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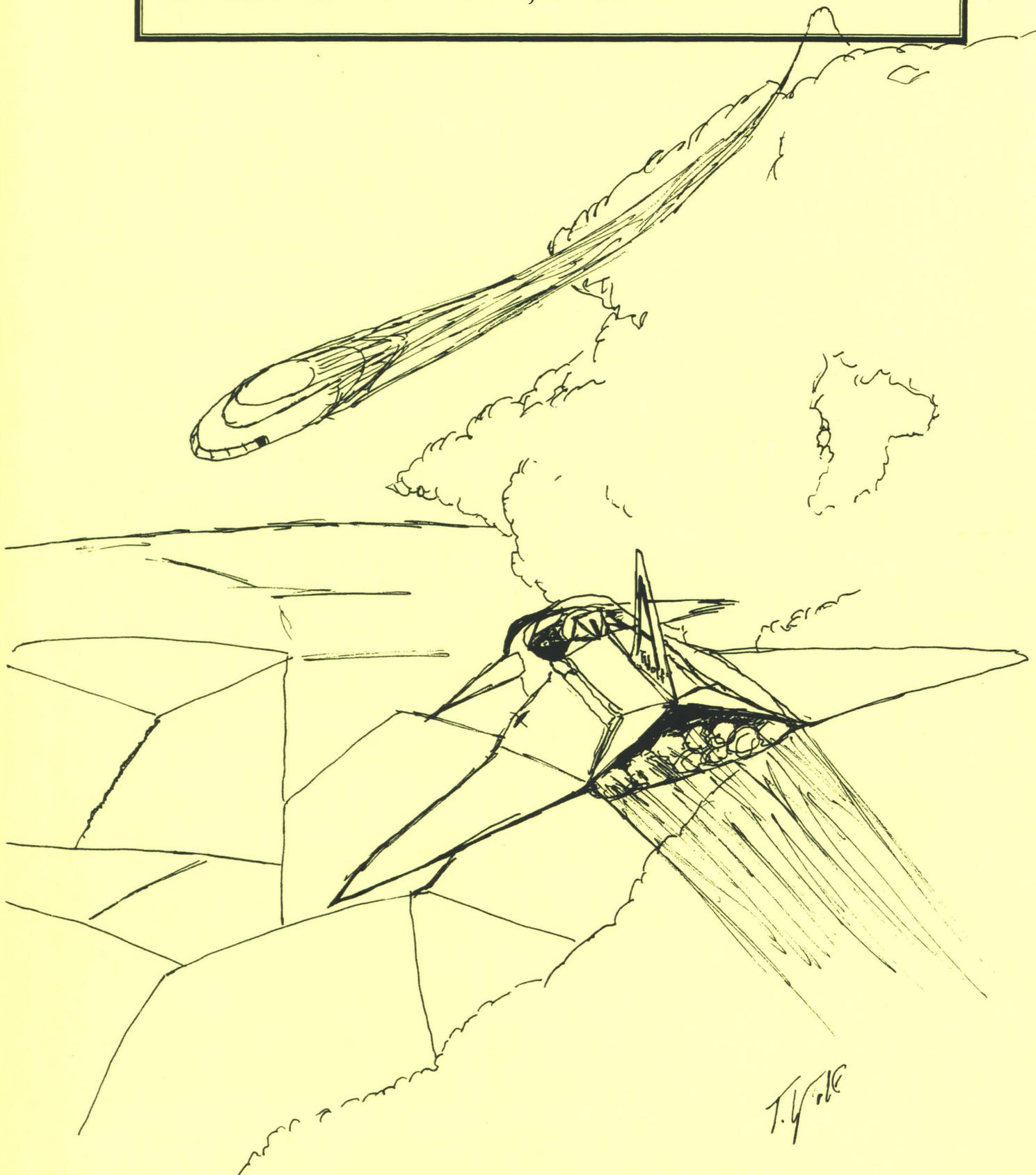


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Mysterious Warning at the 1995 MUFON Symposium

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A good friend, his fiancée and I had decided to take a vacation by going to the 1995 Mutual UFO Network symposium in Seattle, Washington that year. We traveled there by Amtrak, leaving Cleveland on Tuesday and arriving in Seattle on Friday. We attended the symposium on Saturday and Sunday, meeting a few friends from Ohio, but talking with few others who we didn't know. In the evening we spent little time around the Red Lion Hotel after the speeches were over, electing to go out on the town, so to speak.

After the symposium on Monday we secured a rental car in order to do some sight seeing and shopping around Seattle. We traveled north to the Boeing aircraft plant for a tour, and then drove around the nearby rain forest and then out to the ocean. We returned to Seattle to eat and then went over to the world famous Pike Street Market, arriving at 4:00 PM. We stayed until 6:00 PM.

The crowd at the market was heavy, as we were shoulder to shoulder with other people most of the time. Since I was tired and interested in watching some of the fishermen as they sold their fish while signing to their customers, I found a nearby bench to sit on. My friend Harold and his fiancée went into a nearby spice and gift shop. As I sat there, I noticed a man walking toward me who was making eye contact with me. Having been a law enforcement officer for 19 years, I know that most people in a crowd will not make eye contact for more than an instant. This guy was staring me down, which was a bit unnerving.

The man was clean cut in appearance, 5' 10", short black hair, dressed in tan pants and a pullover short sleeve shirt. At first I thought this guy might be some sort of law enforcement officer, given his appearance and demeanor. He fit the stereotype. He got within a couple of yards of me, looked towards the store into which my friends had gone, stopped, changed facial expressions, and then turned around and walked away. I turned to see what changed his mind. Harold and his fiancée were walking towards

me. They told me they were going into the shop next to it. I looked around, but the man was nowhere to be seen. Five minutes later he was back, coming right at me with the same determination that was on his face before, this time walking faster. He appeared to be surer of himself.

He came up to me and said hello. I replied, "Hi, how are you?" He said he was fine and while doing so, sat down on the bench beside me. For him to do this really meant he had a purpose. I am a large man, and even thought there was enough room for the two of us, there wasn't much of it left over. He sat there for a couple of seconds and looked into the crowd. He then turned back looking over my shoulder towards the store where my friends had gone. This made me feel uncomfortable, as I thought that maybe I was being set up to be robbed or something.

He looked back at me, gave me a little smile, and said, "How are you enjoying your vacation?" I thought he was being a little personal, but I replied, "Great." He then pulled out a small black wallet and showed me a U.S. Army ID. As a Deputy Sheriff, I have seen hundreds of IDs over my career, and I recognized this one as a legitimate item. He then closed the wallet and put it back in his pocket, saying, "Terry, you are involved in something that you need to be careful with. I have been in the Army for over 20 years, and there are real things going on that you should not get involved with. I know that you enjoy this subject, but be very careful in what you get into. I hope you guys enjoyed your train trip here, and your stay. Have a good time in Denver, and a nice train ride back to Cleveland, but always be careful." At that he stood up and walked back into the crowd. I was dumbfounded. I sat there for a minute, and actually began to shake. I WAS SCARED! This man came out of nowhere, knew my name, and knew what I was doing here and where I was from. True, at the symposium I wore a nameplate, and this person most likely had been there. However, there was no way he should have known that I was going to lay over in Denver to see the sights. I felt that

the government had just invaded my privacy, and that I was supposed to have felt threatened.

A few seconds after the man left, my friends returned. Harold's fiancée looked at me and said, "Are you OK? You look white as a ghost." I then told them what happened. I stood up and looked over the crowd, but could not find him. I must admit that this experience somewhat ruined the rest of my vacation as I was constantly looking around me and could not relax the rest of the week.

Nothing else like this has occurred to me in the past and to the best of my knowledge, nothing became of it. Sometime last year, I was training a new recruit for our department, a female who

had been in the Air Force for over 6 years in the Air Police. I told her about what happened to me. She told me that she had worked in some areas of high sensitivity concerning national security matters. She noted, "You definitely got a warning. He was telling you to stay away or be careful with something." She started to laugh and said, "You are interested in a very controversial issue, one in which I have seen some things at air bases that I don't understand, and that we have, and that I cannot talk about, but I think that man was probably on the job."

That was all she had to say to get my paranoia up again. I guess you just never know who is watching you, and everything you do.

J. Allen Hynek – A 'Rocket Man'

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Five months after the closing of Project Blue Book and the termination of his twenty-one year "scientific consultancy to the Air Force", Allen Hynek was once again under contract to the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He was listed as a "Special Government Employee" (the quotation marks exist on the contract sheets). This work, under Civil Service status, continued through four consecutive annual contracts, with the stipulation that his service was not to exceed 20 days per year. His salary was \$107 per day, and his employment was intermittent, with no pre-scheduled regular tour of duty. He actually worked only a few days each contract period. Although his contract was renewed effective May 4, 1974, he was only paid for one day during the pay period and there is a notation on the sheet which indicates Termination – "no other work available." Soon after October 26, 1973, which was probably his next-to-last, and almost certainly a most significant and traumatic working day, Allen Hynek announced the formation of his Center for UFO Studies.

I have written previously¹ of my time with Hynek on October 26, 1973 and of his obvious unhappiness and agitation over events that had occurred at Wright Field during the previous few

¹ "I Remember Blue Book," IUR, Vol. 16, Number 2, p 7.

hours. These present notes provide some background details of an historic nature, and more personal memories of the following day, October 27, 1973, which I have not previously published.

In the fall of 1969, when Blue Book folded, Hynek expressed his mixed emotions (some would say sour grapes) by saying, "Good! Now I can write my book." (We consulted regularly about the manuscript, and The UFO Experience was published in 1972.) He seemed to have removed himself from official government UFO work forever. Then, in a letter to me dated May 1, 1970 (his 60th birthday) he says "...the AF has asked me to be a consultant again – starting this summer – but on what I don't know! All I know is that I had to go through the whole clearance process again. It may be Rooshian (sic) devices or it may be UFOs." In a letter to me of June 19th, he says "My new WPAFB assignment is official, but as yet I haven't been called in for anything!"

Wait a minute, here! Russian devices? Allen Hynek? Hynek was an astronomer, for heaven's sake, a mild mannered professor who taught undergrad general astronomy, mentored grad students, and specialized in stellar spectra. What was he doing with Russian devices? For that matter, what was he doing with UFOs? Even more germane, if, as the government insisted,

UFOs were of no consequence and of no relevance to national security, why would an astronomy professor need a security clearance in the first place?

Hynek was often asked, “how he got into the UFO business,” and his answer was by rote:

“The Air Force needed an astronomer to go over the UFO reports and weed out those which could be attributed to natural, astronomical phenomena,” he would tell those who inquired. “One day in 1948 two men from Wright Field showed up at my office and asked if I would do it. I thought it might be interesting, and Wright Field was only 60 miles away.” In The UFO Experience he says he “accepted the invitation almost in a sense of sport.” He compared himself to the innocent bystander who got shot. According to Hynek, his UFO consultancy was by pure happenstance.

Well, not exactly. In fact, not exactly at all.

The Air Force, it turns out, did not just pick Hynek’s name out of a hat; he wasn’t chosen by coincidence – the personable young professor who happened to be close by. He was actually a logical and obvious choice. For Hynek was a rocket man.

If asked, “What did you do during the war?” Hynek’s answer was open and ingenuous. “I was at Johns Hopkins, working on the radio proximity fuse.” Indeed, in 1942 he was granted leave from his Assistant Professorship at Ohio State University to work at the Applied Physics Laboratory. On a basic “Who’s Who” sheet from his early years at Ohio State he wrote, “Supervisor of technical reports at Applied Physics Laboratory during the war,” and on another sheet dated May, 1944, “of (sic) the staff of John-Hopkins (sic) University, 1942-.”

After the war, Hynek’s academic stars rose quickly. He returned to Ohio State as an associate professor, and advanced to full professor in 1950. He taught, he served as director of Ohio State’s McMillan Observatory from 1946-1953, he was appointed an assistant dean of the Graduate School, and he managed to pursue his own specialty, a long-term program on stars with composite spectra and on the infrared spectra of double stars.

But there was even more on his plate.

In addition to his many other activities, and undoubtedly as an offshoot of his wartime work, Hynek had an ongoing position with the V-2 rocket program at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. He did not mention this to his students. Even Jacques Vallee’s ego-biographical Forbidden Science (1992), which places great emphasis on the two men’s intellectual intimacy, mentions Hynek’s proximity fuse work but nothing of the V-2 connection. Yet, though mention of his current or previous government aerospace work failed to reach the “outside world,” the May 1948 issue of The OSU Alumni Monthly (p. 9) refers to Hynek as “one of the nation’s ‘name’ men in rocket research.” It is also noted that he “has been summoned several times by the government to serve as observer at rocket launchings in New Mexico.” A year later, presumably *after he became UFO connected*, the May 1949 issue of the Monthly refers to Hynek as “nationally known in the field of rocket research,” (but does not mention any UFO connection).

It was not until the publication in 1992 of David DeVorkin’s book Science with a Vengeance: How the Military Created the US Space Sciences after World War II, that many of Hynek’s UFO associates became aware of the full extent of his involvement in post-war V-2 research. I do remember him making a trip to Huntsville, Alabama during 1953, and me picking up right away and asking, “Redstone Arsenal?” He said yes, and upon my further inquiry acknowledged that he had met Werner Von Braun, or perhaps *knew* Von Braun, but that was the extent of it.

The DeVorkin book contains no less than 14 references to Hynek’s involvement and contributions to the development of upper atmospheric research. And once I started looking, I found other references as well. Buried in his extensive bibliography is a hand written reference to Chapters 10-19 inc. of New Weapons for Aerial Warfare, Little Brown & Company edited by Joe C. Boyce. No date is given, and I have been unable to track it down, but its location in his list of publications places it between 1946 and 1950.

Why was it okay for Hynek to say, “I worked on the proximity fuse during the war,” but not to advertise that “after the war I worked on the utilization of captured V-2 rockets as vehicles for instruments for upper atmospheric research?” I have considered the possibility he was sensitive

that he had some degree of working relationship with the Project Paperclip gang – the captured German scientists brought to work in the United States (away from the sure clutches of the Soviets). A simpler answer is that Hynek's UFO image needed to be divorced from any previous government connection. (Today we would say it was politically incorrect to mention any previous government or V-2 connection.) He was simply the mild-mannered astronomy professor picked at random to gently teach the UFO-reporting public the error of its ways.

But Hynek was derelict in his duties to the Air Force. As time progressed his adherence to "the party line" became more and more difficult. The "sport" of the job was long past, replaced by a growing frustration and anxiety over his difficult position. He was supposed to be pacifying the public, downplaying UFO reports, yet he was becoming increasingly aware of the importance of the phenomenon, and of the gross inadequacies of the Air Force "investigation." Conversely, the Air Force was becoming unhappy with Hynek. He wasn't exactly a loose cannon rolling on the deck, but neither was he the perfect "yes man" they required. He found himself in a precarious double balancing act, not only with the Air Force, but also with his public position. When I was a student in his "Astronomy 500" class the fall of 1952, he told us of his consultancy, and that as far as he could tell, UFO reports were primarily the result of misinterpretations of normal events or aircraft. Years later it was revealed that as early as the summer of 1952 – months earlier – at the time of the great Washington National over flights, he had already written the first of several letters to the Air Force pointing out the need for an in-depth scientific study. Invariably he was ignored. In effect, the Air Force was saying, "Just supply us with meteors, or Venus, or lenticular clouds, and mind your own business."

Despite his considerable background in aerospace work, and a track record of scrupulous security checks, it had been decided he was to be left out of the inner circle. In January 1953, when he returned from the Robertson Panel, he expressed to me (in retrospect, very naively) his bewilderment at having to "sit in the hall" during some of the sessions. The final insult, of course, was the failure of Northwestern University to be granted the "scientific study" which ultimately became the fiasco of the University of Colorado's Condon Report. Hynek said it was

analogous to appointing a non-cook as chef-maitre of Maxim's.

Hynek was used. He was abused. He was trapped. Increasingly frustrated and bitter, he wanted no more of the Air Force's game. But if he resigned he would lose the little access he did have to the data. He began to photocopy for his own future use all of the Air Force material which he was allowed to see. And he bided his time.

After his initial mention of a new contract in his letters of May and June 1970, I find nothing in my correspondence file for the next three years on the subject of working at Wright Field.

In January 1973 Hynek was informed that The UFO Experience had won the Ohioana Library Book Award as the best book by an Ohio or Ohio-connected author in the field of general non-fiction in 1972. The award (a soggy chicken salad lunch and a medallion) would take place in Columbus the following October 27th. I knew early on about this, and received a letter from him dated September 28 announcing that he would be at Wright Field during the day of October 26. Could I pick him up and drive him back to Columbus? Of course.

Meanwhile, the eastern United States had exploded into the great fall UFO flap of 1973. Not a day went by without newspaper and television coverage of UFO sightings. An enormous and persistent high-pressure system created clear skies and balmy nights for most of the month, creating obvious opportunities for sky gazing. The two outstanding cases in the news were *Pascagoula* and *Coyne* and they vied for attention – even front-page attention – with bulletins from the Middle East. By the end of October the Yom Kipper War took prominence, and it was announced that Wright Field was on high security status as a staging and departure base for supplies headed for Israel. It was in this environment that I picked up Hynek and drove him to Columbus. I had never seen him in such mental distress.

The following day we met at noon at the awards luncheon (he had stayed at a hotel, not with my family) and he still seemed preoccupied.

We exchanged pleasantries with our tablemates, including astronaut (later Senator) John Glenn, also an award recipient. A few minutes remained

before the speakers would be called to the microphone. Hynek and I discussed the UFO flap then in progress.

Someone at our table asked him the usual “what about the bodies at Wright Field?” and of course Hynek said he had no information on the subject. Then he turned to me, and in a quiet aside said that he had heard of – or did he say “knew” of? – a crash and retrieval at or near Holloman AFB, near Alamogordo, New Mexico. I believe he said bodies had *been taken* to Holloman.

I was stunned. Never before had he made such bold statements to me. Activities at the speakers’ table precluded further conversation. I took out a 3x5 card and wrote, “When did the Holloman incident take place?” Allen wrote “1962?” on the side (note question mark). I wrote, “Who leaked it to you?” Allen wrote, “The AF.” (Note the underline.) I sputtered some further question, and at that moment he was called to receive his award. At the first available moment I pursued the topic, but he would only protest that he had already said too much. The subject was closed. Mindful of the protocols and responsibilities associated with classified information, but much to my later regret, we never discussed it again.

Fifteen years later I learned that Allen had spent that morning with Leonard Stringfield – very possibly their first meeting. Stringfield was a persuasive fellow, and as his special interest was crash-retrievals (almost always, alas, from anonymous sources) it was a natural assumption that it was he who had told Allen about the Holloman incident. So why would Allen have said (with underline) “The AF?” All he needed to say was, “I can’t tell you.”²

But Allen was angry at the Air Force. The previous day there had been a showdown at FTD. One of the most intense UFO flaps was in full swing, and the Air Force was doing nothing. He had challenged them. “Why aren’t you doing something?” he later told me he had said. And he had received only stony faces in reply. It wasn’t

² In his lengthy and controversial talk at the 1978 MUFON symposium in Dayton, Ohio, Stringfield mentioned a crash at or near Holloman Air Force Base in 1962. In October 1973, Hynek’s “revelation” really shook me up. However, in ensuing years, I have come to regard it as probably just another unsubstantiated rumor.

a question of a Mid-East-War-going-on-and-we-can’t-be-bothered-with-UFOs. It was a question of, regardless, the Air Force “would do nothing about” UFOs.

The total picture of Hynek’s 1970 – 1973 few-days-a-year work at Wright Field leads me to believe that the subject was indeed UFOs, not “Rooshian devices,” and that the time was spent essentially on de-briefing sessions. Apparently through those years, although Blue Book was dead and gone, the Air Force still had Allen on the hook, and he could be reeled in on command. I imagine that they were keeping track of what knowledge he had acquired between meetings, and the progress of his thinking on the subject. In other words, was he a threat, or not? The October 26th meeting had been scheduled at least a month in advance, so although propitious, it was not a case of, “There’s a UFO flap on, call Hynek.”

No doubt Hynek was hoping he would pick up some useful information in the bargain.

Undoubtedly, the Air Force profited more than Allen did from these meetings.



Abduction Experiences in Latin America

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It is curious that while instances of alleged abduction by UFO aliens are rife in North America, they should be considerably less virulent in the Spanish-speaking regions of the world. This is made all the more curious due to the fact that one of the earliest cases, and the one most readily memorable, is without question the Antonio Villas-Boas abduction (Brazil, 1957). Its graphic retelling of the victim's overpowering by helmeted aliens, the oft-mentioned sexual interlude with a space "siren" and the severe physiological aftereffects suffered by Villas-Boas rocked the nascent discipline of ufology to the core. But that was in days long gone by, when UFO abductions involved the physical interference with a single or many humans in a deserted location, usually a rural highway, a desert or a forest--way before the ubiquitous "Greys" were transporting helpless experiencers through their bedroom walls, inducing pregnancies and involving them in apparent genetic studies.

Comparative analysts like T.E. Bullard have pointed out that the abduction phenomenon is largely an American one, with one of every two cases coming out of the U.S. and Canada -- half of all abduction experiences are "made in the U.S.A." This gives us another half distributed around the rest of the planet, and the Spanish-speaking regions of the world certainly have their fair share. What is the modus operandi of the abductors in these locations? Are there any Greys, Nordics or other non-humans involved? Is hypnosis a tool of choice as it is here? We shall examine a number of cases first.

An abduction through meditation?

Puerto Rico, notorious for its intense UFO activity and the depredations of the now-legendary *Chupacabras*, boasts a considerable number of UFO abduction cases. One of these cases stands out among the others due to the possibility that the experiencer's efforts at

meditation "opened up" a path for abducting Greys to enter her life.

Delia V., a housewife with two children, had no idea that her interest in Yoga would turn her into an abductee when she and a friend visited a yoga temple in October 1991 to practice meditative techniques. At 7:30 p.m., Delia decided to withdraw from the meditation circle and go to bed early. Once in bed, she felt a hand covering her face, and was unable to see who her potential assailant was due to the darkness in the bedroom. It was then that she became aware of the fact that she was flying in mid-air toward a given point in space: buildings, streets and automobiles remained far below Delia as she drifted upward, but far from feeling elated at the sight, she was paralyzed by fear.

The next thing she remembers is being back in bed at the yoga temple at five o'clock in the morning, feeling sick to her stomach and racked by excruciating pain. Stumbling out of her room, she told the meditation instructor what had happened, and he advised her to simply return to sleep, which she did. Reawakening at noon, not only did she feel physically better -- her entire outlook on life had been changed, by her own admission. During the following months, some physical changes had also come about as a consequence of that unusual night: her menstrual cycle now ran every 50 days or so, and her stomach became slightly enlarged.

A subsequent experience revealed the UFO connection to her experiences: shortly after seeing a brilliant craft in the sky, she found herself standing in a metallic chamber occupied by a dozen or so very small, non-human beings clad in gray. Delia remembers lying on a bed, screaming and crying, telling one of the bizarre figures that she could not give normal birth to the child she was carrying because her other children had been born by cesarean section. "When I woke up," Delia says. "I saw one of the extraterrestrials with a child in his arms. When I

saw this child something deep inside me told me he was my child, but I also remember being afraid. I remember telling one of the extraterrestrials that I considered this child strange, because he was half human and half extraterrestrial." Delia was then given the child to hold, and was told by the creatures that it could not live among humans because it could not eat human food.

Delia's case echoes the hundreds of abduction experiences collected by U.S. investigators. It has observed that Puerto Rican abduction cases have a stronger environmental content to them than those on the mainland: experiencers are imparted messages of ecological importance and cases involving hybridization are few. The *modus operandi* of the abductors remains slightly behind the times -- the controversial Amaury Rivera case (1988) involved interference with the experiencer's vehicle. Other cases in which humans in lonely areas or alone at a late hour have been victims of abductions are also on file.

The Importance of Ancestry

Rolando Quiroga Valero, age 51, of the town of Allende, not far from Monterrey, told his story of repeated alien abduction to a spellbound audience in a segment of a Miami-based talk show. "There are daily sightings over my hometown," Quiroga observed laconically. "But no one cares."

Quiroga's first contact took place in 1950. He was with a group of friends in Monterrey when he saw a discoidal craft hovering over his head at some 50 meters distance (some 160 feet). He was partially paralyzed by the vehicle, which emitted a soft orange light and produced a soft whistling sound. He perceived beings watching him from the disc. His friends ran away.

The following year he had another contact experience, seeing a UFO cross the skies over Allende. 24 years later, he began to have strange, unbidden thoughts, which led him to fear for his state of mental health. He was soon after able to hear a powerful male voice instructing him to "love all human beings". (It is curious to observe that the standard 1950's contactee message of peace and love continues to play a prominent role in these Latin American cases).

Quiroga believes that he was chosen because of his Mayan heritage: his alien contacts have hinted that the key to the UFO mystery lies in Man's deciphering of the Mayan hieroglyphs. His first physical encounter, however, came about in 1972, when he was "sanitized" by a ray of light and allowed into the presence of his hosts, who were "paranoid" about terrestrial viruses. These putative aliens died of heart complications, and had a 130-year life span, although they did not physically age beyond some human 40 years. The message entrusted to this Mexican contactee is a simple one, and it has been the cornerstone of all the messages given to contactees in the Spanish-speaking world: Earth is changing, whether we like it or not. There will be a natural, not a man-made, disaster in the future that will change the tilt of the planet's axis. Humans must evolve in order to survive. Ominously, he was also told that out of the many "alien races" that are visiting our world, only six are friendly toward the human race.

Perhaps more amazing than their monotonous message is the fact that Quiroga claims having been taken aboard a vehicle, where he underwent prostate and heart surgery. The contactee's physician was amazed at the improvement in his patient's condition, and was turned from skeptic into believer by what his eyes and instruments told him. Communications with the ufonauts have not ceased: Quiroga was warned of the earthquake that rocked Mexico City in 1985 two years ahead of time. "Their predictions," he says, "are usually of a negative nature."

Abduction experiences in Mexico tend to get blurred by contactee experiences. An early contactee, Armando Zurbarán, was taken from his car as he drove late at night between Mexico City and Acapulco. There has recently been an revival of contacteeism due to the successful "missionary activity" of Italian contactee Giorgio Bongiovanni, whose millennialist prophecies have found fertile ground in the crisis-torn land of the Aztecs.

The Darker Side

Not all experiencers find their hosts as sanguine as Mr. Valero's. The casebooks of Latin American researchers are filled with incidents in which malice and hostility played a significant role in the abduction. Dr. Rafael A. Lara, director of Mexico's Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Paranormales (CEFP), includes in

his organization's newsletter the experiences of Adriana Martínez, a woman who has experienced meddling in her life by forces purportedly linked with the UFO phenomenon.

Ms. Martínez's experiences began when she was only a teenager and a large ball of glowing red light would materialize in her bedroom at night. Due to her strict Catholic upbringing, she knew that such displays were associated with unwholesome forces. The "fireballs", as she termed them, seemed to herald the awakening of her own psychic abilities, and the distressing phenomenon disappeared as she became older.

Years later, now living in McAllen, Texas, a friend told her to run outside to see a UFO, although she wasn't in the least bit curious about such things. Complying with the request, she saw the strange glowing light, and soon afterward began to experience auditive communication with an alleged entity that claimed to be "her father." A luminous being appearing in a dream told her that she would get to see this paternal figure if she went to a location in a small Mexican town--Tepoztlán, now a center of "New Age" interest -- where a UFO display would be staged for her benefit.

On September 7, 1983, at 10 o'clock at night, a light started to appear. In Ms. Martínez's own words: "I leaped to the hotel window: above the hill there was a hamburger-shaped UFO, perfectly motionless, and it remained so for two hours. The power was going on and off all over the town. I later thought to make a triangle shape with my hands to communicate with the UFO, and they responded, since three red lights on the UFO assumed a triangular shape momentarily while green, yellow, and red navigation lights flew around the craft. Sounds like dull explosions could be heard coming from within the UFO while its lights became brighter. I went to the bathroom and told my friend that they were going to send her a light, and that she should not be frightened. A bright beam issued from the UFO aimed directly at the hotel window, right next to my friend. It was so powerful that all the lights went out in Tepoztlán."

The entity with whom she had engaged in mental communication began to make demands upon her, such as that she must divorce her then husband or become a widow, informing her that he had no qualms about eliminating anyone that

stood in its path. While Ms. Martínez considered what to do, her husband had a terrible accident on the highway. Allegedly, the entity asked her if that demonstration of his power sufficed or if further proof was necessary.

Bitterly, she now believes that "contact is mere manipulation toward an end known only to them. They have given me no help whatsoever, and what they have done for me, according to them, has been very unpleasant." She adds: "I see that many contactees allow themselves to be manipulated without ever knowing where they're going or allow themselves to be dazzled by small manifestations...of course, once the contactee is 'hooked', there is no escape, and you accept your fate by hook or crook. I have rebelled terribly, but there is no escape but to fulfill their plans."

In 1980, a young TV and radio technician named Orlando Calizaya was abducted by a UFO while taking a break from work. As he bicycled his way to the town of Capachos, he suddenly noticed that his small transistor radio went dead. Upon getting off the bike, Calizaya was struck with an orange-colored beam that left him paralyzed.

Calizaya subsequently remembered that "a Christ-like voice" addressed him reassuringly, saying that no harm would be done to him. The stunned technician and his bike were raised up by the light into a spaceship "like those seen in films." Not one to give up without a struggle, Calizaya tried to resist and somehow escape from his captors, who proved to be three-eyed, large-eared humanoids, which wished to know "the role oxygen played in the human body." The unsightly ufonauts wore lilac-hued tunics and green trousers.

The young Bolivian became his country's first space traveler, if his account is to be believed, having spent 5 days on the alien's home world--a sojourn of which he had not the least recollection. Calizaya found himself once more back in Bolivia at the very same spot from where he was forcibly abducted. A group of highway workers picked him up and took him to a medical center. The aftermath of the experience left the 23 year-old technician with a nervous disorder, unable to work, and turned his once gregarious nature into a furtive one. Dr. Ruben Martínez, the attending physician, diagnosed his patient as being "in a state of psychomotor excitation".

Yet some manage to avoid being abducted, as in the case of "Lydia", a housewife from Cabo Rojo, P.R., who was in the middle of doing housework one evening in March 1993 when she observed a "brilliant cone" descending from the sky to a location only scant meters away from her home. Intrigued by the phenomenon, she stepped out to her backyard only to see an intensely white beam of light issuing from a hovering UFO. When she tried to turn around to re-enter her home, the housewife claimed to feel "something like a beam drawing me toward the UFO."

"As soon as she managed to scream," observed a police officer who took the report, "the object rose into the air quickly and without any noise whatsoever."

Saucers in Spain

Fernando Martínez (an alias given him by researcher Manuel Carballal), an electrician from the city of La Coruña in northwestern Spain never believed that a weekend of motor crossing on his freshly overhauled dirt bike would have ended in an abduction experience.

Sometime in late October 1986, Fernando drove his bike out to an abandoned stone quarry near the locale of Culleredo. At around 9 p.m., he suddenly became aware of a "star moving in the sky." The light became larger and larger until it became the size of a full moon. The astonished electrician noticed that the sphere disgorged a number of smaller, orange-colored triangular craft -- one of which initiated a rapid descent toward the abandoned quarry.

Realizing his predicament in a flash, Fernando tried to kick-start his dirt bike in vain, even though it had been running perfectly earlier. The UFO was now a large object, some 30 feet wide, hovering over the surface. In the face of the phenomenon, the electrician got off the dirt bike and sat on the ground, waiting to see what would happen next.

Fernando remembers a powerful beam of light emanating from the orange triangle, and two beings descending along the trail of light. The creatures were small and large-headed. They approached Fernando silently, guiding him toward the base of the hovering triangle. The human claims to have not felt any fear at the

time, and that no effort at communication was made by his captors.

The next thing he realized was that he stood in a large chamber in which a third being, identical to the other two, came out to meet him, projecting reassuring telepathic messages. He remembers being placed in a horizontal position and feeling pain in one of his arms. His first conscious memory was that of lying on the gravel of the quarry in Culleredo. The dirt bike now worked perfectly, and the confused electrician made his way home. Two hours of his life were inexplicably unaccounted for.

Fernando Martínez's UFO experience had unfortunate consequences in his earthly experience: a Spanish magazine published his story, causing his employer to dismiss him. But he may be considered fortunate indeed in comparison to the experiencer of another Spanish case: In 1989, researcher Manuel Carballal met "Mariví" and her husband at a UFO conference in the city of Castellón, on Spain's Mediterranean coast. Mariví was afflicted by large-headed "bedroom visitors" who abducted her straight out of her bed while her husband was "unmanned" by the strange intruders -- an experience well-known to stateside abduction researchers, whose works the couple claimed to have never read.

Once aboard what she considered to be a spacecraft, Mariví was made to comply with her captors' wishes by sheer physical violence. In her case, the large-headed Greys were merely robots of some sort at the service of tall, blonde humanoids who despite their charismatic presence were by no means angelic. In her interview with Carballal, the abductee stated that she couldn't take much more of these experiences, and was resigned to the fact that "she would die young."

From South America to You

The overtly sexual component of UFO abduction cases is strongly present in this sampling of cases from the Hispanic world. A young Colombian woman, Monica María Ortega, recounted her experiences of nocturnal sexual experiences with supposedly alien entities nationally syndicated television talk show in November 1991. Her experiences did not involved the ever-present "Greys", but rather, one of the intriguing

humanoids which are known to researchers variously as Blonds or Nordics.

Ms. Ortega was twelve years old at the time and living in New York City when this tall, blond, green-eyed entity suddenly materialized in her bedroom. "At first, I saw two lights. I felt a presence, and naturally felt scared. One light was red in color and the other was green," she recalled. The lights told her not fear for her safety. As she began to fall asleep, in spite of the luminous globes' presence, she felt caresses and kisses all over her body as her nightclothes were removed. "I felt something spread my legs open and a sharp pain soon after. I woke up terrified and saw a being in a tight-fitting outfit in bed with me. His eyes were so green that it made me dizzy to look at them. I found him very handsome, was attracted to him and fell in love."

Monica's lover and his silent companion (never manifested itself in human form) told her that they traveled around the world. Curiosity, they advised her, was the motivation for their sexual contacts.

After two years, Monica moved back to Colombia, and was overjoyed at seeing her otherworldly lover again. At the end of their encounter, Monica expressed a desire to go with him to "his world", but the being turned her down. 19 years old at the time of the interview, the young woman had still not had sex with a human male. "They have the advantage," she explained "of not making you pregnant."

Age does not appear to be an impediment in these affairs: during March 1993, Ernesto Cabán, a golden-ager from the town of Adjuntas in Puerto Rico's central region, claimed that a large object emitting multicolored lights made a soft landing on a hillside close to his home. This did not surprise Cabán, who was quite used to seeing UFOs over Adjuntas for decades--until he noticed three beings, two males and a female, heading toward his house. The bemused earthling described his unexpected guests as tall, fair-skinned and with long blonde hair and blue eyes.

Cabán claims that the large blonde aliens spoke "a somewhat strange" form of Spanish, but made themselves clearly understood: he was to mate with their female companion, and had no choice about it! The tall blonde female pointed out that it would be necessary "as part of an experiment

taking place on their home world". In true gentlemanly fashion, Cabán declined to describe the particulars of the encounter, adding only that he hoped to live long enough to see the lovely alien and perhaps be presented with a "little ET" -- his otherworldly offspring.

The Scientific Verdict

While the abductions of humans by superhuman forces of varying descriptions appear to obey the same mechanisms worldwide, there has been little support for abductees in Latin America or Spain. There is a growing number of medical and scientific figures who have emerged as champions for the cause, but abduction experiences, as opposed to UFO cases, are met with perhaps greater skepticism in the Spanish-speaking countries than in the U.S. or the U.K.: During a convention of mental health care professionals held in Spain in 1990, a psychiatrist was asked to give his expert opinion on perfectly normal individuals who insisted on having experienced contact with alien creatures. "They're psychotic," the man declared cuttingly. "Anyone who sees things that don't exist is psychotic."

In a report prepared on the case for alien abductions in Spain, analyzing a dozen cases from 1947 to 1979 in which abduction by aliens was an issue, veteran researcher Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos points out: "This systematic review of abduction reports has disclosed that all cases can be reasonably explained in terms which do not defy present-day knowledge...it should be emphasized that the resolution of these cases in terms of hoax, delusion or psychosis has been proposed by dedicated UFO researchers, not by debunkers or dogmatic skeptics; consequently, it is unrealistic to suggest that the interpretations are biased."

Conclusions

In spite of the appearance of very important books on the subject of abductions written in Spanish, namely by Antonio Ribera's *Secuestrados por Extraterrestres* (Abducted by Extraterrestrials) and Manuel Carballal's *Secuestrados por los OVNIS* (Abduction by UFOs), neither one has had the success of Budd Hopkins' *Missing Time* or any one of Whitley Strieber's works. Few Latin American and Spanish psychiatrists have expressed a willingness to handle patients who claim to have

been victims of alien abductions (there are notable exceptions, such as Puerto Rico's Manuel Méndez del Toro) and there is a reticence on the percipient's part to come forward with their experience.

In predominantly Catholic countries, experiencers might sooner chose to confide in a priest, believing that they are the victims of

demonic obsession. Abduction cases in the Hispanic world appear to have a strong tendency toward contacteeism, complete with dire warnings about the situations humans have created on Earth by environmental pollution, warfare, etc., and urging humans to take a greater "evolutionary step".

Mysteries of the Caribbean

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In the 60's and 70's, belief in the Bermuda Triangle was not only fashionable -- it was *de rigueur* among anyone interested in the melange of subjects involving UFOs and the paranormal. Any enthusiast's library could be expected to contain a number of books, mostly paperbacks, written on the mysteries of the sea: vanishing ships, unidentified flying objects emerging from the waves, the possibility of lost Atlantis still active beneath the sea.

With the passing of years and the emergence of new evidence, belief in the Bermuda Triangle faded and the subject of maritime mysteries failed to fascinate a new generation of paranormal aficionados. However, a considerable number of unexplained events can still be traced to this part of the world -- events that have never been included in books dealing with the subject.

"This is your captain speaking..."

On June 11, 1998, US Airways Flight 1844, heading to Philadelphia out of San Juan, Puerto Rico (P.R.), ran into considerable turbulence along the way -- enough to cause the onboard food and drink service to be suspended early in the flight. The captain apologized profusely to the apprehensive passengers, indicating that the aircraft was currently "out of the range of any ground-based radar" and consequently unable to request a change to a lower elevation. As the Boeing 737 was buffeted ever harder by the choppy air, thoughts of the Bermuda Triangle began to manifest themselves in the minds of some passengers. After what seemed an eternity,

the turbulence decreased somewhat and the airliner managed to reach its destination without incident. Turbulence and air pockets can indeed be frightening, but smooth rides can also hold perils of their own, as we shall see.

In the July 1973 issue of *Pursuit* magazine, Robert J. Durant describes the case involving a sighting made by an airliner pilot plowing the route between New York City and San Juan, P.R. This particular crossing is subject to choppy air at high altitudes and unsecured passengers have found themselves being tossed around the cabin on certain occasions. In this case, Durant's source remarked that his crew had been surprised by the unusual smoothness of the flight.

Shortly after this observation had been made in the cockpit, streaks of violet static electricity began to appear on the windshield, increasing in intensity until a white glow seemed to coat the entire windshield -- all of this without the characteristic presence of turbulence.

To add even more urgency to the situation, the onboard instruments began to give conflicting readings: gyroscopes and compasses on the pilot's and co-pilot's sides were at odds with each other while the autopilot was causing the airliner to stray from its course.

Unable to trust the instruments, the pilot opted for flying the aircraft completely on the indications of a portable gyroscope kept on board for precisely such emergencies. Luckily, perhaps, for the flight, they were within radar coverage of Bermuda and were able to request an emergency landing, which was successfully

accomplished. Research into the causes behind the disturbances to the equipment were fruitless, and the incident was ultimately chalked up to the infamous "Triangle".

On the other hand, events having truly paranormal overtones have been reported in the air and sea of this region. In 1980, pilot José Pagán' aircraft disappeared in mysterious circumstances somewhere over the Mona Passage as he returned with a friend from a visit to the Dominican Republic. Pagán, who is still officially listing as "missing", was the son of a high-ranking officer in the police force.

At around 8:00 p.m. on June 28th of that year, the twin-engine Eurocoupe emitted a frantic Mayday directed at the air traffic control center of San Juan's international airport. The small plane was being stalked by an unidentified object that appeared to be blocking their progress. The distress call was received by the captain of a Spanish airliner (Iberia Flight 966) whose jet had just taken off from Santo Domingo, and who relayed Pagan's message to the San Juan tower. At one point during the exchange, a loud metallic sound interrupted the transmission, and Pagán and his passenger were never heard from again.

The average passenger lucky enough to land a window seat on a cramped commercial flight these days sometimes has more to look at than just an endless panorama of unnaturally blue skies and puffy clouds that extend into infinity. As the sky lanes become increasingly congested, one can even see other airliners passing by at stratospheric altitudes. During a recent flight to the Caribbean, this author was able to look out the window and see a freighter plowing the waters of the Atlantic Ocean from an altitude of thousands of feet. If the casual observer is treated to such sights, can we even imagine the curious sights to which airliner crews get to witness?

On April 13, 1963, the crew of a 707 on a regular flight from San Juan, P.R. to New York City managed to see something utterly unexpected: after a normal departure from Isla Verde Airport and an uneventful climb to the prescribed cruising altitude of thirty thousand feet half an hour away from Puerto Rico, the co-pilot advised his companions of an unexplained phenomenon occurring below the jet: an enormous "bubble" was forming on the surface of the Atlantic Ocean. The watery bubble increased in girth and height as the three men in the 707's cockpit

looked on in amazement. Subsequent calculations estimated that the phenomenon was roughly one mile across and half a mile high. Did the airliner's flight crew witness an underwater detonation, a volcanic eruption, or an unknown phenomenon characteristic of the area? Thirty-five years later, the situation remains a mystery. Some have gone as far as to suggest that there is the possibility that the pilot's may have witnessed the submarine detonation of an atomic weapon or some artificial test being performed beneath the ocean surface.

Strange manifestations are not uncommon in this part of the Atlantic, even though there may be a prosaic explanation behind them. On August 21, 1969, people throughout the island of Hispaniola were able to see an enormous white cloud which expanded to a prodigious size, forming concentric rings before finally dissipating. Panicked witnesses believed that the "end of the world" was at hand or that the cloud was a portent of hidden significance, but it turned out to be an operation known as Project Stormfury, whose aim was that of pelting hurricanes with silver iodide in order to minimize their potency. These experiments, carried out at stratospheric altitudes, are often visible many hundreds of miles away.

High-Strangeness Disappearances

Puerto Rican mariner Roberto Gainer almost managed to gain his place in the lore of those who have vanished in tropical waters. Setting out of San Juan on October 1976 in a sloop, the 23 year old sailor went out for what should have been a day's boating when his rudder suddenly broke. The helpless vessel was swept hundreds of kilometers out into the ocean by the powerful currents; Gainer's on-board radio lacked the necessary range to communicate with the shore, and for the following two and a half weeks, his little boat was swept five hundred and fifty miles away from Puerto Rico. Had it not been for the almost providential appearance of a West German freighter who picked up the missing sloop on its radar, Gainer's disappearance would have been ascribed to supernatural causes.

As with aviation, there are mysterious vanishings which do have paranormal and even ufological overtones, and which are much more spellbinding than any Bermuda Triangle yarn. The Freddy Miller case is certainly one of them.

On May 5, 1959, a boat sailed out of Santo Domingo, D.R., headed for the beach at Boca Chica some twenty miles away. Despite the excellent spring weather and calm azure seas, the nineteen-foot boat carrying 45 year old television producer and director Freddy Miller and his passengers (two women and two children), disappeared without a trace. A search of Dominican and adjacent waters was made using the less-than-adequate services available at the time, but the five people were never seen again

Thirteen years later, on September 22, 1973, Virgilio Gómez, a sales manager at one of the Dominican Republic's better-known insurance companies, was on his way to visit an experimental farm belonging to a national university on the outskirts of San Cristobal, some 15 miles west of Santo Domingo, in order to advise the farm of the proper insurance policies to carry.

At around 9 a.m., Gómez was driving along the road toward his destination when he saw a person waving him down by the roadside. "I thought it would be best to avoid him," Gómez would later state in an interview. "But when I got closer I noticed the character was dressed completely in green and that there were two other individuals standing some 5 or 6 meters away from the first one. Thinking it might be a military checkpoint or some accident, I decided to slow down with caution. I stopped some 10 meters away from the person who flagged me down and kept the engine running..."

According to Gómez, the man in the green outfit informed him that he was Freddy Miller, adding that he had "supposedly" drowned along with some other people, but that he had in fact been rescued by a modern device, "a module known to people as a UFO".

Thinking it was some sort of joke, Gómez played along and asked the man which planet he came from. He was stunned when the man soberly answered that he thought he came from Venus, and that he had been rescued "on account of his knowledge of radio technology," adding that there had been no room for the other hapless boaters and that they would not have survived the "adaptation process."

In subsequent interviews, Gómez remarked that his alien interlocutor had a disgusting grayish-

yellow skin tone that he found repulsive, spoke in a thick, deliberate voice and was virtually hairless. The entity's body was covered by a form-fitting green coverall without zippers or pockets. A large wristwatch "similar to the ones worn by scuba divers" adorned the wrist of its left hand.

The insurance agent was shown a half-concealed vehicle in the woods by the roadside -- a fact that caused him to realize that the situation was no joke, by his own admission. The oval-shaped craft had a chrome-like sheen to it and largely resembled "an American football" (unlike the traditional soccer ball used throughout Latin America) and was windowless, betraying no external seams or rivets.

The putative Freddy Miller went on to inform him that he and his companions were conducting research on the "Milwaukee Deep" -- the undersea trench whose depth reaches some twenty-thousand feet and which forms part of the Puerto Rico Trench. The alleged extraterrestrials were greatly concerned about the likelihood of destructive seismic activity at this location, which would have a catastrophic effect on the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

After having been reassured that the aliens "would try to avoid the cataclysm" slated for the 28th or 29th of October, Gomez was told to leave the area as soon as possible, since the space vehicle was about to lift off. Reluctantly obeying the strange character's command, the insurance agent drove away, checking his rear view mirror to see if he could see the UFO bolt skyward. Suddenly feeling afraid, Gómez hit the gas and sped off to his original destination.

Upon returning home that evening, Gómez told his wife and relatives about "Freddy Miller" and his experience that morning. The story slowly became known throughout Gómez's extended family, and before long, the insurance agent found himself in the position of having to reveal his story during a Rotarian dinner.

The case soon appeared in Santo Domingo's major newspapers and periodicals. According to an unconfirmed report, Virgilio Gómez was later shown a family group photo and was able to pick out the real Freddy Miller from the crowd.

In spite of the high-strangeness implications of Gómez's roadside encounter, the fact remains

that seismic activity was in fact quite considerable on the day that the event took place. According to UFO researcher Sebastian Robiou, a tremor occurred in the Milwaukee Deep only a few hours after the "Freddy Miller" incident.

But what about "Freddy Miller" himself? Photos of the missing sportsman and TV personality show a balding, bespectacled older man that in no way resembled the being that spoke to Virgilio Gómez. In spite of his exposure to television, the real Freddy Miller had no significant knowledge of radio technology -- the reason given by the alleged alien for the "Venusians" interest in resurrecting him. Although largely forgotten, the case remains one of the great mysteries of the Caribbean

The Good Ship "Valbanera"

Forget the *Marie Celeste* and the *Ellen Austen*. Possibly one of the greatest maritime disappearances of all time -- one which remains unexplained to this very day -- involves the Spanish passenger liner *Valbanera* in 1919. This spectacular case eluded the chronicles of the late Vincent Gaddis (*Invisible Horizons*) and those of Ivan T. Sanderson (*Invisible Residents*). The six hundred lives lost forever on this passenger vessel did not disappear in the middle of some mysterious triangle or circle in the middle of the ocean: they vanished as the ship entered the busy port of Havana, Cuba.

The six thousand-ton *Valbanera*, which plowed its habitual route between the Canary Islands and the Caribbean, had been built by British shipwrights and owned and operated by a company in the business of ferrying European migrants to Cuba. Its crossing of the Atlantic had been uneventful, and the thirteen hundred people aboard -- mostly Canary Islanders looking for opportunities in the canefields and plantations of the largest of the Antilles -- awaited landfall in Santiago de Cuba (the island's major eastern city) with a mixture of trepidation and excitement. The ship made port as scheduled on September 5, 1919, where it discharged seven hundred passengers. After refueling, the steamship sailed out of Santiago and doubled Cape Maisi in the Windward Passage...never to be seen again.

On the evening of September 9, 1919 the port master's office in the Port of Havana heard the booming sound of a ship's horn. Officials were

able to make out its lights dimly and assumed that it would be the *Valbanera*, since no other ships were expected that evening. But no ship ever entered the spacious harbor.

Perplexed by the fact that the ship appeared to have never entered Havana, a number of Cuban gunboats were mobilized to find the missing passenger liner. A U.S. Navy frigate out of Key West joined in the maneuvers. The vessels swept the Old Bahama Channel without much success, until the frigate came across the remains of the hapless Spanish liner on September 19, 1919.

The *Valbanera's* hull turned up in the waters between the Tortugas and Key West; divers reported finding lifeboats still in their divots and no major structural damage was evident. No bodies were found in the closed staterooms or the common areas of the ship: 600 people had been claimed by the maw of the unknown.

Boards of Inquiry in three countries sought answers in vain for the questions that burned brightest in people's minds: why was no distress signal sent? What had been the ship's fate during the ten days between its disappearance and its being found in Floridian waters, when those very same waters were being scoured by warships?

Carmen Machado, a writer for Spain's *Año Cero* magazine, uncovered a fascinating lead while investigating the trail of the missing passengers of the doomed *Valbanera*. Machado came across the relatives of a man named Domingo Almenar, who died in 1957 and maintained for over thirty years that he was the sole survivor of the ship. An alleged stowaway, Almenar was known to the passengers who disembarked in Santiago de Cuba, and who knew that he had gone on to Havana aboard the *Valbanera*. Three days after the disappearance, Almenar got in touch with his family and informed them that he was the ship's sole survivor. For the remainder of his life, the one-time stowaway would insist that the fate of the passenger ship was known but to God and himself.

Conclusion

Are certain parts of the ocean scarier or more mysterious than others, or is it just our perception that makes them that way? After all, each of the world's bodies of water boasts its own share of unsolved enigmas and patches where anomalous things are reported. Due to our

continent's location with regard to the Atlantic Ocean and the conquest and migration patterns followed by the Western European countries, perhaps we know a little more of this area than we do of all the others. Perhaps Columbus, becalmed in the weed-filled waters of the Sargasso Sea, may have at some point thought

that the "Here be Dragons" which ornamented the maps of his time may have conveyed the sense of mystery after all.

TRIANGLES

Black Triangle Over Alum Creek Lake by William E. Jones and Dr. Irena Scott

Our witness lives on the north side of Shoreline Drive about ½ mile west of the south end of Alum Creek Lake in Delaware County, Ohio. He lives in a subdivision of new two story upper middle class homes that are 'typical' for the housing developments currently under construction and being planned for this area. The southern Delaware County area has been changing rapidly from its rural past as a crowded metropolitan Columbus inexorably moves north out of Franklin County. Dr. Scott's ancestor, Lee Hurlburt, on land inhabited only a few short years before by Native Americans, first settled the area in the early 1800s. Now that area is changing once again as the rural life style disappears and BMWs and Mercedes Benz automobiles replace the farm tractors and Ford pick ups of a few short years ago.

Shoreline Drive runs east to west from Lewis Center Road that runs around this part of the lake. The sighting occurred in October of 1998. It was on a Sunday of that month, which Sunday our witness does not recall. But he does remember it was 8:55 PM because the "X-Files" was coming on in five minutes. He stepped outside into his front yard to get a bit of fresh air. The sky was dark and overcast up high; he remembers seeing no stars.

As he stepped into the yard he heard "a loud rumbling sound" coming from behind him and up in the air. The sound was like thunder heard at a distance, but much louder. It was heard during the entire sighting. He turned northward to face the front of his home. Within a short moment he

detected movement in the sky coming from behind the roofline of his house. He was looking up at approximately a 70° angle. There, silhouetted against the gray sky, was a sharp image of a black triangle, moving from northwest to southeast with one of the points in the forward position. This image was clear against the sky. It was not the psychological construct of the intensely bright lights that shown from each corner of the equilateral triangle above him. In the center of the triangle he saw two strobe lights, one red and the other either blue or green. He first thought these were aircraft running lights, but then realized that such aircraft lights are not that bright nor do they go off and on in the "strobe like fashion" of these lights. This wasn't like any airplane that he had ever seen, he quickly concluded.

The object was as big as his hand extended at arms length with his fingers fully extended and spread apart. The surface of the triangle was uniform in color and appeared to be "tangible." The outline of the triangle was "hard" – very real. The three lights were each about 1/3 the size of the full Moon. These lights were bright and seemed to be pointed directly downward, but he could see no beam or image from any of them. The colored lights were bright, but small like points. They went off and on in about one second intervals, with one light on when the other was off.

Our witness watched this apparent object move across about a 30° arc of sky between the roof of his house and the roof of his neighbor's house next door in a minute or less. It was moving slowly. He could tell neither how high the triangle was nor how big it was, but he said that it was probably relatively low because the lights would have appeared more diffuse had it been

higher. As the object disappeared behind the his neighbor's roofline, he thought about going into his backyard to continue to watch its flight. However the area was dark and a fence was in the way, and the "X-Files" was coming on, after all. He returned to his home and to the excitement of the show. A friend who is a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, upon hearing about the sighting, commented that the triangle was not like anything in our known aircraft inventory. It was then the realization that he might have had his own "X-Files" type experience hit him. He really had seen a UFO and calling Scully and Moulder wouldn't help.

Black Triangle Sighting in West Virginia

by Alberta UFO Study Group

This sighting took place one night in the last week of August 1997, about ten miles south of Marietta, Ohio and approximately six miles from Mineral Wells, West Virginia. The following statements are from the witness as he described his experience:

"As I was proceeding down the highway (I-77), my partner yelled, 'Look at that!' He startled me so bad I almost lost control of the truck. Anyway, I looked out my side window and to my total astonishment, I witnessed a large, black triangle heading eastward just above the hills. I gathered my senses and pulled the truck off the road. We both got out of the truck to look at it. As I held my arm straight up and made a fist, it was about twice the size of my fist [estimated by the witness to be about 50 to 60 feet, tip to tip]. If I had a rock, I could have hit it.

"I could see, plainly, that it had a non-reflective, kind of like flat-black, surface. On the bottom of this craft were four lights. They looked as if they were on dim. That is to say, they did not shine brightly but were definitely visible. It had one red/orange light in the middle and a beige light at each of the three corners. The lights appeared to be somewhat recessed, although not deeply. The one thing that caught my attention was that it made no sounds, what so ever. It just seemed to float. It was moving so slowly that I could have out-raced it on foot.

"We watched it for at least ten minutes, then it moved over the hills and we lost sight of it. We got back into the truck and went south a few

miles and I pulled over to see if I could see it again. We did not see anything again that night."

Dark Triangular Craft Seen Near Toledo by Anonymous

This report about an Ohio case is a summary of the original that appears on the National UFO Reporting Center's web site at <http://www.ufocenter.com>. We asked the Center if they would be able to put us in contact with the author, but no response was received to this request. If anyone has heard about this case from another source please contact us.

On or about 02/15/98 at approximately 23:35 hours I observed a large charcoal gray to black UFO. This craft was slowly traveling across the sky from northeast to southwest at between 1000 to 1500 feet in altitude. There was a very low rumbling, more felt than heard, coming from the craft. It was approximately 100 to 150 feet long, and 100 feet wide at it's widest point. There were three strobe lights shifting from dull green to bright blue on this craft, one at each of its *three tips*. I would estimate the original speed of the craft at between 150 and 200 MPH.

This sighting took place within 3 to 5 miles of the Toledo airport. I heard two Ohio National Guard F-16s take off and head in my direction. Both passed directly over my head. The large craft suddenly increased its speed, then tilted upward at I would say was an almost 90 degree angle and continued to accelerate. Both F-16s attempted to stay with the craft, but soon broke off the chase and headed back toward the airport.

Dayton, Ohio Triangle Report by Jim Spangler, Dayton, Ohio

Jim Spangler received the following report from a witness who lives in the Huber Heights subdivision of Dayton.

I "accidentally" saw a genuine UFO from my yard Sunday night, May 2, 1999. I was sitting out by [a] campfire by myself. It was about 10 PM. I had just brought out my binoculars to do a little look around the sky... There were a lot of stars but a lot of ground light [as well] since we live about a block from Brandt behind Marian Lanes. A full moon was just beginning to come up. I looked up at some star in the northeast... I saw nothing until I put up the binoculars. I

immediately saw a big triangle. It was long and isosceles shaped, with a white light on all three corners. The back end was the short side being approximately 1/3 the length of the other two sides. It was gliding straight down slowly.

The back two lights are what I first saw then realized that it was real black between them (I couldn't see any background stars). I moved the glasses down slightly and then saw the nose light. I could hardly believe it. I couldn't hear anything coming from it but I had the feeling that it was way up in the heavens. Its lights were about the same brightness as the other stars. The whole length was slightly longer than my field of vision. I had to move the glasses down to see the whole thing, which I did several times. I tried to see if I could see it with unaided vision, but I couldn't. Then I couldn't locate it again with or without the binoculars.

The sighting lasted about 10 seconds. I think it was real far away and "HUGE."

Colorado Triangle

An unusual triangular like craft was seen in 1998 in Colorado. While not an Ohio sighting, it so unusual we thought we would report on it here along with the local sightings. This report appeared in an article entitled "Reports of Unusual Aerial Activities These Past Few Months" by Chris O'Brien in the January 1999 issue of the *Crestone Eagle*, page 8.

"Monday, September 14, at 6:15 am, Highway 285 north of Monte Vista, Colorado: a Monte Vista resident, while headed north on 285, witnessed a 'V-shaped craft hovering over the tops of the mountains to the west.' The sun was above the horizon and seemed to reflect off the object 'like the sun reflecting on an airplane wing,' but the object's structure was still plainly visible to the witness. The witness described the object as looking like '2 big rectangular pillars put together in a V shape...the size of three commercial airliners.' The witness observed the craft for over ten minutes before he traveled too far north and left it behind him – still hovering over the mountains. No one else was driving on 285 seemed to notice the object which puzzled the witness because, "it was so big."

Rhode Island Triangle With Logo

Now that we are getting away from Ohio triangle sightings, I don't think it would hurt to quote a very unusual report that is found in *Filer's Files 18 – 1999*, published on Internet by MUFON UFO Network Eastern Director George A. Filer.

"Dennis reports that on February 15, 1999, a triangle passed overhead heading west to east while he was driving on Route 138 north of Woodville. He lost sight of it due to the trees. A few days later on February 20, he and his wife were sitting in their sunroom at 11:40 PM. They were watching a fox feed on bread they had out outside, when a craft appeared headed in a southerly direction. They stepped out on their porch for a closer look. Dennis states: The craft passed over us silently, slowly, steadily and very low. The underside of it was dimly lighted by a hazy white light, thus making it possible to see the logo. The logo was a triangle edged in yellow containing the Earth being struck by two lightning bolts with the number '1' in the right hand corner. As it approached, a feeling of serenity and calm came over us making it a wonderful feeling to watch as it passed overhead. I estimate the speed of the craft at five to ten miles an hour. The size was approximately forty feet in length and forty feet wide at the rear of the craft, with the nose of the craft forming a point. The craft looked similar to a Stealth fighter, however it was a much larger plane. The altitude of the craft was about one hundred feet. I repeat there was not a sound from the craft and it did not even create a breeze."

George talked at length with Dennis who states that the logo or insignia was five feet in diameter and at the front was the Omega symbol. The two lightning strikes began at the 11 and 1 o'clock position. George said that Roman soldiers who conquered ancient Britain used a similar lightning symbol.

Selectively Visible Triangle?

The following item is from: *Filer's Files 19 – 1999*.

The young witness writes: "I live by Lake Michigan in Northwest Indiana. At the park in my small town, while playing with friends on the gymnasium I saw a black triangular shaped aircraft. I pointed it out to my friends who were unable to see it, however, my brother standing next to me was able to observe it. I think this has something to do with the angle of the sighting. It

flew at a very slow speed. It was flying very low at only 800 to 2000 feet when it disappeared behind some trees. Suddenly the sky opened up and it began to rain, so we just went home. This was in July of 1996.”

New Book on Triangles

For those of you who feel that these triangles just might be Terrestrial in origin, there is a new book on the market that explores this possibility in a lucid and objective way. Tim Matthews’

book, UFO Revelation – The Secret Technology Exposed?, is published by Blanford with a 1999 copyright date. It is available from Amazon.com for \$10.36. The book is without political rantings of an extreme Nazi-like nature found in some of the literature that looks back to the early 1900s for the early history of the triangles. Perhaps we have been on the Extraterrestrial kick for so long that we are missing some important alternatives to at least part of the UFO mystery. Highly recommended.

Tear Drop Shaped UFOs

by William E. Jones

Mr. Glen A. Conrad was returning to his home in Hilliard, Ohio, then a small suburban village west of Columbus, from attending church on the northeast side of Columbus. He was accompanied by four family members, two adults and two children. They had seen what they thought was an odd amber colored light or star over to the east toward Columbus while driving to church, and it was still visible during their return. They would occasionally look back to watch this light as they continued their return trip. As they were nearing Hilliard this star, or whatever it was, was reportedly seen by one of the family to quickly move northward and down toward the ground, where the family member lost sight of it. Interested in seeing it again, they drove north. Having no success, the family started for home, ultimately turning westward on Hayden Run Road. They were heading back toward Hilliard.

The year was either 1974 or 1975. Glen didn’t write it down, and over twenty years have passed. It was cool out, Glen remembered. They had on jackets and there were leaves on the trees. However, he isn’t sure if it was late spring or early fall. Glen’s sister, Luann, on the other hand, is fairly certain that the year was 1975 and the sighting occurred in May. She remembered it was still cool out, there were leaves on the trees, the farm fields had not yet been planted and they were wearing jackets. Both agreed that it was dark, around 11:00 to 11:30 PM. Stars were visible, but there was no moon. If there were clouds, there weren’t many, and there was no wind.

As they neared the I-270* overpass, one of the family noticed lights coming over the trees to their left. Glen quickly stopped the car and they all quickly exited the vehicle. Four lighted objects, all in a line, were slowly moving to the north across Hayden Run Road just to the east of their position. They were moving silently and “gracefully.” The objects were at a perceived altitude of two telephone poles, or approximately 60 feet. Six large rectangular white/opaque areas on the side, like “windows,” lighted the objects. Toward the top and to the rear of each was a blinking red light or beacon.

As the family was exiting the car, Glen noticed that the first object was moving down toward the ground as the other three moved in a curve to the west and then back around to the south, passing between where they were parked and I-270. These three objects maintained their altitude, going southeast and disappearing back over the trees. The first object came down close to the ground about 100 yards north of where they were parked. The area was a plowed muddy field. It had rained earlier in the day. A small white farmhouse sat in this field just a bit to their right. That house is there today (1999). The object landed just beyond the house and to its left, i.e. the west.

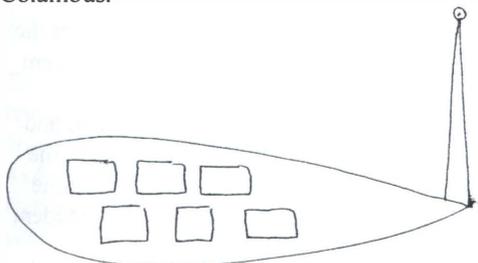
As this object passed between the family and the dimly lit sky to the north where Dublin, Ohio is located a couple of miles away, Glen saw that the object was teardrop shaped. He estimates that the object was 60 to 70 feet long and 20 to 30 feet in height. The “windows” were located in two rows of three, with the top three windows

off set to the front of the bottom three. These window-like areas were large in comparison to the size of the object. Glen estimated that they were 6 feet high. To the rear of the object, based upon its direction of movement, was the narrow end of the teardrop and a tall "blade like fin or mast." On the top of this mast was the blinking red light. The light appeared to be more like an incandescent light than a strobe, in that it turned off and on slowly rather than quickly like a strobe. The object did not seem to touch the ground, in that it kept moving to their left very slowly, seemingly floating.

They continued to watch this object for a few minutes. Glen said that if the field hadn't been muddy, he would have run over to near where the object was hovering. Then, the object started to move slowly and "smoothly" upwards, finally gaining altitude and moving westward over I-270. Up to this point, about 10 minutes had passed. The family got back into their car and tried to follow the object as it headed toward Hilliard. The object then began to pick up speed. Because of where the roads went and the object's speed, they finally lost sight of it. The last thing visible in the night sky was the blinking red light.

Luann, who was interviewed separately, remembers the sighting in the same detail as Glen, with a couple of exceptions. According to her, the object that almost landed finally moved northward out of sight over a low hill that is no longer there. The objects that they followed to the west were the three that never landed. She also remembers seeing a red light under the front end of the hovering object, not on a fin or mast as Glen remembers. The fact that the event isn't remembered in exact detail by these two witnesses after twenty-four years is not surprising. The opposite would be surprising. Clearly, they saw something unusual that they couldn't explain. Neither can we.

*I-270 is the so-called Outer Belt, a part of the Interstate Highway system that circles Columbus.



"People still think we're headed into the information age, when the real shift is toward the genetic commerce age."

Jeremy Rifkin
The Biotech Century

Beavercreek, Ohio Sighting Summer of 1973

by Lance Winkler, MUFON

This report was related to me about nine years ago (1979). There were two witnesses to this event, which occurred in Beavercreek, Ohio east of Dayton, in the early summer of 1973 at a remote location called Bergamo/Mt. Saint John. The location has a number of nature trails for hiking and is a favorite place for teenagers to go late at night to stargaze, party, etc.

These two witnesses were approaching the top of the hill where it drops down again into a ravine and meadow below. The site offers a dramatic view of the countryside to the east, which is why it is popular to visit. The time was between midnight and 1 a.m.

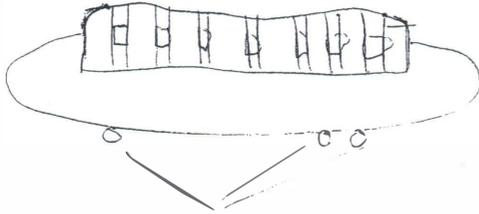
The first thing noticed by the witnesses was a low-pitched hum that was unfamiliar to them. The witness describing this event to me, Mark Laurens, likened it to the sound an overloaded transformer makes but somewhat different and louder. The hum was steady with no oscillation or change in pitch noted.

The witnesses saw a craft appear in view moving from the right to the left heading north. The craft was at eye level to them, moving slowly at 10 to 20 miles per hour. It was unlit but had a three-light configuration that resembled a small aircraft but, according to Laurens, "[it] was not anything resembling a small aircraft." The flight pattern was described as "effortlessly oozing... like a pearl through oil. It wasn't like it was flying." The object stayed on a level course throughout the sighting, which Laurens estimated lasted 2 to 3 minutes.

The size of the object approximated the size of a small house (50 to 70 feet) and was about 100 feet away when at its closest approach. Primary color lights of red, green and blue (three in number) were seen underneath the craft and

Laurens speculated that the pattern was “made to resemble conventional craft.”

Laurens’ immediate reaction was fear, but his friend, excited at what they were witnessing, said it was “the chance of a lifetime” to make contact with what they assumed was something not of this earth. They started to chase after it on foot. They pursued the object until it was lost from sight. The witnesses, shocked by what they had seen, drove home in silence. “We didn’t have anything to say to each other,” Laurens said. (Laurens gave permission to use his name in this report.)



Cincinnati Ballpark Sighting

by Kenny Young, Norwood, Ohio.

Bill Jones of Ohio MUFON informed me of an April UFO sighting and provided contact information for this report.

The primary witness was contacted around 3:30 P.M. at his place of employment. He was very reluctant to speak about the sighting and angrily stressed he did not want to go “on the record” because of the “freaks” that he feared would be calling.

The UFO sighting happened in downtown Cincinnati (Hamilton County) on April 28, 1998, while a Cincinnati Reds baseball game was in progress. The witness stated that as he was leaving the ballgame, somewhere between 9:30 to 10:00 P.M., he and his fiancée spotted an unusual object in the sky.

From their vantage point on a concrete stairway near the Crown Coliseum, close to the Ohio River, the two observers beheld a “little white thing in the air, like a star but duller.” The object was moving back and forth from the Covington side, in the vicinity of the Reds game at Cinergy Field, which is situated adjacent to the Crown Coliseum.

“It was not a plane,” the witness stated. “It was doing zigzag motions, moving from one side of

the river to the [other]...and there is no way it was a helicopter.”

The object remained above the river at a somewhat low elevation and continued to pointlessly zigzag from the Covington bank to the Cincinnati bank. Although the baseball game was continuing at the time of the sighting, the witness does not know if the crowd at the ballgame would have seen the object, which may have been out of visual range because of the design of the stadium and the lights in the ballpark.

The weather conditions at the time were somewhat cloudy with warm temperature. There was no sound heard. Later, at work, the witness told his buddy, who has an interest in MUFON; from there the report reached the desk of Bill Jones.

The sighting may be complicated by the fact that Cincinnati Reds baseball games are frequently over flown by helicopters, blimps, and airplanes pulling advertising banners. Most of this activity would be limited after darkness, however, especially banner-pulling airplanes or helicopters. The “zigzagging” descriptive detail is not consistent with a blimp. The helicopter explanation may be applicable, were it not for the sighter’s insistence to the contrary, due to visual characteristics and lack of sound.

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Thorneville, Ohio – the 1960s

by Wendy Ban, MUFON of Ohio

Every UFO researcher has a file of sighting reports which, though tantalizing or worthy in some regard, are almost impossible to investigate because they lack crucial data, like the year, month and day of occurrence, or decades have passed since the events. Such cases typically remain unreported. These two sightings from the 1960s are essentially anecdotal, but I offer them for two reasons. Both took place in the same time frame, separated by at most two years, and in the same geographic area. The witness in the first report (Darlene B.) is a co-worker of mine with a penchant for detail. A high-school student

at the time of her sighting, she had a very close view of the UFO and was able to provide me with a sketch based on notes she had recorded at the time. The witness in the second report (Kay B.) now retired, was a career science teacher at Sheridan High School and took an exceptionally analytical approach to the matter of her experience. The witness in the first case brought the second case to my attention.

Just before dusk on Halloween in 1963, 1964, or 1965 (most likely 1965), Darlene saw a large noiseless cigar shaped object over the Thorneville, Ohio cemetery. She was standing in the front yard across from the cemetery, and when she first spotted the object, it was moving south-to-north from the direction of Lancaster to Newark at a very slow rate of speed and at low altitude. At its closest approach, it just cleared the tops of trees and the neighbor's house. At that point, Darlene could fairly reliably estimate the object's size at approximately 200 feet long by 60 feet wide, and she had a clear close view of both its bottom and side for a couple of minutes.

The bottom was textured in appearance, with "indentations" in a crosshatched design. There were two large, dark circular structures that appeared to be slatted or bladed, in a manner somewhat resembling fans. It was not clear whether the bladed structures were rotating. From the side, the object was patterned with numerous rectangular shapes resembling windows, but the "windows" toward the center glowed noticeably brighter than those at the extremities. The object's motion was steady, that is, it did not appear to drift with the wind. (Darlene did not note the wind conditions in her recollections.)

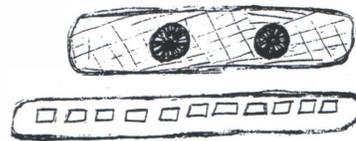
As the object moved away, Darlene ran down the driveway to keep it in view. At that point the object suddenly began moving at a very high rate of speed and almost instantly appeared to vanish. The witness remembers the evening as clear (not rainy or foggy), and she is quite sure that the object accelerated and then vanished and did not simply become obscure to vision.

The sighting greatly impressed her, but she was reluctant to discuss it with anybody. She was also greatly impressed and a little frightened when her high-school science teacher described a sighting she had in the same time frame over Glenford, Ohio, approximately four miles due

east of Thorneville. Kay B. supplied me with the details of her sighting in a telephone interview.

Kay pinpoints the date of her sighting as the evening the first episode of the television show *F-Troop* aired. She, her husband, their elementary school aged son and a teenaged boy were on the front porch of her house in Glenford. Father and son went into the house because the son was eager to tune in the show, and shortly the boy started to follow them. As Kay turned to do the same, a fluorescent orange object at the top of the hills about one mile distant attracted her attention.

The object resembled a dinner plate and was slowly gliding over the hills with a peculiar motion resembling a manta ray maneuvering through water. It closely followed the contours of the land, skimming the tops of the ridges, and occasionally flickering out of view. She called for the others to come and look, but as the teenager responded and stepped out on the porch, the object disappeared behind a ridge. She hesitated to estimate the object's size because she feels the glow may have mislead her perception, but it was large, perhaps 30 feet in diameter.



Mini-UFO Seen Near WPAFB in 1950

by Charles Gebhart, Dayton, Ohio

In the late spring of 1950 my wife and I were going to Dayton to watch the races at Triangle Park. We were riding with some friends and traveling south on State Route 4. We were passing an area between what is now [1998] Area A and Area C of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). At that time there was a large field between the two Areas. We saw a small round red light about 8" in diameter approaching the highway from our right moving at about 30 to 40 miles per hour. It was about 4 feet above the surface and when it was about 50 feet from the fence along the base it elevated in a straight vertical motion to about 20 feet and cleared the fence and the highway.

There was a railway embankment on the left side of the roadway and the object made another vertical maneuver and cleared the embankment. It then made a vertical drop on the other side of the railway and disappeared from view.

Our friends both worked at WPAFB and decided it was something they were working with on the base. We continued to the races and did not discuss the event any further.

Roswell Debris at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base - Evidence by Remote Viewing

by William E. Jones

This story is an intriguing one and we believe it should take its place within the larger context of the Roswell flying saucer crash account. We know this information was provided to the National Air Intelligence Center at WPAFB as part of their search for Roswell related information in response to the General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation. We know because we provided it to them. We were later told that the story was looked into and nothing was found.

The information was provided to us from a confidential source within the remote viewing community but outside of MORA and MUFON. In our estimation, the source is objective. The source does not "believe" in the value of remote viewing, but has worked very hard using scientific principles to establish that possibility. To protect our source, that is all we will say, but it is not *Psi Tech* or Ed Dames.

Now, for the record, here is the remote viewing report.

"Problem Description: Locate the whereabouts of the Roswell wreckage.

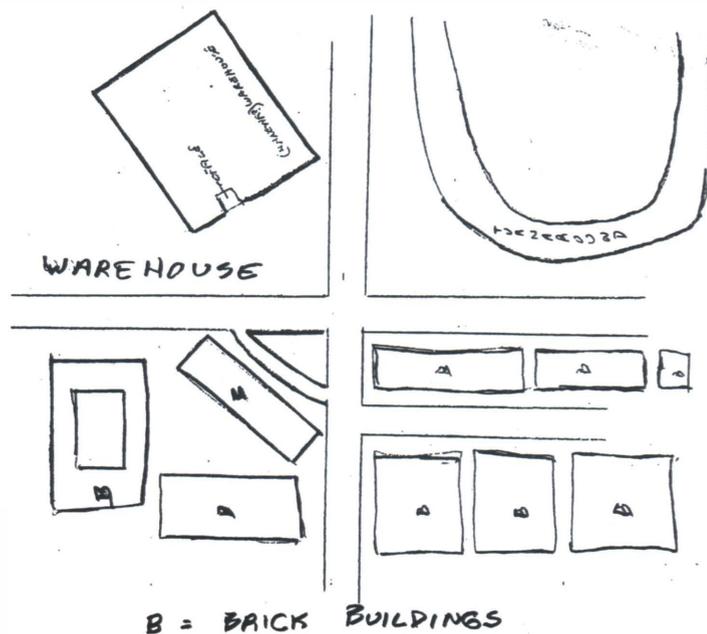
"Question, Current Time: Where is the majority of the Roswell crash wreckage now [1994]? Where is it being studied now?

"Large pieces of triangular and strut-like pieces of debris, wrapped in green cloth (surgical drapes) and over-wrapped in tarpaulin are sitting on dusty shelves in a warehouse at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. They are very high up on, to the very end of row 5. This row is the farthest right as you enter the front entrance of

the warehouse. The warehouse door is open to the light and, currently, not closely guarded.

"People come and go through the open door. There is an office space to the left of the front door and all the itinerary of the warehouse is coded in a locked file in a two story stone building on the base. Documents there are dated 1958 and are yellowed with age around the edges. They relate to physical examination of the debris. The documents have a decal on the top left, of a circle with a horizontal line through, and writing is superimposed on the design. The debris is not currently being studied but there is renewed interest from Los Alamos. I did not see any round debris (flying saucer shape)."

A map showing the location of the warehouse in relation to other buildings was also provided and is reproduced here. If this map or the description of the warehouse sounds familiar, please get in touch with us.



“Question: Is there important documentation to be found about the crash in non-secret vaults, such as government archives or presidential libraries? If so, which ones?

“All the important documentation related to the crash is still in secret vaults and not available to the public, yet.

“Question: Sometime in the Future: Is there a key witness or document that will ‘break-open’

the Roswell case in the future? Please describe the document or the person. What is the color of the marking at [the] top/bottom of the document.

“Wings. Blue. The manager of the Wright-Patterson warehouse has been there a very long time and knows what is on the shelves. Maybe when he retires he will be able to give information.”

UFO Sighted Over Missile Base in 1966

by William E. Jones and Dr. Irena Scott

In the spring of 1966 our witness, who has asked not to be named in any published report, was assigned to an air defense missile base in Dillsboro, Indiana. The base was located approximately 10 miles from the Ohio River along U.S. Route 50 southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. In private hands today, in the mid-1960s, this base was a key installation in the defense of the Greater Cincinnati area from air attack by Soviet aircraft carrying nuclear weapons. The base housed Nike-Hercules missiles that could be quickly armed with either high explosive or nuclear warheads.

Our witness was in the U.S. Army working in the Assembly and Test area of the base. He was assigned to Battery C, 56th Artillery. On the night of this sighting, he was assigned to back-up guard duty. Around 12:30 AM, a Sergeant Grimes came into the guard office and told our witness and another enlisted man to relieve a guard at Post 4 who had called in and seemed to be “going crazy.” When asked why this was happening, Grimes replied that there was a UFO over the Assembly and Test area, which was near Post 4.

Our witness and the other man left the guard office and proceeded toward Post 4. As they rounded a large pile of dirt over 20 feet high that was beside a construction area, they saw the UFO in the sky a couple of hundred yards or so away. The UFO was disc shaped. It was glowing orange/red and appeared to be metallic. The

glow pulsed at a frequency the witness was not sure of. When this pulsation reached its brightest, the outline of the object was barely visible. Round shapes of what could have been portholes were visible, although the witness pointed out that he couldn’t be sure what these shapes really were. They were lighted in a blue color. From the bottom of the object white “pieces of light” came out and moved quickly toward the ground where they disappeared. Only one piece of light came out at a time, the following light not appearing until the previous one had disappeared. The light seemed to be going down into the Assembly and Test area, although it might have been falling into an area between Assembly and Test and the missile storage facility which was also near Post 4. When asked how big the object was, how far away, or how high, the witness replied that he couldn’t say because he had no way to judge.

After taking a quick look, both our witness and his companion decided they were in danger and neither proceeded on to Post 4. The companion ran back towards the guard office and our witness quickly entered a nearby communications trailer where he proceeded to hear how the base handled the incident. Both of these men were later disciplined for not following on with their orders, although the discipline later meted out was not serious.

A warrant officer on duty brought up a missile “topside” from its under ground hanger and

prepared it to fire on the aerial intruder. The launcher control facility was about 1800 to 2000 yards away from the base. Permission to fire was requested of the officer there all the way up the chain of command, and in each instance the request was denied. The final request was made to NORAD out in Colorado Springs, Colorado and the final denial came from there. Since our witness was in the communication facility he heard all of this on the radio. The response from NORAD included the comment that NORAD knew of the object's presence, having tracked it for some time over the United States. That was all that was said about that subject.

Our witness left the trailer after the incident was over. He did not see the UFO leave and he stated that he did not remember anyone saying how that occurred. If someone did discuss this, he did not remember it. (Our interview with the witness took place in 1998.) However, he did say that he thought the incident lasted about 10 to 15 minutes.

The next day, 7 to 10 officers from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base came to the missile base in two or three automobiles. The witness said that as best he could remember, the group consisted of one "full bird Colonel," several Lt. Colonels, and a couple of lower ranking officers. He seemed to remember that two of these officers were Army and the rest Air Force. They questioned everyone on the base about what they had seen and what they had heard about the incident. When our witness was interviewed he was handed a blank piece of paper and asked to write down everything that had happened. He was then questioned by one of the officers. He was asked about the blue color of the portholes, or what ever they were. He was handed a color chart and asked to pick out the color of the blue he had observed. After he chose the proper color, our witness asked his interviewer why he was so interested in the blue color. The interviewer replied that it was because the color blue is associated with nuclear energy. The interviewer also asked our witness if he had seen anyone looking out the portholes. He chuckled and replied that he had not. At the end of the interview our witness was told to never discuss the incident with anyone; "It did not take place." From what his friends later said, apparently everyone on base received the same order. Not too much was said on base about the incident after that.

When we asked if the base had lost any power during this incident, our witness replied in the negative. He had seen no evidence of that, and no one had later said anything that would contradict his observation.

Our witness remained assigned to the base until December 1966 when he was transferred to Europe.

UFO sightings involving relatively slow moving "pieces of light" or "light packages" are, while not common, reported frequently enough to be considered a note worthy aspect of the UFO phenomena.

For example, on January 26, 1999 at 8:15 to 8:32 p.m., seven witnesses saw a large UFO near La Veta in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico hovering over a small lake located on a golf course. The UFO was described as having wings with bright lights in front. It was translucent looking and was accompanied by a low humming sound. Structure was not apparent at first, but "orange-colored portholes" appeared in its side. The UFO shot a probe-like beam or tube downward toward the lake. (Filer's Files, #8-1999, p. 4.)

Francis Ridge, a UFO investigator from Indiana, reports that that a UFO was reported over Vincennes and southern Indiana on November 14, 1960. Described as a "brilliant, red flash" by some southern Indiana newspapers, reports first came in from Florence, east of Vevay, where residents there said they saw an object burning in the sky. A Switzerland County farmer reported sighting "an object in the sky with three bright lights." According to the newspapers, "the Nike Missile station at Dillsboro said it traced an unidentified object with its radar but lost it as it traveled northwest toward Indianapolis." State police reportedly searched for a plane crash, but found nothing.

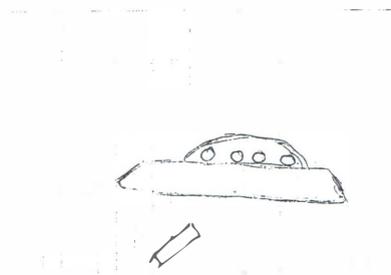
Mr. Ridge, then a field investigator for the now defunct NICAP organization, contacted Battery 'C' 5th Missile Battalion, 56th Artillery in Dillsboro who wrote him back on December 1, 1960 saying, "We were not radar tracking an unidentified flying object on Monday 14 November 1960."

Mr. Ridge concluded, "Something low and slow was observed by a number of persons over southern Indiana Monday evening. That

'something' was tracked by radar then later denied. The civilian reports we investigated were very much similar to 'fireball' reports, except for the speed and the radar confirmation. Without much detail, not too much can be determined from this incident, except that the object was not an aircraft or a meteor, and somebody at Dillsboro leaked the tracking to the news media."

Where these two Dillsboro cases connected? Obviously not because of the six year difference in dates. But at one time was someone watching over the now closed nuclear missile base near Dillsboro, Indiana? Did more sightings occur

near there than are on the record? We will probably never know.



Mini-Flap in Northwestern, Ohio?

Freemont, Ohio Sighting – April 14, 1999

by Richard D. Thielmann, Mutual UFO Network
of Ohio

During the afternoon of April 19, 1999 I interviewed John and Cathy Pasch of Fremont, Ohio.

According to Cathy's account, she was a passenger in her husband's new truck driving home from bingo at the VFW Hall in Clyde, Ohio headed west on Limerick Road around 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 14, 1999. As they approached Route 19, her husband noticed three lights through the windshield at tree top level directly ahead of them, standing still as if they were attached to a helicopter. There was one bright light and two smaller dimmer lights along side, all white. The lights were steady; they did not blink. Their's was the only vehicle on the road and it was a very dark night with clear sky. At Route 19 they stopped to roll down the windows to determine if they could hear anything, but they could not.

Cathy's husband then proceeded to speed up to get close to the lights, but the lights moved away as if they "sensed" what he was doing and were soon "just gone." When the lights moved, they seemed to her to turn from white to red. She stated that although there was an "eerie"ness" to

the episode, the incident at the same time, "made me feel peaceful."

While they were watching these lights, they also saw blinking lights in the distance that were obviously on an airplane. Cathy estimated the duration of the sighting to have lasted not more than five minutes.

John was interviewed two hours after Cathy's interview. According to him, he was driving home from the bingo game at about 9:30 P.M., an estimate ½ hour earlier than Cathy's, when he spotted a bright white light with two smaller white lights on either side just before reaching Route 19. He estimated the size of the largest light to be about the size of a nickel held at arm's length. It was a clear night with "millions of stars." There were no other vehicles on that road at that time.

He guessed that the lights were a half-mile away. They had rolled down the windows to check for sound but could hear nothing. He sped up to attempt to get closer, but the lights moved, first west, then south, then "just like that" they were gone. When they moved it was quite fast and all of the lights were equidistant apart in a straight line, and seemed then to be all the smaller size. When they moved they changed color to what appeared to be light red. Throughout their initial sighting and movement, the lights appeared to be just about at tree top height.

John estimated the sighting lasted about a minute and a half. The next day he reported the sighting to the Sandusky County Sheriff's office in Fremont. The Sheriff's records note the Incident number as 99002846. It was received by Deputy C. Dearth/7261 on April 15 at 16:01. The incident location is listed as "Limerick Road/N ST RT 19."

Black Pyramid Seen Near Clyde, Ohio
by Richard D. Thielmann, Mutual UFO Network of Ohio

At 9:45 P.M. on Sunday March 14, 1999, I spoke with Ms. Jamie Kwiatkowski of Clyde, Ohio. This seemingly guileless teenager was willing to be interviewed about her experience, although her boy friend who was with her said that he "wants no part of any investigation." However he did provide details and corroborated much of what Jamie had to say.

Jamie was riding in the passenger seat of her boy friend's car as he drove north on Route 268, a county road. It was Thursday March 11, 1999 at about 10:30 P.M. They noticed a strange white light through the windshield ahead of them and to the left of the car. At first, it seemed to be as if it were a light on a tower, but knowledgeable of the area, they knew there were no towers that would have such a light. They did not think it was an airplane, although it was moving, because it did not look like any airplane light they had ever seen.

They decided to speed up to see if they could catch up with whatever the light was. They chased the light for almost two miles, all the while trying to figure out what it was. They finally "caught up" with the light when they were almost to the junction of Route 268 and US Route 20, when the light became stationary and hovered over the road in front of them. They turned off the car engine and lowered the windows to determine if they could hear any sound.

Once stopped, the light turned out to be three separate white non-flashing lights at the three "corners" of what she described as a black "pyramid." Jamie said that they could distinctly see the black pyramid shape against the black sky background. The pyramid was slightly larger than a softball held at arm's length. She believed the lights were fairly close to them (the boy friend prompted her that it was about 200 feet in

the air, straight ahead over the road). They were watching it straight ahead through the windshield.

She stated that there was a humming sound, but she could not tell if the sound was coming from traffic on Route 20, a busy highway, or really coming from the lights. At no time did Jamie refer to what she saw as a craft, UFO, spaceship, object, or anything else that connoted a solid object. It was three lights and a pyramid.

After what seemed to be a long time, but what they believed was really about two minutes, her boyfriend flashed the headlights of the car on and off. Almost immediately the lighted pyramid moved to their right then shot up into the sky at a slight angle eastward like a shooting star until it became a dot the size of a bright star. They could see the white dot for a short time, then it disappeared. The entire time of this episode she estimated to be about ten minutes.

She and her boyfriend then went to her house from where they called the police.

The records of the Sandusky County Sheriff's office in Fremont note the Incident number as 99001866. The report was received by Sgt. Michael McGuire, Unit 215, on March 11, 1999 at 23:45. The incident location is listed as "Area of SR 101 + CR 260." Sgt. McGuire's report notes that he called the National Reporting Center, Seattle, Washington to report this incident. His report contains additional notes which read in part, "Ten minutes or so later a Peter Davenport called back...and stated that a similar sighting had been reported near Chicago, Illinois just 10 minutes before the UFO was sighted in the area of CR 260 and SR 101."

This report was initially received in Ohio by John Timmerman of Lima, Ohio, a representative of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, who in turn had been told of the incident by Peter Davenport, the Director of National Reporting Center, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Timmerman notified us of the sighting and the investigation reported above was undertaken.

Deputy Sheriff Sees Lights Near Fremont, Ohio

by Kenny Young and William E. Jones

The following statement was taken from the Sandusky County Sheriff's office report noted as Incident number as 99001950. The report was made by "Deputy [Kyle] Amor" on March 14, 1999 at 23:36. The incident location is listed as "SW of 712 CR 126."

"The complainant [unidentified in the Deputy's report] called dispatch and indicated he was observing a strange array of lights in the sky that appeared to be southwest from his [deleted for privacy reasons by the Deputy] residence. The complainant described the lights as being clustered together and multi-colored.

"As I responded to the area of the call, I first observed the cluster of lights as I was on the west end of the bypass. They appeared to be red, green, white, or yellow in color. I continued south on SR53 and then west on SR 12. The lights did not appear to be getting closer, so I pulled my cruiser over at the intersection of CR 12 and SR 12 in order to retrieve my field glasses from the trunk.

"I was unable to identify the object through my field glasses. The lights appeared to be illuminating in a steady fashion. I did not observe any flashing or change in brightness.

"The unidentified flying object did not give me any indication that it was anything other than a plane or helicopter. Although the lights did not appear to be moving at a high rate of speed, the height and distance from my location made it difficult, if not impossible to estimate.

"The object did not appear to be posing a threat or acting in anyway that could have been interpreted as hostile. I returned to routine patrol."

This sighting was also reported in the Fremont News-Messenger of March 15, 1999. In their article it is reported that the Federal Aviation Administration advised the Sheriff's office that the "phenomena was likely caused by three planets visible in the western sky." The Kwiatkowski sighting and two other sightings, one by a Conchiat Houk and another by a Mark Fouke, are noted also. Fouke said his sighting

was of aircraft landing lights, and he only called the Sheriff's office because he had read of other recent sightings in earlier issues of the newspaper.

Kenny's Report

The reporting witness that precipitated Deputy Amor's investigation was identified by Kenny Young and contacted by telephone.

While requesting that his name not be used in any report, he went on to explain that his wife and daughter also saw the strange lights as well. The objects, he said, were visible from around 11:30 P.M. until almost 2:00 A.M.

"They were not stars," the witness assured soundly, "they were cigar-shaped, oscillating lights. Several of them were sitting way out to the west of us in a triangular pattern. They were not airplanes or helicopters.

"One that was closest seemed to have a white light underneath and other lights on top. We did not see any structure. They were too far away, but we could see that there was some shape to them.

"The most I ever saw at one time was about 5 or 6 of them, most of the time there were 3 in a triangular pattern. Each individual object would be visible for a lengthy duration of time, and would then move around in different parts of the sky. One moved to the east. They were not on the horizon at any point."

When asked again about the possibility that the witness could have been observing twinkling stars, he stated, "These things were traveling the wrong way for stars. Stars were disappearing in the west. The objects we saw [were] travelling in all different directions, some to the east. In the beginning when they were closest to us we heard a hum."

The daughter, who also came to the phone and discussed the event, described a quiet, low noise heard while the objects were closest to their location. The humming sound was not high pitched, but a somewhat low, steady droning noise.

The objects were still visible but farther off in the distance at 2:00 A.M. when the family finally decided to retire to bed.

Other Sightings

The April 13, 1999 issue of the Fremont News-Messenger reports that a Timothy R. Twiss, 18, and Shawn Robinson, 18, saw a saucer shaped object Sunday night, April 11, in the night sky over Fremont. They told Fremont police that they were driving in the area of the Atkinson Elementary School on Brush Street at 9:42 P.M. when they saw a UFO in the sky and described it as saucer shaped, bright white with green lights in the front and back." Twiss said as they were watching, it suddenly "took off like a bolt of lightning."

UFOs were reported in Milan, Michigan during the same time period. Kenny Young was advised of this by email on March 19. According to his source, the Milan police chased UFOs for three nights, March 14, 15, and 16. When Kenny attempted to learn more about this by calling the police department on a number of separate occasions, he was reportedly rebuffed each time.

Editorial Comment: The Amor UFO was probably a star or group of stars, but without more accurate information we can't say for sure. The Deputy certainly wasn't impressed by this sighting. However, the witness to the sighting who precipitated Amor's investigation may have seen something else.

Cigar Shaped Object Over Mansfield, Ohio by Anonymous

This report about an Ohio case is a shortened version of the original that appears on the National UFO Reporting Center's web site at <http://www.ufocenter.com>. We asked the Center if they would be able to put us in contact with the author, but no response was ever received to this request. This case interests us because it contains an intriguing factor found in other cases we have investigated. That factor is the presence of a large aerial object over a neighborhood that should be busy but is not and is apparently unseen except by one or two witnesses.

"In the fall of 1973 [best guess September 20] my sister and I came upon a large silver object hovering approximately 20 feet above us on a

clear, sunny afternoon in a heavily populated residential area. We walked around and underneath the craft for 15 or 20 minutes while it remained motionless and soundless above what should have been a busy, suburban street.

Without apparent means the craft suddenly shot straight up into a small cloud and drifted away. We both completely forgot about this incident for 3 years. I think it is also relevant that both of us felt then and now that we are missing a 24 hour period in our lives.

"I am still fearful of what I saw but I am more afraid of what I cannot remember...I am a 41 year old police captain who has lead a relatively normal life of ups and downs.

...

"In either September or October of 1973 at approximately 1515 hours, my sister (13 years of age, at the time) and I (16 years of age) had just been dropped off by our school bus in front of our house. We were living in a heavily populated suburban area of Mansfield, Ohio [on] Cook Road. Cook Road is a busy two lane street and, although our section was mostly residential, a school and a convenience store were both within half a block of where we stood. Our house was at the base of two gradually sloping hills amidst dozens of homes on both sides of the street.

"I had exited the bus before my sister and stood waiting for her on the sidewalk. As she stepped from the bus and it pulled away I was startled to see a large object hovering over the street where the school bus had been. I pointed it out to my sister and we both stood captivated by its appearance and proximity. The craft was approximately 35 to 40 feet overhead and it had lights encircling its cigar shaped structure. I believe there was a large red light on one end and a green light on the other, but the rest of the smaller lights were multicolored. It was of a metal that looked like brushed aluminum and had no visible means of levitation or propulsion. It had no wings or propellers.

"I walked into the street underneath the craft and across the street to see it from the other side. There were no numbers or letters of any kind displayed and I could not see any seams for the release of landing apparatus. At one point I picked up a rock to hear what it would sound like bounced against the exterior, but my sister dissuaded me from throwing it. I remember we were becoming increasingly distressed when I was not able to identify this object and by the

fact that we were alone. It had been at least fifteen minutes since we first saw the craft and during this time, remarkably, no one had passed by. No one had come out onto their front porch, no other kids walked the sidewalks and no cars drove by. In retrospect this seems absurd given the time of day and the usual traffic on Cook Road.

“When I returned to the side of the street on which my sister stood I now saw a small black oval slightly above the row of lights. We thought it might be a window and waved, but there was no response. Several minutes later the craft suddenly shot up and into a small cumulus cloud which drifted away. I remember my sister asking me what it was to which I replied, ‘I don’t know. Do you think it could be one of those UFOs the paper’s been writing about?’ We were both excited and scared as we walked to our house, whereupon we completely forgot about it.

“Although we had no apparent memory of the event, I recall that we were both very upset with our mother whom we accused of leaving us for a

24 hour period. Mom insisted she had never done such a thing, but we were convinced we had experienced a full 24 hours without her. This missing time was particularly perplexing to both of us and, to this day, remains a disturbing reality. I know that I am missing a day, but I cannot explain it.

“Three years after our encounter I had a sudden recall of the events described above while talking about the cosmos with some college friends. I called my sister and asked her if she had ever seen a flying saucer. At first she said no but when I mentioned the school bus in Ohio she also had a sudden realization and literally gasped on the phone. Her memory of the event is almost exactly like my own, including the little window and the strange missing time. There’s a lot more to tell about subsequent related occurrences and some strange stories of little men I used to tell my mother when I was very young, but this is the heart of the matter. Life goes on but I sure wish I could understand the ‘what’s’ and the ‘whys’ of this event.”

Washington Elk Abducted by UFO

by George Filer
MUFON Eastern Director

This article appeared initially in Mr. Filer's Filer's Files #11-1999 on March 19, 1999. Mr. Filer's digital newsletter always contains interesting information. We feel this report is unusual enough to be included here for those of you who do not have access to his newsletter.

WA MUFON Director of Investigations Robert A. Fairfax, and the Director of National Reporting Center, Peter Davenport drove down to the Mt. St. Helens area to investigate a phenomenal case—the daytime elk abduction witnessed by 14 forestry workers. Peter reports: “The crew was planting trees on February 25, 1999. A herd of elk was grazing about 280 feet down slope and to the north of them (about 1600 feet away). Just before noon, a small UFO flew slowly over the ridge and wobbled its way down toward the herd. About 100 feet from contact with the herd, the animals become aware of the craft and run uphill to the east. One of the elk separates somewhat from the rest and the UFO pursues it. Without pause the craft goes over the animal at a height that might have brushed the

elk’s head. The craft with the elk dangling beneath then starts ascending to the northeast. The witnesses added that shortly after lifting the elk off the ground, the object seemed to begin to “wobble” to a more pronounced degree than it had exhibited earlier. The object seemed to be having trouble with the extra weight.

“As the object appeared to increase its altitude, the elk, which was suspended upright below the disc, rotated slowly beneath it and appeared to be getting closer to the central surface of the disc. The elk is slowly rotating but no other movement from the animal is detected. When the craft reaches the end of the clear-cut and encounters the tree line the elk is almost totally inside, however the craft is not high enough to clear the treetops. It is thought that the treetops might have been hit. They also commented that the object seemed to increase in size slightly after it had picked up the animal. With the elk suspended below it, the object began to ascend slowly up a clear-cut slope to the east. However, the witnesses watched it apparently brush the

tops of nearby trees to the east, at which point it reversed its course and proceeded to the west.

“The witnesses stated that once the object had started to ascend and had climbed to an altitude above their vantage point, they no longer could see the animal suspended below the craft. Their presumption was that the animal had somehow been taken into the craft. The witnesses could discern no “door,” or any kind of aperture through which the animal might have been conveyed into the craft. The craft circled (after much wobbling) 360 degrees; gaining altitude then ascended nearly vertically until it was lost from sight in the clouds.

“We found a dead elk two miles or so from the sight. However, there were no mutilation marks discernible, no gunshot wounds found, and no broken bones from a fall. The large female elk appeared healthy albeit dead. We were on the site 8 days after the event. No scavengers had attacked the elk body. We found a dead porcupine on the drive out with a scavenger bird picking at the remains.

“A large corporation and another company are involved in the investigation, but want their names kept secret. Robert Fairfax stated this is an excellent sighting because of these 5 factors that point to a real event. (1) The 14 forestry workers were working on contract for a large corporation with a number of individuals that had worked for 15 to 20 years with the same company. It is not likely that they would risk their jobs to pull a stunt. The forestry people were sincere and believable. (2) The corporation (which must remain unnamed at their request) vouched for the past integrity of the individuals who are all hard working family men that work in inclement weather conditions without any complaints. (3) The voice tone and body language during interviewing left me with no doubt that they had been frightened, awed, confused and were telling the truth. (4) Details that would generally not be known to ordinary people, e.g., (i) the description of the oscillating wobble traveling 360 degrees around the circumference of the craft. (ii) that the elk herd gathered together in a tight group for the rest of the afternoon after the one was abducted. (iii) the humans grouped together for the rest of the afternoon also. (5) Some reported having continued nightmares after the fact. (6) They wanted absolutely no publicity and they were not even going to tell anyone about it. A corporate

supervisor (not at the site but seeing the group later) noticed that the whole group appeared frightened by something and the supervisor had to pry it out them.”

It appears that this incident happened on privately owned land. The owners reportedly want their property and their names kept confidential. While this hasn't limited access to the area by the primary investigators, they may be unable to reveal exactly where this occurred in their final report. Thus, critics may use this as a way to demean the event.

Thanks to Robert A. Fairfax and G. Knowles, WA State Director, Walter Sheets and Peter Davenport for this report.

An update to this case appeared in Filer's Files #12-1999. Mr. Filer contacted Mr. Robert A. Fairfax to see if he had more details on the case. Part of Mr. Fairfax's response follows.

Filer: “I am particularly interested in the description of the craft itself.”

Fairfax: “So am I; this is one of the areas we will try and nail. There were two flashes described as the craft wobbled. A fluorescent magenta (top) and a white (bottom). These were apparently not lights but seemed to be areas on the surface. They were seen intermittently but again we will need to pin the details down along with many others.”

Filer: “What was the direction of flight and the last known direction of travel?”

Fairfax: “It was first seen in the SE traveling toward the NNW. It departed slowly to the NE, and then made a near vertical ascent into cloud cover.”

Filer: “Did they notice any kind of plasma, lighting, or electrical effects around the craft?”

Fairfax: “Possibly, the two bright color areas. The craft seemed to increase in size as it was capturing the elk. We're trying to clarify that.”

Filer: “Did the craft tilt as it changed direction?”

Fairfax: “Wobbling was reported that was more pronounced before direction changes, but we need to verify with more witnesses.

Filer: "Did they notice a hum or sound?"

Fairfax: "There was no sound."

Filer: "Did you notice the height of the trees or the approximate height and distance from picking up the elk to the top of the trees?"

Fairfax: "Yes, but no precise calculations have been done. It had plenty of room to maneuver and climb."

Filer: "Did they notice any windows?"

Fairfax: "There were no windows."

Small UFO Sighted Near Jeffersonville, Ohio
by Kenny Young, Norwood, Ohio

While traveling near the Jeffersonville, Ohio exit on Interstate 71 on March 28, 1994 at around 10:00 PM, my informant's husband who was driving, first saw "an object in the sky" that was about the size of a helicopter, with a blue light at the bottom. Almost immediately, my informant (who I shall name "Mrs. Casey") also saw a second smaller object at the side of their '93 Nissan pickup truck.

"It was like a ball of light," she said, "about the size of a volleyball. It was solid, kind of like a light bulb, but brighter." She described how she was somewhat alarmed as the small object stayed close to the truck, traveling along side them for many miles. "As it was traveling, it stayed with us. It was like it was looking at me. I didn't like that," she reports. "My husband would speed up and slow down and the ball of light stayed right by the truck. At one point, we went under an overpass and the ball went up in the air as if to miss hitting the overpass and came down on the other side at the same speed we were traveling. It remained with us."

"We had quite a bit of discussion during the time [the smaller object] stayed with us. We were looking for high-tension wires or something to tell us what the [first] thing [in the sky] was. My husband was more involved with the thing in the sky than I was because I was trying to figure out the ball of light," she said.

Mrs. Casey was unable to recall any details such

as shadows being cast by the object, but did tell how other motorists were 'pulling off' of the Interstate as they drove past. "Other motorists on the highway were more curious than we were because several of them pulled over, got out of their cars, and were looking up at the thing in the sky. My husband asked if I wanted to pull over, but I said 'no.' I just wanted to get away from that ball of light."

"The blue lights were flashing, but not fast flashes," she said. "Of course, with windows rolled up, we heard no sound."

Mrs. Casey said that traffic was relatively light at the time, and Mr. Casey maintained his position in the right-hand lane of the highway. "As far as I can remember, no other motorists passed us nor did we pass anyone."

She estimates the small object held a 'pursuit' position, pacing their pickup truck at a mere distance of 2 or 3 feet. She said it would occasionally 'waiver,' but doggedly paced them otherwise. The only time it 'went away,' she explained was when the truck would go under an overpass.

Mr. Casey mostly drove 65 M.P.H. for the duration of the incident. At one point he slowed down to 50 M.P.H. to see what would happen.

"The ball was white and very bright," Mrs. Casey reported. "Just like a light. It did not feel like it radiated light or that it was shining on me...I do not remember any sound but we had the windows rolled up in the truck. I did not see any smoke. At one point it went over the hood of the truck and traveled on my husband's side of the truck. When it passed the windshield, you had the feeling it was 'looking' at you."

As Mr. and Mrs. Casey continued traveling south on Interstate 71, they were paced for about 30 minutes by the larger object in the sky (which frequently moved in an erratic 'zigzaggy' fashion) and the smaller volleyball sized object.

When they were approaching Fields-Ertel Road, Mrs. Casey said that another 'ball-of-light' was seen at treetop level. "The second ball of light came from the thing in the sky which was on the left of the highway. It just hovered there for a few seconds and the ball of light by the truck went out and met it. It [the second ball of light]

seemed to come out of the object in the sky.”

“Then, after the first ball of light ‘greeted’ the second over this field, they flattened out, like pancakes...They did not touch each other, but then flew very fast back up to the bigger object.”

Mrs. Casey did not report the sighting immediately, but after telling some friends, was asked to submit her UFO sighting [report] to researcher Leonard Stringfield. [Mr. Stringfield, now deceased, was a UFO researcher for many years and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio.] After talking with Stringfield, she said he mentioned that her report had been verified by his others in the area, and that his check with Wright-

Patterson Air Force Base revealed that they had no experimental activity in progress at the time in question.

Mrs. Casey told of having unusual feelings while the smaller paced their vehicle, as if she were being stared at. “I just wanted it to go away,” she said.

Mr. Casey is a courier and Mrs. Casey is a waitress. Both are in their late 50s. “My husband does agree with me about this event and believes it was a UFO sighting much more than I do.”

The Zanesville, Ohio Photographs

by Warren B. Nicholson and Ronald Fisher

We arrived at Ralph Ditter’s barbershop on the morning of October 23, 1971. The shop was located on Main Street in Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Nicholson proceeded to get a haircut and engaged Mr. Ditter in a conversation about his rather famous UFO photographs, reportedly taken in Zanesville on November 13, 1966. Early in the conversation Mr. Ditter handed Mr. Nicholson a document about 3/8” thick and requested that he read this first, and then they could talk about his photos.

The document was a report by the Rand Corporation that dealt with the photographic analysis of the photos Mr. Ditter had taken. Mr. Nicholson scanned the report checking their methodology and read their conclusions about the photos. The report stated, (1) the object in the photos was 3 to 4 inches in diameter, not 30 feet as claimed by Mr. Ditter, (2) the object was not at a considerable distance, but a mere 3 to 4 feet from the camera lens, and (3) the photos were not taken in rapid succession, but approximately one hour and ten minutes had elapsed between photos. Also, the numbers on the backs of the photographs were out of sequence with Mr. Ditter’s story.

At this point, Mr. Nicholson asked Mr. Ditter what he thought of their analysis and he replied, “What do you think of it?” Mr. Nicholson again asked his opinion and stated he felt that Mr. Ditter’s response was of more value at this point.

Mr. Ditter then stated, “Well, I am the one who faked them. What do you think?” Mr. Ditter then proceeded to tell the authors the entire story of the bogus photographs.

Mr. Ditter’s story began about a year and three months before the photos first hit the press. His daughter had just read a book on UFOs and had said, “Daddy, will you take a UFO picture for me?” The father replied, “Yes, someday.”

Approximately three months after this, Mr. Ditter was cleaning and repairing his daughter’s wagon. During this process he removed the hubcaps and wire brushed them. He noticed how much they appeared like UFO photos he had seen in books and magazines.

Remembering his daughter’s request, he took his Polaroid camera and started taking some snap shots. After about a pack and a half of film and some interruptions he had two photos which resembled photos he had seen.

Mr. Ditter gave the photos to his daughter who was very happy with her father’s handy work. What his daughter did with the photos is not known but about three months later Mr. Ditter saw the photos lying around the house so he decided to take them to the shop. The photos were then taped to the mirror behind his barber chair where, when his patrons inquired about them, he had a suitable story to tell.

Approximately nine months later a customer saw them for the first time and asked about them. He then excitedly left the shop and contacted his physician who was a member of The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). The physician then reported the photos to NICAP and to the media. The next thing Mr. Ditter knew, in to his shop walked representatives of the media and the ball started rolling.

The pressure was now on Mr. Ditter to again tell his story, which he did, but this time it went far beyond the barbershop. The story was on the news wires and his shop was besieged with investigators, reporters, and the curious.

Mr. Ditter was now riding high on the publicity from radio, TV, and the press, but the crash was soon to come. Investigators soon spotted a discrepancy in his story. The first photo he took according to his story was of the UFO hovering over his house,. The second photo was of the UFO as it moved away from the house and was over a field. Investigators asked him if he was sure that was the sequence of events, and he stuck to his story.

The photos were numbered on the back and his so-called first photo was numbered 7 and the second was numbered 6, showing a reverse of sequence. With his back to the wall, so to speak, Mr. Ditter stuck to his story. Polaroid was contacted and they stated that very rarely are film packs mislabeled, but that it did happen.

Ralph was still holding firm to his story, but that was enough proof for many investigators and the photos were dubbed a hoax. The photos were then sent to the Rand Corporation for analysis.

Mail poured in to Ralph Ditter's barbershop from all over the world. The mail was from people who claimed to have had sightings and who were very supportive of Mr. Ditter's position. Time proceeded and by the time the Rand Corporation's results came out, the world had finally lost interest in Ralph Ditter and his photographs.

The Rand report is unknown to most UFO investigators, but when studied it shows that many man-hours of excellent work had been done in a scientific manner. Mr. Ditter stated to us, "I don't know how they did it but they were

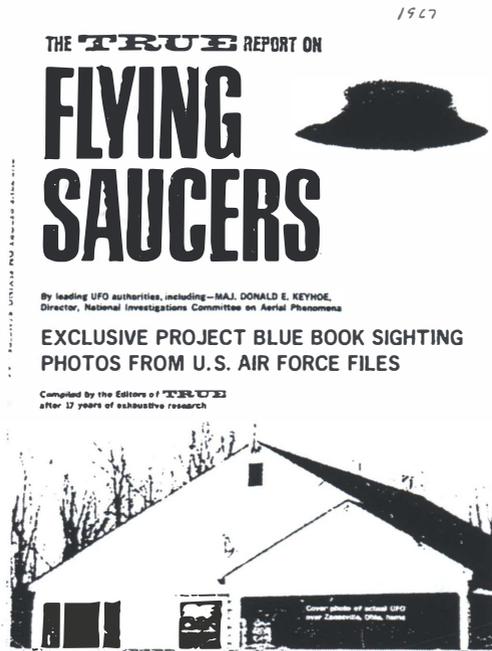
just about damn right about everything they said about those pictures."

1999 Update

Two investigators wrote this unpublished report for the now defunct Columbus based Civil Commission on Aerial Phenomena (CCAP) in late 1971. In spite of their report, the Rand report and Mr. Ditter's relatively unknown confession, Mr. Ditter's photographs still show up occasionally in books and magazines. We are publishing the CCAP report in order to put the record straight about this well-known Ohio case. We understand that Mr. Ditter passed away several years ago. This report is a testament to his accidental contribution to ufology. His contribution is not the photographs, but the lesson that not all hoaxes in this field are planned. Some are quite accidental, but they are no less damaging to the credibility of scientific UFO research. Hoaxes may be more numerous than we might wish to admit.



The Zanesville photos fit descriptions of craft seen by police and sheriff's deputies elsewhere in Ohio in the spring and fall of 1966.



Richard Hall Replies to Robert Durant - "The Fitzgerald Report"

Dear Bob:

Maybe I am overly sensitive, but....!

Having just read the reissue of "The Fitzgerald Report" by MidOhio Research Associates [Ohio UFO Notebook #18], and your Introduction therein, I feel obliged to strongly protest your depiction of NICAP (and, by implication, me). Please do not contribute to perpetuation of these myths, which apparently began with David Jacob's thesis and have been carried forth by certain other dubious reporters such as Jacques Vallee.

You state that you sent copies to every Member of Congress, and "We fully expected NICAP to make a major media and Capitol Hill push with the case. Zero. The failure of even ufologists to follow up was dismaying, but the answer lies in the fact that this was a close encounter case. NICAP wanted daylight discs sighted by airline pilots. Nothing more exotic, thank you."

Aside from the Akron UFO Research Committee's perhaps false expectations, for which we cannot be held responsible, this is a totally unfair and, in many respects, grossly inaccurate portrayal of the facts. I wish you had done some homework before bad mouthing

NICAP. For example, if you had looked at issues of the U.F.O. Investigator for that time period, you would have seen that we had no staff and precious few resources, and we were barely hanging on. You would also have seen that we gave full-page coverage to, and strongly endorsed, "The Fitzgerald Report" in the December 1958 issue (copy enclosed).

By your own admission, Congressmen were unresponsive. I can't imagine anything we could have done to alter that situation. We were fighting that exact battle tooth and nail on a broader front as best we could. (See my history of NICAP in the MUFON 1993 Symposium Proceedings; also on the NICAP web site managed by Francis Ridge.)

As for NICAP's alleged bias against close encounter cases, this is totally false and unfounded. I was there and, in fact, practically running the show. We reported any solidly investigated and well-founded close encounter and physical evidence cases, including extensive coverage of the Socorro landing case.

For the time period in question (1958-59), I enclose a page of the U.F.O. Investigator of February-March 1959 containing a roundup of UFO sightings. Note the many close encounter cases. This is the only formal rebuttal I will offer; we also reported many dozens (probably hundreds) of other close encounter cases well before [Jacques] Vallee's arbitrary "late Sixties" date. For a total rebuttal, you need only look at The UFO Evidence (1964). The Fitzgerald case is again summarized there on page 113.

In all fairness, you cannot say either that we failed to make good use of that case or that we wanted nothing more exotic than daylight discs reported by pilots. The facts refute both of these claims.

As for Vallee's remarks, I have never seen him get much of anything accurate when it comes to basis facts about cases or UFO history. His relatively recent "Notebook" (or whatever it is called) contains numerous falsehoods about me, most based on gossip, which he never bothered to check for accuracy. He has a lot of gall!

This (Fitzgerald Report issuance) comes against a recent background of "revisionist history" and especially about old NICAP cases appearing on the Internet and about cases whose investigation

I personally supervised. I set up and ran the NICAP investigation network, and I'm getting damn sick and tired of the garbage that is being circulated about these cases. Our work in those years is not beyond criticism at all, but this stuff is not reasonable criticism at all. In the majority of cases, the critics simply don't know what they are talking about, and are substituting wild surmise for "scientific inquiry." These cases are well documented; they should do their homework before trashing NICAP and me! It's as simple as that.

Keep up the (otherwise) good work.

Richard Hall

Bob Durant's Reply

This is in reply to your letter of September 24th [1998], in which you correctly take me to task for challenging NICAP and its dealings with the "Fitzgerald Report" in a way that does you and NICAP an injustice.

Perhaps some venue will arise in which I or both of us can set the record straight on this one.

R. J. Durant

Bits and Pieces

Military Retirees & Secrecy
by Judith Dale and Susan Watson on
ufomind.com

January 13, 1999 – Judith Dale

I have been following the recent discussion regarding the consequences that might occur if a retired military person was to break their secrecy agreement.

The experience that I have is with my partner's dad, who is a retired Lt. Colonel, USAF intelligence. In response to questions about UFO's and the involvement of the Air Force, he will only say that a lot has gone on and to talk about it would put him, and us, in terrible danger. This doesn't sound like a fear of losing his pension, to me. This is a man who started in the Army and became Air Force in 1947. The

Air Force subsequently paid for him to get a graduate degree in communications at Yale.

My partner describes his childhood of many moves to and from numerous Air Force bases and long absences of Dad on secret assignments, when contact could only be made through his CO. Then there was the discovery of one of Dad's notebooks during a childhood search of his desk. This notebook contained drawings that at the time, my partner thought were cartoon people, but now recognizes them as "greys", as well as what seemed to be a symbol type writing. This occurred in 1956.

We have all found his refusal to tell us anything to be incredibly frustrating. He is now in his 80's, but insists that what he knows will go to the grave with him. He is adamant that it is not safe for him to speak. Fear of loss of pension? I don't think so. This is a man who was rah, rah military, and now vehemently hates the military. Curious.

I suspect that those who have spoken, don't have the "real skinny." Those that do, will probably never reveal what they know.

January 19, 1999 – Susan Watson

I am the daughter of the referred-to officer. My brother and I did not know the specific details of Dad's duties when we were young, but as all children do we heard and observed what transpired within our home. It was not until later in our lives that we became fully aware of the depth of his involvement.

My father is no coward. He put his life on the line for his country more than once. He shed his blood during war for this country. Eventually, he lost his wife and marriage because his first sworn duty was to this country. Dad was not present in our lives most of the time. He was away performing his assigned duty. What was he doing? He was giving every ounce of himself to help secure the safety of you and yours.

Last night I had a long talk with Dad. The issues raised on this List [ufomind.com] woke my curiosity once again. As I got deeper into trying to pick his brain for answers I felt a sense of shame. The conclusion I arrived at is this:

Never once has my father swayed from his loyalty and commitment to his country. There is

honor in this man's heart. He holds to his pledge in spite of the fact that he is grievously disappointed in the direction of our nation. It would be disrespectful for me to attempt any further extractions of information. I am closing the book. I can at least honor the man...if not the country that created him.

Element 114

According to Science, January 22, 1999, scientists at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, near Moscow, have unveiled evidence for the creation of a nucleus with 114 protons, the heaviest element yet created. Although some transuranic isotopes last for years, the last such element created is 112 and it lasts for only 280 seconds. Theorists have predicted, however, that this trend toward instability would be reversed as additional neutrons and protons filled in nuclear shells. More work is required to confirm this find. What will the scientists find when they create 115? Will Bob Lazar be proven right or, more likely, will his story finally be laid to rest? We shall see.

Apollo 14 Astronaut Edgar Mitchell Speaks Out

The following are excerpts from an article quoting Dr. Edgar Mitchell that originally appeared in The People [London, England], 25 October 1998, and later appeared in UFO Magazine, Volume 17, No. 5, pp. 18 and 19.

"I am an American astronaut and a scientist and because of my position, people in high places confide in me. And, as a result, I have no doubt that aliens have visited this planet. The American government and governments throughout the world have thousands of files of UFO sightings which cannot be explained.

"As a former astronaut, the military people who have access to these files are more willing to talk to me than to people they regard as mere cranks. The stories I have heard from these people, who are more highly qualified than me to talk about UFOs, leave me in no doubt that aliens have already visited Earth...I've heard convincing stories about governments all over the world that know of alien visits – including the British government.

...

"Modern UFO sightings really began with the Roswell incident in 1947, when a crashed craft containing the corpses of several aliens was found in Roswell, New Mexico. Make no mistake, Roswell happened. I've seen secret files which show the government knew about it – but decided not to tell the public.

"There were very good security reasons for not informing the public about Roswell. Quite simply, we wouldn't have known how to deal with the technology of intelligent beings advanced enough to send a craft to Earth. The world would have panicked if we'd known aliens were visiting us. The question of whether aliens are still visiting us is more complex.

"Such is our existing secret technology that what might look like an alien craft may well turn out to be a top-secret military plane. On the other hand, the craft may be an alien spaceship.

...

"Contrary to rumour, there are no alien buildings or structures on the Moon. I should know, I was there! I even became caught up in these rumours when a theory started that a Moon structure was reflected on my helmet during TV transmissions of my landing. That just isn't true.

"It's that kind of disinformation which stops credible people admitting that they too believe in aliens. Thankfully, things are changing for the better...It helps too that those in possession of documentation of alien visits to Earth are starting to come forward. The military people I spoke to are tired of the secrecy surrounding Roswell and similar cases, particularly as the information is being leaked.

"I firmly believe that this documentation will have to be made public within the next three or four years. And if proof of ETs is finally made public, nobody will be happier than me.

"What I don't think will happen is that I will ever see an extraterrestrial. I'd love to see one, though it's not the biggest priority in my life. But, as they say on a TV show I'm involved with, the truth is out there."

Condon Report

The historic "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects," prepared by the University of Colorado for the U.S. Air Force in 1968 is now available on a web site courtesy of the National

Capital Area Skeptics at <http://www.ncas.org/condon/>. The so-called Condon Report is now hard to find, even in most libraries. It has often been claimed that the report's main purpose was to get the Air Force out of the UFO investigation business. However, there is a lot of information in this report that supports the contention of many that the study of UFOs should be taken seriously. A must read for any serious ufologist.

Dr. David Jacobs Web Site

Dr. David Jacobs, author of The UFO Controversy in America, Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions, and The Threat, has established his own web site at <http://ufoabduction.com/>. The name of the organization he has founded is the International Center for Abduction Research.

Other Interesting Web Sites

"The Mysterious Valley," hosted by Christopher O'Brien, author of two books about the San Luis Valley in New Mexico and Colorado: <http://home.amigo.net/tmv/>.

"Iridium Observations," the satellites that can cause a UFO flap all by themselves. If you investigate UFO sightings you need to have access to this site: <http://members.aol.com/uwereimann/iflare.htm>.

"Chronological Catalog of Reported Lunar Events," NASA Technical Report TR-R-277, July 1968. This is the complete NASA catalog of lunar events observed from 1540 through 1969. <http://www.mufor.org/tlp/lunar.html>.

The National Institute for Discovery Science: <http://www.accessnv.com/nids/index.shtml>.

"The Lightning Field," by the American sculptor Walter De Maria, is a "sculpture" that consists of 400 stainless steel poles situated in a rectangular grid array one-mile by one kilometer. The site is in western New Mexico. Schedules for overnight viewing and costs for camping during the lightning strike season (May 1 through October 31) are available on this web site. While not UFO related, the sight of lightning striking one of these poles must be (no pun intended) striking. <http://www.diacenter.org/ltproj/lf.html>.

The archive of George Filer's Filer's Files, an important source of up-to-date UFO information, can be found at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/filer/index.html>.

Kenny Young's important Ohio UFO information site is found at: <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>.

Katharina Wilson, author of one of the more important abduction narratives, The Alien Jigsaw, has a web site at <http://alienjigsaw.com/>.

Important UFO Books Available – Cheap

Paul R. Hill was a respected NASA scientist who held the position of Supervising Engineer and Principal Investigator at NASA's Langley Research Center for 30 years. After experiencing his own UFO sighting in the early 1950's, Hill began to study what he termed *Unconventional* – as opposed to *Unidentified* – Flying Objects. He focused his study on their propulsion and maneuvering abilities. When he retired in 1970, he began to write about his findings. His book, entitled Unconventional Flying Objects – A Scientific Analysis, published after his death, presents the results of his study. What UFO Magazine has called "arguably the best, most comprehensive and technically challenging book ever written and published about the physics, engineering, navigation, and propulsive technologies of UFO's," is the most thorough and detailed work of its kind. Priced at \$15.95, it can

be purchased directly from the publisher, Hampton Roads, by calling 800-766-8009 and using the source code "UFOM" which will get you a **46% discount**. This is a book that is a must read for any serious ufologist.

Another book entitled Summoned, by Dana Redfield, is the story of the author's lifetime of contact with extraterrestrials. For what it is worth, Whitley Strieber calls this book "the best book about UFOs ever written." It can also be purchased at a **46% discount** by calling the same number and using the source code "SUMF."

Ingo Swann Publishes New Book

by William E. Jones

Ingo Swann, a renowned psi researcher and remote viewer recently published one of the most intriguing books I have read in a long time. The book, entitled Penetration – The Question of

Extraterrestrial and Human Telepathy, reveals a long-held personal secret of his experiences with a "deep black" project whose apparent charter involved the presence of extraterrestrials and UFOs on the Moon. The agency, according to Swann's contact, was (is?) so secret that it existed without a paper trail. Hence, while he was sworn to a 10-year secrecy agreement, he signed no written document attesting to this. It expired several years ago. The reason he can tell the story now is that he was told that the work of the agency would be complete and the agency disbanded well before this time was up. It would then be virtually untraceable. Swann tells a story of meetings held in a secret underground facility in the Washington, D.C. area, remote viewing specific Moon coordinates where images of extraterrestrial mining and construction activities were seen, witnessing two agents of this black project conducting surveillance of a human appearing female alien in a very human food store, and of being taken to a remote location near the Arctic Circle to witness the expected arrival of a huge UFO over the surface of an Alaskan lake.

If it weren't for the veracity of Ingo Swann, I wouldn't take this book seriously for a moment. However, Mr. Swann's reputation is excellent. So I highly recommend the book; I can't believe he is making this story up. Make of his story what you will. Call 1-800-898-5660 to place the order at \$18.95 plus shipping.

UFO Mystery Solved!

"There are many intelligent species in the Universe. They are all owned by cats."

Unknown

British Official Secrets Act Breakthrough on UFOs

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Author of "A Covert Agenda"

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Has the British Government ever employed the use of the Official Secrets Act to silence those implicated in the UFO subject? To those

armchair researchers who proclaim that such an idea is absurd, I say, "Think again."

In my first book, A Covert Agenda, I presented clear evidence via officially released documents now available at the Public Records Office (PRO) at Kew, that in both 1953 and 1956 orders were circulated throughout the RAF warning personnel not to talk about the UFO issue outside of official channels. However, the records which had been declassified at the time I wrote the book did not directly reference the OSA [Official Secrets Act] or its potential use from a ufological perspective. Nevertheless, I was also able to present the testimony of a number of individuals (some with media ties) who asserted that the OSA had been used to keep the truth surrounding UFOs under wraps.

Via a file that I secured [recently] from the PRO, however, I am now able to prove conclusively that UFOs and the Official Secrets Act go hand in hand. Exactly why the Government has chosen to release this file is a mystery in itself, given that it sharply contradicts past assertions.

The file in question, titled 'UFO Policy,' covers the period 1958 to 1963 and revolves around UFO investigations undertaken by various Air Ministry departments during that time frame. Contained within the file is a 6-page document dating from December 1960 and circulated at 'Secret' level throughout the Royal Air Force. Like earlier papers, it details the procedures to be followed in the event that military radar operators, RAF pilots, civil pilots or members of the public should report a UFO.

Interestingly, however, the paper in question contains two eye-opening revelations. First, it states that in situations where UFOs were tracked on radar, any military aircraft in the vicinity were to be diverted from their normal flight to 'investigate the phenomena.' Second, and far more significant, is the Air Ministry's overwhelming desire to prevent the media and the public learning about such intrusions, trackings and interceptions. I quote from the paper in question:

"The Press are never to be given information about unusual radar sightings. Unauthorized disclosures of this type will be viewed as offences under the Official Secrets Act."

Although brief in nature, this document, which remained in use until the formation of the MoD on April 1 1964 (how appropriate) makes it abundantly clear that the UFO issue was indeed covered by the OSA.

On another, but equally important, matter, the file in question also makes a very brief reference to a pre-1959 study of the UFO mystery carried out by none other than the British Government's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC)! Certainly, it has long been recognized that at various times since the late 1940s investigations into UFO encounters have been undertaken by the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Defence. However, the revelation that the JIC also carried out an investigation more than 40 years ago is of real significance. Why so?

First, the membership of the JIC includes not just elite personnel from the MoD, but also the heads of MI5, MI6 and the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham – GCHQ!

Second, the fact that (to my knowledge) no rumours have ever circulated to the effect that the JIC undertook its own UFO investigation programme in the late 1940s or 1950s, is an indication of the level of secrecy that surrounded the project.

The files of the Public Records Office concerning the JIC make no reference to a 1940s/50s UFO investigation. However, I am now actively looking to resolve this issue via several methods and hope ultimately to reveal further findings at a later date. At this stage, the extent to which any of this may have a bearing on the allegations of direct UFO studies undertaken by GCHQ, MI5 and MI6 both decades ago and in the present day, can only be guessed at.

Other Triangle Reports

Cape Cod, MA

On April 7, 1999, Stacy S. "was looking through the second-story window of my home at 10:58 PM," in East Falmouth when "I watched through the sheers strange double white lights resembling car headlights, across the sky through the maple trees." "The craft came from the west, approximately at a 35 degree angle.

Unfortunately, I had it in view for only five seconds. As it approached my house, I could see that this aircraft was not making a sound. It was only slightly above the maple trees in my front yard, moving with absolutely no noise. It had a triangular shape with a large spotlight thing on each end of it with pulsating red lights underneath it." "My mind was thinking that it's just an airplane, but its silence and fluid motion told me this was not so. As it rose above the tree line, it shifted slightly to the right and flew over our house until I could see it no longer. I am now convinced there are UFOs in the sky!" Thanks to UFO Roundup, Vol. 4 #15, 4/11/99, Joe Trainor editor.

New Jersey

This sighting occurred on January 21, 1997, in northwestern corner of New Jersey. It was 8:15 AM and my eye caught a jet flying in my direction. I would be lying if I gave an estimate of its altitude. It was flying high enough to leave a jet trail and low enough to be easily viewed. Just then a second jet flying at a slightly higher altitude but parallel and only slightly behind the first plane came into view. I know little about flight, but it didn't seem normal. At this point I glanced back at the first jet that was now closer to me. Directly in front of it and so close that at first they seemed to be tethered like an airplane and glider was a V-shaped object. It dwarfed the jet. I have never seen anything that big flying at such an altitude. It was at least ten times the size of the jet. I have read about the flying triangles and V-shaped objects and it was a "V." It reflected the sunlight just like the jets did. There didn't seem to be any turbulence to upset the flight of the first jet. The second jet seemed to almost be pacing or guarding this odd couple. As they approached, I ran for my camera and binoculars. By the time I found them, the craft passed over my house. I stuck my head out of the small window. I saw the "V" over the back of my house, but no jet. It took me a few seconds to realize that it had sped up and was waiting for the jet. As the first jet came into view, it took up its close relationship again. At this point, the jet began to bank to the right and the second jet, still on its parallel path joined it. The "V" apparently kept going. The jets then made a U-turn and departed.

Thanks to CAUS and Charles Stuart for this report. Filer's Files, #3, 1999, January 21, 1999.

PENNSYLVANIA UFO FIRES A BEAM

On February 23, 1999, William B. was driving to his office at 6:10 AM when he thought he saw the landing lights of a large commercial airliner coming directly at him. The color was white, steady, no additional lights. There were multiple points on the object, maybe as many as eight, making it appear in the same general appearance as a 'Christmas star' on top of a Christmas tree. "What made the light interesting was the appearance of a bluish-white, spotlight-like beam coming out of it at a 45-degree angle toward the surface. Within this beam was a much-thinner white threadlike beam which came to an apparent halt within the bluish beam approximately 20 percent of the way to the ground, and then appeared to slightly diverge in direction. The object was about 30 degrees above the horizon and no sound was heard. I estimate that the object was over the King of Prussia 20 miles away. Apparent size was about 20 percent of the size of the full moon."

Thanks to UFO Roundup, Vol. 4 #11 3/15/99, Joe Trainor editor.

Letters and Email Messages to Ohio MUFON

Dear Bill:

While I don't know anything about this case [see "UFO Sighted Over Missile Base in 1966" above], yesterday I heard something I'd never run across before.

My cousin told me of an incident that happened some years ago (probably 20 or more) on his farm. An object was seen at 100 feet altitude and about 150 feet land distance away from him at about midnight. He was sleeping outside in hot weather. There was a terrible sulfur smell. His usually assertive dog went and hid in a building while this was going on. My cousin thinks that the sulfur was streaming down from the UFO toward the ground, BUT NEVER REACHED THE GROUND! He says he could see the sulfur. He may be mistaken, possibly seeing something else seeming to stream from the UFO. Further, he says that while the object emanated no light, the entire country was lit up. Ah, well, there was probably a lot more going on in that incident to control his perceptions than what he suspects.

Beverly Trout, MUFON State Director for Iowa

Dear Bill:

I feel it's a shame the rest of the world never knows what is happening in Africa! We don't actually have abduction experiences, or if the tribal people do, they don't tell me about it. But they do have close sightings and I find that much more credible and easy to explain to others. Especially as they have no idea as to what they have experienced.

Cynthia Hind
Harare, Zimbabwe

We are encouraging Mrs. Hind to write a long article for our next Ohio UFO Notebook, hopefully one large enough to fill the entire issue. Knowledge of what is happening in other parts of the world is essential if we are ever to learn what the UFO phenomena represents.

"The trouble with ufology, and the U.S. government, is that the more lies you tell, the happier people are with you."

Kevin Randle
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UFOs and the Millennium

by Dr. Irena Scott

Hard on the heels of her first UFO title, Ohio UFOs and Others, comes this excellent new work by Dr. Irena Scott. Like its predecessor, this book is absolutely loaded with material, delivered in staccato-like fashion in the form of sub-chapters falling under larger subject headings. It appears to be intended as a statement showing us where ufology stands at the millennial transition (though "stands" may be a poor word choice, I am reminded of the savagely battered Marlon Brando, in On the Waterfront, asking his girlfriend and the priest who had just propped him up, "Am I on my feet?"). Ufology is sectioned off into 4 chapters ("Early Years," "The 1960s-1970s," "UFO Explosion Aliens, Fires, Missing Cows, 1970-1975," and "After the Crest 1975-Present." Following that, we have "Informants" (denoting anyone who informs the public about the subject of UFOs), which contains helpful capsule biographies of influential figures in UFO history, and then two chapters dealing with Wright-Patterson AFB and Ohio UFO crashes. Then follow chapters on abductions, conspiracies and synchronicities. All of this is summed up in an epilogue ("The Scientific Approach"), that the author, a PhD+, is well qualified to comment upon. "Smoothly written, always interesting, an ideal UFO book which will keep you leafing all summer," says Bob Girard.

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Rick Hilberg's Book of Weirdology

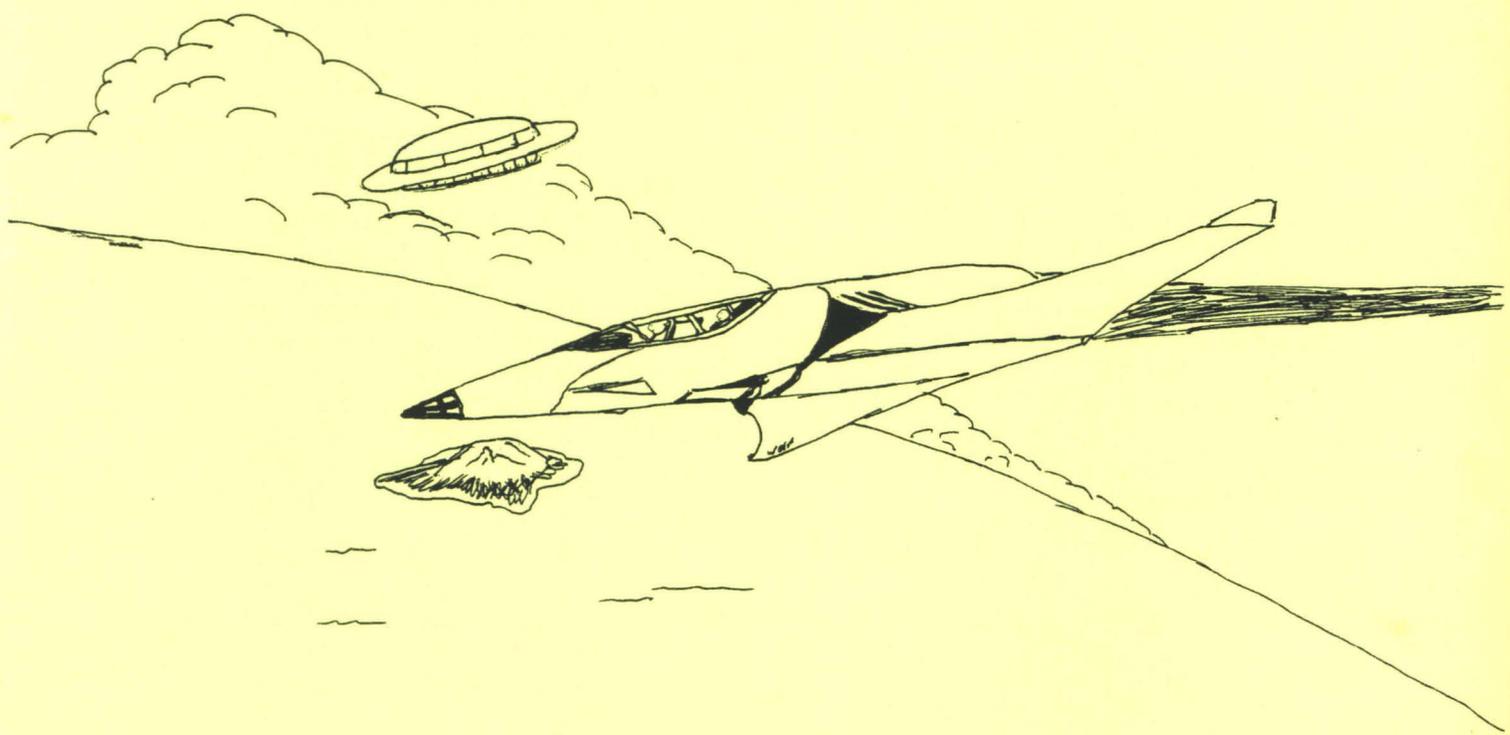
by Rick Hilberg

While the author has been writing about UFOs for almost 40 years now, he has noticed all manner of strange phenomena and happenings somehow seem to be closely related to the UFO saga itself. Indeed, he wouldn't be a bit surprised if what we term "Fortean" happenings aren't generated from the same source as "UFOs." In this book you will find the whole spectrum of unexplained phenomena: flying saucers and light beam communication, the Arkansas "water panther," mystery cats, the Pennsylvania "Thunderbirds," John Simonton and his "space pancakes," strange stuff from the sky, mystery lights, Bigfoot, UFOs, strange creatures, and *much* more.

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