

It Made Only a Soft 'Whooshing Sound'

A gunsmith who lives at Grottoes says he saw an unidentified flying object (UFO), similar to the object depicted above, late one afternoon last month. He said the UFO landed in a field alongside U. S. Rt. 250 near Fishersville in Augusta county, stayed for 60 to 90 seconds and then suddenly took off. It made only a soft 'whooshing sound,' said Horace Burns. It appeared to him to have been 80 to 90 feet high and about 125 feet in diameter. Burns' report was

related to Ernest Gehman, an Eastern Mennonite College professor who sponsors a UFO investigators' club there. Gehman made this drawing from descriptions given him by Burns. The sketch was prepared for reproduction by The Times-Dispatch staff artist. The sighting report was believed so unusual that a two-man investigation team from the air force plodded over the site Tuesday. The airmen found no indication that a UFO had been there.

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SAUCERS AND SOLDIERS? THE AMAZON SCENARIO EXAMINED

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The Amazon Rainforest has earned itself a place of importance in the public's mind through highly successful efforts by media personalities at creating public awareness of the threats it faces--whether from rapacious poachers, insensitive industrial concerns, or peasant farmers setting fire to huge tracts of rainforest to plant meager crops.

The Amazon -- aside from being the Earth's mightiest river-- is actually a giant culvert into which drain rivers from all over the northern "hump" of the South American landmass: thousands of miles of tributaries from Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil. For decades, this vital natural resource of has earned the distinction of being a place in which UFO and paranormal activity has occurred. From the raid upon a Brazilian garrison in 1957 to the siege of villages at the giant river's mouth in the early Eighties, events continue to take place that make the study of the phenomenon an even more fantastic challenge.

UFO activity has been particularly heavy in the Brazilian, Peruvian and Bolivian Amazon and its tributary rivers, leading many to strongly suspect the existence of a "UFO base" in the region. Such a belief was voiced as early as 1965, when Dr. Olavo Fontes speculated on a possible extraterrestrial "military" invasion in the northern part of Brazil. A retired military man, Gen. Moacyr Uchoa, seconded this belief, stating that his nation's air force had considerable evidence pointing to the existence of such a site. Uchoa's personal skepticism of the phenomenon was overcome when his daughter was cured of a terminal illness by a UFO entity.

By 1969, just as Project Blue Book was winding down in the U.S., the Brazilian Air Force was setting up its Sistema de Investigaçao de Objetos Aereos Nao Identificados, or SIOANI. This operation coincided with the oft-mentioned Operacao Prato (Operation Plate), whose purpose was that of collecting information on UFOs from the riverine communities of the Amazon Basin as well as investigate and photograph any anomalous phenomena. However, researchers of distinction, such as Fernando Cleto Nunes Pereira have argued that the bulk of the information collected by Operacao Prato was turned over to the U.S. Air Force. Brazil, having neither the resources nor indeed an overwhelming interest in exploring the UFO enigma, would barter its findings for more tangible benefits.

Operacao Prato most desperate hour, without a doubt, came during the nightmarish siege of the Isle of Colhares in the Lower Amazon between 1977-78. This landmark case of Brazilian ufology dealt with the appearance of the notorious chupas -- boxlike flying contraptions that fired laser-like beams against the hapless inhabitants of Amazonian communities. These devices, whose depredations have been detailed by both Jacques Vallee and Daniel Rebisso Giese, caused Brazil's First Air Regional Command (COMAR) to dispatch its forces not to fight the aliens in some romantic real-life version of Independence Day, but to collect as much information on the unknown quantity and keep the hysterical population of the Amazon Delta under control.

At first, the military scoffed at the exploits of the chupas. But when reports were received from municipal officials, the very real fear of guerrilla activity prompted them to react. While some of COMAR's officers may have eventually believed that they faced an extraterrestrial adversary, the vast majority believed that one of the superpowers was testing advanced weaponry without permission in the Brazilian wilderness.

In his landmark book, *Vampiros Extraterrestres Na Amazonia (Extraterrestrial Vampires of the Amazon)*, ufologist Daniel Rebisso Giese notes that the military personnel involved in the operations at Colhares managed to acquire considerable amounts of information in the form of photographs, video footage and audio recordings, but attempts at pursuing the enigmatic UFOs with helicopters proved fruitless. In an interview with author Pablo Villarubia, Rebisso noted that some of the soldiers involved in Operacao Prato suffered nervous breakdowns while others went completely insane.

By 1981, the residents of these riverine communities were still being terrorized by the coffin-like chupas. A local hunter had been cornered by one of the weird devices and fired a shotgun blast at it in an attempt to

free himself from the paralyzing effects of its white beam of light. The light gave him a shock of such intensity that it made him pass out. Claudia Rodrigues, a plantation worker, was at home one night when a *chupa* fired a beam at her through the roof of her house. She was later taken to a hospital in Belem that is almost 200 miles away, to be treated for radiation burns.

The UFO-related activity goes back to the early days of the contemporary UFO era. In November 1953, Pedro Serrate was walking along the banks of the Mamor' River in Bolivian Amazonia when he became aware of a discoidal object some hundred and fifty away from him. The thing's hull seemed to be made of a dark blue, glassy material. Curious, Serrate got closer to the craft and was able to catch a glimpse of its human-looking crew complement. When the uniformed humanoids caught off-guard, became aware of Serrate's presence, the vehicle rose silently into the air, disappearing in a matter of seconds.

Four years later, it was the Brazilian military that would be caught off guard by a UFO: at 2:03 a.m. on November 3, 1957 a star-like object flew over Fort Itaipú, heading for it at breakneck speed. Startled sentries were left stunned by the orange, discoidal craft that issued a singeing blast of heat, leaving them unconscious. Believing themselves to be under enemy attack, the garrison mobilized in time to see an orange light rising up from the fort and moving across the sky.

Perhaps the *chupas* and their operators have included humans among their sampling of Amazonia's flora and fauna. In April of 1960, three well-outfitted expeditions disappeared without a trace in the rainforest: the first of the three was a 22-man party of surveyors and engineers whose mission it was to study the proposed layout of the Transamazonian Highway (BR 65). The second expedition, a rescue party, went in search of the first when nothing else was ever heard from it, and it too disappeared. The third was a six-man military patrol, experienced in counterinsurgency and jungle fighting, which had been sent out from Colombian Amazonia to find the whereabouts of the first two. Nothing was ever heard from them again, either.

The Venezuelan Amazon is not without its own sightings of mysterious craft. In November of 1976, the villagers of San Juan de Manapiare, a jungle settlement accessible only by plane (a 45 minute ride from Puerto Ayacucho), were to witness an astonishing spectacle: a brilliant object illuminated the 600-foot high Morrocoy Hill, a few miles away from the settlement, striking fear in the hearts of the bemused witnesses. The sightings were repeated every night for a week, with the same object appearing over different sites. Units of the Venezuelan National Guard, stationed in the region, were sent out to investigate the phenomenon. The object, described as resembling "another Moon" by witness Luis Mingu, would vanish by disappearing into a cloud. Surprisingly, the strangeness of these events did not arouse the curiosity of the hemisphere's only superpower. Or did it?

The United States manifested an interest in the region for the first time in the 1960's, when American interest penetrated the Amazon Basin in search of a rare mineral--niobium, a silvery-gray metal vital to the production of space flight-related alloys and the cores of nuclear reactors, as niobium cannot be corroded by uranium. Both niobium and manganese can be found in relative abundance within Amazonia

U.S. awareness of the area further increased in 1994, when the Raytheon Corporation (famous for its Patriot missiles employed during the Gulf War) was awarded a \$1.4 billion dollar contract to build a radar system. This in itself is hardly surprising, given the company's record of building similar facilities for the U.S. Navy, particularly the highly controversial "over the horizon" system (ROTHR) being deployed on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques. The curious note was that the call for bids had issued from Brazil, which was interested in creating an advanced radar network within Amazonia to be known as SIVAM.

The avowed purpose of the SIVAM system was to improve air-traffic control, assist in meteorological reporting, and as an added bonus "provide support for drug interdiction efforts". Ranging from Boa Vista in the State of Roraima (at the feet of the Guyana Highlands) and as far south as Vilhena in Rondonia, SIVAM's twelve over muscled radar systems would relay their information to "jungle processing centers" in Manaus and Porto Velho and then on to the "main command center" in Brasilia itself. The system's construction would have gone by unnoticed by the rest of the world, but in 1995, members of the Brazilian senate accused Raytheon of having bribed government functionaries to win the bid. One of these senators,

Eduardo Suplicy, charged that Raytheon's aim was to "provide the CIA with privileged information regarding Amazonia." While the nature of said confidential information probably had to do with the region's mostly untapped mineral wealth, would it be unreasonable to surmise--given what is known of the area--that overly sophisticated radar system might serve another purpose, such as the detection of strange objects flying over the region?

In the summer of 1993, South American newspapers published articles discussing the Bolivian and Peruvian governments' discomfiture at the prospect of a large contingent of U.S. forces setting up a "semi-permanent" base in the Bolivian Amazon as part, allegedly, of the vaunted "War On Drugs".

Over a hundred U.S. troops from the 37th Airborne, stationed at Fort Bragg, have been engaged in the construction of facilities at Santa Ana, a small Amazonian village in the Beni region of Bolivia (curiously enough, along the banks of the Mamor' River, where Serrate's 1953 sighting occurred). A powerful transmitter, also under construction, will enable direct communication with the Panama-based Southern Command and the Pentagon itself. The Bolivian parliament, incensed by the presence of the foreign "garrison", questioned President Jaime Paz Zamora over the matter. The official explanation given to all and sundry is that the soldiers "are building a school." Independent investigators appointed by the Bolivian parliament visited the jungle area in question, stating in their report that the weapon systems being brought into the country were of a power in excess of anything needed to fight drug traffickers or insurgent groups like the Sendero Luminoso terrorists. Bolivia's vice-president cautioned the parliament "it was unwise to look a gift horse in the mouth." Could the avowed purpose of these troops be to monitor the increased UFO activity that is taking place throughout Amazonia?

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RETIRED CHILEAN GENERAL DISCUSSES HIS ENCOUNTER WITH A GIANT UFO

SANTIAGO DE CHILE.- In an interview with Terra.cl., retired general Hernan Gabrielli Rojas mentioned that he had squared off against a gigantic UFO while engaging in a training flight in the skies of northern Chile.

According to the military man, the object was the size of 10 or 15 aircraft carriers, and its presence was picked up by the radars aboard two F-5 jet fighters as well as by the Cerro Moreno airport in Antofagasta.

--What do you remember about your contact with the UFO?

Over 20 years have gone by (this was in 1978). I was a captain and was flying a mission with two F-5 fighters. It was noon and I was flying with captain Danilo Catalán--we were both flight instructors. Accompanying us was Fernando Gomez, an avionics tech, and another trainee. The F-5 is radar-equipped, and a line appeared from side to side--in other words, a trace throughout the bottom side of the screen. A trace for a surface ship, a cruiser, is approximately one centimeter long, but this line went from one side [of the screen] to another. I assumed the radarscope had failed, and told Danilo Catalán, but his radar also "failed". I then advised the ground radar at Antofagasta and they also picked up the line. We were engaged with these details when we looked toward the east: we were flying from north to south in the vicinity of Mejillones, and saw a deformed cigar-shaped object. Deformed, like a plaintain banana. It was swathed in smoke.

-- What was the object's size?

It was large and must have been some 15 to 20 miles away. It moved in the same direction as us. We had no missiles, guns or anything. As you can imagine, the fright was more or less considerable. We could see a large thing surrounded in smoke, and from which a vapor issued. All of this situation must have lasted some five minutes. We approached the UFO but it was motionless. It neither approached nor retreated--it merely sailed parallel to us. It was quite impressive, because it was truly something strange, and something could be seen in concealment behind the smoke.

-- *What happened later?*

The object then disappeared toward Easter Island at an impressive rate of speed. The sky cleared and the lines on the radar vanished. However, there had been an object physically flying there. It's not a yarn, let me tell you. It's my only experience with UFOs.

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CHUPACABRAS RESEMBLES EXTINCT ANIMAL

The main course of the Taino Indians

by Alex David--Primera Hora

JAYUYA - A Taino Chupacabras? While the bones of a strange creature found on Christmas Eve at the center of the island awaits examination by a qualified professional, its possible identity could be found in books.

The animal's characteristics could confirm the existence of the "jutía", a species believed to be extinct in the country and which is studied in Pre-Colombian history classes as one of the species dwelling on the island alongside the Taino Indians. This creature, also known as "hutía", "futía" and "dantía" was native to the Caribbean since pre-Colombian times and was a main source of nourishment to the aboriginal peoples of the time. Some historians described the animal as a rodent with a delicious flavor and also tell that hunting and consumption hastened its extinction.

Although there are few representations or illustrations which describe the jutía, it still exists in countries such as Haiti, The Bahamas, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, albeit in small numbers. In the Haitian case, international reports suggest that it is in danger of being exterminated due to habitat reduction, which consists mainly of tree trunks and branches is dry or wet forests..

The jutías are the source of at least 14 species that managed to spread over the various islands of the Antilles, but only three are known to survive. These were catalogued according to size, for which reason the "jutias" or "solenodon paradoxus" represents the medium-sized rodents, in other words, standing no taller than two inches. Author Nelson Rafael Collazo points out in his book "Images of the Puerto Rican Indians" that these animals were hunted for their high protein value, and to achieve this they employed arrows and were aided by dogs. In this regard, it contrasts with other versions that claim the dogs were imported by the Spaniards.

What has been found regarding the jutias alimentary habits indicates that ti prefers rodents, small reptiles and some birds. However, available information and illustrations do not specify the detailed physical aspects of the animal, and it is therefore impossible to classify the odd specimen found under the struts of a recently built house, and which appears to have died only recently, as a Pre-Colombian fossil.

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Flying-Wing UFO Seen By Two In Calgary, Alberta

On Friday, January 10, 2003, at 9:30 p.m., D.K. and his sister were "star-gazing" in Calgary, Alberta, Canada when they both noticed something strange. "My sister and I were star-gazing that night," D.K. reported, "Our eyes had adjusted to the low light, and we had to strain them to see most of the stars due to light pollution from the city."

"There was heavy air traffic that night. The unusual aspect of this sighting comes from the fact that it was very hard to see. {It was} like a shadow against the night sky. It flew right over the city Calgary) centre, coming in from the east. I believe our eyes were sensitive to the low light, and this allowed us to see the craft. From our vantage point, it looked one kilometer (0.6 miles) away."

"The actual shape was hard to make out. A large wing comes to mind. It was flying faster than most aircraft I've seen over the city. It flew east to west for what seemed like several seconds, then banked and headed in a northeasterly direction. We were able to watch it for several more seconds before it vanished into darkness. I realize now that I detected a distinct sound from it. This sighting did not leave us in awe. More like an uneasy feeling." (Email Form Report)

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The following two articles are from FILER'S FILES #3 -- 2003. George A. Filer, Eastern Director of the Mutual UFO Network, January 14, 2003. Majorstar@aol.com:

OHIO THIRTEEN FLYING TRIANGLES HOVER AND BACK UP

Washington Courthouse -- The witness says, "My husband woke me up at 12:25 AM, on January 7, 2003, while driving home from a trip to ask me what these lights were in the sky?" I said a tower. He said, "No they are moving but very slowly." There were three objects. As we passed two, the third was hovering above a house, and I still thought it was a tower. So he pulled the car to the side of Highway I71 north and we sat there. We then witnessed a craft turn and fly away slowly and then circle back around. Then we saw more craft come from a distance. They started out looking like a bright light but when they got closer, we could clearly see two big white lights that were close together. We watched as they just circled around very slowly in about a two-mile radius. We could see they had smaller lights as they turned and hovered with a red non-flashing light in the back. They could turn 180 degrees while hovering in position. One flew towards our car.

I rolled down my window, and it sounded like a very quiet slow moving jet, but it was too low and too slow for a jet. The main body of the craft was also slightly illuminated. My husband has 20/15 vision and we sat for fifteen minutes watching. We drove on and saw another six aircraft in the next ten miles. All were slowly flying south towards the area where we were watching the others. One of the six flew right above our car. This time, I held the wheel while my husband was watching out the window. I got a totally clear view of the bottom of one that was only about 800 feet above us. It was triangular with delta like wings. Looking straight up from underneath we saw three lights across the bottom with a red one in the middle. The main part of the body was lit up. I called my local Meteorologist and he called the national weather service in Wilmington. They said that Wright Patterson Air Force Base has many flights around there.

Williamsburg -- The next day, on January 8, 2003, sixty miles south of Wright Patterson the fifteen-year old observers were coming back to his friend's house from swimming at the local indoor swimming pool. We walked into his breezeway and heard the sound of a low flying airplane, so we went looked up at 7 PM. I saw what appeared to be an airplane except it had a light sitting on something about ten feet from the fuselage. It had three lights near the front and the back that were red white and blue. I kept looking and the plane was flying toward me when it stopped, then hovered and flew a little higher and backed up! It did this numerous times so we got my friend's Mom and she saw it too. It was flying higher when it dropped suddenly, hovered and then flew away. I thought I was crazy but the next day I was at school and told a friend I saw something weird. That's all I said, and he gave me the same description saying he and his Dad saw it too!

Editor's Note: The military has not announced owning a flying triangle of this type, but there are numerous sightings of low flying large triangles. Technically these aircraft are breaking flight safety rules. Yet no one has ever reported seeing one of these craft parked on the ground anywhere.

Cincinnati -- Around 2:30 AM on the morning, a 14-year old boy heard a strange aircraft fly over his house on January 8, 2003, Very scared, the boy looked out his window, and suddenly, he heard a voice in his head. This voice sounded strange and spoke in a language that he didn't understand. Extremely startled, the boy went back to bed, and again heard the voice. No more is known about the experience.

Portsmouth -- While out on my porch 10:30 PM, on January 9, 2003, I happened to look up in to the sky in the northern direction. There was a long, almost hot-dog shaped blue object in the sky at about maybe 50 degrees. It was the same color blue as the base of a flame with one part of it brighter than the rest. It stayed lit in the sky for about 1 1/2 seconds then disappeared. About five seconds later I saw the same thing, but now in the northeastern part of the sky at about the same degree. Whatever it was produced no sound nor did it blink. It was just a steady "glowing blue hotdog" shape of light. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

CONNECTICUT FLYING TRIANGLE OR DIAMOND

MOOSUP -- It was 4:10 AM, and the witnesses were driving north on Route 395, on March 3, 2003, when they saw a square or triangular shape object. If you place your forefingers and thumbs together -- you will see a shape like this <>. There were lights at each "point" and a band of light blue lights that connected the four. Bright white and blue lights were moving around the craft. The sky was full of stars but in the center of the craft was blackness. I yelled at my husband to stop and go back, but he wouldn't because we would be late for work. He later admitted to being afraid. It was just hovering above Route 14 making no sound. It was 300 feet away and was 50 feet on all four sides or around 200 total feet, or the size of a football field. Thanks to: Peter Davenport, NUFORC

The following three articles come from FILER'S FILES #4 -- 2003, Eastern Director of the Mutual UFO Network, George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern, January 21, 2003:

FLORIDA STRANGE LARGE FLYING TRIANGLE

MILTON -- It was about 10:30 PM, on March 10, 2003, the witness was taking out the trash when he had a strange feeling just before seeing a large dark triangle shaped object that was at least 80 feet long. It was about 50 feet wide at it widest point, with a large bluish light on the bottom of each tip of the triangle. The witness states, "I could actually see that the bottom of this thing was not smooth, but had form and small dips and valleys in it like something machine/manmade." I heard a faint hum and was in shock because it appeared to be only about 200 feet high with a blurry haze around it. I looked down to clear my eyes and looked back up and it was much smaller. I looked down again to clear my eyes from the light and looked back up and it was gone. It was like a dream, but I don't think I was dreaming, but I felt impending doom. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

LOUISIANA - TRANSPARENT FLYING TRIANGLES

WESTLAKE -- While on the job on March 4, 2003, two workers observed three craft flying over at a very high rate of speed. We both witnessed the three craft as these objects flew toward the Northeast. The witness states, "What really shocked the both of us was that they were transparent!" I could see the clouds right inside of the craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport

ARIZONA - BLACK OBJECT SITTING ON THE ROAD

CHINO VALLEY -- On March 5, 2003, A black object was sitting on the dirt road (or hovering just above it) at the top of the hill in front of two observers at 9 PM, who stated, "It was at least as big as a school bus but didn't seem to be made of anything solid." It was like a black and gray cloud that moved like an octopus. It came around to the side of our car and passed over the hood and windshield no more than 10 feet off the ground. It made no sound at all. It followed us for about half a mile and we were spotlighted in a bright, white light that must have been above us. Then it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC.

The following article comes from Filer's Files #13 - 2003 Eastern Director of the Mutual UFO Network, George A. Filer, Director Mutual UFO Network Eastern, March 28, 2003:

OHIO -- SPHERE APPEARED AND MOVED VERY FAST

PIQUA -- A sphere shaped UFO was seen at the Upper Valley JVS in Piqua, Ohio at about 2:30 PM, on March 15, 2003. The craft was spherical and very shiny flying at an elevation of about 2000 feet. It hovered in one spot for about four minutes and then shot off eastbound suddenly. Minutes later it returned at a lower altitude moving slowly in circles. Visual contact was lost when I had to enter a building. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

Cat Mistaken For a UFO??? *

Norwegian experts confirmed that an alleged Unidentified Flying Object reported over Norway turned out to be an electrocuted cat. Residents of the city of Lardal claimed having seen a ball of fire in the sky falling slowly to the ground. Researchers solved the mystery by finding the charred carcass of the cat next to a streetlamp. They believe the animal climbed the structure and was electrocuted.

*Most assuredly the best explanation for a UFO sighting in the last 55 years. Even Phil Klass couldn't out-do this. Proof that truth is stranger than fiction. (Editor *OUFON*: William E. Jones)
SOURCE: El Universal On-Line (Mexico); DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2003

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UFO CAT

Kenny Young's wonderfully creative response to the above report: ☺

"With a flashy fuss of flaming fervor, a frisky feline is furiously flung fifty feet forward in a frightful fit of fabulous ferocity, its fiery fur flaming in a frazzled fulmination as it frantically falls from the firmament in a fantastic fashion, fearfully fizzling into a field like a freakish flare with a fatal ferocity, the fiendish fiasco seeming to be a figment of facetious folly. The phenomenon fazes the fraught forefathers with great force and frenzy, its fanciful yet foul fortune gains fame afar and its fate fed to folklore of the fringe as we bid farewell to the fraught feline with a fast funeral.

"As you can see, I've got too much time on my hands."

Indiana University of Pennsylvania UFO Files

The records of the *UFO Club of IUP* from 1957 through 1971 are maintained in one archival box (MG#26) at the university library, Archives and Special Collections. The box contains information about UFO sightings, club newsletters, correspondence, and minutes. Various publications including the Saucer News, Saucerian Bulletin, APRO Bulletin, NICAP UFO Investigator, the Goodyear UFO Bulletin and other individual publications and books are included. The club was formed in the mid-1960's and was headed by Robert Murray. Meetings were held monthly, with membership at about 50.

IUP is located in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Go to <http://www.lib.iup.edu/depts/speccol/ead/mg26.html>.

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INTERVIEW WITH EYEWITNESS TO CHILEAN UFO SIGHTING

Fernando Martinez is a student of graphic design. On March 21 he happened to be at the corner of Pedro de Valdivia and Providencia (Chile). It was noon and a knot of people looked skyward with curiosity. A series of unknown luminous objects could be seen unaided over the area: it was among the most massive UFO sightings of recent times.

So what happened that day?

Well, I was walking along Providencia. I'd gone shopping, and I suddenly realized that many people were looking at the sky and pointing with their fingers. I looked and was able to see a light without any defined shape. But later, looking at it more closely, I was able to see over 50 smaller lights all around. They didn't move much. At least not noticeably.

What did you think at the time?

Well, I thought it was some kind of peace demonstration. But I had already seen those balloons that get filled with helium and these had no relation to them whatsoever. All the people were saying: "Look, they're UFOs!"

Didn't you think that they could be something else?

I also said they could have been airplanes, but it seemed strange to me at that altitude. Later, seeing their movement, I realized they weren't airplanes.

You didn't hear any noise?

Well, with the noise on Providencia, even though they'd made noise, we wouldn't of heard a thing.

How did people react?

They were calm. Of course, there are always those who showed off saying they were Iraqi aircraft or Martians. But in general, all of the spectators were very interested in the phenomenon.

Were you aware that the sighting coincided with the allied attack on Iraq?

I found out later when I saw the news. I still find [the whole thing] curious, nonetheless.

Do you think there could be any relationship?

In the article I saw they were discussing that UFOs always appear whenever there's a tragedy unfolding. It could be sheer happenstance. I don't know that there's any connection. Which is

why I'm telling you its curious.

How long did the sighting last?

I watched for about half an hour, but the UFOs remained there. I had other things to do. But it would seem to have lasted somewhat longer than an hour.

Do you think that there is an explanation for this event?

It's possible. One never knows. But I think that no officials have said anything to date.

What do you think about this phenomenon, now that days have gone by?

I can only say that I saw UFOs over Santiago [de Chile]. No one told me about it. I saw them and I know what they were like. That's really good [sic]. In any event, it isn't the first time that I've seen something strange. A few years ago, while vacationing in Pucón, we saw something odd. A light that got in front of us and vanished in a matter of seconds.

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CONCERN GROWS AMONG RANCHERS: Mutilated Animals Found Near Cuchillo C6

Concern spread among some Pampan cattlemen of the Lihuel Calel department, who expressed their fear at the discovery of several repeated animal mutilations in their rural area.

GENERAL ACHA (Agencia) -- Cattlemen from a broad section of the Lihuel Calel department are concerned by the return of cattle mutilations. In an interview with El Diario, a young rancher whose property is located on Provincial Route 13, 60 km west of Cuchillo C6, and who requested anonymity, remarked that two mutilated cows and a calf were found on his property last year, being similar to the ones which achieved prominence in this and other provinces in 2002. The cattleman noted that there also occurred a case involving the mutilation of a wild boar cub.

Worried by the situation, he stated: "it seems that they've taken against me now, because in 15 days they mutilated six calves, all of them black, plump, weighing between 160 and 220 kg., which were in an open field. The last one was found last Thursday some 500 meters from the street and some 4 kilometers from the house, while I was away in General Acha. The same occurred on Friday with a sheep," he added.

When consulted about the condition in which the animals are found, and the type of mutilation presented, he explained "some were male and others female, but similar incisions can be found in all of them -- perfectly [even] and cured, as though cauterized. They were missing their tongues, jaws, ears, eyes and hide in a stretch [sic] from the front (sic) to the start of the chest. The females were missing their udders and the males their testicles." He later noted, "I turned one of these over to remove its ribs, but one of them, which was under the body, was cracked and was "mashed", as though it had experienced a powerful blow."

"I removed two ribs for the dogs, which eat it, but since it was hanging from a hook in the shed, [it emanated] a strong odor of ammonia and sulfur which became unbearable." He explained that his remaining animals grazed far from the mutilated one.

Upon discussing the hypotheses put forth by the local livestock producers, he stated that "some cattlemen do not believe that natural deaths are involved, nor mutilations by carrion animals and much less by the long-muzzled mouse. This is a subject that deserves far deeper study to put an end to it, as it affects us financially. Scientists from a foreign power could be involved, performing the mutilations for analysis. We base this on the fact that some "lights" have been seen over the area during the night."

Finally, he recalled, "a rancher from the area found that cow belonging to another pasture had been deposited on his property. For this reason we request whoever is responsible to look into these events and research them thoroughly."

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National UFO Reporting Center

Sighting Report
<p>Occurred: 5/1/1959 18:30 (Entered as: 05/01/59 1830) Reported: 2/13/2002 9:07:23 PM 21:07 (Date Approximate) Posted: 2/5/2003 Location: Columbus, OH Shape: Light Duration: 2-3 min</p>
<p>Red-orange lights over seen motionless over Lockbourne AFB-one vanished and one sped out of sight.</p> <p>Myself and two other musicians were on our way to the entrance of Lockbourne Air Force base. We were to play a dance job at the service club. I was in the front far right [side of the car] looking out an open window at the many reddish orange lights over the base attached to tall structures of all kinds, when I suddenly realized I had been staring at two red-orange lights, side by side, but not attached to anything. They were completely motionless and silent. I had been fixed on these lights [for] several seconds, but the instant I consciously knew what I was looking at, the right light vanished and the other shot off to the north and out of sight in an instant, in complete silence. As I turned my head to follow it, I realized my friend to my left was also looking at it. The driver didn't see it, and when we spoke of it, the driver joked about our seeing "flying saucers." A peculiar thought I had latter was that it took a month or more for me to admit to myself that I had seen what could be called a UFO.</p>

Low Flying Silent Triangle Seen in Licking County

by Frank Reams

MUFON State Section Director for Ohio

Date of Sighting: March 7, 2003
 Time of Sighting: 2:20-2:30 am
 Location: South of Utica, Ohio, Licking County

The witness was excited about what he had seen and decided that it should be reported to someone. He went to the Internet and looked up UFO and found the MUFON website. He then found the WUFOD reporting system and entered his sighting onto the Computer Data Base. MUFON State Director Bill Jones, seeing the report on WUFOD, contacted me to investigate since it occurred within my area.

Synopsis of Sighting

The witness was returning home from Newark, Ohio at approximately 2:20-2:30 am on Friday morning March 7. Approximately 3 ½ miles south of Utica, Ohio on Reynolds Rd. the witness saw what he first thinks was an airplane about to land in a field ahead of him. He quickly realized that it was hovering so he thought maybe it was a helicopter. As he got closer, he saw that it was a large equilateral triangle and it was slowly moving down the road toward him. He stopped his car and rolled down the window to look up as it passed very close to directly overhead at approximately 300 feet elevation. He turned off the car radio but heard nothing. So he turned off the engine and still there was complete silence as the object, that was approximately 30 to 40 feet across, passed by his vehicle at about 15 mph. The triangle had large white lights at each corner and small blinking red lights in the center. The outline of the triangle was clearly seen as a solid object. The night was clear and the temperature was 12 degrees F.

Investigation

MUFON State Director Bill Jones contacted me on my e-mail about this sighting on March 10. I met the witness at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Mar. 23 at the witness' home. The witness lives in a small but well kept rural home only 1½ miles from the sighting area. After the interview process, we went to the sighting area. Later I called the Licking County Sheriff's office, the Utica Police Department and the Licking County Highway Department, but no one had any record of UFO sightings that night.

The witness, James Landis, Jr., 38, appears to be quite intelligent and stated that he is a non-drinker. He works second shift as a graphic artist for a printing company in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Landis has been a volunteer for the emergency squad in Utica and is therefore very familiar with Life Flight helicopters as seen at night, etc. James has had no experience with UFO materials except for seeing a documentary on the History Channel and sometimes listening to Art Bell on his way home late at night. Up to this time he did not believe they were real. I went into Utica to ask around about Mr. Landis and he seems to be a well-respected citizen of the community.

Upon visiting the sighting area, I found it to be an ideal viewing position for the witness. Because of small ridges at the north and south ends of the viewing area, I am convinced that the witness's estimate of the distance of the object from him is very close to correct. The path of the object could not have been more than 300 feet from his car when it passed overhead. Interestingly, the triangle did not move point first or flat edge first. It was moving in a straight line but would appear to be moving sideways.

Because of the close proximity of the object to the witness, natural phenomena or man made objects (which make no sound) would not meet any criteria to explain this sighting. I have been a professional pilot for 34 years, so I feel I was able to question the witness thoroughly enough to eliminate the possibility of any kind of known manufactured airborne machine.

Sighting Evaluation

I find this sighting to be significant because of the quality of the witness and the close proximity of the object to the witness. If there were more witnesses it would obviously be better. This is, however, very similar to sightings of this kind of object around the world and the witness was not aware that anything like this had ever been seen before.

Other Possible Witnesses

Surprisingly the same object may have been seen from the air. The following was reported in *Filer's Files*, Number 12 – 2003, March 19, 2003 issue shortly after this article was first turned in for publication:

COLUMBUS -- An ATP-rated Learjet captain was flying as copilot in a Cessna Citation II, on March 7, 2003, at 0515 GMT when he saw three bright lights in a triangular pattern hanging in the sky to the north near Cassiopeia, at an estimated altitude of 45-49000 feet. The witness was flying at 39,000 feet and asked his partner if he was watching? He said yes. The lights were all of a greater relative magnitude than Sirius -

- perhaps equaling or greater than Venus in brightness. After about 5 to 10 seconds, the lights began to move eastward, accelerating rapidly and fading from view simultaneously (may have been receding?). No aircraft in my experience has ever accelerated so quickly. We believe it was one object -- though no details could be made out between the lights. It might have been three separate objects but they would have had to be maintaining a precise formation during acceleration. Both pilots have been flying aircraft for over 15 years, and neither had ever seen anything like this.

The Frosty Factor in Ufology

by William E. Jones

MUFON Director for the State of Ohio

Once I had a wonderful white female cat named Frosty who had one blue and one yellow eye. She was stone deaf, like almost all white female cats with these colors of eyes. She loved to chase the light from a flashlight shown on a floor, wall, and ceiling. She would run all over the room chasing it to near exhaustion. During one of these play times I realized that this light was her UFO. No matter how many times she saw it, and no matter how many times she would come close to catching it, she would never be successful at determining what this light was all about. She could form a kitty flashlight study group with the other cats in the household. They could gather and document sighting reports. Have meetings. Issue monthly flashlight sighting newsletters. Hold symposiums concerning flashlight sightings. But no matter how hard she and the other cats tried, they could never understand what that light is or how it was created. If they ever captured a crashed flashlight, they would never be able to figure out how it worked, repair it, or to make another working copy. It would forever remain a mystery because their minds aren't sufficient to these tasks. It was at this point that my UFO cynicism began to set in. I think we humans are in a similar position. No matter how hard we try and no matter what a human Frosty (perhaps Stanton Friedman) might have to say, we just don't have the brainpower to figure out what UFOs are all about.

Frosty passed on to kitty heaven a few years ago. I still miss our playtime together. And I sometimes wonder if she now understands what her UFO was and who was behind those sightings. And I also sometimes wonder if I will know about my UFO when I pass on. I can only hope.

"The Universe is not only stranger than we know, it's stranger than we *can* know."

- Arthur C. Clarke

Tools for the Field Investigator

by Todd Lemire

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Today's information technology offers the UFO Field Investigator many new resources that weren't previously available to investigators of the past. The advent of the Internet and its associated technology has provided the investigator with readily available tools such as UFO sighting databases, UFO statistical reports, online current and historical weather data, orbital satellite and planetary tracking resources and much more. These tools can often add many supporting details allowing the investigator to make a more informative evaluation of the UFO sighting report and its contents.

The focus here is a new interactive tool that was recently made available online or for installation on your home pc. You may have seen this mentioned in the February 2003 issue of the MUFON Journal. This tool is a JavaScript utility used to calculate the Ballester-Guasp Certainty Index for a UFO sighting report. You can find it on the Internet at <http://www.terrygroff.com/mufon/eval/index.html> courtesy of Field Investigator Trainee and program author Terry Groff (email ufo@terrygroff.com). A complete guideline is also included on the website explaining all of the details involved with the Ballester-Guasp numerical evaluation, and its associated calculations. This information can also be found in the MUFON Field Investigators Manual.

This numerical evaluation, developed by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Miguel Guasp, allows the Field Investigator to determine important parameters of an anomalous report. These parameters are: (1) volume

and quality of data, (2) the abnormality or strangeness of the event, (3) the credibility of the report, and (4) an overall score derived from the previous 3 parameters. This allows a clear-cut identification of the aspects of good sighting investigations that can lead to valuable reports. This JavaScript program allows the Field Investigator to actively enter the required information discovered during the interview/investigation process, such as the type of interview conducted, the length of the interview, the type of encounter, and several witness characteristics, to name a few, into the program. These values are entered via a multiple-choice drop down menu format, which allows ease of use and automatic numerical calculation as the different selections are entered, saving the investigator the trouble of having to deal with complicated mathematical calculations. After all the appropriate information is entered in the required fields a 'Certainty Index' is automatically calculated, appearing in a numerical percentage format. As this 'Certainty Index' (0-100%) increases so does the chance that what you're dealing with is a true UFO related event.

The value of this Certainty Index not only gives structure and ranking capability to a large database of UFO events, such as MUFON's WUFOD database, but also more importantly it can reveal to an investigator those things that can improve an investigation's overall quality. By studying the different index's used to calculate this 'Certainty Index' and becoming familiar with the Ballester-Guasp evaluation you can quickly determine what information is important to gather during an interview and on-site inspection. Familiarity with this index will also help you ensure that you have all the information you need before concluding the investigation, resulting in a thorough and complete final report. This is a valuable and free tool that all investigators should take the time to become familiar with.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Ballester-Guasp Evaluation or you have ideas for future articles please feel free to contact me.

Bits & Pieces

In a story he once told to his family, Thomas Townsend Brown (born in Zanesville, Ohio, 1905) made an analogy between a fish looking up at the bottom of a passing ship. "That fish looks up at that strange thing in his sky. It may have different properties, maybe size, prop wash or turbulence. Some fish will scatter and never look again, some fish will wonder, but none of them will really know what that form represents. They will never know about what other things man is capable of other than sailing across that particular part of the ocean. We in many ways are those fish, and the lights we see in our skies are the hulls of those ships."

-Thanks to Earl Benezet, MUFON of Kentucky

There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."

-Dave Barry

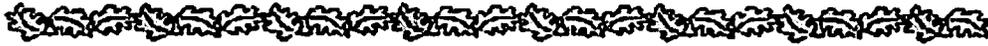
The Lou Zinsstag UFO Files

Perhaps this is already widely known here on this list [Project 1947], but for those interested in the whereabouts of the UFO files of yesteryears researchers, here's what happened with the Lou Zinsstag files. After she died in 1984, longtime Adamski acquaintance Lou Zinsstag's collection of 4 folio-sized volumes with sketches and drawings and 33 cardboard boxes with un-catalogued newspaper clippings and magazine cuttings were donated to the Universitätsbibliothek in Basel (University Library Basel), which accepted the collection. In the collection is an account of her sighting on July 11, 1957.

-Theo Paijmans (th.paijmans@WXS.NL)

Archives for UFO Research

Go to <http://www.afu.info/> for descriptions and photographs of what it one of the best organized and perhaps most comprehensive UFO archives in existence. If our work over the last 50 plus years is to have any impact on UFO research in the years and decades ahead, the literature and other files and materials from the period is going to have to be preserved. The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio has a very good collection, but this archives beats any that we are aware of. The problem for us in Ohio is that this archives is located in Sweden.



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UFOs in the Land of the Rising Sun

by

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While seldom mentioned in UFO chronicles, Japan has been a major theatre of operations for the phenomenon over the past three decades, and boasts prehistoric lore that links it closely to the possible presence of ancient astronauts.

The most significant postwar sighting turned out to be singularly dramatic: a luminous object, dangling in the air from an enormous, darkened craft, was witnessed by many observers over Tokyo Bay in the summer of 1952. The objects were also picked up by radar, prompting jet fighters to scramble to intercept. The huge aerial contraption proceeded to elude the military aircraft with maneuvers never thought possible before. In the early days of the Cold War, with the Korean conflict still brewing on the other side of the Sea of Japan, the thought of a surprise attack by unknown Soviet technology was fresh in every strategist's mind.

But it wasn't until 22 years later, in June 1974 that an interceptor--an F4 Phantom--would lock on to its mysterious quarry and experience the nearest of close encounters: a head-on collision with a UFO.

Originally under the impression that the signal on the screen was a notoriously errant Soviet Bear bomber, the fighter's crew was surprised to see that their target was a 40-foot wide disc with square portholes that could have been view ports or exhausts. When the Phantom trained its weapons on the object, the intruder hurtled toward it, smashing the fighter's nose and causing the pilot and weapons officer to eject. The latter died in the collision, and the Japanese government remained silent about the event, never acknowledging if the UFO had fallen to the ground during the "accident". The Phantom's loss was tersely attributed to "a collision with an unknown object at 30,000 feet."

The Japanese Air Force's tight-lipped silence was triggered, perhaps by the number of sightings that had already been reported by civilians. Four months prior to the Phantom incident, a young woman, Akiko Nakayama, had come into contact with three strange creatures in a rice paddy in the village of Hoshimachi. The alien trio re-entered a glowing orange vehicle that took to the night skies in a matter of seconds, rejoining what was a veritable armada of UFOs slowly crossing the skies over Japan. Magazines devoted to the subject of UFOs in both Japan and the U.S. made much of the fact that Ms. Nakayama's sighting had taken place not too far from the site of the unique, mysterious prehistoric statue of the Inu-Ningen, the "man-dog" that has been taken by many to be a depiction of a prehistoric, nonhuman visitor to our world. This large, perplexing statue, along with the small Dogu statues (helmeted figures that suggest respirators and air hoses) have defied all rational explanation.

In February 1975, near the town of Kofu, two boys walked around a grounded UFO that bore distinctive "oriental characters" on its hull (reminiscent, perhaps, of the Oriental script on the object recovered in Kecksburg, PA in 1965). The youngsters reported seeing "a ladder emerge from the craft" and a Klaatu-esque, silver-clad entity descend toward them. In what can best be described as a case of "unrequited contact", the boys broke and ran from the spot in abject terror. One of the children's parents was later able to confirm having seen an unusual craft rising skywards from the direction in which the boys had run. But by September of that very same year, UFOs would be seen by everyone living in western Japan, prompting

a deluge of phone calls to the authorities. A Japan Air Lines DC-8 was "tailed" by an unknown device for twenty minutes until it landed safely at a local airport.

The sightings were building up to a climax: in 1976, fifty witnesses beheld a golden UFO in the early morning hours of October 17th. The scintillating disk remained suspended in mid-air for ten minutes, prompting the air traffic controllers at Akita Airport to warn all approaching planes of the potential obstacle. The crowd of witnesses included members of the Japanese media, who had been filming a documentary on pilot instruction at the airport. Earlier in the year, a dark UFO had hovered directly over the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, its maneuvers witnessed by agents of the National Police from their office building.

The increasing frequency of the sightings became such that in 1977, the country's first official investigation of the phenomenon was launched under the auspices of the Japanese Air Force, with inconclusive results.

The phenomenon did not wait around for the government findings either: strange globes of light were seen flying around Mount Senohara in 1982, and two years later, the crew of a passenger jet reported seeing what first appeared to be the mushroom cloud following a nuclear detonation, rising to a height of sixty thousand feet and expanding to a diameter of a hundred miles before dissolving altogether. No explanation was offered for this event.

UFOs are not the only enigma bewildering the Japanese. In the summer of 1986, a circular, leveled "crop circle" was discovered in Yamagata, constituting the first instance of this mystery's appearance in Japan.

Like the United States, Japan has either the fortune or ill luck of being located next to one of the dozen or so anomalous areas that surround the planet. The Devil's Triangle, the Pacific Ocean's equivalent of the Bermuda Triangle, which extends from the Japanese archipelago to the Marianas, covering an area of tremendously deep marine trenches and underwater volcanoes. Aside from the legendary number of disappearances recorded as having taken place in or near the site, frequent UFO sightings have also been reported, suggesting the possibility of a natural aberration that serves as a materialization spot for the phenomenon.

The crew of the Kitsukawa Maru reported, in April 1952, an encounter with a pair of wingless, silver disks that plunged into the ocean off the port bow. The ship's captain promptly noted the event, which occurred at the edge of the nineteen thousand foot deep trench surrounding Japan. In 1967, a number of U.S. fighters were sent after a formation of UFOs off Okinawa, which had been picked up on radar.

There have been indications that the Japanese government is possibly ready to re-open its investigations into the UFO enigma: at the International UFO and Space Symposium, held in Hakui City in the fall of 1991, then prime minister Toshiki Kaifu expressed an opinion that "it was time to take the UFO situation seriously." Time will tell if his suggestion will be taken with equal seriousness.

Sighting From a Boeing 727 Airliner

From the John P. Timmerman Files

This report is taken verbatim from a United Airline *Attendant Flight Report* prepared in April 1974. The stewardess who prepared the report gave a copy of it to Dr. J. Allen Hynek in March of 1980. The identity of the stewardess is not indicated on the copy of the report found in the *Timmerman Files*.

"While riding in the cock-pit of a 727 in a ferry (crew only) flight operating between Chicago and Montego Bay, Jamaica at approximately 45 minutes prior to sunrise, I witnessed the flight of an object unlike any airborne craft I have ever seen in flight during my 10 years as an airline stewardess. The flight of this craft was observed by the captain of our ship, his first and second officers, another cabin attendant and myself.

"As we watched, an object the shape of a squashed bell, which was hovering above the water, began moving in a diagonal path in steep ascent. It was difficult to judge its speed as we were proceeding toward it at about 180 knots (true airspeed less than 200 knots), but it was no longer visible in less than 5 seconds.

“The water over which this craft hovered showed obvious signs of disturbance with waves radiating outward in a circular wake with swells up to a foot in an otherwise quiet pre-dawn sea. The object appeared a deep metallic blue at first, but as it began moving the color changed to brilliant orange & became lighter in shade before we lost sight of it.

“Weather was calm, winds varied & light.”

Giant Orange UFOs Over West Chester, Ohio
by Donnie Blessing, MUFON State Section Director for Ohio
Report Filed March 6, 2003*

Mr. Mark P. [name withheld but on file] his wife and children were driving home from his in-laws sometime between December 15th and December 30th 2002 at approximately 9:30 PM. They were driving on Butler Warren Rd. or Snider near Kemper. These roads are in the general same area. The skies were clear and crisp and up ahead. Mike was contemplating a gas station stop. His wife and children were following behind Mike in another car. Suddenly Mike spotted off to his left in the northwest skies a large bright orange and rust colored object. The object looked to be in a descending path coming almost straight down. It looked to be about a mile away and Mike thought that even at that distance this object was at least 300 feet in length. He wondered what size it would [appear to] be if it were close by. This thought began to scare him because he would have guessed it would have been of tremendous size.

The object was round with flames or sparks shooting off from it. Mike said the object reminded him of clustered fireworks. It descended at a speed similar to a meteorite. Mike could not get the feeling out of his mind that what he was seeing was not a meteorite. Something just was not right about with the way it looked. The orange and rust colors seemed to look like molten lava with a flowing quality about it that sparkled.

Mike motioned with his hand for his wife to pull over to the side of the road behind him. She was puzzled by this gesture and in the time it took to maneuver safely to the side of the road she missed what her husband was watching. Apparently the children did not see the object either. The whole incident took less than a minute, but what transpired next convinced Mike he was not seeing a meteor burning in its downward fall. The object suddenly exploded soundlessly and disappeared. One thing that Mike said he noticed about the explosion was that it seemed contained, with no flying pieces out into the sky or falling earthward. Then the object reappeared in one piece and began to ascend back up into the sky. As the object began to rise another object appeared from out of the eastern sky

It looked very similar to the one Mike had been watching. This object moved horizontally until it was very close to the first object. This object quickly began circling the other object like they were two dogs chasing each other around and around at a high rate of speed. This lasted for several seconds then they seemed to either burn out or just disappear. Mike asked his wife if she had seen what just transpired but she said that she had not as she had been intent on watching traffic and wondering why her husband had motioned her over to the side of the road.

I asked Mike to try and pinpoint the exact date and location. However, he called back saying that family members could not remember the exact date or location. I then placed a call to the West Chester Police department at 513-759-7250 and asked the dispatcher to check their records for any sightings called in between the dates of December 15th and December 30th, 2002. No reports were logged for those dates.

Comments:

Mike struck me as a very levelheaded person who sounded like a reliable witness. He said he was very confused about what he had witnessed. Several times during our conversation he would say, "I don't know what I saw." "I do not do drugs or drink." "I know I'm not crazy." Mike is 35 and holds a managers position at his job. I believe Mark to have been truthful in his statements.

* MUFON WUFOD Reference: 1..2-418-OH.

Remarkable 1954 Norwegian Near Landing Case

Source: *CSI News Letter*, Issue No. 7, May 1, 1957 p. 16

From the files of Jean-Luc Rivera

In the March, 1957 issue of *SIR!* magazine (thanks to Theodore W. Hill of Woodbury, N.J. for sending it to us), Norwegian newspaperman Oddvar Larsentells of an extraordinary sighting, which he believes to be authentic. (Incidentally, publication in a magazine like *SIR!* might raise a question of whether the whole thing is a piece of fiction; fortunately, we can attest to the bona fides of Oddvar Larsen.) Larsen writes directly in English: the article is not a translation.

The date was November 23, 1954--a time just after the great landing wave in France, when notable sightings were being made in many places, among them Italy and Brazil. The witnesses were three little girls, Anne and Tora Storedal and Tora Moy Haugo, of Torpo, in the Hallingdal district; Anne was ten years old, the other two were nine, and all were frightened out of their wits. As they were coming home from school near some woods, a black object descended rapidly from the sky, knocked snow from the treetops, and stopped only a few feet above the girls' heads. They gave the following weird description of it: "It looked like a stone...like a ball...about ten feet across; the lower part was black, but trimmed with yellow spots which could have been made of glass, and there were also a number of small, red jags." The upper part was transparent--the trees could be seen through it--and a human or at any rate semi-human pilot was visible inside, operating controls of some sort. Dressed in black, this man or entity had "big eyes, covered by a pair of immense, red glasses", with which he looked straight at the girls. The craft then rose again with a droning sound, brushing a high-tension line and striking a shower of sparks from it; an odor compared by Tora Moy to "fried sausages" (ozone?) filled the air; and the little girls ran for their lives.

When Larsen first heard of this story, he was naturally skeptical; but after hearing tape recordings of an on-the-spot investigation of the case, he was convinced that neither hoax nor helicopter could account for it. He cites, for example, this detail given by Tora Storedal:

"When the stone came down toward me it had a long, white tail behind, but when the stone turned and moved away, the tail went first. That was funny, I thought."

In the snow, there was found and photographed a disturbed track 25 yards long, presumably made by the craft after the girls had turned their backs on it.

The [C.S.I. of N.Y.] Research Section is of course not in a position to endorse this case, but Larsen's writing gives a favorable impression of his good sense, and the evidence as he reports it appears good.

A striking parallel is apparent between the Torpo case and the Hemmingford, Quebec landing of August 28, 1954. Here too a spherical craft was reported, with "men" (seven feet tall) dressed in black, with "big round eyes" (unfortunately, no further detail is available.) The Hemmingford case's claim to acceptance likewise rests principally on the good impression of honesty and sanity given by the witnesses (Mrs. Coupal and sons) in a taped interview, for which the saucer world is indebted to investigator Dr. A.G. Dittmar of Au Sable Forks, N.Y.

What I Saw in 1954

by Richard Nydegger

In the late summer of 1954, I was just 4 years old but I still remember what I had saw on a summer evening at my Aunt and Uncle's house outside of Warren, Ohio in a small suburb town named Champion, Ohio. 1954 was the year my mom and dad, along with my aunt and uncle, decided to sell out and move our families to Florida to live.

Through most of the summer we all would meet a one of our houses for dinner and then the adults would sit around the dinner table and talk about this big move to Florida. It was at one of these meetings after

dinner when the children were playing and the parents were planning out the Florida move that I saw something that late afternoon to early evening. My cousin John who is two years older than me were cracking nuts of some kind with a hammer outside behind his family's house on a picnic table when from the west at just above tree top level came a craft moving very slowly at one or two mph, stopping over a field just above the trees in the neighbors back yard to the north. It was 40 to 60 feet in diameter, silver like two inverted plates to make a saucer shape. It made no sound but underneath of the bottom edge was a yellow/green area of lights or some whirling system that moved slowly clockwise spinning. The craft itself did not spin but just hovered there.

I was just 60 yards from it. My cousin John yelled that he was going to go get his dad and ran into the house. After a minute this craft moved north very slowly at tree top level until it was out of site. John came back without any parents but by then the craft had left.

Back in the 1950's the Warren, Ohio area had many very large steel plants. A few of these large plants were a few miles away from my aunt and uncle's house

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**Response to 6/6/03 Earthfiles Report on the Scientific Analysis
of Samples Related to the Corguinho, Brazil Event**
by Phyllis Budinger, Analytical Scientist, Frontier Analysis, Ltd., &
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June 7, 2003

My purpose here is to comment on the recent Earthfiles website report regarding the scientific analyses of samples from the alleged Corguinho, Brazil abduction. The Earthfiles report is in four parts, but only portions of my 40-page final report on the analyses of samples of bedding and stone samples were included. (For those who are unfamiliar with the case, the details can be found on www.Earthfiles.com or www.Rense.com.)

I am an analytical chemist with 35 years experience as a problem-solver in the petroleum industry, now retired. I have a B.S. (Baldwin-Wallace College, 1961) and an M.S. (Miami University, 1964) in chemistry. Because of my analytical capability and technical skills my position at a large petroleum company involved overseeing many other chemists' work. I headed up the infrared spectroscopy group and, at one point, also supervised the X-ray diffraction area. I retired at the rank of "Research Scientist," at a more advanced grade-level than that achieved by the majority of PhDs.

Once retired, in addition to other projects I decided to use my analytical skills in the evaluation of physical traces related to the UFO phenomenon. I set up a professional laboratory for this purpose. Having noted that a solid analytical approach was often lacking in the evaluation of many of the UFO physical-trace cases, it was my hope to contribute some solid information which might aid in unraveling at least part of the UFO mystery.

Generally, I am not paid for my UFO-related work. I do receive income from some projects, but usually only enough to cover costs. I also do contract work for various industries, which income covers most of my overhead. The point I wish to make here is that my work in the UFO and related fields is motivated by scientific curiosity and my sincere desire to understand whatever it is that is going on.

The recent report on the Corguinho, Brazil samples took about a month's work. On this case I consulted with five professional polymer chemists, four of whom are PhDs. (Over the years I have amassed a contact list of many professionals with a wide variety of scientific disciplines which have proved very valuable to me in many of my analyses of physical traces relating to the UFO phenomenon.) For the Corguinho, Brazil analysis, I created an internet chat line and called for input and recommendations from these polymer chemists. The total experience represented by these people is roughly 175 years. If you add my own

professional experience this comes to roughly 210 years. This extensive professional skill base was applied to the analyses of the Corguinho, Brazil samples.

The 6/6/03 Earthfiles report presents primarily results obtained by Ms. Howe's consultations with others than myself. In professional scientific analyses multiple consultations, so long as they are obtained from competent personnel, are highly advisable and in fact I suggested that Ms. Howe do so in this case both by phone and in conclusion 5 of my report. The reason additional examinations should be done is that, as scientific knowledge increases so, by necessity, does specialization, and each specialist is likely to offer different backgrounds, experience and skills. This approach has been a critical part of my professional training, and application of this principal is one of the reasons I rose to such a high level in my career.

However, it is customary to share whatever information is forthcoming from each of various consultants amongst all of those working on any particular project--both to avoid duplication of effort (and wasted professional time) and to facilitate a common understanding of the facts. In all professional situations in my experience, this transmittal of various consulting opinions is always carried out prior to the presentation of any final public report. However, in this case I was not afforded this courtesy and was not informed regarding the opinions of Ms. Howe's textile consultant. Unfortunately, I feel this failure has tarnished Prof. Barndt's credibility unnecessarily.

After all the analyses I did, and my current evaluation of the recent Earthfiles report, I am of the opinion that no real evidence of an alien abduction has been presented. Nor, based on the samples presented for analyses, has such a conclusion been ruled out. Let me take each part of the Earthfiles report and make some comments.

Earthfiles, Part 1:

This part deals with the analysis of the bedding, and there are two points I would like to address. I have to start with the fact that I found that most of the bedding (e.g. sheet and pillow covering) is made of a polyester (specifically polyethylene terephthalate, or "PET") cross-woven with cotton. The Corguinho sheet image visually appears to consist of what I call burned areas and halo-like areas. In Conclusion 3 of my report I noted the following:

3.) An observation that the halo area of the sheet consists of melted PET and un-degraded cotton is not an anomaly, though it is noted PET has a melting range between 250-265°C (482-509 °F) and cotton degrades at 148°C (298 °F). This can be explained by the differences in rates of heat conduction (Thermal Conductivity) of these materials. PET (0.28 W/m*K) conducts heat about ten times faster than cotton (0.029 W/m*K). Therefore, a fast burst of heat (above the melting point of PET) would melt the PET but not degrade the cotton. This was experimentally accomplished with an iron on the control sheet swath by this laboratory.

Regarding this conclusion, Earthfiles reports that the director of a major textile research lab, Prof. Barndt, disputes my statement (Earthfiles here used the word "assumption") that PET conducts heat ten times faster than cotton. This matter is addressed below.

To see if I could replicate the melting of polyester while leaving the cotton unburned, I pressed a fragment of the control swath from the Corguinho sheet with an iron at high temperature. I sent these pieces to biophysicist W. C. Levengood. Levengood observed that the reverse side of my experimental swath looked different than the reverse side of the Corguinho samples. Ms. Howe also notes that the polyester is flattened out in my experimental samples and indicates this does not compare to the polyester melt in the Corguinho sheet, which appears neatly contained and rounded, and not flattened. I respond to these statements, below, also.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 1:

PET polyester does conduct heat faster than cotton. *This is not an assumption. This is fact!* Thermal Conductivity values (included in my report) are indisputable--they are measured physical constants. (Thermal conductivity is a measure of the rate at which a material transmits heat.) Clearly a value of 0.280 for PET of 0.029 for cotton shows that the PET transmits heat faster. And my sources for these values are referenced in my report. Furthermore, the polymer chemists I consulted concur with me. One said: "This is a solid explanation."

Finally, let me add a comment for readers without a technical background, to help illustrate the above. Suppose you have a casserole in the oven at 350 degrees and want to take it out. You have two sets of gloves. One pair is made of cotton, and the other made of polyester. Which would you use? Of course, you would use the cotton, because it insulates better against the heat. That is, it does not *transmit* heat as fast as polyester. Did you ever wonder why most pot-holders are made of cotton? It's an insulator. *Hawley's Chemical Dictionary* reports one of cotton's many uses is as an insulator.

I don't know Prof. Barndt, the Director of the Grundy Testing Laboratory at the School of Textiles and Materials Technology in Philadelphia, the "textile expert" whose comments are presented by Earthfiles and, so, cannot comment on his expertise. But regardless of his academic position he is, here, in error regarding the rate of heat transference of polyester versus cotton. I would like to see his written report (with references) showing where he garnered this knowledge. I assume he will present such a report for all of us to see

Here is another of Prof. Barndt's errors. Ms. Howe called me after she had received my written report and said that the "textile man" says "you are wrong about the pillow composition." [As previously noted, I had reported that it was comprised of strands of pure polyester cross-woven with strands of pure cotton.] This "textile man" stated instead that the pillow was a polyester/cotton *blend* (i.e., that each of the fiber stands was composed of a mix of polyester and cotton, rather than a *weave* of cotton and polyester strands). I was amazed that this deduction came from a "textile man" and absolutely disagreed, because my microscope photographs clearly show the random, disoriented fibers typical of cotton strands going in one direction, and the well-oriented, aligned fibers of the polyester going in the other direction (see my report). Conclusive proof that the material was a *weave* was provided by my infrared analysis. Several spectra were taken of the fibers going in both directions and these spectra show pure cotton going in one direction and pure polyester going in the other direction, (Infrared analysis for identification of molecules is essentially akin to DNA for identification of people.) *There were no spectra typical of a blend.* Prof. Barndt subsequently realized his mistake, as indicated by Ms. Howe's Email of May 13, 2003 to me, which follows.

"You were right about your infrared analysis of the pillowcase being cotton and polyester cross woven. Prof. Barndt, who originally thought it was a polyester and cotton fiber blend because it does have a much finer structure than the bed sheet, examined it today under his own magnifier. So, your confidence in infrared identifications is deserved! -)"

However, for me, this error immediately raised a red flag regarding his credibility and/or insight into the Corguinho bedding examination.

Next I would like to address the observations regarding the appearance of my iron experiment control sheet swath versus the imaged swath. Of course the pressure of the iron flattened the melted polyester! This is correct. My iron experiment was done merely to demonstrate that you could *melt* the polyester and leave the cotton intact (even though cotton degrades at lower temperatures than polyester melts). And that you could do this with a quick burst of heat. The iron was not selected to suggest that an iron was the source of the heat—but simply to demonstrate or approximate the amount of heat required and the ease of finding a source of such heat. In fact, I saw that an iron could not have been the heat source as I did my experiment,

because it was obvious when examining the burned cotton in the Brazil sample that it had been subjected to a temperature beyond the capabilities of the iron.

Nick Reiter, the SEM/EDS technician who also examined these samples tried the same sort of experiment, using a soldering iron as his source of heat. Again, this was his most convenient heat source, and not one chosen to suggest it as the *actual* heat source that had impacted the samples. And nowhere in our report do I suggest either the iron or the soldering iron as possible heat sources for the Brazil samples. These were good experiments--and the same approach was repeated again, to overkill, by Prof. Barndt, producing the same results as those obtained by Mr. Reiter and myself.

Earthfiles, Part 2:

This section of the Earthfiles report focuses on Prof. Barndt's attempt to duplicate the Corguinho sheet anomalies. Barndt used a blowtorch at 1500F on wet controls from the sheet (Urandir, the alleged abductee, had taken a shower before lying down, and Barndt therefore assumed that moisture would have been present on the sheet). Photographs of this experiment are shown. He did not reproduce the exact effect as viewed on the sheet, and states he doesn't know what heat source caused the effect. He wonders why the Corguinho sheet did not ignite and burn during it's the formation of its curious impression, and speculates it was moisture or something else. He reiterates details which Ms. Howe dwells upon in Part I of the Earthfiles report, details which I have already clarified.

Additionally, there is a microphotograph of a tiny piece of the mattress cover that appears to have a "missing" vertical thread and three melted horizontal polyester bead melts right where the vertical thread should have been. None of the other polyester fibers on this sample appear to be affected. Earthfiles suggests that this indicates that a pinpoint source of heat, like a laser, may have caused this effect. Please observe the photograph in the Earthfiles website, <http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=540&category=Science>.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 2:

First I'd like to comment on Prof. Barndt's experiment. Essentially he repeated what both Mr. Reiter and I had already done with a hot iron and soldering iron. It is my opinion that the use of temperatures in the range of 1500F was rather high and not very realistic, because polyester degrades rapidly at 1500F. My analysis of the bed sheet samples showed the polyester had melted, but it did not degrade even in the most darkened areas of the sheet. So, it was my judgment that whatever source produced the quick burst of heat was in the temperature range of 600-900 F.

I offer a suggestion regarding Prof. Brandt's musings on why the Corguinho sheet did not ignite and burn during image formation: the fabric could have been treated with a fire-retardant.

Regarding the microphotograph of the mattress-cover sample with the missing vertical thread, there are not enough details presented about this sample to make any conclusions, in my opinion. This particular sample was not submitted to me, but in the samples that I did examine there was no evidence of any "pinpoint melting." I would have liked to have seen this sample and to have been able to examine the reverse side of the swath to see if there were melted beads on the back--if you look at the weave in the photograph posted on the Earthfile's website cited above, it is obvious that three beads *should be* on the backside of the swath if the missing thread had been present and the polyester had been melted. Unfortunately, no photograph is provided of the reverse side. The question is "Are there any polyester melted beads on the backside?" If not, then I would agree that this is an example of pinpoint melting.

I suspect that the missing thread went missing *after* the heat exposure, perhaps during the sampling procedure. It is my opinion that nothing conclusive can be drawn from this photograph alone--without a photograph of the reverse side of the same swath.

Earthfiles, Part 3:

Part 3 deals with the infrared (IR) and Energy Dispersive (EDS) analysis of the stones which are reported to have fallen down upon the roof of the house during the alleged abduction episode. Clearly there are no major differences in opinions here, just some minor assumptions that need clarification. One relates to Nick Reiter's speculation that these are similar to Moqui marbles. Another regards the comment made by an un-named geologist quoted in the Earthfiles report who speculates that Moquis result from a meteor impact site. There is also a comment regarding the fact that I did not originally include in my report a photograph of the stone I split for data acquisitions by Nick and myself. Additionally, I have a comment to offer on the presence of trace-titanium in the stone.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks re Earthfiles, Part 3:

For the stone analysis I recommended that Earthfiles obtain additional x-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis. Not enough analytical information could be gleaned using IR and EDS techniques alone to establish conclusive identification of the stones composition. I recommended XRD analysis because it the best technique to use in the evaluation of structures of crystalline species and could identify most (if not all) of the specific mineral types in the stones. I also felt that the additional expertise of a mineralogist or geologist (the sort of specialist who would carry out the XRD analysis) would have been useful.

Nick Reiter and I have suggested that the stones may be similar to "Moqui marbles." We do not say they *are* Moquis, but that they appear to be akin to them [Our backgrounds are limited here, though Mr. Reiter is more knowledgeable in this area than I am; from our limited background, and the data we had, an attempt was made to narrow down the possibilities.] Clearly there are indications, though not proof, in the EDS comparison of scans of the sample stones to references from a known Moqui. The infrared analysis indicated a subtle compositional change between the sample stone's interior and exterior surface: the exterior was shown to contain slightly more iron, a finding that is typical of the Moquis. The rounded shapes of Moquis are also similar to the sample stones, indicating they may have experienced a similar geological process in their formation.

Mr. Reiter and I also speculated that these stones could originate from the Corguinho, Brazil area, because this area of Brazil is known to have an iron-rich sandstone-type geology similar to that of the U.S. southwest. Previous Earthfiles reports of the Brazil landscape also indicated this might be true. (See Earthfiles Part 4 regarding the XRD identification of a rare mineral in the stones, a form of which exists in Brazil.)

We did not say these sample stones came from the American southwest or had anything to do with the Moquis from that area. More information was needed to resolve this issue, which is why we recommended XRD analysis and a geologist's input.

I am aware of geologist Dave Crosby's (Earthfiles un-named geologist) *now abandoned* theory that Moqui stones might have originated from meteor impacts. He no longer holds this opinion and his current theory (8/20/01) can be found at <http://www.rocksandminerals.com/specimens/moqui.htm>. In essence, it agrees with Nick Reiter's contribution in our report that these stones "are formed much like pearls, by accretion of mineral from the water supply around a core that can be anything from a sand grain to a small rock."

In our final report I did not provide a photograph of the interior of the Corguinho sample stone that I had broken open, since I didn't think it added anything to the report. However a photograph was taken at the time of the analysis, and is provided here.



Ms. Howe commented on Earthfiles that she didn't like the red tones in my photographs of the stones. I apologize for the fact that the lighting in my lab has contributed to the red color in this photograph, which is not an accurate representation of the sandstone color of the sample stones. If I were paid for the month's work required to carry out the Corguinho, Brazil case analyses (and other similar work), perhaps I would be able to afford improved lighting in my laboratory and/or a new camera.

Finally, in regard to the Corguinho stones, I suspect that the presence of titanium in the stone I examined could be a marker as to its origin. Mr. Reiter correctly indicated in our report that trace minerals vary with the local mineralogy in an area. For example, I am reminded of an analysis I did for my company in the late 1970s. The company owned uranium mines at the time, and thieves had stolen several barrels of yellow cake (uranium ore). The thieves were apprehended at the Mexican border. I was given several samples of yellow cake, which included the stolen ore, ore from the company's mine, and ore from other sites. The objective was to prove it was, in fact, our ore.

I was able to prove that the stolen yellow cake *was* ours because the trace metals in the retrieved material were identical to those found in the sample from our mine. I presented this case as a paper, published it in a journal, and it was included as a chapter in a book. ("Analytical Approach to the Case of the Case of the Great Yellow Cake Caper", Houston ACS Meeting, Symposium on Industrial Problem-Solving – A Multitechnique Approach, March 24, 1980); (Budinger et. al, "Analytical Chemistry", 1980, Vol 52, No 8); ("The Analytical Approach", Edited by Jeanette G. Grasselli, published by the American Chemical Society, United States, 1983, ISBN 0-8412-0755-0.)

Earthfiles, Part 4:

Part 4 discusses an XRD and geologist's input on the stone samples. This is a very well done analysis by the geologists and nicely profiles most all of the minerals in the stones. A rare mineral was observed (which has been found Cuba), and other forms of this mineral have been found at various sites in Brazil. The XRD spectra, which I understand were run on a new instrument, are superb. On the last page of this section is a statement made by geologist Prof. Johnson, in which he states that he and his colleagues have never encountered objects like these stones before.

P.A. Budinger's Remarks to Earthfiles, Part 4:

Just because these examiners state that these objects (the stones) are unfamiliar to them does not necessarily mean that the stones *are* unusual, or would be unknown to other specialists. What we need to know is *how* are these stones unfamiliar? In precisely what particulars do they differ? Without more investigation, or more information, we cannot conclude that the objects in question are, in fact, anomalous. The rare mineral is a nice find, and may be a tracer to the origin of the stones. It is curious to note that other forms of this rare mineral *have* been found before, and in Brazil.

Final Comments

Personally, I have a lot of questions concerning this purported abduction. If the material of the bed sheet, the pillowcase, and the mattress-cover were affected, why wasn't Urandir's underwear similarly affected? It would seem to me to be very useful to be able to analyze his underwear, especially since his under shorts

were purportedly also aboard the alien craft for two days. And did anyone examine the roof shingles outside and the ceiling beams inside the house? Were they affected? How? The ceiling was scorched on the lower surface, but was it also scorched on the upper side beneath the roof? It would seem to me likely that all components in the path of the "beam up" should have experienced some effect, such as the charred underside of the ceiling and the bedding. To-date, the source of the heat remains unknown. However, this does not mean that the source was unusual or anomalous.

Finally, I would like to emphasize a conclusion presented in the beginning of this commentary. After all the analyses I did, and my evaluation now of the Earthfiles report, I have to say that it is my opinion that, so far, there is really no evidence for an alien abduction here, nor can we rule it out.

I would have truly liked to have found something solid, and therefore spent a great deal of time on this case. My 40-page report (with 20 references) demonstrates that I covered all the bases within my area of expertise. It is my opinion that the Earthfiles website report utilized only minimal and carefully chosen excerpts from my final report, interspersed with comments which appear to disagree with my analysis by "textile expert" Prof. Barndt. Additionally, I think this has been done in a deliberately misleading manner, completely devoid of any professional objectivity.

Now that my entire final report will soon be available to all interested parties on the Jeff Rense website (www.rense.com), I suspect that individuals with a scientific background as well as those with just plain common sense will understand my sharp disappointment in the Earthfiles coverage of my work. Those of us truly interested in trying to understand the UFO phenomenon do not need inaccurate, biased reporting. What we do need is open, cooperative, interaction among the few trained scientists interested in and willing to take on this work.....and comprehensive, honest reporting of the results of such efforts to the interested public.

A Roswell Commentary From five Project 1947 Posted Messages

From: Jan Aldrich
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 8:19 PM
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I have commented several times on the following involving Roswell:

1. A base under alert does not transfer people out, let people go on leave, continue baseball games with civilian teams, and send the bowling team to other bases to play games while supposedly cooks and clerks are put on guard duty.
2. Cooks go on guard duty after the Commanding General goes on guard duty! Cooks cook. Believe me when there is an alert cooks work as hard or harder than anyone else especially when troops are deployed to other locations. There is so much in the Roswell story that is just as silly as the above, but if anyone raised one's head up to say the Emperor had no clothes a nuke dropped on them.
4. If Blanchard left the base, he would be courts martialled. What is the authority for this statement? Why AR 280-Friedman. This is so much nonsense. The base commander does any damn thing he pleases at the time. He has people to man the communications and he has designated representative. This from someone who has no military experience that I can determine, and [who] certainly [has] no basis for such an idea.
- 5 How about some more, contractors working on the base during the 4th of July weekend?
6. How about transporting debris in ambulances, a violation of regulation if there ever was one?
7. How about military people walking into the sheriffs' office and threatening him? That's a good way to get shotgun pointed at your gut.

8. There is no message traffic out of Roswell that indicates anything unusual going on.

9. We have the most important story of the last 1000 years, but the best we can do for references is "notes from interviews."

10. We have a number of witnesses that have blown up. When they are discredited, their little portion of the story continues on. Even worse some of the investigators have been discredited, rehabilitated and feed back into the fray. That is doubly sad. What is left of the story with Glen Denis and Frank Kaufmann gone? (Kaufmann's radar story should have been questioned by just about every ufologist, but most ufologists are ignorant of radar. It does not give one a picture like on a television, it give one picture every few seconds of returned pulses. It is not a continuous picture. How can one see an explosion on 1947 radar as Kaufmann described?

I really don't care how closely one has worked with Schmitt, what a nice guy he is, and how many different ways one can interact with him. The fact is undeniable that he has given ufology a black eye. I can't get center figures in the ufo community to even acknowledge that Schmitt has done anything wrong.

As I said before, Roswell has been used by many as a short cut to get to the heart of the UFO mystery. Daddy has it all locked up in his safe, Gerald Anderson, Glen Denis, and Frank Kaufmann have told us so. (Kaufmann) is so central to much of the story I am surprised that much is left. He is the one with the drawing and the "Top Secret" document.) I think Roswell should be de-emphasized and given a long rest.

Jan Aldrich

From: Jerome Clark
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 10:40 AM
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Hi Jan,

Thanks for an excellent posting. Inevitably, however, a quibble:

[To quote Jan:] "There is so much in the Roswell story that is just as silly as the above, but if anyone raised one's head up to say the Emperor had no clothes a nuke dropped on them."

Well, not true by a long shot.

The published criticisms of the Roswell case, from both inside and outside ufology, have been massive, if not invariably substantial, and unless you know something I don't know, nobody has been blown to smithereens or cowed into terrified silence. There's a cottage industry in anti-Roswell books. There has been plenty of debate, and I am one of those fabled knee-jerk liberals who by nature believe vigorous debate is necessary and healthy, however irritating or infuriating it may be at times.

To me, as one who's been a Roswell agnostic for some time, many questions are begged on both sides, and many remain. Perhaps that is where we'll have to leave it. In the absence of solid evidence (however defined; I think most of us will agree, however, that we don't have it, or we wouldn't be arguing) after all this time and effort, Roswell is overdue for benign neglect. We need to put our limited resources elsewhere, stop the finger pointing, and get on with our lives as ufologists. In life, as in Roswell research, we can never reach unambiguous certainty, and we'll just have to live with that. We can be reasonably sure, however, that ufology will survive Roswell.

For a while now, I've had my own ideas about what Roswell is about, and typically they would make neither advocates nor debunkers very happy. They would immediately charge that I can't prove my suspicions, and they would be right. Therefore, I will exercise all due restraint and refrain from airing them. In urging all -- pro-, anti-, and neutral -- to give Roswell a rest, I happily include myself.

Jerry Clark

From: Jan Aldrich
Sent: Sun 6/15/2003 12:52 PM
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Hi Jerry:

Quibble noted and understood. We don't see eye to eye here, but there is room of big difference of opinion.

My problem with Roswell is that the tolerance of ufology in general for an ever increasing strange incident that would cause 50 years of history to be throw out the window on the say so of some not so very convincing witnesses and investigators who were not the most thorough and reliable.

I did not mention several other characters in the Roswell Rogues gallery. Crom Schroeder (sp?). There is the especially irritating interview with Fred Whitting--I wished Fred had stuck around because I wanted him to tell us why his interviewing style was so "soft-ball." Crom was about to destroy his own credibility in this interview, but Whitting kept jerking him back from the brink. Both Randle and Friedman give him great deference. However, he is just a good storyteller. He tells stories so well that people do listen to what he said. From visual inspection, Crom was able to make an alloy with some of the properties of the Pappy Henderson's fragment. Crom sent it to Stanford and they returned it saying it ruined their diamond cutting saws. (Stanford is well known for being the home of retarded chemists and metallurgists, near-do-wells who could not hold a job anywhere else.) So the Stanford crowd did not do any other tests on Crom's miracle metal, nor were they the least bit curious about the metal was. Hello, no one sees any problem with this story!

Gerald Anderson, former Navy Seal. Not! I haven't checked to see if Friedman still defends him lately. That is not the point, in the Roswell story his contribution is still there even if he is discredited. It was so compelling to the USAF that McAndrew thought he had to tackle it in the Dummy report. Memory compression and little snippets taken for government test that's what the Anderson story sounded like to McAndrew and the AF. I don't think McAndrew or the AF realized how low Anderson's stock was with ufologists.

General Exon, he was the commander at Wright-Pat. He was not in charge of ATIC which had been independent since 1951. WPAFB provides housing, food, and logistics support for ATIC. Its orders come from elsewhere, not General Exon. Exon has back-tracked on some of his earlier statements. Just exactly where, or if, he fits in this is a question.

Here is what is disappointing to me. It was found that Jesse Marcel's records did not show he was all he claimed to be. Why did it take Robert Todd to check on these records? Of course, Todd combative style meant that the records were not accepted or looked at critically, rather the person who recovered them was the focus of ufological attention.

I understand that many of these stories in the Roswell investigation seemed to fit together like a jigsaw. Guess with my absence from ufology for a number of years, I just have a far different perspective. I didn't see the pieces fitting together in an ever-bigger mosaic. I was assured by people who were the leading lights of ufology that this was "The Case." The answer. It looked like warmed over Scully and Barney Barnett. What little documentation there was, seem tenuous. People did not tell their own story, but the investigators told us what they said. [The] citations were "notes from interviews." Hello, the most important story in a 1000 years and this is what we get witness statements that are filtered.

High tolerance for foolishness. Anyone can be a Roswell witness. I had a fellow call me up and said his father, a major in the AF, had a metal and a special citation form Hap Arnold for his work on Roswell. The citation was sitting on the wall of his house in Florida. All I asked was send me a photocopy. Click went the telephone. The "Iceman" interlude, remember that. I don't even want to go into that. American Computer Company and Ed the landscaper, former Navy Seal and all his rantings about back engineering at

ACC. Corso, not matter how silly the story or how it stretch credibility there will always be supporters of this far-right wing nut case.

Finally, I quite frankly don't know what C. B. Moore set out to prove with his attempt to demonstrate that Mogul flight 4 crashed at Roswell. You can get a general idea about which way the wind was blowing from records at the time, but if you didn't track the darn thing then you just don't know for sure. Now Ruddiak, Sparks, Pintey (Sorry I am having trouble remembering his last name - and let's put Easton in the same crowd since he is ignorant about balloons also.) have not contributed anything to the understanding of the balloon problem.

There were so many possible factors on Flight #4 that are not knowable that it is useless to argue about it. How were the balloons inflated, with how much lift, how were they conditioned, what were the effects on them being keep on the ground before launch. Did all the balloons pop at once or when balloons started to pop how much lift was left. (It could be argued that some balloons popped high up, but there were some balloons intact or partially inflated. As the balloon train hit the ground and knocked some of the material in the train loose, those balloons left could have carried the rest of the train elsewhere.) IF the train had been tracked by radar its possible location on the ground could probably be determined. With the information we have now, it is not and finding it in a general area would be a stroke of luck or require a very through search.

In my article on the search for Roswell records, I tried to be understanding of those who thought the incident was true. There are still plenty of records that could be searched which apparently were not touched, but the GAO, USAF, or Roswell researchers. I understand from Karl Pflock and Michael Swords that I did not show the proper picture of Congressman Schiff's interest in the matter.

Jan

From: Jerome Clark
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Hi, Jan,

As a student of history, not just of UFO history, I see Roswell as no different from all kinds of other complex, ambiguous historical controversies. Ufologists, in my observation, always like to see themselves as unique -- sometimes as uniquely virtuous, more often these days as uniquely venal. The Roswell incident is something that ufologists love to beat themselves up about, as if only ufologists could have been intrigued enough to wonder about odd, seemingly extraordinary items of evidence and testimony and chosen, within their various human and intellectual limitations, to try to uncover whatever truth may lie behind them. As I learned long ago, it wasn't only ufologists who, once turned on to Roswell, found it puzzling; so did any number of perfectly normal, sane, intelligent journalists, not excluding major network news correspondents.

To me, this only underscores the continuing provincialism of ufologists, who usually seem neither to understand that a larger world exists out there nor to grasp that their actions and activities simply mirror it. As I have had occasion to state often, the thing that has most struck me about ufologists -- and I've had an opportunity to observe them, I think, in unusual depth -- is how much like human beings they are. Lately, more and more of them appear to want to believe that ufologists' mistakes are not just errors but somehow, in some sense, crimes against reason, maybe against humanity itself. If only we were that important or different from anybody else.

All that follows from ufology's discovery of Roswell is pretty much like any other historical controversy, with many of the principals becoming drawn to one intepretation or another, declaring it the only obvious truth, and beating down all others as stupid, irrational, or tarred with some hidden, even sinister, agenda. This applies as much to Roswell bashers as to Roswell believers. In every historical controversy,

informants come forward and later prove not to be credible, and some are believed longer than they ought to be. And credible people -- like Jesse Marcel -- are unfairly trashed because the narrative demands it.

(I might mention here two small controversies in American history in which I have some interest, and in which I've done a fair amount of reading. One concerns the question of whether or not David Crockett was killed at the Alamo or surrendered afterwards, only to be executed by Gen. Santa Ana's troops. Another -- in which, by the way, Dick Hall [who I take it is not on this list] and I share an abiding interest and a small library of books and other materials -- focuses on the character of the frontier lawman Wyatt Earp. In both cases there have been furious disputes which so far have defied conclusive resolution, and in which dubious informants and forged documents -- credited, at least for a time, sometimes a long time, by perfectly respectable scholars and journalists -- have played a large role.)

If Roswell has turned out to be a dead end -- which it may or may not be -- that's okay. All pursuits of knowledge have many areas which needed to be followed, but which finally proved no longer worth the travel expense. (You might say that's the history of science in a nutshell.) And that is fine and necessary, because a good part of knowledge is knowing what we don't need to know.

In the meantime, I confess that I could do without the crushing self-righteous of the anti-Roswell camp (as witness, e.g., the absurdly pompous subtitle of Karl Pflock's book), just as I can do without Stan Friedman's continuing defense of the indefensible. I might add, since (because it doesn't fit the narrative) no one else apparently will, that CUFOS, which long advocated Roswell investigation and whose officers in my experience of them are not fools, early on criticized Gerald Anderson and MJ-12, as did other responsible ufologists who were supportive of, or open-minded about, Roswell. As with ufologists, Roswell proponents were and are not just one vast assembly of vigorously nodding heads and drooling mouths.

This is no quarrel with you, Jan. I have, of course, the utmost respect for your knowledge, experience, and judgment. I'm just offering some general observations here, hoping against hope that ufologists find some way to see themselves in the larger context of knowledge seekers and, without ever losing the necessary capacity for self-criticism, to give themselves a break once in a while. There are, after all, worse crimes than being wrong. If there weren't, we -- by whom I mean we human beings, not just we provincial ufologists -- would all be criminals.

Jerry Clark

From: Tony Rullan
Sent: Sunday 6/15/2003 8:46 PM
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Hi Jerry,

Your analogy to other historical controversies was interesting but opened more questions than answers.

I get your point that other fields in history have plenty of controversy, heated debates, and inconclusiveness. I also get your point that Ufologists show in their work all the flaws of humanity as we see in any other fields. Nevertheless, I see some major differences between comparing the Roswell controversy with the two American History controversies that you selected as examples. A couple of issues that came to mind were (a) consequences from resolution of the question and (b) quality/quantity of evidence required for resolution.

Let's pick the David Crockett as an example. It appears to me that the consequences of a positive or negative resolution are not going to drastically change our American History (although they will change our view of Crockett). Also, the lack of resolution of the Crockett question will not impede any progress in the field of American History. If it is stays unresolved forever, who gets hurt?

In the Roswell case, the consequences of resolution are greater and that is why the passions are greater. A positive conclusion about aliens involved in the Roswell crash has some significant consequences. If it is

true, then we have to rewrite American history and maybe World history (and if you believe Corso & others, then you have to rewrite the history of technology). A negative conclusion on Roswell does not have major consequences on history but it has major consequences on the field of Ufology. Many people and UFO organizations will then need to rewrite books on Ufology and de-emphasize this period of darkness in the field. Lack of conclusiveness, also has some dire consequences: many new people in the UFO field and the public will continue to draw their own conclusions based on the many books that have been written (but not corrected after errors and hoaxes have been found). The UFO field will continue to be divided between believers and disbeliever of Roswell, and it would become (if it not already is) the major UFO case for the media and newcomers to discuss. I strongly believe that resolution of the Roswell case is the Rubicon that the 3 major UFO organizations have to cross in order for the field to move forward. Otherwise, many neurons, emails, papers, and books will continue to be wasted on this debate. (This last sentence shows my bias. I have drawn my own conclusions, expunged Roswell from my memory-banks, and moved forward to other more interesting endeavors.)

You might say that the data are inconclusive or that there are still many dead-ends or unresolved issues. To that, my answer revolves around the 2nd issue above: quality and quantity of evidence required for resolution. Not all controversial topics in history require (and/or deserve) the same quality and amount of data for resolution. You brought up two examples: how David Crockett died and character of Wyatt Earp. But I can bring two other historical controversies: the Holocaust did not happen and September 11 was a CIA plot. These two examples are preposterous. Nevertheless, there are people today who believe such ideas and are writing books about it and bringing up evidence and witnesses to back up their claim. How much scholastic research is needed to resolve my two examples? How much evidence is needed before we dispel these beliefs?

There will always be people saying that there are still inconclusive data, unresolved issues, and unexplained questions. At one point, our institutions need to be strong, come up to the plate and call these assertions false and ludicrous. Allowing the issue (on the Holocaust or September 11) to be even considered unresolved is irresponsible. There will always be a percentage of the population who will believe strange things and find evidence where there is none. Now my examples were extreme and I don't consider the Roswell claim to be as nutty. Nevertheless, we must ask, how much Roswell data is needed before we can draw a reasonable conclusion using either Occam's razor, Bayesian epistemology or just good judgment?

Sorry for my lengthy post, but your post was an interesting one and got me thinking into the differences between the many historical controversies. There probably is a whole spectrum of controversial historical claims that range from the banal to the revolutionary. The question is, do we treat them all the same way? I think not.

Tony

From: Jerome Clark
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Hi, Tony,

Thanks for a thoughtful post. I stand by what I said, however, and add an additional point or two:

(1) Roswell is, in its essence, no different from the general proposition that most ufologists buy, namely that otherworldly intelligences are visiting the earth. The implications of this are vast. Roswell, in that regard, is only a side issue. Any pro-UFO argument, with or without Roswell, has the potential to change history. All Roswell, in the end, is about is the question of whether elements of the U.S. government did not possess physical evidence of UFOs at an early stage. If one day ufologists, even sans Roswell, conclusively make their case -- or if a UFO lands on the Pentagon lawn -- history will change.

(2) I deliberately chose two small, relatively innocuous historical controversies. I think you took my choices too literally, when all I was trying to do was not ruffle any feathers. So I guess I'll have to ruffle feathers.

We are still fighting a war with potentially huge consequences that could last over decades, which could, in fact, significantly affect the history of the new century. We are now learning that those who led us into this war, loudly and repeatedly citing the allegedly imminent threat of Saddam Hussein's WMDs, up to and including nuclear ones, drew from informants who were consciously or unconsciously peddling false information to officials who "Wanted to Believe" in the most desperate way. What's worse, these true believers are, we are supposed to believe, among the smartest people in the land.

As the most noticeable immediate consequence, thousands of people, including American, British, and Australian soldiers and many Iraqis (overwhelmingly innocent civilians, apparently), no longer are alive. More are dying every day. It will be interesting to learn how those American ufologists and professional skeptics who get all exercised about phony documents and lying informants in the Roswell case feel about this and how it affects their votes in the election next year. At least, so far anybody, nobody has died in the Roswell wars.

Other huge, history-changing controversies include the rationale for the use, by Truman administration, of atomic bombs on Japan in August 1945; what FDR knew about Japanese intentions toward Pearl Harbor before December 7, 1941; what Soviet intentions were or were not during the Cold War years; what medicines do and do not work against diseases such as cancer and AIDS; who did or did not assassinate JFK, and why. I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea. All of the above have generated a massive literature, from the serious and scholarly to the paranoid and semi-literate.

In each of these cases, you don't have to go far to find parallels to the Roswell controversy, in good and bad research, logic and illogic, credible informants and dishonest ones (and others about whom it seems not possible to make a conclusive determination), questionable and/or questioned documents, furious dispute, with each side claiming its position is self-evidently true and its critics self-evidently moronic, irrational, or crooked. All are high-stakes arguments, the resolution of which potentially can move future history and revise radically our understanding of where we have been before and how it got us to the present.

Apologies to anyone who's seeing red at the moment. I was trying not to step on toes, but Tony has forced me to make the point that just as there are little arguments in history, there are also huge ones.

Jerry Clark

From: Dennis Stacy
Sent: Sun 6/15/2003 9:52 PM
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Jerry,

Much of what you say below I can agree with, other parts I cannot. Roswell is not a singular case or issue in the way you portray it, that is, one that one can withhold judgment on or remain aloof or ambiguous about in the hope that some convincing evidence, one way or the other, will ultimately surface at a later date.

Let me use your own examples or analogies, which I think are hardly apt. These are the issues of how David Crockett died at the Alamo and the character of Wyatt Earp.

In the largest sense we can say who knows and so what? To simplify matters, let's look only at Crockett. Yes, there is a controversy as to how he died. Will we ever ultimately resolve it? Probably not. But in the larger scheme of things it doesn't matter how Crockett died. The Texans (or Texians or Texicans if you prefer) decisively won the battle of San Jacinto the following month, rendering Crockett's demise a moot and subsidiary point for all time. In other words, it had no bearing on future historical events. If we had an

argument that Crockett had somehow survived the Alamo and led the decisive charge at San Jacinto, then that would be a controversy worthy of the name.

But there is no such claim to that effect, whereas the Roswell escapade, episode, or whatever you want to call it, literally bursts with such claims. According to its adherents, it was at Roswell that we recovered remnants of alien technology and alien bodies, resulting in something at least akin to the popular perception of MJ-12.

Now, either the half-century of world history since Roswell obliquely reflects the reality of the crash and recovery of an extraterrestrial spaceship and alien bodies at Roswell -- or it doesn't. No waffling as a fundamental position allowed.

Again, it doesn't matter how Crockett died because his death doesn't have any forward connecting sinews to San Jacinto, except as one of many who died at the Alamo.

Roswell is different -- either the history of the world changed at that exact moment, or it didn't. So you can forget the claims of individual witnesses on the ground at the time, pro or con -- and simply show us where history took the dramatic detour that would reflect the recovery of alien technology and corpses.

Indeed, this was the whole purpose of the Corso/Rhines book -- to rewrite the last half-century of known history in the light of what supposedly transpired at Roswell.

I'm surprised you don't see it the same way.

Dennis

From: "Jerome Clark"
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Dennis,

See my response to Tony Rullan. As I said to him, I stand by what I said, even if now I have to stand on some toes.

Jerry Clark

In Roswell, ufology has created its own red herring and resource black hole.
Cheers, Karl Pflock, June 2003

SOURCE: "El Diario" (La Pampa) Argentina
DATE: June 20, 2003

[Readers of INEXPLICATA will recall that Cuchillo C6 was among the most affected areas during the 2002 Argentinean Cattle Mutilation Wave. Activity, it would appear, never ceased altogether or is on the verge of re-starting--SC].

NEW CATTLE MUTILATION INCIDENT AT CUCHILLO CO

****Specialists sent in to analyze cases****

The provincial government, through the Ministry of Production, coordinated the sending of veterinarians to the Cuchillo C6 area to examine the bovine found mutilated in recent hours in a rural estate of the Luhuel Calel department. The head of said agency, Nestor Alcalá, became

aware of the news item published by El Diario yesterday and immediately ordered the Assistant Secretary of Agrarian Affairs, Juan Isequilla, to dispatch a team of specialists to the area to inspect the animal's remains.

"I asked Juan (Isequilla) to conduct an urgent experts' analysis and send people to verify any signs that may be found," explained Alcalá.

The official furthermore stated that he is not opposed to meeting with area ranchers who are demanding a thorough explanation of these events. "I have not received a formal request from them for a hearing, but I would not be opposed to meeting with them." When consulted about the progress in explaining these cases, the minister pointed out that "we were unable to find anything because the previous cases involved animals in a state of decomposition and no observations could be made."

"This case interests me because this rancher speaks of a considerable number of mutilated animals. This is why we want to see them and analyze them," added Alcalá.

The young rancher who filed his complaint with the Cuchillo Có police is the same cattleman who was affected by similar losses last March on twelve separate occasions. "This can't go on. With this one, [the number of] mutilated animals stands at 17 and we haven't found a way of stopping these strange events. I've already gone out to the field with [farmhands] I hired to take all of the animals out of that area," the rancher told El Diario in an interview.

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Interview with Beverly Gleason (McKittrick)

by Kenny Young

MUFON State Section Director for Northern Kentucky

I recently spoke by telephone with Beverly Gleason McKittrick, an ex-wife of the late comedian Jackie Gleason. I explained to her that I was interested in the progress of her book and if she could talk about Jackie Gleason's claim of seeing alien bodies at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

She said that the book never came out as she had 'stopped writing' of it. She said she was 'glad to get out of it' as Jackie Gleason did not seem pleased with her quoting him on the aliens in Florida. She said that there was not much additional to tell as the whole story regarding Jackie Gleason and the aliens, as far as she knew, had already been printed anyway.

"Esquire Magazine interviewed me after our separation," she said, "and I talked about how Jackie told me about seeing dead aliens in Florida. I think it was sometime in '74 when this happened. When I said that it was because he told me."

"After the interview was published, Jackie was upset about the story being public. He called and said he didn't appreciate me giving the interview, and that's when I started to wonder if the story was 'iffy.'

"The reason I became 'iffy' about it is because I wondered if it was really true, I mean... I believed it the whole time. I bought the story hook, line and sinker. But if it was true, then why did he get so upset about it?"

Beverly went on to explain how Jackie came to tell her of his experience.

"Jackie had been out very late one night. I did not know whom he was with," she said. "He told me where he was that same evening, he said he had been in South Florida with President Nixon to see some dead aliens there and I believed him, he was very convincing.

"He and Nixon were in contact quite a bit and I'm not sure how that was arranged, but it seems that their meetings were set up by an associate of Nixon's. After he got back, he was very pleased he had an opportunity to see the dead little men in cases, he explained to me what they looked like and he was still talking about it the next day."

Beverly explained that during her interview with Esquire Magazine, she made the statement about Gleason's claim to have seen dead aliens, and afterward things between her and Jackie turned sour.

"We were on the verge of divorce, but everything was okay until it came out in Esquire," she said.

She informed me that Gleason never did deny the story.

Regarding her announced intention to write a book, Beverly again said that she abandoned the project due in large part to Gleason's objection to her comments about him seeing the aliens.

"I just made that one statement about the UFOs and it appeared in Esquire and I guess a few other places, and he didn't like that and I thought, I just can't go through with this. Let him live his life. So I never wrote the book."

I thanked Beverly for talking with me and asked if it would be okay for me to call her back later if I had more questions. She agreed. That concluded our conversation.

Special thanks to Donnie Blessing, Grant Cameron and David Rudiak for their help in providing contact information for Beverly Gleason McKittrick.

Australian "Queer Object"

From Bill Chalker

Project 1947 Message Dated June 26, 2003

This comes from a letter written to the Sydney based UFO group UFO Investigation Centre (UFOIC) by Mrs. S. Petchelli during June, 1970. I coordinate UFOIC, but in 1970 I was in country northern New South Wales (NSW) doing my thing. It was not until 1975 that I came to Sydney. I found this letter in the UFOIC files, at least that part of the UFOIC files that survived at the various moves through the 60s & 70s etc.

The war years saw Mrs. S. Petchelli living at Kurrajong. I assume this to be the Kurrajong that is on the central coast of NSW, an area just to the north of Sydney.

In about 1944 she witnessed an extraordinarily "queer object":

"I sent my small daughter to a neighboring farm, a short distance along a narrow dirt road for milk, about seven o'clock one night.

"She came back screaming and frightened to death, because she said she couldn't get passed something on the road. I locked the other child in the house and went back with her.

"Something dazzling white with a blue tinge went right across the road, so high up it went that it looked like a huge iceberg. It had a white ice brilliance that we could not bear to look at and a coldness as we approached it.

"I did not dare investigate. I just dragged my daughter and we ran for our lives back to the house. I did not tell anyone about it as we were strangers in the remote district and we would have none believing us. I had never heard of Flying Saucers then.

"My daughter lives today on a lonely station and seeing a saucer is what she has a great dread of after the sight she saw as a small child..."

Needless to say there are no areas in this region of Australia that could readily produce a huge "iceberg" that appears temporarily on a country road - a strange one!

I may try to track this one down a bit further, but I suspect that the file entry was a retype by the then UFOIC group secretary which often removed address details and the original letter might have gone "walkabout"? There was nothing else in the files that indicated any detailed follow up by UFOIC in 1970.

Letter from Richard D. Seifried – Past MUFON State Director of Ohio Where Are the Young Ufologists?

Dear Bill,

We [Richard and his wife Jean, past MUFON State Director of Oklahoma] read your e-mail with considerable interest. Your observation that there are few young people interested in the UFO phenomenon is very true. My assumption is that our society (not the whole world's) has been educated to neither reject nor accept that the UFO mystery exists. It is in limbo.

Boredom, frustration, disappointment and disinterest have all contributed to a North American-Western European attitude that the whole subject is irrelevant, not worth spending one's time on. So, THEY win. We are grudgingly coming to realize that whoever is operating the cover-up has worn us down. There are no UFOs!

Of course, that isn't true! All I have to do is pull up my left jeans leg and look at the 1977 scoop mark, still visible. All I have to do is remember my missing time and the strange noises on a mountainside on July 15, 1977. Then there were the puncture wounds on my right wrist, seven in a not quite perfect circle and one in the middle. Two men, one in Florida and one in Mississippi, found the same pattern on their bodies.

If there are no UFOs then I must believe that two couples, one man a retired engineer-executive for Westinghouse, were either hallucinating or were liars. All four said they saw a metallic trapezoid hovering over an eastern slope of Mt. Rainier. If there are no UFOs then I must come to the same conclusion about professional people and ordinary citizens, doctors, ranchers, teachers, Commissioned Officers of the military, people of most religious affiliations, and just about any other background, not to mention people like Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

No. UFOs exist all right. They are real and they are not ours. They were performing maneuvers that our technology had not yet developed way back in the 30s and even before then. Cover-ups did and do occur, thanks to someone in our government. If anyone would sit down with me, and listen, I feel certain that I could convince them.

I recall Dr. J. Allen Hynek, speaking before an auditorium-packed audience at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Behind him, just two feet or so, sat an Air Force Major. Dr. Hynek had to ask the officer permission to respond to some questions. They were not technical. They did not involve secret technical developmental data. For example, he was denied remission to respond to, "Dr. Hynek, would you please tell us what you know about The Men in Black?" How stupid! Of all things, why couldn't he say the topic was or was not nonsense?

We have forgotten mass sightings, too. Two of my teacher friends were attending a performance in the Hollywood Bowl. An honest-to-gosh disc-shaped UFO hovered over the thousands of people. The date was in the 1960s or early '70s. Two Air Force Captains from Wright-Patterson AFB told me that during a major outdoor formation at the Air Force Academy, a silver disc suddenly appeared and hovered over the runway for a short time. When? Late '70s or early '80s. Then there was the Washington, D.C. sightings, so very long ago. If there is no cover-up, then why has film, movie as well as still frames, been confiscated, missing, or according to authorities, simply lost? Proof? How much do people want?

Thousands of ranchers terrified because of cattle mutilations! That is not an exaggerated statement and I could prove it. That is enough.

A previous statement of mine, that was challenged, should be looked into before passing judgment. Part of the [statement] reported that NICAP became bankrupt after former intelligence people gained control of the organization. History substantiates that fact. Far stronger personal evidence, to me, is that some governmental organization tapped my telephone lines, opened my mail and even had the gall to have a "black" helicopter from WPAFB hover right outside my office window, well below the 500-foot altitude level. That was in 1985. The reason? Scare tactics. In those days I was very active in investigations and education.

Yes, THEY have won. So now they can once again spend billions on their Star Wars nonsense and the people will be told the projects are for national defense. Defense against what?

My generation, the old, original UFO investigative and research generation, is about gone. Where are the young ones? What will their objectives be? What organizations? What is the use of all of the expended energy? The big question is, "What will the cover-up do to the future of the World?" The question that I am concerned with is, "How dare THEY deny us the information that we have the right to know?"

Take a look at my web site: www.richardseifried.com.

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National UFO Reporting Center Sighting Report

by Beverly Trout
MUFON State Director for Iowa

Occurred: 4/8/2003 01:36, Reported: 6/29/2003 1:02:41 PM 13:02, Posted: 7/16/2003
Location: Dubuque, IA
Shape: Light
Duration: 5 seconds

Following is the result of three Iowa MUFON members' investigation of an incident reported to NUFORC on: 4/9/2003 3:04:06 PM 15:04.

A daughter and her mother (ages 38 and 58) were driving home to Dubuque, Iowa from a concert in Cedar Rapids, Iowa after midnight on Tuesday April 8, 2003, when a golden-bronze light descended to the right front of their car (the daughter was driving, with the mother in the passenger's seat) and passed through, and perhaps alongside their car. (Investigator's note: It is important here to note the weather conditions: Light snow; OVERCAST WITH 1100 FOOT CLOUD BASE; 26 Degrees Fahrenheit; Wind NE 12 mph.) As the light passed through the car, both witnesses felt unusual physical sensation. The driver (daughter) felt a burning, tingling sensation along her right side - and felt as if the light, which was a bit to her right, had affected mainly that part of her body, and stated that her "insides" felt as if they were being pulled to the right as the light passed through. The mother also felt physical sensation that, because of the medication, Oxycodone, which she'd taken an hour before the incident for a condition called neurofibromatosis, she thinks she should not have been able to feel.

The mother saw the light first as it began descending toward the car, with the daughter then able to perceive it as it appeared in front of the car and moved through (and perhaps along the right side) of the car. (Keeping in mind the 1100-foot cloud base, we at least know that the light would have been below 1100 feet when the mother first saw it descending.) To the witnesses, the duration of the sighting and passage of the light seemed like no more than perhaps 5 seconds. The daughter/driver remembers her head whipping to her right briefly as the light passed through. The next thing she knew she was staring straight ahead at the road with her hands tightly

gripping the steering wheel, with the words, "Focus-focus-focus-focus-focus" going through her mind as the car moved along at 55 miles per hour. She immediately looked at the car clock and saw that it was 1:36 a.m., although neither witness was aware of the time when the incident began, so the question of the length of the incident goes unanswered.

At no time did the witnesses see a craft, but both of them perceived some kind of energy they find difficult to describe. The mother sketches a series of horizontal and vertical marks within the light, and the daughter mentions a kind of swirling, fluid black mist in the light. Oddly, it was later found that a gold T-shirt purchased at the concert, which had been inside the mother's bag in the front seat prior to the incident, was now, following the incident, on the floor in the back seat. Physical effects on the daughter/driver continued to manifest, i.e.: for 3 days her husband noticed the hair on her right arm would "stand up," with the hair on her left arm lying down normally. She also had the sensation of heat on the right side of her body at the same time she felt normal temperature on the left side of her body.

When the daughter related the incident to a friend from out of state, her friend advised her to check her body for marks, and she and her husband noted a puncture mark about an inch below her navel. Whether this is related to the incident, of course, is not definitely known, but the witness says she doesn't know how it got there. About 10 days after the incident, the daughter/driver's lymph nodes began to swell (Whether this is at all related to the incident is not known; it is simply something to take note of.) The daughter has now been to the doctor several times, with blood tests being taken, and nothing found amiss. The swelling persisted at high level for about 6 weeks, then began to decrease somewhat, although there is at this writing (June 29, 2003) still some swelling of the nodes.

After the light had disappeared, mother and daughter say that there remained a golden glow on the clouds as they made their way on the rural highway toward Dubuque, Iowa. When they came to the Dubuque airport some 25 miles further on down the highway, they noted that the airport lights could not have been the golden light they'd seen because the airport lights were definitely white instead of gold. Iowa MUFON personnel continue to maintain frequent telephone contact with the daughter as she continues to have her health assessed by doctors in her area.

(National UFO Reporting Center Note: We express our gratitude to Iowa MUFON State Director, Beverly Trout, for requesting the case for follow-up and for submitting the report to NUFORC. Peter Davenport)

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Just Passing Through: UFOs and Water

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"Vast, wheel-like super-constructions," wrote Charles Fort in his landmark *The Book of the Damned*, "they enter this earth's atmosphere, and, threatened with disintegration, plunge for relief into an ocean or into a denser medium."

A number of books by authors of renown have explored this curious affinity between unidentified flying objects (both "wheel-like" and not so) for planet Earth's oceans and lakes. Speculation has ranged from the existence of underwater bases manned by exotic space aliens to entire civilizations of aqua-men and women--the possible heirs of Atlantis--endowed with the power of space flight, allowing humans only furtive glimpses of their undersea existence when their craft break the water's surface.

Less is said, however, of cases in which unidentified craft, regardless of their hypothetical origin, make use of water for purposes that have been associated with either sustenance or propulsion.

Joining the Atom

Decades ago it was speculated that extraterrestrial spacecraft visiting our world were able to engage in faster-than-light (FTL) travel thanks to the incredibly sophisticated nuclear fusion reactors to be found aboard them. In layman's terms, fusion is the thermonuclear reaction that is obtained when the nuclei of light atoms join with those of heavier atoms, resulting in a prodigious release of energy (the process through which stars emit their light and heat). Controlled fusion therefore represents a power source far greater than what we can obtain through our own fission nuclear reactors. Despite claims of "cold fusion" achieved in our laboratories, human technology appears to be no closer to achieving this than it was in the 1970s.

Subsequent UFO theorists posited other means of UFO propulsion, involving ion drives, plasma drives, photon drives and even anti-matter propulsion. But proponents of the fusion-powered saucer theory were able to base themselves upon certain UFO cases to bolster their belief: cases in which unidentified objects were seen drawing water from our lakes and reservoirs, possibly to fuel their power plants. "Fusionable" material and water would be the bare bones elements needed for this to work.

In a 1980 paper entitled "Flying Saucer Technology", researcher and lecturer Stanton Friedman expanded on the use of nuclear fusion as the power source for UFO drive shafts, suggesting that there were numerous effects and means that could be employed with fusion engines. "One of the most attractive for an interstellar fusion propulsion system," writes Friedman, "would be to cause the reaction of just those particles which, when made to fuse, produce only charged rather than neutral particles." This, he explains, would enable particles to be guided by electromagnetic fields, something that seemingly cannot be done with the more scattershot neutral particles. Another positive in the direction of a fusion engine would be the availability of "isotopes of hydrogen and helium" which would be light and available throughout the universe. Any hypothetical star vessel would be able to obtain propellant virtually anywhere...and what better place than Earth's lakes and seas?

Jacques Scornaux and Christine Piens, writing in *A la Recherche de OVNIS* (Paris: Aura, 1977) also mention the obvious advantages of nuclear fission given the low yield of radioactive waste, but caution that the propulsion methods employ by the huge "motherships" and their smaller scouts may be completely different. These French authors, while espousing the cause of fusion as a means of propulsion, say that controlled nuclear fusion would be a rather weak source of power to account for the sudden stops and starts that UFOs have reportedly made.

Other theorists suggested that the density of water would serve as a highly effective barrier against harmful radiation emanating from a putative UFO power source, hence the need for replenishment as seen by startled witnesses: buried in the pages of Charles Berlitz's *The Bermuda Triangle* (NY: Doubleday, 1974) is an interview with Dr. Manson Valentine regarding the presence of UFOs in the Atlantic Ocean. Valentine notes that rangers and visitors to Florida's Okefenokee swamp had seen UFOs flying over the area, and he himself had seen an unidentified object firing a blue beam into the waters of lake. The date given is August 21, 1963 in the vicinity of Ashton, Florida. The object "appeared to be taking on water from a lake," according to the caption accompanying a sketch of the anomalous activity. "Perhaps they were taking on water, or even samples of local fauna for study," speculates Valentine.

Caught in the Act

During the UFO waves of the 1950s there were reports of large quantities of water disappearing in the states of Nebraska, Ohio and South Dakota, but one of the best-known cases involving UFOs and water took place in the mid-1960s in the state of New Jersey's Wanaque Reservoir, where local residents and police officers had encounters with the unknown. The events started in October 1966, when officers from the Pompton Park, NJ police department began receiving calls--and having their own experiences--with bright lights that showed a particular affinity with the reservoir, a ninety billion gallon body of water located in a rather desolate area. Sergeant Ben Thompson, one of the law enforcement officers, witnessed an object resembling a brilliant "football shaped-dome" directly over the reservoir's waters at 9:15 p.m. on the 11th of the month. The object appeared to exert a curious influence upon the reservoir's contents, causing water to be "pulled up...sucked upward" in the policeman's own words to interviewer Lloyd

Mallan. "The flying object would raise a whole big area of water...for maybe two hundred and fifty feet. The object would pull at the water and I could plainly see the water rising."

Although the unknown objects operating in the vicinity of Wanaque at the time may have been a purely natural manifestation, but it manifested an ability that would have plainly been useful to a craft requiring water for un-guessed-at purposes. Another incident at the reservoir involved a bright, funnel-shaped beam over the reservoir "as powerful as a beam from the headlight of a locomotive," according to Chief of Police John Casazza. The light seemed to come out an object that was not immediately visible, perhaps due to the painful and nearly blinding quality of the funnel-shaped beam. Casazza was adamant that the light could not have come from any known aircraft.

Was the object projecting the beam drawing water from the lake as the objects seen in Florida by Dr. Manson Valentine appeared to be doing? This association between missing water and the phenomenon has continued right down to our times, as can be seen from these cases from recent years.

In March 1988, researchers Richard Dell'Aquila and Dale Wedge looked into reports of UFO activity in the waters of Lake Erie--the shallowest of the Great Lakes and the only one to freeze completely in winter--and involving a nuclear power station and a coal-fired station as well. A woman had reported seeing an object shaped like blimp and with a light on either end balancing itself over the lake and engaged in the classic balancing motion that is characteristic of UFOs. The gray object, whose size was estimated as exceeding the dimensions of a football field, caused the ice on the frozen lake to reverberate and crack. Once the object vanished from sight, it was assumed to have vanished under the frozen surface and "unusually huge pieces of ice were observed in the area of the landing." Was it a mystery object looking for a place to hide, or perhaps retrieving water in its solid form? For the record, the official explanation issued by the Coast Guard was that "the planets Jupiter and Venus" were in conjunction that evening.

UFOs had shown a preference for frozen lakes in earlier cases, such as the Boshkung Lake (Minden, Ontario) incidents reported by author Curt Sutherly in his book *UFO Mysteries* (Llewellyn, 2002). Witnesses to these 1973 landings of strange craft on the icy lake surface noted that the objects would either land on the surface, hover over high-voltage lines, or even more intriguing, "hover above holes in the ice that remained after fishermen had removed their huts." Since it is unlikely that the objects wanted to indulge in a spot of ice fishing, retrieval of H₂O for some purpose appears to be the likelier alternative.

On March 19, 1993 three children standing outside the gate of the Bosque Seco State Park at 9:40 PM saw an enormous circular UFO. The boys, identified as Hector, Jos, and Raël, summoned other area residents to witness the massive vehicle as it bathed the region in multicolored lights and hovered over a large water storage tank within the forest itself. The craft was described as circular in shape and emitting powerful white light. Its underside was gray and black and produced no noise whatsoever. Beams of colored light allegedly lit up the forest to the amazement of the locals. The police was called to the scene, but it is unknown if a formal report was filed at the Gunica police station.

In writing about the 1995 UFO sightings in Votorantim, Brazil, UFO researcher Encarnação Zapata Garcia mentions the phenomenon's inclination for appearing near the water of a local reservoir. Zapata interviewed Marcos Lara, 28, who at the time frequented the banks of the Itupararanga Reservoir with his friends, sometimes staying overnight in the hopes of seeing strange objects. On one occasion, Marcos recalled seeing the strange objects skimming over the water's surface, but distance kept him from telling if they were engaged in any activity.

During the 1995-1996 UFO wave in northeastern Spain, a report involving a UFO off the coast of Gijón, "suspended over the ocean, lighting the water with multicolored lights" came to the attention of the UFO community. Was it drawing water for its power supply, or recovering some sort of "away team"?

More recently, some interesting reports have been circulated concerning the emergence of UFOs from "cenotes", the ceremonial wells employed by Mayan priests, and which are common throughout the Yucatan Peninsula. In 2003 Ing. David Triay Lucatero of the CAFE research organization states that witnesses have seen colored lights emerging from the Homén cenote, located only 45 kilometers from Merida, the state capital. These occurrences are so frequent, states Triay that they have ceased to be a source of amazement to the locals. Almost as if following a straight line, the Cusama and Tecóh cenotes, have also achieved notoriety for the manifestations seen to emerge from these cold, fresh water holes.

"Mr. Roque López Cabas," writes Triay in his report, "was a scoutmaster who took his scouts camping near the Teba cenote, and on several nights was able to see lights making very strange movements, and was able to tell that they were neither satellites nor aircraft. One evening, camped between the Teba and Umn cenotes, the scoutmaster and his pack heard a strange noise and saw a light emerging

from the wilderness, swiftly vanishing into the darkness above. Upon reaching its supposed point of departure, López found a burned circumference on the stone slabs surrounding the water hole. The scoutmaster was adamant that it could not have been the remains of a campfire, as there was neither traces of ash nor of a fire to be found.

Draining them Dry

The summer of 2002 will be best remembered in the annals of South American ufology as the biggest cattle mutilation wave in that country's history, as well the most pitiful explanation that officialdom has ever offered for an unexplained event (blame for the mutilations was placed on the tiny teeth of *oxymycterus rufus*, the red-muzzled mouse).

Another mystery was also taking place in concatenation with the mutilation epidemic: the disappearance of thousands of liters of water from huge water tanks on different farmsteads. Journalist Rodolfo Borrego interviewed some of the parties affected by the inexplicable water loss, verifying that in three separate incidents none of the huge cisterns had fissures or leaks through which these prodigious amounts of water could have vanished. "One of the cases," wrote Borrego, "goes back to the month of April, when the owner found his cisterns completely empty on two occasions. There is a third case that is only 20 days old." Similar losses were reported in the vicinity of La Adela and Santa Rosa, where ufologist Oscar "Quique" Mario had looked into cases involving swimming pools being relieved of their contents.

Incidents of water rustling, for want of a better name, have been common in Argentina since the 1950s. Researcher Antonio Las Heras mentioned similar cases occurring in Capilla del Monte, Salta, Trelew and Tres Arroyos--locations scattered far and wide across Argentina. Even more intriguing is that the water losses appear to occur in the proximity of high-voltage wires, leading some ufologists to suggest the likelihood that UFOs draw power and water as part of some type of electrolytic process aimed at propulsion. In other parts of the country plagued by mutilations, casual observers remarked that the enigmatic lights appeared to be following the high-voltage towers and the new potable water aqueducts installed only recently.

At 9:00 p.m. on June 20, 2002, personnel at the Puente Dique Bridge over the Rio Colorado saw an object "giving off a powerful red light" whose intensity waxed and waned as it moved in bursts. Jorge Martinez, an operator at the bridge, added: "some say the lights are connected to the dead animals."

When asked about the possible connection between UFOs and reservoir, Argentinean researcher Fabio Zepa stated that "their spacecraft place themselves wherever high-voltage lines exists, and create events of this sort in places in which water towers or reservoirs can be found."

Whether or not the respected ufologist was right, water continued to vanish mysteriously from the enormous agricultural tanks. On July 28, 2002, Gustavo Dimuro, owner of the Buenavista ranch, was shocked not only to find his cattle mutilated but two of his water tanks completely drained. Dimuro told reporters from the newspaper of nearby Balcarce that he had been surprised by the missing water but thought nothing of it, and replenished both containers. He was utterly bewildered to find his tanks drained clean not once but twice, causing him to conduct a detailed examination of the tank for any hidden leaks in their structure or the concrete slab upon which they rested. To give the reader a better idea of the magnitude of these tanks, they hold an average of twenty to thirty thousand liters of water. Emptying them by conventional means would have involved the use of two or more tanker trucks, which would have left deep and clearly tire marks in the muddy terrain.

On July 9, 2002, a grislier event took place during the Argentinean cattle mutilations that brought missing water and missing cows together in the strangest possible way. The case was brought to the attention of the Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU) Argentinean researcher Alicia Rossi.

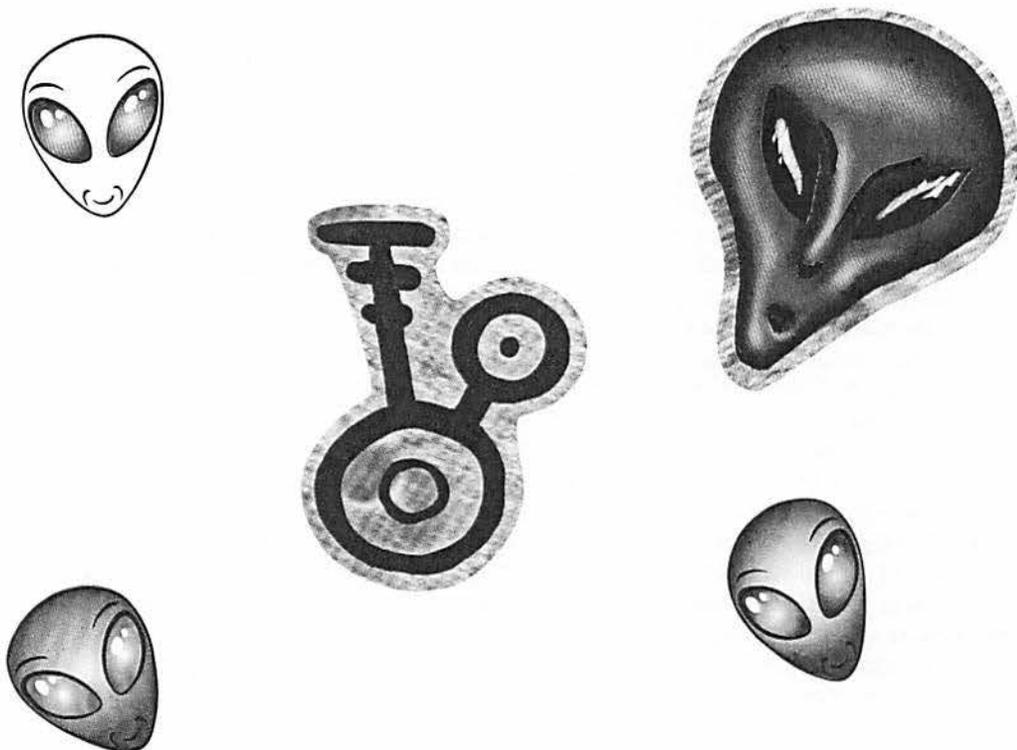
In the town of Suco, a cattle ranching community belonging to the department of Rio Cuarto and bordering the province of San Luis, a cattleman known to all for his probity was stunned to find nineteen of his cows floating in the icy cold water of one of his "Australian-type" tanks (water tanks with a hat-like cover). Nine of the bovines were dead from asphyxiation due to immersion in cold water--in the equally frigid language of the veterinarian's report--while the remainder was still alive but in shock from having spent an entire winter's evening inside the tank.

The amazing story was confirmed by police officers belonging to Regional Unit 9, headquartered in Rio Cuarto, and personnel from the Sheriff's Office of the Sampacho District. Yet all the king's horses and all the king's men, so to speak, could not answer the burning question of how nineteen cows had gotten into the giant water tank after crossing a 1.50 meter tall barbed wire fence and then "jumping" into the tank.

The newspaper article boldly states: "Those who have devoted themselves to studying the possible existence of other life forms, of unidentified flying objects and their consequences, offered the challenging possibility that [the event] was the result of what they called "teleportation" and which would somehow "explain" how nineteen animals of great weight and size could have been transported from their common and customary place (a pasture) to a strange place (inside a water tank); an action which in any event, is illogical both in method and objective."

The newspaper article's conclusion reminds us of the UFO theories posited by UFO researcher and author Salvador Freixedo regarding the "illogical and often hostile" aspect of UFO sightings and encounters. There has been discussion in UFO circles since the early years of the phenomenon of acts of outright malice that can be attributed to these unknown objects. Was the alleged teleportation of the cows into the water tank proof that putative space aliens are capable of blunders like ordinary humans? In a humorous vein, one can picture an alien transporter being chewed out by a superior officer for improperly returning the bovines to their pasture.

But such thoughts of levity vanish immediately upon realizing that cows have been the victims of such misplacement before. In *The Dyfed Enigma* (London: Faber and Faber, 1979) researchers Randall Jones Pugh and F.W. Holiday mention the 1977 happenings at Ripperston Farm in Wales, where the property's owners had reported UFOs and entities. One of the events concerned the manner in which a hundred cows had managed to make it past a well-locked gate, marched past the house in silent procession, to wind up at another pasture half a mile away. This transportation of cows from one pasture to another occurred twice in one evening and once in the early morning hours while the dairyman and his son were busy milking the animals. Although Pugh and Holiday wonder if a "poltergeist" force could have been at work, they concluded that "it hardly seemed to explain how several tons of live beef had apparently been spirited away in broad daylight" and wondered if the UFO manifestations could have been responsible. More recently, similar cattle teleportations have been reported in the United States at the Meyer Ranch in Fort Duquesne, Utah.



Ohio Pilot Sees Lights

Ernie Stadvec, owner of a small fleet of airplanes at Akron, reported seeing objects in the sky on the 4th and 5th of July which he could not identify. Stadvec, a former World War II bomber pilot, operates Stadvec Aviation, Inc., at Akron. He stated in press interviews that he and two other Akron men spotted a brilliant green and white light seemingly suspended in the air on his right, while on a flight in the Akron area. The light approached them, he said and then broke into a 180-degree turn into a layer of haze. Again, on Wednesday, the 5th, Stadvec said he spotted another similar light while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said.

At about that same time on Wednesday night, an object "that behaved like a falling star" showed up on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb. The object appeared to flare up on the screen and then it faded out in a matter of minutes he said. The following are Stadvec's words as reported by the Cleveland Plain Dealer:

"At first I thought it was some kids shooting off high-powered rockets," Stadvec said of the Wednesday night sighting. "Then I thought it might be a winglight on a jet. It came at us at a terrific speed, then veered off at a 180-degree angle and disappeared into a haze layer. I called the control tower at Hopkins. It was diving at a 1 o'clock position and I was afraid of a collision. I knew it wasn't a winglight because the way it was coming at us would have put it on the wrong side and it became too large for a winglight."

"It flattened out at about 10,000 feet. I would say it came within three-quarters or a half-mile of us." With Stadvec were Charles Richard Swain, an Akron truck driver, and Clyde Skelton, an employee of WAKR.

Later issues of Ohio papers contained the newspaper article dealing with the Air Force investigation of the object seen by Stadvec. Major Robert Friend of the Foreign Technologies Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, said he believes Stadvec saw an atmospheric

refraction of the star Capella—a first magnitude star. Friend pointed out that everything in Stadvec's report indicated an atmospheric phenomenon.

In a complete statement issued by Stadvec, and signed by him, the pilot had this to say concerning the Capella explanation: "My first reaction upon hearing the statement made by a man with a rather sketchy knowledge of what actually happened was, "Who are they trying to kid? Why didn't this Air Force man take the time to investigate further before making any statement at all?"

"I have been flying since 1942 both day and night and currently own and operate a flying business that requires us to fly day or night in all types of weather. Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions as well. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The object we saw dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the object was going to ram us. After the object came at us it reversed course and climbed rapidly into a clear night sky. This happened again the next night when the object flashed up from in front of us and again climbed into a clear sky. In both instances the object climbed at tremendous speeds, levelled off and disappeared to the Northwest." Unquote.

We will not attempt a defense of Stadvec's sighting, for he has very adequately defended himself. We do have this to say, however:

We have consulted an astronomer at Kitt Peak National Observatory concerning atmospheric refraction and found that atmospheric refraction does not exceed the order of one half degree, even at the horizon. According to his report, Stadvec's object exhibited itself over several degrees of the sky, at least.

UAO Struck by Automobile in Ohio

On Saturday, July 15th, APRO Headquarters received a telegram from Robert Richardson of Toledo, Ohio informing us of the collision between his car and a landed UAO near Toledo, Ohio on the night of the 13th (Thursday). Headquarters immediately contacted Richardson by telephone and interviewed him, then advised him that an investigator would be dispatched, and who the investigator would be. Nils H. Paquette of Toledo was then notified of Richardson's claim and he proceeded with the investigation, the results of which follow:

According to Richardson, 21, and his companion, Jerry Quay, 21, also of Toledo, they had been en route to Whitehouse, Ohio to see if Whitehouse Quarry, a famous swimming area would be open for the coming weekend. At a point about midway between Maumee and Whitehouse, Ohio, Richardson turned around a bend in the road and saw before him a very brilliant blue-white source of light which completely blocked the road. He later said he instinctively braked the car, closing his eyes at the same time, as he knew he would strike it. He was going 40 miles per hour when he spotted the object. The reactions of both young men were of shock at seeing the object which completely filled the windshield and which they estimated to be 8 feet tall and 22 feet long. It appeared as a rectangle lying with its long side on the road.

After collision with the object, which occurred within seconds after Richardson applied the brakes, the young men opened their eyes and the object was gone. They later theorized that the object was in the process of taking off when they collided with it, and it left just at impact. Quay was shaken up but neither of the men were injured.

Following the incident, the two drove to Waterville to phone the police. They got no aid there so they went to Maumee, Ohio where they contacted the State Highway Patrol. They were instructed to proceed to the Maumee Police Station and await the State Highway Patrol, which they did. Present at the station during the questioning were Richardson, Quay, two Maumee patrolmen and two State Highway Patrolmen. They revisited the scene of the accident along with the two state highway patrolmen, and the investigation lasted into the late hours of July 14. The car was inspected

by police as was the surrounding area, the road and crops in the area.

Two farm houses in the area were investigated by Mr. Paquette; neither family heard or saw anything unusual at the time; one family was already in bed.

Also in the location were planted crops of soybeans, which showed no evidence of damage of any kind. The soil showed nothing abnormal.

Skid marks were found on the road where the men claimed they had seen the object. A railroad (Wabash) intersects the road just west of where the incident took place, and an Edison Electric Substation is located northeast of the location between the railroad tracks and the road.

Among other interesting facets of Paquette's report are these: The bumper and hood of the automobile were damaged. The chrome plating on the bumper seemed to be stripped off by some unknown method. Paquette does not feel that the chrome was removed by any ordinary chemical, mechanical or electrolytic or abrasive techniques. The area surrounding the dent on the bumper was not scratched, cracked or lifted away from the plating base metal of the steel bumper.

The craft itself was, in Paquette's words, "undoubtedly making an immediate lift-off and this resulted in a mild bumping action." Both men noted a sudden jolt after closing their eyes. No other effects were felt or heard — no heat.

To close this report, we can say that two metal particles were found in the road where the object had rested, and an odd strip of material was found on the bumper of the car. These were submitted to APRO for analysis, and that analysis is being carried on at this time.

An odd note: The information concerning this case was discussed on the telephone between Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Lorenzen, then later by Mr. Paquette and the principals in the case. Despite the effort of rigid control of information, two strangers who had specific knowledge of the physical evidence found by Richardson and turned over to APRO, approached Mr. Paquette and questioned him about the evidence. It is not known to this office how this information could have gotten out.

During a conversation with members of the Condon Committee, Mrs. Lorenzen agreed to submit a full report including analysis of the physical evidence when the case is closed. The same results of the physical analysis will be published in this Bulletin.

Boy Burned by UAO in Ohio

The following report, not complete in all details at this writing, has been and is under investigation by Dennis Jones of Wheeling, W. Virginia. Further details, if important, will be published at a later date.

At 8:30 on Tuesday, March 19th, 12-year-old Gregory Wells, was walking from his grandfather's house, 2½ miles west of Beallsville, Ohio (southwest of Wheeling, W. Va.) to the trailer home of his parents. Gregory was carrying a large insulated picnic jug full of water. The water line to the trailer had frozen and broken during the winter and the Wells' had been carrying their water from the grandparents' home, just a short distance away.

The boy had almost reached the front door of the trailer when he looked over his right shoulder. A large, red football-shaped object with four red lights was hovering across the highway above the two trees. He heard a noise "like a generator" and saw a tube come out of the underside of the object in the middle. The tube moved around until it was pointing at Gregory.

At this point the boy became very frightened and started to run but a red beam of light flashed out of the tube and struck Gregory in his right arm by his shoulder and knocked him to the ground. The jug was dropped to the ground and his jacket was in flames. His mother and grandmother heard his screams and ran to help him. His mother opened the jug and tried to drown the fire with the water and meanwhile Gregory managed to tear off the burning jacket and it lay on the ground in flames. He was wearing a heavy sweatshirt under the jacket which protected him from the flames.

The two women helped Gregory inside and tried to calm him. The grandmother went to her home and woke her husband who called Mr. Wells at a Masonic lodge meeting in Beallsville. Mr. Wells came home immediately and took the boy to the Barnesville Hospital.

Dr. Phillips who looked at the boy's burns, recommended the application of vaseline to the second degree burns. The largest of the two was the size of a 50c piece and was located between his elbow and his shoulder on the back part of his arm. The other smaller one was located just behind his shoulder and al-

most under his right arm.

Monroe County Civil Defense Director Ward Strickling was called to the Wells' home after the incident. He informed APRO's investigator, Mr. Jones, that he took a Geiger counter to the Wells home and checked both the boy and the clothing but found no unusual radioactivity.

Sheriff F. L. Sulsberger sent the clothing to OBIC in London, Ohio for further analysis. OBIC is the laboratory where Ohio law enforcement officials send clues and evidence for thorough examination.

Other pertinent information: Before and during Gregory's experience, all the dogs in the neighborhood were barking and howling, including his dog and his grandmother's dog.

Gregory's mother, Mrs. James Wells and his grandmother, Mrs. Claud Wells, saw the red object with a band of darker red lights flashing around the center after they ran to his aid. It was still hovering above the same two trees where the boy had said it was when he first spotted it. They watched it for about 10 minutes after which it disappeared. It did not leave—it faded out.

During Mr. Jones' interrogations he learned that Gregory had spotted the same object or a similar one two nights before the burning incident. It had been above the same two trees but the tube which protruded from the bottom had appeared to be twice as long as the one on the object on the night of the 19th. He only watched the object for about 10 seconds after which it faded from view. The tube he viewed the second time appeared to be about 5 feet long.

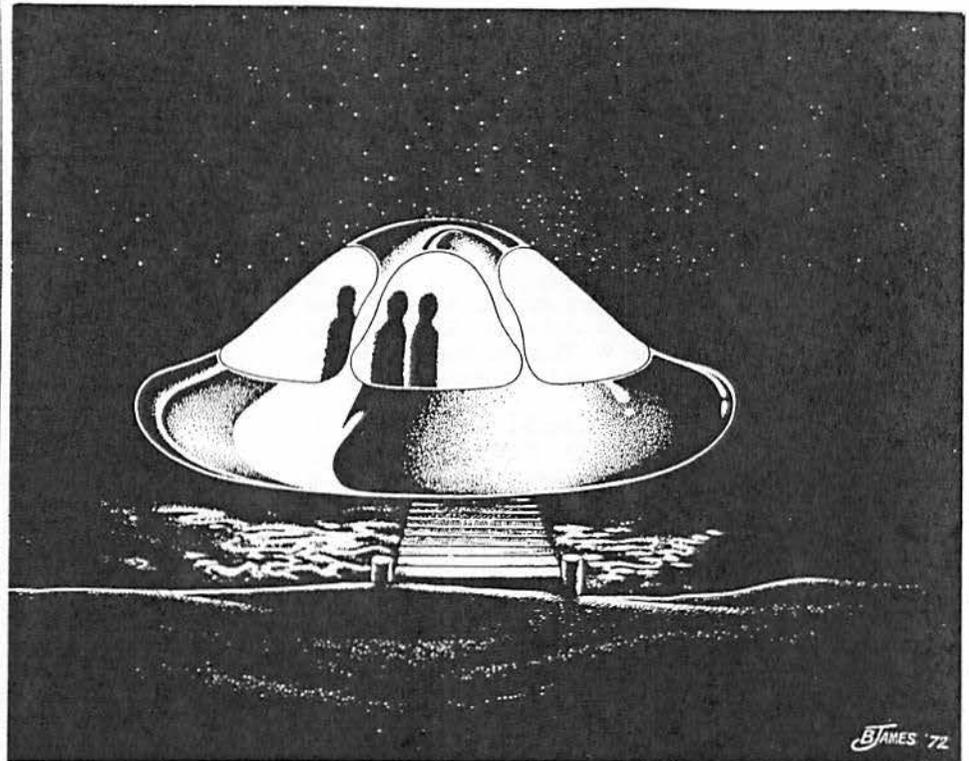
On the same night as the burning incident a Miss Janet Spears observed the same type of object between 9 and 9:15 in the same area.

Mr. James Wells, a retired Tech Sergeant who spent 20 years in the Air Force, notified the Air Force of the incident and they said they would investigate. However, no investigation had been undertaken at the time Dennis Jones carried out his investigation at 4:30 p.m. on March 22nd. Mr. Jones, after talking with the principals at length, felt that the people involved were telling merely what they saw, and he felt that Gregory was telling the truth. There appears to be no indication of a hoax.

The 1962 Occupants Case

The *National Enquirer* recently carried the account of Marilyn Chenarides and Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Grand Forks, North Dakota, who had an unusual experience while vacationing at their cabin on Lake Movil in northern Minnesota. Mrs. Lorenzen contacted Mrs. Chenarides and asked her cooperation in doing an artistic rendering of what they had seen. Mrs. Chenarides and her mother were most cooperative, and the drawing above by Staff Artist Brian James represents what they observed.

The exact date cannot be recalled but it was an August night in 1962 when Mrs. Anderson was doing her daughter



Report From Ohio

Harold Lamb, a Michigan truck driver and part-time deputy sheriff, reported that he observed a UFO on January 9 at 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. Lamb was driving between Carey and Bowling Green on the 1-75 when he spotted the object out of his left window. He claimed that "it looked and glowed like a light bulb." Lamb thought the object was about 1,000 feet up and he could not observe any distinguishing details.

Lamb then switched on the truck's spotlight, placing its beam on the UFO. He continued to do this until he reached Findlay, where he got out of the truck to get a better look. The object stayed in the light beam. As Lamb was nearing Bowling Green, the object appeared to move away rapidly and it finally disappeared.

A similar object had been sighted some hours earlier (7:00 a.m.) east of Bowling Green by Mr. Eldon Nelson. Mr. Nelson said that while driving north he and two other passengers spotted a blue flash, then three other flashes and then an object "with a light in the center." The witnesses, claimed Mr. Nelson, observed the phenomena for about 3 minutes. They calculated that the object was at an altitude of about 500 feet and that it was round in the middle and had a domed top.

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Marilyn's hair. Marilyn's younger brother, Roger, was in bed. Suddenly Marilyn became aware of an odd object outside, and both of the women stared out the window at a red glowing object which was hovering over the boat dock 50 feet from the cabin. The light from the object made the green painted boat dock appear brownish in color and the water a greenish-black. The side of the object toward the cabin had three windows which were lit up by a yellowish light and in two of the windows the women could see the silhouettes of three man-shaped beings. The object was hovering over the near end of the dock and appeared to be 8 feet high and 35 feet wide.

Both of the women felt that the "men" were watching them and after a few minutes of observation, Mrs. Anderson switched off the lights in the cabin, whereupon the lights on the object immediately went out. Mrs. Anderson then had an irresistible impulse to approach the object and threw open the door and started running down to the boat dock while her daughter, almost hysterical, screamed for her to come back. When Mrs. Anderson was halfway to the dock the object lifted slowly in the air, then moved off at an angle and was gone as suddenly as it had arrived.

The object, when first seen, seemed to appear out of nowhere. When it extinguished its lights when Mrs. Anderson turned off the cabin's lights, it was a dark blob over the dock so it may be assumed that the object could have been there for some time prior to Mrs. Chenarides' first glimpse of it, and it was called to her attention by the lights being turned on.

Mrs. Chenarides also described an inci-

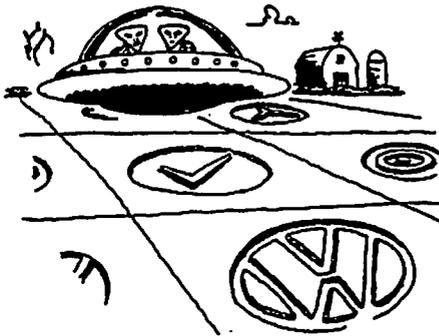
dent which had taken place three weeks prior to the "occupant" sighting. She, her mother and father (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson) and brothers Duane and Roger and the family dog Zipper were driving about 125 miles from their home to the cabin. When they were about 12 miles out of the town of Bagley the dog began to growl and Mr. Anderson spotted a large, green luminous object which appeared to be approaching them on a parallel course.

Mr. Anderson said the object wasn't going very fast and he slowed the car and the object passed them. It was approximately 70 away from their car and appeared to be about the height of a two-story building. It appeared as a long oval, yellowish-green in color and with a haze or fog around it.

After the object passed the Anderson car Marilyn and Duane watched it out of the rear window until it had passed out of sight. Duane said that they could see the thing hovering over a bare patch of land for a while, then it moved over a wooded area, made a half-circular maneuver and disappeared into the woods. They continued to watch but the object was not seen again.

Inquiries indicate that the Andersons are highly respected in their city and by friends and business acquaintances.

The above two cases are examples of the types of cases which may be lying dormant due to the disinterest and ridicule of the past. Since the June 24th article about APRO in the *New York Times* APRO has received several very interesting cases which are currently under investigation.



"If you ask me, the corporate sponsorship has taken all the fun out of this."

Occupant Encounter in New Hampshire

The following information is condensed from the very detailed and excellent report submitted by Mr. Walter Webb, one of APRO's Consultants in Astronomy, as well as that of Mrs. Betty Hill, F.I. in New Hampshire.

At 2:45 a.m. on Friday morning, November 2, 1973, Mrs. Lyndia Morel signed out at the Swedish Sauna in Manchester, New Hampshire where she is employed as a masseuse. She then proceeded south in her 1964 Chevrolet Corvair, arriving at Ben Roy's Restaurant on South Willow Street in Manchester, about 10 minutes later, where she had two cups of coffee with a friend from work. After approximately 45 minutes, she and her friend left the restaurant and parted company. Mrs. Morel drove across the street to a gas station and purchased two dollars worth of gas. This episode, according to Mrs. Morel may have taken about 10 minutes.

After crossing the Merrimack River via Queen City Bridge, Mrs. Morel proceeded northwest on Mast Road (Route 114A). As she passed the Bi-Wise Supermarket in Pinardville (outskirts of Manchester), her attention was attracted to a large, bright, yellow light in the sky to her left and ahead of her. Resembling a bright star, the object flashed red, green and blue colors. In fact, the witness couldn't tell at this point if it was moving and thought the object was a planet. Mrs. Morel also was aware of another bright yellowish "star" to the left of the object which undoubtedly was the planet Mars. The UFO was brighter and yellower than the other object.

The witness continued to drive at what she believed was an average speed of about 30 miles per hour although she had no way of checking her speed since the speedometer was broken and disconnected. After traveling about a mile, Mrs. Morel said she looked at the object and saw that it was still in the same position but seemed to be brighter.

Approaching the intersection of Routes 114A and 114, the woman lit a cigarette and at that moment, as she looked at the object, its light went out. Thinking that was peculiar for a planet,

she entertained the idea for the first time that the object might be a UFO. However, she was not apprehensive and after passing the intersection the light reappeared in the same spot to the left and ahead of the car.

The road was dark but up ahead on the right Mrs. Morel said she could see the lights of the Hillsborough County Nursing Home (the so-called "county farm") and across the road on the left, the lights of Moore General Hospital. As her car approached the farm, the object's light went out again. Immediately after this disappearance, a couple of cars traveling toward Manchester passed by in the eastbound lane. The witness recalled seeing no other traffic in either lane throughout the rest of the sighting, at least not until after her arrival at the Beaudoin house.

About a half mile from the nursing home, near the Boston and Maine Railroad crossing, the light came back on again, perhaps at an even brighter level. For another two miles the strange object maintained the same appearance and relationship to the Morel car as before.

On the outskirts of Goffstown (population 1050) about where the town's street lights began, the UFO's light vanished once more and after about .7 mile (mileage intervals from Mr. Webb's speedometer) reappeared for perhaps 15 seconds, according to Mrs. Morel. But as she veered right around a corner into downtown Goffstown, the light went out and remained out during the drive of .3 mile through the lighted downtown area.

Veering left at the intersection of Routes 114 and 13 (near a popcorn stand) the witness said she was astounded to see the light dead ahead down North Mast Road (Route 114). The object appeared larger, quite a bit closer, and lower than before and positioned as if waiting for the observer. Mr. Webb had Mrs. Morel indicate the UFO's position and apparent distance and size. His estimate of the elevation/true azimuth was 5°/287-290°. Although she could not really judge how far away or how large the object was the witness pointed out a landmark near where she thought the object might have been, and that was determined by speedometer check to be 1600 feet away. By holding various coins at arm's length, she guessed the UFO's apparent size was as large as a pea.

Mrs. Morel said that she was amazed at what she perceived before her. According to her, the object appeared to be an orange and gold globe completely covered with a honeycomb design of hexagons except for an oval window of paler color situated on the upper left portion of the UFO. The witness thought the object was not totally opaque but had a peculiar translucent quality about it. The flashes of red, green and blue light were rays or beams emanating

from a source in the center; these three colors constantly changed back and forth (as in the twinkling of a star). A steady, thin, high-pitched whine was emitted by the object and, according to the woman, this sound was felt through her body as a tingling sensation.

Mrs. Morel said her amazement quickly turned to panic when she suddenly was unable to remove her hands from the steering wheel. Moreover, she reported that she felt her eyes pulled toward the UFO and had the sensation it was taking control of her body and drawing her toward it. When asked about any possible disturbances to the car's electrical system, she said she was not aware of any effects on her automobile's engine, lights or radio which was playing at the time.

At no time during this phase of the sighting did the witness recall stopping her car. However, as she drove forward a "short distance" from the intersection she said she experienced a "loss of memory" (for nearly a half mile). She said she was unaware of driving a stretch between a church on her right and Westlawn Cemetery on her left although she felt her eyes followed the UFO without interruption. After the experience, she speculated that "they" may have retrieved and recorded her memory during this interval.

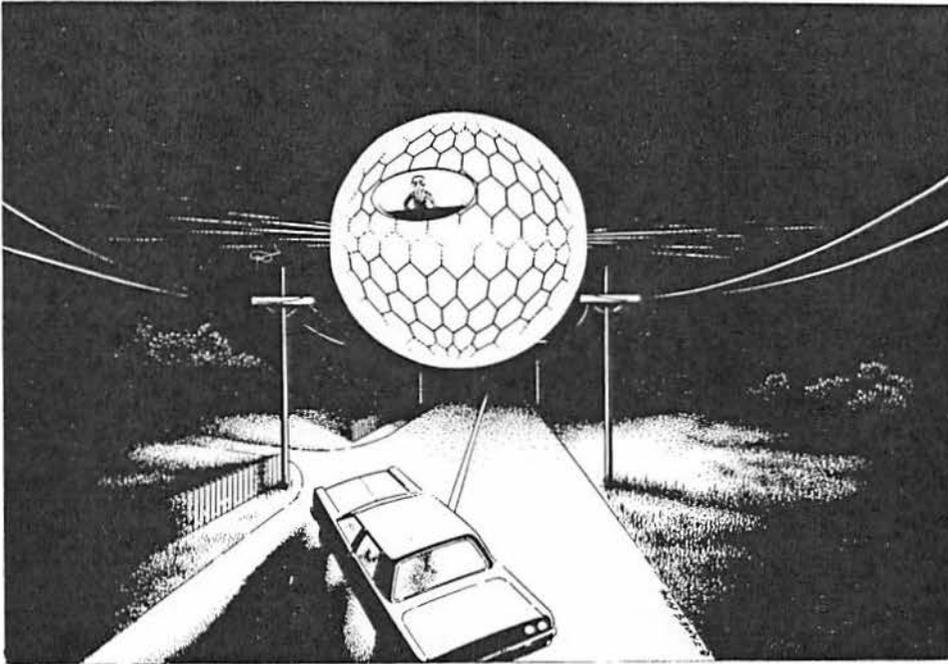
Suddenly Mrs. Morel said she realized where she was and became cognizant that the car was moving at a high rate of speed and that the vehicle was out of her control. She had the definite impression that the UFO was pulling her car toward it like a magnet and getting closer, its apparent size having increased to an angle subtended by a dime at arm's length. The observer thought the object's actual size was "at least" as big as a large automobile." When Mr. Webb questioned Mrs. Morel closely about the car's increased acceleration, she replied she normally was a slow, careful driver, rarely driving very fast, but did admit she could have unconsciously stepped hard on the pedal from fright although she didn't think that was the case. It was at this point that she noticed the figure in the upper left window.

As the car approached a point opposite the middle of the cemetery the UFO closed possibly to within less than 500 feet (perhaps considerably less) becoming larger than a quarter at arm's length. At the same time the object grew brighter and the whine seemed louder. At this point she estimated the object to be at the height of a three-story building. The figure in the window was now distinct (see drawings by Brian James which accompany this article). Mrs. Morel barely mentioned the occupants in newspaper accounts because she thought it would be too un-

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believable and might discredit the whole experience.

Mrs. Morel said that the figure's head, upper body and arms were visible while a dark horizontal surface occupying the lower portion of the oval window obscured the rest of the body. The woman guessed this humanoid could have been standing at a control board of some kind. Behind the figure was a white background. The occupant's body appeared darker than the face, with small shoulders, but it was uncertain whether the body was clothed in a uniform or not. The rounded head was grayish (between a gray and flesh tone) except for a darker color on top, and the face bore wrinkles or loose skin like an elephant's hide. Angling upward across the forehead, two large "egg-shaped" eyes with large dark pupils gripped the observer's attention so much that she felt unable to look away. She said she received an impression or awareness that "told" her "don't be afraid." A mouth-slit turned down at the corners, completed the description of the face. No nose or ears were noticed.

Panic-stricken, Mrs. Morel believed she was in imminent danger of being captured by the UFO. Passing by the cemetery, she spotted a house ahead on the left. The globe became so dazzling that she covered her eyes with an arm and simultaneously turned the wheel with the other hand, entering the driveway of the Beaudoin house at an angle and coming to a halt partly on the front lawn. The witness had covered a distance of almost exactly a mile from the Route 114/13 intersection and now she was only 3/4 mile from home.

Leaving the engine running and the headlights on, Mrs. Morel said she pushed open the door of the car. At that instant the Beaudoin's growling German Shepherd dashed up to the woman as she got out of the car. Normally afraid of strange dogs, she said she "belted" the animal across the mouth! Though she did not recall running to the house, she began pounding on the kitchen door, ringing the bell and yelling over and over again, "Help me! Help me! Help me!"

Glancing to her right, she noticed the UFO had shifted its position from west to north as if to keep her in view and was now hovering directly across the road opposite the Beaudoin house. The object still emitted its high-pitched whine, which according to Mrs. Morel was becoming almost unbearable. (Mrs. Morel pointed out the globe's new position and Mr. Webb determined an

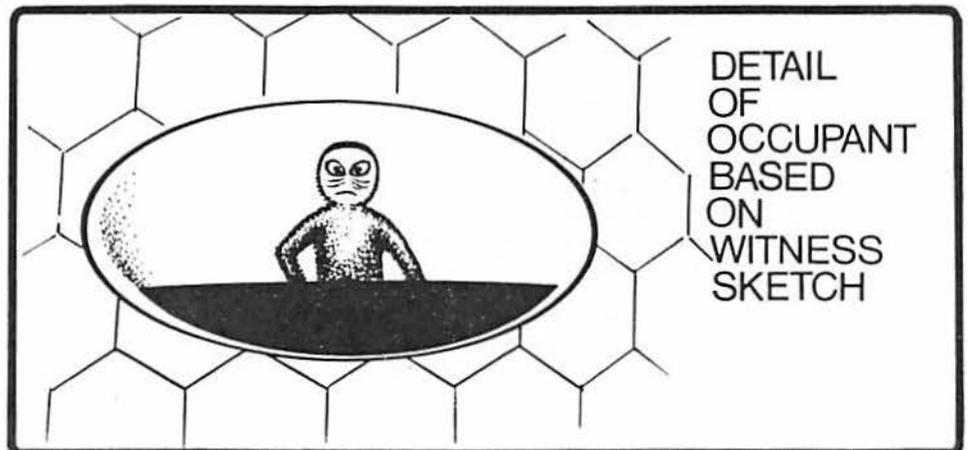
elevation/azimuth of 12°/15°; the object had changed direction from about 280° to 15°, a drastic shift in azimuth of 95°.

After what the witness estimated to be about 2 minutes of attempting to attract the attention of the residents of the house, the door was opened by Mr. Beaudoin as Mrs. Morel began sinking to her knees in almost a faint. The Beaudoins had been asleep upstairs and reluctantly came down in response to the persistent noise at the door. Mrs. Beaudoin said an obviously frightened woman, her eyes wide open with terror, fell into Mr. Beaudoin's arms, crying, "Help me! I'm not drunk! I'm not on drugs! A UFO just tried to pick me up!" Mrs. Beaudoin said the witness was covering her ears but neither she nor her husband remember hearing any unusual sound. Mrs. Morel said that the sound ceased and the numbness or tingling sensation she had experienced vanished after two minutes in the Beaudoin kitchen. However, she became aware of a bright spot much similar to the effect caused by staring too long at a bright light source.

The clock on the kitchen wall read 4:30. Mrs. Beaudoin said the woman's story sounded impossible but she did phone the Goffstown Police Department and reported the occurrence. Goffstown Patrolman Daniel Jubinville, 23, received the call while on routine patrol and proceeded to the Beaudoin house, arriving there at 4:40 a.m. On his way to the door the officer turned off the lights and engine of the Morel car, then heard Mrs. Morel's account. In his report to Mr. Webb he stated: "This writer took note that the subject was quite shaken up and this writer did not note any evidence of alcohol or drug influence."

This, basically, is the "meat" of the Goffstown incident. After officer Jubinville arrived the four went outside and spotted an object whose light seemingly went out when a flashlight was trained on it, and appeared to move slightly, occasionally changing colors. However, in his evaluation of the report, Mr.

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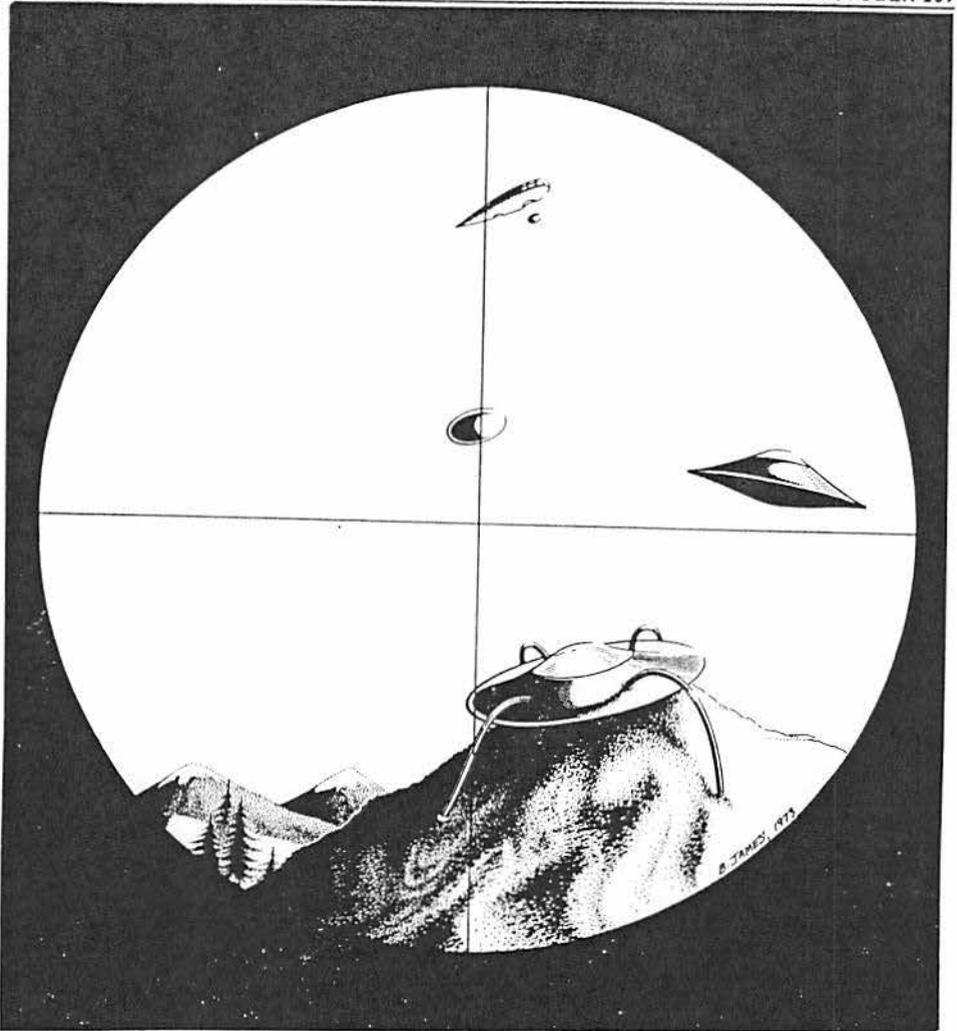


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Webb said: "The multiwitness phase of the sighting, in my judgment, must be ruled ambiguous and therefore non-supportive of the Morel sighting because (1) the object, as described by all four observers, matched the appearance and behavior of both the planet Mars and the UFO (the latter when seen at a distance) and (2) the planet's known position was too close to the UFO's estimated position to entirely dismiss the planet from contention.

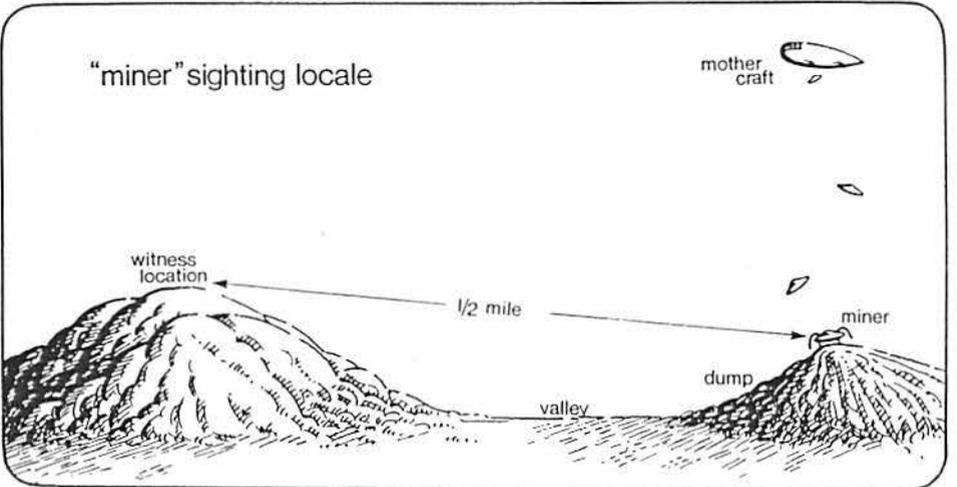
Mr. James worked with Mr. Webb and the witness to execute the artwork which accompanies this report.



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Idaho "Mining UFOs"

In 1967 Mrs. Lorenzen, APRO's Secretary-Treasurer, received a letter from Mr. Buzz Montague who had just finished reading one of the Lorenzens' book, and related his experiences in the wilderness area of Idaho over the years. Two of his sightings were particularly interesting because of detail, and one of them involved a second witness. Unfortunately the second witness has not been located

(Montague himself does not know where the man is currently living) but because of the nature of the sightings it was decided that an artistic rendering should be attempted and Mr. Brian James, one of APRO's staff artists, was put in touch with Mr. Montague and the accompanying artwork was the result.

APRO was not able to investigate this series of events until approximately 18 months ago because we did not have a Field Investigator in that particular area at the time. However, when Allen Benz, APRO's Staff Librarian, moved to Twin

Falls, Idaho, he undertook the investigation, contacting Mr. Montague and eventually visiting the sighting location. He learned the following:

Mr. Montague often hunted in the area of the Spring Creek Mines which is near Spring Creek Ridge in the Sellway wilderness. He first observed the objects in the early 1960's (he cannot pinpoint either the year nor the exact date) and his last sighting was in the fall of the middle 1960's in the company of his friend, William Andrews. Both sightings were [See Idaho - Page Seven]

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approximately the same, so we will describe here the latter one:

The two men were camped on a bluff overlooking a valley. When they awoke in the early morning at about 6 a.m. they noticed a shiny spot on the ore dump of a Spring Creek Mine across the valley. Neither took particular note of the time as they were engrossed in looking at the objects. Using the 10-power scopes affixed to their rifles, they observed the "shiny object" which actually was one of four which were hovering over the ore dump. Protruding from the top of the objects were four hose-like devices which were inserted into the slag piles and were moving around. After a period of time, one by one, the objects elevated and ascended into the air; at this time the large object hovering at about 1,000 feet above the terrain, was spotted. An elongated, cigar-shaped object, it had four depressions on its underside. When the small objects reached the object, they fitted themselves into the depressions after which there was no indication that there had been a depression there to begin with. After another short period of time the objects detached themselves from the cigar-shaped craft and returned to the slag heap.

The two men were so engrossed in what they were watching that they made no attempt to note the time but later estimated that they had watched the objects for approximately 45 minutes to 1½ hours while they made four trips from the slag heap to the craft hovering overhead, at which time they remained a part of the large object as it moved slowly into the northwest and out of sight, ascending all the while.

One other detail which is noted in Mr. James' drawings, is the transparent "dome" atop the disc-shaped objects on the slag heap. Mr. James' rendering was done via mail with Mr. Montague okaying every detail. All of the craft were silvery in color and windows or ports were visible on the large one, as indicated in Mr. James' drawing.

It might seem logical to assume that the objects in this instance were engaged in mining operations (as indicated in the headline) but we should note that the areas being probed were slag piles--in other words, certain materials deemed important to mankind had already been "mined" and removed. If the objects were engaged in pure research they could have been engaged in an attempt to determine the type of ore which had been extracted.

The A.R.R.O. Bulletin,
October 1976, Pages 1 and 6

Miniature UFOs

by Melvin Padell

Reports described in SUFOI (Scandinavian UFO Information) Kastrup, Denmark indicate sightings of quite miniature UFO's. These plane-like objects were estimated to range in size from two feet to eighteen feet. There were usually helmeted pilots associated with the objects. The reports were prevalent during the past decade mostly in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

One of the first reports dates back to 1965 in Holsenoy, Norway. A yellow light bright as the sun attracted the observer at a distance of one hundred feet. A small pilot wearing a helmet was seen holding a wheel-type object. When the object approached to within ten feet of the observer at a window of her home, paralysis was felt by this person. The

object made a whistling type sound and was not observed by other witnesses. It was described as a midget plane without an elevator which seemed to have a black, circular bottom. Another report of a similar object occurred in Norway at Ytre Laksevåg in 1972. A whistling sound was again present as was a black coloration.

Denmark was the location of a 1973 incident involving a grey object about eighteen feet long. A helmeted "rather frightened" person was noted in the front section during the observation by a woman driver at close proximity of a few feet. There was no engine or propeller. Two short, thick fins were noted at each side. The object was described as clumsy and primitive with very low speed of twelve to twenty miles per hour.

Multiple midget planes described as delta winged were seen near Overkalix in Sweden in 1972. Six of these small planes detected by a whistling sound were observed flying over a long lake at "incredible speed" at a distance of a couple thousand feet.

There have been similar Scandinavian cases described in the literature. Flying Saucer Review for July/August 1970 detailed a one foot diameter midget plane with helmeted pilot seen by two children in a farmyard. Finland has also had similar observations.

It would be difficult to speculate on possible explanations. Small remotely piloted vehicles perform missions without the necessity of a pilot present in the plane. Many of the above areas are not prime locations for model airplane enthusiasts. SUFOI is interested in learning of other reliable accounts of this nature.

Two Newsclippings on the Dale Spaur Case

Cleveland Plain Dealer, Monday, April 18, 1966, page 1

Ohio Deputies Chase, Lose Brilliant UFO

By DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD

Portage County Bureau

RAVENNA—Hundreds of persons in two states reported seeing a "brilliant and shiny" object over eastern Ohio early yesterday. Two Portage County deputies chased it 86 miles.

Portage County Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur said he and his partner, Deputy Sheriff W.L. Neff, played tag with the mysterious object from 5 a.m. near Ravenna to 6:30 a.m. on the outskirts of Pittsburgh.

Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua saw the object and photographed it in front of his home. He showed a print of his picture to The Plain Dealer but said

the Air Force told him not to release it or permit photographs to be taken.

BUCHERT DESCRIBED the object as "round when I looked straight up at it, but when it moved to the left—I feel like an idiot saying this—it looked like a saucer, like two table saucers put together."

The photograph showed an
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Shiny UFO Chased by 2 Deputies

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object with a very dark bottom and a very light top. Each half seemed to resemble a saucer seen from the side. The lighter top "saucer" was upside down.

Spaur described the object as about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high. He said he clocked it at speeds up to 103 m.p.h. as they chased it from Randolph Township to Conway, Pa.

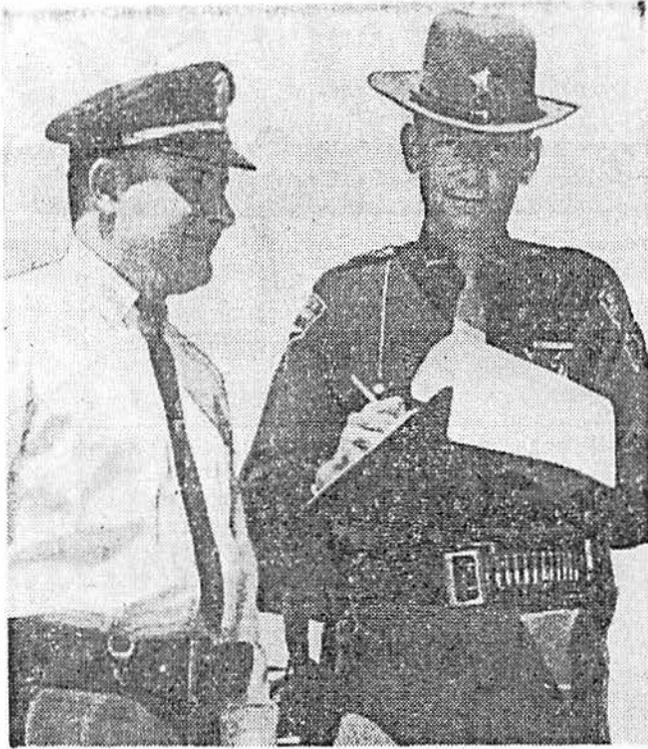
A BRILLIANT beam of light from the object lit the area, Spaur said "It was so bright, even with the sun coming out, it stood out. Its lines were very distinct," he said as he used the bell of a flashlight to describe the object.

"We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," he told The Plain Dealer. "I know nobody's going to believe it, but it's true." Spaur said all his former doubts about UFOs were removed.

"Somebody had control over it. It wasn't just an object floating around. It can maneuver. The only sound was a steady, faint humming like an electrical transformer when we first spotted it," he said. The sound was inaudible as the deputies chased the object, they added.

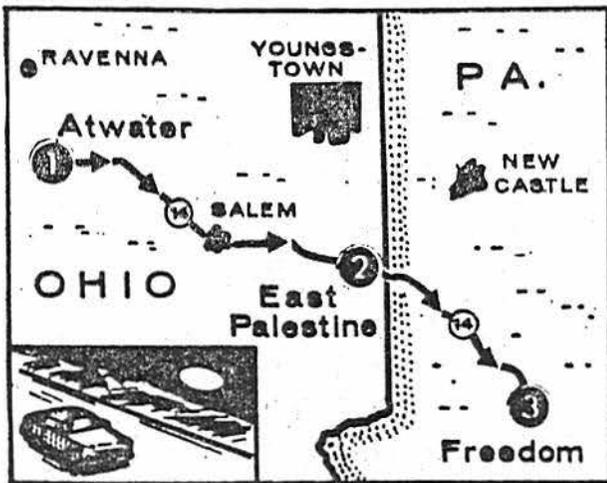
AT CONWAY, PA., Spaur said the object began hovering and "was going for altitude, straight up." After watching for about 20 minutes, he and the others went inside the police station to telephone U.S. Air Force officials he said, and when they came back outside the object was gone.

The Federal Aviation Agency's Air Traffic Control Centers at Oberlin and Pittsburgh said they spotted no unknown objects on their radar early yesterday.



OHIO FLYING SAUCERS were reported by Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, left, who says he took a picture and Portage County Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur (right) who said he followed the UFO. (UPI Telephoto)

UFO-Viewers Get Air Force Calls



A CHASE FROM RAVENNA TO FREEDOM, PA., of the brightly lighted object was undertaken by two Portage County deputies. At Freedom the object vanished. (UPI Telephoto)

After a hot weekend for unidentified flying objects, peace officers of two nearby places expect visits today from officials at Wright Patterson Air Base to listen and look at testimony and evidence.

At Wright Patterson Base, Maj. Hector Quintanilla, said he will attempt to interview all the witnesses by phone and then make a decision as to whether to send investigators here.

Early yesterday morning, Deputy Sheriffs Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff, of Portage County, sighted what they described as a concentration of light and followed it to near Pittsburgh.

AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua says he took a picture of something in the sky. He says he has promised not to release the picture for publication until it is seen by U. S. Air Force people.

He said the object appeared to be shaped like two saucers, one inverted over the other, with the top lighted and the bottom dark.

Deputy Sheriff Neff said he and his partner Deputy Spaur sighted the object at about 5:07 a. m. and followed it to Freedom, Pa., where at about 6:40 a. m. it vanished.

"It was a big white light," Neff said today. "As nearly as I could tell it was shaped like a cone or a funnel. It could have been more than one light."

HE WAS ASKED whether it seemed to him that he and his partner were following the object, or the object was following them as they drove to Pennsylvania.

"Well," he said, "to tell you the truth, a little of both." Does he believe now — 24 hours later — that he saw an unidentified flying object?

"I don't know. I saw something. I saw it. It was like nothing I ever saw before and I don't give a hoot if I never see one again," Neff said.

Neff said the object appeared to be about 300 to 400 feet off the ground when he and his partner first sighted it, and between 2500 and 3000 feet high when "it vanished" in Pennsylvania.

Every Generation Knows A New World

By C.W. Gusewelle

Some years ago, as a young reporter, I was dispatched to south-central Kansas to speak with various citizens who had observed in the summer night skies objects and lights for which they could not reasonably account.

These were plain and responsible folk. Town policemen, a barber, a city marshal, a councilman, a truck driver. Some of them repeated their accounts with guarded reluctance. Some refused to be



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interviewed at all. I wrote the piece and went on to some other assignment.

But for a long while afterward I would think, from time to time, of the sober-mindedness and absolute credibility of those Kansas townfolk. Exactly what it was they saw, or how to explain it, I cannot tell you. But that they saw something I have never for an instant doubted.

In preparing for that little expedition I had read what was available of the literature on Unidentified Flying Objects. One name seemed repeatedly to be associated with the subject.

And on a recent evening, nearly 15 years later, I was sitting with my daughter in the living room in Evanston, Ill., of the owner of that name, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer mentioned above.

His credentials are faultless. He is the chairman emeritus of the department of as-

tronomy at Northwestern University and has been associated professionally with at least a half-dozen other distinguished institutions of education or research. (Hynek is a former Ohio State University faculty member and former science columnist for The Dispatch.) For more than 20 years he was a scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, the official U.S. Air Force inquiry into the UFO phenomenon.

Scientists are by definition individuals of careful mind. Hynek does not presume to say what UFOs are. Only that the phenomenon itself is real — that these manifestations do occur and are witnessed; that some of them defy conventional explanation by experts and, in doing so, present a mystery which could contain great implications for humankind.

He is by no means certain even that the mystery can ever be unraveled.

"We may have as little chance of solving the problem as Galileo would have had of solving the propulsion of a nuclear submarine," he says. "It may be beyond us."

Beyond us, possibly, in more ways than just our competence. There may be limits to the strangeness we are able, or willing, to consider. How else to account for the fact that a phenomenon of global dimension has been greeted not so much with curiosity as with ridicule?

Public officials fear their constituents. Scientists — except a few — fear for their reputations. All of us fear the unknown and the tormented imaginings the unknown can evoke.

But children are more comfortable with dreams, and they have no standing to protect. And even a scientist, in his own living room, is entitled to his speculations.

"If there are space ships," my daughter

asked, "where do they come from?"

"Well, that's a problem," the astronomer replied. "Not from our solar system. And beyond our solar system the distances are very great. Alpha Centauri, the nearest star, is 10 million times farther than our moon. Possibly there are other ways to travel. Or they could come to us from some parallel reality."

"Why do they come?" she asked.

"Why do people go to Australia to study kangaroos? Maybe —" his eye lighting with the humor of it — "we are somebody's doctoral dissertation. Or maybe, as someone has suggested, they are looking for a new source of protein."

She gave a little shudder.

"It may be beyond us," he said again, somewhat sadly. "We may never know these things."

And shortly after that we left him — went out along the dark street to our car. An airplane passed noisily over on its way to landing, its lights blinking. And I thought how swift is the rush of our understanding.

When my parents were young, no such machines as that one agitated the sky. Yet one night before their lives ended, I stood holding my daughter, their grandchild, on the lawn of their house. And told her, as we looked together at the full moon, that at that very moment men were walking there.

For her that is now a commonplace — a fact with which, through all her childhood, she has been perfectly at ease.

Dare we guess, or try to limit, the illusions that those who follow her may one day know for truths?

C.W. Gusewelle is associate editor of the Kansas City Star.

Reproduced here so that this small piece of UFO history about Dr. J. Allen Hynek will not be lost.

Columbus | Ohio | Dispatch
June 21, 1981

Bright UFO Spotted Hovering Over Eastern Stark County

By ALLAN R. SIMPSON JR. They saw something in the sky over Paris — and over New Franklin and Louisville — and above Alliance and Canton — and over Homeworth in Columbiana County. And they saw it last streaking west from Alliance toward Akron.

They know they saw but they don't know what it was they saw.

"They" are members of Mt. Calvary Church (Wesley Methodist) at Freed Street and Whittacre Avenue northwest of Milner. And there were about 12 of them Wednesday night.

What they saw was observed only about 30 minutes and for just a few minutes by any one person. It first was seen by some of the church members driving home from a service as they passed through New Franklin.

THAT WAS about 9:30. Roughly 20 minutes later it was seen near the church.

It also was seen by another group which had left the service and was nearing Paris. Still another sighting was reported by members of the church when they reached their home at Homeworth.

With one exception none of the groups knew the others also had sighted the unidentified something in the sky. They learned of their common sightings later when the church pastor, the Rev. Johannes Maas described what he and his family had observed at the church.

Only Allen Carroll and his daughter Vicki had seen the mysterious object near the church and then driven home to Homeworth to find it in plain view there, sometime about 10 p.m.

THE MEMBERS of the church gave almost identical reports of what they saw.

Pastor Maas and his wife said they were sitting in the living room of their home at the church when they saw red and white flashing lights approaching. They thought at first it was an airplane but then noticed it remained stationary. They estimated it to be 1,000 to 1,500 feet away, across a small valley from their home, and either on or just above the ground.

It was very dark and overcast following Wednesday night's downpour. They could see powerful lights like an airplane's landing lights — red and white, and flashing. From the positions of the lights they figured the craft which bore them must be circular or saucer shaped and about 40 to 60 feet in diameter.

RULING OUT an airplane because of the object's hovering capacity, they then thought it might be a helicopter. But subsequent observation of its fantastic speed and maneuvers ridiculed the helicopter theory. Besides they could hear frogs in the valley clearly, and absolutely on sound — not even a hum — from the mystery craft.

The Rev. Mr. Maas, who has just returned from a trip around the world and who is familiar with airplanes, compared the craft's speed with that of a 600-mile-an-hour jet

and estimated the mystery ship was moving at a speed of 2,000 miles an hour.

He said it apparently took a good look at Canton and the other cities, hovering here and there before darting off. He watched it disappear over the horizon once in the direction of southwest Canton (he could see the lights of the city reflect on the low clouds). Then moments later, it reappeared.

MRS. MARJORIE FERGUSSON of Paris, dean of girls at Calvary Christian College there (the Rev. Mr. Maas is president), said as she watched the lighted object she felt it was not an airplane, and its subsequent movements strengthened this belief.

The pastor's 11-year-old daughter Jonarna Ruth, who recently had flown to India, said the mystery ship "went too fast" and she would be afraid to ride in it.

As for Pastor Maas, he doesn't have "any predrawn conclusions" as to what he saw.

Reminded that the U. S. Air Force had closed its books on Unidentified Flying Objects, declaring that but a very few sightings had been satisfactorily explained, he said:

"If it can be explained, fine; if it can't then it is some kind of phenomenon. I would like to see the Air Force investigate it.

"MY THOUGHT would be that this has to be explained by something extraterrestrial. God could have created other forms of life and intelligence. And just as we have gone to the moon and sent vehicles to circle other planets, beings from elsewhere in space could have Earth under surveillance.

"This was not powered, in my estimation, by anything we now know."

The sheriff's deputy who was sent to investigate the scene of the sightings near Mt. Calvary Church found no tire marks or footprints — only some corn scattered about — nothing unusual. And his final notation: "No further action taken."

More than 2,500 gallons of water may evaporate from an acre of forest in one day.

UFO Unsettles Residents

The News Sun, Thursday, October 4, 1973, p. 1A

By R. DAVID HEILEMAN

Olmsted Township residents in the Stearns Road—Bagley Road area reported hearing an eerie "shrieking, whistling" sound early Monday morning which wakened one woman from her sleep and so frightened one man that he told police, "I was afraid to open my door. . ."

The strange sound was heard at approximately 3 a.m. Monday, the same time a Cleveland woman, Mrs. Barbara Marquard, reported seeing "a green, glowing object" which approached her car from the left side, while she was driving along Stearns Road, continued over a field and appeared to land on the north side of Stearns Road.

"We thought a plane must have gone down here. My wife said she heard some whistling over the house," said Willis Small, 7752 Stearns Rd. Small said his pony broke out of its corral at about the same time. "I was out looking for it. . .but it's not unusual, he does it every so often. . ."

MRS. JOHN SPEIDEL, 7896 Stearns Rd. said she "heard a whistling sound. . .I thought it was a radio in a car up along the road somewhere. . .but you hear all kinds of noises around here. . ."

The object, according to Mrs. Marquard, who said she watched "for about 10 seconds" was about three times the height of a nearby house and appeared to be small in size.

"It began to drop toward the ground in an arc and landed behind some trees just north of Stearns," she said.

MRS. MARQUARD HAD taken a sister to her home on Stearns seconds before the strange



sighting. "I thought I should go back and get my sister and the two of us could go investigate, but then I became afraid that it might be radioactive. . ."

MRS. MARQUARD said she was so frightened, "I did about 60 mph" as she headed back toward Cleveland.

When she arrived home she reported the incident to Cleveland police who contacted Olmsted Township police chief Richard Masielle at 9:15 a.m. Monday.

MASIELLE dispatched

patrolman Dennis McCafferty house-to-house along Stearns Road to knock on doors and ask whether residents had witnessed anything unusual during the night.

Masielle said none of the residents who reported hearing the eerie whistling could have known about the UFO citing. "None of them talked to each other. . .something must have happened, the dogs in the area were restless and barking, and a horse broke out of its corral and ran away. . ." he said.

UFO Investigators Baffled by . . .

Mysterious Saucer-Shaped Depressions Surrounded by Scorched Crops Found on 2 Iowa Farms

By BOB PRATT

Authorities are baffled by mysterious saucer-shaped depressions found on two northern Iowa farms only 14 miles apart. In the center of each depression the earth was baked and blackened, and surrounding crops were scorched.

The most recent incident occurred in July on the farm of Howard Groves in Clarion, Iowa.

"Something pretty strange landed in my bean patch and took off again," Groves told an ENQUIRER reporter. "I hadn't been near that field for maybe three weeks. When I finally walked down there, I discovered a burned area maybe 40 feet across.

"Right in the middle was what I can only call a blast area. It was about 18 inches across. The soil had turned black and it was hard as a rock. When I broke up a piece, it was full of bits of metal, like silver.

"Stranger still, there were four holes about a foot across and a foot deep at the corners of the burned patch — like something had sat there on four legs before taking off."

Thirteen months earlier, in June 1972, Donald Slaikau made a similar discovery in

a remote soybean field on his farm in Goldfield, 14 miles away — a depression in the ground and a burned spot with identical holes at the corners.

"It didn't look like anyone could have caused the damage — there weren't any tracks leading to it," Slaikau told The ENQUIRER. "The ground in the center was baked, but a few inches below, the soil was moist. Inside the holes was a silver-like dust."

Slaikau examined the depression on Groves' farm and said: "It's exactly the same as what happened in my field — same blast area, holes in the ground, metal in the soil."

Both depressions were inspected by Wright County Sheriff Robert Shaw, who said: "The marks on the ground and the burned areas were identical. Maybe I lean to the idea that it was lightning. But that doesn't explain those dang holes in the ground."

"Both incidents were very strange. I'm not going to come right out and say it wasn't a UFO that landed on those fields. It's so much of a coincidence, the same thing happening on two farms 14 miles apart. It certainly makes you think.

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kevin Randle, a member of Aerial Phenomenon Research Organ-

ization, a worldwide group of UFO watchers, said:

"Last year there were many UFO sightings in the area. I am a helicopter pilot, so I know they were not helicopters. The marks made in the Groves field were not caused by lightning. I am convinced they were made by some kind of space vehicle."

A soil sample from Groves' farm was tested at Iowa State University. Analyst Kalku Eik told The ENQUIRER:

"We discovered a reduction in the soil's phosphorous content, suggesting it had been subjected to terrific heat. We found no trace of metal deposits, but Mr. Groves may have seen a glazing of the soil caused by the intense heat. This may have shown silvery in the sunlight. When the soil was broken up for samples,

this glazing would disappear."

Asked what he thought the cause was, Eik said: "I honestly don't know. The official explanation is lightning, and

I don't rule this out, but the sheer size of the blasted area, plus the holes in the ground, leave room for doubt. I just don't know . . ."

UFOs Terrorize Wisconsin Towns

... Mysterious Glowing Objects Scare Families and Amaze Police

By BOB PRATT

A flurry of eerie UFO sightings has dazzled and terrorized residents of northern Wisconsin — and shaken even veteran law enforcement officers.

In one incident alone, at least a dozen police officers witnessed the astounding aerobatics of the Unidentified Flying Objects as they danced across the night skies along the shores of Lake Superior.

The wave of UFO sightings crested last March and April, slacked off during the summer, then picked up again in September.

"I think there is definitely something up there," said Sheriff Fred Johnson of Superior, Wis. "There are too many intelligent people who have seen them.

"I believe they are from outer space, not some mysterious type of vehicle that is manufactured here on earth."

Among the scores of reports:

- In March a glowing UFO landed on a road only 400 feet from a farmhouse in Mellen, Wis., badly frightening a family of six — then vanished with an ear-shattering roar.

- The same night, excited Ashland County, Wis., Sheriff's Deputy Peter Drolson called in on his car radio to report that a mysterious, blindingly brilliant object was whooshing just above the treetops — when suddenly his radio went dead.

- Veteran Police Officer George Wheeler of Elmwood, Wis., saw a gigantic fireball streaking straight toward him shortly after midnight April 7.

He slammed his brakes, leaped out of his patrol car and flung himself into a roadside ditch as the frightful fireball hurtled past.

"It was as big as a football field," said Wheeler, 70, still shaken by the incident. "I thought it was going to crash and wipe out the whole town."

Instead, said Wheeler, a former WW II fighter pilot, the mysterious object

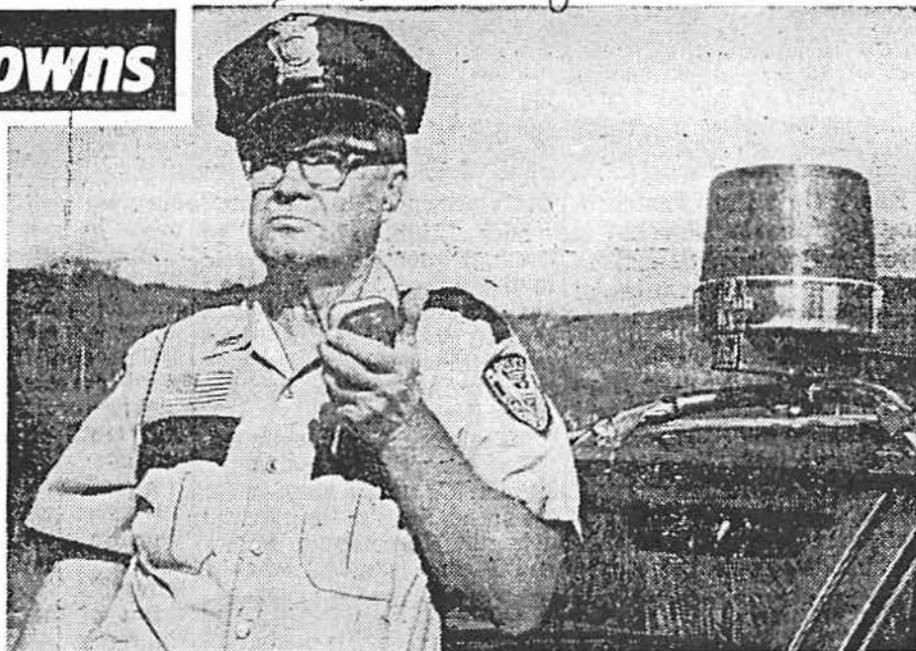


MAP shows towns (shaded circles) where UFOs were spotted.

soared silently five miles southward, hovered motionlessly a few minutes — then disappeared.

On March 13 at 9 p.m., 15-year-old Jane Baker had just let her two cats outside when she saw a weird object parked on the road outside her family's farmhouse near Mellen, Wis.

She screamed — and her father, Phil



FRIGHTENED by a gigantic fireball, veteran police officer George Wheeler leaped from his patrol car and took cover in a roadside ditch. "I thought it was going to wipe out the whole town," he said.

Baker, 37, rushed outside, followed by his wife and two of their sons.

"I didn't believe what I was seeing," Baker told The ENQUIRER. "It was circular, about 12 feet across, with red and bluish-green lights running around the outside.

"In the center was a door, with a brilliant light coming from inside. It made a high-whining sound — a sound I'd never heard before."

The family stared wide-eyed at the object for several minutes — then raced fearfully inside their home. "I no sooner called police when there was this loud explosion," Baker said. "I looked out and the thing had vanished."

The same night, seven sheriff's deputies spotted four different mysterious objects skipping and gliding through the skies in a four-county area around Lake Superior's southwest shore. Ashland Deputy Drolson, 24, was excitedly describing one such object zipping directly overhead when his police radio went dead.

"The object made a whooshing

sound — like a giant gust of wind roaring through the woods," Drolson recalled.

Ashland Undersheriff George Ree, listening on his radio 18 miles away, heard the rushing noise "and then Drolson's radio went blank." A few moments later, Drolson's voice came back on the air.

The strange sightings continued in April.

Mrs. Kathy Thompson, 25, of Superior, Wis., said she encountered a dome-shaped object with a pulsating red light, hovering directly over the roadway ahead of her car about 3 a.m. April 19.

"I thought: 'I've got to get away!'" Panic-stricken, she quickly made a U-turn and raced away in the opposite direction.

Douglas County Deputy Jack Hunker pulled her over for speeding, at 90 m.p.h.

"She was hysterical," he said. "She was a complete basket case. There was no way she could have made up that story."

Huge Glowing UFO Hovers Over High Tension Tower and Follows Police Spotlight

A brightly glowing UFO that showed a strange fascination for a high tension tower frightened a policeman when it suddenly became attracted to his squad car spotlight.

The UFO was one of two that swept in off Lake Erie and cavorted over the Madison, Ohio, area for 90 minutes early on the morning of November 4.

"It was an eerie feeling," said Patrolman Lester Nagle, 24, who turned his spotlight on one of the UFOs to get a better look at it. "It was as though someone or something was watching us, checking us out."

For nearly an hour and a half Nagle and Patrolman Zachary Space, 26, watched the UFO sweep in time after time to hover over a 125-foot-tall power line tower 6 miles northeast of Madison.

"The first time I cut the spotlight on, the object moved away," said Nagle.

"Then I flicked it on and off a few more times — and the glowing object actually started to move toward the spotlight, as if it were attracted to it."

"It was astounding! It seemed to be intrigued by the light. I didn't know what to do — so I turned the light off real quick!"

The two UFOs, glowing red and green, had flown in over Lake Erie about 3:45 a.m., Patrolman Space told *The ENQUIRER*.

"It was incredible," he said. "They were in formation and then they broke off. One hovered over Madison and the other headed northeast."

"The one near the tower leveled off and slowly approached as though it was maneuvering carefully to get as close to the tower as possible."

"When it was directly over the tower, the reddish-green lights faded and the object began to glow pure white, so bright I couldn't see if it was actually touching the tower."

"I was about half a mile away and I couldn't estimate how large it was. When I held up my hand at arm's length to judge its size, it was larger than my hand. It was huge."

"Just as the white light reached its peak, the object streaked off across the sky so fast you couldn't see it move. Then it approached again, glowing red and green."

"I didn't know what to make of it. I spent 5 years in the Air Force as a mechanic and I've never seen a plane that can maneuver like that."

"It made about 20 passes at the tower, each time approaching the same way and then zipping off into the darkness."

Nagle, a 6-year veteran Air National Guard crew chief, decided to return to Madison to investigate the other UFO. "As I left the area, the object moved along above my car for a while and for some mysterious reason my radio wouldn't work."

Walt Rogers, an auto wrecker, had

the same experience when he met Nagle on the highway not far away.

"My two-way radio wouldn't work either," Rogers said. "Whatever that thing was, it seemed to be attracted to lights and power."

Nagle said he had a camera in his squad car — "but I just didn't think about taking a picture."

"I was just too spellbound by the sight of the object."

The other UFO hovered over Madison the entire time.

"We received at least a dozen calls on it," said Police Dispatcher Gerry Bowers. "I could see it from my window and I went outside once, but I got scared and didn't go out again."

Both objects vanished after about an hour and a half, Patrolman Space said.

"I had a strange feeling that as we were watching the objects we ourselves were being watched — the way we would watch a colony of ants."

— FRANK ZAHOUR



THEY SAW IT: Patrolman Lester Nagle (left) discusses drawing of UFO with fellow officer Zachary Space. Spotlight on patrol car is one Nagle trained on UFO.

N.J. Patrolman: Enormous, Brilliant UFO Shot in From Ocean — So Close It Could Have Swallowed Me Up

... 20 Policemen Confirm Sighting

An enormous, brilliantly glowing object shot in from the ocean sky so close to the shoreline at Atlantic City, N.J., that a police officer on the beach said: "It could have swallowed me up."

So threatening was the bizarre object that Patrolman Frank Ingargiola, 28, a policeman for 5 years, said: "I immediately backed my car up a ramp and off the beach."

But he and a passenger in the car, newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz of the Atlantic City Press, say the strange object stayed visible for at least 20 minutes afterward — and Ingargiola said that at least 20 other policemen saw it.

Ingargiola had driven onto the beach at about 5:10 a.m. on January 20, after he and Schwartz, whom he was giving a lift home, spotted the bright light, then about a mile offshore and above the ocean.

"All of a sudden the object came straight in toward us," said Ingargiola, a member of the police of Ventnor, a community adjoining Atlantic City. "That's when I backed up."

The policeman, a Navy veteran, said emphatically: "I've been on a good many midnight watches at sea. I was trained to identify different shapes at night."

"I've never seen anything like this before."

"It came in very, very close, just above the breakers, about 500 feet from the car. It was so huge it seemed to fill the



UFO was sighted for 20 minutes a few hundred feet from shoreline at Ventnor, near Atlantic City, N.J.

whole windshield. I couldn't see anything else.

"It had a very bright white light in its center, with a yellowish haze around it twice the size of the light."

"When it got close, you could see three small reddish-orange points in it, in the shape of a triangle."

"But, unfortunately, we did not have a camera with us for a picture of it."

Newspaperman Schwartz, 35, said: "It was enormous. I couldn't believe any light could be so bright. As we looked, we became transfixed by it."

Meanwhile, Ingargiola had

radioed the Atlantic City police and asked them to send officers to verify the phenomenon, and some 20 policemen saw it before it finally disappeared, said Ingargiola. Two of them were Patrolman Daniel Conner and his partner, Patrolman Daniel Wilhelmy. "The light seemed to get dimmer and then brighter as we watched," said Conner. "We checked for helicopters, but there weren't any up that night."

Patrolman Henry Madanda also saw the mysterious object. "It appeared to be a glowing light out over the ocean. As I gazed at it, suddenly it just disappeared in front of my eyes. I was shocked!"

Earlier the same night, residents of two nearby towns also saw brightly colored objects in the sky. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlin of Heislerville, 30 miles from Atlantic City,



SCENE OF SIGHTING: Witnesses Patrolman Frank Ingargiola and newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz show sketch of UFO they both saw at Ventnor, N.J.

reported seeing "two enormous bright lights, like headlights," only 300 yards away and over some trees, at about 7:30 p.m. on January 19. The lights were visible for 5 to 7 minutes, they said. At about 8 p.m., in Dorothy, N.J., 15

miles away, Mrs. Charles Morris said she saw "a very brilliant red light, the most brilliant shade of red I've ever seen."

"I was really overawed by the thing."

— BOB PRATT

A UFO being watched by a veteran police officer suddenly shot out a blue flash at his squad car and knocked him unconscious, he says.

Almost simultaneously, other bizarre events took place:

- The car's lights and radio went dead.
- Its spark plugs and points were burned out.
- Television sets in nearby homes went blank.
- Two people at different points nearby saw a mysterious glowing object in the

sky.

The terrifying blue-ray attack on the officer occurred in Elmwood, Wis., shortly after 11 p.m. on April 22. The weather was fairly clear and there was no storm or lightning that night.

"As I was on the police radio describing the UFO, it rose at very high speed and a bluish flash of light, like lightning, shot out from it," said George W. Wheeler, former police chief of Elmwood and now a relief officer there.

"At this time, the car's lights and radio went dead. I don't remember any more until somebody was asking me if I needed help." But after the blue-ray attack, Wheeler spent 14 days in Memorial Hospital at Menomonie, Wis., recovering from its effects.

Wheeler, 71, a 30-year police veteran and a combat fighter pilot during World War 2, recounted the details of his experience to The ENQUIRER:

"On the night of April 22, I noticed an orange glow at the top of Tuttle Hill. I thought it was a fire, reported it on the radio and drove there.

"When I arrived, I saw this huge object, as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across. It was silver-colored and had an extremely bright orange light at the top, so bright I couldn't look straight at it. Suddenly, the craft rose and the blue flash of light shot out."

Wheeler was found four minutes later by David Moots, 36, a dairy farmer who had been taking a baby-sitter home and saw the squad car stopped partially on the highway with its lights out.

"He was trying to get out of the car and was kind of dazed," Moots said. "I asked him what was wrong and he said he'd been hit. I asked, 'Hit by a car?' and he answered, 'No, by one of those UFOs.'"

Terrifying UFO Attack

...Knocks Policeman Unconscious, Immobilizes His Car and Blanks Out Television Sets in the Area

Meanwhile, Police Dispatcher Gail Miley had received Wheeler's radio report and phoned Paul Fredrickson, a



UFO TERRITORY
Map shows where Wheeler had UFO encounter.

nursing home administrator who lives east of Tuttle Hill. Miley asked him what he could see from his window.

"I saw a bright orange glow," Fredrickson told The ENQUIRER. "It resembled a bright orange half-moon. I went back to the phone and by the time I returned to the window, the object was gone."

At about the same time, Mrs. Miles Wergland saw a bright orange object from her home south of the hill. "It was shaped like the moon, but was much brighter and colored differently," she declared.

That night, reported the Milwaukee Journal, three people living near Tuttle Hill said their television sets suddenly went off about 11 p.m. and went on again as mysteriously some 10 minutes later.

Wheeler was taken to Dr. Frank Springer, who has treated him for 25 years. "He was deeply disturbed and highly nervous," Dr. Springer said. "I gave him a shot, but it didn't relieve his anxiety, so I sent him to the hospital."

Wheeler spent three days there and went home — only to return complaining of nightmares and headaches. He was treated there for 11 days before returning home. "I've been through all sorts of tests, but I seem to be 100 percent OK now," Wheeler told The ENQUIRER.

As for the car Wheeler had been driving, Police Chief Gene Helmer said: "Its spark plugs and points were burned

right out. It had been tuned up and checked out only about two months before. The plugs and points should have been good for five or six months."

— BOB PRATT

UFO Zooms Across Western U.S. at Speeds Faster Than Our Swiftest Supersonic Jet

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By **BOB PRATT**

A strange cigar-shaped object with multicolored lights astounded veteran policemen in northern California and Nevada as it streaked across the night skies at speeds beyond the reach of America's fastest supersonic jet.

More than a dozen police officers from six agencies tracked the eerie UFO as it put on an awesome, three-hour aerobatic act over a 2,000-square mile area from Lincoln and Chico, Calif., to Reno, Nev.

Patrolman William Sykes of Lincoln, Calif., reported the UFO flew faster than the 2,100-mph SR-71 reconnaissance jets — the Free World's fastest planes — which often fly out of nearby Beale Air Force Base, north of Lincoln.

"I've never seen them fly as fast as this thing did," marveled Sykes, 32.

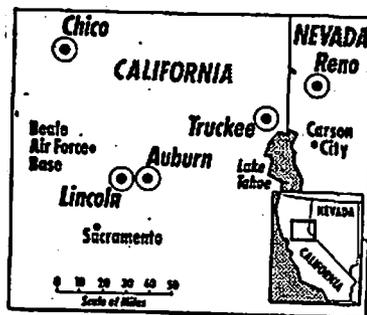
A woman in Chico, Calif., was the first to report spotting the mystery object, at 2:10 a.m. on January 28. Later, Chico Patrolman Joseph Whitcomb called dispatcher Chris Lowen and said he saw it, too.

At 2:30 a.m., the California Highway Patrol reported that a weird object was soaring overhead, toward Truckee. Nevada County (Calif.) Sheriff's Deputies Steve Bobbitt and Sgt. Leroy Brombacker dashed outside and saw it — a cigar-shaped object with red and green lights.

"We watched it for 30 minutes," Sgt. Brombacker, 41, said. "I was in the Navy on an aircraft carrier and I've seen all kinds of night operations. But I've never seen anything like it before."

Bobbitt, 31, a six-year police veteran and a former door gunner on a helicopter in Vietnam, said he saw two objects — a big one with red and blue lights and a small one, all red, higher up and to the north.

"When the big one moved



MAP SHOWS locations in Nevada and California where UFO was sighted in an approximately rectangular area (see inset).

off, we looked for the red one — and it was gone, too!" he said. "It appeared to be a companion of some kind."

The next report came from Patrolman Sykes in Lincoln, at 3 a.m. He said he watched the UFO for five minutes, zipping eastward toward Reno.

Shortly afterward, two California Highway patrolmen, Dale Tuel and Norm Chavez, sighted an object with bluish-green lights near Auburn, Calif., 15 miles east of Lincoln. They watched it, astonished, for 20 minutes.

"It would move up and down and then sideways, like one of those bouncing balls in a sing-along movie," said Chavez, obviously still amazed.

Undersheriff Vince Swinney of Washoe County, Nev., said there were numerous sightings in the Reno area between 2:24 and 4:53 a.m. Simultaneous sightings far to the west in California indicate the likelihood that more than one UFO was being observed by police and other residents.

"Seven officers from our department viewed an object

at one time or another," Swinney told The ENQUIRER.

"At one point, one object was seen by officers from two police agencies who were at three different positions. They were able to triangulate the thing — directly over Slide Mountain, southwest of Reno."

Sgt. Robert Hopkins of the Butte County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office, reported that an object "much too brilliant to be a star" hovered over the tree line near his home in Magalia, Calif., 20 miles northeast of Chico; at about 3 a.m.

Hopkins' wife said she watched not one, but three brightly lighted objects in the sky that morning, for three hours. "Then we heard an airplane coming from the direction of Beale Air Force Base — and the three objects shot straight up into the sky and vanished!" Mrs. Hopkins said.

An Air Force official at Beale AFB said: "All we know about the sightings is what we read in the newspapers."

Police Watch in Amazement as Brilliantly Lit UFOs Zoom Over S. California at 12,000 m.p.h.

By EDWARD B. CAMLIN

Brilliant UFOs flying at estimated speeds up to 12,000 m.p.h. dazzled observers in southern California — including two policemen who spotted one of the objects while on helicopter patrol.

"The big attention getter was the fantastic acceleration," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Davis, 39.

On the night of Monday, March 21, he and his flying partner, deputy Ted Roach, 40, spotted a "bright light with an orange tinge" — which they thought at first was an aircraft. It was traveling relatively slowly over La Mirada, Calif., at an altitude of 600 feet, the same as their helicopter.

"We both estimated the speed somewhere between 200 to 250 m.p.h.," said Roach. "The only thing that called my attention to it was that something fell off of it. As I told Ray: 'There's something burning. A burning object fell off the aircraft.'"

"It really wasn't burning. It was more like magnesium — very bright. We turned the 'bird' towards it (the UFO) and we started following it. All of a sudden, the object, whatever it was, just up and accelerated at a tremendous speed and disappeared."

Two other Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, Lonnie Hicks, 28, and Robert Carr, 34, told of their experience in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"It was like nothing we'd ever seen before," said Carr, describing the "two bright circular objects" he and Hicks saw traveling in tandem over Los Angeles.

Said Hicks: "They continued traveling on a horizontal plane — right across the sky."

Highway patrolman Lorin Orchard, 29, also spotted the objects the same night.

"My partner and I have never seen anything like it. We looked up and saw a bright light going across the sky — a cylinder-shaped object leaving a trail behind.

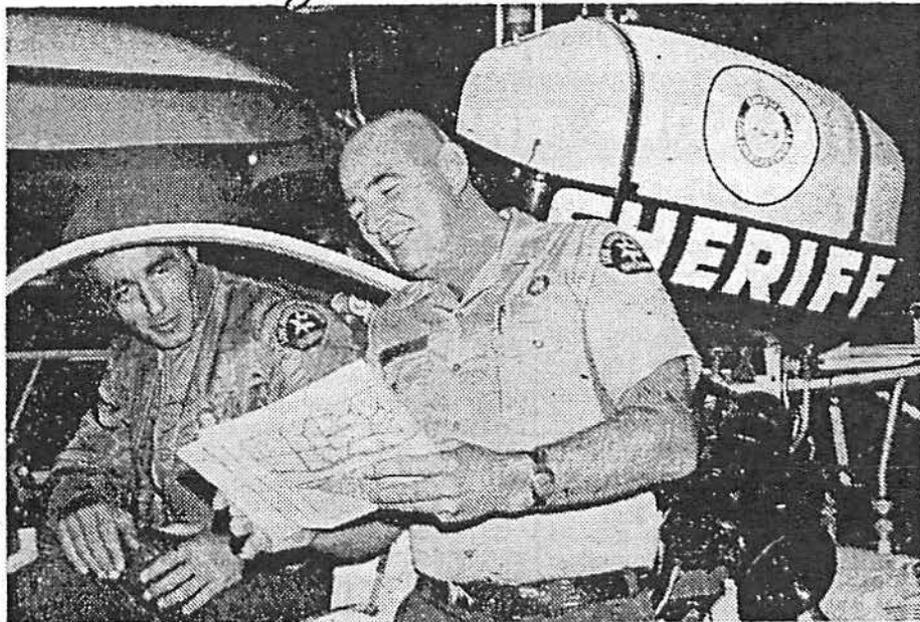
"Then it separated, and there were two of them, almost identical, both leaving a vapor trail. They were going faster than anything we'd ever



AIR FORCE BASE security guard Guy Wilson estimated UFOs traveled 50 miles in 15 seconds — about 12,000 m.p.h.

seen. I know it wasn't a meteor. They don't fly horizontally."

Airman first class Guy Wilson, 21, a security guard at March Air Force Base, said the objects traveled direct-



SHERIFF'S helicopter crewmen Ray Davis (left) and Ted Roach. They saw a bright object fall from a UFO before it took off at high speed.

ly over the facility. "I knew they were not aircraft because there were no running lights, no sound. These objects were like nothing I'd ever seen before. I would venture to say that within 15 seconds, they went 50 miles — that fast."

If Wilson's estimate is correct, the objects would have had to be traveling at 12,000 m.p.h.

Mark O. Hogan, a freight handler at Los Angeles International Airport, was sitting in a vehicle with his boss, Paul R. Till, waiting for a late plane to arrive that night, when they saw the objects. "All of a sudden I saw these two orange lights come in off the ocean at the west end of the airport," said Hogan.

"We were just dumbfounded. They weren't meteors. They don't fly in tandem and horizontally. I can't guess the speed. But I'd say it was at least 2,000 m.p.h."

Till's estimate placed the speed much higher. "In a matter of seconds," he said, "those objects went from one horizon to the other. I'd say in 10 seconds, they went at least 30 miles (a rate of 10,800 m.p.h.)."

Police Sight Dazzling UFO Over Texas

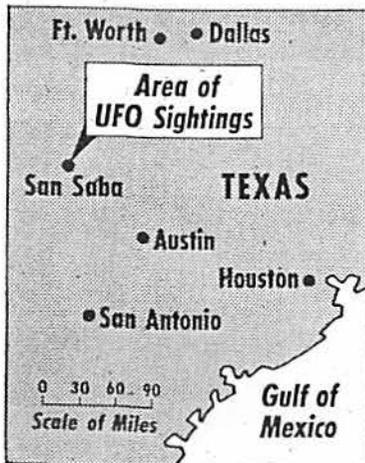
"A big ball of fire . . . It lit up the countryside . . . It was shaped similar to an egg . . ."

Those are just a few of the descriptions given to a spectacular UFO over central Texas that dazzled dozens of people — including policemen.

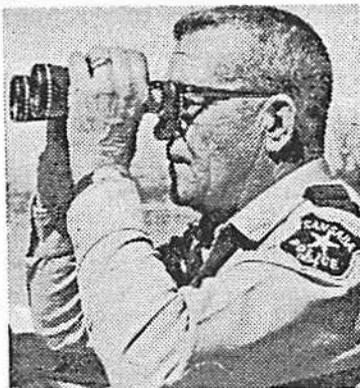
"It kind of spooked me," admitted San Saba police chief H.L. "Hub" Hubbard.

"It lit up the area around us," said patrolman Richard Alligood. One of the first to see the UFO on the night of December 27 was Donald Harrell, a 19-year-old welder.

"I was out just driving around. This man came over (the CB radio) and said: 'Look up in the west and see if you see that flashing light.'"



MAP shows where UFO was sighted near San Saba, Tex.



POLICE CHIEF H.L. Hubbard watched the UFO through binoculars. "It kind of spooked me."

Harrell said he spotted the object and headed in its direction.

The closer he got the brighter the surrounding countryside became.

"I could go down the road with my headlights cut off, and this object up there in the sky had enough light from it to see.

"I didn't have to have my headlights on. It was just like having a full moon."

Harrell described the UFO as being shaped like a "pie wedge."

Another eyewitness said it was shaped like an egg.

"It was sitting there, swing-

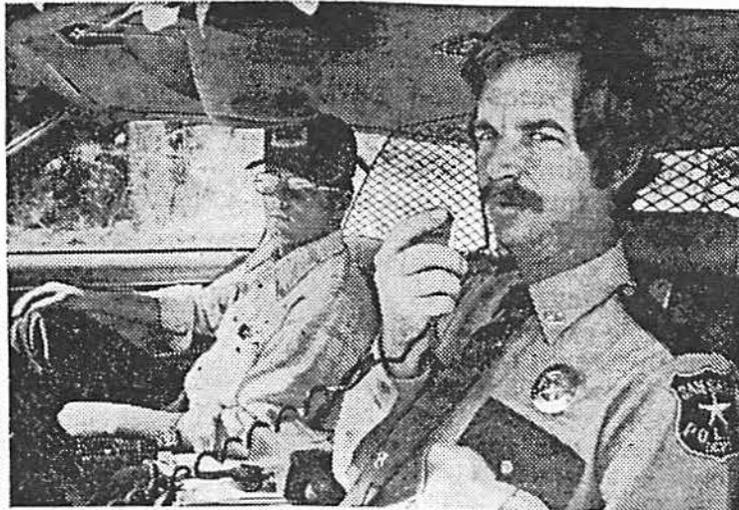
ing like a pendulum," said Harrell.

"At the bottom, it had this light that would change colors — red, blue, orange, yellow, green."

Patrolman Alligood, who was cruising with his CB radio on, heard numerous motorists start chattering about the UFO.

"I took a look. I could see a bright light and started in that direction.

"I stopped a businessman, Larry Hibler, and asked him



WITNESSES: Patrolman Richard Alligood took Larry Hibler along as witness. Said Hibler: "When we first saw it (UFO), it was like a big ball of fire."

if he'd go along with me as a witness.

"We started south to take a look at the object, and it was almost right above us. The bottom of it was completely lit up."

Said Hibler: "When we first saw it, it was like a big ball of fire."

The object would hover, then speed off and hover again, according to some of the eyewitnesses.

Police chief Hubbard saw the object through binoculars

on December 29 and then he got on his CB radio. "I called a bunch of more people out there," he said.

"I didn't want them to think I was crazy, and they did see it.

"This definitely was not a plane or a star.

"I watched it maybe five minutes or so.

"I ran back to town, got my wife and started back out. It was heading south and going up, and it finally went out of sight."

— BOB PRATT

