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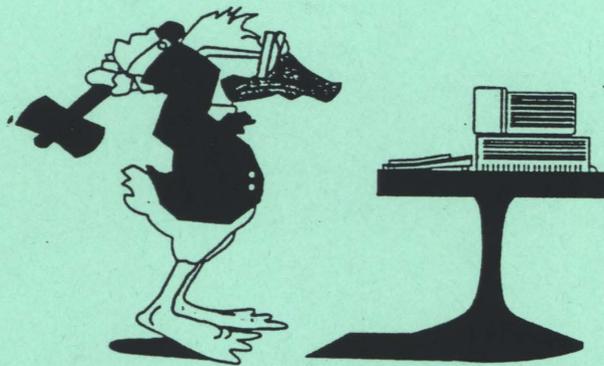
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It is impossible to be too objective when scientifically investigating claims of the unusual. Always assume a mundane explanation until proven extraordinary.”

Christopher O'Brien author, *The Mysterious Valley*

## The Wrong Liberty, Ohio - How Ohio's Police React to UFO Incidents

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It can be demonstrated that police departments across Ohio are less reluctant than ever to associate their departments or officers with alleged UFO occurrences, and understandably so. They do not relish their position as the middle man between the U.S. Air Force and the UFO phenomenon.

From my information, calls placed from police departments to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Dayton, Ohio are forwarded directly to secret departments at the air base solely responsible for monitoring the UFO situation, charges George Clappison, UFO researcher and investigator for the Cincinnati based study group, Tri-State Associates for Scientific Knowledge (T.A.S.K.).

To bolster his contention, Clappison cites a 1995 source he identifies only as a Southern Ohio law enforcement official. After several confidential, tightly controlled meetings with his source, Clappison was informed that his contact had a UFO sighting while on duty about ten years prior. His dispatch office then alerted the air base of the event of the occur-

rence. The officer recalled that within days of the event, he was visited and questioned by several agents from the Cincinnati offices of the F.B.I.

The law enforcement official conveyed to Clappison his belief that the Air Force and various intelligence communities currently monitor and investigate the UFO situation, despite public denials. This investigation procedure, according to the opinion of the informant, utilizes the vast resources of police dispatch centers for the collection of UFO reports.

Even when reporting a UFO directly to the Dayton, Ohio air base, a phone receptionist taking the call will politely refer the caller to report the incident to his or her local police department.

This writer should inform the reader of the curious existence of the strange "Signal 50" code word utilized by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) during radio communications to announce the observation of "unknown aircraft." (1)

Of the most recently publicized disturbances in which the "Signal 50" term could have been utilized by the OSHP was the incident at the Lebanon Correctional Institute (LeCI), in which a glowing red object hovered over the state penitentiary for nearly three hours. The Warren County Sheriff's Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to the multiple witness event, and calls were placed by the OSHP dispatch office to WPAFB requesting aircraft identification. (2)

WPAFB denied having any experimental aircraft in the vicinity, and furthermore stated that they had no radar track of the unknown object which, according to a statement given by Commander H. Lake of the adjacent Warren Correctional Institute (WCI), was "presented to the Warren County Sheriff's Department by his shift supervisor upon their arrival."

Despite denials by the LeCI or WCI prison offices and the Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that any internal documentation of the event exists, H. Lake stated emphatically, "I don't know what they're talking

about. A report exists because I wrote the report myself." (3)

Presently, public relations officials at WPAFB contend that they have no documentation available regarding any incoming calls from the OSHP regarding the April 8, 1993 UFO incident at LeCI. However FOIA manager Paul Cassidy stated that, "If a phone call was indeed made to this base, there should be some kind of identification." (4)

Somewhere, whether it be in the form of a log entry or scribbled notes, OSHP log entries acquired by UFO investigators revealed that calls were indeed placed to the Dayton, Ohio air base. Dispatchers at the OSHP and Warren County Sheriffs Office even confirmed that WPAFB had been alerted by utilizing a special confidential phone number that gives them direct access to the base. When asked for the number, each office refused to disclose it, saying it was a restricted line and not releasable to the public. (5)

It can be said with certainty that this writer did hear and detect abnormal aircraft activity above the Cincinnati region in the form of jet engine sounds which were heard constantly from around 4:15 AM until daybreak on the night of the incident. The jet sounds were deep and powerful, unlike common air traffic frequently above Cincinnati. Not until the evening news later that day did this writer learn of the events at the Lebanon, Ohio

prison, whereupon the sounds of the jet aircraft were recalled.

There is a healthy historical precedent for UFO mix-ups between Ohio police agencies and UFOs, with the U.S. Air Force always having a distant and uncertain role in the drama.

Case in point, at 4:50 AM on April 17, 1996, two sheriff's deputies, Dale Spaur and Wilber L. Neff were advised by the Portage County, Ohio dispatch center to investigate a low flying UFO reportedly headed in their direction. The two watched as the glowing object approached their position, illuminating the roadside. (6)

"It's about fifty feet across, and I can just make out a dome or something on top, but that's very dark," Spaur yelled into his microphone. "The bottom is real bright. It's putting out a beam of light that makes a big spot underneath. It was overhead a minute ago, and it was as bright as day here."

The dispatcher advised Spaur and Neff to keep the UFO in sight, as a car with camera equipment had been sent out. Soon, the two were racing along Route 14 at ninety miles per hour.

Other police officers soon joined the chase. Wayne Huston of East Palestine, Ohio witnessed the UFO pass his location at more than eighty miles per hour, and also joined the chase. "It was a funny thing," he said later, "but when the object got too far ahead of us it appeared to stop and wait."

One police officer later recalled that he had seen two jet fighter aircraft being followed by a bright object shaped like a football, The vehicular pursuit took multiple police officials on an eighty five mile journey into Pennsylvania before the object allegedly shot off at great speed and disappeared.

Radar operators at the Pittsburgh airport control tower advised the Conway Police Department that they had picked up the UFO on their radar screens, but later denied this.

Police chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio claimed that he photographed the object, but was told by the U.S. Air Force not to make the pictures public.

The official Air Force conclusion was that Spaur and the others had been chasing the planet Venus.

Months after the drama, Deputy Spaur was found in hiding by a reporter. Working as a painter, Spaur lived in poverty residing at a seedy motel. He had resigned from the police force, and had been divorced from his wife. "If I could change all that I have done in my life," he said, "I would change that night we chased that damn saucer."

Given the sad but true public belittlement of UFO witnesses by the Air Force, the news media and the debunking celebrities, it is understandable to see why police officials such as those involved in the LeCI incident and the Portage

County pursuit are reluctant to talk about their full knowledge of these events.

Startling details regarding police department involvement in UFO sightings surfaced during a routine investigation into an alleged UFO crash retrieval in Ohio. But the findings were surprisingly unrelated to the initial event being investigated.

Seeking to gather more information regarding the UFO investigations made by the OSHP as well as county and local police departments, this writer engineered dozens of phone calls to various Ohio police agencies, seeking to chisel away at the mystery.

Inquiries were being made into a December 26, 1988 UFO incident happening in an area near Liberty, Ohio, north of Dayton not far from Urbana. According to the legend, the Assistant Chief of Police observed a gigantic, lime-green ball of light change color as it emerged from the clouds overhead to slam into the ground. WPAFB was notified of the incident by the dispatch office, and allegedly sent out a clandestine recovery team to retrieve the object. (7)

In researching the validity of the account, this author placed a phone call to directory assistance so that he could acquire the telephone number of the Liberty Police Department. Unbeknownst to both parties, the directory assistance operator had bungled the

task and furnished this author with the 'wrong' telephone number, instead, providing him with the number of the Liberty Township police department located north of Youngstown, Ohio. A long distance phone contact was then placed with the wrong Liberty, Ohio. (8)

"Hello, Liberty Township Police Department," came the kindly greeting after the call was placed.

"I'm trying to get some information about the UFO report from a few years back that was reported to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base," advised the caller.

"Yes sir, I believe that was two years ago," came the reply.

To the shock of the startled caller, certain details gradually emerged which took nearly two weeks before it was fully understood that a telephone mix-up had taken place, and that the accounts in question involved two completely separate occurrences. A four month investigation followed, which revealed the details of an event in Trumbull County, Ohio, happening recently during the summer months of 1994. (9)

Multiple police departments including the Liberty Township department, Howland, Hubbard, and Girard City police departments, as well as the Trumbull County Sheriff's Department, engaged in an intense, late-night vehicular pursuit of a red saucer shaped object for a nine hour duration. The object

was described by multiple police officials as an enormous, brightly luminescent object that rotated, as if on an axis. The object allegedly made no sound, and hovered directly above housetops in a residential neighborhood at a disturbingly low elevation.

Upon receiving phone calls to the Trumbull County dispatch office by area residents, Liberty Township police officer Tobe Melero was alerted to the situation. "I was drinking some coffee when we started getting calls about a UFO, and we laughed about it," recalled Melero. "But then we started getting more phone calls, so I had to check it out." (10)

While enroute to the disturbance, the officer told of how that he strangely encountered an elderly man wandering around in a daze and confused in the roadway. "I wish now that I would have got his I.D. or found out who he was," Malero said. "The poor man was evidently lost, and he kept saying it was right above my house."

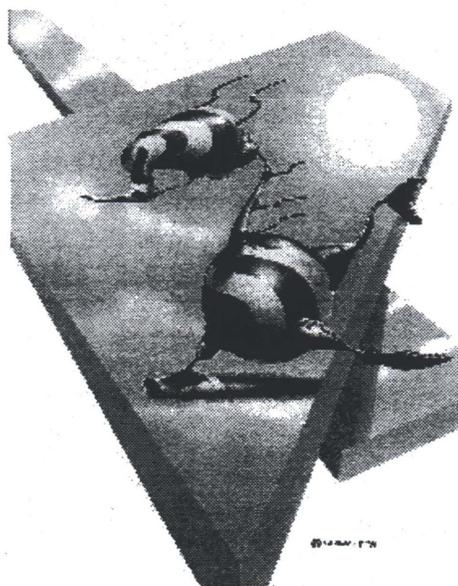
Shortly afterward, the Liberty Township police officer approached the object in an area near Churchill/Hubbard Road, at which time he contends that the electrical instrumentation in his patrol cruiser experienced a complete power failure.

"It made no sound whatever," Malero said, "and I couldn't look directly at it because it was so bright. I had to look around it."

The dispatcher for the Trumbull

County Sheriff's Department, Ms. Roy Anne Rudolph, confirmed that over 80 calls had been received regarding the object, which seemed to maintain a definite interest over two adjacent residential neighborhoods. Families and residents had taken to the streets in droves to view the phenomenon, which another police officer of the Hubbard City police department advised, was pursued for a nine hour duration.

The Trumbull County 9-1-1 dispatch center contacted WPAFB and other countless federal agencies, requesting assistance and aircraft identification. To the disbelief and dismay of the Trumbull County police officials, no aircraft dispatch, assistance, or support was advanced from any of the agencies contacted, which also included the local FAA at Youngstown Airport, the Youngstown-Warren Regional Air Force Base (Youngstown, Ohio) and also the NASA Lewis Research Center



(Cleveland, Ohio).

According to Melero, NASA had offered the dispatch office the notion that the planet Mercury was visible for the duration of the occurrence.

The region in question is adjacent to a Defense Logistics Agency and National Defense Stockpile at 1740 Niles-Warren River Road, one of the biggest radar/air defense installations in the United States. The Youngstown Municipal Radar Air Defense Agency is also within the locality.

"Most people don't realize," advised a Hubbard police officer with great conviction, "that this air base out here is one of the best kept secrets in the whole damn country. Don't kid yourself. You wouldn't believe the hardware."

Repeated efforts to acquire the specific date of the incident have been unsuccessful, as no written report of the incident has been produced by the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office. "They are stonewalling you, because they don't want you requesting the audio copies of those dispatch tapes," stated one officer who has advised that this writer sought the audio recordings made from the 9-1-1 dispatch center. "On those tapes it'll tell you who all was involved in this, which implicates just about everyone."

The officer even attempted to locate the date himself, and expressed that his cohorts at the

Trumbull County Dispatch Office did not respond favorably when he began making inquiries.

"Let me get right to the point. All indication leads me to believe that the 9-1-1 center is stonewalling you" the officer charged in a letter he sent to this writer. "I made an attempt to get some more information and ran into a very polite, 'I can't remember. I don't recall.' I've been around long enough to know when someone is pissing down my neck and tell me it's raining out."

Another officer, interviewed privately, stated, "I don't want my involvement with this known."

In an official letter from Robert J. Caffro, operations manager of Trumbull County 9-1-1, declared that, "The events under investigations are in no way being discarded or restricted by this 9-1-1 center. As discussed during prior conversations, we would need a date and approximate time of the occurrence so that an audio copy could be produced." (11)

A police official interviewed in June of 1966 stated that his recollection of the time of the incident was just before the fatal September 8, 1994 crash of a Boeing 737 near Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, just miles away. The tragedy took the lives of 132 persons, and the cause of the crash remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

To inflame an already volatile situation, telephone callers to

Pittsburgh area radio stations phoned in to report seeing a saucer shaped UFO hovering in the very field of the accident 24 hours before the tragedy.

It should be noted that the flight pattern of air traffic going to or from the Pittsburgh airport is right over the Trumbull County, Ohio area.

Inquiries placed by this writer to Youngstown FAA revealed that there are no current employees now on duty who would have been employed at the air tower during this time frame. All of those people were fired. There is only a core of two persons in upper level management here that are hold-overs from then, advised the control tower telephone tattler. (12) All present employees were hired at roughly the same time after the date in question.

"Isn't that a little unusual?" asked the caller.

"No, I don't think so," came the response. The spokesperson declared that nobody presently on duty at the FAA control tower has any knowledge of the event.

A telephone call placed by this writer to the Youngstown Air Force Base regarding the UFO pursuit was directed to the public information officer, who laughed upon being advised the nature of the call. "I can assure you," he bellowed with a distasteful spirit while going on to say that he would have been awakened if

anything like this had been true. "Nothing like that has ever happened here. I don't know who your sources for this information is...and I'm not looking to know...but rest assured, your info is completely bogus. You have been blasted with the wrong information."

This writer had the extreme desire to correct the base officer by invoking the details of the multiple witness event and the phone calls placed to his air base requesting assistance, but elected to allow the gentleman to continue on his incorrect path of sincere ignorance or deliberate concealment.

The account of the UFO disturbance over Trumbull County has been strangely blacked out after the drama, as none of the departments involved notified the news media of the event. There has been no press reportage of the occurrence. After a recent traffic accident generated local headlines, one police official being interviewed by an area reporter complained that the news media should have been just as interested in the big UFO event as much as they were about the traffic accident. The reporter just laughed, observed the officer.

To the best of this writer's knowledge, the Trumbull County disturbance remains a volatile mystery, aggravated by the statements made by police officials eluding to the tragic jetliner accident happening miles away, which cost the lives of many. Also inflaming the

drama is the 'reshuffling' of the staff at the FAA tower and the heated denials by the Youngstown air base public relations officer, who stated that the event never happened to begin with. His adamant contention, in the face of solid facts, is most insulting, and a simple 'no comment' or 'we haven't a clue' would have been more appreciated. The disruption of the electronic instrumentation of the Liberty Township patrol cruiser offers viable evidence that should demand this case attain more widespread attention and scrutiny, at which time, the skeptical communities and debunking celebrities would have a quality UFO case to thoroughly investigate; a case complete with 80 plus witnesses including those from multiple police departments to a massive, rotating saucer shaped red light which resulted in government denial and the appearance of a conspiracy.

#### NOTES:

(1) "Signal 50" code term utilized by OSHP, source: *Police Call Plus*, Volume 3, Publisher, Gene Hughes

(2) Report on Incident at LeCI, published February, 1996, Kenny Young, T.A.S.K. Also reported in April 9, 1993 issue of the *Cincinnati Post*, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and April 17 *Western Star* newspapers. OSHP reports and documentation obtained by Dale Farmer, T.A.S.K. Also reported in the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Issue 12.

## Comments About "Nightline" UFO Story

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(3) Telephone interview with Captain H. Lake, Shift Commander at WCI, January 26, 1993

(4) Telephone interview with Paul E. Cassidy, WPAFB Acting FOIA Manager, November, 1995

(5) Report from WCCC Director of Communications, Frank Young, February 6, 1996, and also separate telephone discussion with OSHP dispatcher on December 28, 1995

(6) *Mysteries of the Unknown: The UFO Phenomenon*, Time-Life Books, 1987

(7) *UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum*, Leonard Springfield, 1992

(8) Telephone interview with Liberty TWP dispatcher, April, 1996

(9) It was learned that the wrong Liberty had been contacted after clarification from Liberty TWP Police Chief during a May, 1996 telephone interview

(10) Telephone with Liberty TWP Police Officer Tobe Melero, May, 1996

(11) FAX transmission memo from Robert J. Caffro, Operations Manager of Trumbull County 9-1-1, dated June 25, 1996

(12) Telephone call placed to Youngstown FAA Tower, June 1996

I don't think people in the mainstream media really understand why reasonable people would take the UFO phenomenon seriously, thus they are unable to communicate this in their reports. An ABC Nightline segment\* has come closer than just about anything I've seen, however. Ted Koppel could easily have accepted the Air Force "explanation" and dismissed the footage taken by a powerful telescope high on a mountain top in Maui, Hawaii on December 1, 1993. Even if the event turns out to be a natural phenomenon, it is significant that Koppel was willing to wait for the actual evidence to come in.

They did not really tackle the issue of nearby alien contact, however. For example, they provided no evidence why reasonable people might actually believe more than a balloon landed near Roswell. I'm certain if ABC had been investigating an airline crash, they would have arranged to have a technical report on the supposed wreckage. They also would have interviewed experts and witnesses to the event, instead of a rancher who had no particular expertise and was not a witness to anything connected with the actual event. There was simply no meat in this report.

On the other hand, they were willing to seriously address the issue of our not being the only reasoning species in the universe. They did interview experts in this segment. And from a practical, psychological viewpoint, I think this was plenty to chew on for the average viewer.

I was disappointed that the two live guests (Professor Paul Davies, University of Adelaide and Professor Lionel Tiger, Rutgers University) were dinosaurs. Professor Tiger clearly hasn't learned much new in this area for some time. I was astonished that he said only a fringe group takes UFOs seriously, since a number of polls indicate almost half of Americans believe UFOs are "real", i.e. non-human, non-random.

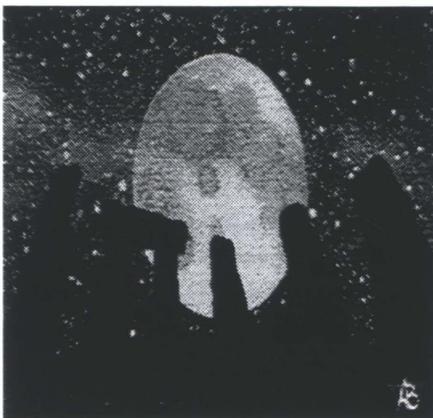
I agree with the argument Professors Davies and Tiger put forth, that humans have a need to reach out to something larger than ourselves, and that this includes a need to connect with other intelligent species in the universe. While this certainly can lead to some false-positives and misperceptions, it can also be used as an argument that this need is borne of something real. After all, humans have a need for air and water, because these are sub-

stances from which we are created. We don't have a random need for these things. Likewise, it can be posited that we have a need to connect to a higher power, because it is also the substance from which we were created.

People hungered for - and suffered for the lack of - vitamin C, for example, long before we understood what it was or could tease it out of nature. Both "All That Is", and our sentient brethren continue to fall into that opaque category, but our desire for such contact is certainly not ipso facto evidence that they don't exist.

Interestingly, the dinosaurs' equating interest in religion with interest in UFOs, may actually have resulted in legitimizing UFOs, rather than ridiculing such interest. Most people will be much quicker to dismiss these nay-sayers than to dismiss their religious beliefs, IMO.

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## Where To Begin?

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While helping to staff our group's display booth at a UFO Expo, numerous people would walk up and relate some event that appeared in some way to be associated with the UFO phenomenon. The stories varied in scope. Such stories abound. Unfortunately, they seldom surface unless a suitable, acceptable environment is available, leaving many stories forever untold to anyone outside of the experiencers immediate families. The following account was the result of simply speaking with a co-worker about the UFO phenomenon who then related the story to me as it was told to her.

The story teller is a co-worker of mine and a niece of three of the women to whom this experience happened. She is a highly reputable woman who works actively as a social worker in a local governmental agency. She has a passing interest in the subject of UFOs, but has read little about it. She communicates with her aunts frequently via the telephone and was able to obtain corroborating accounts from each.

The three aunts were aged 54, 57, and early 60's at the time of the event, December 4, 1993. They are African-American. They had gathered in Macon, Georgia to

attend the funeral of a cousin. Two lived in Georgia, while one lives in New York. A friend of one of the ladies from Georgia was driving the car when the event happened. They were returning to Macon from Dublin on Interstate 16. The weather was drizzly and the darkness of evening was slowly descending. Traffic was quite light with only an occasional car seen proceeding in either direction on the divided highway.

As they drove along, their car was suddenly enveloped by a thick fog described as being "like milk" which totally obscured visibility of the road. The driver immediately applied the breaks bringing the car to a rapid stop. The car's engine and electrical system then failed. The interior of the car became totally dark. One aunt stated, "You couldn't see your hands in front of your face." Then two distinct bumps were felt. One aunt said it felt as if something had grabbed ahold of the car. Another became fearful that the car had rolled into a roadside ditch.

Anxiety by this time had overcome all of the occupants of the car, resulting in loud vocal prayers being uttered to the Lord to release them from whatever was happening to them. Minutes later, the fog dissipated. They found the car sitting motionless in the

highway's right hand lane. It was completely dark and they found the sky clear and star studded, with the moon glowing brightly above them.

The driver restarted the car which seemed to operate normally. The women proceeded on their way. After a few minutes the driver, who had lived in the area all her life, found that she was lost and had not come upon the exits that were supposed to be ahead. She had to drive for an hour before finding a familiar exit, ultimately proceeding to their destination in Macon. This was highly disturbing to the driver. She related having to spend the night at her daughter's home after not being able to sleep at her own home because of feeling anxious about the experience.

No one related seeing anything unusual during the experience except the fog. None of the participants has chosen to probe into the details of the experience. They are reluctant to talk about it to this day. The aunt from New York has always been especially sensitive about the experience, leaving the room if the family discussions turn to the event, or to UFOs and ETs. She perceives the event as being the result of "them" trying to come and get her. She is uncertain why she interprets the event in this way and she doesn't know who the "them" are. Another of the aunts is more willing to discuss the experience, but has no explanation for it. When she sees people interviewed on television who claim to have been

abducted, she is surprised when they are not believed because she somehow knows that their experiences are real,

After several years, all involved continue to maintain that this experience was real. None have reported prior or subsequent events of a similar nature.

How many other untold stories are out there to be discovered through chance conversation in a safe sharing environment? Many more, I suspect, than we can imagine. The strangest, most unusual stories waiting to be told may be as close as the person standing next to you.

### Aircraft Missing, South Dakota, Summer 1957

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"I, Wallace Fowler on this 6th day of December, 1996, am sitting here with nothing to do and thinking of my past. At this moment my mind goes back to when I was in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Ellsworth A.F.B., Rapid City, South Dakota." Thus began the letter we received from a man who wished to document an event from his life that has left a seemingly unanswerable question which continues to haunt him.

On that long ago late spring day in 1957, Wallace Fowler was a twenty two year old Airman Second Class enlisted man who by the end of the summer would finish up his enlistment and return to his home. He was sitting on the front steps of his barracks in the still cool setting sun, the cold of the northern winter still lingering in the early evening air. It was between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. A short time before he had lost the last of his money to his buddies in a craps game and he had turned down their offer to take him to town for some beer and further fun. The fact that he was broke had not affected his decision, because his friends would have subsidized the trip, alas with the money he had just lost. Perhaps he just wanted to be alone.

"All of a sudden I seen this thing, hovering over my head." He had



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not seen it arrive; it just was suddenly there. It was saucer shaped and silver in color. On the top side of the saucer was a dome with what appeared to be portholes, behind which he could see shadows moving around. The larger lower part of the saucer was metallic in appearance, and it constantly changed colors. The object, about the size of a house he estimates, hovered there motionless.

“I said to myself, ‘It can’t be an airplane, because I’ve never seen an airplane stand still like this.’ Furthermore, it was close enough for anyone to see that this was no airplane. I got up and stood there staring at this thing while asking myself what it was. I can’t say that I experienced fear because this was such a beautiful sight, and I was too young to be scared. So by me feeling that I was so brave and tough, I never considered running. After this standoff for about 2 to 3 minutes, I remember saying these words [to myself]: ‘You can come down here if you want mother——er. Then it will be me and you.’ Now strange as it may sound or maybe [it was] a coincidence, but this thing took off as if it was reading my mind. It went straight up with unbelievable speed. Like it was out of sight in seconds. I did not hear any noise, nor did I see any exhaust.”

After the object was out of sight, Wallace ran for the hangers and the base control tower. As he neared the hangers he saw a number of pilots running toward their

planes. Obviously others had seen the object as well. When he entered the hanger he noticed the telephones all seemed to be ringing and there was a lot of activity as people ran to ready the aircraft for take off. Wallace went up into the control tower. When he arrived the telephones were ringing there as well, so he was ignored. He just stood by and watched.

After the airplanes took off, Wallace listened in as a controller talked to one of the pilots who had been scrambled. “I heard the pilot say these words: ‘This thing acts as if it is playing games with us. It sits and waits on us and when we get close it takes off and leaves us like we are standing still. Such speed.’ So [the controller asked them if they could] get close enough to see what it was made of.”

The pilot replied that it was ahead of them and seemed to be waiting for them again. The controller advised them to watch their altitude. The pilot soon replied that the object appeared to be metallic. “All of a sudden we heard a crash,” says Wallace. The tower could no longer contact the pilot. Wallace does not know if other aircraft were with this pilot at the

time. Soon thereafter, he was asked to leave the tower. An officer told everyone before they left to not talk about what they had seen and heard. He was never contacted by anyone later regarding the incident. Later that evening, when his friends returned from town he learned that an object had been seen by people there as well.

Wallace was a parachute rigger and he spent a lot of his working hours around the pilots from the base. Not much was said regarding the incident, but he does remember one of the pilots saying that an aircraft which had pursued the object had turned up missing and the wreckage was never found.

Wallace now has cancer and emphysema. He realizes that his story may still be classified, but he doesn’t want to go to his grave with this secret. “I can let it all hang out. Can’t do me no harm now. My desire is for someone to find out what family lost a loved one in the year 1957 [at] Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota. It would be interesting to hear what they told the family for the cause of death.”



## Onondaga County, New York UFO "Crash"

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The first public surfacing of a crash story from central New York state was in the January 1994 issue of the International Fortean Organization's magazine, *The INFO Journal*, page 5. A letter by Tod Fortana, of McLean, Virginia, recounted a story he heard from a co-worker. Folks who lived near a heavily wooded area between Fabius and Pompey, New York, southwest of Syracuse, allegedly reported that an object had cleared a path through trees when it impacted. An increase in "air activity" over the next several days and "a number of military trucks" in the area added to the story, so he was told. Since no press releases were seen regarding meteors or plane crashes, the informants assumed that a cover-up was involved. Mr. Fortana asked anyone with information to write to the Journal.

The similarities of the claims to the Kecksburg incident, then being featured repeatedly on the TV program "Unsolved Mysteries", intrigued me: a heavily wooded area, trees knocked down at an impact site, military trucks, mysterious aircraft, a cover-up.

Mr. Fortana was unable to provide me with anything else. His informant was not able to respond to me directly because of his intense work schedule. I queried the directors of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies and The Mutual UFO Network, but neither knew of the alleged incident. Through MUFON's

director, Walt Andrus, I queried five local UFO investigators in 1995.

Rosemary Riggall, MUFON State Section Director in Morrisville, N.Y., informed me that in 1993 several calls were received regarding a "meteor" which was seen going northwest to southeast. She said that it was highly visible and had to be of tremendous size, and thought it might be important that this meteor sighting occurred about the time of the alleged crash. A connection between the two events was also suggested by Dana M. Schmidt, New York MUFON's assistant director. Another MUFON investigator, Charles Dills, had heard the rumor. He said that there were several reported "landings" in the area, but knew nothing more. So, October 1993 drew a dead end.

There is another possibility. A year earlier, on October 9, 1992, an intensely bright fireball meteor was seen over several states. It dropped a number of fragments, including a 27 pound chunk which struck a car at Peekskill, N.Y. This received wide TV and news coverage and was videotaped by at least fourteen witnesses, allowing its path to be determined. (See: "Of Fireballs Good and Old" by Thomas N. Hackney, *MUFON UFO Journal*, May 1996, pp. 10-11, for more details.)

The fireball sighting occurred on a Friday night during many local football games and must have been

seen by tens of thousands. Interestingly, it was witnessed by hundreds of spectators of a Mt. Pleasant Township High School football game, the school attended by students of the Kecksburg, Pennsylvania area. Many local residents, according to people I spoke to who were present, remarked that they now understood what it was that caused the December 9, 1965 fireball which had sparked the famous crashed saucer story there.

It seems probable that the Onondaga County, N.Y. UFO crash tale refers to the October 9, 1992 meteor. It also seems significant that the meteor mixed with the following elements that seem to have become established as classic saucer crash folklore: a heavily wooded rural location, mysterious military trucks, mysterious airplanes or other military activity, an impact site in the trees, a cover-up. It now seems that a "cover-up" claim can emerge even in the presence of widespread media coverage.

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The William Bond family was awakened by one of its members at 5:00 AM on this date to witness a large UFO move slowly across the sky over their neighborhood. It traveled east from their Brooklands address, paralleling Newton Street, toward Darrow Road. The night was clear.

The father of this family was sound asleep in bed, his wife at his side, when his youngest daughter, who is 27 years old, rushed into the bedroom and tried to awake him. Seemingly terrified, she cried out, "Dad! Dad! If you want to see a UFO look out your window." Neither he nor his wife seemed to awake quickly so the daughter, in her excitement, started bouncing on the bed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bond finally came out of what they described as an unusually deep sleep to be told that something was in the air over their house. When he looked out the window after putting on his glasses, there about 200 feet over his house was a UFO. He remembers saying "Oh my God." He noted, "The amazing thing I seen about it was that it emitted its own light. The surface on the bottom was completely flat...they had rectangular boxes, windows, or part of a landing [gear], I don't know, protruding from the bot-

tom. Those were solid black." The UFO seemed to be 150 to 200 feet at the widest part. He never saw the front of it as it moved away from him. The part of the UFO he could see was oval shaped. "We watched it for a good fifteen minutes or so as it traveled due east and slowly climbed up in the sky until it become a distant star." Interestingly, the family has two house dogs who are active and bark at the slightest provocation. During this event they hid and could not be found until sometime after the incident was over.

Nine year old Billy Bond, William's grandson and son of his youngest daughter, was also awakened by his mother in order for him to see the UFO. He saw the object from his bedroom window and later from the front porch. He described it as, "Sorta like a horseshoe thing. It had windows on it. Some of 'em were like boxes and the ones on the side like triangles. When it [the UFO] was going up it looked like a triangle, with lines of light coming from it." Billy said that he turned off the overhead fan in his room to see if the object was making a sound. He heard nothing. It seemed to hover and move back and forth for a bit when it was away from the house, finally moving off

slowly until it looked like "a little star."

Betty Bond, William's wife, told me that she seemed to be "in shock" for a few moments after she was awakened but that when she finally looked out the bedroom window into the sky she observed a bright light that was "so bright it hurt my eyes to look at it." She noticed an airplane in the sky high above and to the right of the bright light, and she also saw another small light off to the left that seemed to slowly merge with the bright light, which she described as a crescent shaped object. No other family member reported seeing the airplane or the small light. As the object moved over a neighbor's house she said the object "just stood there and I could see a beam of light coming down from it." The object hovered over a pond and this beam of light seemed to be directed into the pond. The UFO appeared to be triangular in shape from her viewpoint at this time.

Tami Bond, the oldest daughter at 29, could not be awakened by the family that night until the object was off into the distance. Still groggy, Tami ran downstairs and outside to see what all of the fuss was about. All she saw was

a bright light in the distance. She said it was the brightest light in the sky, much brighter than any of the stars. She could look at it for only a moment before she would have to look away. It was that bright. This seemed very unusual to her and it is something that really sticks in her mind.

Kim Bond, the youngest daughter and the one who woke up the family said. "[I] woke up in a fright, and I have never done that before, but I was actually scared. I heard like a humming noise and looked out the window. That's when I first seen the light. It was really bright...I noticed something wasn't right about it, so I ran to my Dad's room and got my Dad up." She then went to wake up her sister. "When I went back in the room...it was going away. It was a triangle type...it was bright...You could stare at it for a few seconds and then have to turn your head." When she first saw the object it was across the street and, seeing this, her feelings of fright increased. After waking her Dad she went downstairs and looked at the object from a downstairs window; she never went outside.

Seven family members, including children, witnessed this event. Not all of them agreed to give an interview - some of the children were young and shy - and only two members (William and Betty) filled out a MUFON sighting form. The sighting remains unexplained.

## America's First Classic Close Encounter

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While a senior at Circleville High School in 1959, the students in a public speaking class were asked to give a speech on a controversial subject. I chose "flying saucers" because of my personal interest. In doing research, I discovered that a prominent Pickaway County farmer, Bruce Stevenson, had an impressive flying saucer sighting in February, 1948. I interviewed Mr. Stevenson and found him to be a very credible, honest person.

The following is an account from the *Circleville Herald*, March 1957, about his sighting.

"After keeping his own story within his circle of friends and relatives for several years "because nobody in those days seemed to consider the flying saucers anything but jokes," Stevenson revealed full details of his experience to the Herald in 1952. That was the year of the big wave of UFO sightings, including Washington, D.C. over flights in July. Bruce's story led to widespread discussion on the subject of 'saucers,' and also attracted a fair amount of good natured kidding.

"He felt so deeply on the subject that he still offered to 'swear on the Bible that I saw what I said I did.' He felt this way: 'They can believe whatever they want to believe, and I know what I saw on

my farm that night.'

"That night happened to be a bitterly cold one in February 1948. Glancing out a window while taking a drink of water about 2 a.m., Stevenson noted a bright glow all over the vicinity of his farm buildings and hurried outside expecting to find them afire. Instead, he relates, he saw a large 'flying saucer' gliding very slowly over the vicinity of his hog house and tool barn. 'It was so close to the roof that I was afraid it was going to knock off the forge flue,' Stevenson said. 'From where I watched it, it moved without a sound along the roof of the tool house. I'd say I was only about 100 feet from it. The moon was very bright and the ground was covered with snow, making it seem all the brighter.' Standing in the Herald's front office one day recalling his memorable sight, Stevenson said it seemed as though the 'saucer' was only about as far away as the balcony on the Elks building directly across Court Street.

"Stevenson has told his story many times over since he first unfolded it for the public in the Herald. He says he remembers very clearly how :

"(a) The strange disc maintained its very slow speed and low altitude until it faded from sight far off to the farmer's left, while

Stevenson stood in frank amazement, too startled in the brief interval to run and awaken other members of the household.

“(b) The dazzling orange-amber glow which originally attracted his attention was suddenly reduced to a ‘dull amber glow’ inside the ‘dome’ of the ‘saucer,’ just a moment after he came outside and began watching the eerie visitor.

“(c) The whole object was shaped much like a broad dinner plate turned upside down, with a deep sauce dish or cup - also inverted - as its ‘dome.’

“(d) The ‘dome’ was of something that looked like Plexiglas and the broad edge - which was pretty wide - was of shiny silver, blinking or flashing all around the edge as though a silent propeller or something was whirling.

“(e) The diameter of the base of the ‘saucer’ looked about 60 feet, the ‘silver’ edge about 12 feet wide, and the ‘dome’ about eight feet, rising pretty steep from the shiny silver part.

“(f) The position of the ‘saucer’ did not permit a view of the under-section.

“(g) A wide silvery brim section had ‘little holes of some kind’ along the edge.

“And lastly, how within a mile or two of the Stevenson farm, there have been apparently authentic reports of ‘saucers’ or strange lights in the sky at least twice since

Stevenson had the experience ‘I’ll never forget as long as I live.’”

In the 1957 news article, Stevenson, a highly successful farmer deeply respected for his personal integrity, denounced as “crackpots” those public spokesmen who scoff at the “saucer” reports without making a serious effort to study their validity.

In a statement written on August 27, 1972, Edward C. McCann, former editor of the *Circleville Herald* wrote: “Before coming to Circleville and meeting the well known farmer, and during the 20 years that have elapsed since that time, I have been concerned many times with ‘flying saucer’ stories, but I feel the same today as I did after Bruce told - and often retold - of his sensational sighting. I believe that, in the general substance of his description, he actually saw what he claimed he saw.”

Since high school I have continued to do research and investigate the UFO phenomena. Without a doubt, Bruce’s sighting can be referred to as a classic because of it being documented in several books on ufology (the scientific term for the study of the UFO phenomena). The time period, February 1948, is important because it happened just seven months after the famous Roswell, New Mexico incident of 1947 and other sightings occurring at that time.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe, a former Marine, was one of our country’s earliest and most respected ufologists. He was also Charles

Lindbergh’s aide in the early years of Lindbergh’s fame. Stevenson’s sighting was the first of its kind in the nation or possibly the world. I give much credence to this last statement because of his sighting reported in Keyhoe’s book *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*. Keyhoe writes (in referring how close someone had come to a “saucer” without any bad effects) “within one hundred feet. We got the report through Professor Tom Haber of Ohio State University. The sighting was made by his brother-in-law, Bruce Stevenson. He owns a big, modern farm near Circleville, Ohio. This sighting was made in the early hours of February 1, 1948.”

Up to the time of Stevenson’s sighting, using the definitions of J. Allen Hynek (former chief scientific consultant to the U. S. Air Force) about close encounters, none had come that close. Other books have also told of Stevenson’s experience. They are Jacques Vallee’s *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*; Lillian Crowner Desguin’s *Unidentified Flying Objects, Fact or Fiction?* describes the case in detail. It was her first investigative sighting report. She was very impressed by his sincerity. Desguin investigated UFOs for more than 40 years.

In later years, Stevenson stuck to his story. Many local residents who are still living recall Bruce as being a very sincere, honest person. One of the earliest persons he told of his sighting was Jim Lemaster of Ashville. Lemaster worked for Stevenson in the late

1940s. Lemaster says that he has no doubt that Stevenson saw something very strange.

Bruce Stevenson passed away in 1976 at the age of 76. One of Bruce's daughters, Grace Richards, recently stated that an Air Force officer visited her father after the sighting was reported to the media in 1952. The visit occurred after the officer retired from the military. His job had been to investigate UFO sightings. He told Stevenson that his sighting was the most detailed description ever recorded and that it was sent to other world governments.

Stevenson was told that he was thoroughly investigated in the local area and that the investigators could not discredit his character, integrity or loyalty. No one in the community knew this was being done.

Grace told that her Dad wondered if the "flying saucer" was attracted to the hog house because of new ultraviolet lights he had recently installed that shone through the windows. Carolyn Stevenson, Bruce's wife, was interviewed recently and reported that she believed without a doubt that her husband told the truth on what he had seen. He retold the story until he died. A few remarks she added were that Bruce, while watching the object, realized it was perfectly silent; he almost wanted to walk under a portion of it but then thought

differently; and a sighting form was filled out for the U.S. Air Force and sent it in. No official reply was ever received.

Since then other sightings of UFOs in Pickaway County have given the Stevenson case even more credibility. Some have made the local *Circleville Herald*, including a sighting by fishermen in the early 1950s. This sighting took place close to where Darby Creek empties into the Scioto River. A strange light was seen at night hovering among some trees.

In May 1958, Lockbourne Air Force Base sent interceptor airplanes aloft to check on a large bright object traveling at a high rate of speed. A deputy sheriff saw the object from East Ringgold, the highest spot in Pickaway County.

Darbyville was the scene of a strange sighting in July 1972. A man and his wife were driving into Darbyville at night when they saw a UFO following their car. They excitedly drove to a house where they got the couple from inside to come out and see the object.

During a wave of national sightings in October 1973, Circleville had one of its own. Four witnesses, including two police officers, saw a light make strange maneuvers over the south end of town, before speeding off. All of these cases remain unexplained.

There have been other sightings of strange looking craft over the years that continue to this day. It

is a conservative estimate that only one in ten cases are ever reported as the fear of ridicule still prevails. Some of these cases which are known to the Roundtown UFO Society are as follows:

In February 1958 a strange looking craft was seen flying over Circleville late at night. Years ago a UFO followed a couple in their car from northern Pickaway County to their home near Ringgold and then it hovered outside while they went in their house.

There have been strange interactions also with some UFO sightings. In October 1982, a local plant had a power failure while three witnesses saw a UFO hovering over the power transfer station. There have been different instances where there were car engine failures while a UFO was close by.

On April 2, 1984, two Circleville women were startled when a brightly lit circular object followed their car along Route 104 in Pickaway County. On April 2, 1985, strange lights were seen hovering near the ground before shooting skyward. These were seen by a couple driving east of Williamsport. On August 21, 1994, a large triangle shaped craft was seen flying over the county. It also was unidentified. In a couple of cases daylight sightings of strange craft have been seen over Circleville.

These are just some of the county sightings that are known about.

Hopefully, as the acceptance level of ufology increases more witnesses will overcome their reluctance and report their sightings to the local group.

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## Aliens Linked to Allergies?

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The family came to me about 3 1/2 years ago to tell me of a very strange "dream" that their young daughter had experienced. Up to the time of the dream, they had no interest in the UFO phenomena and had not discussed this subject in any way with their children.

In July, 1993, four year old Katie woke her mother one morning and told her that she had been in a space ship. Two beings had come into her bedroom the previous night. One was described as a doctor and the other as an "observer." (Katie's parents don't believe Katie knew what the word observer meant.) The doctor was described as being taller than the observer, but neither was tall. They had gray skin, large dark eyes, small holes for a nose, and a small slit for a mouth. She said that they didn't talk like we do, but she stated that she knew what they wanted. These beings floated Katie in her bed to the ship which was in the front yard of the family's house.

The ship was gray and had a high narrow window on the interior wall where Katie said she could see the "sun." Katie told her mother that she was the only "new one" on board; there were other adults and children on the ship., her parents and her brother among them. The beings had her bring along a game to play with the

"children on the ship," and she chose "Pizza Party," her favorite. She said a wolf came from behind a "gate or screen" and bit her on the top of her head; it hurt. She asked why this was done only to her, and they replied that it was because she was the only "new one."

Katie related the whole incident very seriously and in surprising detail for one her age. She insisted that she was awake the whole time because her eyes were open. She was very offended when it was suggested that this might have been a dream.

In the summer of 1994, a mark was found on the inside surface of Katie's right knee. The mark looked like small punctures in a triangular pattern. It was not irritated or bleeding and it gradually faded away after a week or two. Katie could not remember how she got the mark.

On 6 a.m. on November 28, 1994, Katie woke her mother, Mary, telling her of red squirmy-dancing lights. She described them a 3 to 4 inches in size. They came through the windows down the hall, through her doorway and straight at her. She was sitting up in bed with her eyes open. A few of the lights went into her throat and made it itch. As she ran down the hall to her parent's room, some of the lights chased her. When the

parents searched her room, they found nothing. Katie claimed to have seen the lights again on December 1, 1994 at just before 6 a.m.

On February 6, 1995, Katie's brother Jack awoke at 1 a.m. and went to his parents room claiming that he could not sleep. He said that the top of his head hurt, he had a headache and he could not get comfortable. Mary got him back to bed by 1:20 a.m., but then she found she could not sleep. She finally drifted off, dreaming off and on until about 3 a.m. Her dreams were of a dark shadowy hooded figure who was standing beside her bed grasping her right knee like a vice. She also dreamed of bright light flashes that were outside of her home and of the security system malfunctioning and flashing many colored symbols but making no alarm. She wanted to scream and alert her husband but she could not move or speak. The next morning Jack awoke with a bloody nose, which was unusual for him.

On October 16, 1996 at 4:30 a.m. Mary awoke suddenly. She heard muffled bumps and cracks. There was a faint high pitched electrical like whine, not in the room but possibly outside or in the attic. She went back to sleep. Katie came to the room at 5:30 a.m. and said she couldn't sleep and then stayed with her parents until 6:45 a.m. When she awoke she said that she had a funny dream that a pig bit or stung her on the right ankle and that it really hurt. The parents checked her ankle and

found a red spot about the size of a quarter on inside that looked similar to a pressure mark. She later told her parents that when she awoke, her skin was tingling and her hairs were standing on end.

The evening before experiencing this dream, Katie drew pictures of aliens with Jack, not a normal activity for her. Before bed she suddenly asked her mother if she remembered the movie "Fire in the Sky" which they had rented back in 1995. Mary replied, "Yes, do you?" Katie said, "Yes." "What made you think of that?", asked Mary. "Nothing," Katie replied, then shrugged and walked away.

Katie and Jack have experienced numerous environmental, chemical, and food allergies which were first noted in 1991 and worsened through 1994. They have immune system depression and consequent intestinal infections. Jack has high levels of tin, cadmium, and lead. Their doctor has indicated some puzzlement over this contamination in Jack since there is no evidence of industrial exposure.

Whitley Strieber reported in his book "Breakthrough" that some abductees experience worsened allergy symptoms after they experience contact. We wonder if the reader knows of other abductees who have experienced allergy problems and elevated levels of heavy metals. If you know of any cases with these factors, please contact the author at 704-588-3602 or contact MORA.

## A Step Back in Time

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Gleanings from the myriads of UFO and paranormal books impart to us thousands of anecdotal accounts and while these anecdotes are singular in nature, they yet share common threads of being both inexplicable but yet believable in nature due to the sincerity in their retelling. Thusly I proceed, in as much as the motivation for the relation of my anecdote rests solely on my wish to recount it. I have arrived at no possible explanation for my late night experience and consequently am quite curious to hear from others who have had similar ones, so I can amass a larger database. While more than twenty years have passed since this occurred, I trust that, when you have weighed my remembered perceptions, perhaps you would agree that the probability of them all pointing toward random coincidence is nearly null.

The event took place, as I recall, in 1971, the year before I graduated from high school. Two friends and myself were driving to an Indian pow-wow in Linesville, Pennsylvania, which is a short hop from Lake Pymatuning. It was perhaps 10:30 or 11:00 pm and while still in Ohio, that we pulled off an exit of I-80. We had taken this exit, because according to our map, we

could then turn left (north) onto a smaller road (which was probably Route 7) and proceed hence forth to the lake.

Things turned oddly confusing as soon as we got off the exit. The exit was not a clover-leaf, therefore we did not get "turned around." As we rolled to the stop sign at the end of the exit, we saw green direction signs pointing to our right, indicating the names of towns that we thought should be on our left. We sat at the stop sign for several minutes and checked our map again, for we could not believe that the direction we should possibly want to take should be to the right, hence south. (We, of course had previously been traveling east on I-80.) None-the-less, trusting to the signs, never having taken the route before, we turned right, heading 180 degrees opposite the direction we thought we should go. We were hoping the signs were correct and that perhaps took some round-about route to arrive where they indicated. Little did we know what would be waiting for us that direction.

We drove several miles south and then for some reason, turned right (west). I believe the reason was hunger, as one of us had eaten before we left Columbus. I do not recollect why we thought that food might be procured by taking that second turn, whether we saw another sign or what. My friend Ray was driving and maybe I don't account in my memory for this second turn, due to the possi-

bility that the driver had made the decision based on something he had seen. It may be noted, that a driver normally pays stricter attention to signs, etc., than the occupants who may be other-wise involved in conversation. The confusion at the freeway exit may have caused it correspondingly to be etched because of the juxtaposition of signs made it a memorable event to us passengers. But enough philosophy; on with the meat of the experience. So, now, we had just made a right turn heading west and had not proceeded more than half a mile when an enveloping darkness overtook us.

The quality of this darkness is something I shall always remember. The darkness had a certain richness to it, a seeming thickness almost, as if we had driven dead into a tunnel of chocolate pudding, from which no light could escape. Where it had been a dark night before, this was normal, but what we had driven into was absolute darkness. I have been spelunking before and therefore know the total darkness which is inherent in caverns wherein no light can pervade to their rocky depths. The darkness which surrounded us on that lonely two lane country road was different yet, it had a FEELING to it. "What feeling?" you will ask. Well as close as I can parley my feeling to you, would be for you to imagine yourself driving down a country road then all of a sudden find yourself floating in the vastness of space. Yet this was a void where not even the meager light of stars invaded.

This incident was so unusual, that, as memory serves, we all became immediately silent. It was as if we were anticipating something going to happen, but not having the foggiest idea what. So there we sat, literally on the edge of our chairs.

I cannot determine how long we were in this state...this I find odd in and of itself. I do not know if it was a long time or short time...time seemed to have little relevance there. I do however, remember implicitly our departure from this dark "zone." Old lamp-post street lights began appearing on each side of us until we had passed many of them. Of the odd things that we saw next, I can not tell who of us was the first to draw attention, save that eventually we all became aware that things were not quite right in this little town. It seems to me, that the first odd thing we saw was the movie theater, around which stood groups of teenagers. The notable perceptions were that they were all wearing dress that was for the late 1950's and the movie that was showing was "The Blob." We all turned to our left as we drove past slowly, not believing what we were seeing.

As we watched the teenagers in front of the theater, we noticed that they were looking and pointing at us and, furthermore, were wearing astonished looks on their faces. Next we noticed cars from the same earlier time period, the big round ones, but they looked brand new. At this point we were

trying to look in all directions at once. By this time Ray began discussing what we were seeing, wondering out loud if it would really be wise to stop there for dinner. Then we saw the police car. It must have been parked, for I don't recall there was anyone in it. It was a typical 1950's police car, with the red bubble lights on top. That did it...we were out'a there!

I remember leaving the city much more quickly than we had entered it. Also, just as we passed the last of the street lamps, we again entered that same pool of enigmatic darkness. The next I remember was heading north again on Route 7 (we must have turned left) and passing the signs at the exit which were still pointing the wrong way. We slowed to look at them and they appeared to have been in the ground for quite some time. It was late when we arrived at Lake Pymatuning, just how late I do not know.

I am sure I can predict what the skeptics will say. They will say that we forgot the freeway we were on and instead of I-80 we were on some road north of there and when we got off, those old towns WOULD have been south instead of north of us. Sorry! They will also say that we had entered a town that was having an antique car show and that the reshoving of "The Blob" was a coincidence. Not so! Just not so! There was that remarkable darkness, the likes of which I have never encountered before or since. And there was that

feeling that something was terribly wrong about all this. The feeling that we were not in the right place for us, that if we had not left that little town quickly, we might never have. We were scared.

Looking over the map, it could be that the town was Hubbard, Ohio, though I am not sure. It looks about like the correct location. If anyone has experienced anything bizarre of any nature in that area, I would love to hear from them. Perhaps we were not the only ones who turned one of Rod Serling's scripts into reality that night. What's that he used to say about a door to another dimension?

### The Tumbling Black Box

by Vic Wolfe

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My story does not fit into the usual UFO accounts. This is why I have never said anything about it. Moreover, I have no pictures to prove anything nor do I have any other witnesses to back me up. You can believe it or disbelieve it. if you laugh, I'll laugh right along with you.

On a Sunday afternoon in February 1989, I looked out the kitchen window and in the back yard of a neighbor's house two doors to the west, I saw a black box, about the



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size of a microwave oven. It appeared to have something sticking out, like the box's lid. It seemed to tumble end over end above the ground, so it was hard to see any detail. It also appeared to be swinging back and forth about ten feet each way. I did not see any kind of rope or string attached to it. After about thirty seconds, it moved upwards. The higher I saw it go, the less it seemed to swing. In another half-minute, it was out of sight, never to be seen again.

I do not have the slightest idea of what this was. I do not believe I saw a spaceship from another planet. If anyone has seen something similar to this, please write to MORA and let us know.



**Director of Mora**

### **Social Aspects of Area 51?**

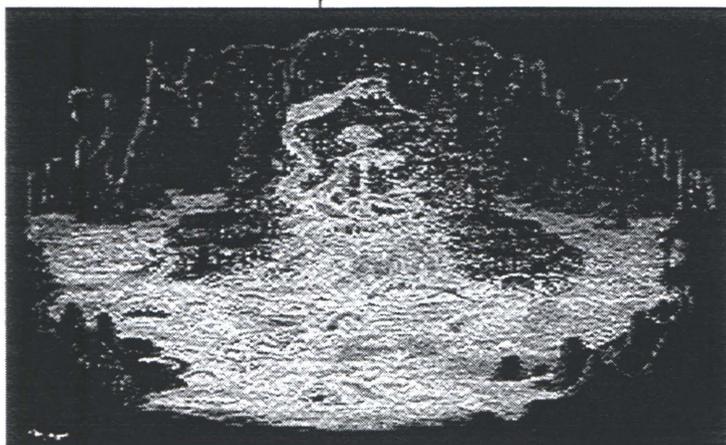
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Let us take a moment to reflect on the mystique of Area 51. For many years it has been the subject of countless documentaries, articles, news reports and books. One incident - the 1947 Roswell incident - has elevated this military base to the status of a legend. Speak to any conspiracy theorist or UFO investigator and Area 51 is always at the top of the list.

Let us face some hard facts: We will probably never know in our lifetimes what really occurred near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. It is one of those mysteries that we will always be part of the American mystique. Area 51 is a top secret testing ground and as such is governed by the military, and the modern military, since its birth in the U.S. is ruled by its own laws, not the laws by which we are bound to abide. As difficult as it may seem, we must accept the fact that there are a great many things that we cannot know. Yes,

we always hear the excuse that certain things are a matter of national security, and I will be the first one to agree that excuse is often abused, mainly for the fact that we the people of the U.S. would more than likely strongly disagree with what the military of government has done or is doing.

The truth is that we, the people have elevated Area 51, Roswell, New Mexico, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King Jr. to the level of legends in this country. We have all contributed to the frenzy over conspiracies, black projects and secret governments. We have given authors, reporters and delusional people an outlet for their voices to be heard. As loud as they may yell we have yet to see definitive proof of their claims. As much as they point their fingers, they never seem to be pointing in the right direction. But yet we are hungry for more. Hungry for any shred of evidence, whether it be manufactured (alien autopsy) or misrepresentational, to say to the powers that be, "We knew you were covering up, we knew you couldn't be trusted..."



## Cincinnati, Ohio December 24, 1992

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Four witnesses driving on Moneycreek Road in Cincinnati (Hamilton County) were looking at Christmas lights around 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve [of 1992]. The foursome reportedly observed a "huge phoenix-shaped object" with headlights. The headlights were described as large and white, situated in a triangular arrangement on each corner of the object with a large red light in the center. The object was said to have hovered at 100 feet above the ground. No sound was heard and the primary witness, thought by this investigator to be sober-minded and coherent, commented on the abnormality of its "soundlessness."

This object was observed through the sunroof of the car, and was spied for a five-minute duration in the skies above the Western Hills Plaza. Regrettably, the malls had closed at 6 p.m. for Christmas, and the parking lot and roads were vacant. There was no flight or departure path noted, as the reporting witness contends that the object strangely vanished from view.

A check of the TASK database revealed that a sighting had been made in the same area during the busy wave in July [of 1996]. On July 28, at 7 p.m., one witness

reportedly observed two oblong, silvery, disc-shaped objects, hovering one over the other in the vicinity of Hamilton Avenue before they suddenly departed, one to the south and one to the north. The objects, according to the witness, "did not appear to be airplanes."

A Schwartze Avenue (near Moneycreek) resident contacted TASK in the summer of 1995 to report having seen a black, chevron shaped-object floating "in and out" of the clouds above the Western Hills Plaza in the summer months. This sighting was not logged on the data base because of the uncertainty of the date, which was estimated to be May or June, but a file relating to this sighting has been retained and is on record.

The Western Hills area is also near an approach corridor for incoming traffic to the Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Airport. However, based upon the description of the object, soundlessness, elevation, hovering ability and abnormal ballistic departure allegation, it is difficult to qualify this as easily explainable in terms of common air traffic. Thus, this sighting remains unexplained at this time pending further investigation.

TASK has charted a surprising amount of 41 UFO sightings from the Cincinnati/southern Ohio area in 1996, a clear upsurge in the alleged phenomenon reported from this region. The numbers of UFO reports from this area have not been generated in such numbers since the legendary wave in 1973.

## OSU Students Spot 'Saucers' July 7, 1947

Five Ohio State University summer quarter students, batting and throwing baseballs around on the varsity practice diamond south of the Ohio Stadium at 7:45 p.m. last night, solemnly reported seeing three "flying saucers" streak across the sky.

They agreed the objects were:

- 1 - Noiseless
- 2 - Oval
- 3 - Of dull, metallic color
- 4 - About 10 feet in diameter.
- 5 - Speedy. "They were out of sight in five seconds."

The informants were Charles Williams, 19, of Stubenville; Robert Fish, 19, of Akron; George Whitacre, 23, of Springfield; and Wendell Rice, 20, of North Canton, all sophomores in the College of Pharmacy, and William Santachi, 23, of Alliance, a junior in the Engineering College.

Santachi, spokesman for the group, said Whitacre called attention to the objects, flying in a triangular formation. They were

over the Olentangy River, moving in an easterly direction, he said.

Santachi said all five glued their eyes on the curious “fliers,” until they were out of sight.

The group estimated the objects’ altitude at 1000 feet. None had a clear concept of their makeup. None saw any method of propulsion. None had any theories on what the objects might be.

Whitacre is an Army Air Forces veteran. Santachi and Rice are Army veterans. The other two were too young to serve in the recent war.

Source: Ohio State Journal, July 8, 1947, page B1. Thanks to MORA’s Paul Burrell for finding this article.

### **Rocket Sighted Over Delaware County**

May 18, 1984

At approximately 9:35 p.m. in the late evening on the above date, retired U.S. Army Colonel Charles F. Wilson was sitting in his back yard at 7828 Bale Kenyon Road in Galena, Ohio with a neighbor when a “flash of light” suddenly appeared to the east of their location at tree top level and at an estimated 125 feet from the witnesses. Colonel Wilson estimated the flash to be 30 yards in diameter. The neighbor, Jo Ann Wood, stated that the flash

appeared “as though from a flash camera.”

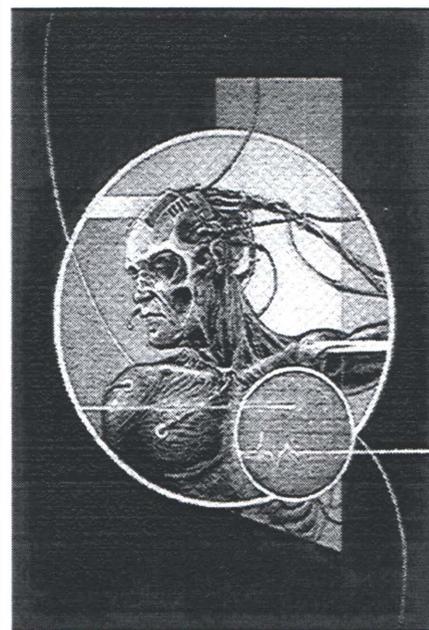
According to Colonel Wilson, after the flash he noticed what he described as “a rocket traveling on a path from east to west, as though it was attempting a landing or final approach.” The rocket was black and about 12 feet in length and 2 and 1/2 feet in diameter, assuming that the rocket body was round, which he couldn’t say for sure from his perspective. The flash “was followed by a jet like rocket propellant which was a bright white rocket exhaust for just a split second.” The “rocket” seemed to be descending.

Colonel Wilson reported that he “had the feeling that the vehicle was attempting a landing based upon the angle and speed of the descent.” At the time this report was taken by the investigator, Dr., Irena Scott, in August of 1984, Colonel Wilson said that he did not recall hearing any sound coming from the “rocket.”

There is no airport in the area, assuming this was an aircraft and no airplane was reported as lost in the days that followed. The area of the sighting was mostly rural at the time, although many houses dotted the area. It is near the Alum Creek Dam and reservoir, an area frequented by boaters and fishermen. If an aircraft had gone down in the reservoir it most certainly would have been noticed, although the “rocket” was not heading in that direction when last seen.

The sighting lasted only a few seconds, probably less than a minute. Then the “rocket” was gone. Ms. Woods exclaimed, “It was not a UFO,” when she and Colonel Wilson finally made a report to the Delaware County Sheriff’s office on July 31, 1984. If not a UFO, what was it? It seemed to be flying and it remains unidentified. Was it a wayward rocket, dropped accidentally from a high flying military aircraft? Unless a spent rocket is found in the area as the neighborhood turns in the 1990s from rural to upper class suburban with homes in the six figure range, I suspect we will never know.

Investigator: Dr. Irena Scott



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Bits and Pieces

The late Dr. Karla Turner, author of *Into the Fringe and Taken*, was an experimenter and a perceptive abduction investigator. For the record and in her memory, we would like to take note of those factors which she considered most important in investigating an abduction case. These factors are: (a) abductee's age and place of birth and, (b) if Native American, the tribe. Have the abductee, (c) describe all UFO sightings they can remember, (d) sightings by family members, (e) recurrent dreams or nightmares, (f) past or present deep fears or phobias, (g) past or present obsessions or compulsions, (h) a description of psychic abilities, (i) unusual strangers encountered, (j) unusual phone calls or phone activity, (k) unexplained noises in the home, (l) unusual behavior of electronic devices, (m) poltergeist-type activity, (n) unexplained lights in the bedroom or adjacent hall, (o) unexplained lights in the yard, (p) episodes of missing time, (q) unexplained relocation from one place to another, (r) sleep habits, (s) episodes of sudden fatigue or exhaustion not related to an illness, (t) unexplained scars or marks on the body, nose bleeds or blood in the ears, (u) problems with the lower back, kidneys, jaws or knees not due to injury, (v) gynecological history of females, (w) confirm if child abuse is in the person's history, (x) determine if a family member has a past or present

military or intelligence background, (y) general attitude about UFOs, (z) instances of temporary paralysis, (aa) invisible playmates when young, (bb) mentally heard voices or electronic sounds, (cc) shifts in attitudes about ecology, science, metaphysics, or (dd) desire to relocate to a rural area, (ee) equipment used by the aliens on the person's body, and (ff) describe all communications received from the aliens.

Take note of these if you ever get involved in an abduction case. Some of these factors are not necessarily obvious and might be easily neglected.

**Willard, Ohio**  
via UPI  
*Columbus [Ohio] Dispatch*,  
Sunday Edition  
January 24, 1971, p43A

On Friday, January 22, 1971, Richard Williams, then 18, reported seeing a diamond shaped UFO which was equipped with white lights and two exhaust jets. Willard said he was driving along old Niver Road with his wife and son when he and his wife spotted a low flying object coming toward his car. "The object looked like a bat," he said. "The wings were wider than the plane or whatever it was. On the middle of each wing there seemed to be an exhaust rocket engine or jet engine. It had red and white lights on each of the wings and on the tail."

"I thought it was a big plane going to crash," he added. "It hovered down close to me about 100 feet and then took off again and went east and circled around Willard." He thought the object was about 25 to 30 feet in diameter. Williams thought there was some kind of creature inside the object. "In the back of the cockpit there was something flashing the light on and off - like you were blocking the light," he said.

He stopped at a friends house in an effort to find other witnesses. They called the Huron County sheriff's office, which reported that 18 other persons had called in claiming to have seen the object as well. Officials said Willard appeared to be "up set" after sighting the object, but Williams claimed he was merely curious. "Well, I really wanted to see who it was," he explained. "But afterwards I was thinking it might have been really dangerous."

MORA Editorial Comment: Willard is located in the northern central part of the state in rural southwestern Huron County. The small town is of interest to an Ohio ufologist who wishes to remain nameless. This ufologist was told by a source from the area who is not subject to flights of fantasy or practical jokes that Willard is rumored to be the home of a community of aliens who happen to look like us and who have secretly taken up residency in this conser-

vative community. Hum! Any, ufologist in northern Ohio want to take this on as a case?

### Loud UFO

MORA has received sketchy reports from the Eaton, Ohio area of a loud and slow flying vehicle in the eastern landing paths of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The reports are of sightings which occur after dark, usually in the late night/early morning time frame. It "sounds like thunder that never reaches the ground," as loud as a nearby freight train. The sound rattles the windows of homes under the vehicle's flight path. Interestingly, the sound is reported as having "no Doppler effect." One person who has experienced multiple sightings of this vehicle noted seeming correlations with her children's nose bleeds. She reports that her head hurts and she experiences "a spike on the left side of my head, in my right sinus across the top of my head" when the vehicle pass over her location. This witness also reports a problem with magnetic fields and with computer and printing equipment, including the eraser of and the printing out of unusual files of computer symbols and random letters often compressed.

The vehicle is described as large, dark colored, and crescent shaped. As it goes away, its back end appears square. The center of this square has a red light and the four points of the compass of the square hold large white lights.

Our craft or someone else's? Who

knows? Given the advance of America's aerospace state of the art, it is getting harder and harder to say.

### Groom Lake, Nevada

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has apparently confirmed the name of the secret Nevada base from which the much rumored but never confirmed also-secret Aurora aircraft flies. In response to a letter originally sent to President

Clinton, the U.S. EPA refers to the base in two ways, the "Groom Lake Air Force Facility" and the "Operating Location Near Groom Lake, Nevada No. 96-54." Anyone know the meaning of "96-54?" The letter is reproduced below in its entirety.

### Another Cover-Up Story?

The MORA investigative team has heard this story before from a source whom we trust, long before it reached the talk show cir-



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Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your recent correspondence to President Clinton concerning burning and dumping at Groom Lake Air Force Facility in Nevada. I have been asked to respond to your concerns regarding this activity.

On September 28, 1996, the President signed a Presidential Determination on Classified Information Concerning the Air Force's Operating Location Near Groom Lake, Nevada, No. 96-54. This determination exempts the Air Force at Groom Lake, Nevada, from disclosure of information on control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal to unauthorized persons. The Air Force at Groom Lake is still required to follow the laws under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and other requirements of law. USEPA Region IX has conducted inspections at Air Force Facilities to ensure compliance.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96-54 of September 28, 1996. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at (415) 744-1227.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Biland  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure

cuit here. So, for the benefit of our readers, we will include part of it here. What follows is a small part of a radio interview on a talk show called "UFOs Saturday Night" on May 6, 1995 on WOL-AM in Washington, D.C. and simulcast on WOLB-AM in Baltimore, Maryland with a person identified as Donna Tietze Hare. She is described as a former NASA employee. A slide technician, "the recipient of numerous space awards including the 1969 Apollo Achievement award." She worked 15 years for a subcontractor at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Elaine Douglass (E.D.): You were a photo technician?

Donna Tietze (D.T.): Yes Elaine, that's true. During the Apollo mission I worked at NASA throughout those Apollo missions and I did leave NASA at the time the space shuttles began. I worked in Building 8 in the photo lab. I had a secret clearance so I thought I could go anywhere in the building. And I did go into one area that was a restricted area. In this area they developed pictures taken from satellites and also all of the missions, the Apollo missions, the flight missions. I went in and I was talking to one of the photographers and developers and he was putting together a mosaic which is a lot of photos, smaller photos into a larger photo. And while I was in there I was trying to learn new methods and new things about the whole organization and I was looking at the pictures and he directed my attention

to one area, he said, "Look at that." I looked and there was a round oval shaped, well it was very white circular shape of a dot and I, it was black and white photography, so I asked him if that was a spot on the emulsion and he said, "Well, I can't tell you but spots on the emulsion do not leave round circles of shadows."

E.D.: So there was a shadow on the ground?

D.T.: Right, a round shadow. And I noticed that there were pine trees, now I don't know where this area was...I did notice that there was a shadow under this white dot and I also noticed that the trees were casting shadows in the same direction as this white dot...it was close to the ground and it was spherical but slightly elongated, not very much, but slightly. I then said, "Is it a UFO?" And he said, "Well, I can't tell you." And then I asked him, "What are you going to do with this piece of information?" And he said, "Well we have to airbrush these things out before we sell these photographs to the public." So I realized at that point that there is a procedure setup to take care of this type of information from the public."

### **Is The Government Ready to Talk?**

We have heard it before. The government has been conditioning the public for years to accept the shocking reality that we are not alone in the universe and, furthermore, that the aliens are here now and have been for years, perhaps

millennia. This allegedly is part of the plan that was hatched after the saucer crash near Roswell, New Mexico and the consequent establishment of the ultra top-secret MJ-12 government program to keep the alien presence from an unprepared public. The following publicized story seems to support this view:

"Private talk with Lt. Colonel John O'Mara, Deputy Commander, Intelligence, confirms the existence of flying saucers. The greatest story involving Earth and Space may soon be told. The 'silence group' - that official fear faction of the Air Force - who for years fought to keep the truth from the public has now lost its anaconda-hold on accumulative evidence. Stimulated by recent events...the Air Force will take the benighted public into confidence...Flying saucers 'do exist' the Colonel told me...[He] said there were 'three breakdowns' - 1) the controlled 'saucer' from outer space, 2) a secret American saucer-like device, and 3) unexplained natural phenomena. When I tried for a committal statement on the interplanetary 'saucer' I was, as expected, rebuffed, but was told that in their research they were 'gradually getting more data.' Then for corroboration, I asked if all the saucers seen by Americans were American devices and to this the Colonel replied, 'Definitely not! Something does exist.' [This] is diametric to all Air Force statements...The Colonel intimated that the Air Force plans to cooperate with the public...and a

statement will be forthcoming from the Defense Department which will explain some of the past contradictions and release details behind many of the sightings.”

Sound familiar? It should. This story was published in the *C.R.I.F.O. Newsletter*, published by the late Leonard H. Stringfield — in October 1, 1954. When the January 7, 1955 issue of the newsletter came out it contained an official retraction by Col. O’Mara. So, when you now hear about the possibility of an official confirmation of the alien presence on our planet don’t hold your breath. Remember Col. O’Mara. It may not come for a very long time.

### **UFOs and Cattle Mutilations in Puerto Rico**

This story comes to us via the *UFO Roundup*, Volume 2, Number 8, February 23, 1997 over the Internet. The source is Scott Corrales, a UFO investigator with whom MORA has corresponded.

On January 12, 1997, at 2:30 AM, Pedro Viera, a retired police officer, was driving home on Route 40 between Caguas and Humacho in Puerto Rico. All at once, he saw a disc-shaped UFO hovering over a field, levitating a bull with what he described as “a tractor beam.” Bellowing in terror, the bull passed through an aperture on the bottom of the saucer and was lost to sight.

Viera immediately stepped on the gas pedal, setting off in pursuit.

Speeding down Route 40, he managed to keep the UFO in sight. All at once, he was cut off by a late model 4X4 pickup truck and forced to the side of the road.

According to Viera, two men in black BDU uniforms emerged from the truck, walked over to his car and “told me to let them do what they were doing.” At first he didn’t understand what the man meant; then he realized he was talking about the saucer. Having lost sight of the UFO anyway, Viera continued his journey home.

Five hours later, shortly after 7 AM, several Puerto Ricans found a mutilated cow further along on Route 40. The animal, they said, “Looked as if it had been dropped from a considerable height.”

MORA hopes this case has been properly investigated. We shall endeavor to reach Scott to see what he knows about this case.

### **Information Resources**

For the active investigator and author, we offer the following sources of information that you might not be aware of:

The Defense Visual Information Center (DVIC) at March Air Force Base, Riverside, California is the national archive for photos, videos and motion pictures taken by the Armed Forces. The quality of the still photos on file are reportedly “stunning.” Tanks, planes and battle accretions are in great supply. However, also available are pictures of diplomatic events

and the local culture surrounding military bases. The collection goes back to 1982. Pre-1982 DoD still imagery is stored at the National Archives, Washington, D.C., except for the pre-1957 Air Force still imagery, which is stored with the Smithsonian, National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C. A \$5 fee is charged by the DVIC for 2 plus hours of browsing through their index and an appointment is necessary.

For further information see: <http://www.dodmedia.osd.mil/dvic>

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. Archival Information Locator is a source worth checking out. Try: <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>.

The National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio reportedly has a data base of foreign science and technology which covers a wealth of unclassified scientific and technical information. Abstracts and citations of the file’s contents can be accessed for easier identification of the specific files that may be of interest to you. For more information write: NAIC/SCVMS, Attn: Gery D. Huelseman, TSgt, USAF, Freedom of Information Manager, Air Intelligence Agency, 4180 Watson Way, WPAFB, Ohio 45433-5648 and ask about “the CIRC files.”

MORA has just received from this same Sgt Huelseman via a Freedom of Information Request, a reportedly never before seen collection of Project Grudge and Project

Sign documents that were recently found at the Military Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. These should not be ordered casually. A duplication fee of \$121.50 was charged for the 910 pages of material we received. The first 100 pages were provided free since MORA ordered these under the educational and non commercial scientific or news media exemption. They will ultimately be donated to the UFO literature and resource collection that MORA is helping to create at the Ohio State University Main Library, Rare Books and Manuscripts division, in Columbus, Ohio.

### Letters to MidOhio

Dear Mr. Jones:

I wanted to make one other point clear...just in case I didn't elaborate enough about it. That is I really did lose my color vision capability at the beginning of the sighting as I looked around me on the ground. My son was wearing a bright red and white plaid jacket and when I looked at him it only appeared as shades of gray and white. There was no color in it at all. This is at the time I noticed the bright silvery shadow right underneath him.

Victoria Clark  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Mrs. Clark is adding emphasis to an aspect of her sighting report which we covered in the previ-

ous issue of the Ohio UFO Notebook, Issue#12, page 4.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sending a copy of your issue #12.

The Snag Retrieval story, page 29, may have a grain of truth, but not related to a UFO. In the early 1950s the CIA launched large "Skyhook" type photo reconnaissance balloons over East Block countries. (The "Skyhooks" were comparable balloons, but with scientific research instruments.) Some even traveled around the world before recovery.

Camera capsules were released by radio command, deployed parachutes and were recovered by transport aircraft. Initially these were C-119 "Flying Boxcars", which snagged the chutes by means of booms or cables, then reeled in the prize through the aircraft's open rear "clamshell" doors. Later, the same technique was used for film capsules from photo reconnaissance satellites, using C-130 aircraft which also have rear cargo doors. This may still be done today for high-resolution photo satellites.

The story of the two B-52s may be a second or third-hand transmogrification of one of these balloon parachute snags. More than one aircraft may have been deployed in these missions, but connecting them together

seems bizarre and dangerous. Folklore.

Incidentally, regarding the UFO sighting from the Pennsylvania Turnpike, on page 39, there is no Army base two miles west of Carlisle, Pa. The U.S. Army War College and Barracks, a relatively small installation, adjoins Carlisle to the east, but is south of the Turnpike. There is a small Army reserve compound along the Turnpike, next to the Carlisle fairgrounds, but this is also south of the Pike. Little ultra-light planes sometime fly formations from a small airport near Carlisle. Although they are not supposed to fly at night, they have lights and one participant has told me that some like to create UFOs with lighting hi-jinks.

Robert R. Young  
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your request 17 April 1996 regarding information on the use of two B-52 aircraft using a net to retrieve film packages and other objects. We apologize for the delay in providing you this information; budget cuts have drastically reduced our manpower and delayed our response time.

Regrettably, we are unable to come up with any information regarding the use of B-52's in the manner you described.

Johnna Adams Perdue,  
Archivist  
Air Force Historical  
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See our story A 'Snag' Retrieval in the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, No. 12, pp 29-30. It the most unusual crash retrieval story yet told and, in our opinion, it most likely didn't happen.

Hi Bill:

Enclosed is the Fortenberry story I offered you awhile back...I have a knack for finding references to UFOs in the most unlikely places. A few months ago I was flipping through pages of Jamie Farr's autobiography, *For the Farr of It*, in a mall bookstore in Toledo. On page 3 or 4, Farr mentions a UFO sighting in the desert on his way to audition for the role of Klinger on "M\*A\*S\*H." He states that the car never worked right after that.

I'd also like to describe an "X-File Moment" at the Mound City Park near Chillicothe, Ohio. In July of 1993, my sister, my two brothers, myself and their kids were returning from a family reunion in Virginia; we decided to stop at Mound City. As we were walking around the complex, toward the rear, one of my nephews yelled, "Hey guys, look at this!" At this vantage point, looking toward the "elliptical mound" with the "Death Mask Mound"

directly behind it, the shape was unmistakable. My first impression was the spaceship in "The Day the Earth Stood Still." It looked like a landed flying saucer. Just a coincidence?

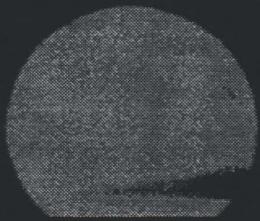
Nobody had a camera with them and it was a miserably hot day, and nobody wanted to retrieve one from either car.

Jerry Hamm  
Napoleon, Ohio

Jerry's "article" on William H. Fortenberry comes from a book (Chapter 4) entitled "*The Probable Cause...*" by Robert J. Serling, brother of award winning TV writer Rod Serling. The book, published in 1962, discusses various aircraft disasters, including the loss of Pan American World Airways Clipper Flight 944 in November of 1957. Earlier, in 1952 William Fortenberry was a crew member aboard a New York-Miami Pan American DC-4 who spotted a UFO while in flight. The sighting received world wide attention. On the 1957 flight he was the second officer when the aircraft disappeared on a flight over the Pacific from California to Hawaii. The cause of the aircraft's loss was never determined and the aircraft was never found, given the technology of the period, unlike what occurred when TWA Flight 800 was lost in 1996.

Another aircraft pilot with an interest in UFOs was lost on April 6, 1958 when Captain William Joseph Hull went down when the aircraft he was piloting into Saginaw, Michigan stalled upon landing. He had earlier sighted "a brilliant meteor" while flying a commercial aircraft on November 14, 1956. He and his co-pilot sighted what he described in the NICAP publication, the *UFO Investigator*, as "an intense blue-white light, approximately seven or eight times as bright as Venus when this planet is at its brightest magnitude." He wrote that the unidentified object began a series of maneuvers, "sharper than any known aircraft, sometimes changing direction 90 degrees in an instant." It finally zoomed up at an extremely steep angle and flew out of sight, he added. "The one thing I can't get over is the fact that when it came it came steeply downward and when it departed after its amazing show it went steeply upward," Captain Hull reported.

All of this makes one wonder what has happened in the lives of the many people who have sighted UFOs. It also makes us all aware that UFO related information can be found in many unexpected places. Maybe the answer to the UFO mystery can be found in your local library. Perhaps all we have to do is look.



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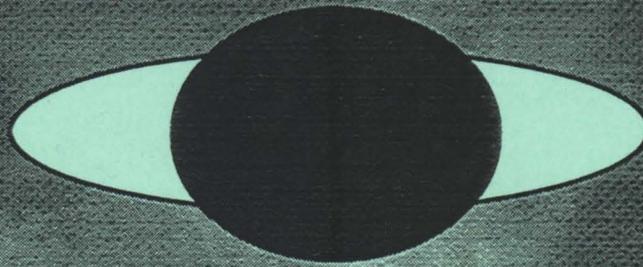
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