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"There is a purpose for time, you know. It keeps everything from happening all at once"

*The Grand Tour*  
Movie, 1992

## Bits and Pieces

### The Mars Mission - A Mystery Already?

Richard Hoagland, author of *The Monuments of Mars - A City on the Edge of Forever*, has stated that while cleaning contamination of the Mars Observer space vehicle caused by Hurricane Andrew, NASA unexpectedly found additional contamination that was not related to the hurricane in the Observer camera which will be taking pictures of Mars. Had this contamination not be found the camera most likely would not have worked when it reaches the Red Planet. The Mars Observer roared into space on September 25, 1992. Let's hope there are no more surprises of this nature during the mission.

Source: *UFO Intelligence Newsletter*, November 1992, p 2, Edited by Francis L. Ridge, 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

### Something Coming Our Way?

We've heard this story before. The first time was from Don Ecker of *UFO Magazine*. While discussing via telephone the 1991 Chicago MUFON Convention, to which the magazine had not sent a representative, Mr. Ecker asked if Linda Moulton Howe had

mentioned a large planetoid during her speech that was reportedly fast approaching the Earth. I replied that she had not. As time passed I heard other reports of this object from a number of people within the ufological community, so I began to wonder whether or not this story might be one of ufology's "urban legends" because it seemed to be a bit preposterous. The story is worth telling here because of its longevity and what has happened since. It is a warning to us all; even the best organizations and investigators can be taken in. The Oklahoma MUFON organization is one of the best, so the rest of us should be extra careful.

The latest iteration of the story is found in the November 1992 *Oklahoma MUFONEWS*, which reads as follows: "It seems that in 1987, NASA picked up the presence of a very large planetoid object entering our solar system near the area of Pluto. It was first detected by Voyager [Does anyone know if this is possible?] and later confirmed by telescope observations both radio and optical.

"The object is very large, measuring over a thousand miles in diameter or even larger.

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"It was observed to be leaving a very large ionization trail behind it. By the way, the object has made at least three mid-course corrections. That is peculiar for a planetoid object like an asteroid to do...Its orbit will bring it into Earth's orbit by late

1992 or early 1993. What it is, is any body's guess. Linda Moulton Howe has reported the story to us. She had it confirmed by a Pentagon Military Officer. The story relayed to her indicates that the Government is keeping it a secret and is tracking it through the auspices of the Jet Propulsion Laboratories and McDonald Douglas' facilities."

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"The object may soon be seen by the average person as time advances. It may not be so easy then to conceal the truth from the public."

In a letter dated November 16, 1992, Richard D. Seifried, Oklahoma MUFON's respected Director of Investigations, wrote MORA that, "The article is inaccurate. Our editor got suckered in by one of the computer networks on this one..."

In the December 1992 issue of *Oklahoma MUFONEWS* the editor, Michael S. Carter, writes about the story further. He relates that the material was taken from an article on the "KeelyNet BBS" entitled "Something Is Coming Our Way." Reportedly, John Ford of the Long Island UFO Network related this story which he said was substantiated by several sources of good credibility. However, Mr. Ford qualified the article by stating that, "As yet no evidence exists to support it [the story]..." *Oklahoma MUFONEWS* picked the story up and reported it to their readership. Later, they tried unsuccessfully to contact Mr. Ford and the Long Island UFO Network.

Reportedly, Linda Moulton Howe was contacted by an *Oklahoma MUFONEWS* reader and was told that she was not happy about the way she was represented in the article. She told the reader that the story had been around for a long time, but she did not know whether it was true or not.

[MORA has found a reference that indicates the story goes back to at least November 1988. See: Turner, Karla, *Into the Fringe - A True Story of Alien Abduction*, Berkley Books, New York, 1992, pp 105-106.]

Mr. Carter, with the story still in doubt, states that, "So until the story can be confirmed, please take it as an UNCONFIRMED piece of information. It may turn out to be a flight of fancy."

A shortened version of this story recently appeared in the December 1992 of the respected *UFO Intelligence Newsletter*. This version also attributes the source of the story to Linda Moulton Howe. Whether true or not, the story is becoming well known within the UFO research community.

Perhaps the most interesting question here concerns the origin of the story. Where did it first come from originally? Is this an example of planted misinformation? What does Linda Moulton Howe have to say about the source of the story? Did she hear it first? If so, where? Hopefully someone out there will know where this story started. DO YOU?

Sources: *Oklahoma MUFONEWS*, c/o Jean Waller, 1916 Inglewood Dr., Norman, OK 73071; *UFO Intelligence Newsletter*, c/o Francis L. Ridge, 618 Davis Drive, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

### Explosions At Area 51, Nevada?

"While on a return flight [as a passenger] from Phoenix on Thursday October 22 [1992] at approximately 1423 [hours] I had been looking out the window of the 737 which was about 20 minutes northwest of Las Vegas. I noted two plumes of brown smoke/dirt rising off the desert floor to an altitude of approximately two to three thousand feet [near where I estimated Area 51 was located]. One of the plumes was much thicker than the one to its left. Initially they took on the shape of a mushroom cloud...The aircraft I was in was flying around 24,000 feet...There were white fluffy clouds in the sky and the visibility was excellent out to about 60 miles. I estimate the distance from the aircraft to the smoke/dirt columns to be about 15 to 20 miles...[The color of the smoke/dirt was] 'definitely brown/tan.'"

Source: Warner Fletcher (BHJH66A), October 23, 1992, 10:01 AM, *Prodigy* computer information service. Thanks to MORA's Joe Stets for this item.

### Human Mutilations Again Reported

"Professor A. J. Gevaerd of Brazil talked for three hours [at a recent UFO congress in Las Vegas, Nevada] about the Brazilian UFO situation...He pointed out that Brazil has massive UFO flaps, complete abductions and mutilations.

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"A. J. then presented the 7 photos of the human mutilations[s]. Apparently the photos were 'liberated' from either the police or the military...[the mutilations were similar] to the cattle mutilation photos...The deceased had the skin cut away from one cheek/jowl/jaw, cut very precisely (surgically), exposing the bone/teeth underneath. The photos also showed the absence of various parts - ears, eyes, lips, and certain unmentionables..."

*Does anyone know about the Las Vegas meeting and/or A. J. Gevaerd? If so, please contact MORA as soon as possible.*

Source: Michael Mace (HDJM47A), December 9, 1992, 10:51 PM, *Prodigy* computer information service. Thanks to MORA's Joe Stets for this item.

### Bang, Flash

A seventy eight year old Delaware County housewife, farmer and author was lying in bed suffering from a bout of insomnia at approximately 4 AM on January 16, 1989 when she heard a terrifically loud bang and then saw a streak or flash of light. The bedroom was dark and it was not a stormy night. Yet the sound seemed to have come from outside. She tried to wake up her husband who was sleeping beside her without success. Five minutes passed and a similar sound was heard, only seemingly twice as loud. Another flash of light was seen at the same moment. She described the bang as the loudest sound she had heard in her life. "I couldn't imagine something

that loud," she stated. On both occasions she screamed. She went out into the living room and sat down on the couch and shook for forty-five minutes. She was scared. The next day she checked with her son and daughter-in-law, who lived nearby, to see if they had heard anything. They had not. A check with the county sheriff uncovered no confirming reports from others in the area. What caused this bang? An unusual display of some sort of non-storm related thunder? No one knows.

Source: Dr. Irena Scott.

### A Warning Confirmed?

During one of the abduction experiences of Betty Andreasson-Luca, as chronicled by Raymond E. Fowler in his 1990 book about Betty's experiences entitled *The Watchers*, Betty is told something by an alien that should bring chills to us all. With regard to the alien's involvement in taking and using hybridized fetuses from humans the alien tells Betty, "We have to because as time goes by, mankind will become *sterile*. They will not be able to reproduce." (Page 25.) Further on in the book she is told, "We have to because as time goes by, *Mankind will become sterile*. They will not be able to produce because of the pollution of the lands and the waters and the air and the bacteria and the terrible things that are on the earth." (Page 341.)

As if confirming the alien's prediction, a study directed by Dr. Neils E. Skakkebaek of the University of Copenhagen has found that the "average sperm count in healthy men has dropped by half in the past fifty years," according to the study which included a global review of sixty one studies of 14,947 men. Experts say that this lends credence to speculation that environmental pollutants may damage the production of sperm cells. Other experts, including Dr. Sherman Silber, an infertility specialist at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, cautioned against jumping to conclusions. He has not found a decline in average sperm count among patients at his clinic in the past twenty years. Dr. Mark Cullen, director of occupational and environmental

medicine at Yale University, did not dismiss the possibility that environmental factors may be to blame for the reduced sperm count. However, before hunting for the environmental cause, he advised that it would be better to determine if the decline can be explained by a change in the method of analyzing the sperm count used in the sixty one studies. (*The Columbus [Ohio] Dispatch*, September 11, 1992, page 8A.)

*Comment: Further studies are certainly required concerning this matter, so watch for an update. Research outside of ufology has a way of sometime confirming or disproving claims that are made within ufology. It will pay us to do more than just study the UFO mystery if we want to understand what is going on in our world and in our universe.*

### Recommended Abduction Literature

New books and articles on the abduction mystery are numerous, so it is sometimes difficult to choose which should be purchased and read. While MORA cannot claim to have read all of this material, we have tried to keep up with as much of it as possible, especially since most of the cases which are coming to our attention for investigation are abduction in nature. The following two items are recommended without reservation.

(1) Turner, Dr. Karla, *Into the Fringe - A True Story of Alien Abduction*, Berkley Books, New York, 1992. (Paperback only, \$4.99)

(2) Turner, Dr. Karla, *Aliens - Friends or Foes, Alien Abductions in the Gingerbread House*, UFO Universe, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 1993, pp 10-15. (351 West 54th St., New York, NY 10019)

### Cattle Mutilations

For those of you who think cattle mutilations are no longer occurring, think again. In late 1992 and early January, 1993 ten cattle and "a few goats" have been mysteriously killed around Albertville, Alabama. Their blood was

drained and their bodies mutilated. In many of the cases, the animal's hearts and tongues had been removed surgically and the right jaw bone and sex organs were missing as well.

Tommy Cole, the chief detective with the Albertville police, declined to say what he thinks is behind these mutilations. "I've been in the cattle business all my life and I've heard all kinds of speculations."

(*The Advertiser*, Wednesday, January 20, 1993, Guntersville, Alabama.)

In late November and early December, 1992 two cattle mutilation cases occurred in Santa Cruz County near Nogales, Arizona. These are reportedly consistent with other such cases that have occurred over the past three years in the county. In one case a cow was found with its udder removed. The animal had been dead from 24 to 48 hours, but was still reasonably fresh, with no odor. There were no tracks entering or leaving the area around the dead animal.

Source: Linda Moulton Howe.

### The Foundation Story Continued

The ongoing story of Jane - a pseudonym - and her family was first introduced to the UFO research community in the February 1992 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook* in an article entitled "The Federation and Its Star Children - A Family History of Contact." In the summer of 1992 Jane had two experiences which may indicate that she is being groomed by someone or something to take over the prime familial contact role that her fraternal grandfather has played since the mid-1960s. This is the continuing story of a family's reported contact with an alien presence.

It is July 18, 1992. Jane, a twenty four year old unmarried professional woman who lives north of Columbus, Ohio, is driving home after visiting with her family in Meigs County, Ohio. It is dark. "I was

driving along Route 124, near Meigs Mine #3, when I started to feel odd. I guess it was like a shift in focus. I got a warm feeling. I was just passing an area of lights that have an orange cast to them when I was suddenly confronted with the mental image of an alien face. I felt this being was male. I was informed [by the alien] that, because of my fear of physical contact, they would use this method of contact."

The alien image appeared in the upper area of her vision, to the right of the hood of the car. It was visible from the waist up, with a three-fourths frontal view of the face. The contact lasted about twenty minutes as Jane drove along the dark curving road. Her driving was not impaired; she drove using her own perceptions and skills. Information flowed into her mind, apparently by a form of mental telepathy. The alien did not speak, although its face showed emotion in concert with the information being given. As she approached a main highway intersection, the contact ended.

Two weeks later Jane returned to visit with her family. Once again while returning home at night a similar contact occurred. It too lasted about twenty minutes as she continued to drive along the curving road. More information was provided. Here is how Jane described these events (J is Jane, I is either one of two investigators):

J. The last visit...I guess that's what they are...it's weird, because the lights always seem important. I never understand that...when I'm going to have one of these visits or mental encounters, the head lights on my car - I start to focus on those. It's very dark out there. They seem to become, as I watch the road, very bright. Like brighter than halogen beams. Very, very bright.

I. Does this bother you, knowing that you...?

J. No. No. It's odd...there's no sense of abnormality...there's a very smooth transition.

I. You're comfortable with it?

J. Yeah! What happens is that I start to get very focused mentally. Not trying for this, but my mind just starts going. The next thing I know I'm being given this information and I can see the figure. I don't want to say him...he is what would appear to me to be a male...My mind starts cranking. It's amazing. I start having all these questions...and then all of a sudden I start getting all of these answers.

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I still notice that place out by the mine. There's just this one house. The lights too, but the lights in this house are very close together.

I. Is the house lived in?

J. I don't know. I never notice it in the day.

The newest information...some people are vulnerable to [bad experiences]. They make themselves vulnerable to the bad experiences. They are selected because of their vulnerability, and their vulnerability is determined by their emotional state...many things factor into that.

I. Those that cause bad experiences, are they a different group from those [who cause good experiences]?

J. Yes, that is my understanding. There is more than one species...but it's not necessarily that they want to do harm. That's just their way. They select people...based on their emotional state. The same is true for those people who are selected for good experiences. The less turmoil, the less vulnerable, the more stable, the more positive the experience.

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Why was I chosen for good experiences? The answer that I got was that overall my perceptions and the way I take things in is stable. The way I take information in and the way I break it down and the way I try and understand it is stable, although my behavior seems to be erratic.

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The other thing that came up was my grandfather's disc. My grandfather used

the disc as a means of getting the people around him to believe. He believed that he needed something tangible for the people around him, such as his family, to believe the things that happened to him.

I. What does he [the alien] look like?

J. I'm only getting a profile view, three quarters of the face. It's very clear. Very refined features. It has a nose, not like ours. He has a place for a nose. His eyes are different. I can't explain it.

I. What is the most dominant feature of the face?

J. The eyes.

I. What are the size of the eyes?

J. Larger than ours. Dark, almost black.

I. Ears, mouth, hair?

J. [The lighting makes it hard to say.] There is a mouth. It is small. I can see only part of the mouth. Not like ours. Very fine. It's not just a slit [but] very thin. I see him from the chest up.

I. Can you still drive?

J. I don't have any problem driving.

I. You can see the road?

J. I can see the road. I can see everything that's going on around me...We're talking about a mental encounter, not a physical presence...The communication is mental...overwhelmingly strong. There's no sound, but when I see him he makes facial expressions...with information that he is giving me. A certain kindness, a serenity about him. A calm individual.

I. What was the purpose of this [the second] encounter?

J. I don't know if there was a specific purpose other than to continue [giving] the information.

I. Any cars on the road?

J. I don't recall seeing any.

I. Focus on the house. How many times have you seen the house? Is it always there, whether or not you have an experience?

J. It's always there.

I. Is this a real [house]?

J. Absolutely.

I. What feelings do you have about the house?

J. It's a familiar feeling. There's something familiar about that, but I don't know what that is.

I. So you think this is leading to something way down the road in your life?

J. Yeah, I really do. I know they're not going to stop. This is going to continue and I want it to continue. I'd be disappointed if it didn't.

...

I don't know what to make of the house...I notice it every single time I go by there at night. I don't notice it in the day. I know it's there. It's just odd how you notice things at certain times.

I. It must be close to the road.

J. No. it's very far back from the road. It sits up on a hill.

I. Are the lights on?

J. The lights are weird. The lights are like shadowy lights. They're like backyard lights...seen from a distance. It's not like a porch light.

I. Have you seen lights in the window?

J. No, actually not. I know there are windows on it. The house sits at a weird angle.

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I get more of a sense of hope for our race that he [her grandfather] got. More of a sense of kindness than the fire and brimstone he got.

I. Do you have any feel for what you are supposed to do with this information?

J. I'm definitely supposed to continue to log it. I don't think it's pieced together enough, Bill, to do anything with. But, I think the purpose of...recording it like we are doing is so [we can use it later].

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The interesting thing I was told during this [the second] encounter about my grandfather's disc...I was told don't judge him so harshly for it. Don't discount what he has said to you and what you have learned through him and other family members because he wanted them to believe him. If I hadn't received this information I would have discounted, not entirely, but to a great extent about what he had said. This was a very strong message that came across.

#### January, 1993 Interview

MORA did not hear from Jane for almost two months. She was busy with the demands of her job and she was also involved in getting out of a long term personal relationship. This was proving difficult and it seemed to reduce her personal energy. In particular, it affected her ability to deal with the on-again off-again experiences with the alien presence in her life. She described herself as "unfocused" during this time period.

Jane contacted us in early January and said she had something to tell us. Her comments follow.

J. Something new has happened. Something that hasn't happened before...I wasn't ordered...but I was encouraged to stay out of the loop for awhile, if you will, because there was a process going on called **mediation**. I had never been exposed to such a concept before, ever. Not from my grandparents or anyone else in my family, for that matter.

This process called mediation is not uncommon. I was told that...in the same type of mental experiences that I've been having. I'm just focused. I continue to drive. Things are relatively normal, except I am receiving very concentrated pieces of information that are just coming into my mind as I keep driving.

I wish I could tell you exactly what this mediation process means...but I can't. All I know is that it was very important...It was not put to me exactly who it was going on between...Of course the experiences have always been with the same being, whatever it is. It was not forceful, not subjugative, by any means. [This being told her that her experiences were temporarily terminated for their benefit as well as hers. Why this was necessary was not explained.]

I. When you say mediation, are you using the term as we generally understand it?

J. I'm not sure, Bill. That's the way it was put to me...I don't know, but I guess so.

I. You don't know if you are involved in this [mediation process] at all?

J. I have no idea if it involves me or not.

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I was also told that there was a lot that our species could gain from understanding the concept of mediation. I don't know if they are referring to the concept that we consider mediation or a greater concept. I am leaning toward a greater concept [but this is speculation on my part].

I. Now what?

J. Well, now I am released of it. They made that clear. Whatever they were doing, they're done.

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I. Do you think this [when information is received] is happening within you or is this something from outside?

J. What do you mean?

I. When you get this, are you doing it to yourself at a higher level or do you think there is an external mind of some kind?

J. I think it's a little of both. I think they're providing some of the intensity, but I think...I am learning how to focus...the amounts and the thoughts that I am getting. [Over the past two months she has sensed that a certain amount of personal development has taken place. Her abilities to focus and pick up information has improved.]

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One of the problems that they [the aliens] feel is wrong with our species is that there is not enough time with one another. The reason for that is not work stuff, but things. It's things...Things are getting in the way of our humanity.

I. Does this ring religious to you?

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J. They make it clear that they have difficulty understanding our need for entertainment...They don't judge it. They made that clear to me. But they don't understand it...These things, to a certain extent, are in the way of humanity. Of compassion. Of understanding.

They are not suggesting abandoning something common to our species. That's not what they are asking. I think what they are asking is to become more aware...of our own species.

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It was made clear to me in this process of mediation, they go until it's done. They don't stop until it's finished. Until they got [sic] everything settled. They don't argue. They don't fight. They don't war. [The aliens have stated that this mediation takes place between the subjugative alien factions and the ones that do not behave or operate in that manner.] They do not war with each other...Everything is within balance, and when it isn't in balance they mediate until it is within balance.

*Comment: Has anyone reading this article ever read about or talked with an abductee or contactee where the concept of mediation was discussed? Does anyone*

*out there have any insight into what this concept may mean? Please let us know if you can help.*

Investigators: Joseph A. Stets, Franklin B. Reams and William E. Jones.

### **Ohio UFO Notebook Back Issues Available**

For those of you interested in the Foundation story, we have three set of issues for February and May of 1992 which contain the story as it was first told to us, plus our findings and speculations concerning the grandfather's disc. We will sell these for \$7.00 per set. We have seven copies of the December 1991 issue for \$3.00 each. When these are gone there will be no more.

### **Hudson Valley, New York Sightings**

The witness, who shall be called Jerry, had his first encounter in February or March of 1984 at about 9:30 or 10:00 PM. He was traveling north on the Taconic Parkway in a hilly, highly wooded area. Coming over a hill he saw a big oval shaped series of lights which at first he thought must be some very large airplanes. It wasn't long before he realized the lights were moving much too slowly for a plane. As the object was getting very close, Jerry got off the highway at the Millbrook exit. He pulled off at a shopping plaza and went to the back of the buildings to avoid the plaza lights. The object passed directly overhead at between 500 to 1000 feet altitude. Jerry said the object was huge, at least the size of a football field and completely silent. As it went overhead it was the shape of a big arrow or a boomerang. Wing tip to wing tip was about 300 feet and front to back was about 150 feet. The night was clear and the object blocked out the stars as it passed over. There were other people in the area who also saw the object.

About two months later he was near Yorktown Heights on Route 22. He was bringing his wife's brother home with him.

Around the Brewster area he saw the lights again. It was the same circular pattern of lights and this time it made a very slow banking turn. His brother-in-law had been very skeptical about what Jerry had told him about his first encounter but not after this experience.

In both instances the lights went from green to white at a distance, but they were just white when it went overhead. Jerry believes the green lights were on top of the vehicle and around front. The objects were silent.

On a third occasion Jerry saw lights, but they were from ultralight aircraft that were flying that night. He was with his wife and he had no doubts what they were seeing. The noise and the bobbing and imprecise motion of the lights made it obvious that they were observing ultralights and not the unknown type of craft seen earlier.

Jerry's wife Terry also had a sighting to report. It occurred in 1979 before she married Jerry. Terry was living with her mother and working in New York City. One evening in the late fall while returning home from work at approximately 5:45-6:00 PM, she was driving on the Taconic Parkway just north of New York City. She saw a small plane go overhead from left to right toward Westchester County Airport. A short time later a very large object with antennas went over just above tree top level. She pulled her car over to watch this object. Several others did likewise. When asked, Terry replied that the object was "one-half mile wide." She said the width of the object was greater than the Parkway. She continued home after watching the object and when she arrived an hour late her mother asked why she was late. She told her mother about the object, but said nothing about why she was late. At the time of the investigatory interview she still could not account for the missing hour, but said that the sighting took only a minute or two. Because she is now three months pregnant, she does not want to look into this experience from her past at this time.

*Comment: The investigator believes Terry's estimate of the object's length is probably overstated, but the object must have been very large.*

Another report of the Hudson Valley object(s) is of interest, more because of the reaction of some of the witnesses than of the sighting itself. The primary witness is named Claire. In the summer of 1984 (the month and day are not remembered) Claire was leaving choir practice at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Yorktown. It was 9:00 PM - she is sure of the time because choir practice always ended at the same time - as she came out the back door of the church. It was very dark and a light rain had recently fallen. She immediately noticed a formation of lights in the sky. They were all white and did not blink or move. There was no noise from the sky. If the lights outlined an object, as they appeared to, the object seemed to be larger than a house.

Other people came out of the church, briefly looked at the lights and then seemed to quickly lose interest. Claire looked at the lights for ten minutes until one of her friends got upset with her for not paying attention to what she had to say. Claire briefly looked away from the lights to talk with this friend. When she looked back the lights were gone.

Investigator: Franklin B. Reams.

## **Warwick Research Institute**

A retyped, unsigned memo from the "Warwick Research Institute" (WRI) is making the rounds of UFO research circles these days on the subject of "observations on public acclimation program." The acclimation program involves, of course, UFOs. The existence of this institute was not established until Pete Hartinger, founder of the Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS) of Circleville, Ohio and a MidOhio Research Associates (MORA) member as well, located the organization in England while on business there. Later research by

William E. Jones provided more information on at least the public part of the institute. Information on the institute and how RUFOS and MORA investigated this matter can be found in the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Supplement 1-92, July 1992. When this issue of the *Notebook* was published we had not received a response to our esquires to WRI with regard to whether or not the memo was authentic and if they are involved in research on the subject of UFOs. A response has now been received and a copy of their letter can be found as Attachment 1 to this report.

### **CUFOS Photo Exhibits Sold**

Mr. John P. Timmerman, Treasurer for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and an Ohio resident, has advised MORA that the two UFO photo exhibits he has shown around the US and Canada for years have, in one case, been sold, and in the other case sale negotiations are underway. The one that has been sold went to the Roswell UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico. Negotiations are under way with a city in Alberta, Canada for the sale of the other. This sale is expected to be complete by the first of 1993.

John, you have done a good job over the years in promoting ufology by use of these exhibits. Both Pete Hartinger and Bill Jones worked with you when you brought the exhibit to our respective communities. We will miss the chance of doing that with you again, and we hope the exhibits will continue to promote our favorite subject for years to come at their new homes.

### **Follow Up**

*We introduced the abduction story of a man we call Bob in the February 1992 issue of the Ohio UFO Notebook. Since then, we have worked with Bob and his family extensively, trying to determine for them and us just what it is that is happening to them. Many hours have been spent with Bob's family, but to date the definitive story has not completely come out. However, portions of their story are*

*interesting so we have placed them on the record here. ( B is Bob, and I is either of two investigators.)*

B. Man, that is scary. They are in the hall [of his home] looking in at me. Just watching.

I. What is their interest?

B. I think they're scared now. [Bob had confronted an alien earlier in this event.]

I. They recognize that you're something to deal with.

B. They know I don't like it. They don't know if I'm going to hurt them.

I. Make them understand you need to know what's going on.

B. They want my permission.

I. For what purpose?

B. Alex [his son].

I. Why do they want your permission for Alex?

B. They're not finished.

I. With what?

B. I didn't get an answer, but they need to keep going 'till he's grown up.

I. Is it for his good?

B. They don't know how to answer.

I. Will this ultimately help him?

B. No bearing.

I. It doesn't affect his one way or another?

B. They didn't say that. It doesn't matter.

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I. Make them understand that you cannot give them permission to use Alex. That he must give them that permission. Make them understand that we are individuals.

B. They understand individuals. Doesn't matter. Something about a seed.

I. They're using our seed?

B. They need the seed...They're all females. That's disgusting.

I. What is disgusting?

B. That they just come for the seed. They must take it from you. I don't know what they are doing with Alex, but they're prepping him for it. How can they get seed from him?

I. What are they going to do with that seed?

B. There's a small green stone, very small, and it's in a culture. It grows. They're told by the males to do this.

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I. Are there others besides them who are doing things or guiding?

B. There are others. There are some they are scared of. There are some strong ones that are mean. There are some who just visit but have no purpose. No interaction. They're scared of one though.

I. Can they describe that particular group to us?

B. I just know they are tall, a lot taller. I get no real answer. They don't want to talk about it.

*One of Bob's abduction experiences begins in an interesting way.*

B. There's one very close to me. The young one's right in my face. It's leaning over. It's looking at my mouth. I'm awake.

I. Are you lying on your back?

B. Yes. He's asking the two by the door something. There's no sound. And he's looking. There's a, like a wave of color again. It's having trouble.

I. He's having trouble?

B. Uh-hum.

I. Why?

B. There's something...the purple light didn't hit right.

I. Where's it supposed to hit?

B. My forehead. It hit my nose. One of them by the door is impatient. The other one is quiet. [Long pause.] It's dark.

I. What's your position now?

B. I'm either on my face or on my right side.

I. You're still on your bed?

B. Yeah!

I. Let a little bit of time pass.

B. He has some sort of light...it's not a light, it's a field. I'm about four feet above my bed, face down. It's concentrated toward my stomach. He just points me towards the door with something in his hand and I slide feet first that way... I hit the ceiling above the door with my feet. He doesn't know how to use it well. One of them by the door thinks it's funny. The other one is impatient. I think the female is the one that's laughing. She thinks it's funny. It's funny because my hands don't fall down either.

I. They're just at your sides?

B. Yeah! It's like a big cushion, but you can't see it. You can almost see it. It distorts things that you see through it. I can see it because I'm looking down at it. There's much problems with the doorway.

I. Let a little more time pass.

B. I'm on my back again. Someone else has the thing. Someone knows what they are doing. I'm moving through the living room; my feet are still first. The young one is up on the window ledge. The window's open

but the screen is in. I see, the female told him he has to open the other side, because there's no screen. So he closed that. They're opening the other side. They turn me so my head went first. Out the window. It's level with the ground so I just slid to the ground.

I. Is your apartment in the basement?

B. Yes. It's halfway, sub level.

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B. It's night. The lights are on outside. I hear a wind in the tree. I keep looking at the tree.

I. Is the tree moving with the wind?

B. The leaves are making noise. Lots of cars.

I. Are the cars moving easily?

B. No, they're parked. There's lots of parked cars. And the little one is crouching down. The other two are climbing out the window. Just climbing out. The one still had that thing pointed at my feet as it came out. He walked past but kept it pointed at my feet. I don't know why. It's like it bends around the corner or something. There's still like a dark cushion or something under me. It's like energy. They're looking... looking for people. It's stuck again. We stayed there awhile.

I. As you observe your surroundings, do they seem completely normal, other than your particular position?

B. Not really, because I'm not seeing it from where I am.

I. How are you seeing it?

B. I'm seeing it from inside the apartment. It's like, it's body out there. I don't understand it.

*Bob has another abduction experience while camping with his wife and son in a tent at Old Mans Cave State Park in Ohio. The*

*experience starts while he is in the tent inside his sleeping bag.*

I. What's occurring?

B. Right now I've got a face in my face...Looking mighty fierce. I think he's young. I'm moving around to get him out of my face...He keeps tapping on my head.

*Bob is taken a short way back in time and asked for more details about how the event started.*

B. I see them coming up from that trail. Male and female. I should say Mom and Dad and son. Sneaking up to that tent. The little one's unzipping it...The little one is going right for me. It's upside down to me. That's why it looks so scary. He just crawled in there over my face. They're opening up the tent more. The male is watching Anne. The female is...pulling Alex by the armplts. He's waking up a little. She's making a noise. She's making a noise. It's a calming noise. She's being very gentle with him. She's sitting him up, a little bit. He's sleeping. The little one is still over me. The father is still looking through at Anne.

I. Is Anne lying down?

B. I can't see...she's hidden by the tent flap. It's like a TV. The female's trying to pick up Alex, but he's too heavy. She laid him down instead. I still can't see what she's doing. She's up by his face. He's rigid. I really don't like this.

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She's checking his mouth. Checking his teeth. Why do they have to look at your teeth?

...

He's tipping his head. She's looking at his ears. Brushing his forehead hair back. She's really got long fingers.

I. How many?

B. She's got three. I never really saw that before...and a long thumb.

*The female puts Alex back into the tent and into his sleeping bag. But she has trouble because his body is very stiff.*

B. And the little one was always on me, always over my face. Now she's tugging on her little one's legs saying we should go. So he backs up. He's doing it real slow. I've got a headache. They go the other way. They went around the back of the tent. There's another trail. It's funny because the little one's in front and the next tallest one is the woman and then the man. It looks stupid.

I. Did they walk?

B. It looks kind of funny because they're kind of bouncy. Something's funny about that. I'm not sure what it is though, like I didn't really notice. Their heads are big though. It looks like a commercial almost that shows the glowing big headed people. [Lite Beer was running an ad for beer on television with an alien theme at the time of this interview and the aliens in the ad glowed in the dark. Did this ad influence Bob's memory? *Editor.*]

I. Did their heads appear to glow?

B. Their whole bodies because the moon is bright. So they stand out; they don't hide very well. I...saw them go.

Investigators: Joseph A. Stets and Franklin B. Reams.

## Letters to MidOhio

Dear Mr. Jones:

RE: Restricted Area and Nellis Air Force Range

This letter is in response to your letters of August 24, 1992 and October 22, 1992, regarding [the] Nellis Air Force Range. The restricted areas are all clearly marked by signs. The signs indicate not only the restricted areas, but also indicate that photographs are prohibited.

Should you travel to Lincoln County, I recommend that you abide by the signs and instructions that are posted at the Nellis Air Force Range.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Patricia D. Cafferata  
District Attorney,  
Pioche, Nevada

cc: Lincoln County Sheriff

Dear Ms. Minshall:

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Based upon our work to date, it appears that, at the very least, physical contact with aliens will occur at a specific site within the boundaries of the state [New Mexico]. Additionally, a large area in the northern part of the state may serve as a type of sanctuary for people who have gravitated, or been led, to the area.

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To date, PSI TECH'S work has primarily focused and supported data collections and validation of UFO (alien) activity/operations. These are the things that the scientific-engineering community is primarily concerned with, vis-a-vis UFO enigma. We have much more RV [remote viewing] work to do against the alien agenda; there are a couple of potential candidates who might sponsor RV investigations into this most important aspect of the 'UFO problem.'

...

Ed Dames  
President, PSI TECH

Dear UFO Researcher:

I am no longer employed at KLAS [TV], but the interest in UFO productions continues. My new employer, Altamira Communications, has agreed to finance an ambitious series of UFO documentaries which will be distributed to the public in coming months.

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Among the projects we are working on: new evidence concerning government activities at Area 51 in the Nevada desert, startling information about UFO activity in

the former Soviet Union, a fresh analysis of UFO documents obtained through the FOIA, and possible confirmation of an MJ-12 type organization.

If you are interested...feel free to drop me a line.

George Knapp  
c/o Altamira Communications Group  
601 S. Rancho, Suite C-26  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dear Bill:

This is what we send out to law enforcement agencies. Our success is better than Ohio.

The clue is:

1) Emphasize confidentiality so that sheriffs, etc. will not be embarrassed by [the] news media, especially in an election year.

2) When helped by a referral send a "thank you" note to the agency. [Also, forward to the police agency a sanitized version of the final report with respect to the witness's names so that the agency will know of your professionalism and the fact that you follow through.]

Perhaps your organization could find a secretary to do this. Jean and I do try to delegate authority but with little success. We must do most things ourselves.

...  
Make a copy of your addresses, for someone came in last May and stole my Rolodex. That was all.

Richard D. Seifried  
MUFON of Oklahoma

*Thanks for the advice. Richard is a former MUFON State Director for Ohio.*

Dear Bill:

Thanks for putting UAPA [United Aerial Phenomena Agency] on your mailing list for [the *MUFON of Ohio Newsletter*]. I found the two issues I've received via Al Manak

to be nicely done and quite lively. Let's see a whole lot more in '93. If I can ever be of service to you please don't hesitate to contact me.

Rick R. Hillberg  
Berea, Ohio

*It's nice to see Ohio UFO investigators cooperating. Thanks Rick and Al.*

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**Rick Dell'Aquila**  
**Holds Organizational**  
**Meeting for Northeastern**  
**Ohio**

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Rick Dell'Aquila, a MUFON State Section Director and attorney in northeastern Ohio, hosted an informal organizational meeting for MUFON members and independent local UFO investigators at the Cuyahoga County Regional Library in Parma, Ohio on Saturday, November 7, 1992. The meeting was attended by approximately twenty people. All are very interested in developing a network of contacts throughout Ohio. While many differing opinions were expressed, all indicated a willingness to work with other UFO investigators throughout the state. Most want to maintain organizational contacts at the local level, with someone locally undertaking the organizational contacts on a state wide basis. Also, most thought the *MUFON of Ohio Newsletter* was a good tool for state wide communications. Good job Rick. Let's hope we can do this throughout the state.

Rick can be reached at: P.O. Box 29163,  
Parma, Ohio 44129, (216) 886-9827.

### Ohio UFO Publication

Perhaps the oldest UFO publication in the state still being issued is *Flying Saucer Digest* published quarterly by the United Aerial Phenomena Agency. Its Fall 1992 issue was number 119. Allan J. Manak is the chairman and editor. Rick R. Hillberg is the assistant editor. The subscription rate is \$9.00 for 4 issues, \$17.00 for eight

issues. Allan and Rick can be reached at Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134. Highly recommended. Both attended Rick Dell'Aquila's organizational meeting.

## Directory of Ohio Ufologists

Pete Hartinger of the Roundtown UFO Society (RUFOS) in Circleville, Ohio has published a *Directory of Ohio Ufologists*. This directory lists Ohio based UFO organizations and the individual and telephone number to contact for more information about each organization. It also lists the name, address and telephone number of independent Ohio UFO investigators. This directory will be periodically updated. Write Pete and get a copy, then suggest organizations and names that are not on the list. This directory will become a very useful tool. His address: P.O. Box 52, Circleville, Ohio 43113. The RUFOS hot line number: (614) 477-6252.

## UFOs and the Gulf War

UFOs, contrary to general public awareness, were seen during the Gulf War. This first article comes from the *Flying Saucer Review*, c/o FSR Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 162, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 5DZ, England; Conway, Graham, "UFOs Seen Over Iraq and the Gulf By Canadian Pilots", Vol. 36, No. 4 (Winter 1991), p 14.

"A Canadian war photographer just back from the Gulf War told an associate of mine that he had spoken to no less than five Canadian fighter pilots all of whom reported seeing UFOs while flying sorties over Iraq or the Gulf during the Gulf War. One pilot had in fact seen UFOs on two occasions.

"Another interesting item that we heard here was a TV report from a news announcer on a U.S. station, who commented that he had observed a UFO during a bombing raid on Baghdad."

A career Naval officer reported to the author of this article that, "[The officer's] ship was assigned to escort duty,

principally with tankers. And it seems that, on a number of occasions, their radar locked on to an aerial target that had the characteristics of an attacking aircraft in so far as 'it' approached from the bow, and then swept in and passed by before disengaging. During this period, all guns and missiles remained locked on to it. However, visually, NOTHING whatsoever could be seen by observers on the ship's bridge and on the deck."

The author went on further to say, "These 'mock attacks' took place by day as well as by night. Indeed, they were so frequent that, when our informant's Naval Group were ordered to return to the United States, full details regarding these 'mystery encounters' were passed on to the relieving vessels. The official description of the phenomena was dust disturbances."

This isn't the only report in the literature regarding sightings during the Gulf War. Leonard H. Stringfield in his latest status report, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum; Status Report VI*, July 1991, reports on page 136 that, "Pilots flying night time combat missions over Iraq, during Operation Desert Storm, encountered aerial interlopers which they eventually dubbed 'Baghdad Billy'. Although an object did not appear on radar, pilots described 'Baghdad Billy' as a steady white light which suddenly focused on their aircraft while its source flew parallel off either wing tip. Each incident was of short duration. While totally unsettling to the pilots during their initial encounters, there were no known hostile incidents."

It has been rumored that a stealth tactical reconnaissance aircraft designated the TR-3 supported F-117A stealth fighter operations over Baghdad and could account for some of the UFO sightings. However, one event was so spectacular that it cannot be explained away so conveniently.

The following is quoted from a MORA report detailing information received from a retired U.S. military officer, with the pseudonym of Frank, who had served in the Gulf War.

"He [Frank] stated that the aliens always observe large military maneuvers. During Desert Storm just two days before the start of the ground war he learned from reliable sources that about eight thousand soldiers saw a 'huge' UFO over their four tank battalions which were stationed on the front lines somewhere in Saudi Arabia. It was oblong and bluish green. Its size was over 1/4 mile long and perhaps 200 yards wide. It suddenly appeared and hovered silently over the troops for a long time. Then 'the light show began' as it rose upward and quickly disappeared. Many of the soldiers took pictures of this object with their privately owned cameras. Another group some distance away from those four battalions immediately involved had a serious problem develop because it had a larger percentage of women assigned to it. Many of these women reportedly became hysterical. [The next day] security people arrived on the scene, broke everyone up into small groups for a debriefing and confiscated all cameras and film. Frank believes this story will come out soon, because so many people reportedly saw [the UFO]."

It is obvious that a complete history of Operation Desert Storm has yet to be written.

## Book Order Address Change

For those of you interested in ordering Lillian Desguin's new UFO book *Unidentified Flying Objects - Fact or Fiction* a new ordering address has been established. It is: JB Press, 380 St. Thomas Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Telephone: (614) 891-7850. The postage paid price is \$22.75. This book, for those who didn't read our comments in the last issue of the *MUFON of Ohio Newsletter*, contains some of Ohio's UFO history. A good, fun read.

## A Forgotten Contact Case From the 1950s

Contactee type cases from the 1950s are generally looked upon with disfavor by today's modern UFO investigators. Images of George Adamski flying to the Moon, Mars

and Venus are enough to make any serious, objective investigator blanch. Blond haired, anti-nuke Venusians can't cut the mustard with today's big eyed, narrowed limbed environmentally concerned extraterrestrial impersonations of Danny DeVito. So, with the exception of ufology's dogged historians, no one pays much attention to those early stories. Perhaps, in some cases, this is to our detriment.

There is one contact story that has haunted me ever since I read about it as a high school student. I was very much into the contactee movement in those days. As an impressionable teenager who was already questioning the established religious and political dogmas of the time, I found the potential of something bigger, more grand and meaningful in those early stories. It wasn't long before my view of the world came back down to earth as I learned more about science, history and world politics. However, the pull of those stories has never quite left me, primarily because of the story of one contact and my year long correspondence with one of the witnesses to that contact, a young man named John McCoy. (Unfortunately that correspondence has long since disappeared.)

John McCoy's name has long been forgotten in ufological circles. However, the name of another witness has not been gone from the UFO scene for so long. That person is Ray Stanford. As a teenager, Ray Stanford spent some time with George Adamski and later revealed that Adamski confided to him that he had gotten into the flying saucer story business for monetary reasons. Adamski also admitted to Ray that he had never been aboard a space ship. These admissions didn't seem to cool Ray's interest in UFOs much because he went on to write with his twin brother Rex a strange contactee book entitled *Look Up*. He later became a parapsychologist and changed his approach to the UFO phenomena to one that was more scientific. He founded the Texas based Project Starlight International, a technology based organization which attempted to attract and contact flying saucers using patterns of flashing lights. He also prepared the

definitive book on the historic Socorro, New Mexico UFO landing which was witnessed by New Mexico policeman Lonnie Zamora. The 1976 book is entitled Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry. Ray Stanford's contribution to ufology is a mixed one, to say the least.

In the May, 1956 issue of Fate Magazine Ray wrote about a contact experience on the beach outside of Brownsville, Texas. What makes this case so unique is not the story itself. True, it was a close encounter with a flying saucer, but no entities were seen. In a manner of speaking, these cases are a dime-a-dozen. However, what made this one unique is that Ray had ten other witnesses with him during this contact, including three police officers who came upon the event as it was occurring. Even more important than that, all three police officers later swore in affidavits that they had witnessed the contact.

This is the story. It was November 6, 1945. Ray and John went to Brownsville to meet with a research group there to form the Texas Flying Saucer Research Society. During the meeting it occurred to Ray "that the group might like to go to Padre Island that night in order to attempt to contact someone aboard one of the flying saucers." He remembers a strange occurrence. "I asked if anyone objected to going to Padre Island. Immediately John's hand rose. Then, as if some force governed him, he lowered his hand. He told me later that some force over which he had no control had made him lower his arm."

At about 6:45 PM they started out. All eight climbed into one car. They arrived on the island beach at about 7:30 PM. To aid in mental concentration they divided up into two groups, one going a mile north of the car, the other the same distance to the south. Ray's group was the one that went north. The groups entered into deep concentration, then temporarily ceasing this activity to allow their minds to receive any messages. Suddenly, a strange feeling engulfed everyone. Ray stated later that a picture had passed through his mind. "I saw mentally, a large, brilliant, white globe of

light moving rapidly across the sky, acting as a signal from the space people." Suddenly, the mental image became reality. A white brilliant globe appeared "parallel with the horizon. It followed a 'zig-zag' path for quite a distance and then slowed and disappeared."

When they returned to the area near the car they discovered that both groups had seen the same thing. While the eight of them stood together, they all had the same thought simultaneously, "A space ship would approach about 11:00 o'clock. It was then 10:55 PM."

"Shortly a glowing object appeared out over the gulf...exactly the place where the signal disappeared. It came closer and closer. We could distinguish a dome on top and a flat bottom...It did not come toward us, but approached the car. But as we moved rapidly toward the car, the space ship began moving away. It disappeared from sight."

Their hopes fell as a car approached from down the beach. After it left, the craft returned. This behavior was exhibited several times as other cars approached. Then another car approached, but the craft did not leave. The car drove up to the group. On its side was the marking, State Highway Patrol. The group went to both sides of the patrol car, attempting to keep the three officers inside from seeing the saucer and exiting the car. It didn't work; the officers got out anyway.

Under questioning about what they were doing out on the beach so late at night, Ray finally replied, "We came out here to contact flying saucers which we know are space ships from another world, and we have made contact." The officers didn't smile. Then Ray said, "In fact, you can see it hovering there right now." He pointed to the ship which was hovering behind and to the right of the them. The officers, according to Ray, "Turned and gasped in amazement."

The three officers were Steve Woods, a deputy sheriff; Don Hoyd, highway

patrolman; and Ray Hoyd, deputy sheriff and father of Don.

Someone wished out loud that the craft would maneuver so that the officers could see it in action. Just as this was said, it moved around. The group discussed what was going on and shared ideas for a few minutes. Then officer Steve Woods tried to signal the craft with a large flash light. No reply was received. Finally, the officers got back into their car to leave, but not before agreeing to sign affidavits regarding the event. With that, the officers left. Shortly thereafter the UFO group discovered that they had a flat tire, which needed to be replaced. During this activity other people started to approach from down the beach. Concluding that the craft would not land that night and convinced that they had made contact, the group decided to leave.

The group immediately returned to Brownsville. Before reaching their first stop at around 3:00 AM they saw a glowing brilliant green "space ship" traveling directly above them going in the same direction. It was as it were saying to them, "We came, are gone, but shall return!"

The police officers later signed the requested affidavits which were reproduced with the *Fate* article.

Why is this case important? Here we have a group of young people, some of whom later become contactees, encountering a flying saucer at a very close distance. Some rudimentary communication takes place, and most of the event is witnessed by three police officers. To my way of thinking, this case is so well witnessed that it deserves at least a footnote in any comprehensive history of ufology. Is there more meaning behind this case? I don't know. It might be worthwhile contacting the witnesses now, some 38 years later, to learn what has happened in their lives since.

The other witnesses were: John Brand, David Piller, Jerry Lee Steele, Uvaldo

Champion, Jr., Robert Colberge and Jimmy Rutlege. All were from Brownsville. John McCoy was from Corpus Christi, Texas. The Hoyds were from Port Isabel, Texas. Does anyone know where these people are today?

Source: Stanford, Ray, "Contact With a Flying Saucer", *Fate Magazine*, May 1956, Volume 9, Number 5, Issue Number 74, pp 12-18.

### **The Linda "Cortile" Napolitano Case - Jerome Clark Replies**

In the *MUFON of Ohio Newsletter*, Number 3, Second November 1992 Issue, we included a complete copy of a paper by George P. Hansen on the "hottest" abduction case in ufology today. (This paper is included herein as Attachment 2 for those of you who did not receive the *Newsletter*.) It is Budd Hopkin's case concerning a Manhattan housewife's abduction from the 12th floor of her apartment building in November 1989. Most of you are familiar with this case by now, I am sure, so there is no need to discuss the details here. Mr. Hansen wrote critically of decisions made by several prominent ufologists with regard to this case, including Walter H. Andrus, International Director of MUFON, Budd Hopkins, Jerome Clark and others. We chose to bring you this paper because it raised interesting questions and promised to result in a new controversy for ufology. The Ohio MUFON membership deserve to be kept informed of this developing situation.

We have confidence in those people being critiqued that they will present a persuasive case for their respective positions. We wrote to several, asking for a reply. Jerome Clark has been kind enough to provide us with his reply dated October 24, 1992 entitled "The Politics of Torquemada; or, Earth Calling Hansen's Planet." It is reprinted in its entirety as Attachment 3 to this *Notebook*.

Mr. Clark wrote in his cover letter to Bill Jones regarding this reply that, "You may

distribute my paper as widely as you wish (and I appreciate your offer to share it with the Ohio MUFON contingent)."

George Hansen has replied to Jerry Clark. A copy of his November 23, 1992 reply is included as Attachment 4 to this *Notebook*. We hope this matter can be resolved soon.

#### Post Script

Since writing the above comments, MORA has received a further reply from Mr. Clark dated November 30, 1992 and we have included this reply in its entirety as Attachment 5 to this *Notebook*. This reply may be Mr. Clark's last word on the matter because he obviously has many other things to do with his time. Over the long haul I don't know how the ufological world will view this controversy and Mr. Clark's role in it. This will partly depend on if and how the other critiqued leaders of ufology reply to Mr. Hansen's papers. With regard to Mr. Clark, we feel confident that he will continue in his role as the most objective and skillful proponent of the importance and reality of the UFO phenomena in journalism today.

I hope you find all of this worthwhile. If we receive other material of value on this controversy, they will be reported on in future issues of the *Newsletter* or *Notebook*.

#### Post Script Squared

OK, I surrender. I can't keep up. As this notebook was going to press MORA received a 25 page report on the Linda "Cortile" Napolitano case entitled "A Critique of Budd Hopkins' Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda Napolitano," by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler, and George P. Hansen. This controversy certainly is not going to go away soon, as we had hoped, and the number of written pages being committed to it seem to be growing exponentially; we can no longer afford to copy these reports for the *Notebook*, even though Mr. Hansen has kindly given his permission for us to do so. Frankly, I don't know if you readers are even interested in the case and I am

concerned that we have used too much space already. If you *are* interested in obtaining this report, and I think you should be, I've been told that a copy can be purchased for \$4.00 from UFO book dealer Bob Girard, 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd.; Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. I've also been told that this paper is available on some UFO related computer bulletin boards, so you may wish to try these sources first. It is "free" there.

### Roswell Testimony

During a week long series which was focused on the American Southwest, ABC TV's morning news and entertainment show "Good Morning America" did a segment on the Roswell flying saucer crash story. It was aired on Thursday, November 19, 1992 from El Paso, Texas during the shows second hour and included interviews with Kevin D. Randle, co-author with Donald R. Schmitt of the land mark book *UFO Crash at Roswell,* Walter G. Haut, the Army Public Information Officer who issued the press release which said a flying saucer had crashed near Roswell, and Glenn Dennis, a mortician who entered the Roswell Army Air Field hospital apparently when autopsies were being performed on retrieved alien bodies. Most interesting, however, was the interview with Frankie Rowe, a woman whose father saw the alien bodies first hand at a crash site near Roswell. Ms. Rowe has been interviewed by Randle/Schmitt; her name appears in Appendix E: The Interviews on page 277 of their book, but none of her testimony appears in the book. I have included the ABC interview in this *Notebook* because it establishes testimonial evidence of illegal action on the part of U.S. Government personnel with regard to the Roswell crash. I am surprised at the courage shown by ABC in airing this testimony.

What follows is that part of the ABC interview which involves Frankie Rowe and her family's story.

Steve Fox (SF) for ABC: "Just off Main Street in Roswell is the unlikely home of

America's newest UFO museum. It's the place to hear some fascinating stories from people who live here, like Frankie Rowe who was twelve years old when a friendly state trooper showed her something weird he had picked up at a crash site."

Frankie Rowe (FR): "He pulled his hand out of his pocket and he had his fist closed, held it over the table and he dropped the material. And when it hit the table it acted just like it was water, it just spread out and there were no wrinkles. Everybody at the table looked at it. Picked it up. They handled it. They tried to tear it. They tried to cut it with their pocket knives. And they tried to burn it. And they could do nothing with it."

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SF: [To Walter Haut.] "What were the circumstances at the time and why did you word it [the press release] the way you did?"

Walter Haut (WH): "I released it because I was told to do so by Colonel Blanchard who was the base commander, at that time, at Roswell Army Air Field."

SF: "So he specifically said flying saucer? No equivocation about that?"

WH: "Nope, none whatsoever."

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SF: [To Kevin Randle.] "How did the government enforce this cover-up that you allege?"

Kevin Randle: "They went in here and very carefully suppressed this information and they did it with a vengeance. They did not want this information to leak"

SF: "Frankie Rowe remembers threats of vengeance."

FR: "In World War II we had a POW camp south of Roswell, at Orchard Park and another one down at Artesia. And he gave us some options. Mother could go to one and Daddy may go to the other - and the kids, he said he didn't know where we would be sent. If they didn't do this, he said they would take us out to the desert

and they'd never see us again." [During this testimony Frankie Rowe started to cry.]

...

SF: "Frankie Rowe, the lady you saw in the story there, her father was a fireman who responded to the original report of a crash. He went to the crash site. He came back and he told Frankie that he had seen a flying saucer and two alien bodies dead, and one alien walking around the site. Frankie says that's what this uniformed military officer [said when] accompanied by armed guards [he] came to her house and warned her never to talk about [her father's story]." [The brackets were added to the last sentence by the *Notebook* to make it complete; without brackets is how the sentence was aired.]

I think we will hear more about Frankie Rowe when Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt publish their new book on the Roswell crash in the spring of 1993. We have heard a number of stories like Frankie's involving threats by U.S. Government personnel. Don Schmitt has said that a number of such threats were made with regard to the Roswell crash. One question that must be asked, and probably never will be answered, is would these threats ever have been carried out to keep these people quiet if necessary? If so - especially if some deaths or disappearances have occurred - then the seriousness, not to say illegality, with which the government took this subject back then was great. Another question that we must ask is are these threats still being made today? If so, then the freedoms that we enjoy and the national values that we live by are an illusion. Perhaps the biggest threat that the aliens pose to mankind comes not from them but from the response that our government is making to them.

## The Aurora Report

A recent article from *The Wall Street Journal* about America's secret spy plane, code name Aurora, is included as Attachment 6. The drawing of the aircraft in this article is somewhat different from

the one included in the August 24, 1992 issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology, page 23. (That drawing is not included herein because of the possibility of copyright infringement. Would you want to get sued by Phil Klass' magazine?) The January 19, 1993 issue of the New York Times in their Science section on page B8 carried an article on the Aurora which included conclusions by some experts that the plane may actually not exist, especially as it is currently being described in the popular press. We'll just have to wait and see.

### Abductions Stories Are Difficult to Investigate Thoroughly - Two Examples

If there has been anything that has surprised us since we re-entered the UFO investigation scene in August of 1989, it is the number of abduction stories that are out there. Everytime we have gone to a shopping mall to set up a UFO information table, everytime we have appeared on radio or television or given a public talk or seminar, someone has approached us with an abduction story. More often than not, we are approached by two or three people. These people seem sincere. Many are well educated. All do not want their names associated with the stories they want to tell. Most of these people have a limited knowledge of the UFO mystery. Most of their stories are incomplete, in that only parts of the story are remembered. These stories have common themes that run through them, themes that also appear in many of the stories that other investigators have turned up and recorded. There are so many stories, in fact, that we can follow up on only a few that seem to be ones most likely to provide meaningful information. Even so, many of these people don't want their stories followed up and documented. They just want an assurance that they are not alone in experiencing these things and are not crazy. All of these stories are enticing and it's a bit sad that we will never know more about most of them.

Mae R. was a forty two year old housewife in June of 1974 when she encountered what might have been a flying saucer near Newark, Ohio. It was between 8:00 and 8:30 PM, not yet dark. She, her husband, their teenage daughter, and the daughter's boy friend were driving toward their home. Somewhere out in the country "off old route 16" they observed something that she has a hard time describing. (Mae was painfully inarticulate which, along with her incomplete memories, made this a very difficult interview.) It was a flying object of some kind. It had a green top with white lights on the side, "or maybe it way the other way around." She isn't sure. It's been a long time since the event and our December 18, 1992 interview. It was saucer shaped.

"We were compelled...it wasn't do you want to see this? It's you have to see it," she remembers feeling. They pulled over to the side of the road and her husband, who was driving, shut the engine off. There was a buzzing noise. The object hovered in the air, then landed. After a short time it lifted off and stopped about fifty feet in the air. A smaller oblong shaped object came out of the bottom and then both went away together. The four witnesses felt something was wrong but they couldn't figure out what. It was dark, even though only a few minutes seemingly had passed. When they arrived home they realized more than two hours had gone by. They immediately took the boy friend home so that he would be returned when his parents expected him.

The family's experiences weren't over. They live out in the country near Flint Ridge State Park where a large outcropping of flint is exposed. This outcropping was mined for centuries by Indians from all over the eastern United States for use in their tool making. One evening Mae's son had a sighting of an aerial object that bathed their back yard in a green light. He remembers very little of the incident. On another night their dogs started barking after the family had gone to bed. Mae was awakened by the noise. She saw through the window curtains that their back yard

was lit up. She tried to wake up her husband, but she could not. She remembers hearing people talking in a foreign language that she couldn't understand. She soon went back to sleep without looking outside. The next day strange long scratch marks were found in the earth near the dog cages. The marks were in threes across the ground, twelve inches long and one inch apart. They had never seen anything like them before.

Still in 1974, a light began to appear in their bedroom two or three times a week for about four months. It appeared on the wall and moved slowly around the room. Sometimes it would stay for a couple of hours. Mae's husband said it was a light from outside and would go back to sleep. Mae looked outside through a window but could see no possible source. One evening Mae called her son into the room to see the light. He went up to it and cupped his hands around it, forming a tube with his hand and closed fingers. He could still see it. His hand and fingers didn't block the light. It appeared to be in the wall; it was not a light coming in from outside through a window. This scared him. He told Mae he didn't want to come into the room to check on the light again.

And then there were the dreams. Mae stated that the dreams started soon after their sighting. She remembers that her entire body would feel very uncomfortable as she awoke up from the dreams. While she could move, she felt constrained. She said it was very difficult for her to describe the feeling.

On one occasion she remembers dreaming that she, her husband, her daughter, and the daughter's boy friend were taken to a building that looked like a hospital. Large flying saucers landed on its roof. The building had many rooms that were "built real funny." Each of them had their own room. Each room had a bed with a mattress. Other people "just like us" were there as well. She remembers getting out of bed and going into the daughter's room to check on her. She told her captors that her daughter "could take no more testing." The

captors then let the four of them go, but she doesn't know how. She has a hard time describing the captors, merely saying that they had "real white complexions, not like ours. They looked different from us." Their shoulders were broader and their heads bigger. She remembers green eyes that were a "little bit bigger than ours."

Her daughter has had similar dreams but refuses to talk about them.

Mae was asked about any childhood experiences. She remembers one when she was around eleven or twelve. She was asleep one night and awoke to find two men sitting on the foot of her bed. They were "big with great big eyes." They reminded her of robots that were built like humans. They generated a light of their own because the room was dark. They had on "suits that were like metal." At one point she tried to push them off the bed with her feet. They felt like hard metal. She doesn't remember them touching her. They just watched. On several occasions she called her mother who came into her room to reassure her. The men would disappear, but she can't say how. This went on for sometime and she never left her bed.

When asked if she would like to explore her memories further, she replied that she did not. It was enough to know that others were having similar experiences. She is scared of these memories and will not undergo hypnosis.

Were Mae's experiences, in some manner of speaking, real? It's hard to say. The story is difficult to evaluate because the witness remembers little, is sometimes inarticulate, and is unwilling to explore her memories further.

Joyce T. of Lancaster, Ohio has a story that presents a different problem. She is articulate and bright, although the memories of her experiences are spotty. Follow-up is restricted in this instance because of an uncooperative boy friend and the investigator's inability to convince Joyce of the possible value of further investigation. She is content with her

memories as they exist. (It is important to note here that subjects should not be forced or coerced into cooperating with an investigation, especially if hypnosis or other memory enhancement techniques are being considered. If a subject rejects any aspect of an investigation, their wishes should be respected. Their human rights are more important than any possible story that they might have to tell.)

Joyce was a twenty nine year old security guard when we interviewed her in 1991. Her date of birth is January 17, 1963. We met her at a display we had set up in a shopping mall outside of Lancaster, Ohio. She gave us an interview for half an hour at her home a few days later.

When she was sixteen years old she and her parents went to Los Angeles, California to visit a married sister who was living there. It was during the summer of 1979. They had gone out sight seeing and, as she remembers the event, they were driving on a four lane road. Joyce was in the back seat. She and the others saw a bright flashing in the sky near the horizon. The sky was just starting to get dark. She remembers someone commenting that it was strange there were no other cars on the road, save one that drove up beside them. The car had two adults in the front seat and a boy in the back. As the car pulled up beside them she saw the boy point up at the bright light. She has no idea where the car went after that.

The light seemed to be getting closer as the minutes passed by. It began to maneuver in a very fast manner. It moved in an up, down and then circular motion. It also moved more to the front of their car and seemed to be lower in the sky. At one point they thought it had landed on the highway less than a mile ahead. They seemed to be driving fast toward it. By this time they were on a two lane road. The next thing they remember is the light shooting straight up into the air. Strangely, it was now completely dark, although only five to ten minutes had seemingly gone by. Joyce didn't think anything about this until we pointed out to her that it had apparently

gotten dark too fast. After thinking about this momentarily, she agreed. She said she had never realized that before.

The family didn't discuss the sighting much after it had occurred and they still do not discuss it even today when they get together. She thinks this is strange.

***This event has three oddities that we have seen in other cases: (1) The witnesses don't talk about the event after it occurs. (2) When witnesses are in a car, sometimes no other cars are seen during the experience, even though they are on a well traveled road. (3) The witnesses don't realize that more time has passed than they think, even when outside events indicate otherwise. In this case the sky went from twilight to complete darkness much too quickly.***

Joyce remembers one other UFO like experience in her life. When she was around six she was playing during the day in a field with three or four other children near her home in Lancaster, Ohio. One of the children said, "Wow, look at that," and pointed up into the sky. A shiny melted solder colored object was in the sky above them. It appeared that "flashes of electricity" were coming off of the bottom of this object. It made no sound. She does not remember what happened to it. Later, when she told her parents about the sighting, they didn't believe her.

(Investigators: Barbara Spellerberg and William E. Jones.)

## Possible Abduction Case

### First Interview

Sue (a pseudonym) is a 36 year old wife of a dairy farmer. She is college educated, is the oldest sibling along with three brothers, has three children of her own - a 15 year old boy and two girls, ages 11 and 12 - and has learned over the years that she has psychic abilities. She and her family

currently live and work on a dairy farm near Bellefontaine, Ohio.

During our first interview with her she stated that she called us on the advice of a friend, "Because I figured I was just nuts." A few weeks before she had undergone a "memory enhancement" procedure and found herself remembering an experience from when she was 5 years old that involved a face-to-face meeting with two alien looking beings. The technique had been used on her by a friend who thought she might have been abused as a child and they were attempting to see if they could enhance her memories with regard to this possible incident. Instead Sue found herself back on her grandparents farm outside of Gahanna, Ohio.

Sue saw herself standing outside her grandparent's chicken house looking at two alien like beings. She stated that the five year old child was not frightened, but as an adult looking back, she was. She remembers thinking, "They don't look like the others." She had no idea what this thought meant, although a feeling of "knowing" accompanied the memory. She is certain that these were not the first aliens that she had seen. She recognized what they were and who they were then, although she doesn't know now.

One of these aliens was tall, the other shorter. The shorter one was about six to eight inches taller than her as a child and the taller one half again as high, perhaps 5 1/2 feet. "They were kinda gray" she noted. "It as almost as if I touched them I could put my hand in them. They didn't seem solid." They had a smooth face. "You could see a little bit of their nose, but not a whole lot. And large eyes. The tall one didn't look exactly like the small one. It wasn't like they were exactly the same. The tall one was thinner and had a more gangly appearance than the smaller one."

Q. [Question from one of the two investigators.] Did you see their whole bodies?

A. [Long pause.] I don't know. [Another long pause.] I don't know.

Q. Did they have a human build?

A. As far as having a body, arms and legs, they did. But they didn't look exactly human either.

Q. Hands?

A. The hands were real different.

Q. In what respect?

A. It seemed like the big one had [long pause] two [large fingers]. I'm not sure about his thumb. Each two pair of fingers were fused, more or less, so they weren't even there exactly.

The small one...[long pause]. I keep thinking there was something about mittens, or I thought something about mittens, but it seemed like they were fingers. I don't remember that part clearly.

Q. What did their arms and legs look like?

A. Real skinny. Almost like...I don't even know if they had joints. They were just kinda straight, but I think...I didn't stay there very long I think, in my mind, at that point. They looked like bone and skin [with] hardly any mussel. Does that make sense? I don't know how else to describe it.

Q. How about proportions?

A. The big one, the arms...seemed to be very long compared to the body. The short one, proportionately, the arms seemed to be a little bit smaller than human arms would be in proportion to the body. Not real short, but a little bit. I don't remember their feet.

Q. The shape of the head and eyes? How big was the head?

A. Pretty big, especially compared to their body. It was more of an upside down egg shape. Bigger at the top and real small at the bottom.

Q. What did the eyes look like?

A. They were real big and real dark. There didn't appear to be a pupil. There was no definition of color variance in their eye. The eyes looked more like a bug's eye. They weren't sectioned but they were real shiny and smooth. Dark.

Q. How long do you think that the encounter lasted?

A. For awhile.

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It was daytime. As I got older I never wanted to go over to that side of the building again. I didn't like being there. To me it felt like walking in a grave yard.

Q. Did you sense any communication?

A. Yeah, but I don't know what it was. It was almost as if they were trying to tell me everything was OK and basically that I was not going to die...they were OK and I was OK.

#### Other Information

Sue confirmed for us that her father is still alive, but their relationship is poor. She does not know whether or not he ever molested her but says that she can deal with it if he did. However, if possible, she does want to know if she was molested and, if so, by whom.

Her family on both sides have a history of various sorts of psychic abilities.

She has read few books on UFOs but is well read in the psychic literature.

Over the past three years poltergeist type activity has occurred in the two homes they have lived in over that period. Most of the events have involved falling objects, including a Christmas tree once.

On a number of occasions she has awakened to the sound of a train that goes on and on much longer than it should, even in a house

that was no where near any railroad tracks.

They have lived and worked on the farm where they now live for 1 1/2 years. Over the past six months four cows have aborted or given birth prematurely, usually within 30 to 60 days of delivery. What is unusual is that they have never found any sign of the calf after walking all over the concrete fenced in lot. There were no signs that predators had found the calf and dragged it off somewhere. There were no signs of afterbirth on the cows, which usually last for a day or so. Since Sue or her husband look over each cow daily, they find this a bit strange. They have never experienced the loss of a calf where no evidence was found. Also, they observed no dogs or buzzards in the area after these abortions occurred.

(Investigators: Rebecca D. Minshall and William E. Jones.)

#### Second Interview

On December 30, 1992 Sue was placed under light hypnosis and asked to go back to her first encounter with whatever it is she is or was involved with. She described standing outside somewhere at the age of five and looking at what appeared to be a large praying mantis like creature. She then found herself in an area which seemed foggy or misty, but wasn't wet. There were lots of other "strange people" present, which later were better described. They were alien figures that we now call the "grays." She was lying horizontally on a table and was dressed in a "white shirt." She remembers being told that there were things they needed to know and she was supposed to help them. One of the alien figures was larger and she said she did not like him.

A needle was inserted into her stomach area. She had the mumps and seemed to know somehow that this disease had settled into her ovaries. The aliens were concerned about this. A device was used behind her right ear but she couldn't see what was taking place.

At age eight Sue remembered being in her bedroom and becoming aware of five figures, which she referred to as "them," around her bed. Three were at the foot and one on each side. She stated that two of them were her "friends." They didn't take her anywhere but some sort of prodding and poking of her body took place. The aliens didn't seem to understand when she somehow indicated dislike for the experience.

Later as a teenager Sue remembered being taken from her home late at night during a slumber party. Her memory of this event is poor, but she does remember being outside, seeing lights in the sky, and then somehow heading for a nearby woods where "they" were waiting for her. She argued with them and tried to get away. However, this didn't work and she was floated into a misty area where she again found herself on a table fully clothed. She was aware that they were taking eggs from her and this made her angry. She did not know what they were going to do with them. There were seven aliens and they seemed to be talking. However, she didn't understand the words, yet she "knew" what they wanted her to do.

Sue was asked if she has a name for any of them. She replied that the name, "Sounds like Nash." He is the one she is most familiar with. When she is released it is day light. When asked by her guests where she had been when she returned to the party, she replied that she had been out doing chores.

Sue had an out-of-body experience when her son was born. During this experience she met some alien figures and she claims they treated her for an infection which was in her body.

At the age of twenty six she remembered an experience in her bedroom. It was after the birth of her third child and the aliens apparently didn't like the fact that she had her tubes tied after the birth.

Sue is now thirty six and believes that there have been no more "physical involvement" with the aliens since, although she still feels connected to them and non-physical events may still be taking place. Since an hour had passed since the session began, it was concluded.

*Comment: Obviously, this case has not been fully investigated. Sue has indicated an interest in continuing the effort in order to learn more. MORA hopes to be able to provide Sue the support that she has requested.*

(Investigators: Joseph A. Stets and William E. Jones.)

### Alien Uniform Insignia

In the December 1991 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, we presented the story of an abductee named Bennie. During one of his many abduction experiences, this one in 1974, Bennie observed a silver insignia that was worn by guards on a black uniform. The insignia was also seen on a door of the possible space craft he had been taken to. The guards were oriental in appearance and had black head and facial hair. Their heads and eyes were slightly larger than those of humans. Their "little finger" was the same size as their other fingers. They carried a weapon that appeared to be a thin tube which was approximately ten inches long. When used, Bennie said the weapon causes mental confusion and extreme pain.

MORA tried to determine if anyone else has gotten a report of this insignia. We were unsuccessful in this regard, so we present it here in Appendix 7. If you know of a report involving an insignia that looks like this, please let us know.

Investigator: Joseph A. Stets.

### **Earth Changes and UFOs**

*MORA feels an obligation to alert the readers of its publications of any new sources of UFO information that it finds. A*

source that is new to us is The Earth Changes Report (ECR) published monthly by the Matrix Institute, RR1 Box 391, Westmoreland, NH 03467; (603) 399-4916. The person behind this publication is Gordon-Michael Scallion (GMS), futurist, prophet, author and lecturer on coming geophysical, economic, political, spiritual, and social changes. Quoted below is what The Earth Changes Report has had to say about the subject of UFOs. MORA will leave it up to the reader to further investigate the source of this material and makes no claim about the validity of the information.

*With regard to the crop circles which have been appearing in the British Isles:*

Q. Is the cause of the circle formations due to magnetism?

GMS. Correct. The physical cause.

Q. Who or what is causing the circles?

GMS. These are created by spiritual forces visiting the Earth from the sixth sister of the Pleiades.

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Q. Why are the Pleiadeans creating these symbols?

GMS. They are trying to communicate with their children. They are your ancestors [sic]. Slowly they are opening up the world's consciousness to their existence.

Q. What do the circles and symbols mean?

GMS. The circles and shapes are notes, or sounds, that are not audible...but are audible to the subtle bodies of each. Each form contains a specific message.

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Q. Why have they chosen this time to communicate?

GMS. It is a prelude, or preparing of a landing that is to come in the '95-'97 time period.

Source: ECR, Volume 1.1, October, 1991, p 6.

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Q. What do you see as the next big breakthrough in the computer field?

A. Here the plasma memory system already has been developed and used in the super-secret projects or the new flying saucer craft of the U.S. These indeed begin to move out in to the computer industry. If you can imagine that, instead of using silicon chips to store data, computers use another matrix entirely, and these are to be used to teleport objects here in '94, '95, '96...Mass storage media is the next breakthrough, and then the plasma storage comes shortly thereafter."

Source: ECR, Volume 2.4, April 1, 1992, p 3.

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"At the end of your World War II, when Russia and the US were moving into Germany, key scientists, rockets, jets, and other secret weapons and records were taken as spoils of war. U.S. intelligence moved in two directions as a result of this technology: rockets-jets and a new technology - 'implosion.' Now, as a result of German research on implosion, the entity known as Walter Schumberger was brought to the United States to further develop the technology he began in Germany in the thirties and forties. A Texas aerospace corporation with strong U.S. government and Pentagon connections obtained the necessary knowledge from Schumberger to create working models similar to the prototype he built in Germany in '43-'44. By 1947 another technology was obtained as a result of extraterrestrial craft discovered in the crash of a UFO from the star system Orion. The site: Roswell, New Mexico."

Source: ECR, Volume 2.4, May 1, 1992, "UFOs From Earth," p 7.

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Q. There appears to be a relationship between the apparent increase in UFO activity and an increase in Earth changes. Is my perception correct in this?

A. Your perception is correct, for there are many life forms visiting the earth - studying these times - and many which may be thought of as angels and guardian angels, who assist to bring about guidance and hope during these time periods. Over one hundred civilizations from the stars are now active in the Earth School. What should be noted is that many UFO crafts are from the Earth - some fifty percent. Many visitations are from older governments of the world - visitations from past civilizations which have traveled from 28,000 years ago. In the Atlantean period, time travel was perfected. Many of these crafts, in particular the longer cigar-shaped craft, and the elongated barrel-type craft, are time travelers from your past, visiting the future. Just in the same time frame, the United States is experimenting with time travel. Many of the travelers from the past, present, and future come from the stars to help during these time periods. The majority - the vast majority - would be termed benevolent forces, all part of the Collective Consciousness helping to herald a new age and the next root race."

Source: ECR, Issue No. 11, July 25, 1992, p 6.

### **An Appeal For Help - The Artesia Connection**

My name is Scott Colborn, Director of the Fortean Research Center in Lincoln, Nebraska [P.O. Box 94627, Lincoln, NE 68509]. I'm working on what appears to be an abduction case involving a Lincoln, Nebraska woman. She believes that she has been taken to an underground facility called Artesia. This underground facility is staffed by human military personnel and "Alien" beings. An alien being that was a major player in her on-going contacts was for a time being held at this facility. Whether this "being" was being held to gauge her response and evaluate a bonding, or whether this "being" actually was

violating procedures with regards to emotional ties to this woman is conjecture. She has undergone hypnosis and through this process she has remembered that she was taken to this facility to interact with hybrid children.

The woman described the terrain as slightly rolling, the temperature as being hot, with a water source nearby and some trees along or near the water source.

I've done some preliminary research and concluded that the best "fit" to the physical description given by the Lincoln woman is the area surrounding Artesia, New Mexico. (She was told by one of the "beings" that the name of the facility was "Artesia.")

The town of Artesia, New Mexico and the general area surrounding the town seems to fit her description. I traveled through the area in July, '92, and the Pecos River is to the east of the town.

I would like to ask for assistance in several areas. First, are any of you familiar with an "Artesia" in your area? It could be a name of an area, but I think it probably describes a city or town. Secondly, has anyone come across reports of abductions where an individual was taken to an area that might fit the "Artesia" description? Thirdly, how about reports involving what appear to be humans in fatigues interacting with "aliens" in a facility in which hybrid children are kept?

I realize that the above information is sparse, sketchy and bare-bones. In researching this information I've had several interesting "responses" in the form of an unsigned letter warning me to cease and desist from my efforts to find out more about "Artesia." Additionally, during a radio program I host in Lincoln, NE, as a guest (William Hamilton) and I had just begun to talk about "the alien presence on Earth and rumored underground bases," the radio station went off the air. The engineer couldn't account for the off-air occurrence in terms of equipment failure.

*Scott can be reached at the address noted above or at (402)421-1701. If you know anything that might shed light on this case, we encourage you to contact him.*

Source: *Oklahoma MUFONEWS*, February, 1993, c/o Jean Waller, 1916 Inglewood Dr., Norman, OK 73071, p 1.

### Jamestown, Ohio Case

It was October 15, 1988, around 2:15 in the morning. The primary reporting witness who we shall name Dorothy was in the kitchen of her rural Ohio home with her sister and niece. Suddenly her sister pointed out the kitchen window and told the others that she could see a light flashing in the sky. It looked strange and she wanted them to see it. The southern sky, which was clear that night, was visible from this window. The three went outside where they could see this light better. What they saw was a circular disc shaped object with lights that were flashing in sequence so that the lights appeared to travel horizontally around the rim of the object. They watched this object for a short while when suddenly the sky "was full of what appeared to be ships." They moved in every direction. No sound from these many objects was heard. The three women estimated that there were at least twenty five of these objects moving through the night sky. Incredibly, they watched this aerial display for two hours before the objects disappeared from view, apparently moving away in every direction from the farm over which they had flown for so long.

The two hours that the sighting lasted seemed to pass very swiftly for these women. All three noted that they were very nervous and on edge for several months after the sighting. They attributed their feelings to this event since they hadn't felt that way prior to it and they had no other explanation for these shared feelings. They frequently scanned the sky during these months, almost as if they were expecting the objects to return.

Source: Larry and Peggy Tillman of the Phenomena Research Organization, P.O. Box 377, South Charlestown, Ohio 45368. Larry and Peggy are experienced UFO investigators who have spent many years studying the UFO mystery. Larry is a Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) State Section Director. (This sighting has been reported to MUFON.)

### Fredricktown, Ohio Case

*This case was investigated in the summer of 1976 by members of the now defunct Civil Commission on Aerial Phenomena.*

Mrs. Evelyn Addlesperger lived in Fredricktown, a small northern Ohio community just off Interstate 71, all of her life. She was well respected by her neighbors and was known to be a very hard worker. She and her husband, who died prior to this sighting, had built their home. When she pulled into her driveway that October 24th night in 1973 she was confronted with something that she was unprepared for.

It was about 9:00 PM. It was fall, and the night was cool. She came up the street from the east and turned left into her driveway. As she turned, the headlights of her car passed across her house, an open area at the rear of the house, and then onto her garage at the end of the driveway. As the headlights passed across the open area, which allows for a partial view of a deep backyard, something lit up this backyard area. The area, usually quite dark at night, was now brightly lit. The color appeared to be the same as the lights of her car. The apparent source of the light was a large object hovering above the ground. It seemed as if her headlights had caused this object to light up, but there was too much light for it to have been merely reflected light from a smooth metallic surface. Also, between her and the object were two large pine trees and a deciduous tree with a few leaves still on it.

She reacted by saying, "Oh, my gosh," out loud to her self.

The object was visible for only a few moments. She didn't see it move, but sensed that it came in from the east, down into her yard, and then back out to the west. It reminded her of an "open cockpit" airplane, but she could see no wings, nor vertical or horizontal stabilizers. Based on her observations and the distance between the trees, the object was approximately thirty feet long. The front of the object, which was pointed west - to her right - seemed "square" and it tapered to the rear. Its front, which appeared to be like an "open cockpit", was "covered" and had "wires running all over the object." Later attempts to describe what was meant by these "wires" and the "cover" were vague. Mrs. Addlesperger attributed this to the three years that had elapsed since her sighting.

In the "open cockpit" area were three hooded figures "like the Ku Klux Klan." The figure on the right was "taller than the one to the left or the one to the rear." The figures appeared to be seated because she could see them only from what appeared to be the waist up. No facial figures were noted, just the hoods. The figures appeared to glow with the same white/yellow color as the object itself.

She sat there for a few moments. Exactly how long, she can't say. She turned off the engine of her car but left the headlights on. By this time the backyard was dark again. Determined to find out what was going on, she got out of her car and started toward the area where the object had been seen. When she reached the rear of her garage, about thirty five feet from her car, she stopped. It was as if something told her not to go back there. She felt fear. She returned to her car, started it up, and drove into the garage. Then she went into her house and looked out the rear window into the dark back yard. Nothing! She went into her living room and sat down. She said that she was "stunned" by what had occurred.

The next day the area was checked by some of her friends for physical traces, but none were found.

Questioning revealed that her car radio was not on and her car operated normally. She heard no sound from the object. There were no animals in the area, as far as she knew, that reacted to the object. A later check of the neighborhood turned up no one who had seen anything strange that night.

Mrs. Addlesperger, at times, seemed reluctant to talk about her experience. At one point she said, "I would give anything to see that thing back there." Later, she seemed afraid that it would happen to her again if she talked about it. When asked about this apparent inconsistency, she said she would like to see the object if "they" would stay out there and not come into her home.

This experience left a very real impression on her. "It sure lit up back there," she said. "I think about it everytime I drive in the driveway."

This was not the only UFO seen in the Fredricktown area that fall. The night before Mrs. Addlesperger had her experience, a woman two blocks away to the northwest saw an object in the southwestern sky. At 10:30 PM that night Mrs. Thomas Purdy drove into the driveway on the west side of her home at 149 Salem Avenue. The car was facing south. As she got out of her car she heard a few "beeps" from up in the sky. She looked up above some trees to the southwest and saw a yellow orange object. The object was banana or cigar shaped and "pointed at both ends." A quarter held at arms length would probably have covered the object, she said. She felt scared and ran into the house to get her husband. They both looked outside in time to see the object leave by rising quickly upward and to the east.

A hundred yards or so west of Mrs. Addlesperger's home on the other side of a small factory lives Mrs. Lela Hoeflich. Like Mrs. Addlesperger, Mrs. Hoeflich is in her

seventies. At around 2:00 AM on a night in October or November of 1973, she got up to get a drink of water and happened to look out of her kitchen window. This window faces east in the direction of the factory and the Addlesperger house. The Addlesperger house is on the other side of the factory and cannot be seen from the Hoeflich house. There, in the sky above the factory and the trees to the east, was a gold object "like a large wash tub." It was flat on the bottom and open on the top. Sitting inside was a "man." Because of the distance, she could see no features on his face. While the object seemed to glow, the man did not.

She saw the object for only a brief period of time as it glided noiselessly from north to south and disappeared from view behind some trees or the factory building. She estimated that the object was further east than the Addlesperger house. While she has since heard of the Addlesperger experience, she claims she didn't know of it at the time of her sighting.

That same fall, according to Beth Ann Jones, a number of Fredricktown high school students had experiences with strange aerial objects. One group was followed by a yellow object that was "like the moon", but twice as big, while they were driving a pick up truck over roads northeast of Fredricktown. She was with that group. Another group had a similar experience during that same period. One member from each group was located and interviewed, but due to the three year lapse of time, they remembered few details. However, each seemed sure they hadn't mistaken the moon for a UFO.

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Dear Mr Jones

Your letter of 1 August 1992 addressed to Mrs Pearson, has been passed on to me and has caused considerable surprise.

As you will see from our brochure, Warwick Research Institute is the multi-disciplinary research, consultancy and training arm of the University of Warwick. We have no interest or involvement in UFO's and the aspects given in the circulating letter you copied to us. In fact, the November 1990 letter is completely unknown to us and therefore we can make no comment on it.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bishop' with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Peter J Bishop**  
**Director**

Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology: A Question of  
 Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case

George P. Hansen

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 ABSTRACT: UFO abductee Linda Napolitano claims that she was kidnapped, assaulted, battered, harassed, and nearly drowned by two agents of the U.S. government. Prominent ufologists Budd Hopkins, John E. Mack, David M. Jacobs, Jerome Clark and Walter H. Andrus, Jr. accept these claims. Hopkins has collected extensive materials that could be used to help apprehend and convict the agents. Yet Hopkins, Clark and Andrus have vigorously argued that these crimes should not be reported to law enforcement authorities; they indicate that such could be "politically damaging" to UFO research. These ufologists are asked to defend their decision and priorities.  
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Budd Hopkins' case involving the abduction of Linda Napolitano by a UFO has been discussed in the Hall Street Journal,<sup>1</sup> Omni,<sup>2</sup> Paris Hatch,<sup>3</sup> and the New York Times.<sup>4</sup> The Hufon UFO Journal labeled it "The Abduction Case of the Century."<sup>5</sup> By virtue of this intense interest, it will become an exemplar for the study of UFO abductions.

Briefly, it is asserted that at about 3:15 a.m. on November 30, 1989, Linda Napolitano floated out of her 12th floor apartment in lower Manhattan. Allegedly three witnesses in a car about two blocks away observed Linda and three humanoid figures emerge from a window and ascend into a craft hovering over her building. Two of the witnesses, Richard and Dan, were government security officers who were guarding the third witness, a dignitary. More than a year after the case, Richard and Dan wrote to Hopkins describing what they saw, and a few weeks later they visited Linda in her apartment. Hopkins has never met these two but has over 80 pages of letters from them, and he has accumulated much other material pertinent to the case.

The affair is quite complex, and the story is now only beginning to be told. Hopkins presented a few details at the 1992 MUFON convention in Albuquerque and then in the September 1992 issue of the Hufon UFO Journal. One of the most disturbing elements of the case is that felonies were allegedly committed by the government agents; these include assault, battery, kidnapping

- 1. May 14, 1992, pp. A1, A10  
 2. April 1992, p. 75  
 3. 17 Sept. 92, pp. 13-14, 18, 96, 98  
 4. October 5, 1992, pp. B1, B2  
 5. August 1992, p. 9

and attempted murder.

Hopkins' published account of this aspect is so sketchy that some might consider it deliberately misleading. His entire written summary is only one sentence long: "In April and again in October 1991, Linda would suffer hours-long forced confinements and interrogations at the hands of these confused frightened 'law-enforcement' officers; she would be struck by a car during a chase through the streets of lower Manhattan."<sup>6</sup> Hopkins' brief statement hardly conveys the gravity of the situation. It suggests that he may have taken these matters much too lightly.

#### The kidnappings and attempted murder

On January 28, 1992, Linda Napolitano contacted Richard Butler and requested a meeting because she was concerned about her personal safety, and she was worried that Hopkins might not be able to adequately protect her. Linda had earlier become friends with Butler at meetings in the home of Budd Hopkins. On February 1, 1992, Linda met with Butler along with Joseph Stefula, a former Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command who has extensive contacts in law enforcement.

During the meeting, Linda stated that in April 1991 she encountered security agent Richard on the street near her apartment. She was asked to get into a car that Dan was driving, but she refused. Richard then picked her up and, with some struggle, forced her into the automobile. Linda reported that she was driven around for 3 1/2 hours and interrogated about the aliens.

At the MUFON symposium in July 1992, Linda was asked if she had reported the kidnapping to the police. She said that she had not and went on to say that the kidnapping was legal because it had to do with national security; she later commented that she did not want to go head to head with a government agency because she might be killed and pieces of her might be found in the East River (Hopkins did not dispute these statements). Linda did remember another car being involved with the kidnapping, and under hypnotic regression she recalled the license plate number of that automobile, as well as part of the number of the car she was in. Hopkins reports that the numbers have been traced to particular agencies.

During the February 1 meeting with Stefula and Butler, Linda reported that on the morning of October 15, 1991, Dan pulled her into a red Jaguar sports car. Linda happened to be carrying a tape recorder and was able to surreptitiously record a small part of Dan's questioning, but within a few minutes he discovered and confiscated it. Dan drove to a beach house on the shore of Long Island. There he demanded that Linda remove her clothes and put on a white nightgown, similar to the one she wore the night of

6. Mufon UFO Journal, September 1992, pp. 13, 14

the UFO abduction. He said he wanted to have sex with her. She refused but then agreed to put on the nightgown over her clothes. Once she did, Dan dropped to his knees and started to talk incoherently about her being the "Lady of the Sands." She fled the beach house, but Dan caught her on the beach and bent her arm behind her. He placed two fingers on the back of her neck, leading Linda to believe that it was a gun. He then forced her into the water and pushed her head under twice. He continued to rave incoherently, and as her head was being pushed under for the third time, she believed that she would not come up again. Then, a "force" hit Dan and knocked him back onto the beach. Linda started to run but heard a sound like a gun being cocked. She looked back and saw Dan taking a picture of her (the pictures were eventually sent to Hopkins). She continued to move, but Richard came running, seemingly out of nowhere. He stopped her and convinced her to return to the beach house, and he told her that he would control Dan by giving him a Mickey Finn. She agreed to the plan. Once inside, Richard put Dan in the shower to wash off the mud from the beach. This gave Linda a chance to search the premises; she recovered her cassette tape and discovered stationery bearing a Central Intelligence Agency letterhead.

In a brief conversation on October 3, 1992, Hopkins told me that Linda came to him shortly after she arrived back in Manhattan after the kidnapping. She was disheveled, had sand in her hair, and was traumatized by the experience.

Linda also reported to Stefula and Butler that on December 15 and December 16, 1991, one of the men had tried to make contact with her near the shopping area of the South Street Seaport. He was driving a large black Fleetwood sedan with Saudi Arabian United Nations license plates. To avoid him, Linda said that she went into a shop during the first incident. The second day a similar thing happened, and she stood next to some businessmen until he left the area.

#### Evidence accumulated by Hopkins

Hopkins reports accumulating much information about the identities of Richard and Dan, and this could be extremely helpful in a criminal investigation. He has approximately 80 pages of letters from the two men. These might potentially be used to identify typewriters on which they were produced. They may also contain fingerprints. Hopkins has tape recordings of Richard and Dan; perhaps these could be used to help identify them by voiceprints. Hopkins claims to know which government agency employs the two. He says that he knows the identity of the dignitary they were guarding, and this person should be in a position to help locate and identify Richard and Dan. (Linda told Stefula and Butler that the dignitary was Javier Perez de Cuellar, then Secretary General of the United Nations.)

### The counsel of ufology's leaders

The reader may be tempted to dismiss Linda's account as a preposterous script for a grade B movie, and I personally do not believe her claims. However, several notable figures in ufology have expressed the conviction that Linda is telling the truth. On October 6, 1992, I spoke with Dr. John Mack, former head of the psychiatry department at Harvard Medical School, and he confirmed that he had met Linda and concluded that she was not the type of person to make up this kind of story. That same day I also spoke with David Jacobs, a professor of history at Temple University, an abduction research colleague of Budd Hopkins, and author of the book *Secret Life*. He too believed that Linda was telling the truth.

Hopkins presented additional secret evidence to Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark who are now both persuaded of Linda's honesty. Andrus and Clark are arguably the two most influential figures in U.S. ufology. Andrus is International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), and he organizes the largest annual conference on UFOs in the country and regularly writes for MUFON's monthly magazine. Clark is a columnist for *Fate* magazine, editor of *International UFO Reporter*, and a vice-president of the Center for UFO Studies.

At a meeting in New York City on October 3, 1992, Linda said that she is willing to testify against Richard and Dan (though she had previously indicated that she was afraid of filing charges herself). I informed those at the meeting that I was prepared to make a formal request for a federal investigation of the attempted murder of Linda. Hopkins, Andrus, and Clark all vigorously objected to this, and they strongly urged me not to do so. They said that such action would be "politically damaging" to ufology. I was extremely puzzled by their reasoning and their apparent priorities. On October 5, 1992, two days later, I called Andrus to make certain that I understood his position. I asked him to join with me and request a formal investigation of these allegations by the proper law enforcement agencies. I explained to him that UFO researchers were generally not qualified to investigate attempted murder. I was taken aback when Andrus asked me what right I had to raise these issues. He again urged that the crimes not be reported. The following day I spoke with Clark. He told me that he accepted Linda's statements, and he reaffirmed his opposition to reporting the crimes.

I have not been given a satisfactory explanation for their views. At risk is not only the safety of Linda but also that of the general public. If federal agents have engaged in kidnapping and attempted murder, they should be brought to justice. The matter is of great concern for the general citizenry and for the conduct of UFO abduction research. I call upon Clark, Andrus, and Hopkins to publicly explain their rationale and priorities.

20 October 1992

The Politics of Torquemada; or, Earth Calling Hansen's Planet

George Hansen, who is short on ufological experience but long on self-righteous blather, is distributing a document entitled "Attempted Murder vs. the Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case." In an October 13 memo addressed to Budd Hopkins, Walt Andrus, John Mack, David Jacobs, and me, Hansen grandiosely announces, "I plan to publish this in periodicals devoted to UFOs and mail copies to leading ufologists, boards of directors of MUFON, CUFOs, and the Intruders Foundation, and funders of UFO research. I also expect to post this on electronic bulletin boards and send copies to reporters for *Omni*, the *New York Times*, *Paris Match*, and the *Wall Street Journal*."

In the extremely unlikely event that Hansen's communication does not end up in the CP file of these latter publications and I receive a call or visit from a reporter from the same, I will inform him or her of the following:

Hansen claims that when he expressed a desire to "make a formal request for a federal investigation of Linda," Hopkins, Andrus, and I "strongly urged me not to do so. They said that such action would be politically damaging to ufology." I cannot speak for Budd and Walt, though I know them to be men of integrity. I can, however, state flatly that Hansen's characterization of my remarks is, in its first half, misleading and, in its second, blatantly false.

Hansen called me late on the evening of October 6, two days after my return from New York City and the meeting with proponents and critics of the Linda case. As I have told Budd and others, I have serious problems with the story. I told Budd that at this stage too many links in the chain of evidence are missing to sustain a suspension of unbelief. Moreover, some aspects of it seem to me to be impossible. At the same time I have problems with the charge that Linda hoaxed the entire event, an allegation that -- in view of the extraordinary complexity of this episode, not to mention what I observed of and learned about Linda's personality -- strikes me as simplistic and unconvincing. Two mental-health professionals (not counting John Mack here) who know Linda far better than Hansen does concur, emphatically.

My thoughts about all this are complicated, and I could devote many pages to them. I shall not do so here, however. At the meeting in which the case was discussed, I kept an open mind; in fact, I may have been the only individual there who had not come to a firm and unshakable conclusion. Finally I suggested what I thought would be a compromise acceptable to all whose motive was to find the truth.

I urged the critics to refrain, over the next six months, from pursuing the investigation, which they had indicated now consisted, or would soon consist, of knocking on the doors of government agencies looking for evidence of the elusive Richard and Dan. I stated that, if this story is true, it is not just a UFO case but a "politically sensitive" event because it supposedly involves a political figure of international stature and therefore has consequences far outside the tiny world of ufology. If that is indeed the case, we would *never* find Richard and Dan (if they exist as who they say they are) because banging on the wrong doors could alert the relevant agency that two of its agents were leaking a huge secret. They would then be effectively silenced, and we would never learn the truth.

If, on the other hand, the story is a hoax, I went on, a six-month delay will have no effect on that fact, and the evidence will be just as retrievable then as now. I assumed we were all in this as truth-seekers, I said, and I thought my idea of a compromise best served that end.

Rich Butler and Joe Stefula, critics and honorable men, immediately saw my point and agreed. George "Torquemada" Hansen, however, proceeded to shout that "science doesn't work that way," to which I rejoined that, if the story was true, this is not *just* a scientific matter but a political one as well. Nothing I said could have led anyone to think I meant the "politics of ufology." The context made it clear to everyone that the "politics" to which I referred was the national and international political realm of which the Third Man is allegedly a resident and in which (again if they are who they claim to be) Richard and Dan operate.

To anyone who has read my voluminous writings on ufology's problems and concerns, the notion that I would urge the concealment of truth *for any reason* -- least of all "political damage" to ufology -- is laughable.

My printed record shows just the opposite: a fierce commitment to the truth above and beyond anything else. No one has been so consistently, even obsessively, outspoken on the subject of ufologists' need for radical objectivity, vigorous debate, and fearless scrutiny of all issues, regardless of their potential effect on someone's misguided vision of ufology's institutional interests. Anyone who doubts any of this is invited to read a few *IUR* editorials.

Therefore I am forced to conclude that Hansen deliberately misrepresented my remarks. In all the conversations I had with the principals of this case, I recall no one's saying that Hansen's proposed "action would be politically damaging to ufology." If anyone had used that as an excuse for inaction, I would have spoken up, bluntly, to state precisely what I thought of that.

At any rate, what the proponents did talk about, in my hearing, was their concern about Linda's well being. Budd, who is a profoundly decent man, feels strongly that the attacks on Linda are unfair, unfounded, and injurious to a woman who already has suffered enough. Valid or invalid, this concern -- not damage to the "politics of ufology" (whatever that's supposed to mean) -- dominated Budd's conversations with me.

Still, since our exchanges in New York had been entirely cordial, I was unprepared for Hansen's behavior when he called me on October 6. I thought he wanted to continue our discussion of the case, but as I started to explain my thoroughly ambivalent feelings, he cut me off, said curtly that he would be brief, and asked if I thought Linda was lying. I said I doubted it, for many reasons, which Hansen, who by now had thoroughly demonized the poor woman, did not want to hear. He informed me that by not sanctioning his plan to go to federal authorities, I was effectively aiding and abetting gross misuse of police power. I said that if such action were to be taken, it is Linda's decision, not mine or his, to make, and I could not see how anyone could think otherwise. Knowing more about this than Hansen does, I added that the story contains elements which, if Linda is telling the truth, seem to explain what otherwise looks like a puzzling reluctance to act. In any case, I added, it was clear enough that Hansen, his pious assertion to the contrary (see the hilariously hypocritical concluding paragraph of his article), sought not to help Linda but to destroy her.

Hansen was at least honest enough not to deny that. Instead he chose to try to intimidate me. He warned that he intended to turn my name, address, and phone number, along with Hopkins', et al, into the FBI. He then launched into a diatribe in which he accused my colleagues and me of "living in a delusional world." On Hansen's planet, apparently, those who disagree with him are not just wrong but deluded and, perhaps, as his paper implies, intellectually corrupt and, moreover, deserving of the attention of police agencies. I said, "George, you're full of shit," and hung up on him. His subsequent pronouncements have only served to confirm the cogency of that analysis.

So what is the significance of the Linda case? I don't know. Let me repeat: I don't know. Does anybody? It is staggeringly complex, and the available evidence can be read in several ways, though certainly in none. I admire Budd Hopkins for his dogged, courageous pursuit of the evidence, and I respect those who, like Butler, Stefula, and Don Johnson, honestly dissent from Budd's interpretation. As an unbeliever (in other words, neither believer nor disbeliever), I support all rational debate on the issue.

In my opinion, at this stage of an incomplete and ongoing investigation, the only conclusion with which I feel comfortable is this one: Time will tell. Then again, maybe it won't. And am I the only one out there with a tolerance for ambiguity? -- Jerome Clark

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October 24, 1992

ATTACHMENT 4

M E M O

To: Those interested in the UFO problem

From: George P. Hansen  


Date: 23 November 1992

The enclosed paper is one in a series constituting a public debate on Budd Hopkins' Linda Napolitano case (stage name "Linda Cortile"). You may have seen my report "Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case." In order to fully understand the present paper, you may wish to obtain a copy of that earlier article as well as the response by Jerome Clark, if you have not already seen them. Clark's address is given in the first footnote of the enclosed article.

The ufological community has recently been given an important article from Clark, and I believe that it merits your close attention. Clark is a prominent leader in the field and familiar with some of the secret details of the Linda Napolitano case. His piece should raise serious questions of professional judgement and responsibilities.

Walter Andrus, head of MUFON, has yet to respond. This is most disturbing.

Both Clark and Andrus are in positions to control the information that is, and more importantly, is not, presented in their UFO magazines. Many of you pay good money for memberships and subscriptions in order to obtain that information. I urge you to contact the boards of directors of MUFON and CUFOS and request an explanation for the behavior and statements of their leaders in regard to the Napolitano case.

As with my previous article, please feel free to copy and distribute this memo and enclosed paper, publish them in any periodical, and post them on electronic bulletin boards.

**"TORQUEMADA" RESPONDS TO JEROME CLARK**

George P. Hansen

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**ABSTRACT:** Jerome Clark is thanked for correcting a misinterpretation of his position reported in the paper "Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology." Clark has now provided, in writing, his reasons for opposing a federal investigation of the purported kidnapping and attempted murder of Linda Napolitano. This rationale and other writings of Clark are examined in order to gain insight into his thought processes.

This paper primarily discusses psychological factors influencing the investigation and interpretation of the Napolitano case. A paper is in preparation devoted to the substance and evaluation of the claims. This affair provides a wealth of material for those attempting to understand the field of ufology from a psycho-social perspective. In the long run, the actions and beliefs of the leaders of ufology may be far more important than Linda Napolitano's UFO abduction claim. As such, this may yet prove to be "The Case of the Century."

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My article "Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case" has been published in a number of newsletters and posted on electronic bulletin boards. In that piece I reported that Budd Hopkins, Walter Andrus, and Jerome Clark had urged that the reported attempted murder of Linda Napolitano not be communicated to law enforcement authorities because such could be damaging to ufology. Clark has recently issued a response correcting my interpretation of his remarks,<sup>1</sup> and I am grateful to him for now doing so. I should mention that I had sent Clark an earlier draft of my article and invited his comments before publishing it.<sup>2</sup>

The comments and reasoning of Clark should be of special interest to the UFO research community. He is vice-president of the Center for UFO Studies and editor of its magazine *International UFO Reporter*. He writes a monthly column for *Fate* magazine, has written books and even an encyclopedia on UFOs. The Fund for UFO Research gave him the prestigious Isabel Davis Award for 1992. Clark has placed himself in a prominent, public role and is now in a position to determine what many persons will chance to read about the topic.

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1. "The Politics of Torquemada; or, Earth Calling Hansen's Planet" by Jerome Clark; 612 North Oscar Avenue, Canby, MN 56220; October 24, 1992.
  2. Clark did not avail himself of this opportunity and sent me a note only saying "George -- Please do not call or write me again."

### Clark's explanation

I am pleased that Clark now acknowledges, in writing, that he did indeed urge UFO researchers to suppress evidence of a series of felonies. He apparently wishes to impede the process of justice. His rationale is even more intriguing than I had imagined, and I will quote his entire paragraph explaining his position:

I urged the critics to refrain, over the next six months, from pursuing the investigation, which they had indicated now consisted, or would soon consist, of knocking on the doors of government agencies looking for evidence of the elusive Richard and Dan. I stated that, if this story is true, it is not just a UFO case but a "politically sensitive" event because it supposedly involves a political figure of international stature and therefore has consequences far outside the tiny world of ufology. If that is indeed the case, we would *never* find Richard and Dan (if they exist as who they say they are) because banging on the wrong doors could alert the relevant agency that two of its agents were leaking a huge secret. They would then be effectively silenced, and we would never learn the truth.

(From page 1 of his paper "The Politics of Torquemada")

This is a candid, and remarkably revealing, explanation, especially because Clark told me that he accepts Linda's story of being harassed, kidnapped, sexually molested, and nearly drowned by government agents. Clark's statement provides insight into his mindset.

First, we are urged to stop investigating the case (even though the affair has been discussed in *Omni*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Paris Match*, the *Hufon UFO Journal*, and the *New York Times*). The statement displays Clark's true belief about the appropriateness of internal review and criticism in ufology.

Second, though the critics should refrain from investigating, presumably Hopkins should continue. One can only surmise that Clark believes Hopkins to be qualified to investigate kidnapping and attempted murder. He urges all outsiders to remove themselves from the case, and Clark would allow Richard and Dan six more months of unobstructed opportunities for kidnapping and murder. But concerned citizens should remain silent. This has led some to question Clark's grasp on reality.

Third, Clark suggests that "banging on the wrong doors could alert the relevant agency that two of its agents were leaking a huge secret." Clark's suggestion about "alerting the relevant agency" is ludicrous. Hopkins himself had already visited a number of agencies and made inquiries. He had even sent a picture of one of the agents to the United Nations. Further, Hopkins had spoken publicly numerous times about the case, including presentations for BUFORA, New Jersey MUFON, New York MUFON, the Abduction Study Conference at Massachusetts Institute

of Technology, the 1992 MUFON symposium in Albuquerque, and even the television show *Inside Edition*. If there actually was a conspiracy, the perpetrators would be fully aware of Hopkins' investigation. One can only wonder how Clark could rationally offer his idea.

Fourth, and most revealing, Clark suggests that it is plausible that a conspiracy at the top levels of the world's governments is suppressing evidence about this UFO abduction and the subsequent kidnappings, sexual molestation, and attempted murder. Not only was the United Nations Secretary General reportedly involved, but during a meeting I attended on October 3, 1992, Hopkins' partisans made allusions to the involvement of other world figures, though they were not named. Hopkins and Clark seem to think that they possess secret, crucial knowledge of the international political situation regarding the UFO abduction phenomena. Clark, living an isolated existence in a small, remote town in Minnesota, seems to believe himself to be in a position to make important recommendations affecting public disclosures by governments, revelations that would have a profound impact on world affairs.

#### Clark's earlier writings on conspiracy theories

It is worth briefly reviewing some of Clark's earlier writings on conspiracies because they provide additional illumination of his thinking. For instance, he calls Jacque Vallee's book *Revelations* "the ultimate conspiracy book"<sup>3</sup> and describes Vallee as having an "ability to detect connections invisible to the rest of us [and it] reaches its most bizarre extreme..."<sup>4</sup> He attacks John Keel, saying "that his speculations were laced with paranoia."<sup>5</sup> These writings suggest deep, visceral reactions. For Clark, notions of conspiracies have a high psychological charge, and he appears unable to grapple with such ideas in a dispassionate frame of mind.

Unlike many vague conspiracy ideas, Clark's and Hopkins' are exceptionally specific. Hopkins claims to have a massive amount of evidence, and that material could be used to identify and convict the culprits. Times, dates, and places of the purported crimes are known as well as the license plate numbers of cars involved. But Hopkins and Clark refuse to divulge information. In any event, their conspiratorial notions are having a dramatic impact on the investigation of this case. We now have a stark instance of some of the most prominent leaders in ufology actively attempting to impede the enforcement of criminal laws they believe to have been violated. Their actions are guided by a belief in the existence of a powerful international government conspiracy.

3. *International UFO Reporter*, September/October, 1991, p. 3

4. *International UFO Reporter*, January/February, 1990, p. 8

5. *UFOs in the 1980s* by Jerome Clark, Detroit: Apogee, 1990, p. 175

By any measure, Clark's own suggestions are far more extreme than those of Vallee or Keel, but because of Clark's prior vehement denunciation of conspiratorial thinking, I failed to grasp his present views on the Hopkins-Napolitano case. This was the reason for my misunderstanding.

### Summary

One of the unexpected benefits of the Napolitano case is that it provides remarkable illumination of the mentality of a prominent authority on UFOs. Because of his influence and control over a significant amount of popular UFO literature, this is of particular consequence.

If we accept Linda's claim, Richard and Dan are menaces not only to Linda but to society at large. Yet Clark vigorously opposes reporting them to the authorities. He seems to believe that he has special insight into the world political situation that justifies his position.

Neither Clark nor Hopkins has provided even minimal evidence for such a notion. That being the case, there may be a plausible explanation for their behavior. They imply that they possess secret knowledge of a conspiracy within the highest levels of the world's governments; such thinking can be termed "grandiose"; the word "paranoid" might even apply. Ironically, Clark's previous writings display a loathing of and revulsion toward much tamer conspiratorial speculations. Clark's "Torquemada" article is again emotional and self-laudatory, and I urge those interested to obtain a copy in order to verify that. After such a review, the reader will be in a better position to assess Clark's mental state and deduce the plausible cause of his behavior.

23 November 1992

Wasting Away in Torquemadaville

## 1.

"You mean all of this happened *just because you went to a meeting?*"

An old friend, not a ufologist, asked this question in an incredulous tone a moment before breaking into prolonged laughter. I had just spent 15 minutes trying to explain how it came to be that an obsessed fanatic elected to make me the focus of his rage. I was unable to tell him, however, precisely *why* the zealot some call Torquemada has chosen me for particular vilification -- a secret one presumes to be locked deeply in the psyche of this strange and troubled relic from the fifteenth century.

First, to put matters into perspective, lest somehow you have the impression that I'm an actor of consequence in the Linda drama:

I have not published a single word on the case. I have delivered no lectures on the subject. Except -- if this counts -- for a short phone conversation initiated by Jim Moseley, who quotes me briefly (and attributes to me words I was quoting from someone else) in *Saucer Smear*, I have not spoken to press, radio, or television about it. I have not investigated it. I am not a proponent of it. I have no stake in its outcome. What I did, ladies and gentlemen, was attend a meeting, at the request and expense of my close friend Budd Hopkins. Later, when friends and colleagues privately asked my view of the case, I expressed a number of serious reservations; I also observed that certain complex and ambiguous elements thus far defy satisfactory resolution, and I said future investigation and analysis must take these into consideration.

How this amounts to a wildly irresponsible statement, or why this should necessitate the thousands of words of vilification Torquemada so far has heaped on me, with heaven knows how many more to come, beats hell out of me. I suspect it does you, too. If I may judge from the mail that arrived in the wake of my previous communication (*The Politics of Torquemada*, October 24), mine struck most people as a cautious and sensible reading, and one that is, I gather, widely shared. Such notables as Eddie Bullard and David Gotlib, for example, wrote to endorse my sentiments. CUFOS scientific director Mark Rodeghier, with whom I have discussed the incident at greatest length and who has met personally with most of the leading critics, agrees with my estimate of the situation.

At the New York meeting, as I listened to the two sides speak past each other, I thought I might suggest a compromise, in the -- as we now know -- vain hope that I could avert a pointless personality conflict -- such as the one I now find myself in. I proposed that Hopkins be given a little more time to wrap up his investigation before the critics resumed their search for the elusive Richard and Dan. Whether a good idea or a bad idea (I suspect, frankly, that just about anybody in my position would have suggested at least some variation of it) others may decide. But to my immediate point: I made the offer in good faith as everyone there, save Torquemada, understood. Since then Torquemada has misrepresented my views and intentions and crafted a ludicrous caricature which no one who knows me or has followed my career will recognize. Unfortunately for Torquemada this describes, by now, a whole lot of people. It won't be easy for him to fool them.

In Torquemadaville, a village of the damned if ever there was one, one dissents from the grand inquisitor's dictates at peril to one's soul, or at least to one's good name and professional reputation. I realize only belatedly that I shirked my obligation to keep my mouth shut. In remarking, even if only privately, that the Linda case merits further discussion, even after Torquemada had pronounced otherwise, I stand accused of collusion with demonic forces poised to crush truth, justice, and the Torquemadian way; my sentence is personal abuse, wasted time, and postage expenditures. In Torquemadaville, Constitutional scholars please note, you have one inalienable right: to agree absolutely with Torquemada.

A tedious business, you say, your head shaking. Indeed. Would that you and I had not been fated to waste away in Torquemadaville. If we are lucky, our tormentor will soon bore even himself, though in my experience individuals of his ilk treat their grievances as beloved objects of everlasting fascination, to be nursed for years on end, sometimes right up to the moment the butterfly net drops over their heads.

In any event, I pledge not to indulge this specimen for long. Having nothing constructive to do, he may have boundless time to nurse endless grievances and to concoct ever more outlandishly mean-spirited fantasies. I have no such time on my hands and neither, I am sure, have any of you. The rest of us, after all, have lives. I shall endeavor to be brief.

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This is Torquemada's response?

A friend who got a copy of Torquemada's November 23 memo before I saw one told me it was featherweight stuff and urged me not to spend much time on it. Frankly, I doubt that I could spend much time on it even if I wanted to.

Torquemada writes, "Both Clark and Andrus are in positions to control the information that is, and more importantly, is not, presented in their UFO magazines." Uh huh. So? That's the function of editors: to make judgments in these areas. Does anybody besides Torquemada find something sinister in this? Obviously he has never had the experience of editing a magazine and knows nothing of the job description.

Of course the implication is that Clark and Andrus are involved in some sort of sinister conspiracy to hide the truth -- this just after, incidentally, the Fund for UFO Research gives me its Isabel Davis Award in part because as *IUR* editor I have "presented the pros and cons of highly controversial information in a fair and evenhanded manner." As I have told Joe Stefula and Rich Butler, two of the leading critics of the Linda case, on more than one occasion, I would be delighted to publish anything they may care to write on their investigation. In fact, it would please me no end if *IUR*, as it has been with other important and contentious issues in ufology, became the forum in which the Linda case is debated and, I hope, eventually resolved to the satisfaction of all reasonable observers.

I urge everybody to reread *The Politics of Torquemada* and decide for himself or herself whether Torquemada's latest memo adequately addresses the points I made. For example, I earlier pointed, as evidence of Torquemada's "hilarious hypocrisy," his alleged concern for Linda's physical well being, threatened supposedly by misbehaving government operatives. My position is

entirely consistent with the skeptical one I happen to hold, while Torquemada's makes no sense at all:

If Linda is lying, as Torquemada purports to believe, why should he work himself into apoplexy over my nonsupport of his desire to turn Richard and Dan in? If Linda is fibbing, she is perfectly safe -- so why all the excitement? If she is not fibbing, she can turn them in herself any time she wants to. (Were she to solicit my advice in the matter, which she has not, I would urge her to do so.) I think that any unbiased observer would conclude that my skepticism of her claims is more genuine, and more profound, than Torquemada's. In reality, it appears, Torquemada's pretended concern stems from a need to indulge himself in a righteous frenzy at my expense, logical consistency be damned.

Torquemada's contrary claim notwithstanding, I do not "accept Linda's story of being harassed, kidnapped, sexually molested, and nearly drowned by government agents." I think these stories are highly unlikely, and I have told Hopkins as much. On the other hand, only Linda knows for sure, and at least two other persons, I am told, claim to have seen Richard and Dan. That, of course, does not prove they are government agents. The question of the true identity, however, is still unanswered, and to date no evidence bearing on the issue -- simple speculation does not count -- has been presented. This is what I mean by an "ambiguous element."

Only Torquemada -- alone of all chroniclers of the case -- continues to labor under the delusion that I am anything other than an unbeliever in Linda's claims. If he wants to be disabused of this notion -- probably not, I gather, since it serves some strange agenda of his -- he might want to communicate with an acquaintance of his, Dennis Stillings. Stillings was the first person with whom I discussed the matter, within hours of my return from New York.

To repeat, yet again: The heresy that drives Torquemada's frenzy stems from an effort on my part, possibly naive, certainly well-intentioned, to keep communication open between angry proponents and determined critics of the Linda case. Agree or disagree, everyone else who was there assumed my good will in the matter, and no one else on the critics' side has seen the need to write nutty communiques concocting all kinds of malign motives on my part. For that matter, no one who has written or spoken with me about the Linda case has accused me of anything remotely like the serious social crimes Torquemada hallucinates.

It should also be noted, since Torquemada claims I was trying to stop the investigation for reasons he never quite explains, that Joe Stefula tells me that he decided quite on his own to leave the case, because he feels he has learned as much as he is likely to find out, and he has established to his satisfaction that the story is a hoax.

Yes, I guess that "living in an isolated existence in a small, remote town in Minnesota" (not far, incidentally, from the small, remote town in Minnesota where Torquemada was born; anyone who wishes to draw conclusions about Torquemada's psychological motives in bringing this seemingly irrelevant geographical fact into the discussion is free to do so), I would think that the disappearance and abduction of a prominent international political figure would be a "politically sensitive" matter to those who knew of it. I fail to understand, however, where Torquemada gets the strange idea that I believe in a "conspiracy at the top levels of the world's governments in suppressing evidence about this UFO abduction and the subsequent kidnappings, sexual molestation, and attempted murder." He goes on, more heatedly than grammatically, to bleat, "Hopkins and Clark seem to think that they possess

secret, crucial knowledge of the international political situation regarding the UFO abduction phenomena [sic]." Torquemada, who has no clue to my current thinking on the abduction phenomenon, just made this up, as he has done with his other, similarly peculiar charges. If nothing else, Torquemada is one imaginative dude. He really ought to be writing novels and inventing characters whose fictitiousness he doesn't have to hide.

When I left New York, as I told Hopkins at the time, I had grave reservations about the claimed involvement of the VIP in the abduction event. Since then, on further reflection and discussion with the case's more rational critics, my doubts have hardened into virtual certainty that no such thing happened.

While Torquemada flails away at his straw man, let us take the opportunity to escape from the oppressive confines of Torquemadaville for the freer, fresher air of rational discourse, to which we may look forward -- I hope in the pages of *IUR* -- from Hopkins, Butler, Stefula, and other honorable (and, unlike me, actual) participants in the investigation and analysis.

A final thought: Possibly something is missing here. Possibly the failure of both positive and negative analyses to address all the puzzling and ambiguous elements of the case has to do with the absence of one vital but missing truth, still undetected, which when found will tell us all we need to know. We shall see, I hope, and when we do, I hope that missing truth will emerge into view in the pages of *IUR*. Let us wish all serious investigators, of whatever persuasion, all the best. They will need it as much as the rest of us will not need further unsolicited polemics from the not-so-grand inquisitor who wastes away in Torquemadaville. -- Jerome Clark



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# Evidence Points to Secret U.S. Spy Plane

## Magazine Suggests Aircraft Has Flown Mach 8 for Years

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New evidence suggests that the U.S. is operating secret spy planes, possibly cruising as fast as eight times the speed of sound, and that such aircraft may have been flying for over three years.

An article prepared for Jane's Defence Weekly, a British military-affairs journal, suggests strongly that a \$1 billion plane capable of far greater speed than the current world record-holding SR-71 spy plane is indeed in service globally. The speculation is based in part on a trained aircraft observer's recently reported 1989 sighting of a mysterious wedge-shaped aircraft, flying over the North Sea in a formation with two U.S.-built F-111 bombers and a KC-135 tanker.

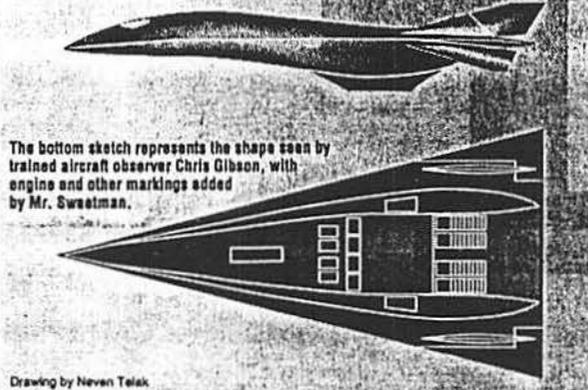
The description of the plane given by British oil-drilling engineer and trained aircraft spotter Chris Gibson is sketchy—little more, in fact, than an unfamiliar aircraft shape he says he watched from his remote North Sea oil rig for about 90 seconds one hazy August day three years ago.

But in an intriguing analysis for Jane's, made available to The Wall Street Journal in advance of next week's scheduled publication, the stealth technology expert who wrote the article uses the sighting as the missing link in a chain of events he believes may explain a number of U.S. military mysteries.

Citing other experts in so-called hypersonic aviation, author Bill Sweetman paints a picture of the hush-hush reconnaissance plane that he believes replaced Lockheed Corp.'s SR-71 Blackbird when the U.S. took it out of service in early 1990.

### America's Secret Spy Plane?

Top outline, drawn by Bill Sweetman for Jane's Defence Weekly, reflects how some hypersonic aircraft experts say such a wedge-shaped aircraft might look in profile.



That jet, which holds the official speed record of 2,193 mph, about Mach 3.3, would be a slow-poke compared to the Mach 8 aircraft (5,280 mph) that Mr. Sweetman suggests flew over Mr. Gibson that day in the North Sea.

#### The Pieces Fall Into Place

His article proposes that the new plane—rumored for years to be called Aurora because that name mysteriously popped up as an unexplained defense budget line item in 1984 next to the SR-71—is also built by Lockheed, with engines by Rockwell International Corp.'s Rocketdyne division. The Jane's report suggests: The planes cost about \$1 billion each; they first flew in about 1985; and they have been the source of a series of strange earthquake-like rumbles still occurring in Southern California and other areas of the world.

With "this last piece" of information, Mr. Sweetman says in an interview, "there are so many things that fall into place." The most important, he says, may be the mystery of why the U.S. retired its last

SR-71 spy plane in 1990 with the explanation that it would rely instead on satellites to meet the reconnaissance needs once satisfied by the aircraft, believed capable of operations well above 100,000 feet.

The Jane's article, echoing others' suggestions that the statement about satellites was intended as a cover for development of a new spy plane, notes that aircraft have a certain reconnaissance usefulness that orbiting cameras can't match.

"The satellite system is believed to be capable of producing imagery within 24 hours of a request: at Mach 8, however, the flight time to any point on Earth is under three hours," the article says. "Unlike a satellite, the aircraft can be scheduled to pass over a target at any desired time of day," and flies closer to the target.

#### The 'Skunk Works' Legacy

Lockheed won't comment on any secret programs it is going, and refers questions about reconnaissance to the Air Force. But Lockheed Advanced Development Co., the unit popularly known as the "Skunk Works," long has been considered the shop likely to be producing any future spy planes because it developed the last two generations of U-2 and SR-71 planes in the 1950s and 1960s. Both planes flew spy missions in total secrecy for years before being acknowledged—in the U-2's case only after pilot Francis Gary Powers was shot down in one in 1960. The California Skunk Works also produced the F-117 Stealth fighter, which also flew secretly before its existence was acknowledged.

The explanation of what he'd seen didn't become clear to Mr. Gibson, a veteran of the now-disbanded Royal Observer Corps of volunteer aircraft spotters, until he recently saw a drawing in an aircraft magazine of a putative hypersonic aircraft design that matched the perfect triangle shape with its 75-degree nose.

"I nearly spat my coffee out all over the floor," says the 30-year-old Mr. Gibson of his reaction to finally seeing a design that seemed to explain what he'd seen three years earlier. In a telephone interview from Houston, where he is attending an engineering training program, Mr. Gibson says that while he couldn't make out much detail of the mystery plane's underside, he easily eliminated all other aircraft shapes that might explain planes of the same size, including F-111s with wings in a swept-back position.

According to the Jane's report, the "perfect 75-degree swept triangle" described by Mr. Gibson corresponded "almost exactly" to designs of Mach 5, or hypersonic, aircraft designed but not built over the past 25 years. Mr. Sweetman took his collected data about the size and shape of the plane and descriptions of unidentified aircraft noise reported from such places as Edwards and Beale Air Force bases in California, where secret planes

are often held, and presented them to Paul Czysz, an aerospace-engineering professor at St. Louis University for an opinion. Prof. Czysz is quoted as speculating that such a plane could be powered by liquid methane, which could take it to a maximum cruise speed of Mach 8.

#### Clues From the Books

As for selecting Lockheed and Rockwell as the likely makers, the Jane's article notes that "Lockheed's financial figures have indicated a continuing, large flow of income for 'classified' and 'special mission' aircraft." The engine responsible for the strange noises that have been heard in California "is closer to a rocket than to a turbojet," the article says. Lockheed and Rockwell worked together on a losing bid to build the bomber that eventually became Northrop Corp.'s B-2, the Jane's article says. And while it isn't noted there, one industry official earlier this year confirmed that the two companies had been involved in a classified project for years.

Figuring that the aircraft would likely be in very low production—only 50 SR-71s or predecessor aircraft were made, beginning in the early 1960s—the article says that "each reconnaissance aircraft could easily cost as much as \$1 billion." Lockheed reported sales of aeronautical systems totaling \$2.2 billion in 1991, an amount that has steadily fallen from the \$4.2 billion recorded in 1987.

Lockheed Aeronautical Systems spokesman Richard Stadler, a veteran of having to decline comment on past classified programs, says the company won't discuss revenues of any classified programs, but adds that at the Skunk Works, "supporting the F-117 is the largest program we've got now, as far as active programs go."

A spokesman for the Rockwell Rocketdyne division says the company doesn't build engines for any reconnaissance aircraft, although he adds that Rocketdyne does have some classified programs that it can't discuss.

The speculation about hypersonic aircraft flying over California has special interest for that state's residents, many of whom have felt what they thought were small rumbling earthquakes for nearly a year and a half—only to be told by representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey that some peculiar, unreported aircraft were probably responsible. Scientists have referred to the phenomena as "airquakes," and even described the speed and size of aircraft that might cause them. The Jane's article suggests that the speed and size correspond to those of the mystery spy plane.

As an author, Mr. Sweetman has had considerable experience studying secret aircraft, having written extensively on the Stealth fighter before the Air Force disclosed the existence of that program. He has since written a book on the program. His magazine article engages in heavy speculation, of course, calling its findings "a tentative analysis."

When asked about the sightings, a public affairs officer at the Air Force, which for years denied the existence of the plane now known as the F-117, says, "As far as the Air Force is concerned, there is no such program," and satellites are doing all reconnaissance work.

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