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THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Some time ago, the State Director heard Ted Oliphant, III, present a MUFON audience with what Mr. Oliphant terms "the rules of engagement." The rules seem so immeasurably important, that Ruben Uriarte was asked to contact Mr. Oliphant to learn if this material might be presented in the *Case Briefs*. As with many of us, Ted Oliphant has been concerned over the frequent so-called professional approach to experiencers of various anomalous activities. In a letter to Mr. Uriarte, Mr. Oliphant writes of his concerns:

"A lot of damage is being done these days by the research and media types, hypnotherapists and psychologists. Automatically they treat the person who's had the experience as a victim. That means that they've already decided the 'things' that people are encountering are attackers - some aggressive/offensive thing. So the so-called professionals have made the decision that the phenomenon is evil. Often when people get involved in something that's personal and scary, they go back to their base instincts. So if you're going to improve things, you've got to help people realize they do have control over what takes place with them. Often the witnesses themselves are causing a lot of the problems they are having simply because they overlook these shots that they've taken. More damage is done by the investigative and media types. They take the persons who have had the experience and make some kind of victim out of them. The individuals go home and watch themselves on TV and then become even more convinced that they're a victim, and before you know it you have a snowball effect."

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CASE BRIEFS

CASE 1: Clear Lake, July 16, 1993

In the November/December 1994 issue of *Case Briefs*, we reflected on the July 10, 1993 Clear Lake Sighting of Renzie (pseudonym) and her husband Maurice (pseudonym). The State Director had been in contact with Russ Jones of IIP, and on the morning of July 16th, 1993, Mr. Jones telephoned to request MUFON's presence

at Clear Lake. Renzie and Maurice had been viewing various luminosities for some time and they finally made contact with the IIP people. As a consequence, on that evening, eight or more of us stood around in the driveway of Renzie's home while we waited for something to happen. The

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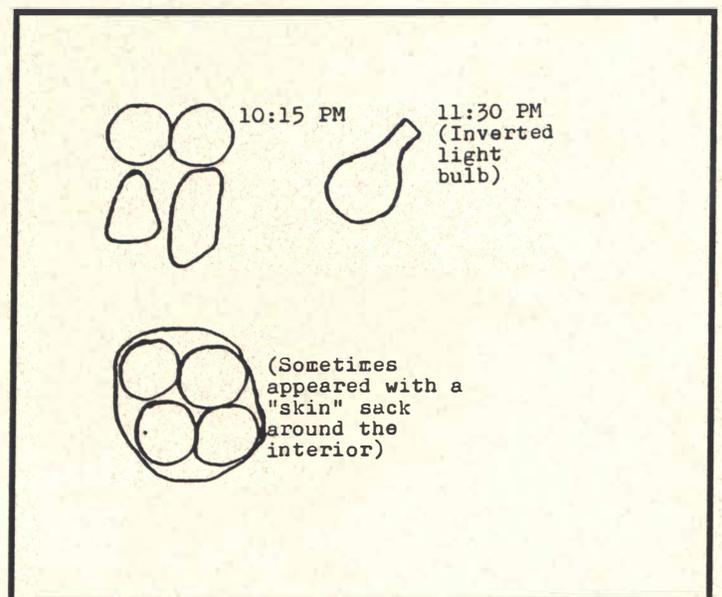
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vibes in Clear Lake seemed emphatically negative, and it is unlikely that any of the eight individuals will ever forget that evening. Certainly it was an unusual gathering, and the darkened driveway was crowded with camera equipment, food, people and TV studio trucks. Two of the IIP people had been out in the driveway on the previous evening. On

that occasion the sky had been exciting. All manner of bizarre activity had been present. When the TV crews appeared on the evening of the 16th, in general nothing appeared except what is chronicled here.

The afternoon of July 16th was spent with interviews. Sometime prior to 10:00 p.m., we were all waiting in the driveway. Maurice had already seen the luminosity appear about 9 p.m. and at about 80 degrees in the southeast sky. This would have been about 106-1/3 degrees with declination calculated as 16-1/3. By 10:15 p.m. the luminous source, brighter than Arcturus, had moved to approximately 236 degrees. The drawing on the Form 1 shows four "balls" inside an essentially square configuration, with the one in the lower right hand corner a bit more distended than the others, and not at all circular. These were bright white in color, and appeared to be moving and changing shape within the interior. At times there appeared to be some revolving. To the naked eye, what was seen was a light perhaps brighter than Arcturus. But with the 8 x 40 binoculars, the interior was easily visible. At 11:30 p.m. the only structure seen was something like an inverted light bulb. At all times, the luminosity remained the same. At times, the four "balls," or somewhat circular structures, appeared to be within a bag.



By midnight, the luminosity had moved down to approximately 20 degrees, and the bearing was checked by the compass to be 256 degrees, or almost straight southwest. On this night and on the 17th, we compared notes with Maurice to determine what he had been watching on other nights. Maurice reported that he had never seen the luminosity appear: "When I look up, it's either there or it isn't."

Outside the El Grande Inn, a reading was taken on the 17th. Some notes were kept of the sky that night, and the luminosity was at 266 degrees at 10:30 p.m. The same kind of inner contents appeared on that evening, and at 11:30 p.m. there appeared to have been no movement from the 10:30 position in the sky.

We think we were looking into Virgo which had no stars with the intensity of this one. Star charts show Jupiter in this area in July at about this time of evening. Jupiter was in quadrature, and this could explain it not appearing to be symmetrical when viewed on the 16th. One limb may have been a bit soft. But Russ Jones saw it "dancing around" on the night of the 15th, and it was seen to have sunk much faster on the 16th than on the night of the 17th. An astronomer, who does not wish to be quoted, reports he does not understand how this luminosity could have been Jupiter. It is perhaps conceivable that the luminosity was an anomalous plasma. It is also conceivable this was a critter as defined by Trevor James Constable in his *Cosmic Pulse of Life* published by Merlin Press in 1976. Descriptions may also be found in his *Sky Creatures: Living UFOs* published by Pocket Books in 1978. It is of some interest that the teardrop-light bulb form seen at 11:30 p.m. on July 16th, was essentially similar to the teardrop seen just outside the great mothership of September 2, 1993, that was reported in the July/August 1994 issue of *Case Briefs*.

CLASSIFICATIONS: (July 16, 1993)

1. Hynek Classification: DE-1
2. Berliner Strangeness Scale: 2

3. Berliner K/U Factor: 14
4. Berliner Credibility Scale: 7
5. Speiser Strangeness Factor: S4
6. Speiser Probability Factor: P4
7. Hynek Strangeness: (8)
8. UFOCAT Type: Type I
9. Arthur Bray Classification: Class II
10. GEPAN Classification: Type C
11. Vallee Classification (1965): Type V
12. Vallee Classification (1966): Type V, Class A
13. Vallee Anomalies (1992): AN-1
14. SVP Credibility Rating: (Vallee, 1992): S-4, V-3, P-3

CASE 2: The Perils of Kathleen (Part IV)

Kathleen frequently glimpses grays in her bedroom or aboard the spaceships. In truth, for her, the grays are the most commonly viewed beings of the E.T. menagerie. She estimates these are mostly not quite five feet in stature, and she remarks that all apparently mature grays she has seen seem to have ranged between 4' 10" and 5'. Color of skin is light gray, almost white, with skin so smooth she sometimes doubts they are wearing suits. She has never seen nipples or genitals, not even on the naked baby gray discussed in the January/February 1995 issue of *Case Briefs*.

Grays are slim and thin, with what appears to be an oversized head, and very thin arms that reach somewhat closer to the knees than our own. The neck is thin and appears to be insufficient for an adequate foundation to the cranium above it. It is of considerable interest that Lisa Marie Reynolds, a close friend of Kathleen, once tussled with a gray that had invaded her bedroom in Saratoga. Lisa reported to the State Director that she was in bed, on top of the gray, with her hands grasped tightly around its neck in an attempt to choke the intruder. As she held on tight and shook the little creature beneath her, she felt what seemed like a metal rod extending through its neck.

Should the grays possess a cervical support of this nature, this might in part explain the ability

to carry what appears to be a relatively heavy skull and cranium on the slim support. At the time that Lisa was scrapping with the gray, there were apparently one or more other temporarily disoriented beings in the room. She shortly lost consciousness and at a later time apologized to the beings for being so rough with them. This was early in her experience when she was, as she said, irrationally terrified.

Kathleen notes the large, dark, wrap-around eyes as the most obvious characteristic of the oversized head. There is never any hair and she has never noticed the presence of external ears. Two little slits appear to compose a nose that does not protrude from the flattened face. There is a transverse line across, for a mouth, without lips. There is no expression. She explains the difficulties of determining details when she is usually sneaking side views while laying on her back.

As far as Kathleen knows, grays have movement in hips, knees, shoulders, and elbows. Movement in certain other regions is uncertain. Those in Kathleen's field of view possessed on each hand three long fingers or lumps placed midway or more distally. She presumes these are joints, since these beings can bend their fingers down towards the fingertips where these lumps appear. Fingers are rounded at the ends, and there are no nails. According to Kathleen, the little growths are "kind of like little joints sticking out...something like someone with arthritis."

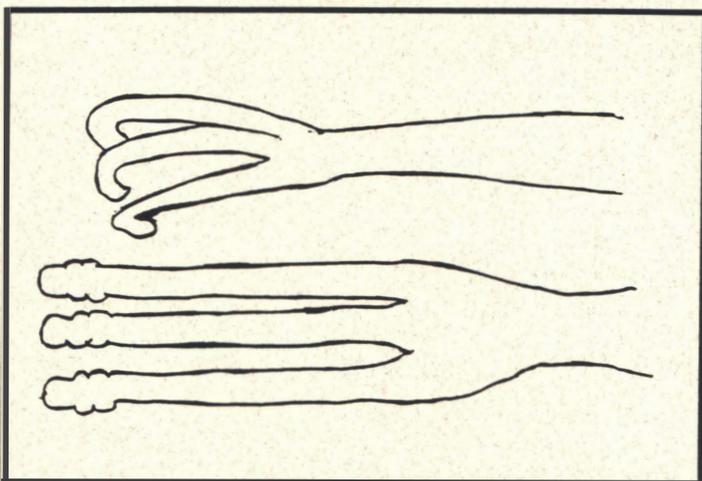
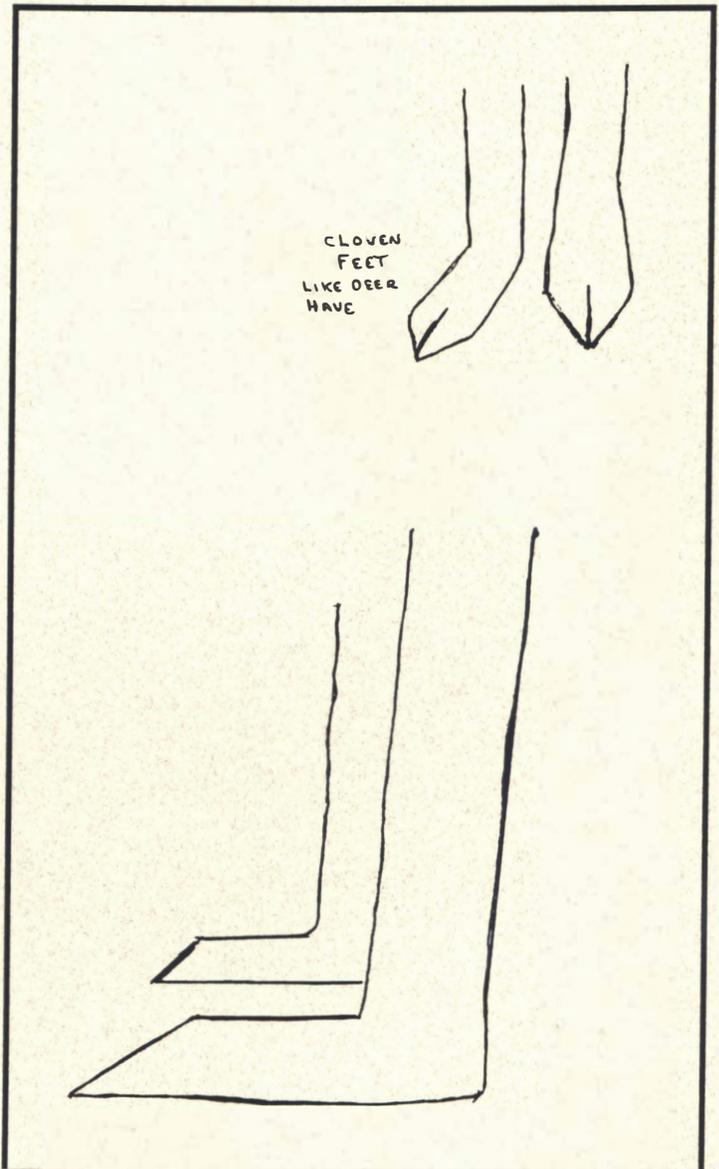


Figure 1.

The feet are short, and the top of their feet, where our feet curve down to the toes, "kind of come out in a straight line and then slant down where there would have been toes." We presume these beings are wearing boots. The baby gray, mentioned in the previous issue of Case Briefs, was about to be incinerated. Presumably the suit and boots had been removed, thus showing the cloven foot like that of a deer.



Figures 2 and 3.

Finally, Kathleen notes that the grays walk much like human beings except that they are more stiff legged. Although there is bending at the knee joint, Kathleen likens their walk to that of break

dancers - to "robots shuffling across the floor." Failure to see any evidence of nipples, genitals or of an umbilicus may suggest these are reproduced by cloning. It would be of interest to know if these beings have astral bodies or if there is what Robert Monroe terms the "Core Self."

REVIEWS

An Interview with Whitley Streiber: "The Aliens That Aren't" in *Magical Blend*

With Ed Conroy
Through April '95, Issue 46

Reviewed by Virgil Staff, State Director

We can be thankful to the editors of *Magical Blend* for their publication of an Ed Conroy interview with Whitley Streiber. Streiber's new book, entitled *Breakthrough*, is published by HarperCollins and should have been available in February of this year. Streiber explains that he had hoped the beings would go away. But this was not to happen. "I do not know what to make of it to this day. Since 1985, I've had nine years - going on ten years - of this experience, and it has turned into an elaborate witnessed, theatrical exposition of a kind of relationship with somebody from another world. It's like some kind of contact would be, but at the same time it's got elements to it that address me and apparently all the people it touches. It's impossible for me to conceive the experience has something to do with aliens who have arrived here from another planet."

Mr. Streiber explains that "I have seen what it's like when it enters people's lives and how it changes them. It directs attention to the deepest level of self, and people find themselves redirecting their whole lives as a result of the smallest experience. I had a couple of people at my cabin who came face to face with one of these so-called visitors, and who touched it's hands. You would think that they would come away from this

experience saying, 'Well, I've met an alien,' but they didn't come away saying that. One of them, an elderly person, realized that her life wasn't over yet. She completely revised her whole life. She went out and found a husband and had seven wonderful years of marriage that she would not otherwise have had. Another witness changed the whole orientation of her life. I've had other experiences where I saw people in contact with the visitors, who then proceeded to change their lives. In other words, what I'm saying is that it doesn't seem to me that it's an alien-human kind of contact. It seems to be some kind of life-changing experience that apparently involves a level of consciousness that has animation and physical reality - at least at times - that we didn't even know existed."

"I think we are looking at the edges of something that is on the same continuum as human reality, but which reflects this reality in a different way. There are points of reference throughout the whole sequence that relate to physical reality in one way or another." Streiber further complicates this by positing the possibility that what is experienced is more perceptual than physical. Yet he has felt the beings as have various of his acquaintances. As one reads on and on, one might conclude: "These alien beings have the same impact on our cultures that the old gods had on the cultures of the past. My guess is that people actually did see those gods and did interact with them in ways they describe. We're not looking so much at mythological ideas as an attempt to interpret this level of reality in a way that was meaningful to their minds."

Queried about Roswell, Streiber discusses Project Mogul and explains why he believes the Air Force is lying. "They have to explain Colonel Marcel away somehow; and they can't do it, so they just ignored his existence." Streiber had contacted Dr. Saubacher who had worked with the Roswell debris, and had concluded that it was from an alien spacecraft. Streiber had phoned Saubacher, and "he told me he had worked with a team that had looked at that stuff very carefully, and it wasn't until the mid-sixties that powerful

enough microscopes were developed to discover the source of its strength. It turned out that it was actually welded - he said 'machined' - at the molecular level. I then sent Dr. Saubacher a complete description of my own experiences by UPS overnight. A couple of days later, UPS phoned me to tell me that Dr. Saubacher was dead. He had fallen off his yacht and drowned." The presumption was that he may have been murdered.

Streiber has reason to believe that Harry Truman was the source of the cover-up. He believes someone in the CIA frightened the President. Streiber apparently received various leads from the Air Force who feared they would eventually take the blame for "the cover-up...rammed down their throats by the executive branch and the Central Intelligence Agency."

One of Streiber's sources "felt that when the real story becomes public, it's going to create a tremendous break in confidence on the part of the people. That's the reason it has been held secret so effectively for so long. As a result, the people have been denied a chance to address this phenomenon in any reasonable way through their social, scientific and cultural institutions. So where do they face it? In their own backyards in the dark of night, in a state of complete ignorance and confusion. We've been able to give much less to our side of our relationship with the visitors than we otherwise could have. This is such a fundamental lapse on the part of the government, such a deep fundamental failure, that my source said he thought we'd end up with a second republic. That was quite a profound statement."

Streiber believes that on the very night that the Roswell vehicle came down, the Air Force was testing "secret high intensity radars in that area. The combination of the radars and a heavy electrical storm brought down this device..." The government had a huge collection of information concerning what he calls the "alien intrusion... yet, incredibly, it was all pushed under the rug. It is absolutely extraordinary that happened. That kind of debunking is hard. It took an effort. You had to twist the arms of people in the newspapers to

get them to say that it was all a flock of birds, or whatever they used to explain it away."

The Project Aurora comes in for discussion, and he believes this project will be declassified in the next few years. "It will then be pointed to as the explanation for all the UFO stories reported over the thirty years of its development. They're going to try to explain away all of the UFO stories, over that period of time, as being Project Aurora aircraft, and therefore avoid admitting that there's been a cover-up of their awareness of the presence of strangers here... I should point out that this is being done to protect the integrity of the government, particularly of the secret government."

Streiber's comments are of tremendous significance to present happenings. "My own relationship to the experience has convinced me that it is deeply involved with being human. This is not unconscious debris, but something above what we call consciousness. The human mind seems to exist in some way on a hyperphysical and hyperdimensional level, perhaps even a hypercognitive level. What is happening is that the barriers between this hypercognition and normal cognition are falling, and we're finding that there is a physical evolution of humankind that exists at this hyperphysical or hypercognitive level. What we were seeing that day in my cabin was something that was essentially human in its origin, but not human in the way we ordinarily think. For example, it is not, at this point in history, bound to the surface of this planet. It is human in the sense that it is part of a very large-scale spectrum of being, of which we are also a part. What's happening is that our secret government is accidentally denying us access to the higher levels of the spectrum of being. If everyone can't grow together in our self-understanding, no one can. As a result, everyone - the whole system - stays grounded where it is.

"What I'm looking forward to, is seeing the nature of human experience change as our consciousness rises toward this hyperconsciousness, and we begin to understand this higher level of physical being." Streiber

continues that he has received 130,000 letters from people with this experience. These descriptions are not the descriptions of the UFO community, but are essentially of "a vast, immensely subtle, immensely complicated theatrics of hyperconsciousness trying to penetrate to our level of reality. It is something knocking at the door, something trying to get us to move up, to wake up and to come up in scale."

Streiber continues: "This whole thing is much bigger, much more human and much more important than is reflected in the thinking of people within the government and the UFO community... They definitely were going to try to chew me up, because they saw I was trying to release this and get it into the minds and hearts of everybody, so people can do with it what they will. The powers that be didn't like that. That is the release of the virus as far as they are concerned, because when that happens, people will have direct reference to something that is far beyond the whole structure of authority that we have created to organize our society. What would that mean for the structures of authority in our society? It means that... society is going to completely recast itself as a reflection of hypercognitive thought. What that will mean, I have no idea. If what has happened to me is any reflection of what's happening to other people, it isn't going to be familiar."

Ed Conroy: "I take it that your new book, which from its very title, *Breakthrough*, refers to this process of changing our relationship to one another and the cosmos, that you feel it is now possible for people to empower themselves and take this on themselves, that people need nothing except the understanding and the insight to do it.

Whitley Streiber: "They need to be breathing, and they need to have some idea of what they might be doing, and I think that's all. They don't need any authorities. They don't need any leaders. They don't need any guru's. They don't need any groups, any organizations or any permission at all. It's there; it's available; it's at hand. The book is simply taking off a padlock and throwing it away, so that they can open the door

and do whatever they want to, out in the backyard."

THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN

Comments by Virgil Staff, State Director

The Daily Californian of September 27, 1991, published a front page article concerning various beliefs of the Berkeley group of the East Bay Skeptics Society. One of the targets is UFOs. "So Schwarz and the other 150 East Bay Skeptics use science to expose what they call superstition, fraud and 'pseudo science' in society." What is not clarified is what distinction these people draw between the scientific method and what scientists say and do.

Lloyd Auerbach, director of the East Bay's Office of Paranormal Investigations, said "his organization, unlike the Skeptics, is willing to assume the existence of phenomena beyond the realm of scientific explanation. 'We make an assumption that we have minds and emotions even though we have no physical evidence for that,' he said. 'Science is not complete and probably never will be, so to ignore people's experiences is absurd.'"

Two of the targets of these folk are UFO and conspiracy theories. Since there is a tremendous quantity of data supporting the veracity of each, and since the Establishment is inimical to both, one might be forgiven for suggesting a connection between this group and some agency or power house. It is easy to talk about science, but the scientific method requires a mind relatively open and unfettered by the nuances of class structure demands.

On September 30, 1991, the State Director forwarded his comments to the office of *The Daily Californian*. In line with what Noam Chomsky and various others have reported about the mass media, there was no expectation that the following comments would be published. In this he was not disappointed. The following letter produces the comments in toto. It should not be too difficult to

comprehend why someone might not want the students to begin thinking in this vein.

Post Office Box 7668
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September 30, 1991

The Daily Californian
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Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Sir:

It is always of interest to know what people think of themselves. So that it was of considerable interest for many of us to read the comments of the East Bay Skeptics in *The Daily Californian* of September 27th. This collection of local conventionalists is either a part of, or at least akin to, the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). Guy Lyon Playfair has likened the CSICOP originators to "witch hunters," and Robert Anton Wilson chronicled various organizational attempts to silence such notables as Wilhelm Reich, Dr. William Ivy, Immanuel Velikovsky, Timothy Leary and Dr. Robert Sheldrake.

The CSICOP people hide under the rubric of science, but function in an atmosphere inimical to free inquiry. Wilson has pointed out that these people are the antithesis of 16th -17th century empirical science, and that their explanations are based largely on the Argument of Authority: *156 scientists say this, therefore this must be true.* He remarks further that this has always been the technique of dogmatists and tyrants and was the logic the Papacy employed against the Scientific Revolution. This approach has been termed "scientism," and replaces the old Papal Infallibility with the newer "Scientific" Infallibility. Wilson sees this "Scientific" Fundamentalism as a hysterical response to the Information Explosion.

It has been the experience of many of us that these people tend to resort to *ad hominem* attacks when unable to win arguments in any other way. They blindly support the government point of view, such as concerns the presence of the UFO and are apparently attempting to revive a new kind of medieval dogmatism that in our age is more akin to fascism than to introspection and reflection. Finally, it is commonly believed that various of these so-called "Skeptics" are low-level auxiliaries of the Intelligence Establishment: their chief function being to bring the citizenry around

to views they would not naturally arrive at without the proper direction.

Respectfully,
Virgil C. Staff

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Concerning the rules of engagement, Mr. Oliphant writes: "These are The Rules I was taught by my teacher, Phil, and that have served me so well. Credit for them solely belongs to Phil, not me, however I concur on all points. Once you know The Rules, there is no going back. The act of reading The Rules automatically thrusts responsibility on the readers shoulders.

"Are you prepared to take full responsibility for publishing 'THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT' verbatim?"

"THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT"

1. SEEING UFOs OR BELIEVING IN THEM IS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE MEANT FOR THE PERCIPIENT.

If you've had a paranormal experience yourself, you know the really deep ones aren't being talked about. The real experiences have been changed somewhat, so probably aren't exactly the way they're described. The persons may not even realize they're changing it. But one of the ways you can tell when you're getting bad information is when someone says to you... 'Look, I know what it is, it's real.' That's your indication that the person may be enthused. But one of the early indications of this phenomena is that it really doesn't like people speaking for it.

Over the last 40 years or so, many people have tried to go public making major claims about UFOs. From Adamski to Lazar, you look at what's happening to these people who assumed that they had the right to be the phenomena's spokesperson, they all ended up having done things that made them lose their credibility. Either they ended up contradicting their own statements, or something from their past was dredged up showing them to

be charlatans and frauds. If you look at all these people, and you ask yourself: 'Can anything be learned from what happened to them?' we find another rule.

2. NO ONE SPEAKS FOR THE PHENOMENON, and

3. YOU MAY NOT ASSUME YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THE PHENOMENON'S P.R. WORK.

4. WHATEVER YOU SAY ABOUT UFO'S HAS TO BE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

It doesn't have to be right, but it does have to be what you believe.

5. YOU MAY NOT EXAGGERATE OR MAKE STATEMENTS YOU KNOW NOT TO BE TRUE.

If you make statements you know not to be true - to attract attention to what you're saying, to make money with, or to gain power over people - that's not allowed. That's a violation of the rules.

6. YOU HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU SAY, OR WHAT YOU SAY WILL BECOME TRUE FOR YOU.

And if you really do believe it, do you really understand the requirements those beliefs place on you?

7. YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR OPINION DAY TO DAY FOR NO REASON.

Our entire mental structure is based on the knowledge and beliefs as points that guide us. You can't flip those on and off like clothes.

8. IF YOU PROJECT EVIL THOUGHTS, YOU GET THEM BACK.

A lot of this phenomenon is like looking in a mirror. A lot of the problems people are having, they're causing themselves. Many times an

individual will jump to a conclusion or make an inaccurate conclusion about an experience. If you see a seven foot tall shrouded creature, or a short ugly one, and you jump to the conclusion that it's evil, it's going to pick up on the fact that you're projecting it as evil. A lot of what goes on appears to be symbolic.

9. THE ONLY WAY TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL IS THAT EVIL ALWAYS TAKES THE FIRST SHOT.

The indications are that whatever the first exploiting force is doing is to take advantage or gain an advantage. It doesn't have to be anything major. A lot of the things that people interpret as being evil, aren't evil at all. It's just that they've reacted in ways where they took the first shot without even realizing it. So if you call an unknown, evil, then you've already taken that first exploitive shot I was talking about. You can't call ugly, evil."

In completing his letter to Ruben Uriarte, Mr. Oliphant writes: "Investigators ask the person, who's had the experience, questions like: 'Well, was your experience a good one or a bad one?' They're forcing the person to make a decision. Suppose you say: 'I don't know.' They'll then assume your experience wasn't very strong because you would know; well, not necessarily."

Virgil Staff, State Director

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on July 16th, was essentially similar to what a different IIP crew had seen and photographed early in the morning of September 2, 1993, when seven or eight of us watched the great mothership rise over the landscape east of Clear Lake.

Respectfully,

Virgil Staff

TIDBITS

ATTENTION NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE SECTION DIRECTORS: If you and/or your local members are planning any activities or have been doing any particularly interesting research or investigations, please call or write the Editor to share your information. We would love to hear from you and include your activities in future editions of *Case Briefs*. (For example, the San Francisco chapter is in the discussion stages of planning a camp out / sky watch for sometime this summer, possibly in either the Clear Lake or Russian River area. *Case Briefs* hopes to report on that exciting venture in the September/October 1995 issue.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have any comments, suggestions or notices of upcoming events that you would like to share, please send them to Laura Steiger, Case Briefs Editor, MUFON Northern California, P. O. Box 26585, San Francisco, CA 94126

OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW UPDATE

The great folks at Operation Right to Know are currently circulating a Worldwide Petition to the United Nations with the intent of presenting it to the UN in July, 1995. The petition requests that the UN "publicly address issues manifesting as a result of five decades of reported and documented UFO events;" additionally, they petition "member nations, who have been active over the years in covertly investigating UFO events, to disclose the classified information and conclusions concerning UFO events still secured from exposure to public awareness." If you would like to receive a petition to circulate, please contact: Michael Jamieson, 554 Randolph Street, #2, Napa, CA 94559

MEDIA CORNER

TELEVISION & RADIO

KTVU, our Oakland Fox affiliate, reports that "The Extraordinary" airs Saturday night at midnight.

"Sightings" is aired on KPIX Channel 5 at 3:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon, unless preempted by a sporting event..

Art Bell's "Dreamland" is still airing Sunday evenings 7 - 10. Some stations carry only portions of the show or tape it for later broadcast. Please check with your local radio station to check the actual time it airs. Only one new California station has been added in the last two months. It is KMJ Fresno, 580 on the a.m. dial. (The January/February issue of *Case Briefs* printed a list of all the California stations.) No strong Bay Area stations yet, however, some people report good luck with Reno, Nevada station, KOH, located at 780 a.m.

EVENTS

MUFON Bi-Monthly Bay Area Meeting

Usually held on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Divine Science, 1540 Hicks, San Jose. The speakers will be Leon LeGant, a clairvoyant who will share his approach to abduction, and Kent Jeffreys, a respected investigator into the 1947 Roswell cover-up. Our featured speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Joe Burkes, a Los Angeles physician, who will share his views on the records he has been keeping on his patients as they may apply to the UFO phenomenon. Please note that due to MUFON's 26th Annual Symposium in Seattle, there will be no July meeting.

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RE: Sighting on July 16, 1993, LOG# 950204S

Dear Virgil:

I have reviewed your report with interest. It contains several pieces of data that presumably could be used to establish the object's trajectory in relation to stars, and I have made some studies using your data. I am reluctant to consider a sighting an "unidentified anomaly," unless the factors of the case do not point to a more mundane conclusion, so I would like your help by answering a couple of questions and clarifying a few points. First, I need to know if the directional measurements you gave were corrected to true north, or if they were compass bearings.

Did you see Jupiter or Arcturus while you were watching this object? At 10:15 pm on July 16, 1993, Jupiter was at an Azimuth (from true north) of 252° and an elevation of 19° from the true horizon. Arcturus was at an Azimuth of 250° and an elevation of 52° . You indicate the object was at 236° . If this was the compass bearing, then the bearing from true north would have been about 252° - the same as Jupiter. Based on your discussion, I gather the object would have been at an elevation of between 60° and 70° at that time, above Jupiter but close to Arcturus. At midnight that day, you indicate a bearing of 256° at 20° elevation. Adding correction leads to about 272° from true north. Arcturus was at 272° and an elevation of 32° .

Based on this analysis, assuming your measurements were compass bearings, I would conclude that you must have been looking at Arcturus. Your statements for the 17th, however, do not agree. You claim the bearing at 10:30 was 266° and did not change noticeably during the next hour. Arcturus was at 255° at 48° elevation. Jupiter was also at 255° but at an elevation of 15° . Both changed appreciably during the following hour.

Please clarify the measurements for me and, if possible, provide more data on the observed elevations. I will hold this report until March 15 awaiting your response.

Best wishes



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Dear Dave:

I was pleased to see your calculations, which ought to prove to both of us that the IIP camera crew at Clear Lake, on the night of 16 July 1993, were watching neither Arcturus nor the planet Jupiter. You are, of course, correct that we should be slow to identify any particular sighting as anomalous. But what were our other options?

You seem unclear as to whether or not we identified Arcturus, but on page two of the sighting report, line seven, I have written: "By 10:15 PM, the luminous source, brighter than Arcturus, had moved to approximately 236° ." Yes, we identified Arcturus. It was in the sky both nights, and my notes show it at roughly 256° at 10:55 PM on the night of 17 July.

On July 16th we did not ever see the planet Jupiter since our location was such that hills and trees in front of us cut off perhaps 20 percent of the view above the horizon. On July 17th, we were in a more open location and did locate Jupiter. With both Jupiter and our anomalous phenomenon in the sky, it was clear that the two were not the same. But on the night of July 16th, we never saw Jupiter. Nevertheless, we felt that what we were seeing could not be a misidentification of Jupiter since no star or planet ever looked like the sketches I have included on the Mufon Form I.

Yes, all directional measurements were corrected to true north. All estimates are exact compass bearings with declination additions to each of roughly $16-1\frac{1}{3}^{\circ}$. You will notice, on page two of the sighting report, line five: "This would have been about $106\frac{1}{3}$ degrees with declination calculated as $16\frac{1}{3}$ degrees." My presumption, apparently incorrect, was that it would be understood that I had made this calculation at all times.

I regret that I have been somewhat remiss about recording the elevations accompanying various bearings. The long hours of darkness must have gotten to me. But the 10:15 sighting of 236° was at 60° elevation with not much alteration in elevation for the sighting at 11:30 PM. By midnight, on July 16th, the luminous source had sunk beneath the trees and could no longer be seen. Of course it had moved over to 256° . It is of some interest that the "light bulb arrangement" seen at 11:30 PM

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF A UFO REPORT

Log Number 9502045

Initiator Virgil Staff State Director

Received 2/3/95

Reported 1/26/95

Berkeley CA 94707

The report of a claimed UFO event witnessed by Virgil Staff et al on 7/16/93 has been evaluated. The current status of the case record is indicated below.

(A) Complete: Preliminary ratings have been assigned. See the reverse side for clarifications.

Hynek-Vallee: MA1 (Hynek's categorizations and Jaques Vallee's expansions)

Ballester-Guasp Indexes:

Information Quality = Q = 0.7 ; (FI same as W.I.C)

Strangeness = Σ = 0.2857 ;

Reliability = Π = 0.57 ;

Q * Σ * Π = Certainty = Δ = 0.1157 (11.6 %).

B. Resolved. A known event in the same time period, or subsequent analysis, substantiates that _____ is the natural or man-made reason why an apparently anomalous event was observed.

- C.** Incomplete: The case cannot be finalized at this time, due to the need for the following:
1. Additional form(s) _____
 2. Completion of form(s) _____
 3. Additional materials _____
 4. Information _____
 5. Further explanation(s) _____

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to the UFO investigative process. Please forward any materials requested, indicating the Log Number to your MUFON State/Provincial Director.

Thanks for your response. We can conclude it was not astronomical IFO.
T. David Spencer

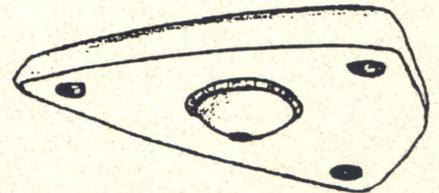
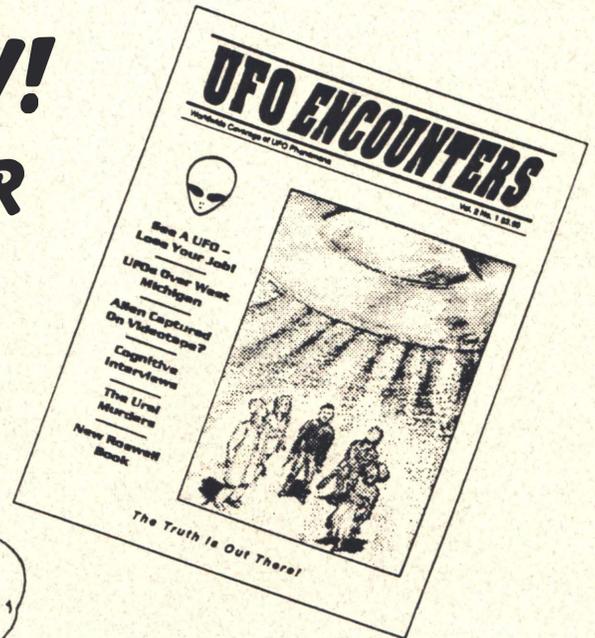
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