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AN ABDUCTION CASE BY JOE NYMAN

Those familiar with the Hill case - and who isn't - will be interested in the story of another apparent abduction in Maine occurring in the early hours of Monday, October 27, 1975.

As reported in the July 1976 OFFICIAL UFO and the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW Vol.22, No.2, the participants, young men aged 20 and 18, seemed strangely compelled to take a drive that morning. Their car was out of their control for part of the trip and when they arrived at a point one mile south of Oxford they were forced off the road by a beam of light from a cigar shaped object. They remembered nothing until after a time lapse. Upon recovering they were treated to an aerial display by two discs followed by being enveloped in a mysterious fog which rose from a nearby pond.

When they were able to return home at 7:00 A.M. they suffered from a series of strange physical symptoms and claimed being contacted telepathically.

Under hypnosis one of the witnesses reported being aboard a craft with 5 mushroom-headed non-humans who communicated with him mentally and conducted a physical examination of the witness with a strange machine. Blood samples were taken and what seemed like an injection was administered in the right arm near the shoulder.

This witness and his parents, who live in a separate house, have continued to experience poltergeist activity as well as at least one visit from an M.I.B. as an aftermath of the experience.

Brent Raynes, a UFO investigator from Maine, will be our guest speaker at our April 24th meeting. He will tell us about this case.

FROM THE DESK OF THE OCCULT HISTORIAN.....ANDREW J. GALLIGAN..... TID BITS FROM THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE... .CONTINUED FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER Volume I No.2

The longboat from The Sea Venture was salvaged. Weeks later, under the command of Mate Henry Raven, seven crewmembers set out for Virginia to seek help for the rest of those still stranded on Bermuda Isle. The next day lookouts saw a speck of something on the horizon. It was the longboat tossed back to the island by some strange force. The next day the crew set out again, once again being bid farewell. They vanished over the horizon never to be seen again. Not even a plank was ever sighted as remains of the longboat. A year later, a successful attempt was made to reach Virginia and bring word to the New World of the terror which till this day lurks in The Deadly Bermuda Triangle.

THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES BY JOHN A. KEEL (226 pages Signet \$1.50) A BOOK REPORT BY CHRISTINE M. MORTON

I felt slightly cheated at the end of THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES. As the cover blurb promised, I found the story both "compelling and genuinely frightening", but after following John Keel on case after case, investigation upon investigation, parallels, personal harassment, and the climatic tragedy, I thought he could have done a better job of summing up than, "I can admit like Socrates that the more I learn, the less I know".

The story revolves around the 1967 collapse of the Silver Bridge in Point Pleasant, West Virginia and the remarkable events that preceded it. From November 15, 1966 to December 15, 1967 the little town on the Ohio River was the center of intense UFO activity; reports of strange lights and metallic spheres became prevalent that most resident witnesses ceased to report them after the initial flap. There was even one appearance with a schedule so consistent that UFO buffs from miles around parked their vehicles

on Camp Conley Road each night and were rewarded at 8:30 P.M. with the sight of a slow-moving, brilliant white light.

The most bizarre sightings were those of a large, man-shaped creature with enormous, red, glowing eyes and a ten-foot wing span! This is the apparition christened, "Mothman", by an anonymous copy editor who adopted it after a character popular at that time in the Batman comic series.

Many of the witnesses reporting these encounters became plagued by dark-complexioned, "oriental-looking" men who dressed largely in black, ill-fitting suits, drove black automobiles and usually identified themselves as government agents. They would ask inordinate personal questions, deliver phantom messages, and seemed to herald electronic disturbances with television sets, and telephones (beeps, static, and metallic-sounding voices), even tampering with the U.S. Mails:

Keel tantalizes us by pointing out "significant" details in these cases such as the beings' preoccupation with our time, their appearances at new road construction near an old crossroads, the other-worlders who bear names adopted from our Greek and Roman mythology; yet he never explains why these aspects are more notable than the others.

He does present a strong case for rearranging our perspectives on the UFO enigma—that, instead of being visits from extra-terrestrials, the UFOs are a subjective phenomena. Keel illustrates this fact with details of manifestations that appear to be tailored to conform to our present theories on the subject.

Therefore there are no pat answers here, nothing concrete, but, as Keel points out, 'concrete' and its qualities are perceived by each individual differently (for example: a subject under hypnosis may be led to believe that a bowl of Jello is a bowl of concrete.); thus the "answer" to the enigma may be a question of what we believe, and for each of us that means something slightly different.

All in all this is good reading for the openminded and must reading for everyone else.

Dear Members,

Most of you know that our group was started by George Fawcett. George is now the general manager of the Maiden Times, P.O.Box 557, 615 Carolina Ave., Maiden N.C. 28650. You may order his book, A Quarter Century of UFOs, from the above address for \$4.50.

I'd like to thank our Secretary-Treasurer, Sylvia Benjaminsen, for all her effort that has helped keep this group going. She and Frank fold and seal meeting notices and Newsletters, and address and seal envelopes for close to 60, and at times 100, members four times a year. She has just finished updating our "Dear Friend" and Letter to Prospective Members literature. It is a fact that without the efforts of Sylvia and other officers and members like her this group wouldn't be entering its 19th year this April!

I'd also like to thank Joe, Andrew, and Christine for their very nice contributions to this Newsletter. A group needs people who are willing to share their time, effort and talent for the benefit of the group.

We have a lot of sightings to discuss at our next meeting! Ed Fogg and Joe Nyman investigated a report from Wrentham. Ed is analyzing a photograph taken from a plane this year. If Ethel Rogers comes to our next meeting (January 30, 1977), I'm sure she will share her many recent experiences these past few weeks, which included watching three UFOs for four hours a ½ of a mile in back of my house, while I was visiting relatives, along with 40 other motorists in Attleboro, Mass.

MUFON State Director for Mass., Joe Santangelo, says there were about 22 reports of UFOs reported to his group from Mass. during the year 1976. Although most of these reports were either explained or just "lights in the sky reports", there was a series of reports in Ipswich on April 4th that are very interesting.

I've been very busy investigating a sighting in Norton which touched off a mini flap during the past few weeks. This daylight sighting involved two separate witnesses, a picture, and radio interference!... no space for details... see you next meeting Jan. 30 1977.

Dave Downs
President