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PROJECT VISUAL

Founded in 1974 by James Gregory, Project Visual serves as a clearing house that investigates and publishes UFO sightings and encounters. "VISUAL" is the acronym for Volunteer Investigators that Study Unidentified Airborne Lights. Project Visual is actively seeking volunteers to investigate casework and research data. Sighting reports and other pertinent information will be published in the Project Visual magazine. For further information write to: Project Visual - 50 Euclid Ave. Ludlow, KY. 41016 USA.

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND

Several recent surveys conducted by the Public Opinion Laboratory at Northern Illinois University, for the National Science Foundation, suggests that a vast number of Americans are scientifically illiterate (The Boston Globe 11/14/88 & NZ Herald 10/27/88). Out of 2,041 adult Americans polled more than half did not know that the Earth goes around the sun in one year. Twenty percent believed the sun orbits the Earth. Another 17 percent thought the Earth goes around the sun once a day. In another poll conducted by the National Science Board, one out of five Americans believes sound travels faster than light. A true-false question on whether lasers - an essential component of the Star Wars defence system - work by focusing sound waves, only 36 percent answered correctly with false. Twenty-five percent answered true and 35 percent answered they did not know. Lasers work by focusing light waves.

"If they come from other planets, it is certain they are not spaceships...they will be something much more sophisticated". - Arthur C. Clark

SURVEILLANCE OR HARASSMENT
 Commentary: Jim Melesciuc

During the 1952 UFO flap the CIA and high ranking USAF officers thought the wave of reports might constitute a threat to national security. To offset this threat one of the recommendations of the Robertson panel, which convened from January 14 - 17 1953 in Washington, suggested that two major private UFO organizations, APRO and CSI, "be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur".(1) Hence the birth of government surveillance on UFO organizations.

In the early days of APRO it seemed quite obvious that Jim and Coral Lorenzen came under close scrutiny by mysterious individuals. On one occasion, two men came to their rented house and told them they were painting contractors. She referred them to the landlord, but they showed no interest in obtaining the name of the landlord and tried to engage in a conversation. Later Coral was surprised to see them sitting in their car parked down the street in a position where they could view her house easily. Still later she learned that APRO's treasurer and secretary had received similar calls from the same two painting contractors. This was curious, the treasurer's home had been newly painted, and the secretary lived in an apartment building. (2)

The Central Intelligence Agency had a drastic influence on NICAP. During it's years of existence several ex-CIA employees managed to fit themselves into NICAP's structure, eventually rendering it so ineffective it was dissolved.(3)

In later years Ufologists still felt they had problems with government surveillance. A good example of this occurred during Dr. Hynek and Phil Imbrogno's research/investigation into the Hudson Valley sightings. An agent from the National Security Agency had called Imbrogno and said he had been following the sightings from the beginning in early 1983. He mentioned that his interest was purely personal. However, he quizzed the investigators for over an hour and showed a particular interest in Dr. Hynek, such as how long will Hynek be staying in the area, where will he be staying, and how much he knew about the sightings.(4)

UFO investigator/author Ray Fowler is another that had strange goings on. One noteworthy occurrence was with his telephone. While pondering about the recent problems with his telephone his curiosity got the better of him and he asked the telephone company to check out his line. The company found out that Ray's line was connected to a tap-off. This would enable the telephone company, or any party authorized, to listen in on his telephone line without detection. With further research Ray found out that with such a hookup, whenever his phone rang or whenever he lifted up the receiver, another party could be alerted and monitor the call without detection. Ray felt that this could also explain the strange clicks, the busy signal when no one is on the phone, and why the phone goes dead.(2)

A CIA memo, released through the FOIA 26 April 1976, proposes how they have officers and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the UFO phenomena and that the CIA should keep in touch with and, in fact, develop reporting channels in this area to keep the agency informed of any new developments.(5) This statement is extremely suggestive that government agencies are interested in gathering intelligence, most likely through infiltration of UFO organizations and/or through electronic surveillance.

Let's take a look at these two methods of collecting intelligence. There can be no better way to monitor a UFO group than through "penetration" - planting an agent into it. He is then in a position to elicit the desired information from persons who come to trust him and who are unaware of his true role. If an agency cannot insert it's own agent within an organization, the alternative then would be to recruit somebody who is already there.(6) Ufologists should keep in mind that anyone can become a member of a group for only a small fee. At group meetings there is the usual discussion of the latest news, case work, and organizational politics. Without any difficulty the agent could inconspicuously record discussions on his pocket cassette recorder and if needed he could simply photograph paperwork and members by utilizing a wristwatch camera.(see illustration p.#4)

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The modern office and meeting rooms where regular discussions often take place can be major targets for collecting intelligence. If the agent in the group is unable to attend a closed meeting, for instance, he may utilize a whole host of devices. The most widely used is the telephone. There is a variety of miniature devices that can be installed into the phone to monitor either what is said into the phone or what is said in the room while the phone is on the hook. Radio transmitters can be put into innocent objects such as a cigarette lighter or a pen. A table lamp or t.v. set can be used as carrier current devices with speech in the room being passed down the electrical mains. There is also a device called the laser eavesdropping technique. It operates by using a window as a modulator with the glass vibrating in symphony with speech in the room in the same manner as a diaphragm in a microphone.(7) (see illustration p.#4)

If visual surveillance is required video cameras can be built into desk-top intercoms, wall clocks, even clothes mannequins in department stores. There is also the revolutionary pinhole "Abscam" lense as small as 1/16 of a inch. Another is the flexible fiber optic lens which can be up to 36 inches long and can be snaked into such places as through a keyhole. Another area, infrared sensing technology, pioneered by the spy-satellite program is the use of IR cameras that can see through a wall by detecting the level of body heat emanated by bodies on the other side of the wall.(8)

A couple of weeks ago I was having a pleasant conversation with a close friend. He has no ties to the UFO community and he is a reliable source within the U.S Justice Department. Knowing that he works his "trade" along international lines I inquired on the use of surveillance techniques. He then told me of a recent criminal case he was working. In gathering strong evidence for the case it was essential to photograph numerous individuals buying airline tickets at a certain international airport. He accomplished this task by utilizing a fisheye lens camera built into a briefcase. The camera is controlled by, what appears to be, a combination lock on the briefcase. In the interim of our conversation I decided to ask him about the use of helicopters in gathering intelligence and for surveillance purposes on organizations and individuals. What prompted me to pose this question is the numerous accounts of mysterious helicopters allegedly haunting UFO witnesses/abductees, such as Betty (Andreasson) Luca, Kathy Davis, and others in the UFO community.(9) His answer was "the use of helicopters for collecting intelligence and for surveillance purposes on any given target is absolutely absurd, to have a 45 foot diameter propeller pounding away is like waving a flag and saying here I am". He added, however, that the helicopter in combat serves an essential purpose in visual surveillance "to sort of see over the hilltop".

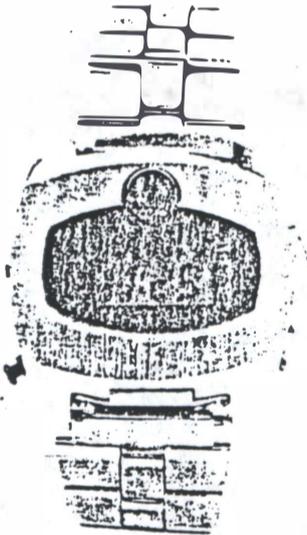
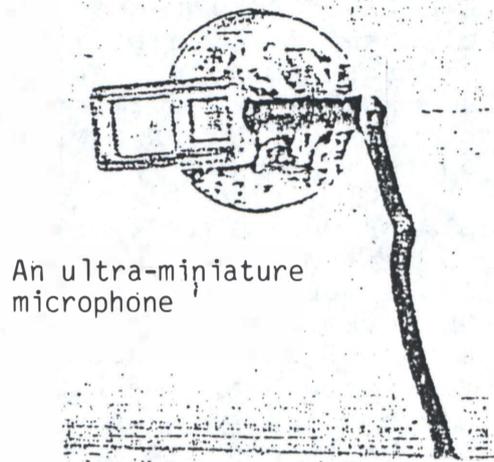
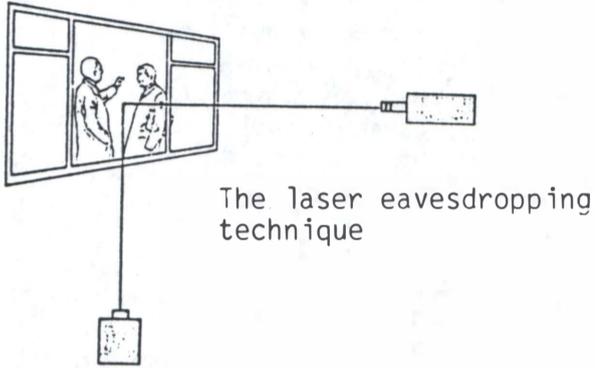
Questions must be answered before drawing conclusions of harassment by a government helicopter. For instance, is the individual making the claim familiar with air-routes and flight patterns? Why is a helicopter, colored black, automatically linked to a government agency? Is he/she aware that many civilian and private industries fly black helicopters? Could the overflight be coincidental? Why haven't other individuals - CAUS members who deal with government agencies - or the hundreds of abductees worldwide being harrassed? Has a check been made to find out if an engineering company is flying a helicopter checking on roof leaks? Interestingly, this procedure is accomplished with the use of infrared scanning to determine the location of moisture and the helicopter must have its lights out for "night filming". Holes in a roof retain moisture, and the moisture gives off heat, which is captured on film. If there is too much water the scanning will register a false reading and the area will have to be "buzzed" again in a few days. I obtained this information from Briggs Associates inc. (Rockland MA.) who perform such work. On 10 Spt. 1987 while attempting to locate leaks on a roof in the town of Dracut, MA. the Briggs helicopter sparked a flurry of UFO reports.

Only in isolated instances have helicopters been associated with UFO activity such as the 1975 concentrated period of overflights on SAC bases in the northern tier of the U.S. In the mid to late 70s mystery "choppers" were allegedly involved in cattle

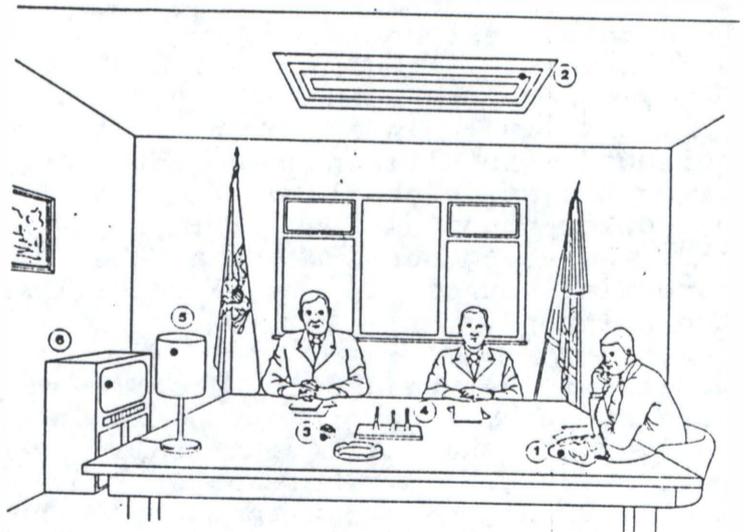
mutes, and in 1980 one of the most remarkable helicopter/UFO sightings occurred, the Cash/Landrum case. However, in these instances, the "choppers" were not harrassing individuals. In conclusion - stating a claim that government agencies or military intelligence units are carrying out an overt operation in civilian neighborhoods simply does not add up.

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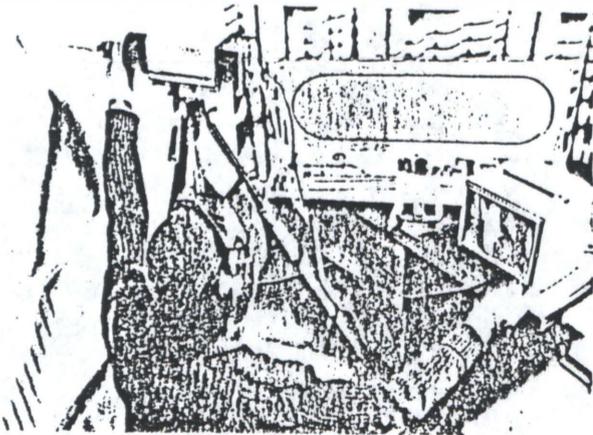


Wristwatch camera - can take seven pictures without reloading.



The modern office

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- 2 - monitoring devices can be placed in a ventilation duct.
- 3-4 radio transmitters can be placed into innocent objects such as a cigarette lighter or pen.
- 5-6 a t.v. set or table-lamp can be used as "carrier current devices"



"Abscam" pinhole lens surveillance system

A very simplistic article on the origin of UFOs as seen through the eyes of scientists. However, it leaves a mountain of questions unanswered.

According to accounts, they fly by day and by night, in patches of morning sunlight and in foggy twilight, resembling now luminous balls and discs, now cucumbers and cigars, now sickles and triangles. Allegedly, they hover both at giddy heights and at tree level. This has been going on for years.

What is the Nature of

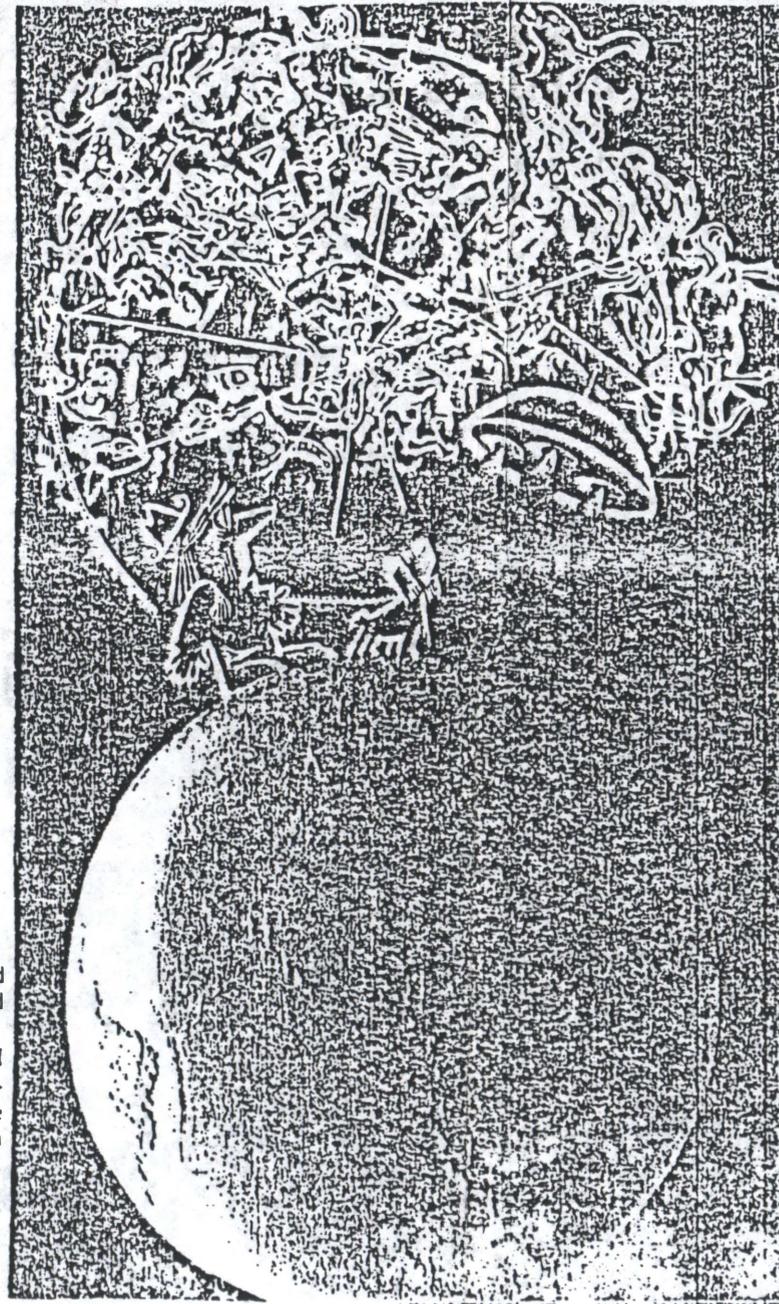
UFOs

from the Soviet press
Drawing by Pavel DENISOV

At the outset they were called "flying saucers", later, what sounded like a scientific term: unidentified flying objects (UFOs). These objects were said to have been seen over Australia, Canada, the United States, Japan, Western Europe. Nor, according to allegations, did they bypass Soviet territory. At different times people in Moscow, Pe-

trozavodsk, Omsk, Kiev and Odessa wrote to newspapers and magazines...

"In the dark cloudless sky I could see many stars and distinctly visible constellations. One star was particularly bright and a glow came from it. At first I thought it was a sputnik. However, over Lake Onega the 'ball' proceeded to descend and the



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cloud around it began to grow in circumference..."

"Across the sky from the direction of the mountains, along a climbing trajectory, an object was travelling fairly rapidly and at great height, leaving a wide and straight (but slightly bent like a yoke) white plume which resembled that of a jet, but it was much larger. Neither humming nor other sounds were to be heard."

"I happened to witness an extraordinary phenomenon. On the night of June 15, more exactly, at 23.59, a luminous object the size of a pea appeared on the horizon. The object was flying south, leaving a wide zigzagging trail. Reaching a particular spot, the object came to a stop and then abruptly turned eastwards. This made the trace visible in the shape of two sickles which were stretching from the object. In the clear gap between the sickles I could see the sky. Then the trail broke off, the object continuing on its way. The trail remained in the sky all night long. Its lighting was natural, not phosphorescent, suggesting that it was very high up and lit by the sun, which was hidden by the horizon in the west. The described movement of the object was observed for about two minutes and, judging by the distance it covered, proceeded at great speed. I watched the phenomenon together with three other people. This rules out the influence of subjective factors on the observation results."

"In the northern part of the sky a huge ball emerged, which emitted extremely bright rays around itself. And, most important, no matter how long we watched the ball it remained stationary in one spot in the sky..."

These reports sparked off stormy debates. Many people wondered if perhaps these really were emissaries from alien civilizations?

WHAT SCIENTISTS CAN SAY

The first explanation to come from scientists, as could be expected from sober minds, was reference to anomalous atmospheric phenomena, which have been studied by many generations of researchers.

J. Bode, a German astronomer (1823): "Wandering lights, torches, blazing pillars and other luminous meteors are of an identical nature with falling rocks. Their only difference is in size. Partly, they can form from the dense, heavy evaporations of the lower layers of air. These evaporations radiate a phosphorescent light, the wind making them assume random shapes and move... At times these phenomena are found to be not meteors at all. They are luminous insects, which frequently fly in large swarms at night."

German scientist V. Meyer (1909): "At night amid motionless stars and in the glimmer of dawn and dusk some round mass sud-

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denly appears in the sky, which emits an amazingly beautiful light, mostly greenish or bluish... Within seconds this gleaming mass grows larger and brighter: it, so to speak, moves straight to where the observer, frightened and, at the same time, astounded, contemplates a magnificent phenomenon. The impression becomes enhanced because the apparent great initial speed of the mass usually rapidly dwindles, its path nearly always bending towards our horizon. Now the bolide comes to a stop. Within an instant this miraculous phenomenon unfolds in all its beauty: the fireball bursts, scattering writhing rockets in all directions. This creates nothing short of celestial fireworks, which fill the scene with a magic light."

American astronomer Donald Menzel (1962), has reached the conclusion that there are hundreds of varieties of "flying saucers". There is a natural explanation for all of them... A mirage or mock sun look as real as the genuine article. The pilot who pursued a "flying saucer" apparently did not know what a mock sun is... Pursuing it is much like pursuing the rainbow.

Y. Ridpass, a British scientist, has analysed eye-witness accounts collected over a period of 30 years. According to his data, in 90 instances out of 100 "flying saucers" were the result of impressions created by meteorites, planes, sputniks, meteorological

balloons and possible atmospheric pollutions.

However, despite such unanimity, even scientists have displayed some differences of opinion.

Some believe that the UFOs are a hoax. Others are more cautious, saying that if these objects actually exist at any rate they are not of artificial origin. Finally, a third category maintains that the UFO reports include falsifications, errors and quite a few result from incompetence. However, there is a proportion of instances, if minor, in which some new phenomenon, to date unaccounted for, has been registered. How should it be classed, as atmospheric or as cosmic?

However, there has never been a consensus even on this question. Both the exponents of the "atmospheric" stand and those of the "cosmic" had plenty of arguments. However, neither side offered a definitive explanation.

WHY NOT ADOPT A NEW ABBREVIATION?

No doubt the majority of "mysterious visitors", said Pranda, are really various effects of atmospheric phenomena. For instance, of atmospheric optics (more often than not, they turn up in the dusk). Or consequences of atmospheric experiments (the launchings of meteor sounding balloons or geophysical rockets).

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Some of these phenomena, more often than not, spring from several sources rather than one. For example, the launching of an artificial earth satellite or a spaceship is accompanied both by optical effects and by chemical reactions in the atmosphere.

Possibly, the advent of "saucers", thinks M. Dmitriyev, D. Sc. (Chemistry), can well be conditioned by phenomena of purely terrestrial nature - chemiluminescent formations (CLFs). Chemiluminescence is a form of airglow which results from certain chemical reactions. These formations are capable of emitting bright luminescence or reflecting solar radiation, of quickly moving and in individual instances even of exploding. CLFs turn up in the atmosphere quite frequently. Thousands of observations and photographic pictures of these phenomena have been collected and studied in Soviet laboratories.

Each CLF has its own individual distinctions but they also have many common features. Making their appearance only in the atmosphere, the CLFs can rapidly flame up and almost fade out for a while. In some cases they also fall on earth, leaving depressions, craters, melted soil, charred objects. No material vestiges of such formations are left on earth: everything evaporates and disperses in the air. CLFs have been observed by many well-known pilots, travellers and seafarers, including

Nikolai Roerich, Sir Francis Chichester and Thor Heyerdahl. Not infrequently, dozens and even hundreds of simultaneous CLFs have been observed.

In the Soviet Union many studies have been made of traces left by such formations on damaged parts of aircraft, on trees and in the soil. Never once, however, has a single element which does not occur in the atmosphere been discovered. CLFs have been found to consist of atoms, molecules and ions of nitrogen, oxygen, ozone, carbon and hydrocarbons, excited particles and electrons.

A DISCFL OF DIRT RATHER THAN A SPACE VISITOR

Another explanation was recently offered by two Soviet scientists. G. Barenblatt, D. Sc. (Physics and Mathematics), and Dr. A. Monin, Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, who published a paper saying that their theoretical calculations had yielded a model of a phenomenon whose properties coincided with those of the majority of the described UFOs.

In the view of these scientists, commented the magazine *Tekhnika i Nauka*, the "saucers" spring from certain physical processes observable in the atmos-

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phere and represent some moving discoidal formations.

Briefly, the essence boils down to the following. The earth's atmosphere consists of individual layers of air. At times these layers have distinct outlines. More frequently, however, such boundaries are absent. The atmosphere is never absolutely still. Besides winds and currents, it has turbulence. Because, as a rule, clear-cut divisions between the layers do not exist, the whole mass of the air oscillates. The result is small "islets" of similar density in the atmosphere within which the layers become mixed. Originally, these "islets" have sharp boundaries. Later, they become squeezed by outside pressure.

Experiments conducted in the Institute of Oceanology of the USSR Academy of Sciences have revealed that at the initial stage the squeezing proceeds rapidly, while later it slows down, claiming the greater part of the time taken by the whole process.

Thus, it is quite justified to speak of the presence of a stable disc-like area of the atmosphere. This has also been made obvious by experiments.

These discs, scientists explain, are precisely the "flying saucers".

A question arises, how can they be seen if they consist of air? But the point is that the air is mixed with dirt! As a rule, the atmosphere contains some amount of dust. When the air is undisturbed

it settles, but when it is astir with currents, still more, turbulences, the dust remains in the air. It is the dust which is to be found within the discs that makes them visible from the earth. At twilight, when the sun has already sunk far below the horizon, such a disc can blaze with reflected light.

The dust-filled discs can do more than move in the wake of major air currents. They can also abruptly speed up their movement when atmospheric pressure differentials are present. Incidentally, experts believe that the number of UFOs observed is in direct proportion to environmental pollution. As a result, the number of sightings of these objects has sharply jumped in recent years.

The picture would appear to be clear. However, despite the attractiveness, logic and simplicity of this explanation, it does not cover all the aspects. Why, in many cases, have "saucers" been spotted in the daytime and why do some glow? Why do they remain in the sky for a long time? These questions remain hanging. But, perhaps, answers will soon be obtained.

However, even so, looking into the starry sky through extremely sophisticated modern devices or simply with the naked eye, man will not cease to expect visitors from outer space. Such is his nature.

THE DEMON PHOTOS: AN UPDATE

Thanks to the determined efforts of a TV journalist, some of the so-called demon/ghost photographs have finally surfaced, and have elicited the expected reaction not only from Ed Walters but also from Walter Andrus and other proponents of the Gulf Breeze deception.

It has given me a great deal of satisfaction to read one of Walt's typical inimitable marginal notes, when with reference to this matter he writes: "it turns out to be a farce by Smith/Boyd", while elsewhere he adds: "Ed simply took them 'way out' of focus to give the 'spooky' effect".

As for Dr. Maccabee, he has hotly denied even the existence of such photos, both in a verbal exchange following his formal presentation at Lincoln, Nebraska, in June, and in his correspondence with several critics. I can hardly wait to hear his rationalization of the demon/devil photos.

Ed Walters has been sufficiently riled to circulate an extremely poor Xerox reproduction of one of the photos [obtained directly from the TV screen "by his lawyer" (sic), which of course shows nothing] as part of a long-winded letter chiding the "debunkers" for spreading rumors based on a photo "that they never saw". Wishful thinking, indeed, as the photos are now stored in my safety deposit box. He adds: "would (this photo) convince anyone... that I staged this blur as Smith/Boyd have rumored?". Blur, my foot!

Ed Walters's mendacity defies reason, as on page 7 of her 27-page letter dated April 18, 1988, Frances Hanson (Ed's wife) already has admitted the existence of these and other similar photos.

The appearance of these "demon photos", nonetheless, is a serious blow not only to Ed's veracity, already quite compromised, but also to the good faith of the promoters, such as Walt Andrus, Bud Hopkins and others, who persist in a futile denial of something that is there for anyone to see.

As had been predicted by some critics, this photo of a girl and a "demon" is quite significant. The face of the girl is in perfect focus --so much for Walt's "out of focus explanation"-- while the image of the ghost is slightly diffused, a typical characteristic of a double exposure. Two, and only two, explanations are possible: 1) Ed knew all about double exposures years before the G.B. events; or 2) demons, ghosts, or what have you, indeed exist and this photo proves it, with the same authority that Ed's other photos "prove" that he has been photographing extra-terrestrial visitors for months.

I don't think we even have to resort to Occam's razor to decide which is the more likely option, but since the issue of the "demon/ghost/red-spot" photo came to a head during the Lincoln, NE, MUFON symposium, perhaps it is opportune to close this essay with a well known quote of Abraham Lincoln:

" You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you can not fool all the people all the time" (from a speech at Clinton, Sept. 8, 1858)

Dr. Willy Smith
UNICAT Project
January 20, 1989

Boston Globe
22 Jan. 1989
**Midwest may have
seen Soviet rocket**

Authorities hoped to confirm yesterday that a derelict Soviet rocket was the object that blazed across the night skies of the central United States. Jack Lippincott, of Fulton, Mo., said he saw the object on the southwest horizon and watched for a full minute as it went north Friday night. Sightings of the object around 8:10 p.m. CST were reported in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi and Iowa, officials said. (AP)

"Connie's Corny Comics"



TYPE OF COMPLAINT: SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT / U.F.O.
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RESPONDED TO A COMPLAINT OF A SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT AT 10 MADISON RD.
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 AS I WAS STANDING THERE THEY SAID THE RED LIGHT WAS "ON" AND THAT THEY COULD SEE IT. I LOOKED AND COULD SEE NOTHING BUT A STAR THAT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING OR MOVE. WHILE I WAS THERE, GASTONBURY DISPATCH CALLED CONTACTED BRANDED AIRPORT AND BRADLEY AIRPORT AND BOTH CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING ON RADAR IN THIS AREA.
 IT LARRY FAUCETT, OF GASTONBURY, WAS ALSO ADVISED AND ASKED THAT A COPY OF THIS REPORT BE SENT TO HIM FOR HIS RECORDS. LT. FAUCETT SPECIALIZES IN U.F.O.'S.

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Only 2 'Disks' Seen; 1847 Hoax Recalled

Truman Refers to Tale of 'Man Bats' on Moon.

The flying saucers appeared to be grounded yesterday, except for a couple of isolated and highly doubtful reports, and President Truman remarked at a news conference in the White House that the whole thing reminded him of the moon hoax of a century ago. The President referred to famous scientific hoax perpetrated 100 years ago by Richard Adams Locke, who wrote in "The Sun" of New York of "man bats" he had observed, through a non-existent telescope, living on the moon. The articles were imaginatively illustrated and created quite a sensation.

The Fire Department at Van Nuys, Calif., had in its possession yesterday a charred gadget about thirty inches in diameter and five inches thick in the middle which Russell Long, a North Hollywood construction engineer, said had fallen into his flower garden the night before.

Mr. Long told the firemen that the object fell smoking and flashing a blue light and emitted an acrid, chemical smell when he examined it a few moments later. He said the disk was made of two sheets of galvanized iron, had two exhaust pipes, a fin and a rudder. Battalion Chief Wallace E. Newcombe, of the Los Angeles Fire Department, examined the object and commented, "It doesn't look to me like it would fly."

The only other report came from Ripley, Ont., where Francis Boyle, a Huron Township farmer, said he was driving a tractor at 4:45 a. m. when flying saucers appeared and passed in formation, not once but three times, before disappearing. He said he left his tractor and dashed into his home to jot down that the disks were dark in color, smooth on the bottom, and rough on their upper outlines.

11 Jul. 1947

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France and Manchuria Get In on Disk Stories

PARIS, July 13 (AP).—The newspaper "Parisien Libere" said today that a resident of Le Mans, 100 miles southwest of Paris, reported that he had seen two "strangely shaped things" which he thought were "flying saucers." He said they were of a "greenish-gray" color.

80 Tinted Blue Over Mukden

NANKING, July 13 (AP).—In Manchuria, those flying saucers are milk colored, tinted blue. The Chinese Central News Agency reported from Mukden today that a man saw eighty of them in one hour on the night of July 10. They were about one foot in diameter, he said, and were milk colored, tinted blue. Nobody else reported having seen them.

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More Saucer Eyes

RALEIGH, N. C., July 14 (AP).—Carl Goerch, local radio commentator who excited a wide area with a hoax broadcast of men from Mars in flying saucers, said today he underestimated the gullibility of his radio audience. Telephone calls from several states jammed radio station WPTF's switchboard after the broadcast last night. The control tower at Raleigh-Durham Airport was unable to handle plane traffic because of calls after Goerch dramatically spun his yarn.

Shades of Orson Welles!

1,000-Ton Asteroid Crashes in Siberia

Moscow Radio Reports It Destroyed a Forest.

LONDON, July 12 (UP).—The Moscow radio reported today that Russian scientists had collected 250 meteorites from the remnants of a 1,000-ton asteroid that crashed with terrific impact on the Pacific coast of Siberia last February.

About five tons of meteorites were salvaged from the crater-pocked site near Kharkova village, 300 miles northeast of Vladivostok, the broadcast said.

According to the Moscow radio, a special Academy of Sciences expedition discovered that the asteroid was traveling toward the sea and struck the earth at an estimated speed of eight miles a second. This, the broadcast said, was slow enough to spare a major world shock.

Near the main crater an entire forest had disappeared and an area 1.2 kilometers (1.9 miles) in length and 600 meters (654 yards) in width was pitted with 106 craters and holes, it added.

The Moscow radio said "cedars apparently up to 100 years old were reduced to small fragments by the explosion wave."

"Around the small craters," the broadcast continued, "individual trees remained standing, but they were shot through with fragments. Trees still standing were screwed around on their roots 90 degrees."

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