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OHIO UFO RESEARCHER REBECCA MINSHALL - THE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Part II

Editor: Are UFOs real and what is the most convincing evidence for the reality of the UFO phenomenon?"

RM: Well, I think I can answer that coming from two different angles. Number one, I don't think that anyone who's looked at the phenomenon at all can deny that there's a plethora of evidence in photographs, videotapes, radar returns and landing traces, etc. I believe that Allen Hynek referred to it actually as the "embarrassment of riches"! There's so much evidence out there that it can't all be investigated.

The other thing that I'd like to say is that the UFO phenomenon is real because of the effects that it's having on people. Abductees - whether the abductions are really being done by aliens or not - the abductees are having their lives transformed and changed in a lot of ways. The UFO phenomenon I would classify along with Marian apparitions and near-death experiences in their ability to transform people. I had a sighting myself in 1966 and, compared to an awful lot of other people's, it was pretty tame. It was not a spectacular sighting yet it changed my life completely in that for the last twenty years UFOlogy has really been my entire life outside of my job. Now that's very transformative. I have a friend back in Columbus who's not had a sighting at all and yet his intellectual curiosity about the phenomenon has driven him in much the same way that I've been driven over the years. So the question is not whether UFOs are real but what lies behind the phenomenon. There seems to be no doubt to me that it has the ability to literally

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DREAMLAND COMES TO ALBUQUERQUE

Local talk radio station KQEO, AM 920, is now carrying Art Bell's "Dreamland" program, which features interviews with unusual people. His first show (which we did not get here) featured Raymond Moody, and his second, which we were able to hear, featured Linda Moulton Howe, for three hours!

If any of our readers are unable to hear this program on Sunday nights (it runs live from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mountain Time), tapes are available. The only detail I know about this is the phone number, available 24 hours a day: 503-664-7966. I expect you'll learn about the price of the tapes by calling that number.

Local folks: Please call KQEO and thank them for carrying this show!

-D. Stark

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transform the lives of thousands, if not perhaps millions, of people worldwide.

Editor: What do you think is the origin or source of UFOs?

RM: I think that my feelings have changed over the years like an awful lot of other people's belief systems have changed. At one point, like many others, I believed that the answer was extraterrestrial. I don't think so any more. I think it's possible that at some point in our history an extraterrestrial civilization was able to make it to our solar system and was able to take a look around. There's, I think, evidence in our history that that's happened. But I don't think that would begin to explain the widespread phenomenon today. I'm beginning to take a strong look at things like parallel universes, alternate realities, time travelers - I'm beginning to think that because of some of the characteristics that people describe in sightings such as the ability of a UFO to materialize and dematerialize that we're probably talking about other-dimensional craft. I think as far as time traveling is concerned, I think it was Pogo who said at one point, "We have seen the enemy and they is us."

In the PSI TECH report on crop circles, Ed Dames had some interesting things to say about the meaning of the formations in England and that the beings responsible are doing some time traveling. I would encourage anyone interested in this theory to get a copy of this report and take a look at it. (Note: the report may be ordered for \$7 from the Center for North American Crop Circle Studies, PO Box 4766, Lutherville, MD 21094)

Editor: What about the abduction phenomenon?

RM: To me it's the most enigmatic part of the phenomenon. It's something that I feel fairly uncomfortable with. I'm more comfortable with a government document to study, a crash retrieval to look into, or parts of the government conspiracy. But I feel really uncomfortable with the abduction phenomenon and I've been really lucky that there were others at MORA who were willing to take over that end of the research. I'll be honest, I've talked to a lot of abductees over the years and I simply haven't come to any conclusions. I don't disbelieve them. But what's behind it? Either thousands of people are being abducted by aliens, which is unbelievable to even think that's occurring. But if they're not, what is the alternative? Well, thousands of people feel for whatever aberrant psychological reasons that they're being abducted by aliens. I find that almost as interesting as the other possibility. So, to be honest, I haven't done a lot of investigative work or a great deal of study in this area.

Editor: Now that Roswell is in the news, what are your thoughts on the case or the upcoming GAO investigation?

RM: Like most people who have been seriously interested in UFOs, I've been watching Roswell for years and years. I'm excited about it and I think that Roswell might well be the "smoking gun." If they keep investigating and keep uncovering people, at some point, with the assistance of people like Steve Schiff trying to get into various governmental committees, it's possible that we might be able to force the government into some admissions. Maybe not, but I'm just excited to be out here in New Mexico and I can't wait to make my first trip to Roswell and maybe someday I even hope to be able to go to the debris field, just to say that I've been there. But I think crash retrievals is the most interesting part of the phenomenon to me so I read everything I can get my hands on. I've known Len Stringfield for a lot of years now. He was a friend of ours down in Cincinnati. He's a good man and, believe me, he knows an awful lot more than he's able to talk about. Also, I'm looking forward to the second Schmitt and Randle book that's going to be out in a few months.

Editor: Is there an area of UFOlogy that particularly frustrates you? Or intrigues you?

RM: I think we've touched on both of them. I have to say that I'm frustrated with the abduction phenomenon because I can't seem to get a grasp on it. There's not a lot of hard evidence and all we have to go by are people's stories and I find that frustrating. And as far as intriguing, again I would have to say crash retrievals.

Editor: A lot of people are coming to New Mexico. Why did you move to New Mexico?

RM: I came out here for the first time in 1991 on vacation and I hadn't been here for more than a day or so before I realized that someday I was going to live out here. Actually, to be truthful, I got it into my head that I wanted to move to New Mexico before I had ever come out here. I'm not sure if it had anything to do with my interest in UFOs, it just started to become an obsession that I couldn't explain. Once I got out here for the first time I knew for sure that I had to live here. I'm not sure what's involved. I can tell you some theories. I've changed professions recently and I've gotten into one of the alternative health-care fields. I feel that as the Earth Changes progress--and I believe that we're in the middle of Earth Changes--my sense is that New Mexico is going to become a spiritual and healing center. I've found an awful lot of other people like me, also in health-care professions, are flocking out here, not knowing why, but feeling that they belong out here. So it's kind of hard to answer that question. I'm delighted to be here, UFOlogically speaking, because of the rich history that New Mexico has in this field. But I don't think that that's the reason I came out, either.

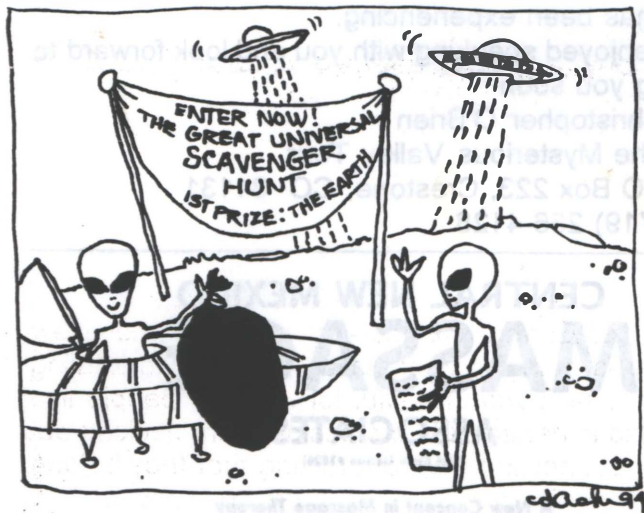
Editor: What are your observations of NM MUFON since becoming a member of the local chapter?

RM: Well, as far as observations, I think that this group is like most other groups across the country. That is, there are an awful lot of people who attend who are curious and want to know what's going on. Then there is this tiny group of people who are actually doing the work, doing the investigations. I guess what I would like to see, not just with this group but with many other groups is to see more people get involved. I have lots of thoughts and ideas about how we can do that. There are so many things out there that are just begging to be explored and investigated and it's just going to take some people with a willingness to do that. I don't think that one needs to have a lot of skills. I think a willingness to get involved is what we need right now.

Editor: For a final question, I'll ask you what your plans are for the future.

RM: Right now my emphasis is on getting my new business off the ground. I've been working six days a week. When things loosen up a little bit there I'd like to get out and see certain parts of New Mexico. There's a book that Tom Adams has written about UFOs in New Mexico [send an SASE to Thomas Adams, PO Box 1094, Paris, TX 75461 for information]. I'd like to dig into that book and do some investigating. Not because I feel that he's done a poor job but because I think there's a lot of things that some New Mexico UFOlogists should follow up on. I'm excited to be here and I look forward to working with others in NM MUFON on a variety of projects.

(Rebecca will be our NM MUFON speaker in March; see the Calendar for details.)



"One cow udder... check!"

"One human sperm sample... Check!"

"One French Lavender Plant... Check!"

"One..."

CALENDAR

NOTE! NM MUFON meetings are now going to be held the third Thursday of each month at "Arts-in-Transition" at 525 Central NE in Albuquerque. Membership is voluntary, and members will contribute \$1 each per meeting. Non-members contribute \$2. This will cover rental costs. Call 293-9543 for information.

March NM MUFON Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m., Rebecca Minshall, Ohio UFO researcher, will speak on "UFOs - A Grass-Roots Movement."

March 26-27, San Diego UFO Conference, TRIAD Research Conf. Foundation: 4033 S. Belvedere Ct. Springfield, MO 65807, 417-882-6874.

April NM MUFON Meeting: Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Our speaker will be **Karl T. Pflock** on "Roswell In Perspective - Interim Report."

April 28-May 1, TREAT VI, "What's the Matter? Reality and the Mind," in Virginia Beach, VA. Includes a special April 24th workshop on remote viewing. Information: TREAT World Headquarters, 615 Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706, (914) 693-3081.

June 3-5, Whole Life Expo in Albuquerque, NM. Call 800-332-0099 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A trip to Roswell to hear Donald Schmitt and Kevin Randle speak on the release of their new book is being planned for *Saturday, March 26*. Info: call Maria Rowlette at 293-9543.

Newsletter Editor Carolyn Duce-Ashe and Chief Investigator Peter Limone guested on Jeffrey Candelaria's *Perspectives* on cable channel 27 on February 17. They discussed MUFON local and international activities, the Taos Hum, the recent NORAD radar and satellite sightings, and many other topics. Jeffrey plans to continue doing shows on the UFO phenomenon. He welcomes any ideas or suggestions. Please call him at 842-9003.

Richard Rowlette will speak on "*The UFO/Earth Changes Connection*" on April 26 at Arts In Transition, 525 Central NW, Albuquerque at 7 pm. Cost is \$5. Don't miss this one!

Native Encounters, a book on UFOlogy in Oklahoma, is available for \$15 + \$5 S&H. Info: Richard Siefried, 1916 Inglewood Dr., Norman, OK 73071.

Crop Circle Apocalypse, a new book on 1992 and 1993 crops circles by John Macnish, is available for \$20. Address check to: Circlevision, PO Box 36, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3ZZ, England.

(Allow 28 days for delivery.)

New UFO Newsletter! Richard Rowlette, NM State Director, and Carolyn Duce-Ashe (your editor) are writing and editing a new monthly newsletter on advanced UFO research entitled *The View from Hermit's Peak*. Subscriptions are \$14 per year. Send to Richmar Group, PO Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191. Copies will also be available at NM MUFON meetings.

Abundant Living, a quarterly newsletter on the "soil-food-health connection" by Dr. William Peavy and Warren Peary is available for \$8.00 per year. Send check to Dr. Wm. Peavy, 316 Horton Ln NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114

FROM OUT OF THE BLUE!

Dear Carolyn (if I may):

My sincere apologies for taking so long to your very nice letter of January 23. As I'm sure you can appreciate, things have been more than a bit hectic for me of late.

Needless to say, I would be delighted to be interviewed for *NM MUFON News* and to have the privilege of speaking to the local MUFON group. I'm flattered to think you would be interested...

[M]y Roswell research monograph will be published by the Fund in March, so your interview (and perhaps my talk) can key on that. Perhaps a scoop...

Meanwhile, enclosed please find a check for my subscription to your very interesting journal.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially,

Karl T. Pflock, Albuquerque

Dear Carolyn Duce-Ashe,

I was recently sent a copy of your *NM MUFON News*, the issue of 17 January, containing the material on John Alexander. Very interesting it was, too. I thought you might like to see a recent issue of the magazine I publish which contains another view of Colonel Alexander and his various projects. I must say I am sceptical of his account of The Aviary.

I was in the USA last summer and drove through New Mexico. You certainly live in a wonderful state - big enough to hide who knows what government projects!

Robin Ramsey, publisher, "Lobster"

214 Westborne Ave, Hull HU5 3JB, UK.

Dear Debby,

Due to an overwhelming amount of requests from people around the country, I am offering 2- and 3-day personalized guided tours of the San Luis Valley, Colorado. As you know, our area has been experiencing a marked increase in anomalous activity for the past 2+ years and interest in this continuing wave of sightings, etc. is mounting as the word gets out.

Many people have expressed an interest in visiting the San Luis Valley, but don't know where to go and what to see, so, to best maximize ones time while here, a complete seminar is included with the tour package. It is important for the visitor to be brought up-to-speed concerning not only the current wave of activity but the impressive historical record of past "flaps" of activity as well.

These tours will be conducted during projected peak sighting periods and are only being offered while the current increase in activity is taking place. Tours are filling fast and are being offered for a limited time only. A group rate is available.

The more attention that is focused on the San Luis Valley by locals and visitors alike, the less likely these unexplained events will go unnoticed. It is my hunch that this activity is always taking place and because of our sparse population and remoteness it usually goes unnoticed. Now that the media has spread a small part of the story, the locals are making a point of being extra-observant.

The sightings continue. Monday, February 14, I received two reports of a "swarm" of small blinking lights close to the ground, 5 miles west of Crestone in the Casita Park mobile home development.

Please spread the word about the Mysterious Valley Tour and the increased levels of activity our area has been experiencing.

I enjoyed speaking with you and look forward to seeing you soon

Christopher O'Brien

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RICHARD'S RUMINATIONS

by Richard Rowlette, NM State Director

The Hopi Prophecies

I have no special connections to the Hopi, nor do I pretend to speak for them in any way. The following prophecies are taken from several publications, but they seem to agree very closely. Many Indian tribes speak of coming Earth Changes. The Hopi in particular have a number of fairly specific prophecies relating to the changes.

The Hopi believe there have been four "worlds." At the dawn of time, the First World, humans lived attuned to the infinite. But gradually people lost sight of their origins. A few people were led to the center of the world where the "Ant People" took care of them. On the surface, the world was set ablaze by volcanoes and destroyed. The underground survivors moved out into the Second World after the fires abated.

Civilizations flourished again, but again humans became separated from Nature. And once more the world was destroyed, this time by ice. In the Hopi myth of the Second World, reference is made to the world flipping end over end after the guardians of the North and South poles were called from their stations. This, of course, sounds like a pole shift, something we would not expect primitive peoples to know or understand.

Before this, a small group of humans were once more lead underground by the Ant People. These people founded the Third World of the Hopi. Their legends tell of the Third World people traveling in flying machines so their technology must have been advanced. But as the people turned evil and used their flying machines for war, this world too was destroyed. A few Chosen People were sealed into hollow tubes so they could float on water. This was appropriate for this world was destroyed by water: waves taller than mountains swept over the land. Again, this seems to possibly refer to an effect of a pole shift.

We are now in the Fourth World. The Hopi believe this world too is about to end. Certain signs and events were predicted as indicators for the time of this end. One was that the white man would bring wagons hooked to each other and pulled by something other than a horse. Railroad trains would seem to fulfill this prophecy. Second, the Hopi were told there would be "roads in the sky," "cobwebs in the air," and "lines" across the land. This would seem to be fulfilled by airline routes, airplane vapor trails, and by electric and telephone lines and highways.

The third indicator is even more interesting. The Hopi were told that a "gourd full of ashes" would be invented which would boil rivers, spread incurable

diseases, and burn the land so nothing would grow for many years. Obviously, this seems to refer to nuclear bombs. Still another prophecy said two brothers would build a ladder to the moon and that the white man would put his house in the sky. This last event, apparently Skylab and the Soviet space platforms, was one of the last signs to look for.

At the end times, the Hopi thought they should warn all humans before the leaders of the world who would be assembled in "a great house of mica standing on the eastern shore of our land." Mica is a glasslike mineral (windows?) and "house" is interpreted to mean the United Nations building in New York. The Great Spirit told the Hopi to take their message of walking in balance with the Earth Mother to the assembled nations three times. If they were rejected three times they were to return to their homeland and await the Great Purification which would violently end the Fourth World.

Twice the Hopi attempted to bring their message before the UN but were rejected. In 1976 they were allowed to speak in Canada before the UN-sponsored Habitat Conference. (The spokesman for the Hopi nation then was Thomas Banyacya.) But we must not assume Earth Changes have been called off because of this, for the plot thickens....

Back in the 1970s, the UN passed a resolution to create a department to study worldwide UFO reports. This department or committee was never created. A few years ago a "club" in the UN--an informal and unofficial group--sponsored a symposium of UFO experts to speak and to push for the creation of the committee.

A few weeks ago this same club held what will soon be called the "Second UN Conference on UFOs." A crop circle expert, Colin Andrews from England, was invited to speak. Andrews asked that one of the Hopi be allowed to speak for they were saying that the crop circles were a message from "out there" and related to the end of the Fourth World. The conference was suddenly moved out of the UN and across the street to the UN chapel. Andrews announced that the Hopi elder would speak as the conference got under way. However, when the time came for the elder to reveal his revelation, he was not allowed up on the dais. Andrews was visibly shaken and hinted that he had been forbidden to let this man speak or the conference would be immediately halted by "the authorities." The Hopi elder who was to speak was none other than Thomas Banyacya! The Hopi have now been rejected before the UN for the third time. Their interpretation of the crop circles has been rejected. This Hopi prophecy seems to be fulfilled.

[Richard's article first appeared in Poor Richard's, Vol 3, Issue 2, Feb. 1994. According to Antonio Huneus in a report on the UN's October 22, 1993 SEAT

Symposium on Extraterrestrial Intelligence and Human Future, Hopi elders were able to talk "at an official UN meeting on November 22nd" 1993. At this time, though, we don't know what they said.]

From the Editor's Desk...

More High Strangeness in Northern New Mexico

Last month I touched on several examples of strange phenomena occurring in northern New Mexico: local investigations of cattle mutilations, sightings of rectangular craft, an update of the Taos Hum (still humming, still unexplained), Ed Dames' claims about two sites involving hybrid aliens from Mars (he says they're definitely there, but so far has offered no proof), and demon-like hitchhikers reportedly seen near Questa.

This month, Nazis, NORAD and new investigations provide more High strangeness in northern New Mexico:

Nazis

Thanks to subscriber and Los Alamos Section Director Ken Ewing, who sent us a clipping from *Journal North*, dated January 8, 1994. In this article, written by *Albuquerque Journal* staff writer Tom Sharpe, we learn that a Lamy resident named Bill Lyne can spot not UFOs but secret, man-made electrical flying machines in the northern New Mexico sky. These machines look like stars, he says, "but blink and wobble too much."

Bill feels that the public has been deceived by a misinformation campaign to blame UFOs, cattle mutilations and other odd occurrences on extraterrestrials. His explanation? The Nazis' experiments using Nicola Tesla's rotating magnetic field have been developed by scientists in New Mexico since WWII, first as surveillance vehicles and now as something more.

He says that explains the "Roswell Incident" of 1947. But "the fact that they've concealed this so thoroughly indicates to me that they don't have any intentions of ever revealing it."

Concerning Roswell, we will report more on Rep. Steve Schiff's call for a GAO investigation when we report on April's NM MUFON speaker, Karl T. Pflock, a key researcher on Roswell and friend of Rep. Schiff. (See the Calendar on page 3 for more information on that meeting.)

Bill Lyne's self-published book on his not-too-original government conspiracy theories, *Space Aliens from the Pentagon*, also includes instructions for "building a UFO." This "expertise" and his efforts to debunk the UFO myth, have caused government

agencies like the CIA to try to discredit and even kill him, he says.

If stories about "space aliens" are really "propaganda to cover up a giant government conspiracy" going on in northern New Mexico, and the CIA sends agents to harm people who dare to question this, maybe we are *all* in big trouble. Then, again, maybe not.

NORAD

Last month I noted that strange satellite photos (*not* from NASA, as I reported, but from the North American Aerospace Defense Command [NORAD]) were unexplained.

Apparently this took place in southern Colorado, near Monte Vista, but recent experience shows that what happens in southern Colorado eventually seems to turn up in northern New Mexico as well.

The investigation centered on a heat-radiating explosion or fire which appeared on NORAD radar screens on January 12, 1994. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was contacted. Local authorities searched the air and ground for two days for the heat source. Nothing was found.

Then residents began reporting other strange sightings on January 14: three reports of blue flares in the sky, and helicopters flying in patterns, one of them unmarked. Army and National Guard officials from Colorado and New Mexico denied having any aircraft in the air. NORAD spokesman Maj. Nelson McCouch said it was unlikely the radar signal was a mistake. (Source: *The New Mexican*, Thursday, January 27, 1994).

New Investigations

A recent MUFON field investigation was begun into a reported crop circle/animal *healing* case which took place in the summer of 1993 on a ranch in northern New Mexico. The owner of the ranch and witness to strange lights is a professional pilot.

The winter condition of the land didn't show any evidence of a circle, but the investigators hope something may show when spring growth appears...

Another recent MUFON investigation focused on a multicolored and image-projecting hovering light which shot red flame up into the Albuquerque sky and, after ten minutes, flew away to the southwest. This could possibly be some experimental device from Kirtland or Sandia Labs, but, so far, we don't know.

Well, thanks to the Nazis, NORAD and new investigations we have more High Strangeness in northern New Mexico to write about. Perhaps sometime soon we'll have some *answers* but until then we're all in this together, so stay tuned.

If you have High Strangeness to report, call Chief Investigator Peter Limone at (505) 884-2199.

-Carolyn Duce-Ashe

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Dear Christopher:

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank you for your expression of support for my request to the General Accounting Office regarding the "Roswell Incident."

My intention in this effort has been variously reported, but I want you to know that I am intent on finding the military and government files on this incident with the purpose of releasing the information in the files to the public.

Many people who have contacted me have asked if there is any way in which they could be of help in my effort. I would appreciate copies of any correspondence directed to government departments or agencies specifically regarding the Roswell Incident, along with the department or agency reply.

If you or someone with whom you are acquainted has such correspondence, I would request that you send copies of it to my District Office in Albuquerque, the address of which is listed above.

Further, I would be grateful to learn of other Members of Congress who are now, or, who before me, pursued this same issue with government agencies.

Again, I appreciate your support in this effort, and I will keep you informed on the progress of my inquiry. If you have additional information, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will always be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Stu Schiff

Steven Schiff

SS:md

Review: Amateur UFOlogy News

Your newsletter staff trades *NM MUFON News* for other amateur and/or local club zines from around the country. Most of them are interesting to read, and I'll be telling you about them in upcoming issues.

We met the main staff of *Amateur UFOlogy News* at the 5th Ozark UFO Conference. The staff were of the editor and chief investigator, Sam Uptegrove, and Kathryn Uptegrove, who seemed to be in charge of about everything else, from the typing to inspiring her husband to sit down and *do* something about his interest in UFOs (which she admitted she didn't much share).

Sam explained that he was a law enforcement officer who had the trust of those he served. People tell him about odd things that they witness, and his training helps him carry out detailed investigations. He has also apparently created a questionnaire that assists witnesses in recalling a tremendous amount of information about sightings in the area in and around the Ozarks (basically Missouri and Arkansas, and somewhat farther afield).

The style of his writing is folksy and easy on the mind and yet also difficult to put down. I had no idea that so much was going on in that beautiful, largely rural green area of the country. In a typical account, the editor will use the witness's own words to describe what happened. I like this touch because the witnesses are usually intelligent, articulate, and curious about what they saw (or occasionally afraid or angry, which can be even more interesting). Then the investigator will attempt to explain the sighting or experience (i.e., it looked like a blimp, but its speed was too high and there were no blimps reported in the area anyhow), but considering the detail he draws from the witness, easy explanations are usually hard

to come by. If MUFON ever decides to rewrite its investigators handbook, they would do well to consult Sam Uptegrove.

An Interesting Note: I was recently reading the November 1993 issue of AUN (I'm way behind in my reading) and in a personal note from the editor, the editor surprised his readers by reporting that he had been unexpectedly dismissed from his police department job. He had not been invited to the city council meeting in which this was decided though he thought it interesting that the dismissal occurred after a highly-placed city official expressed "personal concern about the image projected by having one of their police officers publicly involved with 'that silly flying saucer stuff' (his choice of words)." At the time of the publication, he was considering legal action. He confided in us, though, that he had been working toward making his hobby into his career. He has even published a book, and he assists in UFO-oriented conferences. It looks like his dismissal has simply pushed his plans up.

I look forward to reading *Amateur UFOlogy News* and suggest that you write them at PO Box 440, Lockwood, MO 65682 and enclose \$1.50 for a sample.

--D. Stark



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