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## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

by Dan De Mar

As we near the end of 1994, we can look back on a number of changes that have occurred in our world this past year, from communism turning to democracy to wars on the same ground where the Virgin Mary is appearing. Like taxes and death, it would seem that change is the third complement of "sure things." Like the sage of old has said, "Life is but a record of our reaction to change." How have we reacted to change this past year? How will we react to changes this coming year? How can we change before change changes us?

Maybe we can learn to be proactive instead of reactive. It seems that in our attempt to sort out meaning within the realm of ufology we have a long tradition of reaction. Happenings occur and we are left with trying to make sense of what is left behind. We are left with an effect after the cause. Perhaps this is one reason so many investigators have left the field. There just isn't a lot of evidence to sort out, and not much hope of getting more. After all, what chance do most investigators have of being in the right place at the right time? We are reduced to becoming the ambulance chasers of our cosmos.

We have a unique opportunity in our local group to free ourselves from this pattern: in New Mexico we seem to experience a higher-than-average chance of encountering an occurrence, especially with regard to the cattle mutilation phenomena. And if we can use all the talents that

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

I've been writing this column, which I've called "High Strangeness in Northern New Mexico," all year and we've certainly had our share of bizarre happenings to report to you. The month of November was no exception.

### Cattle Mutes and UFOs in La Veta

In November there were a number of cattle mutilations reported around La Veta, Colorado, a small community near Trinidad and not far from the New Mexico border. Many of these mutes appeared to be "classic." In early November, Ermenio Andreatta, a rancher whose spread is five miles east of La Veta, lost three cows valued at \$2000. They seem to have died instantly without a fight or movement. The cuts on anus, uterus, and left nipples appear to have been *sutured* at the time of the cuts, and the animals did not bleed.

A fist-sized dark spot was visible on the chest of each of the three dead cows. District Wildlife Manager Lonnie Brown cut one of the mole-like scars off and found no bruise under the mark. He theorized that the mark could be left from some type of object used to electrocute the cows, which would account for their instant deaths.

Sheriff Harold Martinez feels that the mute phenomenon is the result of extraterrestrial beings visiting the planet. He and some deputies have reported seeing UFOs in the area.

Helicopters have been seen in the area by residents. These choppers reportedly were not heard until they were right overhead, witnesses said.

A local veterinarian, John Davis, and others claim that the animals generally labelled "mutes"

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our members possess and couple that with a little ingenuity and some of the right equipment, perhaps we can learn to anticipate one of these events, maybe even predict one. The amount of information one can gather from such a "lab experiment" would be far more useful than gathering information two or three days after the event.

Because we have so many talented members, so many cattle are mutilated (our group has investigated 56 this past year alone), and because money has suddenly become available through the "Big Three" (CUFOS, MUFON, and NICAP have received \$1 million to assist in research), we have decided to pursue some of these funds in order to purchase tools and equipment so that we can better gather whatever information would allow us to become more proactive.

Gail Staehlin has made great strides in obtaining the confidence of a few ranches that have been the hardest hit, and a cooperative effort on both parts could provide the experimental arena that could benefit both sides, not to mention the interests of the grantor and the public at large.

With these thoughts in mind, we have decided to pursue some of these grant monies, fully realizing that the equipment and results will belong to the grantor. Even though the grantor would own the reports, we would still have the satisfaction of accomplishing something that may advance our collective understanding of this portion of the phenomena. It would take a lot of manhours from our members, and lots of energy, but that's nothing new—MUFON is entirely made up of volunteers. We are also quite used to change. This coming year we maybe even wish to change more than we can anticipate presently, and if it is asked of any of us, I'm sure we will respond decisively and quickly, whether from a physical nature or spiritually.

With that in mind, I would like to wish all of members and readers the merriest but most peaceful Christmas ever.

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### **From the Editor's Desk, continued...**

are usually found when examined to have died from natural causes. "But I have to emphasize that I cannot comment on these specific cases because I didn't see or inspect the carcasses," Davis said.

At least two local members of NM MUFON have reported that they have received anxious phone calls and letters from friends living in the La Veta area. These La Veta residents have seen lights or UFO craft, had neighbors who have lost

cattle to mutilation, and have themselves had strange abduction-related experiences.

Linda Moulton Howe has been reporting on some La Veta cases on the Art Bell radio program "Dreamland," which airs on Sunday nights at 8 mountain time (920 AM in the Albuquerque area).

We hope to be able to follow up on some of the "high strangeness" occurring in northern New Mexico in future issues.

### **Los Lunas Mute Case**

On Tuesday evening, November 15, I received a call from local NM MUFON member Michael Estes. He lives in Los Lunas, about 20 miles south of Albuquerque. His 16-year-old son Jesse, also a MUFON member, discovered a mutilated cow in a field near their home while he was out taking the dog for a run. "The dog wouldn't go near the carcass!" said Jesse. Photos were taken at that time.

Early Wednesday morning, Michael, Jesse, Gail Staehlin and I were in the Los Lunas field taking samples of the about one-year-old male animal. The lower jaw was stripped of flesh, the genitals had been removed, and the rectum had been cored out. There was a very small amount of blood on the ground near the rectum where it appeared that predators had chewed during the night. Gail sent the samples to the lab for analysis; so far, we haven't received the report.

The small, white bull didn't seem to belong to any of the neighbors. "I've checked and all our neighbors have brown or black cows," said Michael.

About four days after, another mutilated cow was found in another nearby field. By Sunday night they had both been removed, but no one was seen removing them.

Michael, who is a nurse, said some of his medical colleagues thought that small predators could be responsible or the "mutilations," though how the animals died has not been determined. How the animals got into the fields where they didn't belong is also a mystery.

Needless to say, I plan to try to follow up on this case, so stay tuned.

### **Mute Conference in Taos**

An informal "by invitation only" conference was organized by Tom Adams, long-time UFO and mutilation researcher from Paris, Texas. He and his colleague Gary Massey met with Gail Staehlin, Beckie Minshall, Debby Stark and me on the weekend of November 10-12.



We stayed in some cozy cabins a few miles outside of Taos and discussed the mutilation phenomena at length. Though details of the discussions must remain confidential, at this time we can report that we were able to gain some new insights and share important information.

Chris O'Brian, mute researcher from Crestone, Colorado, also attended the conference. He joined us on Saturday evening as did researcher David Perkins of Santa Fe and Crestone.

Note: Tom and Gary challenged the "New Mexico Women" to a game (for \$\$\$) to a "berry weer" game of Trivial Pursuit one evening while we were relaxing. The Texas men were way ahead in the beginning but Gail, Beckie and I managed to win anyway!

Score: New Mexico Women - 1; Texas Men - 0.

They were nice but cheap!

The conference continued on Monday in Alamosa, Colorado, where researchers and law enforcement officers met to discuss the mutilation phenomenon. Special guest speaker was Linda Howe. The New Mexico women were unable to attend this part of the conference, but we heard it was very successful.

### Ed Dames Now in Beverly Hills

I received a note from a source who asked me not to publish Ed's new address, so I won't. But we know he is now in Beverly Hills. Is he the "Remote Viewer to the Stars"? I wonder what became of the New Mexico sites. We heard a rumor that Jim Marrs' book on Dames and PSI TECH has been delayed...

### Starships Over Alaska

"Andy", a good friend of mine who lives in the back country of Alaska, reported last year (see issue #12) that he and his children had seen many UFOs while walking along a mountain ridge. These UFOs (he calls them starships) would zoom down close to them, then return to where they were first seen. When Andy signaled by flashlight to them, they would "answer" him by flashing back!

I received another letter from Andy just a few weeks ago. He said he and his two boys see the starships now almost every night that it is clear enough. He still is able to signal them and get identical signals back! The starships then zoom down and just disappear.

"We usually see seven, thirteen or one hundred or more at a time," Andy writes. "They (and we

know who they are) keep track of us. We do believe we are part of a plan. We have not had any experience with the negative - abductions, mutilations, etc."

Andy says he and the boys are able to see the Northern Lights often now, too. "We celebrate the light," he writes.

Andy and his sons are very well known to me. They are extremely credible witnesses. Maybe this is evidence of the "good" side of UFO phenomenon. It surely seems so, anyway.

### Houston Gang of Four and NASA

While in Houston for Thanksgiving, I met with Roswell researcher Rick Biskynis, *Houston Sky*\* editor Gail Nesom, *Houston Sky* circulation editor Rebecca Schatte, and UFO researcher and writer Bill Eatwell.

We discussed many topics but spent a lot of time on the mute phenomenon and news of the Cash-Landrum case. John Schuessler is writing a book on this important case in which certain details will finally be made public.

\**Houston Sky* is a new bimonthly newsletter for Houston-area MUFON members and others. Subscriptions are \$15 per year, payable to *Houston Sky*, PO Box 1718, Bellaire, TX 77402

Also, while staying in Houston, I was able to visit the Space Center at NASA. This huge visitor complex also has tram tours which take visitors to see NASA Mission Control or to Space Station control. This installation was impressive and is probably good PR for NASA. I enjoyed the Center but still feel that NASA has suppressed the truth about the Moon, Mars and our solar system, not to mention data about "life" in space. STS-48 film certainly seems to show something unexplainable.

This brings us back to the present. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed articles, clippings, and cartoons. Special thanks to our 45 subscribes and to our +120 readers world wide!

Have a happy holiday and we'll be here in 1995 to bring you all the news and views from "The Land of Enchantment".

Best wishes, Carolyn

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## CALENDAR

December 22: **NM MUFON meeting**— 7:30 pm at the Discovery Bookstore, 1540 Juan Tabo NE in Albuquerque. Our Speaker will be Jim DeKorn, of El Rito, NM. He is a researcher and author of several books including *Psychedelic Shamanism* and is editor of *The Enithogen Review*. Jim will speak about higher consciousness and how it relates to UFOs, shamanism and altered states. Don't miss it!

January 26: NM MUFON meeting — 7:30 pm at Discovery Bookstore. Plans have not yet been finalized for the meeting but we hope to see you all there!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For a signed copy of **Karl Pflock's** *Roswell In Perspective* inscribed to the buyer (or whoever you wish) send \$25 (which includes shipping and handling and is \$3 less than the FUROR price), to Karl T. Pflock, PO Box 93338, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3338. If you've waited to purchase this book, please consider doing so now as Karl is graciously donating 20% of each sale to NM MUFON!

**Richard Rowlette** spoke at the New Age Connection in Albuquerque on Nov. 17. He spoke on food growing and the need for us to grow our own organic foods since multi-national cor-

porations are seeking to control all food production.

**Karla Turner**, Ph.D., has a new book, *Masquerade of Angels*. Copies are \$16.95 plus \$3 shipping; send to Kelt Works, PO Box 32, Roland, AR 72135.

From the *Roswell Daily Record*, 25 October: A plaque honoring the founding members of the Roswell **International UFO Museum and Research Center** was unveiled on Sunday, October 23 in a ceremony at the Museum at 400-401 N. Main St. The plaque lists the first 100 people, couples or companies to contribute \$100 or more to the museum. Local NM MUFON member Miller C. Johnson and his wife were there for the ceremony. Miller's artwork depicting the 1947 crash in Roswell is featured at the Museum.

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## For Immediate Release!

### José Escamilla to Produce Television Special to Air in the US, Mexico and Europe!

José Escamilla is producing an 90-minute television special that has garnered the interest from Network program executives in Los Angeles, Europe and other countries. The special, "RODS-Biological Entities Among Us?" is about the cigar-shaped objects discovered at Midway since March 1994.

The Rods have been speculated as being "biological" or inter-dimensional insects of some kind. The special will encompass a "mass" videotaping by people all over the world.

Ultimate Dinosaur Productions will be paying \$50 per minute of tape that is used in the television special. Those interested in becoming part of the project should contact Jose Escamilla at (505) 624-0510.

The Escamilla family and Ultimate Dinosaur Productions wish everyone a happy holiday and urge everyone to keep looking up...!

[Note: I talked to José on December 16 and he invited all of us who have camcorders to send Christmas Day 1994 daylight footage to him. By the way, Jose won the EBE Award at the International Congress in Mesquite, Nevada recently for his video *The Midway Sightings—Unclassified Footage*. Congratulations, José! Copies of this video may be ordered for \$25 plus \$3 shipping from Ultimate Dinosaur Productions, PO Box 434, Roswell, NM 88202. — CDA]



## OUT OF THE BLUE!

*This following letter dated October 31 was received from Karl Pflock; a correction was made to it on November 11...*

(The following deathless prose and the enclosed sketches and the text accompanying them are for publication. I'd intended to bring the sketches to Thursday's meeting to show Becky [Minshall], but left them behind on my desk. Gettin' old I guess. Also, I thought you'd find interesting Kevin Randle's letter "endorsing" the "Mogul connection.")

Thanks for a good summary of my September talk and the kind words about *Roswell in Perspective* (NM MUFON News, #20). I greatly appreciate both, but there are a couple of points I would like to clear up:

*Re Frank Joyce and the "little green men":* According to a transcript of an interview of Joyce conducted by pioneer Roswell investigator William L. Moore on May 3, 1982, and incorporated in Moore's 1982 MUFON Symposium paper, "The Roswell Investigation New Evidence in the Search for a Crashed UFO," Joyce attributed the "they weren't green" comment to Walter E. Whitmore, Sr., seemingly years before he first attributed the same remark to rancher Mac Brazel I have just (Nov. 11) received from Bill Moore a copy of Frank Joyce's June 23, 1982 letter to Moore in which he provides corrections to the transcript of the May 3 interview and his written approval of the corrected text.

The key correction was that it was Brazel not Whitmore, with whom Joyce says he had the exchange about LGMs. It seems Moore and Joyce discussed the LGM matter as they walked to Joyce's car after the conclusion of the recorded interview, and Moore erroneously attributed it in notes made later. Moore received the correction too late to change the text of his MUFON paper, but subsequent versions reflected Joyce's corrected account of his deathbed conversation with Whitmore—sans LGMs—although without acknowledgment of the previously published error.

*I am glad at least this issue is finally cleared up. My sincere apologies to both Joyce and Moore for contributing to the doubts about their credibility on the matter. [italics added—ed.]*

Re the alleged difficulty in accounting for Roswell witness' recollections of "hieroglyphics" in terms of Project Mogul: In fact, the strange pinkish-purple markings seen on the debris found on the Foster ranch happen to be one of the strongest evidential links between Mac Brazel's discovery and Project Mogul. The accompanying sketches and notes by Roswell witness Jesse A. Marcel, Jr., and Project Mogul engineer C. B. Moore strikingly illustrate this.

Mogul's radar targets were manufactured by a novelty company which used some in-stock tape (probably heavy-duty cellophane) embossed with pinkish-purple, abstract-flower-/hieroglyphic-like designs to reinforce the target's reflector-material attachments. Moreover, Professor Moore's sketch of his recollection of how the targets' reflector material was attached clearly shows how easily Dr. Marcel (at age 11, awakened in the wee hours) could have gotten the impression of and can 100% honestly recall today having seen strangely marked "I-beams." Further, targets of this type were being used in New Mexico only by the Project Mogul team and were only in the hands of a few other groups elsewhere, all far removed from the southwestern United States.

At current count, 15 Roswell-Corona incident witnesses, 14 of them first hand, have provided testimony about the Roswell-Corona debris field wreckage which leaves little room for doubt it was from a Project Mogul device. At least 7 of these witnesses have reported seeing first hand and 3 others have reported being told by first-hand witnesses about strange markings/"hieroglyphics" and tape which fit the recollections of "Mogul tape" by 6 men who worked on Project Mogul or were involved in procurement of the radar targets used by the Mogul team in New Mexico. To be sure, this is circumstantial evidence, but consider the definition of this term (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1977): "evidence that tends to prove a fact by proving other events or circumstances which afford a basis for a reasonable inference of the occurrence of the fact at issue."

Meantime, there are still the bodies to account for...

Cordially, Karl Pflock

*Karl sent us a copy of this letter, dated July 6, 1994, to him from Kevin D. Randle...*

Mark allowed me the opportunity to see your monograph about the case in Roswell. It is an impressive work and certainly supports the theory that a Mogul balloon was responsible for the Brazel ranch find. The array of testimony and evidence does seem to lead to that conclusion.

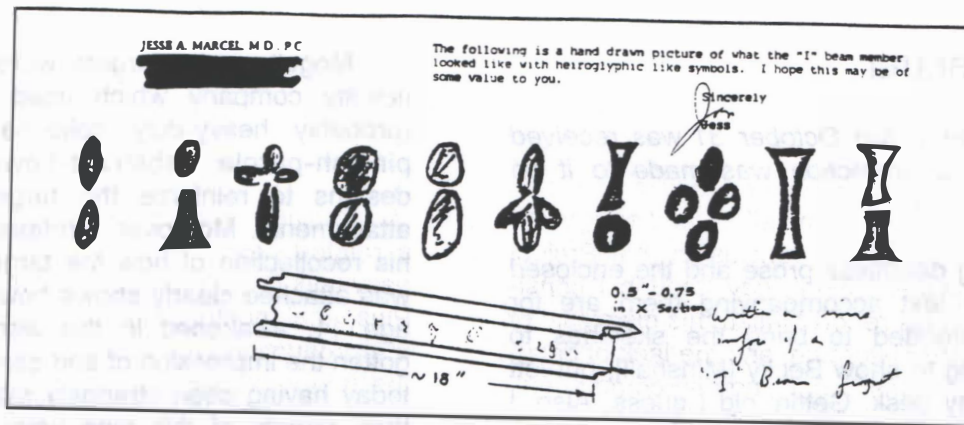
As I say, it is an impressive work, and one that I believe will contribute to the overall picture of what really happened outside of Roswell so long ago.

October 31, 1994

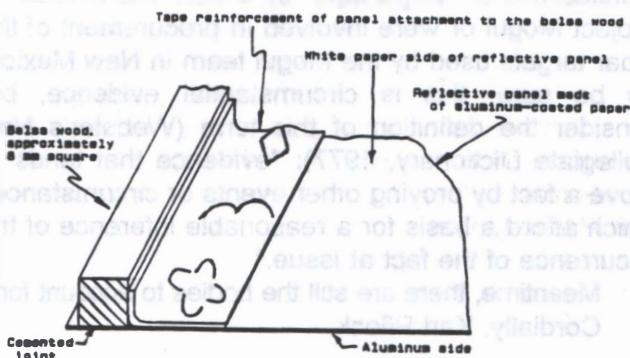
Dear Ms. Duce-Ashe:

I was distressed to hear that Karl Pflock had suggested to your group that I was supporting his Project Mogul theory as an explanation for the debris field found by Mac Brazel. If Mr. Pflock suggested

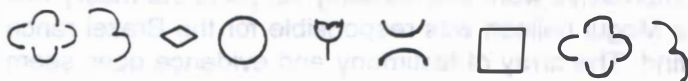
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These are the graphics which Karl Plock referred to in his letter dated October 31, 1994...



MY RECOLLECTION OF THE REFLECTOR MATERIAL ATTACHMENT TO THE BALSA WOOD PIECES ON THE ML-307/AP PILOT BALLOON RADAR TARGETS IN 1947.



AN APPROXIMATE REPRODUCTION OF THE FIGURES PRINTED ON THE TARGET-REINFORCING TAPE (This is not authoritative since I last saw one of these targets more than 20 years ago.)

C.B. Moore  
C.B. Moore  
August 28, 1962

JESSE A. MARCEL, M.D., P.C.

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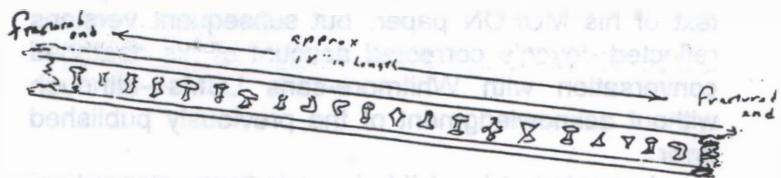
Dear Mr Solomon:

The following is a general description of the fragment that had what appeared to be a form of writing on its surface.

There was a series of geometric patterns embossed on the inner surface of a fragment shaped like an "I" beam strut. There were no recognizable animal figures such as seen in Egyptian heiroglyphics but the symbols resembled heiroglyphic type characters.

Most of the debris look like pieces of an aircraft airframe and its skin. Some of the debris was not metallic but more like pieces of black plastic fragments thicker than the metallic skin.

The color of the symbols was of a violet or purplish metallic hue.



Obviously the above symbols are not an exact duplication, but this is more or less what they looked like as I can recall after more than forty years.

Sincerely -

PS I showed the above drawing to my mother who was also present and she concurs with the above description



anything of the kind, then he misrepresented the content of a note I sent him. To set the record straight, I realized the work that went into his report. I know, from experience, that when a major work has been completed, the last thing the author wants is criticism. I congratulated him on the completion, and suggested that his work did lead to the conclusion that Project Mogul was responsible. I didn't say, though I considered it, that I found his report biased, his dismissal of testimony out of hand disturbing, and the lack of documentation important. Instead I merely commented, somewhat noncommittally on the work he had done. This proves that no good deed goes unpunished.

For the record, I would like to say that I do not find his arguments convincing. Too many people are overlooking the flaws in his report such as Bessie Brazel's disappearance in Roswell. She claims she accompanied her father to Roswell but didn't go to the sheriff's office. However, no one mentions her presence when they return to the ranch. What happened to her? Bill Brazel has said that she wasn't present and Pflock quotes Bill Moore's claim that Mac took the children to Tularosa before he went to Roswell, which is equally ridiculous. Why drive so far out of the way when you have no reason to suspect that anything is going to happen in Roswell?

*As I say, I am very distressed that there are those who think I accept the Project Mogul theory. Project Mogul does nothing to explain the debris field, but it does muddy the waters.* [italics added—ed.]

Sincerely yours, Kevin D. Randle

September 22, 1994

Dear Carolyn,

Great issue of *NM Mufon News* - I wish I didn't live so far away, so I could attend your meetings. The subject is very exciting and has something to do with consciousness and ultimate questions of reality - metaphysics, whatever. For that reason I think it's closely related to psychedelic states of awareness.

Regarding *Psychedelic Shamanism* - I think my book is available for \$19.95 at either or both: The Living Batch (Yale, near Central) and The Brotherhood of Life (110 Dartmouth SE) in Albuquerque. If not, I sell it by mail for \$22.00 postpaid.

If there's ever anything I might be able to do up here regarding cattle mutilations, etc., please let me know.

Jim DeKorne, PO Box 778, El Rito, NM 87530

Dear Ms. Duce-Ashe,

Thanks for the complimentary issues of *NM MUFON NEWS*. It's a treat to come across an interesting, well-produced organ for conveying UFO news. Keep up the good work.

Enclosed you will find copies of the first five issues of *UFO Update Newsletter*. Initially, this periodical was intended as a tie-in with *UFO Update: Live*, a cable access TV program our local organization, Associates for Scientific Knowledge, produces. My ambition was to follow each monthly program with a related newsletter. As I'm sure you know, it's no easy task to put together a newsletter single-handedly. Plus, the month between shows was occupied with pre-production chores and research. And then there's the minor problem of earning a living (I'm a writing instructor at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College) that takes time and effort as well. Starting in January, the newsletter will be published quarterly and will include a more diversified content.

*UFO Update Newsletter's* overall style differs in some measure from your *NM MUFON News* in that it draws on historical cases to a greater extent. We think it's important that our viewers be aware that the UFO mystery has been around longer than Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. And, besides, there's not much going on along the Ohio Valley on which to report.

Also included is a copy of our October program, focusing on radar/visual UFO sightings. Since our producer has the master, I duplicated my copy, which accounts for the less than impressive image quality. I hope this serves as an adequate trade for continuing my subscription (*It does, thanks!* - CDA).

*Before I close, I have to take you to task about Karl Pflock* [italics added—ed.]. I agree with you that he put a lot of work into his report, but it falls far short from delivering what it promises. And from my own experience as a technical writing instructor, all the footnotes in the world have little value if the thesis is flawed. In fact, Pflock builds his case upon unverifiable (and inconsistent) witnesses, quotes others out of context and rejects testimony for no apparent reason (see article "The Pflock Report in Perspective" in *UFO Update Newsletter*, Vol. 1, Number 5).

I hope it didn't surprise you that Philip Klass embraces Pflock's monograph. Klass has a big enough problem discerning cause from effect, much less being able to detect faulty research.

Now, to put this all in perspective. I assume you're old enough to remember the *Condon Report*. It, too, was hailed as well researched and documented. Of course this came from reporters who only read Condon's recommendations and conclusions, cleverly placed at the front of the report, opposite the protocol of scientific and technical papers. Later, when a few hearty souls waded through the individual case studies, it was found that over a quarter of the sightings examined by the Condon committee remained unsolved.

Now, if we consider that scientific validity is established if an event occurs at least 3% of the time,



one is forgiven to wonder how a group of scientists could brush off a phenomenon that in a single study exceeds that measure eightfold. This is all the more puzzling when many of the unsolved cases were concluded with rather dramatic observations. The Lakenheath/Bentwaters radar/visual case was described as involving at least one genuine UFO! As for the McMinnville, Oregon (Trent) photos, the conclusion stated

...all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses.

Clearly, the Condon Report did not serve science. It did provide the Air Force (who funded the study) a way to publicly back out of UFO investigations.

What's this got to do with Pflock? Is it coincidence that his research was seized upon by the Air Force as a way of debunking the Roswell crash? Is it coincidence that a careful, critical study of Pflock's report reveals shoddy and possibly unethical research techniques? Could Pflock's observation that "As Roswell goes, so goes ufology" be more his true agenda?

Please, don't misunderstand. I'm not being presumptuous, it's just that there's a pattern here that shouldn't be overlooked.

I've been researching UFOs nearly thirty years, and I don't convince easily. I want Pflock to show me that brand floral printed tape and balsa wood that could so easily be mistaken as an unbreakable I-beam. Pflock is as obliged to show us a sample of the balloon envelope that unfolds itself without the hint of a crease or wrinkle as Randle and Schmitt need to unearth part of a flying saucer hull. And Pflock certainly has to do better than gather a handful of witnesses nobody else can place on the scene. I urge

you to reread Pflock's monograph with the critical eye of an analyst. There are more than a few things his report can't account for.

Now, to be honest, there are problems with Randle and Schmitt's work. Recently, for example, Jim Ragsdale is telling a somewhat different tale. Now, it seems, he actually got a close up look at the dead bodies, even pulled the space helmet off of one that appeared to be alive still! He describes the aliens' faces as resembling the types seen by abductees, which is at odds with what others have testified.

Clearly, Ragsdale's entire connection with the case should be rejected because he has compromised himself as a witness. In a court of law such a dramatic alteration might be seen as perjury, and the testimony would be stricken from the record. Randle and Schmitt, nevertheless, maintain that Ragsdale's original testimony is still valid, and the changes have something to do with a movie deal. Even if a third party has influenced Ragsdale, there's no advantage for Randle and Schmitt to cling to his original claims.

In point of fact, even with Ragsdale omitted, Randle and Schmitt's overall case is still stronger than Pflock's. And, if my sources are accurate, there appears to be a taped interview with Sheridan Cavitt wherein he refers to Karl Pflock as "our debunker." I'll let you know what I find out.

I apologize for the tirade and hope you don't think I'm scolding you. It's just that *Roswell in Perspective* hits me on two levels: As a UFO researcher and as a writing instructor. Pflock's report tends to disregard the accuracy in reporting essential to both fields.

At the risk of closing on such a somber note, I wish you the best of luck and encourage you to continue your sincere efforts.

Terry Endres

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