS - CE-2
STREET LIGHTS
AND POWER
AFFECTED



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Doug called the radio station twice on November 11th, and twice on November 12th, to question the news people on other witnesses. When Doug called on November 12th, he stated that he was being followed by two men in a black car all day. It should be noted that Doug refused to provide his name and phone number. A relative of a MUFON investigator in south Jersey heard the UFO story on the radio and called her relative to convey the report.

THE INVESTIGATION

Sue Van Slooten, Assistant State Director for MUFON received the details of the sighting on November 12, 1993. Sue requested that I call the Radio Station WJRZ and follow up on the investigation in progress. On November 18th, I called the WJRZ news room and asked to speak to the newsperson who received the initial phone call from Doug.

"Howard" described the UFO sighting from Doug in detail, along with the description from Ben. Howard also stated the local newspaper called the Ocean County Observer published two articles in their newspaper on the 12th and 15th of November concerning Doug's UFO sighting. During our phone conversation, Howard stated that there was another UFO sighting on November 16th, reported by a husband and wife, at about 5:15 p.m. This sighting was reported as a result of the newspaper article in the Ocean County Observer. The witness provided his name and phone number, and their report is presently under investigation.

OBSERVATIONS

Howard stated that he will forward a tape recording of the newscast that aired on November 11th at 8:00 a.m. with Doug's account of his sighting. A follow up with the Ocean County Observer will occur to determine if any other UFO sightings have been reported on or near the date of Doug's sighting.

A MUFON investigator in south Jersey is presently investigating Doug's report and the results will follow.

In conclusion, this report appears to have consistency involving independent witnesses. However, Doug's statement reporting to have been followed by two men in a black car all day is most unusual. If there were four or five other witnesses on the boardwalk at the moment of the sighting, it is surprising that these witnesses have not come forward. TO BE CONTINUED....

UFO MATERIALIZES ON FARM WILLIAMSTOWN, NEW JERSEY, JULY 1993

Last week I met John, who is Deputy Director of Security at a Philadelphia university. John has an imposing appearance, he's six foot four inches tall and weights almost 300 pounds, is intelligent and extremely alert. John owns his own home on eight acres of land in Williamstown, New Jersey. John was asleep on a warm night in July 1993, when he suddenly awoke and looked out his bedroom window. He saw strange lights about fifty feet from the house and got the distinct impression that a craft was coming up through the ground. It seemed to materialize in his back yard. He said, "It formed into a UFO that was saucer shaped and 23 feet in diameter. In fact, it looked like one saucer laying upside down on the top of another. White and yellow lights meshed together shining down and reflected off the lower portion of the craft." It reminded him of a night landing of a helicopter with the lights shining down. He could only see a silhouette of the top the craft. He did not see an actual undercarriage or landing gear. The UFO was gray and metallic in appearance. The only visible light in the area came from under the craft. He then felt his head hitting the pillow and the sound of a loud groan. He lost consciousness. That morning he awoke and remembered seeing the craft. He knew that something else had happened, but he had no conscious memory of what may have occurred. He is trying to recall the information without hypnosis.

The craft left a pronounced ten foot circle in the back yard where the grass dies. A large amount of gravel is mixed in the soil where the craft hovered. The gravel matches the gravel in his driveway, but there were not any signs that this gravel had been disturbed. To the best of John's knowledge, there had not previously been any gravel in the backyard. We are attempting to run laboratory tests on samples of the soil and gravel. The gravel is mixed fairly evenly within the top two inches of the soil and only within the circle. Branches were also broken off the tops of a near by tree.

John has noticed a series of strange occurrences at this home in recent months. The electric power goes off several times a week. He has awakened in the morning and found his home unlocked, and occasionally the doors will be left wide open. He has found the car keys on the outside of his car door. He has noticed while taking a shower that his feet are covered in dirt. His wife is aware of the strange happenings but remains supportive. John joined MUFON to learn more about the subject. Interestingly, another MUFON member had a sighting of a similar craft in 1986. We will attempt to keep you informed on the investigation.

George A Filer

January 1994



— UPDATE —

By Paul Ferrughelli

USA/CANADA UFO SIGHTING DATA COMPARISON

Historical UFO data analysis has indicated that the UFO phenomena is NOT isolated to any given portion or region of the world. Rather, it is a world wide phenomena that occurs in "waves" at any given location for rather short periods of time. Many books have been written on the subject of world wide UFO sightings, and their apparent patterns and behavior. Perhaps the best analysis in observing UFO sighting data characteristics, would be comparing two neighboring countries during a specified time period. The leading indicator characteristics could be analyzed to determine if there are any similarities or differences in the reported UFO sighting data.

The following analysis consists of a summary and analysis of UFO sighting reports which have been compiled for the USA and Canada, during the time period from 1989 through 1992. A good opportunity to analyze two neighboring countries over a four year time period.

DATA

The source of the data was obtained from: *The 1992 Canadian UFO Survey*, compiled by Chris Rutkowski in Canada, and the *National Sighting Yearbook - 1992* compiled by the NSRC in the USA. A total of 1614 UFO reports were compiled, 891 for the USA and 723 for Canada. The data was organized and summarized exactly as stated, without any interpretation or manipulation.

DATA ANALYSIS

We begin by observing the monthly distribution of UFO sightings over the four year time period. (Refer to Figure 1) To test the strength of the relationship between the two countries data sets, we can calculate the "correlation coefficient".

When the correlation value (r) is greater than +/- 0.05 and the associated "T-test" (p) is less than +/- .05, there is a possible linear relationship or trend in the data sets. The Figure 1 plot shows an (r) value of .106 and (p) of .475, thus indicating a LOW correlation value and no relationship between the two countries UFO sighting data.

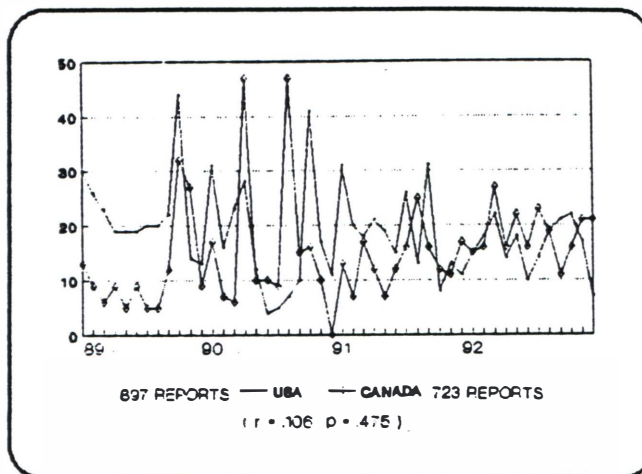


Figure 1

Figure 1 is a two range plot of the USA and Canadian UFO sightings from 1989 through 1992. The overall plot does not appear to be symmetrical with respect to the two data sets. However, in October 1989 and April 1990, both countries experienced noticeable peaks in UFO activity. There are symmetrical peaks and lulls for the first six months in 1992.

The correlation data could suggest that the UFO sighting activity in both countries occurs at different frequencies over time. Historical UFO research has shown that UFO reports do occur in waves at different dates in time.

TIME OF DAY ANALYSIS

The time of day for UFO sightings have been a very interesting characteristic over the years in UFO research. Historical comparison analysis over the past 45 years has shown that the frequency of UFO sighting during daytime hours has decreased significantly. Present day data indicates that the majority of the sightings occur during night time hours, between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Figure 2 is a two range line graph of the frequency of UFO reports for the USA and Canada based on the time of day for 1992. From the correlation data observed, there is a strong trend between the USA and Canadian UFO reports with respect to the time of day. There were more day time reports and more sighting activity during

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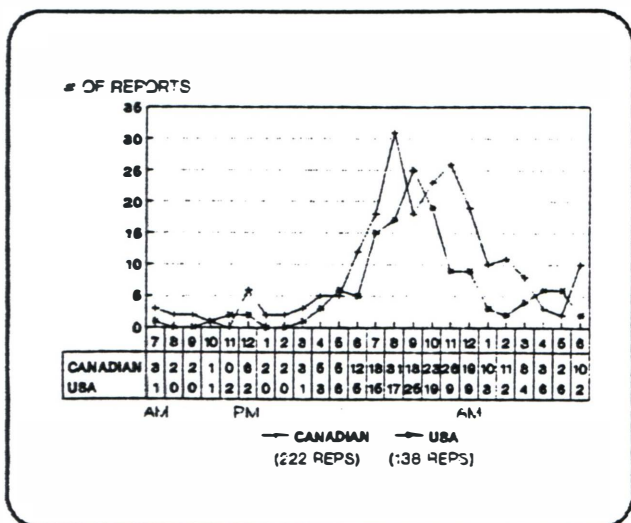


Figure 2

the late evening (early morning) hours in Canada. The most noticeable difference in the Canadian data is the frequency of reports occurring between 11:00 p.m. through 3:00 a.m. The correlation suggests that there is no difference in the distribution of UFO reports by the time of day. The Canadian distribution is consistent with the USA time of day distribution over the past 6 years.

DURATION ANALYSIS

The observed duration of a UFO sighting is very important characteristic with respect to the UFO phenomena. This "duration" characteristic can be an indicator to determine if the UFO report was a natural type phenomena. Previous studies have shown that very short duration sightings (under 10 seconds), may be natural phenomena such as a meteor, bolides or other atmospheric type phenomena. The same applies for very long duration sightings (over 1 hour), which may represent planets or stars.

The Figure 3 bar graph is a comparison of the UFO sighting durations for the USA and Canada for 1992. This graph is broken down into 7 duration classes. It can be observed that in 1992 the Canadian durations between 0-9 seconds was six time greater than the USA sightings. When observing the remaining profile, 10-59 seconds and up, the profiles are somewhat similar, with respect to the rise and lulls. There is no statistical correlation between the USA and Canada duration data sets, based on the 7 duration classes. It should be noted that this is not the best statistical sample, since the data was only grouped into 7 duration classes.

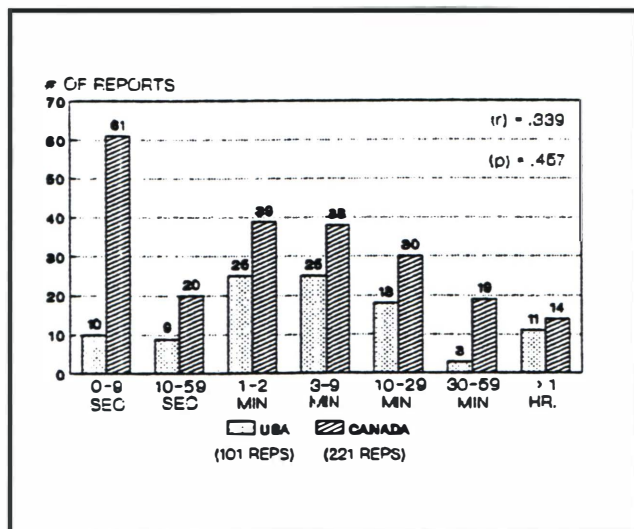


Figure 3

It can be observed that 49.5% of the UFO sightings in the USA had a duration length between 1 to 9 minutes. The Canadian data indicated that 38.3% of the total UFO sightings had a duration between 1 to 9 minutes in length.

The correlation data and the frequency distributions indicate that the durations of UFO reports in both countries are statistically different. This could suggest as with the 48 month distribution, that the durations of the sighting events are random. It should also be noted that the duration of a UFO report is subject to a human perception distortion, since the length of time is estimated by the observer.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER BREAKDOWN CE-1 & CE-2, 1989 - 1992

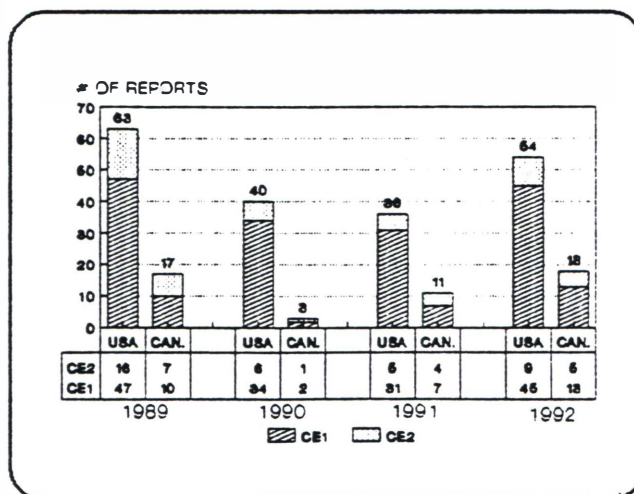


Figure 4

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The USA clearly has reported a greater frequency of CE reports over the 4 year time period. However, 35% of the Canadian reports were CE-2 reports, where only 18.6% of the USA reports were CE-2 reports. This is most interesting since, CE-2 reports are those types of sightings that interact with the environment and possibly the witness.

Below is a breakdown of the USA and Canadian CE data based on the annual total percentage of CE reports with respect to grand total of annual sightings:

YEAR	COUNTRY	CE-1 AND CE-2 TOTAL	% OF
1989	CAN.....	17 REPORTS.....	12.06 %
	USA.....	63 REPORTS.....	23.42 %
1990	CAN.....	3 REPORTS.....	1.60 %
	USA.....	40 REPORTS.....	19.50 %
1991	CAN.....	11 REPORTS.....	6.67 %
	USA.....	36 REPORTS.....	15.90 %
1992	CAN.....	18 REPORTS.....	8.07 %
	USA.....	54 REPORTS.....	27.00 %

The USA experienced a greater percentage of CE reports for each year. The 4 year CE total average for Canada was 7.1% of the total sightings, and the CE total average for the USA was 21.5% of total reports. However, as indicated Canada had a greater percentage of CE-2 reports, which is NOT consistent with the USA data over the past 6 years.

DAY OF WEEK COMPARISON DATA - 1992

Historical UFO data analysis has shown that there is the Wednesday effect for UFO sightings. Figure 5 below is a Bar graph of the frequency of UFO reports with respect to the day of the week.

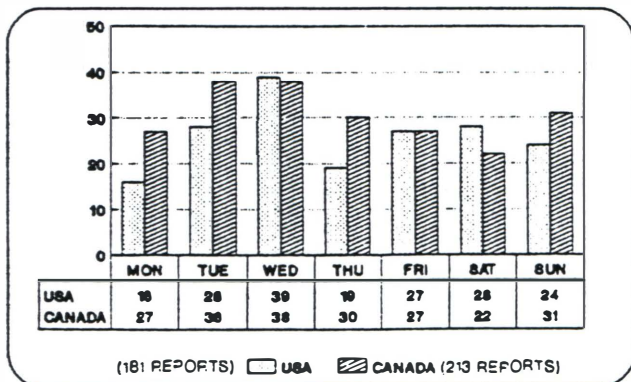


Figure 5

The above graph shows that Wednesday was the peak day in the USA, where Wednesday and Tuesday were peak days for Canada.

MISCELLANEOUS SUMMARY DATA:

Below is a summary breakdown on various UFO sighting characteristics for the USA and Canada:

A. ANNUAL SIGHTING SUMMARY DATA: 1989-1992

YEAR	USA	CANADA
1989	269	141
1990	205	194
1991	220	165
1992	197	223
TOTALS	891	723

MONTHLY
AVERAGE 18.6 15.1

B. NOCTURNAL LIGHT REPORTS: (4) YEAR AVERAGE

USA.....66.1 % OF TOTAL REPORTS
CANADA.....65.3 % OF TOTAL REPORTS

C. CE-1/CE-2 BREAKDOWN: (4) YEAR AVERAGE

USA.....21.1 % OF TOTAL REPORTS
CANADA..... 7.1 % OF TOTAL REPORTS

D. WITNESS COUNT DATA: (4) YEAR AVERAGE

USA.....2.50 WITNESSES PER REPORT
CANADA.....1.95 WITNESSES PER REPORT

E. SIGHTING DURATION DATA:

USA (1992).....18.6 MINUTES PER REPORT
CANADA (1990-1992)...14.3 MINUTES PER REPORT

F. DAY LIGHT DISC REPORTS: (4) YEAR AVERAGE

USA.....5.9 % OF TOTAL REPORTS
CANADA.....8.9 % OF TOTAL REPORTS

OBSERVATIONS: CANADIAN/USA UFO DATA ANALYSIS

The purpose of this report was to provide a comparative analysis between Canadian and USA UFO sighting data contained in the *1992 Canadian UFO Survey*, and the NSRC *National Sighting Yearbook - 1992*. Both reports solicited UFO sighting data from UFO researchers, UFO organizations, and UFO publications.

The only difference observed is in the USA data, where additional UFO sighting data was compiled from a UFO news clipping service. Although the news clipping data is considered raw data, it should not be considered inaccurate data, since it has not been officially investigated. The basic elements are available for a cursory examination to determine the possibility of natural explanations.

UFO sighting data obtained from both the US and Canadian sources can only be considered a PORTION of the available UFO reports. The UFO sighting data can

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not be a valid scientific sample since we do NOT have a known population of UFO sightings.

Historical UFO analysis has shown that UFO reports are not isolated events occurring at specific locations, rather, they occur world wide. With this fact in hand, UFO sighting data can be evaluated for it's characteristics to determine if any similarities or differences exist. In this comparative analysis the key characteristics have been organized, summarized, analyzed, and subjected to simple statistical procedures.

The Canadian monthly UFO distribution clearly displays that there were noticeable peaks in UFO reports in April and August of 1990. However, the overall average of UFO reports in 1990 did not remain above the 4 year average value. From February 1992 through August 1992 the quantity of UFO sightings in Canada was above the 4 year average. The USA monthly distribution over the 4 years was quite different than the Canadian data. There were no peaks in 1990 and 1992 was well below the cumulative average. Also there were no observable similarities for monthly or seasonal preferences in the USA and Canadian data.

The only noticeable monthly trend between the USA and Canadian occurred in 1989 which can be observed in the Figure 3 plot. However, in 1989 the USA experienced sustained UFO activity from January through October. This was the time period when the USA sighting activity remained above the 7 year average, and where the Canadian sightings were at a minimum. Overall, the monthly distributions over the 4 time period are different, which is consistent with the world wide historical data. Both countries have displayed short time periods where sustained UFO sighting activity occurs then diminishes.

Both countries appear to have similar frequency distributions over the 24 hour time of day comparisons. This is evident by the bar graph plots and the strong linear correlation between the 2 data sets. The only difference is the slight increase in UFO sighting activity in the day time hours and late evening hours for the Canadian reports. The Canadian distribution appears to be consistent with the 7 year historical data in the USA for the time of day. The pattern of present day UFO sightings is that they occur during night time visibility, and during late hours. This is a dynamic shift as compared to the historical UFO sighting data over the past 45 years.

The duration comparison data in 1992 for both countries is somewhat similar over the range of duration classes. The major difference is the large quantity of reports in Canada occurring under 10 seconds in length. In this class the Canadian reports outnumber the USA reports

by a factor of 6 to 1. Generally, UFO reports under 10 seconds lend a possibility of other astronomical events. However, the midrange duration classes 1 to 29 minutes, are consistent with the USA data in 1992. It is obvious that the witnesses have ample time to comprehend what they are observing during the UFO event.

Perhaps the most observable differences in the USA and Canadian UFO sighting data are the frequencies of close encounter reports. Over the 4 year time period, 1989 through 1992, the total percentage of CE-1 and CE-2 reports in the USA represented 21.1% of the total sightings as compared to the 7.1% in Canada. There may be some reasons for this large difference, partly due to the greater population density in the USA and the extent of the Media coverage. These close encounter sightings reported in both countries require a detailed examination and analysis.

Another interesting fact is that the total percentage of nocturnal light reports in both countries were equal, 66.1% for the USA and 65.3% for Canada. Again, this is consistent with the 7 year cumulative data for the USA.

A very note worthy fact is the percentage of CE-2 Reports occurring in Canada, where they represent 35% of the close encounter sightings. This percentage is almost twice that observed in the USA for CE-2 reports.

In conclusion, this report has analyzed the leading indicators with respect to UFO sighting characteristics. A more thorough detailed analysis over a greater span of time shall be required to fully understand any similarities or trends in the data. Based on the reported results, it appears that the USA and Canadian UFO sighting data have more similarities than differences.

Both countries experienced sustained UFO sighting activity for several months. Also similar results were observed for the time of day, duration of sightings, day of week, witness count, and nocturnal light distributions.

There were some observed differences in the results relating to the greater percentage of CE-2 reports, day light disc reports, and short duration reports in Canada. The reasons for these differences are unknown, however, the UFO phenomena has proven itself to be dynamic in nature, and quite illusive.

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AN INSIDE VIEW....

A Top Notch Conference, One To Remember

By Tom Benson

The 30th Annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) was held October 15-17, 1993 near Bordentown, New Jersey. Prior to the Conference beginning, on Thursday evening Jim Moseley, Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC and Conference MC appeared on Radio Talkshow station WWBD, in Philadelphia with Matt Graeber, long time Ufologist and artist for Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt's Roswell, New Mexico crashed UFO book. Below is the latest drawing on what the UFO looked like.

The artist (Matt Graeber) drawing below illustrates the alleged UFO that crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in July, 1947 was a "heel-shaped lifting body with a fin stabilizer", possibly suspended from a "Skyhook" type balloon (the first Skyhook balloon made of partially transparent plastic, it is claimed was launched on September 25, 1947, a few months after the Roswell incident), and later released. Inside the craft made of metallurgical, etc. components (e.g., various plastics and aluminum alloys) were Rhesus or other type monkeys, dressed in space suits for biological, radiation, etc., experimental testing.



After being hit by lightning while aloft, the shell of the craft fell off as debris. The main structure of the craft and monkeys crashed at an impact site several miles from the debris field. The initial military press release approved by superior officers stating a Flying Saucer was found, was sent out to the public media by Roswell Field, Public Information Officer, Walter Haut (now oddly co-director of the Roswell UFO museum). Besides the

Flying Saucer explanation, later a weather balloon was claimed as cause, all of which were cover stories for the experimental program that went disarray. The resultant secrecy was a result of "Cold War" hysteria.

If the answer to the Roswell UFO crash was other than what I describe above, such as the extraterrestrial hypothesis, then it is truly tragic, historically and otherwise. If the world at that time was told the truth, then the "Iron Curtain/Berlin Wall" may not have been built, nor would there have been the Korean or Vietnam wars, because the world would have been more united in the light of a potential extraterrestrial threat. Whatever our future, do not condemn the actions of those of the past, but let us remember those actions and not repeat their mistakes.

Graeber used to run a UFO research group (UFORIC) from 1972-1980 and was based in Philadelphia. One caller to the show was from Trenton, N.J., who claimed he had eight UFO abductions and was looking for a support group he could attend. Neither Moseley or Graeber would recommend any because they said they don't approve of them. During the Conference as MC Moseley wore a UFO theme baseball hat and T-shirt. The T-shirt had the saying "Watch The Skies" on it with UFOs over the Capitol in D.C.

Lead off speaker was Muhammad Ramadan, who heads the parapsychology study group at the United Nations. Ramadan thinks the Mars Observer was stopped by higher forces, "we are not ready". He doesn't think the Observer will come back on as Hoagland has predicted (January 8, 1994). He described misconceptions in Ufology. 1. Isolation of E.T.- In times of crisis such as the mathematical "Chaos" symbol have appeared as a crop circle pictogram. This precedes the New World Order now developing, the collapse of Communism countries, etc. 2. Phenomenon is meaningless - Many Ufologists just describe specific incidents and landings, they do not look at the big picture. 3. Abductees indicate an overwhelming fear which covers up the positive aspects of the experience. An example is that the experience tells the experiencer to let go of their fear, their anger. When he spoke with Linda Cortile, after awhile she began to see the positive aspects of her experience.

In Whitley Streiber's case, the experience helped him to forgive his father. How we interpret events, information is important. The entities are telepathic and we have the ability but it must be developed. The phenomenon has multi-dimensional aspects. At a recent UN presentation, the two groups, E.T. and Mystical did not communicate with each other. The E.T. concept of God is the "Most Radiant One". 4. Abductions occur against our will - The Arcturians will not interfere if other entities are

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teaching us. He mentioned his belief in reincarnation and that man is multi-dimensional. Physicists presently are studying 12 dimensions, he says. Recently in New York City, it was raining heavily all day followed by a beautiful, sunny day. The magic day is due to the cleansing day. We must be thankful for the negative to appreciate the positive. Ramadan and his wife, a psychotherapist are starting an abductee support group. the group's requirements are to be open and spiritual, accept discussion and can be asked to stay or leave, if not progressing enough.

The next speaker was Tom Benson, the author of this piece. The full transcript of his lecture including some graphics was published in the last issue of the *New Jersey Chronicle* (Vol 3 Number 5). His lecture discussed some implications for humans derived from UFO Close Encounter reports including the speaker's own, his transmutation concept and presentation of a new paradigm to help explain the phenomenon and its processes.

Before Benson spoke, NUFOC Permanent Chairman, Jim Moseley presented him an engraved plaque indicating his being named "Ufologist of the Year". The honor was mainly for his UFO research efforts over the last nineteen years.

Bob Oechsler, former mission specialist for NASA, who now calls himself, an Investigator Analyst showed some older and newer videos on Gulf Breeze, Florida sightings including crop circles on the beach. He gave an update on the Canadian video case he has been working on. He says he has located a new witness, an official with the Canadian government who was taken onboard and saw two slave entities and a human, a Chinese man in a black business suit, who appeared to be in charge. The witness is willing to take a polygraph exam. He said a helicopter almost intercepted the UFO on the ground. He said he knows who Guardian is, who provided the video on the above case, but he does not want to cooperate. Also, he says there is no forensic proof such as fingerprints proving it is he.

Antonio Huneeus next on the agenda showed many UFO in advertising examples, discussed the 1979 United Nations Grenada attempts to have an official study group on UFOs, spoke about the history of *FATE* magazine which he is now a columnist for.

FATE goes back to 1948 shortly after the Kenneth Arnold sighting of 1947, and covered UFOs is almost all issues. He discussed cases that occurred in Chile. It was a 1977 Chilean case, where a soldier was abducted that first attracted him to study UFOs. He showed a

photo taken from the Space Shuttle of an area in Chile where there is a high concentration of UFO reports. He discussed the various theories why the MARS Observer and Soviet satellites were lost. He mentioned remote viewing of the 1908 Siberian explosion and artificial structures and pyramids on MARS conducted in the 1980's that coincide with discussions about Cydonia today. He discussed a painting, "The Baptism of Jesus" by a Flemish artist that shows a UFO hovering overhead.

Rick Hilberg followed and showed many slides on the recent history of Ufology. He was followed by the OOLA-BOOSH band that played creative funky UFO music.

Dr. Richard Thompson followed. He presented his comparative study of UFOs and ancient Sanskrit, including the Indian Vedic texts. His methodology is empirical in approach, he says. His presentation began with an overview on UFOs. He showed several slides of the different humanoid types and indicated the odd clothing worn by the entities. He mentioned the 1950's contactee period where the field got a bad reputation because some exploited the situation. He pointed out there is quite a variety in the entities physiological features. He said the taking of ideas from Sci-fi movies through the subconsciousness is not adequate though. He said that society 1000's of years ago was monotheistic. There is a universal hierarchy were there are "controllers" and gods that corresponds to angels and devas or demigods below. He claims that texts indicate 400,000 types of human-like beings and o73 have been portrayed in paintings and sculptures (e.g. bud-dhas). UFOs in Vedic texts are called "vimanas" and have disappearing, invisibility capabilities like UFOs. UFO beings communicate by mental telepathy and is also standard in the Vedic texts. This ability is also natural to humans. UFO reports indicate beings can float through the air.

For the Vedic texts it is also standard, where gravity is defied and time is effected. Humans also develop this ability such as St. Joseph of Copertino, who often levitated. UFO beings are reported to go through matter. This process is called teleportation and occurred in the Betty (Luca) Andreasson case where the entities can go through a closed door in the house. The Vedic literature indicates different ways this is accomplished, such as material forms change tuning by sound that interacts with other matter.

UFOs change shape. The Vedic texts indicates beings descend from another body have different physical constitutions (i.e. earth, fire and water divisions). The Greeks also have the concept. There are also ether bodies with different mixtures. Genetic coding can be

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done on DNA molecules. The evolution theory needs reexamining. Abductions in Vedic literature occurred for political reasons and involve different dimensions.

Mind control is used, then paralysis and levitation such as in the Betty and Barney Hill case, where they were told to go down the road. Yogas have this power capacity, but exploit their power for monetary reasons. In Russia during the 1930's parapsychological experiments were conducted where hypnosis was used to control people at a long distance. Statistical reports were derived from this data.

There are many examples of UFOS and the paranormal together, such as the poltergeist in Raymond Fowler's book, the Allagash case. He mentioned sexual exploitation by the beings to obtain energy and in India these beings are worshiped in different temples, so they will be helped.

Out of body experiences as well as physical abductions are reported in the UFO literature such as the Calvin Parker case. He also described an out of body experience that occurred in a dentist's office. In the Vedic literature the soul is connected.

As to Virgin Mary apparitions such as Fatima, a beautiful spiritual message is given. In the Vedic literature there is a virgin goddess, there are six beings from the Pleiades called mothers that give religious instruction. The flower petals coming down then melting into nothingness when touching the ground before 1000's of witnesses at Fatima. It is also standard in the Sanskrit. The Vedic concept of the layout of the universe is a multi-dimensional system. The Supreme Being programs material energy to generate the material universe. Vedic texts indicate life is everywhere, all around us. There are 14 worlds or locas. There are different parallel worlds. Unpleasant beings dwell in subterranean areas or a few hundred miles above the Earth, more benevolent beings are above. They inhabit the stars. There is a spiritual dimension, transmogrification and reincarnation. There are different types of vimanas such as airplanes with mercury engines, wood constructs that are man-made and others, other beings made. Also, Vedic archaeological findings correspond to Chinese and European "dragons".

Thompson also discussed virtual reality technology which projects a person into a world generated by a computer, their senses are linked up to the body that moves around in the computer world.

David Huggins, an artist next described his many E.T. encounters showing slides of paintings he did of his various experiences. He also exhibited many of his paintings.

Dania Kara, a poet, very enthusiastically read poems on the UFO topic. Dana previously appeared at the July 5, 1993 demonstration in front of the White House to demand the truth on UFOs.

Alex Fedorow, a skeptic discussed 10 books written by UFO debunkers and comically portrayed characters in the field.

George Hansen, well known paranormal researcher's topic was the "Social Structures of Ufology and Parapsychology". He said Ufology and Parapsychology are separate disciplines either popular or scientific, there is not much overlap. He compared organizations such as MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) and CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) versus scientific societies. Psychic phenomenon became known more wide spread in 1848 with spiritualism started by the Fox sisters with all levels of society involved. In 1882, scientists and intellectuals established the Society for Psychical Research. Regarding scientific journals they are not seen in the UFO area except the Journal for UFO Studies. Some Ufologists he says, for many years never heard of this journal. MUFON and CSICOP both claim scientific research, but their priorities and structure are drastically different than scientific societies. Both MUFON and CSICOP are headed by one person, both business men, Neither has empirical research in peer reviewed journals, both have administrative control, their Board of Directors are "rubber stamps", both have "Presidents for Life"

where scientific societies presidents serve only a year or a few years, both have little understanding of science, whereas the scientific societies presidents are mostly scientifically involved. MUFON has no scientific refereed journal but puts out a popular magazine that has little technical analysis. Both MUFON and CSICOP editors are journalists and not practicing scientists. Both MUFON and CSICOP have long lists of consultants who have little awareness of daily activities of the organizations, both have interest in influencing the media and little dissent is allowed. CSICOP was involved in an astrological cover-up of the data regarding the athletes and planet Mars findings. MUFON's Andrus (International Director) is against anything not the party line on the Gulf Breeze Ed Walters and Linda Napolitano cases, whereas science is open to debate and criticism. MUFON and CSICOP conferences give alot of attention to few speakers that attract large audiences whereas scientific conferences are dry and technical. MUFON and CSICOP will not foster scientific research.

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Cope Schellhorn, retired English Professor followed. He said 28% of the U.S. population believe E.T. may be visiting us. How the phenomenon effects religion and politics, his conclusion is that the powers to be will not tell the truth. Regarding the interrelationship/interconnection between abductions and animal mutilations, it is not wise to draw conclusions too quickly. He says Ufologists tangent special interest, and do not look at the greater perspective. Who's doing it? Why they are doing it? It is a misconception to believe only one or two species is visiting. Ask John Lear, he says over 80 probably, ask Col. Wendelle Stevens, over 200. He thinks dozens and dozens. The grays are not one group, he states.

He said European abductions are mostly positive, where the U.S. creates a negative environment before it happens. Many types of aliens are involved in bioengineering and in the Billy Hermann case the E.T. from Reticuli included a praying mantis that was referred to by other E.T.'s as the "very ancient, the Fathers". He says David Huggins painting suggests the praying mantis E.T. to be an observer, but they give instructions to the other aliens, they are not just observers. Presently, there are many Caucasian humanoid reports, like the 1950's. He states, abductees such as Christa Tilton, Whitley Strieber, Betty Hill, Betty Andreasson, Bill Hermann all were involved with "grays". He touched on sperm and ova samples such as taken in the 1957 Villas Boas (who recently died) and showed that children have been produced. He also touched on the field's dark side, the underground bases rumors, reports of body parts in vats and government involvement heavily into bioengineering. He thinks that the aliens involvement reasons may not be best. Since 1968, he says there have been 10,000 animal mutilations. Recent animal mutilation reports included 300 sheep in France and 30 horses in England.

He discussed the "mound builders" area in Wisconsin, his home turf and says that there is a lot of UFO activity 15-20 miles radius near the mound areas. He says that body parts taken from the animals are consistent, a laser-type cutting device is used and goes around the cells, there is high heat and cooked at the edges. But, Wisconsin mutes he claims are not drained of their blood as elsewhere (e.g. Howe). Satanism is not involved he says. Human mutes have been reported in Brazil, drained of blood, he is still checking on this and has no conclusions yet. Who's doing this? he asks? Sadist Vampires?, Group of E.T.'s? Own government? A lot of ghost helicopters are showing up, before and after the mutilations occur, they used to be black but Mute researcher Tom Adams is reporting blue, gray and blue and white ones. Who controls them? Why are

the abductions taking place? He feels the world is in transition, the environmental problems, the violence, the H-bomb. Many samples are being taken, the cattle blood is similar in DNA to our own. The book, *MATRIX* indicates the blood is used to keep fetuses alive and cloning is easy with artificial wombs. he went on to discuss our own genetic technology such as micro injection of viruses to change cells. He asks, "are we as a species on the verge of extinction?" Are natural earth changes due?

He shown a slide presentation of the various humanoid types, and discussed autopsy sketches, the alleged Holloman AFB "long nosed" alien-human agreement and various religious texts (e.g., Sumerian, Koran, Vedic) that mention alien-human interaction.

Next on the program was retired Air Force Major George Filer and MUFON State Director for New Jersey titled his lecture, the "Secret War for Planet Earth". He started off describing the Christian bible story of Paul, his abduction, conversion and the spread of Christianity. He discussed at length the alleged January 18, 1978 alleged killing of an alien at the McQuire AFB Ft. Dix line. Being an intelligence officer at the base, but not directly involved in the alleged incident he is not exactly sure what happened and is still investigating the incident as a civilian. He reviewed New Jersey UFO sighting reports compared to other states, showing various maps and other graphics and statistics from Paul Ferrughelli's, National Sighting research Center based in New Jersey. He thinks there is a connection between the Nazi flying wing and the alleged Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash.

Gregg Jacques followed with an interesting presentation of UFOs and cosmic music and how it is portrayed in the literature and on record cover albums. He discussed the spiritual aspects and an upcoming UFO Universe magazine article he will be appearing in.

Joe Stefula discussed the Linda Napolitano case pointing out the discrepancies and conflicts in her testimony. He mentioned Budd Hopkins (initial UFO abduction investigator on case) incomplete investigation of the case such as not checking the weather and not interviewing security guards in Linda's apartment building, etc. People in the field are embarrassed about the data Budd is sitting on, and if you don't tow party line, they will go after you, such in the International UFO Reporter article. Hopkins is saying wait until the book comes out.

Other speakers on the program I did not get to hear were Timothy Green Beckley who discussed the most un-

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usual and bizarre cases he has investigated. He also showed a long video of UFO experimenter, Calvin Parker. Jim Moseley spoke of his own personal UFO experiences such as the one he had in Miami, Florida in 1954. George Wokind and Paula Fastbenner discussed E.T.'s mainly through Paula, who claims to be a channeler.

CDR. Graham Bethune, USN, Ret. described his 1951 UFO sighting (mentioned in Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe's book, *Flying Saucers Top Secret*, pgs. 15-26) and showed colorful slides of a possible UFO at night. Pat Marcattilio showed brain scan anomalies of two alleged UFO experiencers. Bigfoot researcher, Rick Berry never showed, perhaps he got lost in the woods.

Pat Marcattilio is going to put on another UFO conference on April 8, 9, & 10, 1994 at Angeloni's "Cedar Gardens" restaurant and conference center, Route 33, Mercerville, New Jersey near Trenton. (See *Up-Coming UFO Conferences* below) Pat's Monthly meeting on UFOs at the Hamilton Township Public Library, will be the first Wednesday of every month.

UPCOMING UFO CONFERENCES

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For more information contact Pat J. Marcattilio at 138 Redfern Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08610 or phone 609-888-1358, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or weekends.

ARTICLE ON UFO "ABDUCTIONS" WINS JOURNALISM AWARD

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7, 1994)...An article on the puzzling UFO abduction phenomenon has taken top honors in an annual journalism competition sponsored by the Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit scientific organization based in Washington, D.C.

The article by staff writer Ben Hellwarth appeared in the October 19, 1993, edition of the Santa Barbara, California, *News-Press*. "Using one man's story about a UFO abduction experience as a backdrop, the article explains the debate among mental health professionals about the so-called UFO abduction phenomenon," says Hellwarth, who receives a check in the amount of \$1,000 for his winning entry.

Entries receiving Honorable Mention and cash award of \$50 in the competition were:

Freelance writer George W. Early of Mount Hood, Oregon, for his opinion piece, "Facts Dictate Fresh Look at UFOs," in the June 24 issue of *The Oregonian*;

Staff reporter Kathy Kemp for her series of articles on cattle mutilations and the UFO phenomenon, appearing in the Birmingham, *Alabama Post-Herald*, February 22, 24, and 26; and

Bill Krasean, science and health writer for the Kalamazoo, Michigan, *Gazette*, for his June 29 article on humanoid sightings in conjunction with UFOs.

The Keyhoe Journalism Award, now in its fifth year, was established by the Fund for UFO Research to encourage quality journalism and solid investigative reporting into the UFO phenomenon. Selections are made on the basis of journalistic merit, without regard to any particular theory about the origin of the phenomenon.

The judges in the competition are: Don Berliner, an aviation and science writer; Richard Hall, an abstractor/editor; and Fred Whiting, former broadcast journalist and now a public relations executive.

EDITORS NOTE: *The Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism award competition is open to any journalist working for a newspaper, magazine, radio or television station. Because the program is designed for the "working press," entries from UFO publications are not considered. Entries for the 1994 competition are now being accepted. To receive an entry form or a copy of this year's winning entries, call Don Berliner at (703) 684-6032*

BITS & PIECE'S

SCIENTISTS AWAIT DAY COMET HITS JUPITER

By FRANK D. ROYLANCE
The Baltimore Sun

The biggest nuclear war humans could ever ignite on Earth will be dwarfed by the explosive power that the newly discovered comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 will unleash when it collides this summer with the planet Jupiter, scientists say.

The resulting fireballs and flashes will occur 480 million miles from Earth — too far away to see without a telescope. But scientists gathered this week at College Park, Md., to organize observations that will involve nearly every big observatory in the world, the Hubble Space Telescope and other orbiting observatories.

Many amateurs will also be watching the giant, gaseous planet.

Nothing this big has happened on Jupiter for 10,000 years, according to some calculations. And modern astronomers have never seen anything like it.

"It's the first time we've ever seen a body come into a planetary atmosphere . . . with more than a few seconds advance warning," said University of Maryland astronomer Dr. Michael I. A'Hearn.

Scientists hope the collision will teach them something about comets, about the atmosphere and interior of Jupiter, and about past and future cometary impacts on Earth.

"This impact will bring in far more energy than you would get in a nuclear war, and almost as much as the impact in the Yucatan Peninsula (of Mexico) that many people think caused the extinction of the dinosaurs" 65 million years ago, said A'Hearn.

Crashing comets also are believed to have delivered much of Earth's atmosphere and water vapor during the formation of the planet 4 billion years ago.

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"We will get a lot of information. The question is, will we be able to interpret the information in such a way as to be able to predict how a similar event would occur on Earth. There are no good physical models," A'Hearn said.

Drs. Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker and David Levy — the comet's discoverers — attended Monday's meeting.

Shoemaker-Levy 9 was first discovered in a photograph taken last March at the Mount Palomar Observatory in southern California. (The "9" means it was the team's ninth joint cometary discovery.)

Astronomers have since calculated that Shoemaker-Levy probably orbited the sun, like most comets, until it was captured by Jupiter's gravity several decades ago. It has been orbiting the giant planet ever since, in a two-year loop made unstable by the sun's gravity.

On its last swing by Jupiter on July 8, 1992, scientists believe, the comet passed so close that Jupiter's gravity shattered it into a train of at least 21 pieces averaging about two miles in diameter.

The comet that smashed into the Yucatan 65 million years ago was an estimated 6 to 12 miles in diameter.

For seven days beginning next July 16, the fragments of Shoemaker-Levy 9 will race up from below Jupiter's south pole, and crash one at a time into the southern hemisphere at speeds of about 40 miles a second.

Each one of the fragments will unleash energy equal to 10 million megatons of TNT, said Harvard University astrophysicist Dr. George Field. A megaton is one million tons. The largest nuclear weapon ever detonated on Earth was a 58-megaton Soviet device.

Most U.S. weapons are smaller than one megaton.

The impacts and resulting flashes and heat plumes will occur just beyond the Jovian sunrise on the planet's night side, with no direct view from Earth.

However, Dr. Paul Chodas, of the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said the impacts will be visible to the Galileo spacecraft now en route to Jupiter.

"Galileo can only take a limited number of photographs," he said. "The challenge for . . . us is to predict the exact time of the impacts." Even 18 hours from impact, the margin of error will still be more than 3 minutes.

Earth-based observers looking for effects on Jupiter's atmosphere will have to wait 30 to 60 minutes for Jupiter's rotation to bring each impact point into view.

They will also watch for impact flashes reflected on Jupiter's moons, or on the comet's dusty halo. Others will watch in infrared wavelengths for signs of pressure waves moving through Jupiter's atmosphere, like ripples through a spherical pond. Those waves may in turn reveal the structure of the planet's gaseous interior.

Still others armed with spectrographic instruments will search the impact zones for signs of chemicals like ammonia and water stirred up like paint in a can from deep regions of the Jovian atmosphere.

What's causing that hum? 'Hearers' hope for an answer

By DAN MEYERS

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

After a two-hour trek in snowshoes to the top of Picuris Peak in Taos, N.M., Sara Allen tinkered with the KTAO radio transmitter that it is her job to maintain, then kicked back in the sun to read.

It was an agreeable day, the air so still she could hear the whoosh of ravens' wings. Then Allen noticed another sound, which grew more distinct as she focused on it.

It was irksome, throbbing, like an idling diesel engine. But how could a truck approach Picuris Peak, at 10,800 feet, miles from any road?

What on earth is that? Allen asked herself.

A year and a half later, Allen and dozens of others who hear it, as well as those trying to track it, still don't know the answer.

At least the noise has acquired a name, inaccurate but catchy: the Taos Hum.

At first, the Hum was something of a joke, even in northern New Mexico, where behavioral oddities abound.

But those who heard it weren't laughing. The noise wrecked their sleep and caused several people to leave, hoping to escape the sound.

Now, what began as an oddball local mystery is evolving into a worldwide puzzle that could lead to breakthroughs in understanding how humans hear.

"What's causing it, and why is it so disturbing?" asked James P. Kelly, an ear specialist at the University of New Mexico who is hunting the Hum. "Why does it drive people wacky?"

Researchers are preparing 8,500 questionnaires to distribute in and around Taos. They will try to capture the Hum on microphones in the spring.

But already, they have come up with two crucial conclusions and a remarkable theory.

First, the Hum is real — not some figment of New Age-addled imaginations, not some fraud or mass hysteria.

Second, while a surprising number of people hear the Hum here, it's more than just a Taos thing. Turns out people in Pennsylvania, California, England and lots of places claim to hear the Hum, or at least a hum. In England, they call themselves "hummers."

The theory is that the Hum is not some external sound but is generated within the ears of those who hear it.

"There is something here that is very real involving the ear," said Joe Mullins, a mechanical engineering professor at UNM and one of the researchers. "We are going after it."

Folks in New Mexico started hearing this constant noise.

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Blaming the aliens

Many of the "hearers," as they call themselves in New Mexico, say the researchers are well-intentioned but wrong. They blame external forces, from power lines to secret government experiments.

"I'm convinced somebody knows what's going on, and they're not talking," said Allen. "They're not talking, because they don't want to create a panic."

Listen. It sounds like this: HUM-MrummHUMMrummHUMMrumm.

It is, for most, low and throaty, usually pulsating, a cat's purr close up but aggravating and insistent, at or approaching 20 hertz (cycles per second), the low end of human hearing range. Others hear a higher frequency, more like the whine of a pop plane.

Those who hear the Hum say that once it starts, it rarely stops, although it can be masked by other sounds.

In Taos, the first to report hearing it was dancer Catanya Saltzman, in the spring of 1991. Soon after, her photographer-husband Bob said he heard it, too.

More people came forward, also demanding to know what was going on. With a nearby Air Force base and two supersecret military research facilities, Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories, government experiments naturally fell under suspicion.

Others wondered about shifts in the Earth's crust. Or electromagnetic fields from power lines. But there's something about Taos that wouldn't allow the theories to stop there.

In the Taos area, a twinkle of settlement 7,000 feet high at the edge of a vast plain that bumps into the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, people dare to be weird.

Some said the noise came from extraterrestrials tunneling north from Albuquerque, although why they were digging and why north were unclear.

Others declared that bad vibes in the world had somehow roosted in the steep mountains.

One northern New Mexico outfit, the Waldo Institute for Harmonic Balance, declared the Hum the product of a "convergence energy flux."

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Longtime Taosenos kidded that the Hum really was a message for the wave of upscale new arrivals: "Go home, go home."

"It was easy to make jokes about it," said Mullins, the researcher.

"There are the flying-saucer types, the abduction-by-aliens types, the Armageddon types. You're polite to them, and then you tear up the phone message."

Researchers step in

Enter the politicians. The local congressman, Rep. Bill Richardson, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, announced in February that the Hum came from military radar, helicopters or an airborne laser laboratory.

But when Pentagon officials denied the allegations, Richardson backed off. New Mexicans were left more agitated but no better informed.

A research team was formed with scientists from Los Alamos and Sandia, along with university specialists to add credibility and expertise.

Working out of a yellow Winnebago last summer, they scoured the Taos area with fancy sensors, hoping to hear the Hum.

Once, the instruments registered a colossal racket but that turned out to be a gopher raising a ruckus over the buried geophone blocking its tunnel. The team found not a peep of electromagnetic force, tectonic movement or noise that matched the hum. And no burrowing aliens.

As their work generated publicity, they received calls and letters from other countries and throughout the United States.

Gary Gates of Palmyra, N.J., told researchers that he heard the Hum throughout central Pennsylvania.

"It started a couple of years ago," Gates said in an telephone interview. "At first, I thought

somebody had parked a diesel truck nearby. But that's not what it was. It is a really strange phenomenon. Wherever you go, you can hear it, but you can't tell where it is coming from."

Like many who heard the Hum, Martha Housen had a music background. Blessed with perfect pitch, she used to sing in light-opera productions in San Diego before moving to New Mexico, where, after a few other stops, she bought a mobile home in the desolate land 40 miles west of Albuquerque.

She planned to retire there. Then one night a few years ago, it hit her. "It felt like my whole body, at a cellular level, was vibrating," said Housen, a lively 65-year-old.

The buzz grew worse, making sleep difficult. Her perfect pitch told her it was a low, low C.

"I said, 'I have to get out of here,'" she recalled. "I could not stay there. I'd get up in the morning and be totally exhausted."

Housen found that she could cloak the sound with other noises. She moved to Albuquerque, where the barking dogs, wailing police sirens and whooping car alarms don't bother her.

All in your head

Meanwhile, in a basement workshop at UNM, researchers are rigging up a tiny microphone for phase two of the hum hunt. Microphones aren't usually built for low frequencies, so the team must construct its own, said Mullins, a former executive with Bell Laboratories in New Jersey.

The plan is to put a microphone in the ears of those who hear the sound, hoping to pick up the hum.

Across the UNM campus, in front of a stack of gear in a medical-school laboratory a few doors from the cadaver room, Kelly, the ear specialist, fiddled with some knobs, then gazed at a green dot that bounced left to right across the gray screen of an oscilloscope.

Sound waves at 40 hertz were mingling with waves of 1 to 2 hertz. Through headphones, the

noise was low, irksome, an 18-wheeler idling in your skull. Hello, Hum.

If the sound can't be detected elsewhere, Kelly said, people probably are generating it themselves.

Which, he added, is less bizarre than it might seem.

Some ear facts from recent research: Certain ears produce high-pitched sounds so loud that a person standing close can hear them. The ear, when it detects two different tones, will emit a third sound that can be predicted according to a formula.

And: Certain diseases cause people to hear roaring and high-frequency noises. Most people can "tune" their ears to focus on certain sounds.

"Some people heard a beat," said Kelly, referring to the throb. "You need two tones to get a beat. There is no way to explain hearing a beat with one tone. When I heard that, I became convinced that there was something up there."

Getting rid of the noise

Taos adapts as best it can. A local music store promotes its variety of selections with a radio ad that asks, "Tired of the same old hum?"

A lot of people here are indeed tired of hearing the Hum. So they are rooting for the Hum team.

For one of the team members Horace Poteet, the quest for the Hum is personal. He hears it.

A shaggy-haired vibration expert with Sandia who helped monitor Soviet nuclear testing, Poteet said he'd heard the rumble for years but zeroed in on it only through his work on the Hum patrol.

"It's a curiosity more than a concern," he said. "But I can see how it could bother people."

Poteet said the Hum phenomenon was probably widespread. And he worries that his research will identify the problem without solving it.

"I suspect there is a lot of it out there, whatever it is," he said. "I wish I could see how what we're going to do could help get rid of it."

TOO-CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Normal people whisked away by fear, anxiety

By Lisa Faye Kaplan

CATLETT, Va. — Clare Holcomb and Diana Graves say aliens grab them without warning, usually at dusk or out of deep sleep.

Sometimes a spaceship — the saucer-shaped vessel of B movies — touches down silently in a corner paddock of this Virginia horse farm.

Sometimes, "the beings" materialize out of thin air.

The "experiences" that follow are always terrifying, even though they've happened hundreds of times. Holcomb and Graves report pokes and prods by aliens deaf to their cries, skin excisions and forced feedings of unknown concoctions.

They talk of being plucked from bed and transported to "egg-shaped" rooms where they are probed with needles, about being impregnated by aliens who routinely "take" the fetuses and develop them in spaceship nurseries.

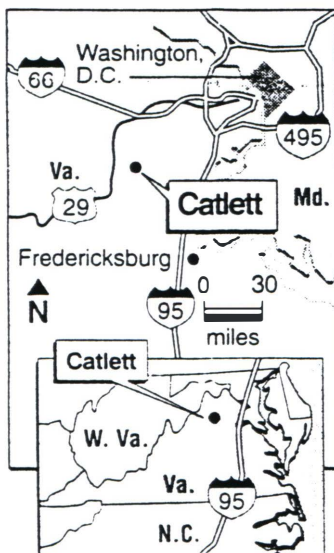
Afterward, they feel wretched for days.

"Every day or two you deny the whole thing. It's all going to stop because I don't believe it anymore," says Holcomb, explaining how she copes.

Holcomb and Graves sometimes question their sanity.

But people who report abductions or UFO sightings are not necessarily psychotic, fantasy-prone or more imaginative than anyone else, according to research reported in the November issue of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

Nicholas Spanos, professor of psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, compared the intelligence, imagination and hypnotic suggestibility of abductees and UFO sighters with the general population.



By Marty Baumann, USA TODAY

The only difference he found between the two groups was that UFO-sighters believed that extraterrestrial life existed before they experienced aliens up-close.

The researcher's findings are old news and cold comfort to Holcomb and Graves.

"I'd be happy with (being) crazy," says Holcomb. "You can see a professional. There's medication to help you. I can't call 911 when I'm abducted."

Holcomb, 47, and Graves, 44, are among at least 1,000 people in the United States who claim to have been contacted by space aliens.

These people — 250 more each year — live in constant states of anxiety and depression, afraid they're crazy, afraid they're not.

Catlett, Va., seems a cliché setting for a close encounter of the third kind. This 2,000-population town is home of corn farms, orchards and country roads lined with old oaks.

Holcomb says her first abduction took place on a deserted road near the Moonraker Equestrian Academy, the farm where she lives and teaches horseback riding.

On Dec. 15, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., Holcomb was returning from nearby Winchester, Va., later, Holcomb was driving five miles further down the road and feeling nauseated. She arrived home more than an hour later than usual, her ear lobes inflamed and bleeding, her pierced earrings inserted backward.

"I assumed I had had a nervous breakdown," she says.

The memory, which she retrieved about a year ago, sparked flashbacks of regular abductions — sometimes weekly, often with Graves — dating back to childhood.

"They seem to have an infinite variety of uncomfortable things they can do to you," Holcomb says.

"They've threatened that someday they'll take us and we're not coming back," says Graves, a policy analyst for the U.S. Forest Service.

Both have sought professional help.

A year ago, Holcomb consulted David Ruxer, a Fairfax, Va., psychologist who has treated a dozen UFO abductees.

when a pair of low-flying bright lights demanded her attention.

"I stopped the car and got out," she says. "This light was so bright I couldn't look at it directly. There wasn't a sound at all. The last thing I remember doing was blinking."

What seemed like a moment later, Ruxer says abductees often display anxiety, depression and flashbacks.

"It's not really a post traumatic stress because it is an ongoing stress," he says. "This person is telling you it happened last night, it's going to happen tomorrow."

Ruxer says abductees come to him for hypnosis to recover suppressed memories, or for a safe place to talk.

When Holcomb and Graves first became aware of the abductions, they stayed close to home and close to each other.

"It's like being wanted by the police, hiding out with a new identity," Holcomb says.

Graves sets her jaw.

"We've made up our minds we are going to survive it, deal with it in whatever way we could. Ninety-nine percent of the time our lives have nothing to do with them. It's the 1% invasion that sure does mess up your life."

Lisa Faye Kaplan writes for Gannett News Service



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF UFOLOGY

