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NEWSLETTER

Will First Contact Come in China?

by Whitley Strieber, 09-Sep-2009

Editorial Comment: This article is being used here from Mr. Strieber's web site with his express permission. I know that Mr. Strieber is a controversial person within ufology but I have always found his writings to be interesting and thought provoking. I found this article to be especially so which is why I wanted to use it in our newsletter. Check out his web site. I think you will find it to be interesting in that his earlier articles are maintained there as well.

The web site address is:

<http://www.unknowncountry.com/journal>.

Americans have always assumed that first open contact will unfold in the United States. In fact, this has never been a very likely scenario, not from the time that the US military began shooting at UFOs back in the forties. Also, the US population is heavily armed and full of people whose ideologies and beliefs make them unpredictable.

The visitors can avoid attack reasonably effectively when they are prepared, but in a situation where they are attempting open face-to-face contact, they are vulnerable. Therefore, the first place that this contact might take place has to be chosen carefully.

Certainly, with the US military's long tradition of violence toward them, this country is an unlikely choice. It is possible that, in the late eighties, they experimented with carrying out first contact in Belgium, but the aggressive appearance of armed NATO fighters whenever they showed themselves seems to have caused them to back off.

Over the past few years, there has been an increasing amount of UFO activity in China, and now a Chinese

observatory has reported that it observed an unknown object in the sky for 40 minutes during last July's eclipse.

This marks the longest observation ever by professional astronomers--at least, the longest one that has ever been publicly admitted. Because of the extent of resistance in the scientific culture of the west, it is unlikely that any western telescope would dare to admit such an observation.

Recently, the amount of UFO activity in China has been very high, and so far the Chinese government has not reacted in a hostile manner, nor has the local scientific culture rejected the phenomenon with the same energy that western science has rejected it.

This makes a fruitful ground for possible first contact. What is needed are three things: 1. A government that is neutral or open to the possibility; 2. A population that is unwilling and/or unable to react violently; 3. A scientific establishment that is not too arrogant to take advantage of the knowledge on offer.

Unfortunately, none of these three conditions are present in the US, and the western countries where they are present, such as France, which fulfills the first two criteria but not the third, are physically too close to American airbases to guarantee safety.

Other countries, like Mexico, where all three criteria are fulfilled, do not have a robust enough scientific infrastructure to take advantage of what will be an extraordinary leap ahead in scientific knowledge.

The Chinese do possess such an infrastructure in the form of excellent laboratories and a highly organized and well educated scientific establishment. Therefore, they will

hopefully be able to make some of the crucial and very challenging connections that are going to be necessary to achieve even a basic understanding of the true potential that is on offer from the visitors.

Of course, if it does appear that contact may start to unfold in China, the US will certainly try to convince the Chinese government to respond militarily, and the western media will be enlisted to try to make the Chinese look like fools. In Chinese culture, loss of face is a sensitive matter, and this approach to derailing contact may be effective.

If it is not, however, and contact does unfold, China will experience a tremendous leap ahead technologically, that will make it a nation without parallel in the world, far more important to the human future than any country has ever been before.

Our visitors are well aware of the situation we are in, that we have used up our planet's resources and will experience a dramatic dieback of our species if we do not receive outside help and encouragement. They are also aware that environmental and social decline go hand in hand, and know that there will come a time in the not too distant future that no human society will be organized enough to sustain the shock of contact.

So it is possible that they will overcome their various objections and take the risk now. But it will most likely be with China, not the United States, if it happens.

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Small UFO Flap in Ashland, Ohio?

by Terry Hamilton, MUFON State Section Director

Terry is a Captain on the Ashland County Sheriff's Office and made this report:

At 9:15 pm on Friday August 7th, 2009 a subject and his wife were heading north bound on Davis Rd. just north of East Main St. in the city of Ashland when the wife had noticed a large orange fluttering light a short distance in front of them. She alerted her husband and told him that it appeared that there was a hot air balloon just ahead of them. The husband looked at it and agreed that it was a hot air balloon, but after observing the light for a few seconds both decided that it was not a balloon so they got out of their car and looked at the object for almost two minutes.

After watching the object they reported that it appeared to be a large flame such as what you would see with a hot air

balloon, as it would increase greatly in size then diminish to a very small steady light. It appeared to be moving slowly to the south east over the Ashland County Sheriff's Office. It was traveling faster than a hot air balloon but slower than an airplane, with no sound, no vapor trails, nothing. It then went straight up within about 2 to 3 seconds into the clouds. They called the Sheriff's Office immediately.

At 10:00 pm on the same night another subject who lives 1/2 mile away to the west from the original observer advised that he had seen a number of lights while he, his wife and a friend were in his driveway talking. He reported that everyone saw the same thing and that he saw three groups of three lights in each group in formation. The lights were first thought to be flames from hot air balloons but he could see that two of them appeared to have a cigar shaped object on the topside. He reported that they stayed in formation and headed southeast over his house heading towards the Sheriff's Office at which time all of the lights except one went straight up and disappeared, but one stayed on a southeast pattern then disappeared up into the air. He said that it was an orange light that grew large then dim and small. All three observers were talked to and found out the same results. The subject had called the Sheriff's Office directly fearing for the safety of the employees at that location.

At 10:45 pm two Corrections Officers for the Ashland County Sheriff's Office were walking a prisoner from their jail to the Municipal Court some 50 feet away when their prisoner noticed two lights in the sky just above them. The officers and the prisoner stood there watching the lights until they disappeared by going up into the sky. One of the Officers who is a Marine and has done a tour of Iraq and who is on his way back there shortly reported that he has seen a lot of military items that are odd, but he has never seen something that would fly like this. He said that they had a large orange light that would not get brighter, but was getting very large and then would go very small. He reported that it was flying a little slower than an airplane but faster than a hot air balloon or a kite would fly. He said that there was no sound and he could tell that there was some type of a body to the objects but could not make out what shape it was. It traveled northeast over the Sheriff's Office and then again went straight up at a very fast speed until it went out of sight.

At 11:15 pm I went to the area and was out until 1:00am and of course saw nothing.

Triangular Shaped Craft Seen Over Lucasville, Scioto County, Ohio

Investigated by Connie McNichols

Although this event happened over 12 years ago I find it a very interesting and credible close encounter. The witness

stated in our phone interview (she now lives in Naples, Florida) that on the evening of April the 8th 1997 at approximately 8:30 PM while driving with her then 13 year old son to meet friends at a local pizza shop they noticed five orange/red lights in the sky in a vertical position one above the other. The lights were flashing randomly and the distance of these lights from her is unknown. The lights were about 45 degrees above horizon and could be plainly seen.

They continued and upon arriving at their destination her son got out of the car and ran inside to see their friends who were waiting. Something caught her eye as she got out of the car as she looked up she saw at tree top level a huge triangular shaped object perhaps the size of a football field no further than 400' away moving very slowly to the east toward her. It passed over her and she could see 10- 15 orange/red lights on the bottom of the craft in what she described as "a huge circuit board design." The exterior of this craft was lead gray in color. It made no sound or vibration and had no exhaust. She continued to watch it move ENE in a straight line path until it disappeared in the distance, still very low (tree top level) to the ground. One of her friends came to get her because she hadn't come inside, but by then it was out of sight.

The total duration of this event was approximately four minutes. The witness is very sure of what she observed. She is now an LPN and is very articulate. I believe she is a credible witness. She has been ridiculed when she has tried to tell anyone about her experience in the past, so she hadn't thought about reporting it until she saw the 'UFOs Over Earth' program. She decided she could report it to MUFON and "they wouldn't think I'm crazy"

Reference: MUFON CMS Case #9426.

NASA Launches Rocket, Dozens Report Strange Lights

by the Associated Press, September 20, 2009

NASA says it successfully launched a rocket in Virginia as part of an experiment, and the blast may have caused dozens of people to report seeing strange lights in the sky.

The space agency said it launched the Black Brant XII on Saturday evening to gather data on the highest clouds in the Earth's atmosphere. About the time of the launch, dozens of people in the Northeast started calling local television stations to report seeing strange lights.

The calls came from as far away as Boston, which is about 380 miles northeast of the launch site.

The rocket is designed to create an artificial cloud. NASA hopes the experiment will provide information on the formation and properties of noctilucent clouds, which occur at high altitudes.

Thanks to MUFON's Ron Bracale

UFO Sighted Over Lake Erie, September 7, 2009

Investigated by Connie McNichols

Witness (27) stated that he, his girlfriend (25) and his cousin (18) were outside watching a storm as it was coming in. After a close lighting strike his girlfriend noticed an object to the north across the street over Sandusky Bay (Lake Erie) and she brought their attention to it. He described it as being football shaped (the apparent size of an aspirin at arm's length, maybe 30' in length its apparent actual size). It was 35-40 degrees above horizon and over 1,500' away. No noise could be heard from the object. It was moving slowly east to west. It seemed to be colored various shades of grey like the color of the sky darker but in the center. The outer edges seemed wavy and distorted. After observing the object for about one minute it began to change shape into a horse shoe shape with the opening at the top. It stayed that way for about 5 seconds and then returned back to the football shape again as it continued moving east to west. It climbed in altitude as it went for another four minutes until it went behind cloud cover and disappeared. The duration of the sighting was over five minutes.

The temperature at the time was 69.8 F, the wind was from the southeast at 9.2 mph, and it was raining with two mile visibility.

The witness seemed convinced that what he saw was not a conventional aircraft or a storm related phenomena such as ball lighting, because of the length of time it was observed. I agreed with that assessment. He seemed credible and sincere, only wanting to know what it could have been.

John Carpenter Presents a Tribute to Leonard Stringfield – A new 90-minute DVD

The name, Leonard Stringfield, is not well known to present-day UFO researchers, in part due to the fact that he died 15 years ago. He did not seek any spotlight and had very limited public appearances or televised interviews. His pioneering research for 40 years has rarely been matched today as it was unique. It was his respected and trustworthy character that drew many cautious and uneasy military informants to actually share the "forbidden" sights and information that they had encountered.

It is well-established that the military forces have been consistent in keeping their servicemen silent with heavy-handed warnings about sharing any UFO information. Yet these men and women encountered amazing and unforgettable events that were difficult to *not* talk about with *some* other human being! Leonard Stringfield, having been an Air Force pilot and UFO investigator for the Air Force Defense Command, became that trusted person with whom they could share, confidentially and often anonymously, in order to pass on fascinating information.

Six hundred independent informants came forth, slowly, over many years – once they knew that Len could be trusted, and that they would not suffer severe penalties. As each witness shared his “forbidden piece” of the UFO mystery, little did they know that such data was fitting together to verify and validate the reports of many others. And Len Stringfield found great satisfaction in that this incredible information *was* adding up to create a clearer picture of how our government has operated in collecting hard evidence of other-worldly visitors.

These informants told of mid-air confrontations that lost planes and pilots, crashed saucers on the ground, well-organized retrieval operations, a special team called the 2-0Blue Berets, vast underground secret facilities, alien autopsies, deep-freeze storage units, and research conducted on captured crafts and live extraterrestrial beings! Although this all sounds fantastic and surreal, it is actually the nuts and bolts “stuff” that PROVES UFO’s are very real, and their occupants are *not* fantasies either!

This one-hour interview conducted by UFO Abductions researcher, John Carpenter, allows the listener to gain a rarely experienced perspective from the wealth of information that Leonard Stringfield shares – the “smoking guns” of the UFO reality. Carpenter then reviews (with illustrations) the highlights from 45 of Len’s more interesting witnesses in an additional 30-minute segment.

Contact John Carpenter to obtain this valuable new DVD: Carpenter2655@aol.com

The DVD is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. Send check, money order or cash to: John Carpenter, PO Box 14517, Springfield, MO 65814

If you want a nice typed transcript of the interview, just add \$2.00 more.

Dancing Red Lights, Logan, Ohio October/November, 1995

by Paul Burrell, Delbert Anderson,
William E. Jones and Dr. Irena Scott.

Comment: MUFON of Ohio member *Dr. Scott suggested that we re-publish this report for our new members.*

On the nights of October 24 and November 4, 1995, multiple small, flashing red lights were witnessed “dancing” for nearly five hours above a corn field five and a half miles south of the rural southeastern Ohio town of Logan by up to nine people, including three deputy sheriffs. The two main witnesses were interviewed on November 5. They live across Route 93 from the corn field. One is a male, the other female. Both wish to remain anonymous; therefore I will call the male witness “Mark” and the female witness “Cindy.”

We became aware of this case when I saw a report October 25 on WBNS-TV, Channel 10 in Columbus. Marcy Fleisher was the reporter. Her report stated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), WPAFB, and the Ohio National Guard were contacted and all said there were no aircraft in the area at that time. The radio log of the sheriff was shown on TV and it noted Mark’s report and other radio traffic regarding the UFOs. Sheriff’s personnel had no comment other than to say that they had received several calls about UFOs the night before. We contacted Ms. Fleisher and she put me in touch with the two main witnesses.

Mark’s Account - Mark was interviewed on October 26 when he contacted us after receiving our telephone number from Ms. Fleisher. He began by describing how he had gone out to walk his dog at 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, October 24. It was a cloudless night, and he noticed 10 to 20 red lights about the size of stars in the corn field across the two-lane highway (Route 93) from their house. The lights were viewed from 15 degrees up to 30 degrees off the horizon. They were hovering and moving erratically, brightening and dimming, sometimes with a short “white funnel, or a fan, below.” He said they made no noise and moved “left to right, or horizontal, they would raise, they would lower.” Sometimes they would execute maneuvers of “a type...no plane could possibly do.” When asked how far away the lights were, he replied it was difficult to tell because they were widespread, but he guessed that some were as close as 100 to 200 yards on a horizontal plane and that they flew no more than one-quarter to one-half mile up. None of the lights touched the ground. He said, “They were certainly close enough that if they had been something that we could understand, I’d have been able to hear them.” Shortly after noticing the lights, he alerted his girlfriend, Cindy, and her teenage daughter to what was going on outside.

Everyone observed the lights blinking on and off, and Mark said, “There were times we would be watching one and have another appear next to it.” An apparent attempt at interaction by one of the lights occurred when it left the group and briefly followed a southbound car along the road. The speed limit on this road is 55 m.p.h. Mark recalled: “There was a car coming in the distance from the direction of town and I’d been watching one over the corn field, and it actually went to the left and hovered above this car and then followed it down the road above it. It stopped short of

the house by 100 or 150 yards and hovered and let the car pass." It was at this point, around 8:20 P.M., that Mark decided to call the sheriff. He said they treated the call seriously and a cruiser with two deputies arrived about 20 minutes later. These deputies could not be identified so they were not interviewed.

No firm conclusions about this case were reached. Military aircraft flares were considered, but the description of the event didn't conform closely enough to what flares would be expected to look like.

An Alien Perspective of Us

Submitted by Richard Seifried
MUFON State Director of Ohio Emeritus

Out in space two alien life forms are talking.

The first alien says, "The dominant life forms on the earth planet have developed satellite-based weapons."

The second alien, who looks exactly like the first, asks, "Are they an emerging intelligence?"

The first alien replies, "I don't think so. They have them aimed at themselves."

Then There Was a Clunk

by Rev. Joseph A. Stets, Co-Founder of
MidOhio Research Associates, Inc. (MORA)

The time frame of our story is the fall of 1981, in either September or October. The place, a storage barn outside of Janesville, Wisconsin, located in the south central part of the State. Our observer, Jim Oak* was delivering a load of 800 bags of insulation to a client in behalf of his employer, U.S. Fiber, of Delphi, Ohio.

Jim arrived at the location between 8:00 and 9:00 am. There, he met three other men who helped him unload the semi-truck of its cargo. The unloading process took the four men "about three hours". When the unloading was complete Jim climbed into the cab of the semi to complete his log book. As he entered the delivery information in his log he became aware of a shadow passing over the truck. Thinking to himself, "I should hear the plane engine soon." he was startled to hear a "clunk" instead. He was unable to resolve these events in his mind. The shadow and clunk just didn't fit anything in his environment or experience.

After completing his log he opened the cab door and standing on the door sill plate, looked over the roof of the cab to find his CB whip antenna laying flat on the roof. This was a real puzzle to him because the antenna had an extremely strong magnet in its base. He was more puzzled than ever when he righted the antenna only to find that the

magnet didn't seem to work. He tried several places on the cab roof but couldn't seem to get the antenna to hold. As Jim states, "It was just weird. That antenna just wouldn't hold in place. I worked with it for several minutes before it finally took hold."

Asked if he noted anything else during or after the event he replied, "Nothing else seemed out of place." There wasn't anything close to the truck that could have hit the antenna. Everything on the truck worked, there were no unusual sounds and he felt fine. Jim went on to complete his trip.

It should be noted that Jim has had a daylight sighting much earlier in his life. He doesn't claim any UFO interaction but is not sure what actually happened. "It was just strange," he said.

Note: The whip antenna described is a single rod about forty inches long. The base includes a ceramic magnet about three inches in diameter.

*Not his real name. At one point he was a member of MORA before moving out of state.

Mothman Type Entity Sighting – Stow, Ohio

by Scott Santa, MUFON of Ohio Member

Comment: This article appears on the Munroe Falls Paranormal Society website at <http://www.munroe-falls-paranormal-society.com>.

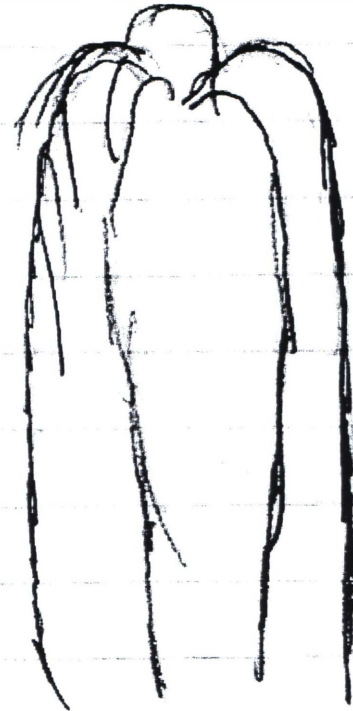
The Munroe Falls Paranormal Society (MFPS) is a nonprofit group of Paranormal Investigators and Researchers based in Munroe Falls, Ohio just outside of Akron. With a collective team experience of 40+ years in paranormal research and investigation, the MFPS team brings together a professional approach to solving paranormal phenomena.

I was as contacted by a person who had an extremely odd sighting of an entity in Stow, Ohio an adjacent community of my hometown. The witness' wife contacted me with this story and after several days of negotiation, the witness agreed to meet with me, verbally recreate the events, and answer questions. The witness extremely hesitant, but his wife persuaded him to give me the story. During the night of 9/14/09 witness was driving to work at 10:15 pm, northbound on Hudson Drive. As the witness drove under the RT8 overpass bridge, just north of the Hudson Drive Applebee's Restaurant, he sighted a 9-10' tall solid black entity standing on the southbound side of the road. No discernible head or facial features were noticed. The duration of the event was approximately 5-10 seconds. The distance was approximately 15-20' from his vehicle. The witness had the feeling the entity was watching him and was "there" for him only. No other vehicles/persons were

present during the event. Immediately after turning his head back to the road, he looked in rearview mirror and the entity no longer visible. He did not see entity depart or disappear. The witness then became extremely upset and scared. He felt that he had paled and his eyes began to water uncontrollably. His first thought was to turn around and go home, calling off of work. He tried to call his wife at home, but his cell phone would not work, either from the programmed address book or by manual input calling. He kept getting "call failed", which had never happened before. The cell phone continued to be affected all the way to the I-271 entrance ramp, approx. 8-10 miles up the road. The witness did make it to his job, but has since regretted not turning around and going home due to his state of mind. The experience was traumatic in every sense of that word. It was a "bad" night for him at work.

The weather was clear, starry. There are no other known witnesses or other animal sightings. Other than the uncontrollable watering of the eyes there were no other physiological or physical effects on his person. Other than the cell phone not working there were no other effects noticed on inanimate objects, such as streetlights, car, or timepiece (watch). The witness gave no religious interpretation to this event. There is no known memory lapse nor dreaming related to sighting as of this creature. The witness did report close an encounter with a UAO as a ten year old when he lived in Akron, but other than that there have been no overt paranormal experiences experienced in his normal daily life. The witness stated that immediately after the sighting he became more and more agitated and scared the further he drove along. He had the distinct feeling that the entity was waiting for him and possibly following him, but he did not see it again that night. No disturbances occurred at his place of residence. The following day on his way home, as he neared the Route 8 overpass, this time driving over the bridge he went under the day before, his eyes began to water uncontrollably once again. As he drove over the bridge his eyes continued to water but when he passed beyond the bridge his eyes began to clear up.

The witness provided me with a pencil drawing of what he observed. When I first saw the drawing I was incredulous because it bears an uncanny resemblance to the original drawing submitted by the original MOTHMAN witness of Point Pleasant, West Virginia in 1966. My intuitive reaction is that witness is extremely believable and honest in his testimony. No outrageous embellishments to either his story, which I made him relate twice, nor to his drawing, which was really rather simple in nature. So in the end we have no answers. However the eerie drawing he provided and its uncanny resemblance to the MOTHMAN legacy are very much intriguing. I will continue to correspond and follow up with witness periodically and will be anxiously waiting to see if any other sightings are reported in this vicinity that might validate this entity's appearance.



Witness Drawing

Bits & Pieces

NASA Science News for September 24, 2009

Fresh meteorite impacts are exposing underground ice on Mars. NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter is beaming back must-see photos of the process at work. For the full story go to:

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/24sep_martianice.htm?list194196

If there are alien artifacts on Mars this satellite should see them, and that hasn't been reported.

FOIA Litigation Guide

A newly updated guidebook will help anyone, whether a lawyer or not, to avoid the pitfalls of FOIA litigation and to realistically assess the chances of success. "Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws 2008" was edited by Harry A. Hammitt, Marc Rotenberg, John A. Verdi and Mark S. Zaid. It can be purchased from:

<http://www.accessreports.com/sub.html#lit>, or
<http://epic.org/bookstore/foia2008/default.html>.

UFO Sighting Sunday, September 20, 2009
UFO Report for John P. Timmerman
by Sandra and Thomas M. Bowman
Lima Area UFO Research Associates

Dear John:

As promised I am herein reporting a UFO sighting had by both my wife Sandra and myself as listed above on Sunday September 20, 2009.

We were returning from a drive in Southern Ohio at or almost on the dot at 8:00 pm in the evening. As we began our drive up Ft. Amanda Rd. , possibly a quarter of a mile west of Shawnee Rd. and heading west, Sandi advised me she was seeing something in the sky to the west almost directly above Ft. Amanda Rd. and I would guess a half to a full mile plus ahead of us. It was heading directly toward us as we drove.

My first reaction was it was a large plane coming in for a landing at the Allen County Airport. It was approximately 30 degrees above the horizon and the object consisted of two "large" bright white lights maybe a auto dimension apart connected by what appeared to be a black cylindrical rod. I thought there appeared to be a section above the rod between the lights, dead center, but don't think Sandi agreed, or saw it. I thought I saw two windows with a raised section above them. This part of the craft was not black, but rather gray or lighter in color. The raised section was not tall or wide in dimension.

Sandi pointed out to me the object was hovering and not moving forward and as I continued to watch it I had to agree it didn't get any closer. There was no sound as you would expect and as I think back on the incident there were no landing gear in sight or no wheels under the craft, just the black bar and the two lights.

After observing the object for maybe ten to fifteen seconds or slightly longer we passed under a couple of trees which blocked our view. When we emerged from under the trees in approx 3 to 4 seconds the object was no where to be seen and there was no sound as expected when an aircraft passes overhead. Within a moment after this we turned into our driveway at 3457 Ft. Amanda Rd. and got out of the car expecting to hear the craft sound overhead or lowering for a landing and there was none.

Total distance from Shawnee Rd. to our home is 9/10s of a mile and we observed the object maybe a quarter to a third the time it takes to drive that distance at or around 40 to 45 mph.

I felt at first it must have been a commercial aircraft due to the lights and their size and then thought maybe a local corporate jet, but still have never seen lights on a craft as

large or as bright except maybe for a large commercial jet aircraft which would not be landing at the Allen County Airport. Hard to say how big the lights were but much bigger in diameter then the black section between. Maybe four times the size.

I now have a witness to a sighting and felt both of us saw exactly the same thing.

Thanks to Tom Bowman for providing us with this article.

Mysterious Segmenting Snake-Like Creature
Reported on Pennsylvania Roadway,
September 19, 2009
by Stan Gordon

This incident first came to the attention of Brian Seech, founder of the Center for Unexplained Events, www.center-for-unexplained-events.350.com/, who quickly made me aware of the occurrence. I have had the opportunity to interview the husband who was driving the car during this experience.

This incident occurred on September 19, 2009, at about 3:45 pm, on a beautiful, clear and sunny afternoon, in rural Westmoreland County, not far from Youngwood. A woman, her husband and child were in their car driving along the country road that afternoon. Suddenly, the woman seated behind her husband yelled out, "Watch out for that snake." The man slowed down as they focused on a black snake about four feet long that was slowly moving across the road ahead of them from right to left. The head of the reptile was in the center of the roadway. The fellow told me that while the creature looked like a snake, it did not slither like a snake, but instead, was "gliding real slow."

Suddenly, something happened that the witnesses are still trying to explain. As the couple watched, the body of the snake broke apart into approximately eight individual creatures. The man related that this happened quickly, almost as if it exploded. Each creature was about four inches in length, but stretched up to approximately six inches as they moved. They were tubular shaped, with no tail, and charcoal black in color. The fellow said he was unsure if there was hair, but what might have been hair was of a "shiny wet" texture.

Each creature seemed to have four feet, two on each side of the body. The feet were hard to describe, since they were black, the same color as the body. They did not notice any eyes. The wife told her husband that she could see the mouth of one creature, which was wide open. The vehicle stopped about ten to twenty feet from the creatures, which were "moving individually, erratically, and extremely fast in the road." The creatures moved like inch worms with the back hunched up and then stretching flat, growing at least

two additional inches in length each time they moved.

Then all of the individual creatures positioned themselves to form a perfect solid black circle in the middle of the road. At that point, an additional similar crawling creature came out of the grass from the driver's left side, and with extreme speed, joined the others in the circle. They then apparently all joined into one snake-like form, as no space could be seen between the units after they joined together. Then it moved very quickly to the left side of the road into the grass from where it had originated from.

The entire incident was estimated to have taken place in five to ten seconds. No unusual sounds or smells were detected during the experience, but the windows were closed at the time. The man drove the car forward, as they looked to the left trying to see where the creature had gone. They quickly hurried down the road and out of the area.

The witness explained that "the event was surreal, like watching computer generated graphics or animation." Soon after the event, the wife drew pictures of the creatures, and sculpted what she saw with play-doh. Various reptiles, insects, and animals were researched on the internet to try to find an explanation, but none fit the various characteristics of what was observed.

This report was of much interest to me, as there was an incident I received with some similarities that occurred on June 27, 2009, in Mount Pleasant Township only a short distance from this encounter. During that evening, three passengers in a car watched what resembled over sized caterpillars, about 7 inches long moving back and forth across the road. For a more detailed report visit my website at: www.stangordon.info.

If you have any information on this incident or other similar cases, please contact me at www.stangordon.info.

Argentina: Woman Visited by 14 "Extraterrestrials"

Source: The Journal of Hispanic Ufology,
September 28, 2009

The event occurred at a house in Florencio Varela and the case promises to have worldwide repercussions

They were fourteen aliens in total. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, they were surrounding the bed she shared with her husband and small daughter. They looked at her silently, and at no moment did she feel fear. She wanted to wake up her husband, to have him witness what was occurring before her very eyes, but the Vistors advised her telepathically that he would remain asleep, as he was still not yet ready. Then, the beings revealed all of their secrets to her during a 40 minute time period. This is a "contact" experience between a young woman from the town of Florencio Varela and a

group of aliens – a case whose mysterious elements have the research community on tenterhooks, and promises to become known worldwide.

The entire episode forms part of an impressive investigation undertaken by the renowned founders of Grupo OVNI – Jorge Marron and Daniel Valverdi – who managed to secure an interview last week with the young woman, 23, who lives in a house in Florencio Varela along with her husband and child. "The case is currently under investigation and the analyses have not yet been completed. We are working with a multi-disciplinary team of experts who have contributed their manpower to unravel the case. As we can tell right now, it is 90% true," Valverdi told Expedientes Secretos.

"Karina" is the name of the protagonist, and the story is truly enthralling. Among other revelations, she said that the aliens visit our planet on six-month rotations, and are replaced by a new group. They also explained that the circles and shapes that appear on the fields are signals they employ among themselves, and finally explained that there are dozens of civilizations from other planets that come down and interact on Earth to study it (and surely to study us).

"I never had an experience of this sort. It happened two and a half months ago. We were in bed – my husband, my baby and me. They were asleep and I was trying to fall asleep. Suddenly I felt lights, and when I opened my eyes there was nothing there. I closed my eyes again, and the same thing happened. Like a flash of light. I opened my eyes, but all I could see was the [pilot light] on the stove," explained Karina, on audio recordings broadcast on the Codigo OVNI radio show (FM Apuntes, Mondays, 22:00 hrs.)

"The fourth time that this happened, I felt it closer. I opened my eyes and saw the beings standing beside me. I was lying between my husband and my daughter. I uncovered myself and sat up. They were around the bed, fourteen of them, all of them short except for one: this last one was beside my husband, staring at him fixedly. The small ones were all around, and measured 1.30 meters or so. They were slightly taller than my bed's sommier, which is rather tall," said the young woman.

In her description of the events to researches Marron and Valverdi, the witness explained that she tried to wake her husband, but was unable to do so. "I even dug my nails into him, but nothing. The baby was on the other side, on her stomach, but neither of them reacted. At that time, one of the beings told me not to wake up my husband, because he was not ready. I realize that they spoke to me telepathically, and I could answer them in the same way," Karina explained.

They were practically alike. The only difference was the height of one of their number. They were skinny, with long

necks and small heads. Their eyes were black, like almonds, slanted, and their mouths were also small. They had little wrinkles on their face and the head was oval. They had shoulders; their fingers were long and had no nails," described the woman, who was standing beside a group of aliens who touched her hair, the palms of her hands and lifted one of her arms."

"Five of them were on the left, four facing me and five on the right side of the bed. I was the only one who wasn't paralyzed. We communicated for some 40 minutes, mouths closed. That is to say, I spoke by my mouth didn't move. I managed to touch one of the little ones, and he touched my face. I just felt the need to touch him, and in fact I felt peaceful in their company. I never had the impression that they could harm my daughter or any one of us," Karina insists.

"Suddenly he made a movement (sic)," said the witness. "He touched me with two fingers, and finally brushed a finger along my forehead. They told me they had come to give me answers about a black book (the Bible) and that what I was thinking was in fact true. When I asked them a question, they told me everything, with details."

In her conversation with the researchers, Karina stated "the tall one was looking at my husband all the time. His head was slightly smaller than the others, because the small ones had rather larger heads. It felt like touching a baby's skin – they had little wrinkles, but I couldn't feel them when I touched one of them. The skin was cold and the color was odd, neither white nor gray. They had a skin tone that doesn't exist here."

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<http://www.popularonline.com.ar/nota.php?Nota=413256>.

Thanks for Scott Corrales for this article.

Musings on the ETH Theory

By Jerry Clark, Project 1947 Website

To start with, Tom, no rational observer argues for a rigid, dogmatic approach, given the holes in our knowledge. We all need to keep minds open and pursue the evidence wherever it goes. Meantime, though, we can dispose of some opinions and views that simply don't get us anywhere. That said, this: The proposition that other intelligences could be from here (by which I presume you mean the planet on which we dwell) is so staggeringly extraordinary, bordering on incomprehensible, that it requires the piling on the plate of one deeply implausible notion and supposition

after another before one has even sat down to breakfast or had a chance to grab that first cup of coffee.

I sincerely hope you are not hinting at some version of the so-called crypto-terrestrial hypothesis (whose principal advocate, ironically or not, is also a prominent promoter, even now, of the Face on Mars). CTs can be traced, as far as I can tell from my dealings with its advocates, to a silly book Ivan Sanderson published in the latter 1960s. Even Sanderson appears not to have taken its thesis seriously, if we may judge from the jokey asides and calculatedly outrageous claims made in the spirit of the great satirist Charles Fort. It's also big on the Bermuda Triangle, though I don't recall whether Sanderson mentions Atlantis, Lemuria, or the hollow earth; I wouldn't be surprised, however, if they're in there somewhere. The problems with CTs are not, or ought not to be, ones that need to be outlined to any intelligent person. To advocate for such is to remove the conversation about UFOs and their possible meaning from any discussion connected to scientific knowledge or to any hope of being heard by any mainstream scientist or scholar. And I hope further, Tom, that when you use the adjective "diabolical" you are speaking only metaphorically.

In any event, we've come a long, long way from Sign and Grudge, when only nine planets, eight of them with dismal to zero prospects of harboring space-faring races in the present or future, were known to exist. Astronomy now knows that extra-solar planets exist in abundance, likely in the hundreds of millions, of which a portion (presumably, according to astrobiologists, in the many millions) may be sufficiently earthlike to house advanced civilizations. If you quarrel with the proposition, your complaint is not with ufologists but with astrobiologists. Take it up with them. If the galaxy is as densely populated as astrobiologists think it is, evidence of its presence would not be hard to detect (think Fermi's Paradox here). Some civilizations would have left their home planets and used their considerably advanced technology to go elsewhere. That's where UFOs come in. No leap whatever to get there; ultimately validated or not, it's the inevitable logical next step, and you have to work not to get there. In fact, ufologists who are open to the ETH are not the ones who have the explaining-away to do. In an interview I saw recently, a famous astronomer conceded the cogency of the argument just summarized, but then -- citing no evidence to support the claim whatever -- avowed that all ET civilizations die out in fairly short order, and thus never have the opportunity to develop interstellar travel. I could swear I could see his hand reaching behind him -- fortunately out of camera range -- to pull this out of his ass.

If UFOs turn out not to be ET vehicles and SETI continues its certain decline into irrelevance, then the astrobiologists, whatever strong present indications indicated to the contrary, were wrong. Intelligent life will be judged rare

and too distant to matter or, outside the earth, altogether nonexistent. Or belief in its existence will reduce to an article of faith by dead-enders scientists on one side -- their thinning numbers monotonously chanting the mantra, "Absence of evidence..." -- and mystics, who don't require evidence, on the other. But before that happens and as the rationale for the SETI project collapses, astronomers -- younger ones, inevitably -- will almost certainly turn to UFO sightings in pursuit of the evidence they haven't been able to find via UFOphobia and alternative approaches to ET detection. It bears noting here, by the way, that in my interactions with scientists over the years, I have found that it's nonscientist-ufologists reject the ETH. It's the UFO-sympathetic scientists who, having a firmer grasp of astrobiology and other relevant scientific issues, embrace the ETH as the most likely solution if UFOs prove to be as anomalous as they appear to be.

I need to stress that my own reading of the UFO phenomenon does not reduce to the ETH alone (some aspects, unlike others, of UFO experience, or its ostensible equivalent, suggest other another generating mechanism). But the arguments one hears against the ETH -- often advanced in defense of far more fantastic and implausible notions -- lead one to wonder if ufologists simply stopped paying attention to what astronomy and biology have been learning in the past 20 years. If that's true, the supernaturalists have done very grave damage to disciplined inquiry and theory.

Nobody -- as far as we, or at least I, are aware -- knows what UFOs are or aren't, but ufologists have as much right to empirically based speculation as anyone else doing serious research and analysis into any other puzzle of nature. If researchers into the UFO phenomenon are not speculating about the ETH as one potentially rewarding approach, then they aren't doing their job. Data mean nothing if not framed, even if only tentatively, within a larger theoretical framework. No scientist enters a lab to collect random facts and make nothing more of them (i.e., remain emptily "neutral"), and even less would he or she do so over decades' time. It would be the equivalent of turning every second into a discrete entity, unrelated to all of the seconds that preceded it, and drawing no conclusion whatever from the prior experience of many millions of seconds that comprise a life's time.

Myself, I've drawn all kinds of conclusions, right, wrong, and different, from the many seconds I have lived. I'm not neutral at all about what I see as life's lessons.

As for my own views, which are fairly complex and nuanced (and, I find, almost universally misunderstood; just the other week, I was criticized for rejecting the ETH), I urge you to read my essay "Experience Anomalies," which *Fortean Times* published last fall, based on my lecture to the

SSE conference in June of last year. The lecture itself is on line at the SSE site.

Sparkling Object Seen Near Randolph, Ohio

September 10, 2009

Investigated by Ronald Bracale
MUFON Field Investigator

This is the report from the witness:

"I heard coyotes howling in the woods behind my house at 11:30 pm and I went out on my deck to investigate. I glanced at the rare clear northeast Ohio sky and noticed a very bright sparkling object in the northeast sky at least twice as bright as Venus. It was approximately two fists at arms length on a 30 degree angle to the left of a very bright moon. It looked like a plane with green, red and white flashing lights, but it was a lot brighter than a plane would be. We are near Akron-Canton airport and see many planes coming in for landings. This object stayed in the sky for over 5 minutes.

"I called my 21 year old son to the deck to see if he could tell what it might be. He suggested that I get the binoculars to get a closer look. When I focused the binoculars I could see and undetermined shaped object with sparkling red and white flashing lights across the bottom and a flashing green light on the top. It sort of had an egg or oval shape.

"The lights were interesting because they seemed to brightly sparkle now and then and seemed to light the adjacent night sky near the object [with] a glow.

"We watched the object for 45 minutes and then I thought I would call the airport to see if they had anything or radar, but the information line was closed.

"My son called his friend at Hiram College to the north to see if he could see anything unusual, but he reported negatively. My son also called another friend straight east of our location in Atwater (about 4 miles away) and he did not see anything.

"My wife (who does not believe in UFOs) came to the deck to see what the commotion was all about, and even she questioned what it could be as she looked at it through the binoculars. Later my son said he thought he was another dim sparkling object similar to the original off in the distance. The space station had orbited at approximately 8:30 pm that evening. This object stated stationary for the hour that we observed it. I finally had to go to bed."

The reporting witness is a 6th Grade science teacher and an Air Force veteran, the son is a junior at Hiram College majoring in computer science, and the wife is an EMIS coordinator.

According to the investigator the object appeared to be twice the size of Venus, which was in the sky at the same time. It did not move across the sky with the rotation of the Earth as the stars did. The night after the sighting it was cloudy but the witness checked to see if there was a star in the position where the object was and he saw no stars there.

Investigator Comments: "I must note that I have seen stars low in the sky changing colors due to the prismatic effect of water vapor in the atmosphere. Especially green, red, and white. My neighbor's girls (8 and 12) were fascinated by one during a summer camp fire we had and would not be convinced by me that it was a twinkling star. The witness claims that this object was bigger than Venus (though when a planet or star is low in the atmosphere, there is a magnification of apparent size) and also that he checked the position two nights later and there was no star in that position, as well as claiming that the other stars moved in the hour and a half that he watched it, and this object did not. The witness was very knowledgeable and scientifically minded, but we must consider that whatever he was seeing might still have been affected by the above atmospheric water vapor effects."

At this time what was seen is being considered as unidentified.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case #19736

Silent Object with Bright Amber Light

Proctorville, Ohio; Lawrence County. We were outside on August 24, 2009, at 9:50 PM, when my wife saw a moving amber light in the west. It looked like a landing light on an aircraft except for the color of the light. As it got closer the object seemed to get lower and we noticed blinking orange, red, and green lights. As it came over top of us, we noticed an unusual pattern to the lights unlike aircraft or helicopters. As it passed directly over us we could make out a dark shape something like a 6 or 8 sided octagon-like shape with the amber light in the middle, with lights close together in front, spaced on the sides, and spaced to the back. There was absolutely NO SOUND! As the object moved across the Ohio River, flying at 1000 in altitude over Huntington West Virginia, I realized it was about 30 feet in diameter moving about 150 mph. It seemed to slow as it came over our town and lowered in altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Reference: Filer's Files #40, 2009

Alien Implants

By Ron Bracale
MUFON Field Investigator

With an assumption that aliens are implanting humans with small objects, let us consider what functions alien implants might be used for. Such exercises in reason, without addressing the pros and cons of the reality of implants, are quite valuable for understanding the potential uses of such a technology and also for dealing with the reality, should substantial proof be revealed to the general public.

In 'Intruders' by Budd Hopkins we read, "Speculation about the purpose of the possible implants runs to any or all three unappetizing possibilities: They could function as "locators", in the mode of small radio transmitters zoologists attach to the ears of hapless, tranquilized elk to trace their wanderings. Or they could be monitors of some sort, relaying the thoughts, emotions, or even visual and sensory impressions of the host. Or, and perhaps the least palatable, they could have controlling functions as receivers, suggesting the possibility that the abductees could, from time to time, be made to act as surrogates for their abductors."

While this indeed seems like three possibilities, we must understand that alien implies that our standard reasoning processes might not consider all of the possibilities. Our knowledge of nanotechnology is still very primitive. I would like to propose a forth possibility: acupuncture. Although this is an ancient art based on the concept that the human body has channels of Chi (living energy within a 'Light' or consciousness energy body), it is increasingly being used by modern clinicians with success in treating a wide variety of conditions. Let us consider some modern uses of Acupuncture.

Dr. Richard Niemtow is a Colonel in the United States Air Force, on special assignment with the United States Navy. Dr Niemtow practices acupuncture full-time with oncology patients at the Navy Medical Center, San Diego, California. Based on modern neurophysiological concepts, Dr. Niemtow developed a variation of acupuncture that involves inserting very tiny semi-permanent needles into very specific acupoints in the skin on the ear to block pain signals from reaching the brain. Auricular (ear based) acupuncture is based on a reflex somatotopic system organized on the surface of the external ear. The ear has long been reported as a location that abductees report implants and the acupuncture points on the ear were mapped by the Chinese thousands of years ago.

German neurologist and psychiatrist Ulrich Werth, M.D. is using a similar technique to treat Parkinson's disease by inserting semi-permanent titanium needles into patient's ears. It might be noted that massaging the ears vigorously (acupressure) several times a day can lower high blood

pressure. These are some physical uses which acupuncture has been documented as a successful technique. Acupuncture has also been used as an anesthetic and acupuncture points cover the entire human body. Acupuncture can be used to cure many imbalances in the body that are the root causes of diseases, especially with relationship to specific organs. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) psychological issues are also addressed with acupuncture. Westerners would consider balancing the hormonal state of neurotransmitters in the body to address mental conditions, but in TCM it is reasoned that the channels of energy which flow in the body are at the root of any physical or mental abnormality, being either depleted or excessive in an area.

It may be that the aliens watching over the Earth and humanity are treating some people through some advanced form of acupuncture with implants. My wife stated that when our one cat first went to the Vet, she fought like a wild breast, then became paralyzed with fear and had a glazed look in her eyes like she was only partially present. Abductees' fears may have a tendency to influence their descriptions of their encounters as something dark or evil occurring, but objectively we cannot judge the encounters without knowing the alien's purpose, which is unknown at this point. We must keep an open mind and realize there are many possibilities. The aliens are reported to be involved with our evolution through genetic modifications. I would like to propose that implants are an attempt to trigger a new phase in our evolution, where we are more psychically aware. Please consider the final set of quotes presented here.

In 'The Other Side of the Sky: the Cosmic Bridge Companion' Craig R. Lang writes, "At the individual level, the Visitors seem to foster some form of psychic and spiritual Awakening (pg. 104)." In 'Passport to the Cosmos' John E. Mack, M.D. writes "Many abductees report that their experiences have awakened in them powerful psychic gifts, such as unusual intuitive capacities, healing abilities, and clairvoyance (pg. 253)." In 'Dimensions, A Casebook of Alien Contact' Jacques Vallee writes, "The key to an understanding of the phenomenon lies in the psychic effects it produces (or the psychic awareness it makes possible) in its observers (pg. 179)."

The Night Cleveland Was Buzzed by a UFO by Rick Hilberg*

Back in the 1960s I was an active member and elected officer of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project then headed by my dear friend and mentor the late Allan J. Manak. Al was a very energetic guy who was able to breathe new life into the organization by securing a suburban location that was convenient to the membership.

One of Al's many projects was the establishment of a 24-hour telephone UFO report center than rang into his home (I

would do the same for another local organization back in the 1970s and 1980s, and believe me sometimes it's no fun answering calls all hours of the day and night!). The report center had contacts with the two major Cleveland newspapers and just about all of the radio and television stations in the immediate area, so they channeled many calls to us that we could investigate.

The following is a brief overview of one of the most important cases that we would ever receive and investigate:

At 8:50 p.m. on the Saturday evening of October 9, 1965 Miss Pat Gresiwald of Cloud Avenue on Cleveland's near west side called the report center to report a large disk-shaped object with white lights around its center. The object's body was silverish in appearance and had a dome or a ball like superstructure on top. The witness reported that a total of six people witnessed this unusual object a approximately 8:45 p.m. Five minutes later a call came in from Wade Avenue, this time twelve people spotting a rather large round object with lights all around it. The object itself was spinning or either the lights were. These first two calls indicated that the object was headed in a northerly direction.

At this point Manak contacted the *Cleveland Press* as well as the *Plain Dealer*. The *Press* told Manak that they had four calls so far and the *Plain Dealer* had received none so far. Manak also called Case Tech and was told that the university observatory had had a change of personnel within the last half hour and didn't have any information on any UFO sightings being called in to them. Cleveland Hopkins Airport was also contacted and they told Manak to inform the Air Force. The Air Force Special Investigations Center didn't answer their phone.

After these calls were made another report came in. This time three people on Vega Avenue reported seeing a very large elongated object with lights that seemed to be sequential in order. At the same time the object was spinning, and seemed to be as large as a pencil at arm's length.

Right after this call came in Al called me and asked me to get on my CB radio and inform any interested radio operators to try to spot the object if they could. As soon as I did this I ran into my back yard on West 119th Street just south of Lorain Avenue and saw the object to the north of me heading slowly west. It appeared to be a disk with lights around its outer edge flashing in a sequential clockwise pattern. The thing was as large as a dime held at arm's length. I then immediately called Al and informed him of what I had just seen and he got back on the radio to find that others were also seeing it heading in a westerly direction.

Shortly after I called Manak he received a call from a party of three male witnesses who told of a large, low object with

an underside larger than its top. They reported amber colored lights circling its entire body, and seemed to be spinning and appeared to be about four inches in diameter at arm's length, a truly fantastic size! The witnesses said they spotted it several minutes before from West 61st Street just south of Lorain Avenue, just several miles from where I spotted the thing.

Most of the total of 92 calls received that night mentioned seeing a rather large object with sequentially flashing lights. Most witnesses were from the western part of Cleveland and its suburbs, and most reported having it in sight from two to five minutes. I learned that probably ten CB operators also had the thing in sight. The object was generally silent, only one witness reporting a high pitched wine coming from it. Calls were received by Manak until about 10:15 p.m.

The weather that night was typical for October, temperatures in the 50s with a light drizzle and a cloud ceiling at 2200 feet with visibility of nine miles being reported by Hopkins Airport.

In February of 2005 I received a letter from a person who had read one of my previous articles regarding this sighting and reported the following incident that happened the same night back in 1965:

"We lived above Roosevelt Post 58 on Professor Avenue...The incident happened around 8:00 p.m. that evening.

"We were all together in one huge bedroom (she was the oldest of three children and was 10 when this happened). Our three beds lined up next to each other, the bedroom was at the back of the Post on the second floor. Our bedroom was in front of the solarium heading toward the front of the building. There was a hall, the kitchen, bathroom to the left, and the dining room and living room areas.

"It was our bedtime and according to Ma we were just about asleep. She was just sitting with us to be sure we were sleeping and suddenly a bright large round disk appeared over us. She was startled and said she was unable to move. There were like 7 smaller disks with the larger disk. When she heard the large disk speaking to her and said not to try to move, they were just observing. Mom asked what they were observing and the larger disk told her they were very interested in us, Charley, Chris and me. They were showing the smaller disks what we were like? The larger disk was very calming and told her not to be concerned. They were observing children of our age, and that was it.

"Ma told me it was the strangest feeling not to be able to move and yet being able to converse with these beings. She said as suddenly as they appeared in the room they were gone. She never spoke about this until many years later when I was a young adult.

"That's the story, and they told her they would be back and would keep track of the children's progress..."

This "contact" report obviously adds another dimension to this most important sighting from the Cleveland area.

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Kentucky Sighting by an Ohio Witness

Investigator: David MacDonald, MUFON of Ohio

This sighting took place in an area of farmland near the intersection of US Route 23 and Industrial Parkway near Wurtland, Kentucky in Greenup County. The date was September 30, 2009 at 10:47 pm.

Account of the witness, Ms. Amber Timberlake:

"I saw an object travel from the sky in front of us to the left side of our car very rapidly. It then hovered, disappeared, and reappeared numerous times before flying off over a hillside."

Account of Mr. Steven Biars:

"I was driving Amber's car back from Ashland when we saw a bright object lighting up and then disappearing. The object appeared to hover on the right side of the road, near Mountain Enterprises, perhaps a few hundred feet in the air. I initially thought it may have been a parachute [sky diver] plane because there are several local flyers in this area. It quickly became apparent that this wasn't a plane. The object lit up brightly before disappearing. It then reappeared and shot across the road before stopping and hovering again. A small white light on the underside and a brilliant blue light on the upper side began to flash. A pinkish colored light on the front of the craft also brightly lit, but it wasn't flickering like the white and blue lights. Shortly thereafter, the craft disappeared before reappearing yet again. I pulled over to attempt to get a picture with my iPhone. As I was trying to take a picture, the craft shot over a hillside. I got back on the highway and turned around to follow the craft, but it was gone. I believe it must have followed Industrial Parkway or stayed invisible.

"I've included a map [in the MUFON CMS report in the Kentucky section] with [the location of the object and its path of travel]. ... This craft was very different from the triangle pair I reported before. [See the July 2009 issue of this newsletter, page 3; MUFON CMS Case 16877.] It was of the same general shape and configuration, with the obvious difference being the color of the lights and the creepy blue light on top. The small flickering white light on the bottom seemed like it was performing some kind of scan. There was no visible beam, but it was very bright and it lit up the area around it. The blue light only appeared once, when the object in question seemed to condense the

material around it, almost like when a jet breaks the sound barrier. I believe this was some form of cloaking mechanism, which may have been malfunctioning. I'm 90% sure that this object was aware that I was watching it. When I pulled to the side of the road, and pulled out my phone to try and take a picture, it zoomed off like a frightened rabbit."

Mr. Biars has a B.S degree in Physics, works as a science educator, and is employed at Clark Planetarium at the Shawnee State University.

It is the conclusion of the investigator that an unknown aerial object was observed.

A drawing of the craft by one of the witnesses is also on the MUFON CMS site along with a photo map. See case number 19756 for the full report.

MUFON Photo and Video Policy

by James Carrion

This message was sent via email by James to the entire MUFON Investigative Network and is re-stated here as a reminder.

MUFON receives many photos and videos from witnesses either through CMS or through mail/email. The official MUFON analyst is Marc D'Antonio and he is the only one approved at this time to render an official MUFON analysis of a photo or video. If you feel that you have the necessary skills to scientifically analyze photo or video evidence on behalf of MUFON, please send your professional qualifications to jcarrion@mufon.com.

All photos and videos to be analyzed that you receive outside of those submitted through CMS should be forwarded to Marc at info@fxmodels.com or through the mail at: FX Models, 111 Seymour Road, Terryville, CT 06786.

Ironton, Ohio (Lawrence County) Triangle,

August 15, 1987

By Connie McNichols

The witness stated that on 8/15/1987 (closer to date than 8/15/1989 that is on his formal report) at approximately 11:30PM he had just gotten off work and was driving east on State Route 52 toward Ironton to meet his friends. When he was about five miles west of Ironton that he came upon a car that had its breaks on, but when he got closer the car "took off like a shot". His car then began to stall and die so he coasted onto an access road that went to the Dow Chemical Plant. He got out of the car and raised the hood to see what was wrong. He looked upward and stated that he saw a strange high fog bank at tree top level. He stated that

he felt as if being watched and he heard a low hum or vibration that he felt through his body. About 50' above him he saw a blue white glowing light. Off in the distance he saw another such light that every few seconds would flash/strobe, and across from it was yet another light (there were three total) When his eyes followed the outline from light to light he could see that it was a huge triangle (he couldn't see stars underneath) about 300' each side, with the lights at each corner. It had a smooth black surface and he heard no sound as he stood 50' below it for approximately 15 minutes, which to him seemed like hours. He said that he felt in awe of it. He was not frightened but felt small and insignificant "like a speck in a snow globe." He also felt a sense of calmness. He said it then began to move effortlessly and as it did he could see the fog swirling about. It slowly headed north east at a little above tree top level. He got back inside his car and he was able to get it started. He forgot about meeting his friends in Ironton but headed back home. The last time he could see the craft it was flying toward the east over hilltops near State Route 52 and lost sight of it.

This event took place over 22 years ago and there are no corroborating witnesses. However I believe this witness' story. He was articulate, clear and accurate with his narrative and very believable. He only decided to report this event after seeing the program 'I Know What I Saw' He stated that he felt his life was changed after seeing it, and that he has a different perspective on things now.

Although there is no way to confirm this sighting I am disposing it as Unknown UAV.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 198097.

Bristolville, Ohio (Trumbull County) Event, Spring of 1991

By Connie McNichols

This event happened over 18 years ago when the witness was 11 years old.

One evening in the spring of 1991 the witness, a friend of his (also 11 years old), and the witness' brother (13 years old) were home alone (the father was on assignment with the US Air Force and the mother was at work this night. She was a medic in the Air force).

The three boys were playing a Nintendo game and around 11:00 PM decided they would go for a bike ride into town. (The witness lived outside of Bristolville, Ohio in Trumbull County a couple miles from the home.). When the boys returned home they continued "messaging" around outside like boys do. One of them spotted in the north west sky about 500' away and 100' above ground "many different color lights, red, blue, green, yellow like a Christmas tree" about 30'-40' across it. They heard no noise as it slowly

flew in a straight line across a field and went down (they thought it crashed at the time) in a wooded area about 10 minutes away down a path. The witnesses' brother became excited and wanted them all to ride their bikes down to see where it went, but the witness and his friend decided to go in and play Nintendo instead, not giving a thought to where his brother had gone. It was about 1:00AM in the morning.

At 3:00AM his brother returned home thinking that he had only rode his bike down the path and back only being away for 20 minutes, not understanding why it was so late, he also didn't remember what he saw when he was gone.

The witness and his friend decided to go back outside. The witness remembers walking out the door and off of the porch, but then he said he just lost consciousness. He doesn't know how much time passed but when he woke up it was still dark outside and he and his friend were standing in a chicken coop. He said his friend was laughing hysterically and he remembered wondering, "Why is he laughing?" Then he began laughing also. When they walked out of the chicken coop they asked each other why and how did they get there. (He swears no alcohol was involved.) The next thing he remembers is being in the "big barn" with his friend and his brother. He remembers starting to climb a ladder to the hay loft and looking down and going unconscious again.

He said he had a very bad disturbing dream but he refused to describe it to me. He awoke "jerking and convulsing" When he became fully awake he realized that he was alone in the hay loft. He then became very afraid and didn't bother using the ladder but jumped 15' down to the ground spraining his ankle. Fear made him run towards the house. (By this time it was now totally daylight.) He screamed for his brother and friend and then he thought to himself, "What am I running from?" He limped on into the house.

His friend's parent had already come and picked him up, and his brother was playing Nintendo as if he hadn't been gone at all. They never spoke of that night afterward. The witness a day or two later remembers breaking out in large watery blisters on his arms, trunk, and legs. He stated that his parents were not ones to go to doctors, besides his mom was a Medic. So she painfully tore the tops off the blisters and poured iodine on top (he remembers that clearly).

There are no specifics of date and time for this event. The witness said that his friend died recently of an illness and he never was close with his brother. He got in an argument with the brother years ago and they no longer speak. Thus there are no corroborating witnesses to this story. While talking with this person I felt there was more to the story than he told me. He requested anonymity and said that he just wanted to tell someone about what happened. There was a strange sadness in his voice. I asked him to stay in

touch, but I don't know if he will. He seemed very believable, and I feel he was telling me the truth.

I am disposing of this case as an Unknown UAV, possible CE 3.

Reference: MUFON CMS Case 19875.

Is There Intelligent Life in the Universe?

"Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us."

Quotes of the Day, October 2009

A Strange Plane and Flying Gorilla

By Solon Economou

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Editorial Comment: When I read this article I knew I had to put it in our newsletter, not because it deals with the subject of UFOs – it doesn't - but because I am sure most of you will enjoy it because it involves flying and someone who thinks outside the cultural box as we ufologists often do, When I wrote the author for permission to use his article I said, "I just hope it is a true story. If it isn't it should be."

Mr. Economou replied in part, "The story is true...As an aside, I used to work at Wright Field on secret projects while Hector Quintinella (I think that's his name) was out there. [His memory and spelling are impeccable.] I have seen UFOs on two occasions. I'm not nuts, as I'm sure your biggest problem is figuring out who is and who isn't."

This person is one of us, whether he knows it or not. I thank him for permission to use his article and I will forward a copy of this newsletter to him. I truly hope you readers enjoy this article.

One fine October day in 1942, just before Halloween, a gorilla was spotted flying a strange plane with no propeller over the skies of California. The Bell P-59, America's first jet fighter, had taken flight. The radical, propeller-less aircraft was classified Top Secret, and a good sense of humor plus a flying gorilla helped keep it that way.

Perhaps Bell was chosen to build the plane because the company was known for unorthodox aircraft designs. The famous, or infamous, World War II P-39, the Bell Airacobra, had the engine mounted behind the pilot with the propeller shaft running between his legs. Whoa!

Our pilots generally did not like it and considered its airworthiness marginal. But we didn't waste those P-39s. As other aircraft became operational at the beginning of the war, we demonstrated a stroke of genius. We gave the P-39s to the Russians. *Na zdorovje!*

To disguise the top-secret design of the P-59, the plane had a dummy wooden propeller mounted on the front whenever the plane was transported overland or sitting on the field. The first test flights took off from Edwards Air Force Base (then called Muroc Dry Lake), in California.

On one test flight, P-38 Lockheed Lightning pilots flying out of a nearby base spotted it and rushed back to report seeing an odd-looking plane with no propeller. To maintain secrecy, the test pilot on a subsequent flight dressed up in a gorilla mask and derby hat, and put a cigar in his mouth.

When he spotted the P-38s he flew over alongside them and waved. After the P-38 pilots got back to base, their story was even wilder than before: a plane with no propeller being flown by a gorilla smoking a cigar and wearing a derby hat. No one believed anything they said anymore, and the project remained secret till the end of the war.

Unfortunately, the test pilots found that our first attempt at a jet fighter was inadequate in almost every respect. The plane was underpowered, too slow and unstable as a gun platform. Sixty-six were built, but none were placed into service.

Bell started work on a follow-up jet fighter, but the project was soon turned over to the famous Lockheed Skunk Works, which developed the successful P-80 Shooting Star, our first operational jet fighter.

Today only six P-59s remain. Though none became operational, they did usher in the dawn of a new era for American aviation: the jet fighter.

One of the six is at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, which I often visited while working on Air Force secret rocket programs at nearby Wright Field. Though the cockpit was empty, I always envisioned it with the flying gorilla. The historic episode indelibly left me with the thought: Gorilla masks ain't just for Halloween anymore.

Hillsboro, Ohio Sighting, August 24, 2009

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/071/S71870.html>

Report to National UFO Reporting Center

I was out in my front yard, talking on the phone with my best friend. It was approximately 11:30 pm and the night

sky was absolutely clear and you could see hundreds of stars. I noticed what I thought was a shooting star but it blinked, so then I thought it was some kind of aircraft. I realized in just a second or two that there were three objects alike, in the same general area of the night sky. All three were darting here and there, many times turning on a "dime". More than once, making a 90 degree turn. As they danced around a large portion of the sky, they would blink really quickly sometimes, but not constant. They seemed to almost be playing "tag". Their speed was phenomenal, and much faster than anything I am familiar with. Plus, they could change direction in a blink, and "we" have nothing that can do that, at that speed, to my knowledge. I was describing all I was seeing to my buddy Gary, and we were both trying to come up with an answer that made sense for what I was seeing. I sometimes did not talk when he was asking me questions because I was enthralled with what I was seeing.

About two or three minutes (maybe less) into watching this, they "zipped" away in different directions. I kept talking with my buddy and kept watching the sky. About four or five minutes later, I observed one of those same objects, heading north at an incredible speed. Behind it but far back was an obvious airplane, probably a military jet because of its speed, going in the same direction. I had the impression that it was trying to catch or keep track of the "object" in front of it. The airplane was going really fast, but was "dusted" by the object in front of it, which seemed to be traveling at approximately 1 1/2 to 2 times the speed of the airplane. They both disappeared to the north.

When I was observing these three objects in the beginning, they often would blink really quickly, a white light with no discernable colors, but would not constantly blink. The blinking was very fast. Faster than helicopters or airplane lights blink. But sometimes they would not blink for a second or two. When they were not blinking, I could still make out an object in the direction of travel at any given moment, which appeared to be a dull grey or silver in color, streaking. Also, there was absolutely no sound.

These objects were very high in the sky. I can't explain how I could see them when they were not blinking, as there seemed to be no light other than that which blinked. Maybe it was a reflection from the moonlight, I don't know.

I have never before observed something I could not explain, prior to this. I served 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and 4 months in the Navy. I am 56 years old and a retired Cleveland police officer. I retired as a Lieutenant, and I was recognized by the U.S. Congress (108th Congress) for my service and career. My buddy who was on the phone with me at the time, is currently a working police officer in Cleveland. I need glasses to read but my long range vision is very good. I can't come up with a logical explanation for what I observed.

MULTIPLE WITNESS SIGHTING OF STRUCTURED UFO

By Richard D. Seifried
(MUFON-Ohio State Section
Director)

(Editorial Note: Sightings of structured UFOs, especially by multiple witnesses, are at the core of the UFO mystery. We are indebted to Dick Seifried for his investigation, including signed witness reports on file at MUFON, and to artist James R. Leming for his renderings of the witness sketches and the composite cover illustration.)

"I was in the kitchen when my husband called... that there was a plane on fire out back. I ran out, and a son, who was working on his car, ran too. A daughter ran out from the living room and a younger son came downstairs..."

The above narrative explains how on an evening in October of 1963, southeast of Millersport, Ohio, five individuals witnessed a UFO hovering perhaps 20 feet above the ground and no further away than 100 yards.

Although the sighting had occurred over 19 years ago, it was very apparent to my wife and me that the recalling of the event still excited the witnesses. Unfortunately, Mr. Parkinson died shortly after the sighting but the remaining witnesses were quite willing to testify to the experience. At the time of the sighting Glenna was

50 years old, Gary was 20, Marjorie 15, and Jeffrey was 11.

Mr. Parkinson may or may not have seen the craft come down. By the time the others arrived on the scene the object was hovering above a low spot in a field, which it continued to do for from 5 to 10 minutes. Glenna's (Mrs. Parkinson) description is the most detailed. She related, "It was like two plates, plates or saucers together with a cup or large bowl on top and there was a tall metal antennae. I could tell it was metal. It seemed to shine. In the area where the two plates would come together there were openings, and what appeared to be flames, short flames out of these openings. This area moved. It was moving clockwise, very, very slowly.

"There were windows in the top part that would be where the bowl was turned upside down. There were windows in sets of three and they were not transparent. They were translucent..."

Glenna reported that there were rounded objects protruding from the base of the craft. "They looked like the bottom of a ball. It looked like, just like these rollers that they have on big heavy chairs. Sort of a ball-type roller. Only, of course they were huge."

Because of the lateness of the evening, colors were not distinguishable but the craft was clearly outlined by the lights of Millersport and the football field. It appeared clearly outlined by the natural light, plus lighting from the object, to the degree that moving parts could be observed.

Lights from the hovering object came from two sources. The windows emitted light, "Just like a house light only brighter. Really brighter," recalled Glenna. The flames jetting from the center section were "...sort of yellowish-red." There was a slight

sound coming from the object. The witnesses described it as "very low hum," "whir," and "humming." Gary recalled a "swish," as it left the area.

Most interesting, three of the witnesses testified that they saw living figures behind the windows. Mrs. Marjorie Ankeney, the married daughter, reported, "It was really exciting, because it was so low you could see shadows moving around on the inside." Jeffrey recorded, "There were human-like shadows moving behind the milky-clear windows."

Glenna, once again, gave the most detailed description. "...for a few seconds after we first saw it the form appeared. It looked like a human form. It looked exactly like a human moving like it's arms moved, like it was doing something on the counter or a controls or something in front of it. You could see the arms move out to the side and back. I could not see a face or anything like that. It just appeared to be a human form."

When the object began to leave it rose slowly, made an arc to the left, and then accelerated to a tremendous speed and was gone. The witnesses speculated that had it moved away from them at a right angle, it would have appeared to disappear instantaneously. Fortunately, it moved toward the northeast at perhaps 30° east of where it had been, so their eyes were able to follow it's trajectory.

Gary described the speed as, "exceedingly fast." Marjorie used the expression "extremely fast," and Jeffrey reported, "...all of a sudden it just went up and then took off faster than I have ever seen anything move. It just practically disappeared, it moved so fast."

Again, Glenna gave the best description. "...then, just like (snapped her fingers) and it was gone. And in a

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second, in seemed like, all we could see was a tiny red dot in the northeast."

What makes this sighting so interesting is that it is not complicated. The father calls out, the witnesses observe, and the craft leaves. There is no time lapse. They did not have a dog so there is no animal response.

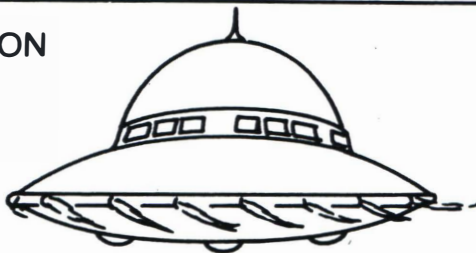
No one became ill. They did not go into the field. None of the witnesses felt fear. Their reaction was the opposite of fear; they were elated. Jeffrey reported, "We were all excited, hoping it would come close or land so we could get a better look at it." Apparently, after the excitement subsided they continued to lead a very normal life.

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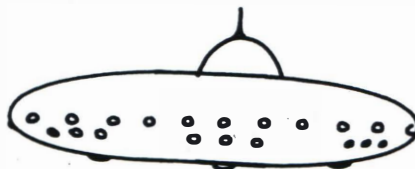
cellent visibility and just a slight breeze. No clouds were remembered.

What makes the sighting more fascinating is that the family did experience nocturnal lights over a limited time of a few years and individual members were, on two occasions, frightened by encounters. These additional incidents are still under investigation.

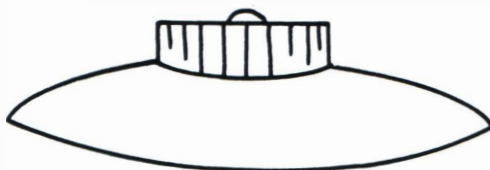
1. GLENNA PARKINSON



2. GARY PARKINSON



3. MARJORIE (PARKINSON) ANKENY



4. JEFFERY PARKINSON



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Railroad union recovers historical train artwork



MARVIN FONG | THE PLAIN DEALER

Paul Rehberger takes a trip back in time Friday as he views a 1930s-era mural called "History of United States Locomotives." The painting, a work by Cleveland artists Earl Neff and Leo Nowak, hangs in the mezzanine level of the the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen's Standard Building in downtown Cleveland.

Once lost mural returns to station

GABRIEL BAIRD
Plain Dealer Reporter

Historic murals of trains have completed their round trip in Cleveland.

After years of being out on loan and then lost, the paintings, titled "History of United States Locomotives," are back in the possession of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. The nation's oldest union, which owns the 20-story Standard Building on Ontario Street, now has the artwork hanging on the building's mezzanine level.

"It's history, history that could've been lost," said Tom Grdina, the building manager who was instrumental in getting the paintings returned.

During the Great Depression, the U.S. government commissioned works by artists around the nation as part of the Federal Art Program of the Works Progress Administration.

Among the artists was Earl Neff, a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art who, in later life, became known as much for being a UFO enthusiast as for his art.

His assistant on the project was Leo Nowak, another noted Cleveland artist. Nowak worked on Superman comics with the hero's creators, Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel.

Neff and Nowak completed the locomotive mural in 1937. Composed of 12 individual paintings, the four-foot-high panels stretch more than 100 feet. The

artists were paid \$750 for the piece.

The first panel shows the humble beginnings of trains when they were drawn along rails by horses. In subsequent panels are steam engines, then coal engines and, finally, they end with what was at the time the cutting edge vision of trains.

The murals hung for decades in the grand lobby of the Engineers Building. They were put in storage when the building was demolished in 1989. The union later lent the paintings so they could be hung in Gund Arena.

"As long as they were there, they could use them, but we didn't give them to them," Grdina said. "If they didn't want them or weren't going to use them, they'd come back to us."

A few months ago, Grdina started wondering what happened to the paintings.

"I don't know what made me think of them," Grdina said.

He called over to the arena and learned that the room had been redecorated. Officials at what is now Quicken Loans Arena hadn't been aware that the paintings were on loan from the union and had given them to the Cleveland Art Foundation.

Officials at the foundation also were unaware of the contract. They had shown the paintings, including at an event in 2006 titled "Covering History: Revisiting Federal Art in Cleveland, 1933-43." But the murals had subsequently been put in storage.

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS,
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Many challenges exist in the research of an alleged 1941 south-east Missouri unidentified crash retrieval. At that time in history, the world was at war and the United States was on the cusp of entering the war. The Sikeston Missouri Institute of Aeronautics, the closest base to the alleged secret crash retrieval, was a facility that trained both British and American fighter pilots.

Secrecy was the mantra for that time and place. Added to the aura of secrecy is the World War II generation that honored government mandates with no questions asked. Known crashes associated with the Institute do not correspond to the circumstances that surround the alleged unidentified retrieval. Could a clandestine crash retrieval happen in this atmosphere?

Unrelated family history accounts speak of a Franklin D. Roosevelt era knowledge of unidentified crash retrieval. The International UFO Reporter article entitled *Pre-World War II "Creature" Retrieval?* by William E. Jones speaks of such a family history account. Reverend Turner Hamilton Holt confided in family members about a secret Washington, D.C. meeting with his cousin, Cordell Hull — Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of State. According to this family history account, Cordell Hull escorted Reverend Holt to the sub-basement of the Capitol Building where Hull revealed the remains of an unidentified crash retrieval. According to this family history account, the remains included the bodies of "creatures" or little people.

The daughters of Reverend Holt, Lucille Holt Andrew and Alene Holt Gramly, relate their father's eventful trip to Washington occurred sometime after 1935. Although the sisters believe the event happened prior to 1941, unfortunately the exact date is unknown. The sisters indicate they were young at the time of the revelation and did not consider date documentation.

As research into an alleged spring 1941 unidentified crash retrieval grows, overlooked details of past source accounts can be seen in a new light. An audio account of a previous unrelated interview stands out. "[It was] a flying saucer or whatever...little people...were gathered up and *hidden in a dudgeon or something* where no one could get to them. We were not allowed to ask questions".

Could a 1941 Washington Capitol Building sub-basement conceal the remains of an unidentified crash retrieval, whether the origin of that crash was terrestrial or otherwise? What was happening in Washington, D.C. in the spring of 1941?

On May 27, 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared and unlimited national emergency with Proclamation 2487. This proclamation began a series of directives, executive orders, and acts that eventually led to the funding of essential research and development "without regard to the provisions of law and regulations". (Truman's Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949)

In the spring of 1941 the Counter Intelligence Corps saw exponential growth. According to *The Counter Intelligence Corps History* by the U.S. Army Military History Institute, "On 20

February 1941 a total of 288 men was reached. By 31 May the over-all total swelled to 513". "On 13 December 1941, a letter from the office of The Adjutant General officially changed the name of the Corps of Intelligence Police to the Counter Intelligence Corps, to be effective on 1 January 1942". "This was a change in name only. Suddenly the days of begging for men and money had come to an end".

The Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) officer is a common thread in early unidentified flying object investigations. *America's Secret Army: The Untold Story of the Counter Intelligence Corps* states, "The degree of secrecy surrounding the CIC was extreme — infinitely greater than that of the FBI". Former Special Agent Duval A. Edwards recalled "Our instructors said over and over that not even our relatives, best friends, Sunday school teachers or creditors must know of our work or of the existence of the CIC"

In June of 1941 Executive Order 8807 established the Office of Scientific Research and Development. On June 13, 1942 this office evolved into the Office of Strategic Services, the OSS — precursor to the CIA.

An interesting side note concerning Franklin D. Roosevelt's OSS and current events is a September 22, 2000 Las Angeles Times article. *The Secret (Insurance) Agent Men* reveals that "newly declassified U.S. intelligence files tell the remarkable story of the ultra-secret Insurance Intelligence Unit, a component of the Office of Strategic Services". "The men behind the insurance unit were OSS head William "Wild Bill" Donovan and California-born insurance magnate Cornelius V. Starr". Starr continued to build AIG Insurance with headquarters in the same building that housed the OSS.

A January 12, 2009 New York Times article, *Tracking the \$700 Billion Bailout*, names AIG and Citigroup as two of the largest recipients of TARP, Troubled Asset Relief Program. Ever wonder where all the TARP money went once dispensed?

In the election of 1944 Franklin D Roosevelt selected Missouri Senator Harry S. Truman as a running mate. Truman became the Vice President on January 20, 1945. On April 12, 1945 Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office. Truman was sworn into the office of the President on that same day and remained in the office until 1953 when Dwight D. Eisenhower took office.

Eisenhower's now famous January 17, 1961 *Farwell Address to the Nation* warns:

The potential for disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals.

The inauguration of President John F. Kennedy took place on January 20, 1961. November 22, 1963 President John. F. Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullet.

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LANDING IN WISCONSIN



On the night of March 13, 1975, many sightings of bright aerial objects were made in the vicinity of Ashland, Wisconsin, which is located on Lake Superior. Our investigation indicates that several policemen observed airborne objects which they could not identify, but not much more than the "flying light" variety.

However, the most interesting of the reports comes from the Philip N. Baker family of Mellen, Wisconsin, some 20 miles south of Ashland. Fifteen-year-old Jane Baker had gone outside to take the cats to the garage where they are housed for the night, and was just at the garage door when she heard "strange high-toned noises." She turned around and looked up at the hill to the north and saw an object apparently sitting on the road into Mellen. The whole hill was lit up, she said. She described it as a silvery disc-shaped object with a domed top which gave off a yellowish-white glow. Around its midsection were located red and green lights which were flashing on and off (see accompanying drawing).

Jane put the cats in the garage and went back into the house to get her father, who was sitting on the couch with his shoes off, watching television. The family is certain of the time because the "Harry-O" show had just started. Jane told her father that "there was a thing on the hill up the road." Mr. Phillips put on his shoes and they both went outside to look at it. At this point the glow was subsiding and the flashing lights had also turned out, and the noise was gone also. However, there was a square lighted area in the middle of it (see inset drawing in Lance Johnson's composite). This area, which appeared to be an opening, had the same yellow-white glow that the top of the object had had earlier when Jane viewed it alone.

The two then walked to position three and at this time noticed a metal-on-metal banging sound. They then went back into the house where Mr. Phillips put in a telephone call to the Undersheriff. While he was talking on the phone they heard a loud boom and when Jane looked out the window the object was gone.

During this period of time, the object was pointed out to Mrs. Phillips, who viewed it from a window in the house,

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and three other members of the family, 11-year-old Jeff, 12-year-old John and 16-year-old Montgomery also got a look at the object.

The next morning, Jane went outside to see if she could find any traces from the previous night. She looked over toward the swamp near her home and saw the same or a similar object again — only this time there were no flashing lights or glow — but the shape and color were the same. It was hovering over some evergreen trees. Jane went back into the house to put on heavier clothing, then went back out, taking the family dog with her. She was proceeding toward the evergreens when the dog gave a big yelp and started to whine and paw at her ears. Then the dog became completely still. Jane says she didn't hear anything, but carried the dog into the house. When she came back out again, the object was gone.

Later in the morning she and Monty and John walked to the spot where the object had been seen the night before. They noted that there was a round area on the road where the snow was "fluffed up." There were tire tracks over the area where a car had passed after the object had left, but there were also bicycle

tracks leading up to it, then taking up again on the other side. These were tracks made by one of the boys riding his bicycle the morning before. The "fluffed up" area apparently obliterated parts of the bicycle tracks.

The condition of the snow is a new phenomenon where UFO landings are concerned. We can hypothesize that it was a result of the propulsion system of the UFO but it could also have been a deliberate attempt to cover any tracks made by whoever or whatever was making the banging noise.

All of the Phillips family agree that the object was on the ground for a total of no less than 10 minutes. The investigation of that particular night is ongoing because there seems to be more witnesses in the area who have yet to be interviewed and there may be corroborating witnesses in other homes in the area.

An article appearing in the Volume 20, No. 2 issue of *Flying Saucer Review* (England) also involves a landing and may cast some light on the old conviction that UFOs are so well engineered that they never have mechanical problems and that's why one hasn't been captured or photographed on the ground.

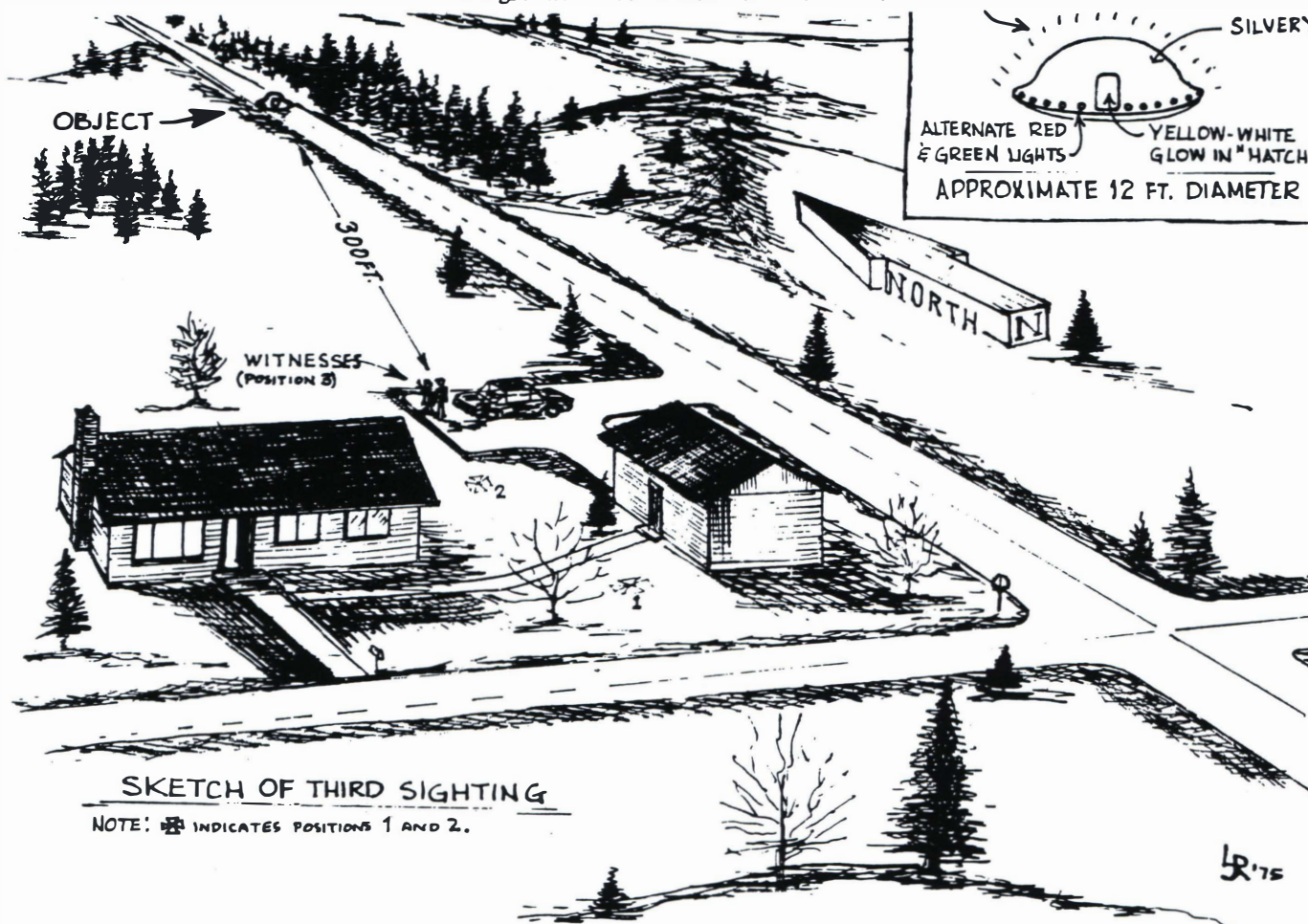
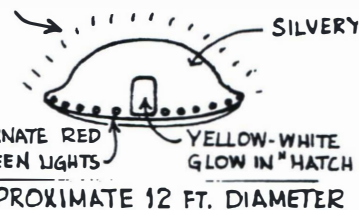
This report was investigated by Mr. Ted Bloecher of New York who has been a top-notch investigator for many years. The original report is quite lengthy, giving background information on how Mr.

Bloecher found out about it, etc., but we will get right to the meat of the report, being satisfied that Mr. Bloecher is an honest and meticulous researcher. On the morning of November 25, 1964, Mrs. Mary Merryweather (a pseudonym) and her mother-in-law watched the landing of two strange crafts and what appeared to be repair of same by several humanoids.

Mrs. Merryweather's husband and father-in-law had gone hunting so Mrs. M. was staying with her mother-in-law so that she would not be alone in the rural home north of New Berlin, Connecticut. At about 12:30 a.m., Mrs. M. discovered she couldn't sleep so she turned on the television. An old movie she had seen several times before was being shown so she turned the set off and got a glass of gingerale and decided to have a look outside.

It was a cold but clear night and Mrs. M. went back in and got a coat on. After she returned to the outdoors she saw a "falling star," and then another one, but the second one, instead of arcing along the horizon, came straight down, and leveled off. She described it as an unusually bright light of a brightness and intensity which she had never seen before, even brighter than a mercury vapor lamp. Also, she began to hear a low, humming sound which she compared

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to a water pump which is running laboriously. The pitch did not change. Shortly, her mother-in-law got up to use the bathroom and when she came through the living room to go back to bed, Mrs. M. called to her to come and look.

At this point a car came along the road between her and the creek bed where the object was traveling. This car went on, but a second car which followed it about a minute and a half later slowed down and pulled off onto the shoulder of the road, at which time the light also slowed practically to a stop, then it stopped, hovered for a moment then it started back toward Mrs. M.'s position, past the car, at which time the car took off down the road at high speed.

When the object started back in the direction of Mrs. M., the mother-in-law had come to the door, opened it and was about to step out but upon seeing the object's motion she stepped back in, then urged Mary to come in also. Mary, until that time, had been standing on a rise in the middle of the driveway, but although she didn't go back inside, she did retreat to the porch. At this time, she estimated, the object had come to a stop at a point several hundred feet across the road from the house and hovered there. Mrs. M. said she felt as though she was being observed. She then tried to persuade her husband's English Springer to come out but the dog, who ordinarily would have been outside at that time, refused to come out. The dog stayed close to the mother-in-law's legs and shivered.

At this point another car came along the road and slowed down and the lighted object started to go along the road at the same speed. The people in the car appeared to have become frightened because they speeded up and left the area. The object then traveled along the creek bed, and up the side of the mountain about 3800 feet distant (according to the topographical map), then settled just below the ridge of the hill. The droning sound was no longer in evidence and the mother-in-law again urged Mrs. M. to come in but she refused, and asked for the binoculars which were shortly produced.

After she got the binoculars, the mother-in-law went back into the house, then called to Mary saying that there was a better view out of the corner dining room window and she was worried that Mary was getting cold. She was, so she re-entered the house and went to the window designated. At this point it was about 1 a.m.

When she lifted the binoculars to her face and looked through them, she

discerned movement at the base of the object, which lighted up the ground below. She said she couldn't tell the shape of the object, except that the "men" (who were tall — 6½ to 8 feet), when moving around the object gave the appearance of going around a round object. The object was hovering or supported by legs, for the men could crawl around underneath and would lie down on the ground much like a mechanic does when working on a car, although they had much more room. The "men" brought large boxes — at least two, and perhaps three, large enough that it took two men to carry them. Mrs. M. passed the binoculars to her mother-in-law, who also observed the men, but passed the glasses back to her because she didn't want to watch them, asking her to watch and tell her what she saw.

The "men" were dressed in something like a diver's wet suit which was a darker color than their skin. She based their height on the sizes of bushes she could see in the lower portion of the field on the hillside.

There were at least five men in all and the only time she could see them clearly was when they were on the side of the object close to her where the light shone on them. They went in under the vehicle and took something from the center of the vehicle and laid it down gently with their hands. Sometime before the thing was removed and the "work" started on the vehicle, the mother-in-law called to her that there was another object coming. Mrs. M. took the glasses away from her face and could see that another object was coming in from the west southwest, going east northeast and settled down on the crest of the ridge just above the place where the first vehicle had landed.

Four or five more "men" went over to where the first group was working and joined them in their efforts. She could see some of the men standing together down the hill a little way and they appeared to be cutting cable which was dark in color and she could see it falling in an arc or loop as they worked with it. They appeared to be cutting it in exact lengths and working quite hard at it.

The thing that was taken from the center of the vehicle was left on the ground under the place where it was dislodged, Mrs. M. said. At the time that they left it there and went to work on it, her mother-in-law informed her that the time was 1:15 a.m. The men would kneel, sit, half lie down, leaning on an elbow or walking around. In all, she estimated that there were between 10 and 12 "men" involved in this endeavor. She was able to observe the "men" only with the binoculars — with them she could only see the two lights from the two objects resting on the hill. The light situated at the higher elevation on the hill was not as

large as the other.

Mrs. M.'s mother-in-law decided to stay up because she said she couldn't sleep anyway until they left and also she didn't want to leave Mary alone. Also, the dog was terribly frightened. Mrs. M. said she wasn't particularly frightened. They debated as to whether they should notify a governmental agency or police but decided not to. Mary felt that people would come with guns and bother them and she felt that the "men" merely wanted to get their machine fixed and leave. She also said she felt that they knew she wouldn't call anyone; that when the light had first come toward her she had the impression of being watched by many eyes.

At exactly 4:30 a.m. by the kitchen clock, the men got together in a team and raised up the object which had been on the ground and proceeded to put it up into the vehicle. One man who seemed to be the leader, was gesturing with his hands as if instructing the others. They raised the thing up about 8 inches, then off at an angle; they maneuvered it but it didn't seem to fit. They tried this again and again, stopped to cut more cable and work with the mechanism. It became obvious to Mrs. Merryweather that they were hurrying and getting exasperated. It was six minutes to five when they finally got the thing fitted up into the vehicle and they seemed to be pleased.

At that point they went about picking up things, and the men from the vehicle above on the hill took their equipment up there, running as if carrying something extremely heavy. A minute later, at five minutes to five, the second vehicle left, going straight up, then shooting off in the direction from which it had come. Mrs. M. said it was almost like an instantaneous disappearance. A minute later the first vehicle took off also, going up to the crest of the hill, rising a little further again, and then shooting off in the same direction as the other.

The next afternoon after Mrs. M. arose, she decided to examine the area where she had seen the objects the night before. Her mother-in-law did not accompany her, as she is quite heavy and suffers from arthritis and bursitis. She had to ask a neighbor if she could go through their property to the top of the hill, not explaining why, and they looked at her rather oddly, so she assumed that they hadn't seen anything.

Upon searching the hill, Mrs. M. found three places where something cone-shaped and round at the bottom, very heavy and spaced in a triangle about 15 to 20 feet to a side, had pressed into the ground. She felt that whatever had been there had been very heavy as one of the impressions had a broken rock where something had broken it and gone down a little ways into the ground to more rock.

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The impressions on the bare ground were about 14 inches wide and up to 18 inches deep, and the shallowest hole was about 4 inches deep. There were two sets of these impressions, one where the first vehicle apparently had been, and where the second was located. They were in the form of an equilateral triangle.

As she searched the ground, Mrs. M. recalled the "men" cutting the cable and went on down the hill where there was a lot of tall grass and looked there. She doesn't recall if she found the artifact that day or later when she went up there with her husband, but on the ground some 50 or 60 feet below the lowest set of impressions, she found a three-inch piece of what looked like cable. The outer part of it looked as if it was wrapped in dark brown paper towel, but it was nothing like our paper toweling. The inside was made up of what appeared to be very finely shredded aluminum. Aluminum will crumple, Mrs. M. pointed out, but this material wouldn't crumple nor could it be creased. The inside could be removed for the paper outside had been cut along the entire three-inch length of the piece, but it all hung together.

Mrs. M. was interviewed several times both personally and by telephone but as of Mr. Bloecher's writing (December 15, 1973), the artifact had not been found. Mrs. M. said that they had meant to "put it up" so that it would not get lost but apparently it got lost. It had practically no weight at all. This strange cylindrical piece of material might very well have supplied some very valuable scientific clues.

However, when the entire report is taken into consideration along with the 15-minute visit at the Baker farm in Mellen, Wisconsin during which metal-on-metal hammering noises were heard, it is possible that we are examining two examples of the fallibility of the UFOs — they do sometimes have mechanical trouble and repair is necessary.

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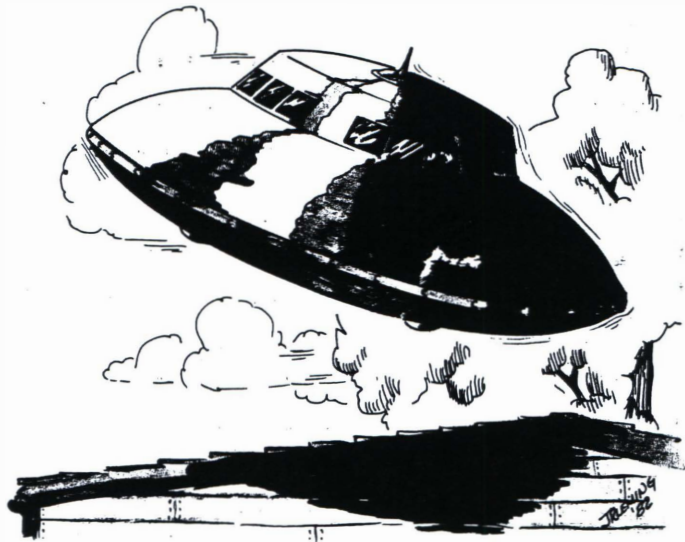
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