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"The study of the UFO phenomena is not a substitute for religion. If you need spiritual fulfillment seek elsewhere."

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Case Notes – A Glowing Situation

by Joseph A. Stets
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Recently MORA was asked by a local psychologist to investigate the claims of one of his patients. A woman, who we shall call Tamy, claimed that her face, chest and groin area glowed when subjected to UV light. This was perceived to have been caused by a poorly remembered abduction like experience. Tamy was experiencing flash-back memories of seeing colored lights similar to the glow on her body. These memories were causing her severe stress. Thus, she sought professional help.

The psychologist, with Tamy's permission, provided MORA with samples of skin and hair for any analysis that could be secured. Tamy and the psychologist also provided additional medical background information.

Testing

Initially the samples were subjected to a directed 100-watt beam of UV light. No unusual glow was noted. This suggested the amount of material in the skin and hair, if any, was too small to be visible. A more sensitive approach was needed.

Analytical professionals were contacted and questioned as to the preferred test/tests which might be used to prove or disprove Tamy's claim. One test recommended was the use of a scanning Spectralfluorimeter. This instrument would produce a characteristic spectrum of any fluorescent material present in the sample.

Tests were conducted on two samples of skin and hair as well as control samples. The skin samples presented the same spectrum as the hair samples but at a reduced intensity. Both skin and hair samples produced the same spectrum. The control samples did not produce a spectrum.

Data from the Spectralfluorimeter is presented as emission and excitation spectra. Both skin samples produced emission spectra with peaks at

437um and excitation spectra with peaks at 278um.

The hair samples were tested dry and in a dilute solution of methanol and chloroform. Both emission spectra peaked at 437um. The wet samples varied slightly at 375um dry and 379um wet.

Hair and skin samples were also subjected to testing with SEM (scanning electron microscope). A control sample was also tested. All samples produced the same spectra. No unusual metals or other materials were noted.

Conclusion

The spectra from the Spectralfluorimeter were compared to a spectral database. Two "hits" were found. The closest was the laser dye Coumerin 47. The other was Coumerin 2. It MUST be noted this data is *suggestive* of a laser dye. There is NO proof the observed material is a laser dye.

MORA agrees with Tamy when she says her body glows when subjected to a UV light source. The evidence we have supports her claim. However, we can in no way say how this material was placed on her body.

MORA also conducted an in-depth study of possible causes for this based on Tamy's revealed medical history. No connection could be found which would link or suggest a medical cause or source for this glow.

Recently additional samples from four other persons have been tested in hope of providing additional information. The data from these tests are different from Tamy's in that two tests showed similar spectra while the others were of different wavelengths. These data have been transmitted to a national investigator and are unavailable for reporting at this time.

High Strangeness in Northern Pennsylvania

by Scott Corrales
Bradford, Pennsylvania
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Pennsylvania's Northern Tier joins with New York State's Southern Tier to form "one region indivisible": almost fifty thousand square miles of forested mountains, rivers, gorges and small, scattered towns originally devoted to the oil industry and latter to logging and manufacturing. This enormous expanse of wilderness, ringed by some of the major cities of the Northeast, tells its own tales of high strangeness and UFOs, many of which have never been published elsewhere.

Saucers in the North Country

According to Robert Lyman Sr.'s Forbidden Land: Strange Events in the Black Forest, the very first report of an unidentified flying object in northern Pennsylvania appeared in the Ceres Mail on April 28, 1897. Curiously enough, the report describes the UFO as an "airship" – tying it in with the still unexplained "phantom airship" scare of the late 19th century, chronicled elsewhere by researchers Lucius Farish and Jerome Clark.

"The wonderful flying machine," begins the editorial in the Ceres Mail, "which has been the subject of so much comment in the newspapers of the country...passed over the city of Erie and out over the harbor...from Sharon comes the story that the flying machine was seen by reputable persons...and they allege that three men were visible on the machine, which was in the shape of a huge cigar and traveled approximately 2,000 feet above the earth."

On February 9, 1913 "a procession of fireballs" crossed the night skies in a formation of nearly twenty bright objects lasting several minutes. The event, which seemed drawn straight from the works of Charles Fort, terrified the local population and was allegedly seen as far north as Canada.

But the bulk of UFO activity waited until the flying saucer explosion of the late 1940's before stranger craft graced the skies of northern Pennsylvania.

Bradford, the turn of the century's oil producing capital of the world, had its first series of UFO sightings less than a month after Kenneth Arnold had his fateful sighting near Mt. Rainier. While on an evening stroll down east Main Street on July 20, 1947, George Zenner was startled to look up into the night sky and notice the evolutions of a flattened, discoidal object which appeared self-luminous. He estimated that the object flew "at the height of two telephone poles" across the street, spinning as it went. The thing flew soundlessly over the Dresser-Rand factory between Fisher and Oxford streets before zooming off westward at considerable speed. A former military spotter during World War II, Zenner's account was considered highly credible. The local Bradford Era ran a banner headline the following morning which read: "Flying Saucer Passes Over East Bradford", detailing similar sightings in New England.

Citing a 1950 account, Robert Lyman's Amazing Indeed discusses the unusual attraction that the oil and gas operations at Hammersley Fork, Potter County, had for UFOs. One H. M. Cranmer explained that the saucers "showed much curiosity" as they hovered "from rig to rig", remaining over them for a while prior to vanishing skyward into the night. Cranmer also witnessed other saucers in October 1954, also flying over the same part of Potter County.

He was not alone. On October 14, 1952, four people enjoying a warm fall afternoon near Dartwell Creek were startled by the sudden appearance of a circular, metallic sphere that gave the impression of being made of brushed aluminum. The witnesses described it as windowless and wingless, moving silently as it vanished on a westward course.

On July 18, 1961, a silver disk was reportedly seen flying westward at an estimated altitude of twelve hundred feet. Visibility on that day was perfect. Startled witnesses reportedly saw the object disappear and reappear shortly after as if encased in a self-generated fog.

Sightings such as these occurred at regular intervals until the 1966 UFO flap came about. Pennsylvania's Elk, McKean and Potter Counties found themselves being the unwilling hosts to a variety of configurations of UFOs that hovered low over the treetops and even above county roadways. One of the most memorable cases of the 1966 flap involved an anonymous woman who was visiting friends in the town of Colesburg. As she was getting ready to cross the New York State line to return home, her car went around a dark bend in the road and almost collided into a UFO which sat squarely in the middle of the two-lane road.

But the crash with the unknown never came about. The car coasted softly to a halt, all its power mysteriously drained. The saucer shaped craft lifted itself effortlessly into the air and settled to the ground once more, this time in a nearby field, where it scared a number of deer. The frightened animals allegedly ran toward the imagined safety of the immobilized automobile and its terrified motorist.

UFO activity continued infrequently over the following decade until the next major wave of activity began in October 1976, when a couple driving their car along desolate Bolivar Drive at night became the unwilling participants of a close encounter of the second kind, or CE-2. A UFO allegedly appeared out of the darkness, fired a beam of light at their vehicle, and caused its engine to stall. The terrified witnesses could do nothing except watch the intruder fly away into the night. Their experience was corroborated to a certain extent by reports of a UFO flyby over Limestone, N.Y. only minutes earlier, witnessed by a former Air Force officer.

When reports of persistent UFO activity began to emerge from neighboring Elk County, even the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) took notice. One of the best cases involved a woman in the town of Wilcox who reportedly saw a glowing circular craft flying low over her home in May 1976. According to her testimony, the object hovered for a few minutes before rising vertically at high speed into the night sky.

Around the same time, a number of residents of Rew in McKean County were stunned by a glowing object which shot across the clear morning sky, leaving sparks in its wake.

Trained observers would have their own chance to add to the local UFO history. On the night of July 21, 1977, three members of the Bradford police department were treated to the sight of two luminous objects flying low across the city sky toward Oak Hill Cemetery (site of many paranormal occurrences). That very same evening, a triangular UFO sporting white and red lights was seen over Limestone, N.Y. Adding to the baffling phenomena was the problem of "unidentified radio signals", mostly in a language similar to Spanish, pouring over the airwaves, disrupting police-band communications. While local experts dismissed the radio "skips," as they were known, no official explanation was ever put forth for the anomalous radioactivity.

The UFO phenomenon did not circumscribe itself to McKean, Potter and Elk Counties, however. It showed a predilection for the Salamanca Indian Reservation in southern New York, with numerous reports over the years coming from a particular intersection (Rte. 417 and Kill Buck Road). In 1969, the Salamanca, N.Y. newspaper featured photos of a large cigar-shaped object which hovered over a spot known as York Merit long enough for its snapshot to be taken.

The Rte. 219 corridor, linking northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York State, would also prove itself to be a critical UFO sighting pathway. A local family remembers a nighttime drive through the village of Ashford Hollow in the 1950s during which a UFO swooped low in front of the car, mimicking the vehicle's motions. The witnesses described the object's behavior as "playful" and that they engaged it in stop-and-go maneuvers for over 20 minutes before it moved away.

The most intense UFO activity, however, would wait until 1994, when Ellicottville, N.Y. – a popular winter resort – would be besieged by a triangular object that would become known as the "Ellicottville boomerang." From January through July 1994, the object was seen by countless local residents.

Unusual aerial phenomena continue to occur. On the night of October 27, 1994 residents of the town of Eldred ran into the streets to catch a glimpse of an object that had created a "muffled" sonic boom, but were unable to see anything in detail – only a dark mass followed by what could

best be described as a "streetlight," swiftly following the darkened mass. A witness in Port Allegheny said the object "made windows rattle."

County emergency manager Ken Mostyn explained that area residents are used to the various practice runs by the Air National Guard base in Niagara Falls, and can readily identify an F-16 from a C-130 or a C-5A, even. This object was certainly none of the former, and the Air Guard no longer flies F-16s. The source of the noise lacked any of the navigation lights associated with civilian and military aircraft. The only light was the one following close behind and there was no way to determine if said luminescence actually formed part of the superstructure.

The Ridgeway, Pennsylvania police department was called out at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 1994, when concerned citizens reported loud explosions that reminded them of "cannon fire" or "jets breaking the sound barrier." A police cruiser was dispatched to the top of Boot Jack Hill, where the luminous phenomenon had been reported, and allegedly found no traces of "wreckage, cannons, or UFOs."

Curiously, the report goes on to state that the officers noted "strange atmospheric conditions" at the summit of Boot Jack Hill, but were unable to identify them. Something highly unusual had happened near Ridgeway on a cold November evening.

No further mention was made of the strange lights reported on Boot Jack Hill. The local paper dismissed it all as the Northern Lights, which can be seen as far down as Pennsylvania under extraordinary conditions, but to the best of anyone's knowledge, do not make sounds akin to cannon fire and sonic booms.

Bigfoot on the Prowl

According to the late Joan Jeffers, a researcher, somewhere in McKean County there exists a one-of-a-kind portrait. Very possibly the only oil painting dedicated to a monster. The canvas allegedly depicts an enormous red-eyed beast staring directly at the viewer from the gloom of a northern forest. The following words appear at the painting's base: "The monster bear seen at Allegany Creek in 1811." The witness to such a

frightening apparition perhaps chose to immortalize it for the benefit of future generations, not realizing that what they'd seen was not a bear, but one of the enormous ape-like creatures known by a variety of names, mainly Native American ones.

People from all walks of life have reported frightening encounters with this unknown entity on lonely rural roads. Native American author Duce Bowen, a chronicler of the legends of the Seneca tribe, has indicated that Bigfoot is often featured in the legends of his people and is known as "the man in the pointed hat" - a reference to the creature's conical skull.

Folklorists and naturalists have dismissed these Bigfoot sightings and lumped them with the colorful campfire tales woven by early loggers and trappers for the benefit of their fellows - imaginary creatures such as the backward-flying Fullermo bird, the sharp-tailed Hodag, and the elusive Agropelters, who would strike people's heads with dead branches falling from tall trees. Evidence for Bigfoot is nonetheless much more solid and recent than that.

In the early morning hours of December 5, 1995, Greg Eisenman was out on a deer hunting expedition with two friends, when they became aware of what they at first took to be a bear emerging from behind a tree. The creature stood on two feet and making "ungodly noises" as it ran toward them. According to Eisenman's testimony, the creature was two hundred yards behind them and less than twenty yards separated the hunting party from their truck. The frightened trio sprang for the vehicle's safety, but not before the hellish apparition could deliver a powerful blow to the windshield, shattering it to pieces.

The friends concurred that the beast - a mixture of man and gorilla - appeared to be feeding on something behind the tree when it became aware of their presence. It looked at them "with evil yellow eyes" and then gave chase. Adding insult to injury, Eisenman was forced to pay for his damaged windshield out-of-pocket, out of fear that an insurance adjuster would refuse to believe his story.

A Miracle on Walker Street?

At 11:00 p.m. on January 4th, 1997, while Rev. Robert James was deep in prayer counseling a

local couple at The Holy Family Church's basement offices, he heard an unusual noise coming from the church above. Rushing upstairs, possibly suspecting vandals, Rev. James became aware of a strong smell of roses. Walking hurriedly to one of the small side chapels containing a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he noticed that images had appeared on the wall, one of Mary and another of Jesus.

In a small community, gripped by the clutches of an unusually severe winter, the word spread like wildfire. First parishioners, then locals, and finally visitors from as far as Buffalo, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania made the pilgrimage to see the miraculous images. According to journalist Jim Buck of the Bradford Era, those who visited the church following the news of the apparition reported seeing more than two images. Some claim having clearly seen "Christ crucified, a trio of angels, an angel's wing, and a sacred heart."

Were the visions real or misidentifications of humidity stains on old wallpaper? This researcher spoke to a waitress at a local restaurant, who claimed to have seen Mary's image and "an angel descending from above, covering the image." Far from being elated by

the divine presence, she confided that the sight made her "sick to her stomach."

By the evening of January 6th, the Marian apparitions in Bradford had hit the media. Remote units for television stations in Buffalo and Erie had parked outside the church, bathing it in the glow of their klieg lights. Stern-faced reporters interviewed locals and visitors alike, projecting images of the interior of the small church to thousands of viewers. Self-described "pilgrims" poured in from distant locations in southern Pennsylvania for a look at the miraculous images.

The Bradford sightings have remained a regional event – a very mild case of Marian fever. No spectacular events (healings, "miracles of the sun", prophecies, etc.) have taken place as of this writing, and no individual or group of witnesses have been singled out as the "seers" or "bearers of the message." Refreshing enough, the allegedly miraculous image has made no demands on anyone.

Sioux City, Iowa – Daylight "Refrigerator"

by Beverly Trout
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The Sioux City, Iowa family I wrote about in the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, issue #15, has been inundated with further UFO events. The two family members involved in the incident to be reported here are:

Daniel – age 33. (Father of 11 year old Justin, who figures in this narrative even though he was NOT one of the witnesses. He was one of two family members who had experienced missing time on August 7, 1997, an experience covered in *OUFONB* #15.)

Brenda, age 51. (Mother of Daniel and grandmother of Justin.)

I began to interact with this family because of the spectacular events, which took place on the night

of August 7, 1997. To briefly recap: events on that night included the sighting of a 60-foot triangle, a 300-foot triangle, a strange animal, an amber-colored globe of light, and missing time for two family members. Since then, there have been many incidents reported by the family and the following one is interesting and, I think, very important – because it made one family member change his mind about UFOs.

Daniel had doubted that his son, Justin, was telling the truth about his experiences with beings that came into his room at night. He had, just prior to the August 1997 event, put the boy into "counseling." Investigators, however, during the August interview with the family were impressed that the 11-year-old was telling the truth as he saw it. We, at that time however, did not have the opportunity to meet Daniel. In the

ensuing months, it became clear that Daniel did not want to believe that other family members were seeing UFOs in and around the family residence. And, despite the missing times experienced by his son and brother on August 7, it was quite clear that he was in no mood to look at the UFO phenomenon.

This all changed at about noon on February 9, 1998 as Daniel and his mother, Brenda, were on their way into Sioux City, Iowa. Brenda was driving. What they saw was a silent object about one-half mile away and only about 200 feet above a nearby hill, perhaps at an actual altitude of 500 feet.

The rectangular “refrigerator” shaped object was perhaps a little shorter than a mid-sized car, traveling very fast, and was a dull metallic gray in color. At first the witnesses thought they might be looking at the back of a helicopter, but then it went sideways and they could see that it looked nothing like a helicopter.

Daniel says that the object was as if a refrigerator was lying horizontal and moving forward. That is, he saw it as a rectangular shape traveling forward. Brenda, at first, thought it was more squarish, but thinks that may have been the effect of “energy bands” seen by both witnesses. Both point to some sort of whirling, distorted energy visible both above and below the object as it traveled from the northwest to the southeast. Daniel says it was like looking through a fire. The width of the energy/distortion bands was about 1/3 the size of the object itself, which would mean that the width of the total visible energy/distortion would total about 2/3 the height of the object was it traveled on its side. They followed the object for about ¾ miles before losing sight of it among the hills in the area.

When I and my MUFON State Section Director, Dr. Lawrence Lacey, met with Brenda, Daniel, and other family members a few days later, Daniel was ready to talk UFOs, which presented the opportunity to point out Daniel’s need to listen more carefully to his son. And we did not “spare the horses.” Diplomacy, yes. But very straight talk to the father about his son, because we could see that Daniel had finally opened his eyes a bit. Later we were glad, especially for Justin’s sake, to hear that he suggested to his mother that we come back in a month or two and include Justin in a group conversation about

UFOs. This we will do, hoping that such a discussion will help the boy to better cope with his encounter experiences.

Practical Advice on How to Handle Childhood Abductions

In my role as an investigator, and as an abductee myself, parents ask me what to do, what to say when children report strange, disturbing stories of being taken, of being subjected to unpleasant experiences. My approach goes something like this.

Parental Do Nots –

- (1) Do not remain ignorant of the abduction phenomenon. I highly recommend the research of Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs, Ph.D.
- (2) Do not remain silent, and refuse to discuss the subject with the child.
- (3) When there is sufficient indication of an abduction and the child is trying to tell you the truth or show you through drawings of what has been happening to him or her, do not pass it off as imagination, fantasy, or a bad dream.
- (4) Do not promise that you can stop the abductions. So far, it appears that humans do not have this choice.
- (5) Do not offer thought-constructs designed to lead the child away from facing his or her own fear. This will only lead to further conflict in the child’s mind.

Parental Can Dos –

- (1) Acknowledge to the child that there are some things that you, as a parent, cannot prevent, and that this is one of them. (I remember, with appreciation, hearing Budd Hopkins admonish an audience not to make false promises to a child.)
- (2) Acknowledge to the child that, yes, it may be unpleasant, even downright scary.
- (3) Remind the child that the aliens will bring them back; that it has happened before and the aliens have always brought them back home. This may seem small comfort in the

face of what's happening to the child, but it's important to remind the child of this light at the end of the tunnel of the abduction experience.

- (4) Sympathize with the child, gently reminding the child that he or she has survived so far, and will continue to survive.
- (5) Mention that other children, as well as grown ups, are going through the same ordeal, and they may be very confused by it as well.

- (6) Assure the child that you as parents love and support them and that you are there for them to the utmost of your ability, even though you cannot prevent this from happening.

- (7) Allow the child to face his or her own fear! Ultimately, every abductee must deal with his or her own fear. Nobody can step in and "make it right." No one can undergo, no one can endure this experience for you or me – or for our children. Each abductee goes through this experience alone. And the strength comes from facing one's own fear.

Does the U.S. Department of Energy Monitor Private UFO Groups?

by William E. Jones
MUFON State Director for Ohio

On Saturday, September 6, 1997, thanks to the hard work and financial sacrifice of MORA's Wendy Ban and Donald Weatherby, James Moseley's annual National UFO Conference – the 34th – was held at The Marketplace in downtown Springfield, Ohio. The Marketplace is a large old Victorian style building that once served the community as an opera theatre and civic meeting hall. It is important to note for this story that the parking lot for The Market is situated such that it would not logically serve any other building in the area. The featured speakers at the conference were Stanton Friedman, Dr. David Jacobs, Bruce Maccabee, Dr. Mindy Kopolow, Robert Galganski, and Rick Hilberg. The conference started at 8:45 a.m. and was over at approximately 8:30 p.m. An excellent dinner followed for those who wished to attend.

As the lively and well attended conference wound down to closure and people got in line to be served dinner I was advised that an official U.S. Government car had been seen parked in the parking lot. With curiosity over coming hunger, I proceeded downstairs and out into the parking lot in search of the car. After some effort, I indeed found the car, a relatively new gray Ford Taurus with a U.S. Government license plate numbered G10 74362. Hum! My curiosity increased.

I went back inside to summon help. I wanted a picture of that car. Fortunately, Ms. Ban had a camera. That done, I waited to see who might come out to retrieve the car, hoping that person wouldn't stay for dinner. I was getting hungry. I was not disappointed. Standing at a respectful distance, a distance that I assumed any well trained counterspy would use for covert surveillance, I saw a tall good looking younger man in casual clothes enter the car and drive away. I had seen this person during the sessions that day, so I confirmed to my own satisfaction that this car was being driven by a U.S. Government employee who had an official interest in UFOs. If this wasn't the case, why was he there in a Government car? Not being as smart a counterspy as I thought myself to be, I realized too late that I should have used Wendy's camera to take a picture of the man. However, I consoled myself by remembering that I was an amateur at this game. That was an honest mistake, the only one I would make. Well, not quite.



Ah, ha! I now had a story to investigate. I was on the trail of the U.S. Government's continued interest in UFOs and its covert surveillance of private UFO study groups. The fact that a "real" spy would not be so stupid as to park his or her car in the parking lot for all to see entered my mind, but it didn't dampen my enthusiasm. Maybe a "real" spy would hide his car in plain sight, thinking no one would notice...well, you get the picture. Edgar Allan Poe wrote about that technique. I was really on to something here.

Early the next week I fired up my word processor. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests went out to several nearby FBI and General Service Administration (GSA) offices. I wanted to know everything there was to know about "the reservation, release, use and return" of that car. I wanted a copy of that man's trip report and the paper work filled out when he checked out the car. Boy, I really felt like Stanton Freidman chasing the MJ-12 papers. I had the Government by the gonads. I was going to prove their continuing interest in UFOs through the obvious mistake of that young and obviously poorly trained secret agent. I should have known at the time that something was wrong. If this guy was a spy, why did he look so bored as he drove away?

I received the results much faster than I had anticipated. The FBI replied that "the above noted license plate number is not one that has ever been assigned to or used by the FBI." Should I believe them? Well, apparently so. Soon after I received their letter, the Dayton Fleet Management Center for the GSA responded that the "vehicle in question is under the control of the GSA Chicago Fleet Management Office." So, I fired off another FOIA letter to Chicago. I was getting warm.

Within a month I heard back from the Director for the GSA Fleet Management Office in Chicago. He advised me that the vehicle in question was "assigned to the U.S. Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratories at Argonne, Illinois." My heart skipped a beat when I read that. Wow! No one in ufology had learned that a DOE national laboratory might be the focal point for the U.S. Government's counter surveillance of private UFO groups. "Stanton Friedman hasn't even figured this out," I thought. The image of being the featured speaker at the next Mutual UFO Network convention danced before my eyes.

I sent an FOIA letter to the Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, confident that I was close to getting some sort of answer. How right I was; how unexpected the answer. On December 2, 1997, I received a letter from John P. Kennedy. With the letter was the sign-out sheet "for the Ford Taurus in question" and a trip report for the "weekend trip to Cedarville College in Ohio to pick up an aircraft alternator being loaned to the Argonne National Laboratory." My mind spun as I read that letter. "What does the loan of an aircraft alternator have to do with UFOs?" I thought. Well, not much as I learned after reading the trip report.

The name of the young man who I observed back in September driving off in that now infamous Ford Taurus was deleted from the trip report, but not much else was. The man indeed had driven down to Cedarville College to pick up the alternator on Friday, September 5th. He noted that the trip had taken "roughly five hours." His report explained what he was really doing in Dayton that day. "The trip was taken on a Friday so that only half a day of work would be spend [sic] in the process. Getting the part quickly enabled us to keep other aspects of the project from being delayed. We were able to integrate the rest of the system on Monday without further delay. We expect the test facility should be up and running very soon." He was in Dayton on business and it had nothing to do with UFOs. Was I ever humbled.

As I read further I became embarrassed both for me and for this unknown private citizen who apparently had enough curiosity to drive to Springfield from Dayton on his own time to attend our humble conference, a trip of but a few miles. In his report he stated, "That night I stayed in a nearby hotel in Dayton to return the next day. Since it was Saturday, I spent some time during the day in Dayton on my personal time (without driving outside the city) before I set out for the trip back. I arrived back in Chicago that evening." He attended the conference on Saturday before returning home. He returned the car to the GSA on Monday, his first day back to work. For all of my efforts, I had learned that a curious Government employee had driven a short distance on personal time in a Government car to attend the UFO conference. He in fact had left the city in spite of what he stated in his report, although if the city (Dayton) had been much bigger, he wouldn't have. For all of my trouble I had learned nothing about the

Government's possible continuing interest in UFOs. I did learn a little about how rumors get started. I just hope that I did not get one of our own – a private individual with a curiosity about UFOs – into trouble with his boss.

Similar Flying Saucers Observed by William E. Jones

In the 15th edition of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Francis Ridge wrote about an August 1973 Indiana sighting where a disk shaped flying saucer with a cone or spiral shaped effect was reported. (See Figure 1.) Shortly after this issue of the *Notebook* was published I obtained copies of several old issues of the now defunct *Oklahoma MUFON Newsletter*. In the March 1996 issue of that newsletter a similar type craft was described. (See Figure 2.) At approximately 6 p.m. on November 15, 1995, this object was observed in Hobart, Oklahoma by a 44 year old man from the front steps of his home. The object, which appeared solid and made of "multiple spheres compressed together," was at times seen to hover, descend, flutter, and spin. At the highest point of its movements, it made circular patterns in the sky "like an insect over a plant." The witness reported that "the coiled plasma stream spiraled downward."

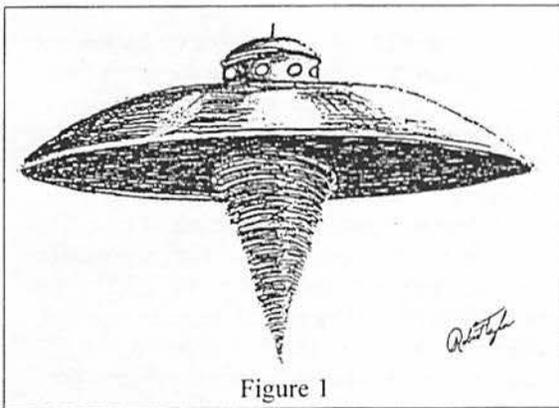


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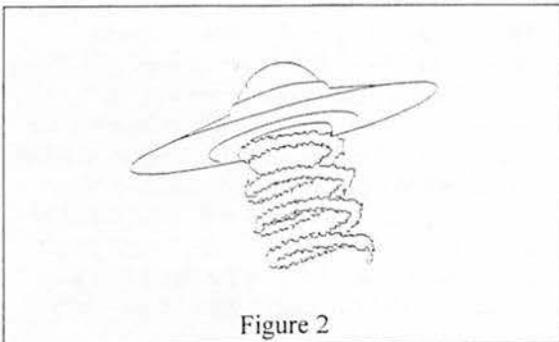
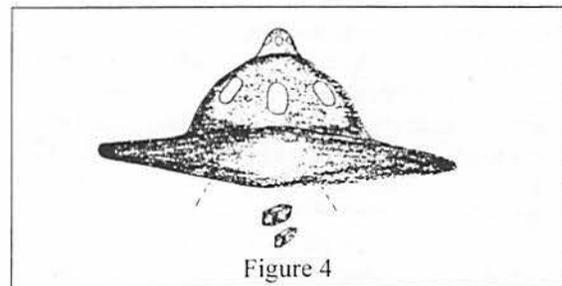
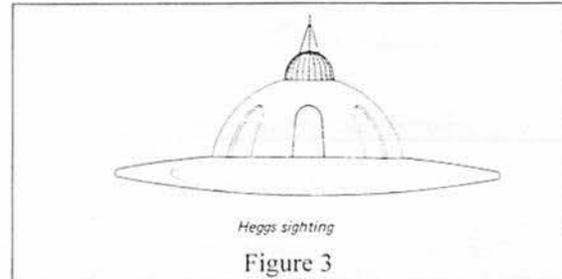


Figure 2

The sightings of two similar flying saucer like objects without the cone or spiral shaped effect were reported in the 11th issue of the *Canadian New World UFO Report*, Vol. 2, No. 3, 1971. In February 1968, a Mrs. M. Heggs observed one of these objects from her home in Bengough, Saskatchewan, (See Figure 3.) In September 1969, Sharon Radomski of Edmonton viewed a similar object over a nearby school. (See Figure 4.) It reportedly dropped two box like items that were never located.



We find the similarity of these reported objects noteworthy.

Another interesting saucer shaped object was reported seen from an automobile in March of 1966 (the exact date is unremembered) in a rural area near Tulsa, Oklahoma by a college student. (See Figure 5.) It was around 6:30 p.m. The sky was clear, the wind calm, and the temperature was in the 70s. The object had a mirror-like exterior finish. It was about 50 feet in diameter. A dark figure could be seen through some sort of window that was backlit by red light. The witness was within 30 feet of the object at its closest and it was observed for about ten minutes as it slowly moved out of sight. (Richard D. Seifried, who is a past MUFON Director for Ohio, provided this report.)

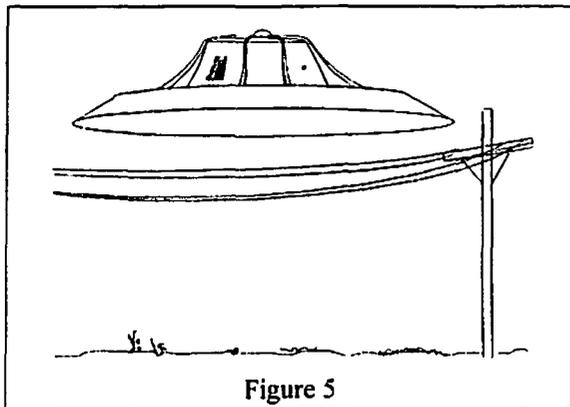


Figure 5

Four Recent Ohio Sightings

by Kenny Young, T.A.S.K.
Norwood, Ohio

On February 5, 1998 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Timothy J ___ of Gratis, Ohio, which is 15 miles southwest of Dayton, reported that his brother came into the house and stated there was a UFO outside. Timothy went outside and saw that this UFO was southeast of the house. He described it as, "Triangular and had a glow that contrasted against the sky. It had a light at each corner and three more in the center. Two of the outside lights blinked alternately with one center light. It made no sound and flew extremely slow." The Gratis Police Department and the Preble County Sheriff's Office were contacted. Their logs indicated that no one had contacted them about this sighting.

Ohio UFO investigator Jim Donohoe, publisher of the *Equinox Newsletter*, received a call at 7:45 a.m. on January 29, 1997 from a female resident of Bellville, Ohio. This resident reported a 'V' shaped object that had a bright light at the front and center. The rear of the object could not be seen clearly due to the brightness of the main light. The witness also described a "reddish glow" across a portion of the rear that would have been the rear edge. The object hovered at a high altitude for 25 minutes.

The sighting reportedly occurred at 7:07 a.m. in an area east of Zanesville, Ohio in Muskingum County.

The witness then called a nearby female resident who had also been watching the object for "a period of time" using binoculars. Through the binoculars, this witness described many objects

"maneuvering" to the larger object, seemingly to merge with it. No other witness reported this facet of the sighting.

A third witness, sister of the first reporter, was also contacted and she too observed the object. Its size was said to be at least one mile across the rear edge of the "craft," and said to be at an estimated 6 or 7 thousand feet. The three witness's judgement was based upon the object's estimated distance and.

The soundless object disappeared from sight as clouds moved into the area, hiding it from their view.

The *Zanesville Times-Recorder*, the Zanesville Police Department and the Muskingum County Sheriff's Department were contacted. Their logs indicated that no one had contacted them about this sighting.

On May 1, 1997 at approximately 7:50 p.m., two witnesses saw a rectangular object in the sky above Defiance, Ohio. It was seen at a 45-degree angle from the ground. It was shiny and appeared to be metallic. It left no exhaust trail and made no noise. The object was seen for about 10 seconds before it disappeared. There were no clouds in the sky at the time.

On February 28, 1998 at 12:30 a.m. a witness in Kenwood, Ohio was looking to the south from the Kenwood Towers apartment complex, overlooking the Lunken Airport area. The witness saw a pulsating red light, initially thinking it was the water tower in Mount Washington. Spotted were a string of four objects, in a line, headed east. They were said to be "the exact same red color as the lights on top of cell towers." They were thought to be a formation of planes, but there were no conventional strobe lights commonly seen on planes.

The four objects seemed to make a course change and turned to the north headed approximately ¼ mile east of the witness' location. They were coming in his direction. He claims as the first three objects flew past at a low elevation and separated by a distance of 50 to 100 feet apart, there was no sound that could be heard. The witness added that the fourth object, the last to go over, did have the noise like a Cessna or a muffled sound "like a hang glider, airplane, or helicopter."

The red lights could be seen across "maybe 45-degrees of the sky" at an elevation of less than a thousand feet, and moving at the speed of a slow moving airplane or helicopter. The third object at one point appeared to speed up and slow down, moving slightly out of formation and then back. No engine noise was heard to accompany this movement.

The witness is a former security guard at the apartment complex, who describes himself as a skeptic. He added that the objects, when first observed at a distance, were "too high" to have been airplanes taking off from Lunken Airport. They appeared to come from across the Ohio River passing over the airport. The witness added that his father, who lives in Oakley, also observed the phenomenon at the same time.

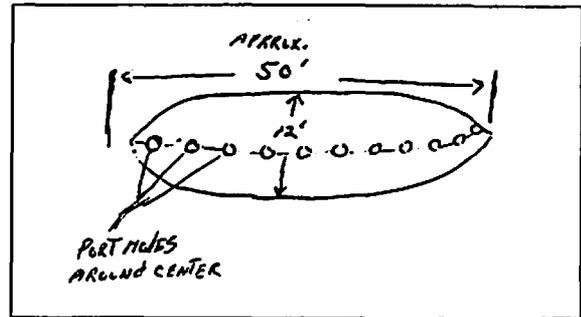
I accompanied the witness to the location of the sighting and interviewed him. He sounded sober and cognizant, and could easily recognize routine air traffic in the area. Lunken Airport can be seen clearly from this location. The physical appearance of the objects was said to be unlike common aircraft headlighting, with the exception of the fourth object. The witness was resistant to any suggestion that the objects sighted could be explained in conventional terms.

Sightings of Note

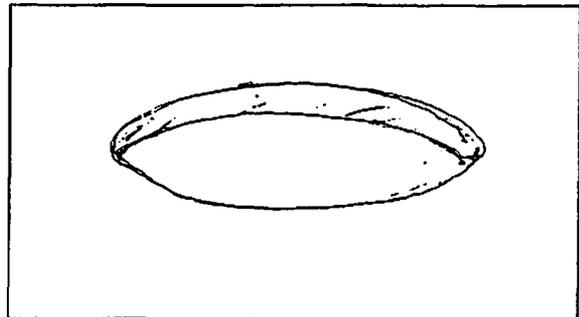
by Richard D. Seifried

MUFON State Director for Ohio, Retired

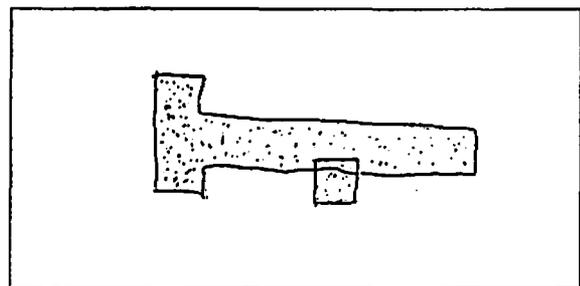
In August of 1952 a native American, who is a Marine Corps veteran and at the time the report was made (August 1983) an employee of the U.S. Park Service, observed a large disk shaped object over the family ranch on the north fork of Cutbank Creek, east of Glacier National Park in Montana. With him were his father and mother. It was in the early evening. The sky was clear. His father was outside when he called for the other two witnesses to come outside. The object was gliding silently at tree top level, moving from west to east. The closest it got to the witnesses was about 300 yards. Its color was "brownish gray" and it had "port holes." The object was in view for about 3 minutes before it moved out of sight behind some trees.



In mid-May of 1974 - exact date unknown - the witness was standing with her daughter on the sidewalk across the street from her home on Pepper Hill Drive in Kettering, Ohio. They had gone outside to view Saturn. The sky was clear. It was around 7 p.m.. They both noticed a bright object in the northeastern sky. It was silver or gray in color and round or saucer-like in shape. The object made no sound. It was several times as large as the full moon. It "orbited" the neighborhood for about thirty minutes before finally disappearing to the east.

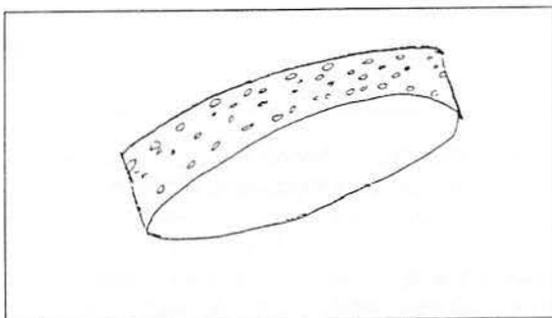


A large white "cigar-shaped object" showed up over a home on Peach Orchard in Oakwood, Ohio in October 1974 - exact date unknown. The time was 11:30 p.m.. The object was observed for approximately 2 minutes, heading from an eastern position in the sky and finally disappearing to the south. It was "covered with millions of white lights." The reporting witness and her neighbor saw the object.



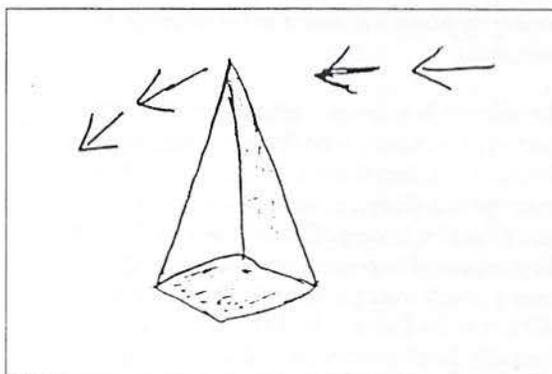
The next sighting occurred on August 20, 1977. Four witnesses, all known to the reporting witness, were at the scene. (The reporting witness is a Marketing graduate of Ohio State University and was a resident of Dayton, Ohio working as a Manufacturers Representative when this report was made in March 1992.) The object observed had multiple rows of lights on the side and a flat bottom and top. It made no sound.

"I was driving west on I-80 past Council Bluffs, Iowa, after dark. It was maybe 10 PM. There were violent thunderstorms in the general area, but at the time it was clear and good visibility. Later on, within an hour or two, we encountered unusually violent weather.. The UFO was in clear view over the Interstate. Everyone saw it in our two cars that were traveling together... We pulled off to the side of the highway and watched it hover over us. Watched it for 5 or 10 minutes. Then it flew over Omaha and disappeared in the lights of the city – the glare of lights reflected into the clouds over the city. As I remember, the object was always moving, though very slowly, from the highway toward the city. The only 'ordinary' object it resembled was a blimp with hundreds of lights on it, and I guarantee no blimp would venture out in that weather. This was an awesome sight. It appeared to be a huge object, as big or bigger than a blimp."

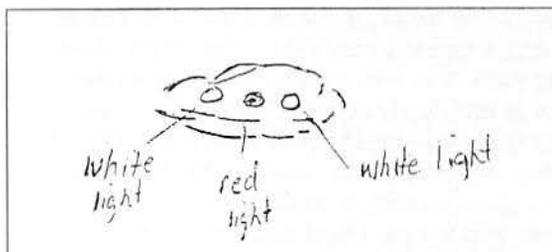


It was a Sunday in August of 1980. The exact date is not remembered, as is so often the case when investigating old cases. The reporting witness and his brother were walking through the parking lot of a shopping center in southwest Columbus, Ohio. The witness happened to look up to see a bright silver pyramid drifting in a downward motion from north to south. The pyramid shape was distinct, with the bottom and side darker than the rest of the object, consistent with the location of the sun at that time of day, approximately 3 p.m.. The witness estimated that the pyramid was 30 feet high and 25 feet across the base. He reached for a cheap pair of

binoculars that he happened to have in his pocket. When he glanced back at where the object had been, it was gone. His brother did not see the object clearly, noting that he only saw a "brief flash of silver." No unusual sounds were heard during the brief sighting.

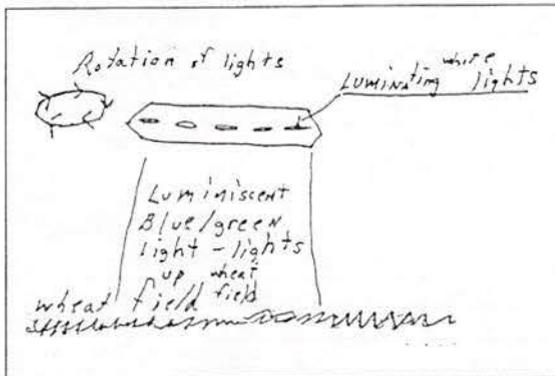


On February 7, 1981, the female witness happened to look out of a window of her home that faced southeast. She lived on Chatlake Drive, a street in the Huber Heights division of Dayton, Ohio. It was 1:15 a.m. The weather was cold with high clouds. "Looking out the window, I saw a bright white light behind some trees two blocks away and thought [it] was a plane from Wright-Patterson that was turning. I continued to watch the object since it was approaching [the house]. As the object neared I noticed it was quite low for a plane." She went to another room to get a camera. When she raised the camera to take the picture a red light came on that, for some reason, made her "jittery." The shape of the object became evident at this point. She looked away from the window. When she looked back the object and light were gone.

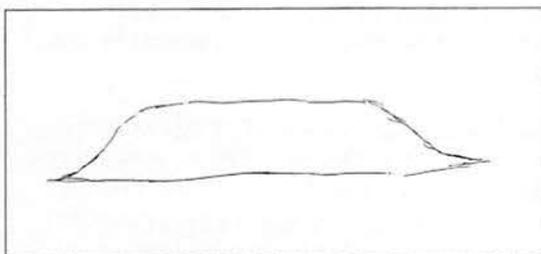


In November 1990, the witness, a high school student of 16, was out in the fields near Rosdale, Oklahoma hunting deer. It was about a half-hour before sunrise. The sky was clear and there was "dew" on the ground. He noticed a white light very close to the horizon, south of his position. At first, he thought it was a plane crashing.

When the light appeared to be at its closest (perhaps 100 yards) he looked at it through his riflescope and knew immediately that it was not a plane. He thought about squeezing the trigger on his rifle, but changed his mind. The craft – see the witness' drawing below – appeared to be 30 to 40 feet in diameter. It was perhaps 7 feet at its highest point. It appeared to be white in color and it made no noise. The craft moved off to the north and disappeared from view.



On January 27, 1993 at 12:37 AM CST, 30 year old Jeff Walton was on his third story apartment balcony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma looking for his cat. He noticed "a big light" – or as he also described it, "a form of solid light" - to the west over the Harvest Hills housing division. He estimated that it was less than 500 feet away from him and at an altitude of 180 feet, judging the distance from the top of the nearby telephone poles. As he looked at the light, he realized that it was apparently a craft of some sort shaped like half of a Frisbee and giving off a yellowish-orange light. It lighted up the rooftops as it passed over them. He estimated that this craft was 200 feet long and 80 feet in height. It was moving slowly to the west, perhaps at 20 to 30 mph. He had the craft in sight for about 1½ minutes before it was gone "like turning out or off a light." The witness estimated that the object was three to four blocks away from his position when it disappeared. (Investigator: Ms. Lori Theis, Oklahoma City.)

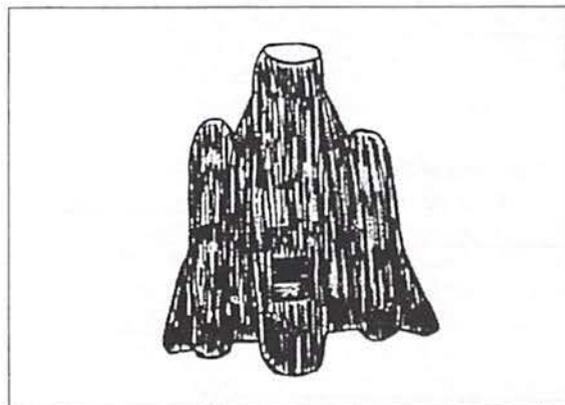


La Crosse, Washington December 29, 1994

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At approximately 2145 hours on Thursday night, December 29, 1994, a mother (with her six children) was driving north on the Zaring Cut-Off Road in southeastern Washington State, just 5 miles north of the Snake River. Several of her children started shouting, and called the mother's attention to three extraordinary bright lights above a recently harvested wheat field off to the right (east) side of the road. At first they thought the lights were landing lights of an airliner at low altitude, perhaps making a force landing in the field, and flying directly toward them. Then one of the older children suggested the lights were the headlights on a "semi" (an 18-wheel truck), but they almost immediately realized that description didn't fit either.

Suddenly, the family began to see the objects that were attached to the three lights, and they were awed by the vision. They saw three coal black, delta-shaped craft, with articulating structures on their noses, from which the blinding lights were radiating. They appeared to be scanning the ground ahead of them. The objects, apparently locked in tight, unwavering formation, slowly drifted across the road (and car) at very low speed, slowly turned left (south) and proceeded south parallel to the road the family was on.



The mother reported that [when] the objects were right above their car, they gave off a barely perceptible humming sound ("...like an electric refrigerator...") and they were close enough that a "person with a good throwing arm could have

hit them with a rock." When the Center investigator talked to her on January 1, 1995, she was still seemingly upset by the experience. She volunteered that she was frightened to either drive, or even go outside, after dark, which is not uncommon among people who have had recent UFO experiences.

The Center noted that they have received many reports of "ships of quite similar shape" from all over the country. While this is not an Ohio report, we have included it here because Ohio has been the location for many sightings of unusual craft that may be man-made. This has been particularly true for the western Ohio area around Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Perhaps craft such as those reported here have been seen in that area. If you know of any such reports, please contact MORA.

Small UFOs Idaho, September 28, 1976

Elmer McCormack, then a married 26-year-old student with one child, was studying to be a farm equipment mechanic at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He was on his way to class a little after 6 a.m. between Gooding and Wendall when he was confronted the unknown. He was driving towards Wendell about 3 ½ miles outside of Gooding. The area is a desert and sparsely inhabited. Suddenly, bright lights turned on from a location on the highway directly ahead of him. After breaking to a halt, McCormack could make out three disc shaped objects hovering in a triangular formation about fifty feet ahead of him. He estimated that they were about six feet in diameter and had three "small port-holes" on the side facing him that were three to four inches in diameter.

A short time after he stopped, the two objects farthest from him rose quickly leaving a trail of "the most beautiful colors I have ever seen" which McCormack described as being "four dimensional with corners and [a] solid-appearing configuration." He reported that he could see up into the multi-colored trail, with the same effect as looking down a long tube or pipe.

"The one that was left had kind of a fluorescent beam that it shot out of the center porthole and that hit the car and myself. It surrounded and illuminated the whole car. I felt like I was being hit by a B-B gun...no, I think it was more like somebody having millions of little needles and

sticking them at you and it [the light] would come on every second, just continuous, and a loud, high pitched noise came with it. It was a hurting noise that really hurt my head. It was so loud and high pitched that I think it would have killed a dog," he explained.

"The colors [of the light coming from the object] went out like fingers but you could see every corner on them, like four cornered lights every time they changed color. They must have shot 30 feet out. I think if it wouldn't have been hurting me so bad, I would probably have stayed there a couple of minutes to look at it because those were the most beautiful colors I've ever seen. It's hard to describe, they were so pretty because they were so bright."

McCormack said he felt the light starting to work on his head. "It felt like it was working on my brain, trying to pull all the knowledge and memories out. Every thought that I thought in my whole life felt like it left in a second." He finally reacted by attempting to back up his car to get away since he feared for his life. All of his reactions were sluggish and "it felt kinda like being in slow motion. It felt like I was being paralyzed." He thinks he experienced a short blackout, because the next thing he remembered was driving away from the light. It still was trained on the car and caused him pain wherever it touched him.

While driving away the car's radio went dead, the headlights dimmed, and he had to pump the gas pedal continually to keep the car from stalling. Finally after getting about a half mile away he could no longer see the light in his rear view mirror and the car operated normally. However, he was temporarily disoriented, not knowing where he was going. Later he became slightly nauseated and sick to his stomach. He returned to his home in Gooding, waking his brother-in-law and convincing him to return to the site. Upon arriving where the event had occurred, they found nothing. However, during their return drive both men saw a UFO over the mountains north of Gooding that matched McCormack's description on the objects he had seen.

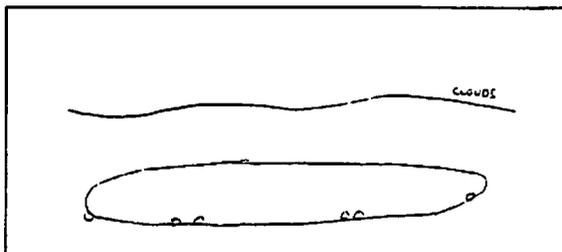
McCormack later contacted the Chief of Police who suggested that he contact the newspaper. He told the newspaper regarding the light, "Maybe they thought I was intruding or trying to attack them. If I was a second later on the brakes I

would have hit them.” He also wondered if they were waiting in the road for somebody to come along. He explained that this was the worst experience of his life. “I wouldn’t want to go through it again. I’ll probably remember it for the rest of my life. I know there’s a lot of people who won’t believe me, but I don’t care because I think something like this should get out in case it ever happens to someone else.”

Source: *Gooding County Leader*, Gooding, Idaho 83330, Vol. 69, No. 46, Thursday, September 30, 1976, “Story of UFO Encounter Told.”

**Dayton, Ohio
March 1990**
by Dave Miller, MUFON

It was 9:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening, March 18, 1990. The witness, a 19-year-old college student had just returned from a trip to Michigan. After speaking with her mother at their Oakwood home, the witness and her boyfriend walked outside into her backyard and then decided to take a walk. They walked to the Dayton Country Club Golf Course and stopped to sit and view the evening stars. Temperature was about 50-55 degrees. After about ten minutes they noticed a cylinder shaped object in the dark sky. “It was just below cloud level,” stated the female witness. “It was partly cloudy and I could see it clearly below the clouds. There were lights on the front and sides, white sparkling lights.” The object was approaching from the south, heading north towards Dayton. “The lights did not blink,” she continued. “I’m familiar with airplane lights and none of the lights blinked.” The object stopped once for about 30 seconds and then accelerated again heading north. The witness estimated the object was about 2 miles distant; no discernable sound was detected. She indicated that it was very quiet on the golf course as no golfers were obviously playing at night and only a private road was nearby. The object was viewed a total of two to three minutes.



The witness’s boyfriend would not talk about the incident. The *Dayton Daily News* archives revealed no additional reports of unusual objects sighted on that evening.

Large, Bright Object Over Springfield, Ohio
by Don Weatherby and Wendy Ban
Mutual UFO Network

At about 9:50 p.m. on March 10, 1996, Mrs. Georgia Otto and her husband, a retired minister, were returning home from an evening meeting and were walking in the direction of the Wittenberg College campus. When they arrived at their house, they noticed a bright white light motionless in the sky due west at about 50 degrees elevation above the campus. Mr. Otto, who had been in poor health, went into the house, but Mrs. Otto stayed outside to observe the light, which she had already concluded was much too bright to be a planet. She remembered that her son had left his binoculars at the house, so she dashed inside, got them, came back out, and focused them on the light.

The light appeared to be approximately 0.25 to 0.5 miles away, which is the distance from the house to the tower on the Wittenberg campus. The light filled the entire field of the binoculars, and Mrs. Otto could observe details of its appearance and motion. In a tape recording made the next day, she described the light, actually an object, as follows:

“It wasn’t moving but it was hovering, and as I watched it, suddenly it tilted towards the ground, and that brought the back surface of it up so that I could see half of the top surface of whatever it was. It was dark, but there were bright yellow lights like windows spaced evenly. I could see seven, maybe, and they were bright, bright yellow and around the perimeter were like little black dots.

“And then it hovered and then straightened down again so that I could see only a bright object in the sky. But as I watched it, it tilted in the opposite direction so the bottom tilted up and I could see part of the bottom surface, which seemed to be a light color. But in the middle was a black hole, and out of that hole were projected searchlights, not moving, but fixed lights as if they were focused on something. On the part of the object that I could see there were five or six of these bright spotlights shining down.”

In an interview, Mrs. Otto stated that some of the projecting beams criss-crossed, and in the areas where they intersected, the color of the light was blue, not white.

“And as I watched it, it slowly hovered back flat and then all I saw was this bright, bright object in the sky. But as I watched it, eventually it tilted up slightly again so that I could see the top upper surface and again saw the dark shape with these paced yellow bright glowing lights or windows. And it tilted gently down again flat and then up so that I could see the top portion of the bottom of whatever it was.”

In all, the object tilted seven times so portions of the top and bottom were alternately visible. Mrs. Otto could observe structure around the yellow-gold lights or “windows” that resembled rivets or rings. The overall shape of the object reminded her of a Ludens cough drop or a water tower. She could not hear any sound associated with the object.

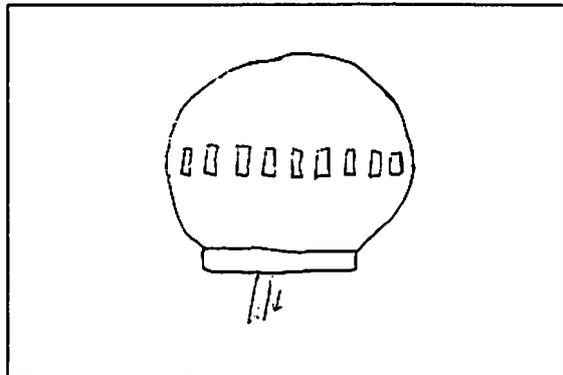
After observing for about 10 minutes, Mrs. Otto went into the house for a camera, thinking to photograph the object. Unfortunately, the film was used up. She called the newspaper to see if anyone had reported anything strange in the sky. No one had, and since it was now 10:15 p.m., she hesitated to call anyone else. She went back outside for another look at the object, but it was no longer visible. The next day Mrs. Otto talked to a friend, who suggested she tape-record a description of what she had seen.

Dayton, Ohio
August 1966
by Dave Miller, MUFON

It was a hot muggy night in August of 1996 in west Dayton, Ohio. A 44-year-old woman, who we will call Kathy, was returning home from her job as manager of a drive-in theatre with her 18-year-old daughter who we will refer to as Betty. Kathy left the drive-in at 3:20 a.m. after she finished her closing duties. Betty was driving and Kathy was in the front passenger seat. As they drove southwest on Soldiers Home Road near where the Channel 22-television station is located, Kathy told her daughter to pull over as she thought she saw a shooting star. Betty pulled off the road and turned off the headlights of their car. It was a clear night and there were many high television and radio station towers in the area. The car windows were already down since

it was hot and muggy. Both women leaned out the windows to watch the sky.

“It – the shooting star – was the size of a normal star when we first saw it,” stated Kathy, “as I always wanted to see the entire cycle of a shooting star. The star gradually became bigger and descended toward us.” It quickly became apparent that the object was not a star, shooting or otherwise. Kathy estimated, at it’s closest distance, the object to be ¼ mile away from the women’s car beyond some power lines that crossed the highway. “The saucer was round, a silver-gray aluminum color everywhere but the lights and windows. The object was solid, not whirling. It seemed slightly bigger than a hot air balloon,” stated Kathy.



After a short period, a bright white spotlight shined straight down. A row of oblong shaped lights was on constantly. The lights had every color of the rainbow. As the women watched, a car came down the road behind the women’s car with its headlights on. “The saucer immediately went abruptly left, down behind some trees in a field next to where the television station is at,” stated Kathy. The object was not seen again. After a minute passed, Betty started the car and the women continued home. When asked if any sound was heard from the object, Kathy repeated that it was hot and the windows were down the entire time, but the saucer made no sounds. “There were very few houses on the road or anything else that would have made a distracting noise at 3:30 a.m. in the morning,” Kathy said. “If it had made a noise, we would have heard it.” The total duration of the sighting was approximately 3 minutes.

Bits and Pieces

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo Astronaut, Speaks Out

Dr. Edgar Mitchell said the following at a conference in October of 1997:

"In our briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Group, it became very clear to us that they were naïve. They did not really know any more about this effort than we do, if as much. That is because, as Bob Dean pointed out earlier, most of the people in government were not in government when I retired twenty five years ago. They are younger people. The files going back fifty years just no longer exist. They've either been purged, compromised or whatever. They don't exist. So when we blame government for not being forthright, they really don't have anything to be forthright about, at least at that level.

"Now, somewhere there's knowledgeable people, and Steven [Greer] has ferreted out quite a few of them. And in my own efforts in talking with these folks, and talking with government, the question often comes up as to how they could have kept this a secret for so long. And friends, they haven't. It's been around us all the time, but is has been denied and obscured.

...
"Much of what we are seeing now is what many people didn't want to see either. There's been a massive effort at creating that, of denying the obvious, of saying that you're not seeing what's sitting right in front of you right now, thus causing doubt in your mind. It is amazingly effective. So, documentation and evidence, that is probably the smoking gun type of evidence, has been totally compromised by saying that it's simply not true. So it is not true that they [the government] have kept the secret. They haven't kept the secret, but it has been totally compromised by misinformation and disinformation.

"Now for my own experience. I have no first hand experience like so many of you. I have not encountered a UFO, and we did not have them trailing, as far as we know, going to the moon. We did not meet anyone on the moon... We did it just like we say we did, and I want to assure you, from that period of time up until the current time, NASA was one of the organizations ignorant of this type of activity. And the prevailing wisdom

in NASA (at-the-time) was that we didn't even think about it. It was a ridiculous idea that we would encounter beings on the moon.

...
"For me with all the evidence, it's not a matter of believing, it's a matter of the preponderance of evidence, and the evidence keeps building. The sightings keep happening. So it is clear that if they are ET, and I will question some of the sightings as to if they are ET, they are making their presence known. I also think that the prevalence in the modern era of so many events – the sightings, the continual mutilation events, the so-called abduction events – that we are looking at likely reverse engineered technology in the hands of humans that are not under government control or any type of high level control. I find that quite alarming.

"With regard to the technology itself, I work with folks who do know what is in our technological data base and what is available to modern armies. The so-called ET technology, the ability to have silent engines and flying machines that make no sound, flying machines that have the characteristics that are consistent with reproduction of UFO sightings, are not in any nation's arsenal, but they do exist. So if there are back engineered technologies existing, they are probably in the hands of this group of individuals, formerly government, formerly perhaps intelligence, formerly under private sector control with some sort of oversight by military or by government. But this [oversight] is likely no longer the case as a result of this access denied category that is now operating. I call it a clandestine group. The technology is not in our military arsenals anywhere in the world, but it does exist, and to me that's quite disconcerting.

"I do work with a number of groups. We do know about some of the things that the technologies are used for, and I want to assure you that these technologies are not that far beyond our current state of knowledge. Now understanding it scientifically, understanding how it can be, is a long way from having a fully developed usable technology. But if in our knowledge we can understand how it has to be in order to create that technology, we're not that far away. So I want to assure you that we're not talking about technologies that are so farfetched that we can't understand them. They're just beyond the technological horizon.

"I want to tell you that it doesn't appear we need to be using ultra-dimensions and wormholes, etc., for this. It looks like our three-dimensional or four-dimensional space-time universe is about what it appears to be, and that we can operate within that space-time universe with these types of technologies. We have tended, like the ancients of old, to have invented myths about too many dimensions and time travel, wormhole travel, etc., and it doesn't look like that's necessary to explain what we're seeing."

Another Insider Report

Jacquie Witherrite and Shirlee Teabo write a column for the Tacoma, Washington *News Tribune* entitled "The Curious Psychic." In their June 29, 1997 column they wrote about a friend named Charlie who had an important story to tell. One night on a beach in front of a warm fire under a star-studded sky, Charlie recounted that story. In the 1950s he was a member of a top-secret group made up of people from the various armed forces whose job it was to investigate UFO reports and to deprogram those who reported seeing UFOs or alien beings. "We used sophisticated psychological techniques and drugs to convince them what they had experienced had never taken place," he said. "We were to change their perception of events until they supported the 'correct truth.'"

He told of a spacecraft that had crashed near Ogden, Utah. It had been taken to a nearby abandoned military base where it was housed in an old hanger while it was studied. His unit guarded the facility. The base was deactivated again after the contents of the hanger where hauled away.

Charlie told his friends that the reason for all of the security over the UFO subject was to save our planet from ruin. Proof of alien intelligent life would cause global chaos. The religious, political, and economic threads that bind the civilizations of the world together would break. It was imperative that the secret be kept until the peoples of the world could be made ready for the shocking truth. Charlie said he agreed with the government's position on this matter.

Charlie said that he didn't want his story told as long as he was still alive. "There were seven of us," he said of the group we worked with. "I am the only one that is not either dead or in some way incarcerated." Several years later he was

sent to prison for a crime that his reporter friends were convinced he couldn't possibly have committed. He told his friends that his "Achilles' heel" was his need for freedom. "Prison changed me from a patriot to a paranoid. Years ago, I thought I was protecting my country. Later I realized I was a pawn in a game of power and deception. But we can't change it by shouting 'The emperor has no clothes!' from the rooftops. It is too dangerous out there." A few years later in Tacoma Charlie was found dead on his sailboat.

There are many stories such as this one that have been told, and probably many more waiting to be told. Someone needs to collect them to see if there are any commonalities that might help lead us to the truth. It is with that spirit that we report this story here.

Scientists and UFOs by Dennis Stacy

The following is an excerpt from an email message from Dennis Stacy to Greg Sandow dated May 6, 1998 on the Project 1947 mailing list. We think it presents a point of view that needs to be understood by those of us who want science to take a serious interest in UFOs. Printed here with the permission of Dennis Stacy.

Why would a young scientist want to leave SETI (the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence), where real science is done on a daily basis, for the ufology he might encounter through, say, a book like Philip Corso's Day After Roswell?

By real science here I simply mean that the context of the question of ETI already exists, along with the physical instrumentation of a sophisticated sort, along with the possibility – however remote – of a huge personal and scientific payoff, should SETI succeed.

So he/she bolts SETI for ufology – and then what? Where does he set up his lab, where does he point his instruments, and where does he collect his samples? If he wants to study UFOs, he's basically got a body of literature that consists (not entirely, but) almost exclusively of anecdotal reports. Thumbing through that ought to consume a few years of his scientific career just for starters.

Or, say he/she wants to study abductions. Does he/she change their doctorate degree from electrical engineering or radio telemetry to psychology and/or electron microscopy, the better, supposedly, to investigate alleged implants? Can he/she even be sure that UFOs and abductions are necessarily one and the same?

And if much of what mainstream ufology seems to think is factually based, i.e. UFOs and abductions are both fairly common phenomena, he or she might be forgiven for wondering why, then, pray tell, hasn't SETI succeeded to date?

The bottom line is that science and scientists no longer need UFOs, if they ever did, to think about and research the question of Extraterrestrial Intelligence. They can speculate about warp drives and propulsion systems based on science fiction and Star Trek, if they want to. They do not need a 30-year-old RB-47 radar-visual case to do so.

The fact of the matter is that new instrumentation (Hubble Telescope, Mars probes, etc.) has made 'orthodox' science more exciting than ever. Something new and previously unknown or even suspected about the cosmos is turning up on almost a daily basis.

Why leave that for a ufology all too publicly identified with the Mars Face and routine accusations of cover-up lodged against NASA, remote viewing and the Hale-Bopp companion, Heaven's Gate, Bob Lazar and Area 51, the alien autopsy film, the MJ-12 documents, and who knows how many crashed UFOs and recovered alien bodies at Roswell?

One really has to wonder which is better: more scientists willing to study the findings of ufology, or more ufologists willing to study the findings of SETI and associated sciences?

Jerry Clark is always saying that ufology should be judged by its best, not its worst, aspects, and I don't think anyone would disagree with him. However, one also has to face facts. When the ratio is 10% or less 'good' to 90% or more 'bad', then one has a very serious public relations problem. It is going to be a very young scientist who's attracted to ufology, in other words.

By way of example, at least 30 major UFO books were published last year and thus far this year. Would anyone care to draw up a short list

of the ones he or she would recommend to a disaffected SETI scientist?

Letters to MORA

Bill:

Keep up your good work!

Donald A. Buchanan
Columbus, Ohio

Bill:

I have to say I'm still skeptical about the Monsanto story [see Kenny's article "The Monsanto Research Complex and the 'Seeding' of America" in the *Ohio UFO Notebook #15*], but it does seem to 'fit right in' with the recovered saucer lore and the Corso allegations. Then I turn around and consider the secretive operations there and the other projects by EG&G, Wackenhut, Monsanto/Mound/DOE, etc. I wish I had the answers.

Kenny Young
Norwood, Ohio

Dear Bill:

The Czech Republic is treating me well, but it took more than a year to really settle in and feel comfortable. I can now communicate in the Czech language and make myself understood, although the grammar is as hard as Latin.

As of right now and most likely into the future my thinking on this abduction stuff is this. They are here for their own agenda and purpose. I feel that it is to gather raw genetic material, and whatever natural materials we have on Earth to just take at their own will. Our planet is a big magnificent junk yard/botanical garden/zoo to them and what they are doing is not for our good. However, I feel that in a threat of some huge possible human problem, like...actual war stuff that could permanently screw up the planet for a few thousand years, I think they will intervene. They don't want us to screw up the planet any more than it is. Then where would they get their stuff????

Time: January 27, 1997. Approximate time of incident, 3 a.m. or a little after:

Had a peculiar early morning today. I believe that the other beings came and visited me again for tissue muscle joint stuff. I recall a strange "dream" or whatever where I observed my arm with a small tube with fire at one end, like spot welding on my arm. I remember seeing this and at first my thoughts transformed it into a strange pipe with a lit glowing resin at one end burning on my arm...above the inner part of my elbow. After watching this for a time, my mind clicked and I was like "OOWW!!! That's my arm!!" I flinched, became a bit more coherent and sat up in bed. I felt tingly and was in a cold sweat. I [also] heard faint electronic beeps for some minutes or whatever before I sat up.

I wasn't too scared and for a moment I could see a being going through the door out onto the balcony. I recall being completely conscious awake at this time and seeing energy patterns in our bedroom and knowing that they were present. I communicated (mentally of course) that I wanted to see them with my own eyes, like for real, but they said that they exist in another dimension or frame than our eyes can really see.

I would have dismissed [this] as one of my strange "dreams" but...20 minutes ago I was waiting for my water for tea to boil. I crossed my arms and put my right hand on my left inner arm area and...something hurt. It feels like a bad spider bite but there's no swelling and the bad feeling is not noticeable unless you put pressure on the area. The area is hot, like to touch. It's warmer than the rest of my arm. There is also a slight bruising around the area.

I [also] noticed that I have some sort of strange rash/red marks on my upper thigh and the infamous triangle mark is back along with a series of three rows of dots.

This is the first time anything has happened to me since I got here. They know me; I'm not afraid of them anymore...It seems quite one-sided, like they have all the power. And what is this muscle tissue collecting bit? Whatever it may be, I still feel like I lose and they gain. It's like when you are a child and you really believe in Santa and he supposedly comes and brings you presents while you're asleep; but you're never able to see Santa when he comes. When I was little I thought that he must be invisible. Kinda like these guys who visit me when I'm asleep, only I get no presents, they aren't my parents, and most certainly they are alive in some

sense of the word. So what do I get? Just some strangely explained marks, and a bit of metaphysical testing on their part. They still play this thief in the night game. When will we really understand them? It's just not fair.

Jennifer Perkins-Kopecká
Czech Republic

Jennifer was previously a resident of Ohio. We met her while she attended a college in Columbus as an art student. She has experienced strange abduction-like events throughout her life. After her graduation from college she married a Czech national and is now living in Europe.

One of Jennifer's drawings is pictured on page 21.

Dear Mr. Jones:

In issue #14 of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, I read your report "West Carrollton, Ohio, May 24, 1997." I believe I can identify the "object" that Phillip D. Short reported.

Mr. Short's verbal description accurately represents a natural phenomena that I have seen many times. He certainly describes it better and more succinctly than I could.

The "object" he describes is probably a flock of birds, perhaps 100 to 300 of them. The shape changes as he describes occur when the individual birds shift position in the flock...The "object" disappears quite suddenly when the individual birds reach a distance where their size is beyond the resolution limit of the human eye.

Alan Zerla, MUFON
Steubenville, Ohio

Dear William:

I have just returned from South Africa where I have been since January trying to promote my new UFO book - UFOS OVER AFRICA. I don't think I was very successful though, as the South Africans appear to be abysmally uninformed about UFOs and I find that unless denigrating everything they can, the newspapers won't even accept an article on a good local sighting. Also, both here in Zimbabwe and in South Africa, the local currency has dropped to an all-time low to the American dollar and the

British pound. At one time it was almost on par and now it is 5 to your dollars in South Africa and 16 to our dollar. One has only to multiply the cost of my book US\$15.95 by 5 or 16 and you will realize how expensive it is. Unfortunately, our salaries have not gone up in comparison, so people just cannot afford the costs of books.

There is so little response from investigators in Africa so that I am the only one recording all these cases, but the interesting thing is that I keep on getting them, and the most unusual reports. I cannot believe that it is such a small country and the amount of UFO incidents that occur. As our people seem to be more liberally disposed to UFOs than elsewhere in Africa, I am

lucky to have such marvelous cases! Over the last few years there have been no major cases in South Africa and with their population about three times that of Zimbabwe, I find it quite incredible. I am sure the cases are there, people just don't know where to go.

I know Africa is so remote, people tend to be more parochial, but the UFO syndrome is such a fascinating subject, warts and all, that I feel, even if we don't have a break-through, keeping records is just as important.

Cynthia Hind
Harare, Zimbabwe

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Jennifer's Drawing – See page 20.

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