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NEWSLETTER

Director's Message

William E. Jones, MUFON State Director for Ohio

The year 2007 was a year of many changes and challenges for MUFON of Ohio. We lost several key people. Donnie Blessing resigned as her husband retired and they moved to Alabama, a retirement dream of theirs for years. Jennifer Thomas our Secretary who routinely created a high quality newsletter for MUFON of Ohio resigned. Frank Reams who had been with us since 1990 and was currently our Director of Investigations retired from ufology so that he could start a small business before he retires from his real job as a corporate pilot for Nationwide Insurance. George Pindroh, a MUFON State Section Director retired after many years with the Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP) and MUFON. Several of our members are on leave for health or professional reasons.

To help make up for our personnel short fall we have created a formal Board of Directors for the organization and have added two new members to the Board, Pete Hartinger and Scott Santa, both MUFON State Section Directors here in Ohio. Pete is also a co-founder and Director of the Roundtown UFO Society in Circleville.

We have started to take advantage of MUFON's CMS system and are assigning the UFO cases reported to MUFON through this system to our Ohio investigators. We are not getting a good response to these assignments. A number of cases have been closed out since we started this – I don't have a count of those, but I would guess it to be approximately 30. We have as of the moment I wrote this message (02/02/2008, 2 pm) 138 cases that have been assigned but aren't completed or even, as far as I know, under investigation. Over most of the years that I have been associated with MUFON it was criticized as a "ufological black hole." A lot of information went in but very little came out. Ever since John Schuessler took over the reigns of MUFON, to be followed by James Carrion, that situation has been changing. We

are getting a lot of information out of MUFON, not only through the CMS reporting system and the *MUFON UFO Journal* (that we always had), but they are very willing and able to respond to direct one-on-one requests. It is up to us to now take advantage of this.

I have been somewhat disappointed with what I have seen come out of CMS and that is not the fault of MUFON. The quality of most of the cases is in my estimation quite low. But if you think about it that is true of every collection of raw UFO cases no matter where you find them. Those of us who have been following up on the CMS cases are finding that people often don't respond when we contact them about a case or are unwilling or unable to provide further details concerning what they reported. Many of the cases, even during initial analysis, have prosaic explanations, are hoaxes (usually kids playing around on the internet), or are not amendable to further investigations. However, there must be several jewels in CMS that are still undiscovered out of the approximately 160 cases that we have had access to. It is up to us to get busy and find them. So if you are assigned a case, please look into it at least with a follow-up email and/or telephone call to the reporting witness.

I am assigning some cases to MUFON investigators that are being reported from counties where we have no investigator coverage. I understand that it will sometimes be hard to follow-up on distant cases, but if you are assigned a distant case, please at least email and telephone the witness. You may learn more about the case and be able to help get the details and then close the case out. It is important that we thank the witnesses who report cases to CMS by at least contacting them even if they are far from our assigned area.

For the record, Indiana MUFON has agreed to help us in counties where we have no investigators but they do have investigators in the counties next door across the border. Roger Sugden (3hawks5@maplenet.net; 260-489-0767) is responsible for Williams, Defiance, Paulding and VanWert counties and Danielle

Baker (ingrabella@yahoo.com; 765-289-7864) is responsible for Mercer and Darke counties. We have already had their cooperation on one CMS assigned case. I have also sent a case that occurred in Ohio but where the witnesses live in Wisconsin to the Wisconsin MUFON State Director to see if they can help us investigate the case. More of this cooperation should be encouraged by the State Directors in MUFON.

We are in the process of trying to identify a key speaker for one of our MUFON of Ohio state meetings in 2008. We are currently in contact with Stanton Friedman to see if we can bring him to Ohio. Susan Swiatek, Preston Dennett, Dr. Michael Swords, Jerry Clark, Dennis Balthaser, and Dr. Thomas E. Bullard have also been suggested to be sought out as a speaker, either this year or in the years to come. So there is no small population of very high quality speakers out there.

So, while we have gone through a lot of changes over the past year, the future I must say is bright. For those of us who are getting "up in years" I think we will have a quality organization and a proud legacy to offer those new members who are coming up in the ranks. (For those young members, note that our legacy is well documented in our publications housed at the Ohio Historical Society, the Rare Books and Manuscripts collection in the Ohio State University library system, and in the collections of the Archives for UFO Research in Sweden – <http://www.afu.info/index.htm>.)

Possible Chemtrails Seen by Skeptic

Frank Reams,
Retired MUFON of Ohio Director of Investigations and
Professional Pilot

Most who know me understand how skeptical I've been about "chemtrails" over the years. I just never saw anything that would fit that description. Well that may have changed Friday [December 21, 2007]. I'm not saying that they were "chemtrails," I'm just saying that they did not fit the normal contrail formation.

I was traveling from Denver to Columbus about 5:00pm eastern time. We could see what looked like a large smokestack coming from the ground way ahead of us. The co-pilot and I discussed the unusual smoke for quite a while. (There were strong winds that day and smoke does not go straight up unless there is very little wind.) As we got closer, we realized how far ahead of us this was. We first saw it about 250 miles in front of us. As we got close we realized that it did not come from the ground. It was a wide contrail (?) that was going from west to east and then it stopped abruptly. The reason this was unusual is because the contrail (?) was too low for normal contrails (below 15,000 ft, probably more like 8000 ft). It was also too wide for a normal contrail and it was too thick. We then noticed that another contrail went from north to south. The reason we did not notice this from a distance is because it just appeared as a cloudbank until we got close.

These two contrails (?) crossed at Des Moines. I didn't think of this as anything significant until later. It sounds like conspiracy thinking, but almost all the presidential contenders from both parties have headquarters in Des Moines and most of them are there right now. Anyway, you know that I have been saying for years now that I have never seen contrails low enough to be "chemtrails" and nothing unusual about the contrails that I have seen. These were definitely not naturally occurring formations. They definitely were man made.

I just thought I would let you know since this is the first time I have seen something like this and I have been looking ever since we first heard talk of "chemtrails." It is interesting to note that Des Moines had very low clouds all day. In fact, they never got above 1/8 mile visibility all day. That is also very unusual. Also, it would explain why no one on the ground would have seen these contrails (?) being formed. Merry Christmas!

Editor's Note: There is no evidence that the so-called "chemtrails" are in any way connected to the UFO phenomena. I have been critical in the past of people even implying that there is a connection since there seems to be no real evidence of this. But because of Frank's long connection with MUFON and MUFON of Ohio and his career as a military and civilian pilot, I thought this letter/article was worth publishing.

Licking County Ohio Sighting – November 24, 2007

Edited by Joe Stets and William E. Jones

This is an edited version of a recent UFO report received from one of the two witnesses:

"I am a 55 year old mother and grandmother. I have lived in central Ohio for over 30 years and in Licking County for three years. I work as a caregiver in Columbus, Ohio. I also work with alternative healing modalities. The sighting occurred at approximately 10:15 pm.

"I was driving home and had just turned eastward across Flint Ridge Rd., located north of Columbus, when I noticed light flashes moving quickly and erratically across the sky east of me. It looked like it was above the clouds, but did not move like any aircraft that I was familiar with. I decided it must be a search light. I did not understand, however, why a search light would be moving that way and what they would be looking for up in the clouds. Looking back on it, there is no way a search light could or would be moving that way.

"The light movement continued until I turned onto Ballou Rd. and headed toward my house at the other end of the road. The time that I spent on Flint Ridge Road was between 5 and 6 minutes. The lights flashed constantly. I continued southeast on Ballou Rd., moving fairly slowly because of the deer traffic in my area, especially this time of year. When I was within a few houses of reaching home, a light suddenly appeared in the very dark sky. I watched it as I drove. The light got a little larger and was very

bright. I just assumed that the clouds were opening a little and the full moon was shining through. Then I watched as the light extended out further horizontally. I brought my car to a full stop at that time and watched. Then the beam of light retracted quickly and at that point I could identify that what retracted was cylindrical in shape and was out around the original light. I opened my window of the car and leaned out to watch. It was stationary and about as high as where a helicopter would hover. As close as it was, I should have heard something, but I heard nothing. I was on Ballou Rd. for about 2 minutes.

"It then started moving toward me. As it moved toward me to almost directly over me, I could see that it was disk shaped and had lights around the backside of it. The lights were pretty much all I could see and all that I had to determine the shape. At that point, I heard a vehicle coming up behind me so I closed my window and continued down the road. When I got home and was walking from my driveway to my back door, I noticed that the fast moving flashes of light in the clouds were occurring just to the east of my home.

"In thinking back on when the light suddenly came on, the sky was very dark sky; it seems almost like it was just sitting there [in the dark sky] waiting. It was like a car headlight suddenly coming on. The darkness at the time was interesting. It was pitch black when that light came on, [yet the full moon was out].

"The next night I came home the same route because I wanted to see if the sky was as dark [as it had been the night before] anywhere along the road. It was raining yet nowhere on this road was the sky as dark as it had been on Saturday."

Spain: A Teleportation Incident in Galicia? **Marcelino Requejo**

Source: Pasaje a lo Desconocido, date: 06.28.07

On May 7, 2007, Juan M.L. and Bernardo D.G. became the protagonists of a bizarre incident in the vicinity of Lugo. The events took place around 15:00 hours as they traveled in their car toward a sawmill facility located near the city. Apparently they were barely one kilometer from their destination at a location known as Piugos da Pena, and had just left behind a well-known automotive dealership, when the witnesses noticed a dense fog that appeared to emerge from their vehicle.

They pulled over on the shoulder to see what was going on. The smoke vanished. Only seconds after continuing their journey, they realized that they were in a completely different location from the one they had been before.

"We had no idea where we were," said Juan. "We were only meters away from the saw mill and we suddenly found ourselves next to a road sign that read: 'Santa Eulalia de Bóveda'. So, completely astonished, we decided to continue driving to Santa Eulalia to see if we could get to the saw mill from there."

In the wink of an eye, they had traversed the 6 kilometers that separate the environs of the sawmill and the detour to Santa Eulalia de Bóveda. While they looked for the way back, both men witnessed an odd phenomenon: the Sun appeared to be right in the middle of a gigantic, smoky triangle.

[Translator's Note, Scott Corrales: To those who may not know him, Marcelino Requejo is one of the foremost UFO researchers in Spain's Galicia Region, a contributor to a number of paranormal and UFO magazines and a speaker at UFO conferences in that country.

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Editor's Note: I have added this to our newsletter because I think that events of this type may, whenever we come to understand them, tell us more about the UFO phenomena than we might expect. I strongly urge you to read Jenny Randles' book "Time Storms – Amazing Evidence for Time Warps, Space Rifts, and Time Travel", Berkley Books, New York, NY, 2001.

Conversation with Senator Barry M. Goldwater **By George Filer, Eastern MUFON Director** FILER'S FILES # 32, August 9, 2006,

Clark C. McClelland, former ScO, Space Shuttle Fleet, Kennedy Space Center (KSC), writes as follows: "On July 16, 1969, the day of the launch of Apollo 11 for the first landing of men on the moon, I met Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona near the Apollo Launch Control Center. He had been the Republican Presidential candidate in 1964 running against President Johnson. He had flown 160 plus planes during his WW II and civilian years. He even checked out in a SR-71 Blackbird. I introduced myself and explained my position at KSC and my being the NICAP Unit-3 Director. He was willing to discuss UFOs and I began by saying it was obvious he had a deep abiding interest in UFOs. I knew he had tried to gain entry into a special area at Wright-Patterson AFB that purportedly held alien artifacts. He said, 'Yes, that's the main event concerning UFOs and me. I felt that a US Senator on the Select Committee on Intelligence and a Reserve Major General would allow me to enter the area. I was rudely awakened to reality very swiftly when I was denied entry. My friend, General Curtis Lemay, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff VERY angrily told me that I had no need to know. He gave me a lot of HELL about my activities at Wright-Patterson. He threatened to end our friendship for life! My God, Mac, that surprised the hell out of me."

"LeMay added, 'You stay clear of our mutual friend, 'Butch', too. [General William 'Butch' Blanchard. Butch had been at Roswell Army Air Base and the 509th Bomb Wing.] It will not gain you any favor or knowledge of that Roswell crash claim.' Goldwater said, 'Mac, Butch Blanchard was also a very valued friend of mine since WWII. He was the person who announced that a disc had crashed near Roswell in 1947. This cussing out did awaken me to one fact,

that the UFO situation is the highest level of national secrecy. Much higher than the H-Bomb.'

"Goldwater went on to say, 'Nothing has higher security than aliens being here on this planet. Then I realized Curtis was correct. And I never again approached him on the subject. That seemed to prove to me that UFOs were a fact, and do exist. But, are they all aliens? I highly suspect a majority is! Hell, they are no doubt far ahead of our level of intelligence. The United States Air Force knows the truth, but will they ever reveal it to this nation?' I replied, 'Yes, Senator, some UFOs sighted I have learned through the ONI are alien.' His eyes brightened up and showed surprise saying, 'Mac how would you know that as a fact and I was denied the truth?' I said 'Senator, I was here, at KSC, and had also been at Cape Canaveral since the start of our national space program. With all due respect for your great accomplishments, Sir, you were not. I've heard and seen things that without any doubt proved to me that UFO's and star races exist. Congress is not made aware of secrets of this caliber. The Pentagon controls such disclosures.' He stared at me, and then said: 'Yes, I get your point.' I asked him if he was at that time aware of the fact that several former German Scientists were assigned to Wright Field since post-reversed engineer certain retrieved hardware that was suspected to be of alien origin.

"They accomplished that assignment of the object that crashed in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. It was taken to Wright Field. Senator Goldwater said, 'Yes, I recall that incident. What was it? Do you know?' I replied, 'Yes, sir, it was a Soviet failed mission to Venus in 1965. It was not alien, Senator. The public was lead to believe it was a UFO. Far easier to explain than a missile from the USSR hitting within the USA."

"Goldwater asked if I was aware of whom the Germans were? I replied, 'Yes, one was Siegfried Knemeyer, the former head of the German RLM, the Third Reich's Air Ministry for aircraft development for the Luftwaffe. Another was Dr. Hans Amtmann, an expert in vertical take off aircraft. One other I am familiar is Dr. Alexander Lippisch who was more so well known and a pioneer in tailless aircraft, the US Delta wing fighter, the F-102 A Delta Dagger. I'm almost certain these men also did a reverse engineering on the object that crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.' I could see that what I was telling the Senator may have had his mind in a spin. He said, 'Mac, what are you doing here? We need people like you in DC."

FILER'S FILES # 33, August 16, 2006,

Clark C. McClelland, former NASA ScO, Space Shuttle Fleet, KSC, writes, "On July 16, 1969, the day of the launch of Apollo 11 for the first landing of men on the moon, I met Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona who had been the Republican Presidential candidate in 1964."

Goldwater said, "Mac, you work in one of the most secretive and important areas of our national security on the cutting edge of space science and are no doubt aware of much that has and is happening during our missions into space." I confirmed his

statement saying I was also part of an Office of Naval Intelligence unit at Patrick Air Force Base. Goldwater then softly asked me if I was aware of Senator Russell's UFO sighting in the Soviet Union. Senator Russell told Goldwater that around sundown on 4 October 1955, he saw two separate saucer shaped crafts while traveling on a train through the Soviet Union. He made a small sketch of the object that sparkled flashing under its base. It had two lights on its top portion that remained stationary, while the outer section of each disc revolved or spun. He said it had a slight yellowish color and may have been 25 to 35 feet in diameter. He told me that it was classified Top Secret by the FBI and military and did not want the sketch to end up in the wrong hands.

Goldwater told me that Russell then detailed how he watched from his train window as one saucer shaped craft was seen to rise slowly from the ground about two miles away and flew over his train at a slow rate of speed at about 5,500 feet in altitude. Goldwater emphasized, Dick was so excited about his UFO sighting he tried summon his aid U. S. Army Colonel, E. U. Hathaway and his Russian language interpreter, Ruben Efron. They both got a brief view of the initial craft. All three witnessed the second disc in detail. Russell said the CIA and FBI, and perhaps the NSA were apparently briefed in DC concerning this very important event and had a US Air Force officer interview Russell, Ruben, and Colonel Hathaway in Europe. Later I discovered it was Lt. Colonel, Thomas Ryan who prepared a detailed report on the sighting that was made public by Dr. Bruce Maccabee; Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research through the Freedom of Information Act. It was not declassified for public viewing until 1985! Thirty years after the incident. Goldwater said, "Mac, it makes one wonder why objects that do not exist, according to the USAF, require such Top Secrecy by the US Government? I agreed.

Senator, when I first arrived at Cape Canaveral in 1958, the initial mystery event I became aware of was what RCA Engineers called Lonesome George! These personnel had accidentally discovered an orbiting alien space probe out at the distance of the moon that was not US or the USSR. Its purpose was unknown, but it apparently was not showing any harmful intent towards the earth. Goldwater did show amazement at my disclosure and admitted having no knowledge of the object. I then related I was also aware of several Mercury, Gemini and other UFO sightings by astronaut crews. He asked, "What did they observe?" I continued, "During our Mercury Program, I heard the voice of Astronaut Gordon Cooper during his Mercury 9 mission report a "green colored object" that appeared to be passing his capsule in the opposite orbital direction over the Pacific Ocean in 1963.

Senator, now to elaborate on the Mercury 9 mission. I was at the Mercury Mission Control facility here at Cape Canaveral on the day of the return to earth by Cooper. Having security clearance, I entered the mission control area and heard communications between Mercury 9 and the Capsule Communication officer and also Astronaut Wally Schirra who was tracking Cooper and the Faith 7 final orbit across the Pacific Ocean. The PA system at mission control broadcast Cooper's report that he was observing a "green colored object." Cooper on his third orbit had released a

highly luminous 6 inch diameter Xenon Strobe Light sphere to test his tracking capabilities of the object while in orbit. He finally was able to see it on his fourth orbit. Senator, I wonder if the object he saw was connected to that Xenon Strobe Light. But, it was not green and not in the proper orbital path..." "Senator, I believe he actually did see a UFO. Cooper has disclosed to me that he had chased UFOs during his USAF duties in 1951 while in Germany. He said they out maneuvered his flight of F-86 Sabre jets and were flying at a greater speed than our airplanes. Goldwater said: "Yes, Mac, I'm aware of that fact." Gordon Cooper became involved with the United Nation's efforts to have the subject of UFOs brought before the UN and to have it finally disclosed that unknown crafts are being encountered all over the earth.

Thanks to Clark C. McClelland

Area 51 Designated With a New Name

Philip Ewing Staff Writer, Air Force Times

The Air Force's classified test range at Groom Lake, Nev., has never lacked for evocative nicknames — it and its restricted airspace have been called Dreamland, Paradise Ranch, The Box and, most famously, Area 51. Now there's a less romantic moniker to throw on the pile: "Homey Airport," according to a few civilian aviation journals.

"Homey Airport" now appears as the official name for a certain air base near a certain dry lake bed in Nevada, according to reports in the Web site of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, as well as the Daily Aviator blog and others. New editions of flight planning software and civilian aviators' GPS gear lists the name and the official designation "KXTA" — which online wags have speculated stands for "extraterrestrial airport." (The "k" designation indicates only that the field is in the U.S., according to the Federal Aviation Administration.)

Capt. Jessica Martin, a spokeswoman for Nellis Air Force Base, which sits 85 miles south of Homey Airport and is responsible for the airspace and any ground facilities, said that "we already know about the designation, but it doesn't have any effect on operations at the base."

Martin said she didn't know the origin of the name "Homey Airport."

Featured in movies, TV shows, and video games Area 51 is likely the most famous top-secret facility in the world and a favorite component of UFO and military conspiracy theories.

The Department of Defense didn't even acknowledge the base existed until 1994, when former base employees sued the government and claimed they'd been poisoned by hazardous materials used at the base for research into stealth technology.

Although the base and its work have long been highly classified, many of the aircraft tested there through the years are publicly familiar: the U2 and SR-71 Blackbird spy planes and the F-117

Nighthawk stealth fighter all flew first off the long runways and dry lakebeds at Groom Lake.

Some enthusiasts believe that work continues there today on advanced aircraft — including unmanned aerial vehicles, high-speed reconnaissance craft and even high-altitude blimps — though alien conspiracy buffs also speculate that Area 51's high profile has forced officials to move much of the top-secret stuff to the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

Staff writer Michael Hoffman contributed to this story.

http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/01/airforce_area51_newname_080122w/

June 1, 1951 UFO Sighting – Dayton, Ohio

Edited by: William E. Jones; Witness: R. C. Hemmer, 644 Bowen Street, Dayton, Ohio

The witness to this event was a civilian Contracting Officer for the U.S. Air Force. At the time he was Chief of the Special Projects Unit, Development Branch, Procurement Division, AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. On the date of his experience to the Civilian Saucer Investigations of New York City he requested in his letter dated April 6, 1952 that his name be kept in confidence. Since his letter was written over 56 years ago, we feel that his need for job security is over. So we are publishing his letter to commemorate his courage in writing the letter and to document the experience.

"I read with interest your investigations of "saucers" in this week's Life magazine. I saw such an object myself. Following are details:

Time: 10:00 pm - 1 June 1951

Place: Indian Ripple Road - 2 to 3 miles southeast of Dayton, Ohio

Description: While driving west I suddenly became aware of a large blue-white light moving parallel to me. It was parallel and to the left at 30 to 45 degrees of elevation. I can best describe it as being similar to the flame trail from a rocket power plant. It was a clearly defined outline similar to a stubby cigar. It was much brighter at the leading end and gradually dimmer toward the trailing end/ After 10 to 15 seconds it made approximately a right angel turn, became circular and even colored, and rapidly disappeared/ I detected no trace of yellow, orange, red or purple in the color. The speed was faster than an airplane - slower than a meteor.

"I had not been drinking; I do not drink. Also, my girl friend was with me and saw it also."

Ed J. Sullivan, President, Civilian Saucer Investigations, replied to Mr. Hemmer's letter:

"Thank you for the excellent report of the flaming object which you observed near Dayton, Ohio.

"We are amassing a sizeable number of reports of such objects, as well as other unexplained aerial phenomena. When we issue the first bulletin on our findings, you may be sure that we will forward one to you.

"If you or your friends observe other such objects we would appreciate your report

UFO Sighting, Hamilton, Ohio, October 25, 2003. 8 PM. By Kenny Young

**UFO Sighting, Hamilton, Ohio, October 15, 2003,
8:45 PM
Kenny Young**

Stuart Linder (name used with permission) telephoned the Cincinnati UFO Hotline (513-588-4548) to report sighting an unusual object. Within minutes, he was contacted at the phone number he provided and explained that around 8:45 p.m., he was at his Hamilton, Ohio residence and walking past a window (facing north) when he spotted an unusual object.

The object, Linder said, was in the sky situated directly over the Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Ohio (Butler County) and was described as a multi-colored "upside down diamond" rotating in place very slow. Linder estimated the object was around 45 degrees above the horizon at a possible elevation of 25,000 feet, about the height of normal airplanes, he said, situated from his perspective 'directly over the High School.'

The witness said that there were a few lights on the object, but for the most part, it was "luminous." The witness described a multi-colored, "self emanating glow" which the object seemed to radiate, making the shape of the object visible against a dark sky.

Linder said the diamond-shaped object had changed color from red, green, blue, to white, and the lights were rotating, not flashing.

He estimated the object was 1/4 mile long but said that, at arms length, the object was as big as his pinky fingernail.

The object was visible for an estimated 10-minutes. Linder said he was about to grab a camcorder and the object "took off" at an incredible speed to his left, or west toward the Oxford area.

"This thing just sped away as if going into warp speed, Linder said, "I couldn't believe it."

He described its acceleration as 'extreme.'

Linder also said that two military jets had traveled overhead about 20-minutes after the sighting, probably flying from south to north. They were apparently flying high and out of sight, but Linder estimated they were military aircraft due to turbine sound of engines.

Sky conditions were clear at the time with temperatures in the 50s.

COMMENT

On September 24, 2003, a Franklin, Ohio resident contacted Wright Patterson Air Force Base to report sighting a pattern of green flashing lights around 10:30 p.m. near her home at the Heartland Subdivision. Franklin is around 17-miles northeast of Hamilton.

Texas Lady Reports Childhood UFO Sighting
Anonymous – Name Known; San Antonio, TX
Investigator: Doug Williams

When I read about the UFO event in Stephenville, TX, I thought it was the right time in my life to report my own UFO encounter I've kept quiet about for almost 35 years. I recall my age as about 12 or 13, so it must have been about 1972 or 1973. It was a pleasant and clear-sky spring or summer day, I believe, and mid- to late afternoon. My memory is a bit hazy on this. I was sitting on the ground in the middle of a large green space made up of at least three or four contiguous baseball fields. At the time, these fields were located between Brentwood Shopping Center on Winton Road, and the intersection of Winton and Galbraith Roads, in Finneytown, Ohio—a northern suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The field was next door to my home. So, there I was, in this field, reading a book. Reading was and is my passion, and I often visited this area to do this. At the time, I was on the only person present in this vast expanse of grass. While engaged in reading, for some reason I felt compelled to suddenly look in the sky. I think it must have been the flashing lights I saw when I did so. Seems that in this clear sky I saw a bright blue or red light with a ghostly gray object somehow behind it; no defined shape to it as it must have been too high in the sky. But it was blinking or flashing rapidly. Then another light joined it in the sky. And they were moving about above and in front of me; as if their lights were for me to see. At one point, both lights were to the left; then suddenly, they "jumped" to the right side of the sky as if they were instantly transported to that point in space, or had travelled at speed of light and then somehow put on super-brakes once they reached their destination in the sky. I did not have to move my head to watch them move back and forth; and somehow this fact made me think that they were very close to me. They'd also appear close together in front of me in the sky. They made no sound. I remember that detail very well.

My first thought upon seeing all this was curiosity; then I was just caught up with the strangeness of the sight for a few minutes without a sense of fear. But as my mind began to grasp the reality

of the situation, I became fearful without hysterics. I couldn't believe what I was seeing, and knew that I had to get someone else to confirm that this strange event was really happening—and to get somewhere safe. I believed I was seeing UFOs, and there was a pattern of intelligence in the movements. So after at least 10 minutes of watching up to three UFOs, I ran back to my home. It took less than 5 minutes to get to my front door. Upon entering my home I quickly and earnestly shared what had happened with my mother. I led my mom to the back bedroom on the second floor, which had a window facing the baseball fields and another window a few feet away on the adjacent wall. Together the windows gave us a good view of the outside. Right away, from that vantage point, mother and I both saw one cigar-shaped, matte-gray (not shiny) flying object come into view directly in our line of sight on our same plane. It was very close to us and not blurry to our eyes at all. None of the others was seen. I do recall it had a few rapidly blinking lights (I think they were blue) arranged in a straight, vertical line. It was difficult to determine its size; but if I had to guess I'd say about 20 feet long. It was also difficult to tell how far away it was from us; perhaps at least 50 to 70 feet. It was very close to the second-floor bedroom window; and stayed still for at least 10 seconds in plain sight; just hovering, as if it knew "I" was in there. (At least that's how I felt!) Then it slowly moved away then shot off as if into nothingness. We continued to watch the sky but did not see any more flying objects after this one took off.

My mother did not get hysterical during this entire episode, but she was excited. When I talked to her last week about it, she did say she remembered seeing a UFO but did not recall the details like I did. She did say she thought it was cigar shaped, though. (Back then she would have been about 40 years old and is now in her 70s and in good health.) After this amazing encounter, I took out every UFO book I could find from the bookmobile. As I grew up, I discovered a new attraction towards sci-fi novels and any type of space exploration TV shows. Today, I am an ardent fan of the Sci-Fi channel, and very open to the idea that we've probably been contacted by otherworldly civilizations—but our government is mum about such activities. That's my take on the matter. I'm also a Catholic, but do not know how to integrate this experience into my faith life. Mom and I share a high level of ESP ability, and later I found out I qualified for MENSA. I do wonder if those were factors in us being "chosen" to see them—or was it all chance? Thank you for the opportunity to share my story. It's not as thrilling or mind-boggling as many of your reports for Ohio, but in some small way I hope it encourages others to come forward to tell others about their experiences. I still do fear ridicule for telling the truth.

Editor's Note: What impresses me about this report are the reactions of the witness and the sightings effect on her and her subsequent life. The question she asks as to whether or not she was chosen to see this UFO is, I think, very important.

Secret World War II Weapon?

Kenny Young

Editors Note: The subject of this article has nothing to do with UFOs as far as I know, but because it is so interesting and because it was found among the papers of the late Kenny Young I am including it here. If anyone knows what this is all about, please let me know. If for no other reason than to help establish that the government can keep secrets, here is the story.

This article appeared in the June 16, 1947 issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer under a three part head line that read: **"War Device Bared: Awful As A-Bomb, Cincinnati Says; Weapon is Secret; Based on British Idea From Tarawa Battle – Not Biological."**

"A devastating new instrument of war placed in the Anglo-American arsenal by scientists working secretly in New Zealand yesterday was termed 'as awesome in its effects as the atomic bomb' by a Cincinnati bio-physicist who aided in its development.

"James Marion Snodgrass, 39, chief engineer of the motion picture division of the Dayton-Acme Co., consultant engineering firm, declined, otherwise, to lift the cloak of mystery surrounding the weapon. Pressed by reporters, Snodgrass said only that it was not connected and had no relation to biological warfare. He would not say whether it was intended to be directed against humans, aircraft, or ships.

Dated From Tarawa

"Development of the weapon started after the invasion of Tarawa Island in the Pacific by American forces, Snodgrass [line of words indistinct] heavy loss of life.

"Asked whether the weapon had any bearing on the casualties or a military problem encountered on the island, Snodgrass replied tersely, 'Could be.'

"Snodgrass, who lives at 150 Somerset Dr., College Hill, was a civilian attached to the Defense Research Council when he was assigned to a group of British and New Zealand scientists engaged in the development project. The weapon was conceived by the British, Snodgrass said, and research was pressed despite lack of enthusiasm shown by U.S. Navy officers who received reports during development.

Clue In Honors' List

"Existence of the weapon first was disclosed when Prof. T. D. Leach of New Zealand was mentioned in the birthday honors list of King George VI in London. A news dispatch reported Prof. Leach as calling the weapon as an effective alternate to the atomic bomb.

Asked whether the weapon could replace the atomic bomb, Snodgrass said only: 'First reports are substantially true, but perhaps exaggerated a little.'

"The research was conducted in New Zealand because of fears of espionage, Snodgrass said, although it had been planned to transfer the work to Florida. Snodgrass, who is married and has two children, was formerly an instructor of psychology at Oberlin College." Before the war, Snodgrass said, he performed considerable research on the effect of electrical currents on the human body.

40 Years Ago - 1968

Rick Hilberg

On February 18th at two in the morning, a group of teenagers noticed a flash of light near a pond on Vashon Island in Washington. Going to investigate, they found an object "about the size of a car," although its form was indescribable.

The object shot off a beam of light about the size of an auto headlight. The frightened boys ran to get a King County deputy, and quickly brought him to the scene of the encounter. The object had vanished by that time, but water in the pit, about fifty feet from edge to edge, was covered with two inches of ice. Yet other smaller bodies of water nearby had no ice on them whatsoever.

Deputy Holke, whom the boys summoned, said, "The ice was clear, and the funny thing was it had no water on top of it although it was raining all day."

Vashon Island was formerly known as Maury Island, scene of the disputed Dahl and Crissman close encounter of June 21, 1947 in which it was claimed fragments of a malfunctioning UFO were recovered.

Seven persons saw a UFO hovering over New Castle, Pennsylvania at about 8:20 p.m. on March 1st. The object was in the vicinity of U.S. 422 and Pa. 551.

Frank Park and Frank Piscuneri, as well as Park's wife claim they saw the whitish-pink object flying over a farm for about ten minutes. It was described as being pancake-shaped. They said that there was no sound and that it was nothing like any conventional object. Four other persons in the area also claim to have seen the same object at the same time.

On March 2nd Police Chief Alvis Maddox of Childress, Texas chased a UFO for about fifteen miles shortly after 9 p.m. "I saw this light approaching me from the northwest and it was going southwest. It looked like it was between 500 and 1000 feet in the air and it was about half a mile ahead of me." Maddox was then about three miles out of Wellington. "When the light got to the highway it turned south and went down 83...I drove up to a speed of about 105 miles per hour and the light went left of me," Maddox

said. The object disappeared in the southeast just before Maddox came to the Red River bridge.

A Monroe County, Ohio boy claimed he was burned on the arm by a UFO March 19th along Route 145 near the community of Wilson. Gregory Wells, 13, had gone to the nearby home of his grandparents to get a bucket of water and was returning to his family's trailer residence when the UFO appeared and hovered over a tree some 25 to 30 feet off the ground. Suddenly, a beam shot from the lower part of the object knocking him to the ground. The boy's mother used the water her son was carrying to put out the fire that started in surrounding grass as the burning jacket that Gregory was wearing was removed. A hole was also burned in a heavy sweat shirt that the boy was wearing.

There was no trace of abnormal radioactivity found at the scene by local law enforcement personnel, and Gregory reported seeing the same or similar object hovering over the scene of his encounter on the evening of the 17th.

On April 9th Lee Rowland and his wife Emma saw a UFO over their home in Washington Courthouse, Ohio. They were standing in front of their house at about 8:30 p.m. when a large ball of fire appeared near the ground about 1 1/2 miles north in an open field.

Rowland said that as he watched, the object rose into the sky at a 45 degree angle and was last seen headed north. "While watching it leave," he said, "another object appeared to be coming in the direction of my home."

The second object was traveling north to south just above the trees. Rowland said it was about 500 feet in diameter, flat with a bright blue light around it and with a white dome on top.

Sightings and Experiences of JoJo

Editorial Note: Following are the sightings and experiences of a witness who wishes to be anonymous. He is referred to as JoJo. JoJo spent a lot of time documenting his experiences as well as doing the drawings for this report. We thank Donnie Blessing for sending this to us. Here is JoJo's story

The following is a detailed description of my sightings and experiences. I will start from the most recent and work backwards to the first memory that I can recall. With an artistic background, I feel I have a very good recall of memories and details of the events. From an early age I've always been interested in UFOs and other left-of-center subjects. But not until my sighting on January 27th (a Wednesday morning) 1998 had I really considered the reality of UFOs and beings from another world. I doubted anybody who had claimed to have had such sightings and considered them mentally deficient in some way. I am a true believer now, and I seek out others like me who have seen what I have, and want to know more. That cliché "Seeing is believing" is truer than most people will ever know. The following is a conscious attempt to recall all that I have seen and experienced.

Furthermore, my sightings are increasing in frequency and intensity.

7 March 2007

Last Thursday afternoon around 2:30 p.m. I went out to the garage to get some liquid nails. When I exited the garage a barrage of highflying jets caught my attention. I noticed a group of three coming out of the southeast and three more in formation flying in from the southwest. I also noticed a few more very high up jets that were almost as large as a passenger jet, but they all were flying in intersecting paths. The sky looked very crowded to say the least. I wondered to myself "what in the heck are all those jets doing up there and flying in the same direction". Their contrails were highly visible. I live in a small town of less than fifty thousand people, and there aren't any military bases nearby for hundreds of miles. In fact, we have only one very small local airport, and the bigger airport is an hour away Charleston.

I looked ahead of the planes towards the northeast, and I was very surprised to see a very quickly moving silver cylinder shaped object. It was much lower in altitude than the jets (about half their height). I would not have noticed it if it weren't for the reflection that it threw off. It was glinting in the sunshine and traveling in a straight line fashion, as it remained horizontal. It was blunted on both ends, and the underside was in shadow. I couldn't see a tail, wings, or contrail, but it had a very dark (almost like a black void) band that encircled the middle. I ran into my house to get my digital camera binoculars and rushed back out. I scanned the sky in the direction of where I had last seen the cylinder, but could find nothing but the high altitude jets flying over the area where I had last seen the object.



I took pictures of at least three different types of military jets including very high altitude jet fighters (fifty thousand feet or more), medium/large passenger type jets (around thirty thousand feet), and what appeared to be a white cargo type plane (about ten to fifteen thousand feet). I also saw a white and orange helicopter that flew in from the east, circled the entire town, and then flew out toward the west. The sky was very congested with as many as

twelve aircraft flying high over this small town. I called my best friend Mike (an ex-marine and Gulf War veteran) to come outside. He thought the number of jets flying in pairs, groups of threes, and singly highly unusual for such a small town. An hour later the sky was clear. However, I took quite a few photographs with the digital camera binocs.

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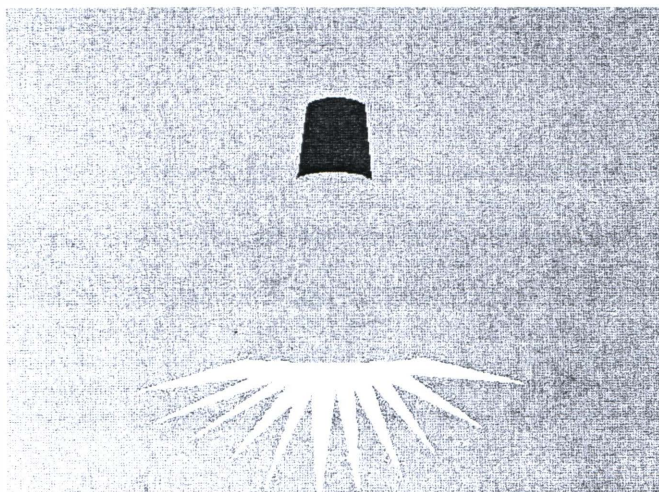
It was about 12:45 a.m. and I had just awoken and couldn't fall back asleep. My girlfriend and I had gone to bed around 10:30 p.m. I wanted to get some much needed rest, but I was wide awake as I lied there on my left side facing the clock. When I closed my eyes images would appear and were being flashed on the inside of my eyelids for a split second at a time. I remember seeing a diamond shaped, shaped craft - along with schematics out to the left of it. I saw strange alien faces, light forms and craft zipping about in flash card format on the backside of my eyelids. I was completely awake.

I felt compelled to go look out the bathroom window and when I did I noticed a bright red (steady brightness) light. It looked like an upside down Dixie cup. There was a bright white strobe light underneath the red light. There was some discernable space in between the two lights but nothing could be seen. I felt that the shape should have been visible, at least a hint as to what it could be, when the brighter white strobe flashed. It hovered motionlessly while I peered out the bathroom window and thought to it. "I see you there". There wasn't a sound other than a gusty breeze and the sky was mostly cloudy. I went back to the bedroom to get my girlfriend. I asked her, "Wanna see something cool?" She said yes. And after locating her glasses she peered out to see the same red, upside down, Dixie cup shaped light. It had drifted away just a little but was still moving much to slow to be a helicopter. She stated that she couldn't hear any kind of sound. It was a somewhat creepy and gave me the feeling as if I were being watched back. I estimated it to have been less than five hundred feet up and maybe three to four hundred yards away. I got the phone and called my neighbor who tried to locate it with his night vision binoculars. He had a difficult time trying to get in into the field of view of his binocs but could easily see it with his unaided eyes. As we all three watched, it drifted further towards the southeast in a very direct and straight path and seemed to rest atop a tree covered ridge just to the side of the I-64 highway. It never gained altitude nor wavered. My neighbor couldn't hear a sound either. Other than our voices and a strong, gusty wind there was nothing but an eerie silence.

My girlfriend stated: "That's what I saw earlier". She said at approximately 8:30 pm she went outside in the front of the house and saw what she thought was a helicopter. She said that it got her attention because of the strobe. As she looked at it and wondered what it could be, it made no sound. She said it backed away and went into a big cloudbank to the southwest above the house. It never came out of the cloudbank. This is when she came in and told me. I did not want to go out and look as I already had seen enough, but I thought she had misidentified the Healthnet

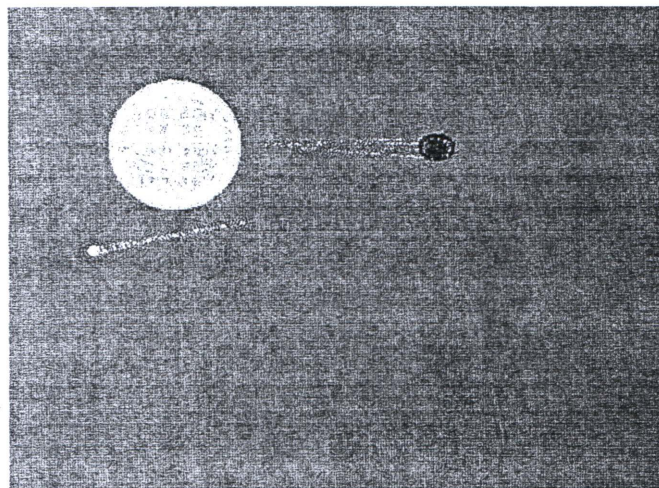
chopper located at Cabell Huntington Hospital. However, as we studied it from our bathroom window she was adamant that it was the same thing she had seen earlier.

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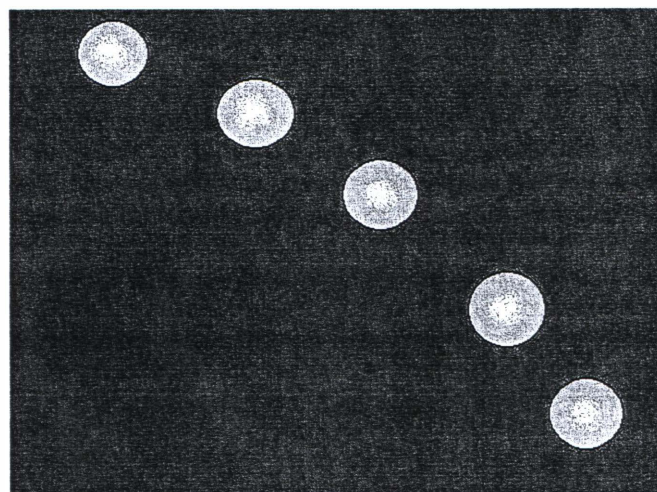


1 March 2007

I worked the night shift. As I left work I noticed my truck was one of the last few vehicles in the parking lot. I was somewhat pleased to see that the sky had cleared up, and all the stars were visible. Just before reaching my truck, I looked up to notice one bright star. I watched it for a few seconds, and got the feeling that it was looking back at me. It appeared as a green-blue orb of twinkling light. Then with out warning I saw a smaller red orb dart out from behind it, or maybe it was ejected from it towards my right. The red orb appeared to disappear a very short distance away from the green orb. A second or two later, I saw a shooting star-like light appear a short distance, at an angle, in front of the green orb, and then disappear underneath or perhaps behind it. I calmly took out the night vision digital camera binoculars, turned it on. I verified it was on, and then located the green orb, which seemed to be vibrating with a white grid superimposed on it. I calmly took six photos and listened for the beep as I took them (to ensure I was indeed taking them). Then I got into my truck and went home.

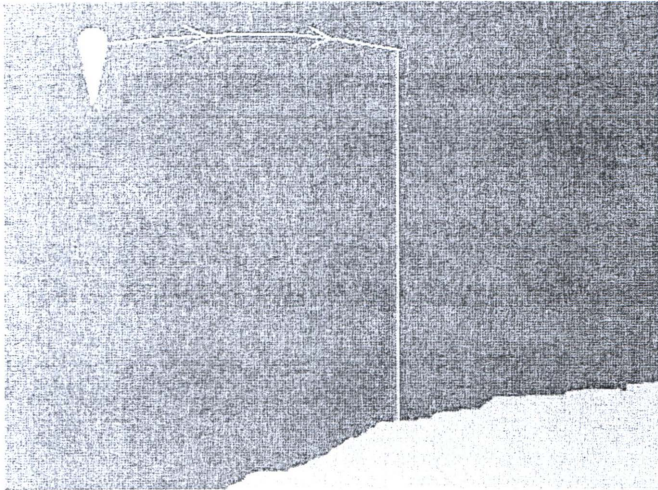


Two coworkers had joined me to sky watch on our thirty minute break. I immediately located an unusually bright star that pulsed. It was a luminous green orb very high up. It seemed to bounce around vibrate against the binocs. I passed the binocs to a female coworker so she could have a better look while a male coworker and I watched. She said it was a like "a green ball just zipping around". Another curious coworker came along and asked what were we watching. I nonchalantly said: "Just a UFO". He was on his cell phone when he started to say: "Oh, you all are just looking at a plane or a star." Then he grew silent as he watched the orb pulse brightly, move away in a sweeping arc, and slowly descend downwards in a deliberate manner. A large ridgeline was in our direct line of view, and we lost sight of it as it dropped out of sight. All were in agreement that it was not a plane or a star. I was very glad to have three others with me, and in particular, the doubter. Even the doubter suddenly changed his mind.



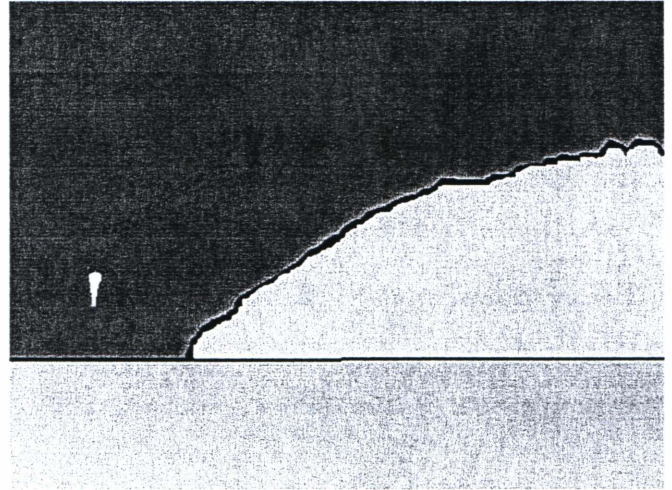
23 February 2007

I had a witness this time. Tonight at work at approximately 8:15pm, I saw the same cone-like object from Altizer, as it hovered over the Proctorville area. As soon as I went outside, I immediately located the luminous object. It was a bit higher in the sky and somewhat closer (approx. 20 degrees) above the horizon. I motioned the security guard to come over. I pointed it out, and told him it was the same object I had seen the previous evening at approximately the same time. We were looking towards the north. We stood together and watched the object as it hovered and slowly moved (almost drifting like a balloon) eastward around the hillside and dipped out of view. It was in view for approximately two to three minutes. We both agreed it wasn't a star or a plane. The sky was very clear with a few very high planes. We both watched it t for approximately two to three minutes before it drifted east and dipped downwards. The guard said it seem to be over Ohio route 775.



22 February 2007

I was leaving my work place for a 30-minute lunch break at approximately 8:32 p.m. EST, when I immediately noticed a top-like or an upside down teardrop-shaped, fiery orange light towards the north. I was in the East Huntington area; Altizer to be exact. I said to myself: "That's a weird and unusually bright star to be so low in the sky". I estimated it to be approximately 10 degrees above the horizon. From my vantage point in the parking lot it seemed to be across the Ohio River (over southern Ohio), and in the Proctorville or Scottown (if it was further north) area. I walked to the furthest end of the parking lot (away from the bright street lights and light washout) to get a better look. It seemed to be at least 3 miles away or maybe 5 miles away over Proctorville. I kept studying it. It was an unusual orange fire color and seemed to undulate. All the time I remained reserved in my opinion as it seemed to grow and shrink or maybe even pulsate. A small plane was coming in from the east and going toward the west possibly towards the Chesapeake airport, which is a very small landing strip in southern Ohio. I could easily see the red blinking FAA light on the left wing as it traveled from east to west (or from my right to left), as I looked north. The airplane flew directly underneath the orange glowing object, and the object shrank to a small point of light. After the plane had passed under the object, it enlarged and brightened again and appeared as an undulating, flaming top. This is when I began to lose my reservations that it was just a low or rising star. I continued to watch it and noted that the sky was clear with visible stars and a crescent half moon. There were some moderately quick moving clouds coming from the west. It was a very breezy also. I watched until the object dimmed down in intensity and blinked out in two or three seconds. It seemed to collapse into itself as it disappeared. I scanned the sky to try to relocate it, but I never saw it again. In comparison, the red blinking FAA seemed like a speck in the sky. I searched for it again during my second break at 10:30 PM, as I was leaving my job after midnight, and again when I arrived at home a short distance away. This is my fourth sighting and I have felt very "keyed up".



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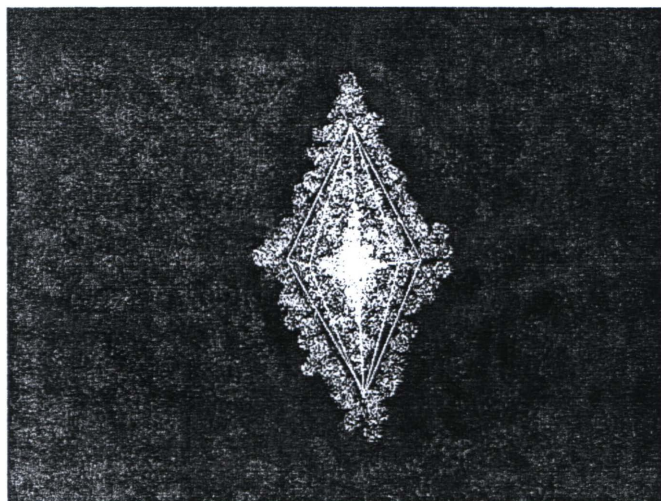
While taking an evening walk with my dog, I noticed a large rounded light approach low in the sky. I first thought that it was the medic helicopter that can be seen on a daily basis but, as it got closer, no discernible noise could be heard. I walked up the street where the trees would not block my view, and I stood still waiting for it to pass directly over me. Compared to the western horizon, and the hills and low mountains in the east, it appeared to be approximately 1500 feet or less, and was no more than a mile away. The degree of angle may have been 30 to 35 degrees. The sky was clear, and the moon was brightly waning. It became larger as it approached (size of a penny held at arm's length). By now it looked more like a slow moving, pinkish star low in the sky and complete with radiating striations. Before it got overhead, it simply blinked out. It never made a sound. Other identifiable craft could be seen flying at much higher, safer altitudes (silhouetted against the sky with red, green and white strobes on them). None of them were like this star-like object. In addition I could see a thick dark contrail where the object had been before it winked out.

7 April 1999

While walking my dog on 14th street and Primrose Avenue at approximately 11:45 p.m., I noticed a brilliantly strobbing diamond shaped craft in the sky. The flaming crystal diamond was spectacular and amazing; it had the brilliance of a welder's arc and a bluish green flame-like corona. It reminded me of the flames on a gas burning stove. I could clearly see it rotating in a counter clockwise manner. It was amazingly beautiful appearing much like crystalline pyramids attached at the bases. A strobbing, white light emanated from within. It was a clear and somewhat breezy night. I recall I could see the stars very clearly, but I didn't notice the moon anywhere. I said to myself: "AHAAH!, I SEEEEE YOU!" I told myself to remember every detail that I could. I stomped my feet into the soft ground (without looking away) so I could relocate my exact position at a later time. I raised my arm up so I could get a rough triangulation of the diamond. I estimated that it was between 30 to 35 degrees above the ground, and perhaps three to five miles away. It seemed like minutes had passed, but I saw it for less than

10 seconds. My heart felt as though it were overflowing with joy, love and excitement. I was elated. As I watched in amazement, I did something I had been thinking about doing if I ever got this opportunity again. I thought to it. I thought as I stared in awe: "Who are you? What are you doing here? Why won't you speak to me?" And just like someone whacking me in the back of my head with a baseball bat I heard a clear and distinct message "NO, NOT NOW". I cannot describe a voice or any other qualities of it other than the message itself. It reminded me of how a parent might talk to a child. Not angry but stern. Then in less than a blink of an eye, it sent a solid column of light directly to the ground and imploded. This was much like when one turns off a television and all the light rushes to the center of the screen.

I extended my walk for almost an hour as I tried to relocate it again, but to no avail.



27 January 1998

It was a Wednesday morning at approximately 6:45 a.m., and I was walking my dog and just dropped off some bills in the mailbox. Being January and winter, the sky was very clear and dawn was making an appearance as a slight blue sliver low on the eastern horizon. I was going back home, and planning to study awhile before my 8 a.m. Spanish class at Marshall University. All of a sudden, rising rapidly and passing behind or through low clouds, I was shocked to see a huge, fluorescent green sphere or ball of light. It was as big as a quarter held at arm length. It seemed to follow the curvature of the earth, and at one point it was almost directly overhead near twelve o'clock position. Houses were in my direct line of sight, so I had to back peddle, dragging my dog into the street where I could have an unobstructed view. It was totally silent, and I glanced around to see if a paper delivery person or anybody might be outside this early. I was alone. I wanted someone else to verify it with me. I watched it as it faded out high over Ohio. I remember trying to process what I was looking at and asking myself: "What is that?" During the event and immediately afterwards, I kept saying to myself: "That can't be what I think it is?! It can't be! They don't exist!" The object was almost lime

green or chartreuse with fuzzy edges and a whitish center. It was faster than anything I had ever seen, and completely silent, as it traveled upwards, and then in an arc-like path from one horizon to the other in less than 10 seconds. I was stunned. I called the local airport and tried to explain to them what I had seen, but they didn't seem interested.

1975

This old memory seemed more like fragments of an old dream until my mother verified it. I recall standing outside in front of Ralph's Foodfair as my mother and I waited for a cab to take us and our groceries home. I was about five years old. I remember pointing up into the clear blue sky over the parking lot and asking my mom: "Mommy what is that?" I was holding her right hand with my left as we looked upwards. Cabell Huntington Hospital was diagonally across the street (to our left) as we faced south. My mom said: "I think it's a satellite or something". She didn't seem too interested, but I continued to watch it slowly tumble end over end. I thought it was neat and wondered what it was. I remember the sun glinting off the top as it slowly rotated or tumbled. I called my mother about two weeks ago (Feb 25) and began to inform her of this old memory when she recalled it as well. However, she recalled it as a saucer. It reminded me of an unpainted aluminum pop can

