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COMMENTARY

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During the early 1950s contactees and the media attention given to them posed a serious threat to the credibility of the UFO subject. The general public was confusing claims from the contactees about their meetings with space brothers and saucer rides to Venus with the serious research/investigators. Almost 200 contactee oriented clubs existed at this time. They held conventions, made a good profit on their books, and blended their beliefs into occult areas, such as astrology and mysticism. The sensationalism of the contactee's claims always provided good entertainment.

Some of the notable pioneers of the modern era of Ufology such as Major Keyhoe, Coral Lorenzen and others spent much of their time trying to correct the damage caused by the contactees and to set the record straight. The contactees were the prime reason for Cpt. Ruppelt's reversal of his open-minded opinion on the phenomena. After his death his wife stated that the contactee and their followers, along with the lack of proof for the E.T. hypothesis, contributed to Ruppelt's reversal. In 1957 Lord Mountbatten was another that was driven from the subject by the nonsense.

Today the contactee and their devotees are affecting not only serious research, but on the public's perception of the phenomena as well. This also includes repeaters, people who had seen UFOs other than the one they were reporting. Their stories are usually of hearsay rather than documented eyewitness accounts and whose scanty evidence is frequently shown to have been fabricated.

On the proceeding page I've reprinted two letters from a contactee newsletter that came to our attention. As you can see, after reading the letters, the contactees in their naivete do not see the lines between their religious quest and the search for data. They seek a religious gathering and hold little promise of supplying useful information.

For well over forty years the contactee/fringe element has clung tightly to this subject and shows no sign of departing. It should be our responsibility to keep this subject on a straight and narrow course by providing scientific information and utilizing scientific method. Also, it would be wise to avoid the wild and reckless areas of thought. For it is these areas that attract and fuel the goals of the fringe element.

Science is respect for the evidence of the senses-seeing things as they are, and not as we wish them to be. The data yield of Ufology is extremely huge which proves it's worthiness has a field of scientific study. By practicing scientific methods in research we can only benefit and guide it towards a "respectable science". Scientific thinking will also draw more credible people into the field and hopefully push the fringe element into the woodwork.

## RADIO-TV LOG

Oct. 31 - CBS News carried a segment on the Marfa lights

Oct. 31 - Tempo Television aired UFO update; "Strange Harvest" was reviewed.

Nov. 7 thru Nov. 11 - Budd Hopkins was guest on "Hour Magazine" on NBC-TV.

Nov. 18 - Discovery channel "Yesteryear 1947" hosted by Dick Cavett carried a flying saucer segment.

Nov. 30 - NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" featured an abduction segment with Budd Hopkins.

Article Log

Critique - Spr/Sum 1983 p.41-55

NH investigator/researcher Rick Giordano has been pulling numerous newsclippings from bound volumes of the NY Herald Tribune dating back to July 1947.

Laff - Aug. 1950 p.12

Sky & Telescope - Dec. 1988 (Rodeghier/Oberg letter)

Sputnik - Dec. 1977 p.124

Sputnik - Feb. 1985 p. 124

Sputnik - Feb. 1973 p. 35

Sputnik - Mar. 1985 p.106

Sputnik - Spt. 1974 p. 112

Sputnik - Feb. 1984 p. 50

Sputnik - Jan. 1977 p. 81

Sputnik - Jan. 1985 p.107

Sputnik - Nov. 1975 p. 93

Sputnik - Jun. 1981 p. 38

Sputnik - Nov. 1977 p. 83

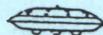
Sputnik - Oct. 1985 p. 51

Sputnik - Mar. 1979 p. 120

Sputnik - Feb. 1983 p.62

Cont' from page one-letters from a contactee newsletter

## Letters



Dear Alleen:

Looks like the UFO activity is picking up all over the place any more. I wonder if we will ever be able to keep up with all of it. The lack of media interest still amazes me, but I suppose if I didn't have so many sources I would have to look at such reports with a jaundiced eye myself.

*A thing that baffles me, is how Walt Andrus, with all his sources and the information he must collect, can take a negative view of contactee cases. It just does not make any sense to me to stick your head in the sand and say it isn't there. I hear from a lot of his regional and district directors who say they feel he is losing credibility because of his hardshell stubborn attitudes, and that must be hurting MUFON some. I wonder if he even knows that.*

You are certainly doing a marvelous job of keeping the Center together, Alleen, and you are to be commended for that. It has not missed a thing since you had to take over the whole thing.

God bless you, keep up the good work.

Respectfully, Wendelle (Thank you very much for the kind words, I appreciate them. Alleen)

From our Center in Manchaca, Texas comes the following letter:

Dear Alleen:

A lady with whom I have become acquainted had me appear on her TV show. We taped it last Wednesday and it will air next Thursday on a San Antonio cable station. Her name is Joanne Cusak. She met you several years ago. She does lectures, seminars, and is one of the leading Kirlian photography researchers in the country. We, of course, got a plug in for the "company" so I should be hearing from some people. There has been an amazing number of sightings in this area of Texas in the last month.

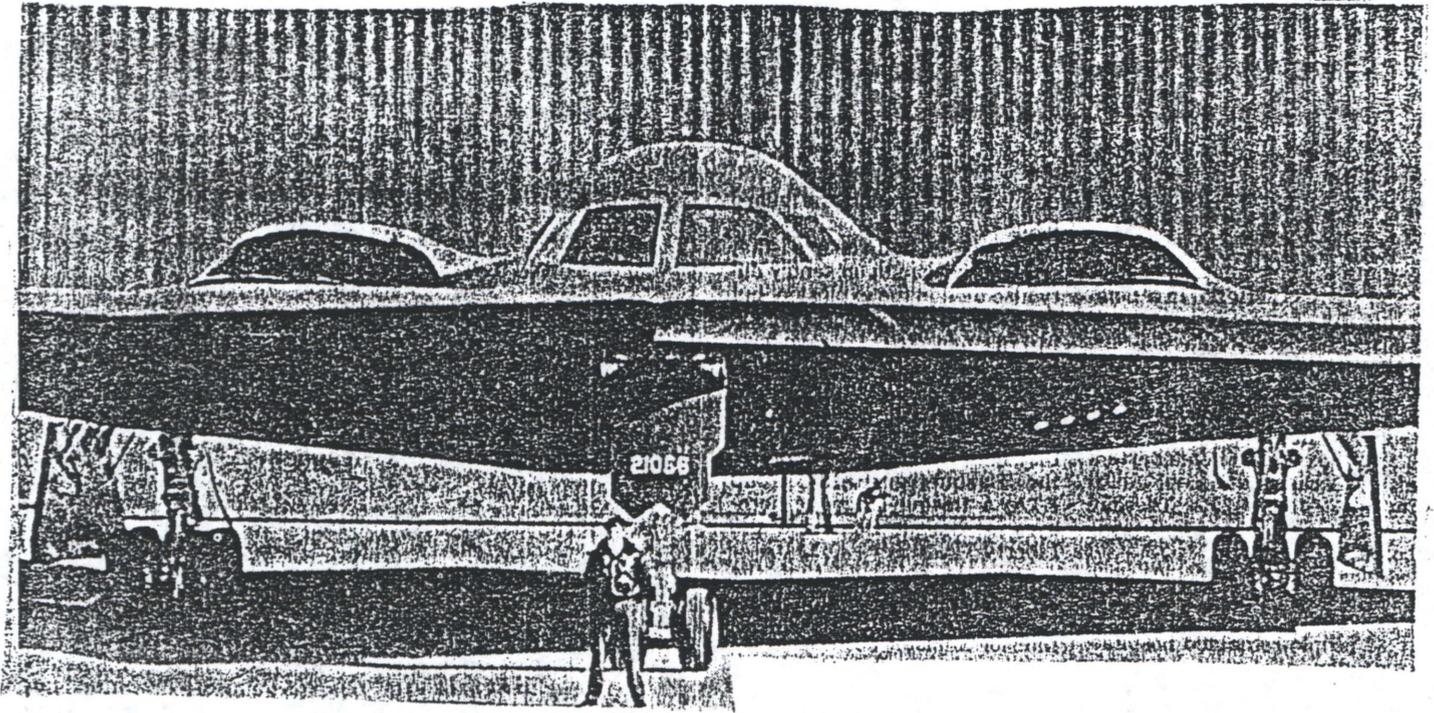
I have talked with Joanne several times. Wednesday, before the taping, she was again telling me of her growing frustrations with the physical-trace people (especially MUFON of which she is more than a mere member). That very day I had received your latest Link in which you editorialize about the same thing. In fact, her words echoed yours exactly. She was upset because they refused to seriously consider multiple-sighting cases such as most abductee/contactee cases are.

I believe that the time has come that our kind of people stop being so nice about the attacks from the physical-trace people and start vocalizing our concerns that they are the ones at fault for failing to look beyond their need for physical proof.

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Mercury is one of the hottest and coldest planets with extreme temperatures ranging from 300 degrees below zero to 800 degrees above zero.

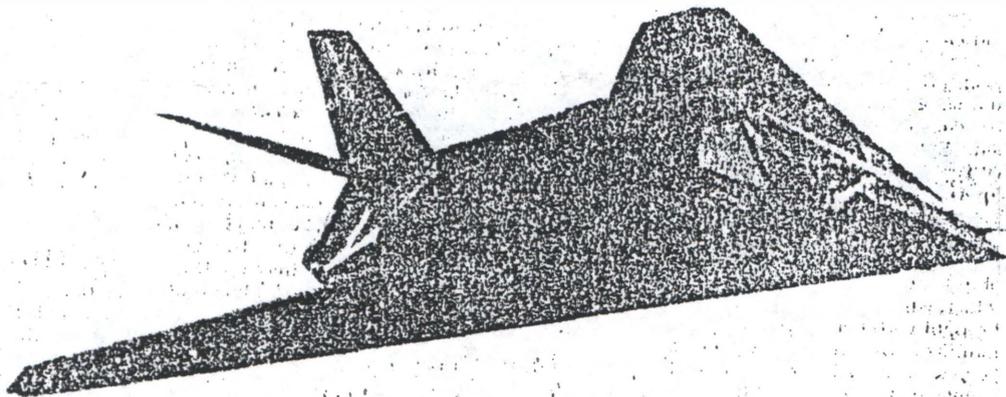
The first hydrogen bomb was exploded Nov. 1, 1952 on Eniwok Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.



On Tues Nov. 22 1988 the USAF unveiled it's top secret B-2 Stealth strategic bomber. Pentagon sources revealed that the boomerang shaped "flying wing" has been flying since June 1981. The pentagon also said that more than 50 of the stealth fighter planes are flying.

It has been noted that many field investigators have been quick in writing off many of the "V" shape or "boomerang" UFO reports, attributing them to Stealth test flights. However, it is my opinion that the gov't, through years of denials and extraordinary efforts to keep secret the existence of the aircraft would have denied any flightpaths over densely populated areas.

We know three of the Stealth fighters crashed and killed two pilots. The date of the first crash has not been revealed. The other two crashes occurred July 11, 1986 at Bakersfield, Calif. and on Oct 14, 1987 at Nellis. This tells us that the aircraft had serious problems during it's test flights. It would have been extremely irresponsible, during that time, to have the \$450 million dollar revolutionary aircraft flying over such densely populated areas as Hudson Valley and the New England area where low flying triangular objects were reported.



The sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles and is, on the average 92.9 million miles from earth. It is 1.41 times as dense as water.

The Federal Bureau of investigation was created on July 6, 1908. It was originally called Office of Chief Examiner.

# Wee balls of fire! Brazil eyes UFOs

## Air force chases 900-mph streaks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Brazil's air force ordered an investigation yesterday into the sighting of tiny balls of light that streaked through Brazilian skies at 900 mph and evaded planes sent up to chase them.

"We are looking for a technical explanation for these phenomena. So far we don't have any," the Air Force Ministry's press office said in Brasilia, the capital.

The objects were first sighted Monday night by a private plane near Sao Jose dos Campos, an industrial city 210 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro.

The air force minister, Gen. Octavio Moreira Lima, said the objects soon "were saturating radar and interfering with air traffic" in Sao Jose dos

Campos and nearby Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city. Mirages in air

Lima said the air force sent up three French-built Mirage III fighters and two U.S.-made F-5E jets to chase the objects, which he described as "multi-colored balls of light." Instead, the objects pursued one of the planes, he said.

"One of the pilots... reported that 13 of the objects accompanied his aircraft, seven on one side and six on the other," the minister said.

The air force jets confirmed the presence of the UFOs on their radar screens and reportedly chased the objects for three hours, until low fuel forced them to return to base. No further sightings were reported.

A television network

quoted a pilot as saying the objects were the size and shape of ping pong balls and flew at a speed of 900 mph.

Lima was asked in a televised interview to explain what had occurred, and answered: "Don't ask me. We don't have any explanation."

Astronomer Larry Brown of the Hayden Planetarium in New York yesterday said, "It could be anything. There's a whole lot of phenomena that take place on the Earth all the time that we don't know about."

He said there were no major meteor showers on that day, but did offer one possible explanation: "It may have something to do with the recent passage of Halley's Comet. There's a lot of dust in the air, and when it hits the Earth's atmosphere it burns brightly."

## THE MEXICO CITY NEWS

5/23/86

# Brazilian Jets Said to Have Chased UFOs

BRASILIA (UPI) — Six Brazilian air force fighter jets chased more than a dozen UFOs described as colored Ping-Pong balls and one jet was surrounded by the objects, the air force minister said Thursday.

Air Force Minister Octavio Moreira Lima said Brazilian air force planes saw intense green, red and white lights that moved at between 160 and 990 mph and picked up solid objects on the radar late Monday night.

"It is not a question of believing or not," Lima said. "This requires technical information and we have neither replies nor technical explanations for what happened," Lima said.

Lima said that state-run oil company president Ozires Silva first saw three colored lights in his path on Monday night as he prepared to land his Brazilian-made Xingu aircraft at an air force base 66 miles from the industrial heartland of Sao Paulo.

Picking up the objects on radar, Ozires canceled his landing, informed the Brazilian Defense Center and he chased the fast-moving lights, which were described as resembling Ping-Pong balls.

News reports said the Brazilian Defense Center entered a "state of alert" and sent three F-5E jet fighters after the lights, pursuing the objects during 30 minutes toward the Sao Paulo coast.

"In the six years that I have worked with the Defense Center I never saw anything similar," Head of Operations Maj. Neu Cerqueira told the O Globo newspaper.

Lima said the three jet fighters came as close as four miles to the objects.

"At one point the chase was inverted and a F-5E fighter was surrounded by 13 colored lights, and chased with seven on one side and six on the other," Lima said.

But the F-5E planes were forced to land after a 30-minute chase when they ran out of fuel, O Globo newspaper said.

Three supersonic Mirage III fighters armed with Sidewinder and Matra 530 missiles were sent to continue the chase, but though they picked up the objects on radar, they were unable to see the lights, Lima said.

The highest town in the U.S. is Climax, CO., at 11,560 feet.

## NOTE ON A MANIFESTATION OF ELECTRICITY

AT RINGSTEAD BAY, ON THE COAST OF DORSET,

On AUGUST 17th, 1876.

(Communicated by H. S. EATON, M.A., F.R.Met.Soc.)

[Read June 15th, 1887.]

A REMARKABLE display of electricity was witnessed at Ringstead Bay, on the Dorset Coast, on August 17th, 1876, by Mrs. and Miss Warry, of Holwell, near Sherborne.

North and east of the Bay the cliffs and steep declivities of broken ground, so conspicuous in the view from the Esplanade at Weymouth, descend from the Downs as a kind of undercliff. On the western side of the Bay the cliff diminishes, ending near Ringstead Ledges. About half way down the hill the coast-guard path from Whitenose to Osmington Mill runs close by a small sandstone quarry, on the brow of the cliff where the Upper Green Sand is faulted against the Kimmeridge Clay. The clay extends from the quarry to the foot of the hill, and falls sideways rather abruptly to the beach. The grassy, treeless brink of this clay cliff, for a distance of some 200 or 300 yards from the quarry downwards, and over a width of 3 or 4 yards from the edge of the cliff, was the place where the phenomenon was observed, the height above sea-level being probably from 150 to 250 feet. It is not known how much further the display extended along the edge of the cliff up or down the hill.

The weather for some weeks had been hot and dry, and the fields were parched by the drought; but at last a change was evidently approaching. The day was dull, sunless, and very sultry: from an early hour sheet lightning had been flashing frequently in various directions, unaccompanied by thunder. Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon the above-mentioned ladies, longing for a breeze, strolled to the edge of the cliff some distance below the quarry from a neighbouring cottage. The heat was oppressive; hardly a breath was astir, but faint puffs of sweltering air surged fitfully upwards from the ground. Mrs. Warry's first impression, on gaining the brink of the declivity facing the sea, was that the heat had affected her sight.

Over the crest of the ground, surrounding them on all sides, and extending from a few inches above the surface to 2 or 3 feet overhead, numerous globes of light, the size of billiard balls, were moving independently and vertically up and down, sometimes within a few inches of the observers, but always eluding the grasp; now gliding slowly upwards 2 or 3 feet, and as slowly falling again, resembling in their movements soap bubbles floating in the air. The balls were all aglow, but not dazzling, with a soft, superb iridescence, rich and warm of hue, and each of variable tints, their charming colours heightening the extreme beauty of the scene. The subdued magnificence of this fascinating spectacle is described as baffling description. Their numbers were continually fluctuating; at one time thousands of them apparently enveloped the observers, and a few minutes afterwards the numbers would dwindle to perhaps as few as twenty, but soon they would be swarming again as numerous as ever. Not the slightest noise accompanied this display.

The ladies scampered up to the quarry and down again several times along the edge of the cliff, viewing the phenomenon for upwards of an hour with vague and increasing apprehension, and returned to the cottage, leaving the display in active operation. How long it continued, and when it began, is unknown.

About 10 p.m. a severe thunderstorm, attended with torrents of rain, came up from the sea; and on the next day, about 5 p.m., a waterspout was seen off Whitenose.

DONNEY—APPEARANCE OF LUMINOUS BUBBLES IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

## NOTE ON AN APPEARANCE OF LUMINOUS BUBBLES IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

By THE REV. A. BONNEY, M.A.

(Communicated by R. H. SCOTT, F.R.S., F.R.Met.Soc.)

[Read June 15th, 1887.]

On a day in the month of January 1871, a lady residing at Park Place, Remenham, observed the following phenomenon shortly before noon.

The weather was intensely cold, snow was lying after a fall some days previously. The sky was dull grey, with "rusty" clouds hanging rather low, the sun just showing itself, and the air was perfectly still.

The wall paper and furniture of the room in which the lady was sitting were suddenly flushed with rose colour, which gradually deepened into crimson, passing through bright gold into orange, lilac and deep violet.

It was then seen that from the centre of the level space of snow within view, a group of air bubbles, of the shape and apparent size of the coloured India rubber balls sold in the streets, rose to a considerable height and then began to move up and down within a limited area, and at an equal distance from each other, some ascending others descending.

The appearance lasted about two minutes, at the expiration of which the balls were carried away by a current of wind to the eastward and disappeared.

Another group of balls arose subsequently from the same spot, and the phenomena were precisely reproduced.

It was remarked that the balls assumed in succession the tints which had been observed on the walls of the room.

The appearance was also witnessed by a maid servant, who, on entering the room, at once exclaimed, "Oh, look at those little balls going up and down."

The above particulars were noted down immediately after a conversation with the lady who saw the bubbles, but she had frequently referred to the matter previously. Though rather advanced in years, she is in full possession of her faculties and is rather unusually keen and observant.

Pay particular attention to the descriptions given by the observers of the luminous spheres. There is strong similarities between the 1871-1876 reports and the Brazilian report. The Brazilian report describes the phenomena as ping-pong balls and tiny balls of light. The 1871/1876 description is of balls of light the size of billiard balls and Indian rubber balls. In the 1876 and the Brazilian reports there seemed to be some type of interaction between the observers and spheres. The 1871 report mentions the balls were carried away by wind current. It would be interesting to find out what the upper wind patterns were during the Brazilian event.

## FLYING SAUCERS: ARE THEY US?

There may be some interesting sidetrips in store for tourists in the 31st century—such as whirlwind visits to the "good old days" of 1984.

by Donald A. White

Illustrated by Marcus Hamilton

Although many assumptions must be piled one upon another to create the theory that "flying saucers" are from another world, only a single assumption is required to indicate that such craft—if they do indeed exist—come from the planet Earth!

UFOs, flying saucers—why have they captured and held the attention of so many people? Perhaps because we'd like to believe we are not alone in the universe. Our earth and solar system are a part of one average galaxy called the Milky Way, which contains 100 billion stars similar to our own sun. Since most of these "suns" have satellites or "planets," even the most cautious scientist will admit millions of planets in our galaxy may be capable of supporting some type of life form in some stage of evolution. These life forms might be millions of years behind us in evolution or millions of years ahead of us in intelligence. Because the evolutionary changes on Earth were created by the trillions of accidents since the first building blocks of life were created, it is inconceivable to imagine this erratic chain of evolutionary events occurring in exactly the same manner—even on a duplicate Earth—anywhere in the universe and producing the same level of potential evolutionary intelligence as man's.

The two most popular worldwide theories on flying saucers can be briefly described. The first: Flying saucers are some combination of unique weather- and earth-related phenomena (such as swamp gas, freak electrical discharges from the sky or piezoelectric effects within the earth's crust); the second: They are natural objects misidentified as

weather balloons, helicopters or even bright stars.

The bona fide UFO advocate, of course, will quickly point out the great number of airline pilots and qualified scientists who have observed UFOs in action and described, with some degree of mechanical detail, what was often confirmed by other qualified observers miles or even hundreds of miles away. Although many "sightings" admittedly could well be natural phenomena or wishful thinking, this group also points out the 10 percent or more of such sightings unexplainable even by the U.S. Air Force—unless you wish to class very large numbers of reputable observers as "kooks."

So where do the saucers come from? And why? If they exist then they must come from other worlds, say observers. Why this theory? Simply because the saucers have flight capabilities beyond anything within man's current ability to duplicate. These capabilities include observed speeds of 5,000 miles per hour or more and the ability to stop abruptly in midair and change direction (often at right angles) with "G" forces that no human pilot could survive. "Consequently they are the product of a far advanced technology and piloted, or guided, by a superior intelligence," proponents of this theory would say.

Why are "they" observing Earth? Some saucer advocates go back to the beginning of recorded history to prove that strange flying craft have observed the earth for thousands of years. The most common theory is that these extraterrestrial beings are monitoring Earth at regular intervals—perhaps because we have har-

nessed the enormous destructive power of the atom before we have learned to control ourselves. "It could be," say the UFO advocates, "that the 'saucer people' want to protect us from ourselves. Or, as we take the first step toward space exploration, to protect themselves and their worlds from our proven capabilities for mass destruction." (One estimate is that, in the total recorded history of our planet, only 15 years have passed without some major war under way!) It does make sense that, if you lived next door in space to the planet Earth, you would be quite concerned about your neighbors' first visit!

It sounds like a plausible theory. After all, we've all seen *Star Wars* and "Buck Rogers" and realize the universe is crammed with intelligent furry critters, clever lizards and cute robots of every size and inclination—none as dull as our day-to-day associations with ordinary people in the pursuit of paying taxes and financing a new car or home. And there are hundreds of sightings daily all over the world; in addition, the press whets our interest with personal experience stories from just plain, average people who have "made contact" with the strange little green men with narrow eyes (though they usually forget to take pictures or bring home artifacts). And although hypnosis has been used to help these persons reconstruct their "contacts," I tend to disregard such saucer lore, since by amateur hypnosis I have convinced friends that they saw and heard perfectly splendid, classic flying saucers as they were leaving my home. It's actually far more difficult to get them to stop smoking for 24 hours!

I promise not to destroy your love affair with flying saucers by poking holes in the space-visitors theory and leaving you with only a ball of pulsating, fast-maneuvering swamp gas as an explanation. However, let's see how many assumptions one must make for the other-worlds theory to hold water:

Our first assumption was that perhaps one of our neighboring planets—such as Venus or Mars—held these superintelligent life forms. Since we've taken the first steps in researching our sun's planets, we now know that none (other

than earth) can support any imaginable life form—much less the environment for building snazzy space-ships.

"Maybe our visitors are from a planet of a neighboring sun?" Well, the nearest sun is Alpha Centauri, a mere 4.3 light years away (which is roughly 6 trillion miles)—a million-year trip going full tilt in a Lear jet! Obviously, if we Earthlings manage to annihilate our planet in one giant atomic explosion, it would have no effect upon Alpha Centauri's possible planets. Frankly, it might well be a case of "good riddance."

Of course, we have billions of such stars in our own Milky Way galaxy, which is 100,000 light years across. Why would "they" want to contact earth? Because we're intelligent creatures? Actually, if they have radio and television, it will be more than 50,000 years in our future before even half of these other earths can tune in "Gilligan's Island" or any radio signal from our planet.

And so the assumptions continue, piled one upon another until we have a fantastic stack of unlikely probabilities that must "mesh" in order to get one space visitor to Earth. (Obviously, if you can get one spacecraft here, you could load a gigantic mother ship with smaller spacecrafts and explain the many different types of saucers that apparently cram our airways.) But that's just one more assumption added to the stack.

Have we killed off all the little green men and cute, furry space critters for you? Worried because no superintelligence from somewhere in the universe is going to stop us from destroying our Earth? Don't be, because our theory, with only one assumption, explains who the saucer people really are! *They're us.*

In the past 100 years, the people of the civilized countries of the earth have undergone the greatest technological revolution conceivable on any planet anywhere in the universe. We've developed the laser, the transistor and worldwide communications that let us talk via satellite from our living-room chair to almost any other home in any developed country in the world. We can fly (cocktails and dinner included)

between continents at almost 2,000 miles per hour. About the only thing we can't build today is a flying saucer that meets the qualifications and flight characteristics of those reported by reliable witnesses, time and time again. Here is a brief composite of those sightings: "It was definitely of mechanical origin. It seemed to have ports or windows around the base or sides. It seemed to be trailing an antenna or submarine-type tower. It changed color frequently and colors seemed to pulsate. It was capable of hovering, then traveling at speeds faster than any plane's. It could stop instantly and then shoot off at a right

angle or make these right-angle turns at speeds that would kill any living creature. It was seen by many other observers unknown to me and described in the same manner. It was tracked by airport radar and disappeared off the screen."

When apparently reliable witnesses report on craftlike UFOs, strong consistencies—and important ones—recur. These consistencies support the most likely assumption of all—that these craft were developed by Earthmen.

Now a short course in scientific fact. Of all things in this universe only the speed of light (186,000 miles per second) is consistent. So, utilizing the Doppler principle, we are able to measure our universe and gauge the speed with which we approach or depart any other star system in the universe. (The Doppler principle: The colors of light change in direct proportion to the speed of an object traveling toward us or away from us and move up or down the color spectrum. You've probably noted the same effect with a train whistle or car horn—the pitch gets higher as the horn approaches and lower in tone as it departs. Remember the pulsating colors on our reported "flying saucers" that shifted from yellow to red or green to blue, etc.? This is the Doppler effect you would most likely see if a craft were traveling at close to the speed of light...or traveling in time!)

Another scientific fact is the nature of time itself. Whether you happen to be a human, an alarm clock or an atomic particle, the closer you approach the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), the more time slows down for you! For instance, if you were to take a four-year trip in a spacecraft traveling at close to the speed of light, you'd be four years older when you landed—but on earth thousands of years would have passed. You would be ancient history—possibly a legend

or more likely forgotten for centuries. Civilization (if it existed) would be thousands of years advanced. Language and technology would have undergone unimaginable changes. And you could not safely land your craft and walk about your home planet! Why? Because bacteria and earthly contamination to which these future Earthlings would be immune might easily overwhelm your more primitive immune system. You, in truth, would be alien on your own planet!

Travel into the future is possible. Chances are you've already traveled in time, for time actually slows down for the people aboard a jet plane. On a trip from New York to Los Angeles you arrive younger by perhaps a billionth of a second. The only noticeable effects would occur, however, near the speed of light.

Remember the high-speed, right-angle turns made by our "flying saucers"? If they were observable to you on Earth as they flew at a speed, approaching that of light, they would appear to make instant right-angle turns at 5,000 miles per hour, although the time travelers themselves (during the ten seconds you observed their amazing performance) would be living "slower" and thus perhaps having a full hour to execute the maneuver at very comfortable speeds and to exert no more "G" force than a normal turn in a jet airliner.

Certainly neither the United States nor Russia has discovered a

The outer seven layers of spacesuits worn by U.S. astronauts protect them from temperatures in space that can be 200 degrees higher or lower than those on earth.

The largest volcanic eruptions in recent centuries have all occurred in Indonesia.

### \* UFO TRIVIA\*

Q: It is alleged that a UFO attacked this Brazilian garrison in 1947?

A: Fort Itaipu.

"saucers" darting willy-nilly about our countryside for decades would be a lousy way to keep a military secret.

Who—in all the known universe—could the builder be? For years we have searched space with massive radio telescopes. We have listened on all frequencies, seeking one faint radio signal indicating the presence of intelligent life. We have located the center of our universe and listened to the sounds of dying stars millions of light years apart in time and space. By 1981 we had searched to a depth of 2 billion years without a single radio signal indicating intelligence anywhere else in the universe.

Remember the pictures you've seen of flying saucers? Who could build them now? We could—except we don't know how to build the power source or how it operates at this moment. Remember what we have accomplished in the past 100 years—from the horse cart to manned space flight. Today 90 percent of all scientists who have ever lived are still alive. We're virtually knee-deep in living scientists, technologically oriented and possessing computer systems linking them with the most recent thinking of thousands of others in their field. Computers can solve in seconds intricate problems that only a few decades ago would have taken a team of geniuses many months or years to solve. Forty years ago, college textbooks stated, "The atom is the smallest particle of matter. It cannot be divided." Then came Los Alamos.

Today we are exploring atomic fusion, which is basically safe atomic energy. It can turn the common isotope deuterium (found in all sea water) into electrical power—a source of power so plentiful that mankind will have departed this Earth and the Earth will have died before it is depleted. How far away is fusion as a practicable energy source? Perhaps 40 years or less. Perhaps far longer. But when we conquer fusion, we will be controlling the basic matter of the universe—the power of our sun. Combining this power, computers and other new technology, the possibility of time travel, or "looking into the past," may become a reality. Remember, when you look at any

thousands of years into the past!

Einstein is certainly to be reckoned with when one talks about time travel. He proved our potential to travel into the future, but not our potential to return. There was a paradox. For instance, should you physically travel back to your parents' childhood and kill one of them, then you could never have been born. Or suppose you killed Hitler at the time he was an art student? You would have completely changed civilized Earth as we know it today. We agree. It is physically impossible to travel backwards in time—as we know it. Let's look at the rules once more in their most simple form:

**Rule 1:** You can travel forward in time relative to "Earth time" if you travel fast enough.

**Rule 2:** You can never physically "see" into that future time unless you can exist in that time.

**Rule 3:** You can "see" into the past. Because of the time lag in light reaching you from any object you see, you always see in the past. (As you read this you are seeing words as they existed a thousandth of a second ago in your past. When you look at a star you may be seeing many thousands of years into the past.)

**Rule 4:** You cannot physically exist in the past—due to the paradox discussed above (i.e., killing your parents before you were born).

**Rule 5:** Time is relative to the speed of light and is different on Earth from any other point in the universe.

**Rule 6:** There's a lot we don't know about the nature of the universe, although scientists suspect that the universe curves back upon itself in a warpage of time and space. One amazing thing about the rules of our universe is that there are places where the rules that should apply—don't.

Astronomers call these places "black holes"—areas of space where atoms are so compressed that the population of Earth would fit into a teaspoon. The mass of the mysterious "black hole" is so great it captures everything—including light and atomic radio signals. We can't see them or hear them—yet the

"black holes" swallow up almost infinite amounts of matter, which simply disappear! It would be similar to pouring 100 gallons of water into an infinitely small funnel—with nothing coming out the small end of the funnel. It shouldn't happen but it does!

Meanwhile, separated from the "black holes" by thousands of light years are the phenomena called "white holes" where matter gushes into the universe—from where? Are black holes and white holes somehow connected in a fifth or sixth dimension? How does the matter travel between them—if it does? This phenomenon indicates connections between time and space we do not yet understand. When we bring our future research to bear on the problems of fusion power, we'll learn more about these doorways into the nature of time and space.

The year is A.D. 2381. Our scientists have discovered the technology to short-circuit normal space and time. They have discovered that, although they cannot physically exist in the past (due to Einstein's paradox), they can see into the past by a form of time travel. In the same manner that you could see over a very tall brick fence by using a trampoline to bounce you high enough to see over that barrier, they have used the unlimited power of fusion to create a warpage of time and space. Their equipment for this adventure is a flying laboratory that does not necessarily fly at all—but rather travels in time. Like the trampoline, it gains its power in short bursts that enable it to temporarily rend the fabric of time. Safely enclosed in a bubble of its own time, it oscillates perhaps thousands of times a second, back and forth between A.D. 2381 and the past. The enormous power requirements for each "jump" or oscillation into the past cannot be created aboard the laboratory, and therefore the craft must exist in its own time many times a second to "refuel." The speed and power utilized in these cycles determine both its location in the past and its ability to move in time.

Like a theater today in which we watch 24 still pictures a second become a solid moving picture, the

Humans have an "eye fatigue" that retains images for a short period after they cease to exist. It's why movies work—and possibly why UFOs seem real. (If you've ever photographed a TV screen or movie screen, chances are you've got a blurred photo—since the camera does not have eye fatigue. Of course, if this theory is true, it would seem that qualified observers might have good, detailed descriptions of the UFOs they've seen—and photographs might consistently be fuzzy or lack good detail. And we must admit that, in spite of the millions of cameras that exist today, there has not been one good photograph of a UFO in spite of the amateurs' ability to get clear photos of jet aircraft apparently traveling many times faster!)

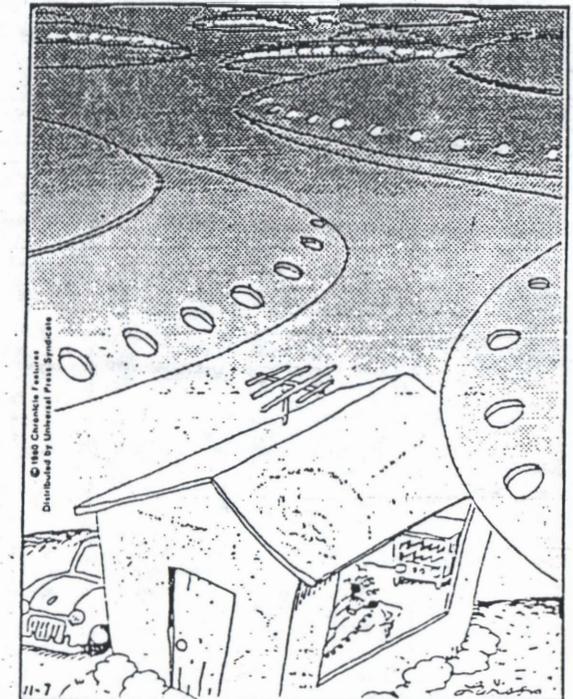
Since Earth is in constant motion through space and time, the time traveler does not depend upon wings or airfoils for locomotion. Rather, he uses the power at his command to travel in time, which serves as an excellent means of moving about. (Excellent: If you could stay exactly

our sun faster than the Earth, you could find yourself freezing in space in seconds. The speed at which you travel in time determines your location. To the amazed viewers on Earth watching your apparently solid ship, your hovering in their space and time makes them see this unusual maneuver as "helicopter-like." Your enormous power and ability to travel in time and to approach the speed of light in the hovering process explain why the electrical field emanating from your craft may change colors or pulsate. Remember the Doppler effect?)

Now remember that by traveling at speeds approaching the speed of light, our time traveler is living in a "slower" time. What seems to be a five-minute maneuver at high speeds, with impossible right-angle turns, is made very comfortably at these "slower" times. For the pilot of the saucer, several hours may have been involved in these very comfortable maneuvers you observed at your "faster" time. X

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## THE FAR SIDE© by Gary Larson



"Yeah, Sylvia . . . my sel too . . . and in the middle of Laverne and Shirley."

Frost is the formation of thin ice crystals that develop under conditions similar to dew except that freezing temperatures are involved.

At a running speed of 71 mph, the cheetah is the fastest land animal. The fastest creature in the world is the peregrin falcon, which can achieve a speed of 240 mph in a power dive.

# Alien-signals policy set by scientists

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Toronto Globe and Mail

We often hear during discussions on "crash retrievals"; why the blanket of secrecy? The popular theory seems to center around politics. As we all know the game plan of international politics is world dominance. So it is obvious if a certain govt' has retrieved a vehicle of Extraterrestrial origin and is capable of harnessing or duplicating it's technology that govt' will have the upper-hand in the game plan of politics. So a cover-up must be initiated to prevent the other side from gaining knowledge of it.

This article rings the opposite. Notice the concerned efforts of the scientific community to maintain a free-flow of information, in regards to their findings, and to keep politics out of the way. Also in the article one of the priorities in the agreement is to first seek out all alternative explanations before reporting readings as alien contact.

What should astronomers do when they believe they have received radio signals that could come only from intelligent life elsewhere in the universe? Whom would they tell? And when would they tell them?

A nine-point draft international agreement regulating the way in which such a finding is to be verified and then released to the world is being presented this week at a meeting of the International Astronomical Congress in Bangalore, India.

The agreement was produced after four years discussion by a group including a space lawyer, several astronomers and the director of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Advanced Technology. Peter Boyce, co-author of the agreement and executive director of the American Astronomical Society in Washington, said the pact tries to insure the reporting and exchange of information is not subject to political pressure.

Astronomers have worried that the nation in which the original finding was made would try to keep the information secret in hopes of gaining for itself some kind of technological superiority by decoding the signal. There is also concern that the

early entrance of an international political body's bureaucracy, such as that of the United Nations, might slow the exchange of information.

In a variety of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) programs, radio astronomers have collected and analyzed radio wave signals coming from various points in the universe. The concern over verification has grown because of the appearance of signals apparently so unusual that they defy explanation by conventional means, therefore lending themselves to the idea of an alien civilization.

However, these signals have either been tied to technologies of Earth origin or have never repeated themselves.

Therefore, the agreement first requires discoverers to seek all possible alternative explanations before reporting readings as alien contact.

Secondly, other scientists must be reached, so the signal can be verified and tracked and so possible alternative explanations can be offered.

Once there was general agreement that a signal clearly suggests an extraterrestrial technology, the United Nations and various astronomical bodies would be notified. Only then would the discoverers have the right to announce their findings to the public.

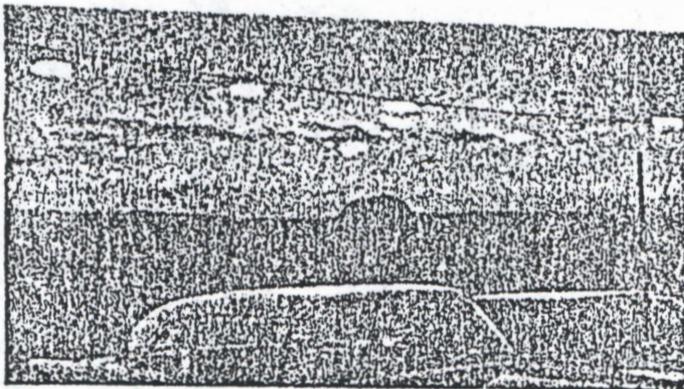
## "Shades of Gulf Breeze."

This is a poor copy compared to the original but as you can see there is a strong resemblance to the GB photos particularly in luminescence.

For those who are interested in obtaining further information on the GB saga CUFOS investigator/coordinator Bob Boyd has compiled more data on Mr. Ed's "Ghost Photographs." These are photos taken by Mr. Ed of "demons, devils, ghosts ect. while joking with the neighborhood teenagers.

For more information write to:

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## Flying saucers

Not "proof" of flying saucers over the Municipal Airport at Akron, Ohio, but inadvertent trick photography that went unnoticed until the film was developed. The "saucers" are reflections of ceiling lights in a restaurant window.

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## OZARK UFO CONFERENCE

Planning is underway for the first UFO conference at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The conference will be held on April 14, 15, and 16, 1989 at the Inn of the Ozarks. (P.O. Box #431-Eureka Springs, AR. 72632. Tel. (501) 253-9768. The speakers who have already made commitments to be present are: Dr. Thomas Bullard, Dr. James Deardorff, Bob Pratt, and Robert Reid. Other tentative speakers are: Cynthia Hind from Zimbabwe, Timothy Good and Norman Oliver from England. For further info write to: Ed Mazur Rt#3, Box #302 Mena, AR. 71953

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT XMAS - 1

TYPE OF REPORT: EXTRAORDINARY CE 3 TYPE G

DATE OF SIGHTING: THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

PLACE OF SIGHTING: SPRUCE RD. BRAINTREE, MA USA

LOCAL EVALUATION: MINDBOGGLING!

TO: MUFON (MERLYN'S UFO NETWORK)

FROM: RAY FOULUP

SIGHTING ACCOUNT

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHEN IN THE HOUSE JOE WAS SOUND ASLEEP SNORING WHEN SHE SAW THE UFO WITH A LITTLE OLD DRIVER WHO CAME FROM AFAR SHE KNEW IN A MOMENT, TWAS SURELY QUAZGAA.

MORE RAPIDLY THAN JET PLANES HIS SPACESHIPS THEY CAME AND BY TELEPATHY WONDROUS HE CALLED CREW BY NAME "NOW JOOHOP, ANDANTIO, EXXON, ZEKLARD - LET'S MAKE TWO FAST PACES OVER MERLYN'S BACKYARD!"

AS "FLUTTERING LEAVES" BEFORE A WILD HURRICANE FLY WHEN THEY MEET WITH AN OBSTACLE MOUNT TO THE SKY, SO OVER HER HOUSETOP, THE UFOS THEY FLEW WITH DOMES FULL OF ELVES AND ST. QUAZGAA TOO!

WITH EYES FULL OF WONDER, POOR MERLYN RETIRED. "WHO WILL BELIEVE ME?" HER SHOCKED MIND ENQUIRED. BUT FORGOTTEN THAT NIGHT WHILE IN BED SHE DID HEAR, ON HER ROOF THE ALIGHTING OF THREE TRIPOD GEAR.

AS SHE CREPT OUT OF BED AND WAS TURNING AROUND, DOWN THE CHIMNEY OLD QUAZGAA CAME WITH A BOUND. HE WAS DRESSED IN A TIGHT SUIT FROM HEAD TO HIS FOOT, HIS BODY ALL TARNISHED WITH ASHES AND SOOT.

A BUNDLE OF INSTUMENTS WAS FLUNG ON HIS BACK AND HE LOOKED LIKE A PEDDLER JUST OPENING HIS PACK. HIS CAT EYES THEY TWINKLED, ON HIS HEAD LIKE A PEAR. HIS MOUTH WAS A SLIT AND HE HAD NOT EVEN ONE HAIR.

A GLARE FROM HIS EYES AND A TWIST FROM HIS HEAD GAVE MERLYN TO KNOW, SHE HAD NOTHING TO DREAD. HE SPOKE NOT A WORD BUT WENT STRAIGHT TO HIS WORK PLACE A NEEDLE IN MERLYN, THEN REMOVED WITH A JERK.

AND PUTTING A B-B INSIDE OF HER NOSE, AND GIVING A NOD - UP THE CHIMNEY HE ROSE HE SPRANG TO HIS UFO, TO HIS CREW GAVE A WHISTLE-AND AWAY THEY ALL FLEW LIKE THE DOWN ON A THISTLE.

BUT I HEARD HIS "WITHIN" AS HE MOVED OUT OF SIGHT HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO MERLYN, GOOD NIGHT!!!

cr: Barry Greenwood  
Merlyn Sheehan  
Ray Fowler

SUBMITTED BY R.E.FOWLER  
POET-INVESTIGATOR,

The next issue of Orbiter will be out shortly after the holidays. I hope your holidays are joyous.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY/HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!