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EDITORIAL

by: James R. Leming

It has been a few years since my initial experience with what I now know to be a UFO, and during that time, the mental "wrestling" matches that I endured seemed endless. There doesn't seem to be enough said or done with regard to the state of mind of the "victim". Only recently has there been anything done in this area. There again, the people that are taking the time to try to help are scattered very widely throughout the U.S. making the task of location and interaction extremely difficult for the "affected" parties.

Until such time as more "half-way houses" appear, I would like to offer my experiences to those of you who are battling the great wall of credibility that has risen around you.

What the majority of people take for granted, (such as a sound night's sleep unfettered with bizarre dreams) escapes those of us who have had the pleasure (?) of seeing one or more of the elusive UFO's. For example: Since my sighting in August of 1977, I have had a dream that has repeated as much as five out of seven nights a week. I used to repeat this dream on the average of three or four times a month at first. Then by September of 1981, I was up to five times a week. Although it was at best unsettling, I did find out that, through hypnosis, I had actually undergone abduction on two separate occasions. Once during the initial sighting and then more recently, on November 4, 1981. I will not go into detail about the abductions as I am still finding out a great deal about what had transpired. All that I want to get across is the fact that regardless how confusing and troubling your particular event or events may seem now, by contacting the *right* people (and let me stress right people) constructive information can be obtained from your sub-conscious to at the very *least*, make dealing with the situation possible.

I think at this time it would be wise to

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say that the one thing that you should be advised against is seeking publicity. Please understand, this is to say that extreme care should be exercised in selecting the parties that you would like to assist you in your quest. This particular thought cannot be stressed enough.

While attending my first UFO conference with a friend in 1981, we had talked en route to the site about my discussing my event with others. What was said was when a person was selected, check out his or her credentials very carefully. The last thing you need is to hook up with a person that has been shot full of holes by the media, or a "professional" de-bunker. Where I made *my* mistake was not the credibility of this certain individual, but their sincerity and commitment. A transcript and a copy of the taped regressive hypnosis session was to be forwarded to me. Needless to say, they have yet to arrive.

I really do not know what else to say to the people that have been subjected to similar events. I do think that it is very important that much thought be given to the situation before any action is taken. Bridges are too easily "burnt" to be hap-hazardly constructed.

If anything can come from interaction in the combining of events or the comparing of notes to construct a plan of action that has been taken to illustrate a point to the "Earthlings", I think that a program of this type would be invaluable toward the on-going investigation of the UFO phenomena.

If some sort of 'plan' comes from the collecting of information concerning UFO sightings (i.e.: if a pattern is developed showing that the information given during these 'sightings' actually pertains to a 'grand' scheme) the 'half-way houses' will be invaluable as a contributing factor in the study of the UFO. □

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The Motive Power Of The UFO - A Proper Diagnosis

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In the field of medical science any competent physician will readily affirm that the technique of examining and interpreting symptoms is most essential to the rendering of a competent diagnosis. Assuming this to be so, then it goes without saying that in order to provide a proper basis upon which to form an opinion, any truly thorough examination must, of necessity, take into account even the most seemingly insignificant symptoms and consider them on the basis of their merit towards the picture as a whole rather than on the basis of their apparent significance at the time of their discovery. So it must go also with any valid attempt to sort sense from confusion in the field of UFO investigation.

With this in mind, it is the purpose of this article to attempt to examine several of the more significant historical UFO sightings, and from the data derived to try to provide some highly tangible clues toward possible solutions of certain aspects of the UFO phenomenon - specifically with respect to possible means of propulsion. At the same time it seems essential that an attempt be made to avoid as much as possible the seemingly customary (for UFO literature) reversion to that veritable ocean of conflicting data which generally tends to be lumped under the somewhat obscure heading of "sighting reports". In fact, it is (alas) just such a preoccupation with these sighting reports that has all too frequently tended to hopelessly baffle so many other dedicated attempts at explaining the problem, not to mention the volume of verbiage that must be dismissed as patently sensationalistic in nature. The annuals of "UFology" seem to cry out for someone, somewhere to assume credibility for at least some of these sighting reports and to go on from there with an examination of them in the hope that there just possibly may be something which can be learned from it all.

Consequently it seems only fitting to take a look at what, in the opinion of the author, appear to be some of the most significant sighting reports yet

brought to the attention of UFO research. Even though the cases discussed are not necessarily new ones, they have been selected specifically because they tend to be more or less representative examples of typical "types" of cases and should be regarded as such rather than as isolated incidents. Since each has something significant to offer with regard to the possible type of force-field energy associated with UFO activity, the implications presented by them seem to be so far reaching insofar as this study is concerned that it is virtually impossible to ignore them. In other words, to fail to properly examine the phenomenon itself seems sheer folly if we are truly looking for answers.

Consider for a moment that strange and often inexplicable force-field related effects have long been reported as being associated with UFO to such an extent that even the briefest examination of the records will turn up literally hundreds if not thousands of reported cases of electrical interference ranging all the way from widespread power failures on the one hand to stalled cars, deflected compasses, radio and television interference, singed or burned patches of ground (frequently circular), and sensations of "heat waves" on the other. Given the frequency of these so-called "EM" (for ElectroMagnetic) reports, it seems reasonably justifiable to move the whole problem beyond the mere determination that the phenomenon of electromagnetic field interference is in some way associated with the close proximity of UFO, and go into the more important realm of trying to ascertain from observed data something concrete concerning the nature of that phenomenon. From there, it logically follows that any knowledge concerning the nature of UFO associated "fields" of force or energy might tend to be indicative of the true nature of the beast itself as well as its means of propulsion.

Typical of the majority of EM interference stories involving automobiles, but significantly different in one small degree, is the following:

At about 12-05 a.m. on the night of November 2/3, 1957, Newell Wright, a nineteen year old college freshman from Texas Tech, was driving his car on route 113 about nine miles east of Levelland, Texas. Casually glancing at the

dashboard, he happened to notice the car's ammeter *jump suddenly to discharge and back to normal* just as the car's engine sputtered and died. As the car rolled to a stop, the lights also dimmed and then went out. Suspecting some sort of problem with the battery connections, Wright got out of the car and looked under the hood. Unable to find anything discernably wrong with the system, he closed the hood and turned to go back into the car and try the starter when he suddenly noticed a greenish-white, glowing, oval shaped UFO estimated to have been from 100 to 125 feet long sitting on the road directly in front of him. The object seemed to be made of an aluminum-like metal, but he could see no details or markings. Frightened and unsure of just what the object's intentions were, he got quickly back into the car and tried to start the engine. Nothing happened. Since the system seemed completely dead, all he could do was sit and stare at the object while hoping that another car would come along. None did.

After perhaps five minutes, the UFO rose silently straight up over the highway, veered off to the north, and "disappeared". Immediately it was gone, the lights came back on and the car started easily.

Wright "proceeded home very slowly" and told no one of his experience until his parents returned home from a weekend trip. It was they who persuaded him the next day to call sheriff Weir Clem and report the incident. In keeping abreast of developments, Wright later discovered that he had been only one of at least fifteen individuals who had witnessed the antics of this same object (or one very similar to it) that night in and around Levelland, including six who reported similar automobiles disablements.

Question then: What sort of field interference would cause an automobile's ammeter to jump suddenly to discharge and back, and then continue to have such an influence upon the car's ignition and auxiliary systems so as to totally prevent their operation without any apparent effort upon the human being involved? And remember - the moment that the UFO left the vicinity, the lights came back on and the car started easily, thus clearly indicating that whatever caused this blockage of current flow *had not* appreciably discharged the battery in the process! Interesting...but what if the auto involved had operated on a twelve volt alterna-

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tor charged system rather than the six volt generator system used by the autos of the 1950s; and what if the commonly used indicator (or "idiot") light discharge warning system were present on the dash instead of the then more common ammeter? Would the results have been the same? Fortunately there is at least one such incident on record which should help dispel conjecture.

This one took place about 6:45 p.m. on the evening of January 20, 1967, and involved three young ladies who were driving to a basketball game in Methuen, Massachusetts, when they sighted a "string of bright red glowing lights heading northeast in a straight line". Suddenly the lights stopped and appeared to hover at the side of the road as the car approached. "As the car pulled along-side, the UFO seemed to rotate, 'revealing a new light configuration and color. Four distinct lights formed a perfect trapezoid. Two red lights formed the top and two white lights formed the base.' Directly above the lights was a reflective metallic-appearing surface."

The driver, a Miss. Kimberly Lodge, stopped the car within 300' of the UFO to get a better look (the UFO was not on the road, but off to the side), leaving the motor idling and the lights and car radio on. The girls were discussing whether the object might be a helicopter of some sort when "abruptly the engine, lights and radio failed completely *except for the generator light (on the dashboard) which just barely lit up and was pulsating off and on.*"

Miss. Lodge then made an attempt to start the car, but, although she described hearing a "moaning" sound which she thought might have come from under the hood, she was unable to do so even after shutting off both the lights and the radio. "At this point the UFO began moving, slowly at first, but finally speeding away to the southwest. The car then started easily, the lights and radio functioning normally."

There was also apparent confirmation of this sighting by another group of witnesses in another car about three miles away to the west, who reported seeing "a large, square pattern of colored lights hovering or moving very slowly at low altitude" at about 7:00 p.m.

One hardly needs to point out that the similarities between these two incidents are striking indeed in spite of the fact that they took place some ten years and half a continent apart. Again, the

second incident is reasonably typical of the literally hundreds in the files, except for the small but significant detail about the generator light indicator. (This is not to say that such an effect involving an indicator light had never occurred before, but simply that if it did, no one had seen fit to report it.)

Question again: Given the similarities of total system failure without apparent discharge of the battery or noticeable effects on the humans involved, what sort of field interference is capable of causing the sudden failure of an automobile's ignition and auxiliary systems, including radio, but which would still leave the generator indicator light "just barely lit up and pulsating on and off"? For purposes of comparison, is an "idiot" light more sensitive to current than an ammeter? In other words, might there have been a small amount of current flow in the Wright case which was so minute as to be undetectable by an ammeter but which, under similar circumstances, could have been detected by an "idiot" light system? In trying to answer both to these questions, it appears to be important to note that the discharge detection system of an automobile is designed to give warning, either by deflection of an ammeter needle or by the lighting of an indicator light, of either a short circuit to ground within the system or of the failure of the charging system to supply current to the battery. However, it is equally possible to obtain a reading of discharge (or to light the indicator light) by in some way effecting a reversal of polarity within the system and thus causing the current to flow the wrong way!

Now consider for a moment that the principle of the common electrical transformer is that of induction - which is to say that current flowing through one side of a transformer winding sets up and electromagnetic field which in turn "induces" a proportionate field current in the opposite winding, the characteristics of which are determined by the windings used. Speculating then that a current flow could somehow be *induced* within an automobile's wiring system in proximity to a strong EM type field having pulsating (necessary for induction) *reverse-flow* characteristics so that the induced current was as great or nearly as great as that supplied from the battery-generator system. If such an event should occur, then the two currents, being of opposite polarity, should effectively cancel or nearly cancel out one-another and hence "jam" the

system. Furthermore, this would effectively explain the failure to discharge the battery as well as both the sudden jump to discharge and return to zero by the ammeter in the Wright instance, and the faint pulsating glow of the more sensitive (to a reversal of current flow, but not to a small system discharge) indicator light bulb in the Lodge case. All of which leads us to wonder whether the sort of force field which would possess such pulsating reverse-flow characteristics might be the hitherto suspected but as yet unconfirmed (at least by human science) intermediate or "fourth" field which some anti-gravity researchers believe would be produced by the conversion of electromagnetic to gravitational type energy.

One obvious problem with this line of reasoning is that anything strong enough to induce a field current flow within an automobile's wiring system should also be strong enough to induce that same current flow in the car's metallic body. However, what is to say that this in fact did not occur? If nothing has yet been devised which can convincingly detect (much less analyze) such a "fourth" field, then the very least we can say about one is that a human who comes into close proximity with it will apparently not experience a shock such as would be encountered with a corresponding electrical field. But then, come to think of it, who can name a single instance where a human being has ever been shocked by a gravity field? (Admittedly one stretches speculation to the limit here...but just maybe...)

Another thing which might enter in here is the question of whether the interference is intentionally directed or controlled rather than simply an accidental manifestation of some propulsion system. This is especially suggested in the Lodge case where the UFO involved was estimated to have been about 300' away from the automobile, and when the engine and lights didn't fail until after Miss. Lodge had stopped the car to observe the object. It is certainly a possibility worthy of consideration in the Wright incident as well, even though the approach was somewhat closer. Admittedly the amount of data available in either of these instances (or any other for that matter) is hardly sufficient to either confirm or rule out an intentionally (on the part of the UFO) applied effect. Nonetheless, presuming that the interference was propulsion oriented rather than contrived, one possibility is that the extent of the

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area of EM interference increases when the devices propulsion system is "revved" in preparation for a take-off maneuver. Remember that in the Lodge case there was no observed interference until just before the object began to move. Indeed, when NICAP undertook a survey of its reported EM interference cases in 1965, it found that "in many cases the reported UFOs were hovering or slowly maneuvering at low altitudes, or were making vertical ascents" and postulated that these types of maneuvers might require extra power to perform.

While several other plausible explanations concerning the ability of UFO related fields to block a car's electrical system have been set forth, the author has run across only a couple that seem to rise above obvious "kookery". One of these was offered by a NICAP scientific consultant in 1969. This individual opined in a letter to that organization that the EM effects so frequently observed in automobile - UFO encounters might be "attributed to highly ionized air. Such ionized air could be such a good conductor that the effect on a car battery would be the same as though the battery were shorted by a large diameter copper cable. That is, the electricity would pass through the short circuiting wire rather than through the car radio, headlights, or ignition coil...The surface glow which frequently surrounds the entire UFO shell could be explained as an ionization effect."

Unfortunately while this statement is indeed interesting, it simply does not fit the evidence observed. Granted that the argument concerning the possible (if not probable) existence of a shell of ionized air surrounding UFO appears, all things being considered, to possess a great deal of merit, it is nonetheless highly unlikely that these automobile failures could have been caused by such a phenomenon. The theory fails to hold water for several reasons. First, although it is certainly possible to conceive of highly ionized air as being a good enough conductor to short circuit a car battery in the method described, it must be remembered that this process would rapidly discharge the battery (if not cause it to explode outright)! Also note that in the Wright case, while the ammeter needle did indeed jump to discharge, it returned to the midpoint just as the motor died and the lights

went out. Were a short circuit involved of such magnitude as to "kill" the entire system, not only would the indicator needle have stayed at discharge, but, after the indicated timespan of nearly five minutes, the battery would have been completely dead and it would have been impossible to restart the car.

Secondly, the NICAP scientist also apparently forgot to consider whether "highly ionized air" might be breathable (it wouldn't) or why the witness apparently failed to notice any of the standard static electricity effects (hair standing on end, etc.) that generally accompany ionized air. Perhaps the most effective detection instrument present in both these sightings was not the ammeter needle or the indicator light, but the humans themselves.

Whether a high density, pulsating, magnetic or electromagnetic field could interfere with an automobile's wiring system is quite another matter however, and seems to be worthy of at least some further consideration at this point. A good test of the electrical qualities of a UFO field would be to determine if a neon-type electric light bulb would glow spontaneously when placed in proximity to such a field. If it would, then the electrical quality of the field is established. If not, then the field must be of some other nature such as (but certainly not limited to) the type postulated above. While the author has searched the files, he has thus far been able to discover any reliable UFO cases involving reference to neon-type light bulbs. If the reader is aware of any such, the author would welcome the information.

In keeping with the EM question, there is one more possible explanation of how such a field might be produced and what its effects on the operation of electrical circuitry might be. This one centers around the possibility that the UFO are powered in some way by a form of controlled atomic fusion (the process involved in the hydrogen bomb) and that the EM field is a direct and inevitable result of that atomic process. A more complete discussion of this concept can be found in NICAP's 1964 publication *The UFO Evidence* (Currently out of print, although used copies are still available if one looks) and goes substantially as follows:

"During the summer of 1963 the story broke that Russian nuclear tests...in the atmosphere had knocked out the electronic equipment on board a U.S. satellite in space. Publicity of this little known side-effect of high yield nuclear

explosions immediately led to speculation...that the Soviet Union might be developing an anti-ballistic missile system based on the EM effects of nuclear blasts.

"The main significance of this discovery in relation to UFOs is that it provides a clue about how UFOs might affect the electrical systems of automobiles. American scientists have theorized that an 'electromagnetic pulse' is emitted by large nuclear explosions at high altitude. John Crittenden, General Electric consultant on radiation, has stated: 'the detonation of (nuclear) weapons produces radiation over the entire electromagnetic spectrum. The prompt gamma pulse will effect electronic devices sensitive to ionization, and the radio-frequency signal propagated carried enough energy to damage electronic circuits drastically...' Mr. Crittenden added that a one-megaton (1 million ton) explosion in space could effect electronic systems over a radius of 110 miles or more....

"The energy locked up in matter, obviously, is universal. UFOs could plausibly have some nuclear propulsion component, perhaps controlled explosions which incidentally interfere with electrical circuits under certain conditions...

"The fact remains that it is not necessary to postulate a 'mysterious force' in some mystical sense to account for the observed effects. An atomic device capable of producing the observed effects is now technologically feasible."

Actually it appears that some very valuable work has recently been done in the area of designing, constructing and flying a UFO-like vehicle powered by a combination of nuclear and magnetic forces. According to a late 1976 news release, Dr. Maurice Viton, noted french astronomer and engineer, and Dr. Jean Pierre Petit, plasma physicist and department head at the french government's National Organization for Scientific Research, have developed a prototype vehicle which is described as a "miniature H bomb" with the difference that instead of releasing its energy all at once, the device "captures and harnesses that energy by means of a sort of magnetic net. The energy thus "captured" is utilized by forcing it down the outside of the vehicle so as to "provide tremendous thrust" without an accompanying sonic boom.

Interesting and workable as it may indeed be (the two Drs. hope to have a full-scale operating model perfected within the next seven to ten years), and

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although it may *look like* some of the more commonly reported kinds of UFO, this type of propulsion simply *does not* explain the symptoms associated with true UFO. Nor does any sort of atomic-electromagnetic power source - whether controlled, as in the new Viton-Petit propulsion system, or uncontrolled as in the electromagnetic pulse (EMP) of an atomic explosion.

Actually, when examined carefully, NICAP's analysis of Mr. Crittenden's EMP phenomena, and the Viton-Petit concept of EM field controlled atomic energy seem if anything, to go a long way toward proving that whatever the true nature of UFO related fields might be, *they are definitely not electromagnetic in nature* - at least not in the sense that we generally tend to define electromagnetism! Electro-gravitic...Yes, possibly; but not electromagnetic.

Consider for a moment Mr. Crittenden's telling statement that such a pulse "carries enough energy to *damage electronic systems drastically.*" Now add to it the following more detailed explanation of EMP phenomena released in 1968 *Time*, Nov. 29, 1968, p. 94) which stated that "Like electrical currents pulsing through a wire, the stream of electrons (originating from an atomic blast) produces a rapidly expanding electromagnetic field...Just as a moving magnetic field induces currents in the wires of a generator, the expanding EMP produces powerful currents *in any electrical conductor it crosses* which, at considerable distance from the blast...are strong enough to blow fuses or melt wiring and other metallic components (!)".

What further evidence do we need to convince us that UFO related force fields, whatever they may be, are clearly *not* composed of conventional electromagnetic energy? If indeed they were, then only miraculous intervention can explain Mr. Wright's managing to escape instant electrocution the moment he touched the *metallic* hood of his stalled car outside of Levelland, Texas. And how to explain the fact that any electromagnetic or EMP field strong enough to completely kill the lights and engine of his car would equally have had to have been strong enough to completely fry that vehicle's circuitry to a crisp - an event that quite obviously did not occur since the car started easily once the UFO left the area.

Also worth mentioning here as an interesting sidelight is a late 1966 news release from the Colorado UFO Project (Condon Committee) which stated that engineers from "one of the largest automobile firms in the country" were being enlisted to conduct scientific experiments for the project designed "to determine exactly what could cause failure of the electrical systems of automobiles". The results of these "experiments" were far more important for what they *didn't* find than for what they did - at least as far as the above hypothesis goes - for again all indications were that UFO associated force-fields are not of any as yet scientifically recognized variety of energy.

The "Detroit Experiments" of the Condon people fall basically into three categories of investigation. One: Could subjection of automotive type spark plugs and ignition coils to high (up to 20,000 Gauss) magnetic fields interfere with the production of sufficient spark to run an engine; Two: Could the metallic bodies (most notably the hoods) of automobiles allegedly subjected to a UFO related ignition failure retain evidence of subjection to a high magnetic-type field; and Three: Would proximity to a high magnetic field cause significant drop in the voltage output of a common lead-acid type auto battery?

In the first instance, a sparkplug and two types of automotive ignition coils in common usage were individually subjected to a 20,000 Gauss magnetic field while under operating conditions. The results turned out to be highly surprising in at least one instance. Researchers found in the case of the sparkplug that when a magnetic field is placed coaxial with the arc, the spark actually became stronger and brighter! (Hardly UFO phenomena). Also discovered was that if the field were placed at right angles to the spark, the only noticeable effect was that the electric arc quite predictably moved to one side of the electrode. Still no measurable interference.

In the case of the ignition coils, the only finding of significance was that an aluminum encased coil of the type commonly found in some automobiles of foreign manufacture would suffer failure because of "magnetic saturation" at about 17,000 Gauss. However a similar saturation effect was *not* observed in conjunction with the more common steel encased coil of American manufacture because of the inherent shielding properties of the steel involved.

It should also be mentioned that these tests were conducted with the spark-plugs and coils in close proximity to a 20,000 Gauss electromagnet, and without the added shielding benefits which would normally be provided an auto's ignition system by the car's hood.

In the third case, it was observed that the voltage output of a 12 volt automobile battery was affected by less than three-tenths of a volt when subjected to the 20,000 Gauss field, and that the brightness and current flow capacities of an automobile headlight subjected to the same field were not affected at all.

As for the magnetic "signatures" involved in the car body tests; it was discovered that subjecting parts of an automobile body to a magnetic field of as little as 235 Gauss strength would noticeably and detectably change the magnetic qualities of the car, and the car body would **retain** these changes for an indefinite period. The assumption was therefore, that ~~if~~ automobiles involved in UFO related ignition failure had been subjected to any sort of high strength electromagnetic field, then the "signature" of that field would still be detectable in the metallic bodies of those cars. Interestingly, when an auto which had been reportedly stalled by a UFO encounter was brought in for testing, *no detectable changes* could be observed in the car's magnetic properties and the committee was forced to conclude that "the automobile in question had not been subjected to a magnetic field of high intensity". Again, seemingly irrefutable evidence that the UFO associated force field that stopped the car was of some other type than magnetic or electromagnetic. The only other possibility is that the car which was used as the test case was involved in a hoax - which, even if true, does not explain the other findings.

Clearly the evidence here indicates that UFO fields are *not* electromagnetic in the conventional sense. Note carefully however that this does not rule out, but in fact appears rather to strengthen the idea that they might be electro-gravitic in nature.

The ability to interfere with automobile electrical systems is not the only manifestation of UFO related influences however. Close approaches of these objects also appear to have been connected with a fairly large number of electrical power failures. Although most of these stories run pretty much the same, a few are certainly worth citing as typical examples for the sake of further

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discussion as well as for what they may have to offer toward indicating the non-electromagnetic nature of these interfering fields.

One of the most interesting power failure cases is outlined in a news report out of Uberlandia, Minas Gerais, Brazil, dated August 17, 1959. The report outlines how automatic power control keys at a power station turned themselves off as a round shaped UFO passed above *following a trunk power line*. After the UFO left the area, the keys automatically turned back on and normal service was restored. Although not explicitly stated, it would appear in this case that the "keys" involved were control devices having to do with the output of the power generation apparatus rather than with the operation of the transmission lines themselves. Note that although the UFO was said to have been "following a trunk power line", the keys went off only as the object passed over the station itself, and came back on when the device left the area - although presumably it was still following the power line. Had an EM pulse been involved, the failure would have taken place the moment the UFO appeared over the power *lines* rather than the moment it passed over the power *plant*.

On September 23, 1965, the power system of Cuernavaca, Mexico failed a large number of witnesses including the governor, the mayor, and an army general reported a glowing object hov-

ering at a low altitude over the city. Shortly afterward the UFO climbed out of sight and the lights went on again

In another instance, numerous small scale power failures were reported in the St. Paul, Minnesota area at about 8:00 p.m. on November 26, 1965 simultaneous with several UFO sightings. In this case, reports of sudden power failures affecting house lights and appliances came from several police officers, numerous residents, and Northern States Power Company. Although the failure took place over a fairly wide area, the location hardest hit was a residential neighborhood known at Totem Town located along U.S. highway 61. Numerous residents stated that the lights had gone out as objects flashing orange and blue lights passed overhead. A spokesman for the Northern States Power Company stated that he was at a complete loss to explain what had caused the blackouts. •

The reports go on. NICAP's *UFO Evidence* for example, lists twelve separate incidents of confirmed UFO related power failures between 1954 and 1963 alone, along with two others which were strong possibilities (and the list is far from complete). The cases cited here however, should be sufficient to establish the typical pattern these types of cases follow, and any further citations would merely tend toward the repetitive.

Again, it seems likely that UFO possess some Unified Field related method of converting electromagnetic energy into gravitational energy for use in some sort of highly advanced propulsion system. Another, but significantly less likely, possibility is that these objects

take gravitational energy from the earth's gravitational field and convert it into electromagnetic energy for use in a Lorentz (EM) type propulsion system. The problem with this however, is that it would require an enormous amount of gravitational energy to obtain even a small amount of electromagnetic energy - unless of course there were some way to store and compress gravity, or unless, as with electrical currents and radio waves, there exists some method of gravity amplification as yet unknown to us.

In any event, the field which accompanies these objects is almost certainly a manifestation of their method of propulsion in much the same way as the exhaust of an automobile is directly related to the type of propulsion system involved. If this is so, then the power failure effect might be explained in that it could be caused quite accidentally by the conversion of the electrical field associated with conventional power transmission lines or generator dynamos into gravitational (or perhaps gravitation-like energy of a type which is most likely useless as far as lighting lightbulbs or operating sparkplugs is concerned; or it could be caused by a "cancelling" effect produced through some harmonic or related frequency of the UFO's pulsating field. In either case, the numerous instances of UFO related radio and television interference are also explained.

One thing is certain: Whatever the answer may ultimately turn out to be, something is sure to be learned from it all. □

The Secret Of The Crystal Rotor

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There is a particular case in the history of ufology which has always been a source of fascination for me. This is because I am convinced that the case is genuine in *all* of its details, yet parts of it might seem to be at variance with the conclusions about UFO propulsion that I had previously reached. Recently, I had reviewed this case and have, in a remarkable manner, found a way to reconcile it with my previous propulsion research. The results are rather interesting and the purpose of this short article is to present these and to show how they may even further extend our knowledge concerning UFO propulsion.

The case I am referring to happened to a reliable witness who was actually taken aboard an alien craft by his abductors and given a detailed demonstration of its technical capabilities. Ordinarily, since much of the technical details were later obtained by regressive hypnosis, my first impulse was to write the case off as the product of confabulation or a hoax, yet the case contains a *series* of related technical observations which I know reliably apply to UFOs and which would seem to be totally beyond the training of the witness involved to have simply invented. By carefully reanalyzing this case, particularly its few previously incongruous portions, I believe that a major extension of our understanding of the technology incorporated in *some* UFOs can now be made.

As the well read student of ufology may have already guessed, I am referring to the abduction of patrolman Herbert Schirmer that occurred near the intersection of highways 6 and 63 in Ashland, Nebraska at 2:30 a.m. local time during the early morning of December 3, 1967.

Schirmer, who was 22 years old at the time, had approached a UFO with its flashing lights while driving his patrol car and thought that it might be a truck that had broken down. He turned on his high beams and the object rapidly took off. At 3 a.m. he returned to the police station and reported in the log book that he had seen a UFO. However, by the time he arrived home he was suffering from a bad headache, buzzing in his ears, and a red welt below his left ear.

It soon became obvious to investigators that there were about 20

minutes in Schirmer's experience that he could not account for. To try and recover those vital missing minutes, the young man was hypnotized in Boulder, Colorado for the Condon Committee and later in Des Moines, Iowa for author Eric Norman.

Under hypnosis Schirmer said that after he had spotted his UFO, it took off and then flew toward a nearby field. He tried to follow it in his patrol car and attempted to call the police at Wahoo, Nebraska at which point his radio malfunctioned, his engine stalled and his lights dimmed out.

The object, having a football shaped side view with a silver glow and flashing lighted array below it, then hovered over the field and, after extending legs, promptly landed. Humanoid figures emerged from the craft and approached Schirmer. He tried to draw his revolver, but was "prevented" apparently by telepathic control of his body. One of the humanoids then sprayed his car with green gas and flashed a light at him that paralyzed him and caused him to black out.

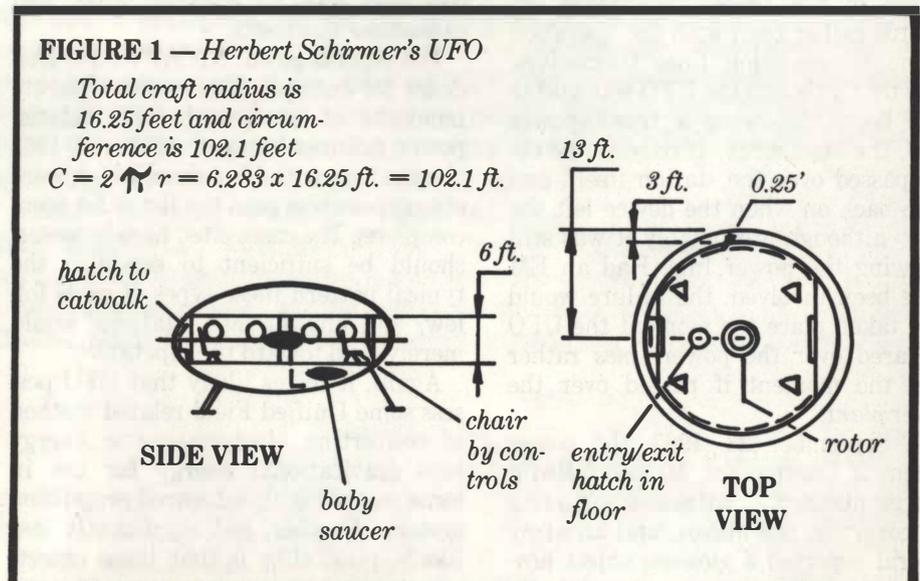
Regaining consciousness, he was forced to roll down his window whereupon one of the ufonauts grabbed his neck and he felt a sharp pain. Possibly an electrical device was pressed against his neck in an effort to paralyze him so that he could not draw his gun. In any event, it hurt and might explain the large welt on that side of his neck. He was then telepathically asked if he would try to use his gun if he was allowed aboard the craft. He indicated that he would not

and was then allowed aboard the landed UFO for a few minutes.

Entry was made through a circular hatch in the craft's underside. Schirmer entered a room 26x20 feet in size with a 6 foot high ceiling. Interior lighting was provided by glowing red strips in the ceiling. Two triangular backed chairs faced a control panel and vision screen. There were portholes along the sides of the interior.

The aliens were four and a half to five feet tall with gray-white faces visible through silvery-gray suits. The leader of the four member crew then showed Schirmer the craft's interior while two other crew members guarded the ship's exterior by walking around it on a small catwalk that encircled the craft at its midsection and could be reached by another hatch in the crew section.

After a guided tour of the alien craft and a telepathic explanation of its functions by the alien leader, Schirmer was hypnotically told to say that he had only seen the UFO on the road to anybody who might question him and he was then escorted back to his patrol car. After the crew members entered the ship, there was a high pitched whine and a bright reddish-orange glow appeared on its underside as it left the field and streaked skyward. Later, investigators would discover three-pointed tripod marks sunk deeply into the soil of the field. Grass under the craft was flattened and revealed familiar swirl patterns; no scorch marks were detected, however. Figure 1 depicts two views of the craft and its most probable interior configuration.



The most amazing part of the Schirmer abduction is the wealth of detail that it has provided about *some* of the aliens and their craft that are visiting our planet. For example, we learn that these aliens come from another galaxy in motherships and now have subterranean and suboceanic bases on earth as well as bases on other planets of our system. The craft Schirmer was aboard was an observation ship used to collect animal and plant samples as the aliens studied earth. The craft was made of pure magnesium and had a top speed of 150,000 miles per hour which would probably have been its terminal velocity in earth's atmosphere. The aliens could view their ship's exterior on a television screen by the control panel or they could pick up remote images from a 6 foot diameter "baby saucer" that they could launch from their craft and which was shown to Schirmer. The ship utilized electricity which could be extracted from our high tension wires.

Schirmer was told by the alien leader, who was apparently familiar with English units of measurement, that the craft had a circumference of 102 feet. As shown in figure 1, if we assume that the *interior* radius of the circular UFO was half of 26 feet or 13 feet, that its hull was three inches thick or 0.25 feet thick, and that the encircling catwalk was 3 feet wide, then we get a total radius of 16.25 feet. Using the simple formula shown, we see that the circumference of a circle with a radius of 16.25 feet is 102.1 feet ... extremely close to the measurement given Schirmer by his abductors!

More important to the purpose of this article was the description he received of this alien craft's propulsion system. He was shown a crystal rotor mounted between two column-like "reactors" that extended to it from the craft's ceiling and floor. This rotor was located in the exact center of the ship which was *inside* the occupant section and, when in motion, allowed the craft to achieve an inertia-free and gravity free flight. The alien leader telepathically told Schirmer that the rotor did this by using "reversible electromagnetism". Additionally, when the UFO was landed, this device could be operated at a low level to surround the craft with a circular field that would knock out the ignition systems of earthly vehicles and jam their radios.

It was obvious to me that this rotor was functioning as a kind of rotating anti-mass field generator, yet its configuration and location were unfamiliar to me.

As readers of my previous articles will recall (see in particular, "The Anti-Mass Field Effect" in *The SBI Report*, Apr./May 1982 issue, Vol. 4, No. 2, pg. 5), I have postulated that UFOs can hover without apparent means of propulsion and execute violent aerobatic maneuvers because their builders have solved the problem of greatly lowering the craft's mass. With little or no mass a formerly heavy craft would have little or no weight near a planetary surface so that it would float like a hot air balloon due to buoyancy and would also be immune to the effects of destructive inertial forces maneuvering erratically at high velocity. It was proposed in the previously cited article that every UFO contains a device called an "anti-mass field generator" that produces a new type of field effect called the "anti-mass field" which, obviously, has not yet been artificially produced by current earthly technology. The existence of this new field effect seems to be a certainty, for it has the power to explain not only the performance capabilities of UFOs, but also most of the secondary effects noted for these remarkable vehicles in the many CE-II cases.

My research indicated that this new field effect could be produced inside a UFO's anti-mass field generator by the action of a magnetic field moving *along* its field lines at right angles to an electric field. The resulting anti-mass field then radiated out into the space surrounding the anti-mass field generator to penetrate the structures of the UFO and its crew and convert their mass energies into field energy which would then be stored in the anti-mass field itself. At this point the craft and crew would become either partially or completely massless depending on the intensity of the anti-mass field generated.

The structure of a rotating anti-mass field generator is actually very simple. It would consist of a large radius toroidal electromagnet that would produce a strong toroidal magnetic field at its core when its windings carried electrical current. To provide an electric field at right angles to the toroidal magnetic field, the windings of the toroidal electromagnet are wound around a toroidal tubular capacitor. This assembly holds the magnetic and electrical fields at right angles to each

other and makes the magnetic field move *along* its field lines when the entire torus is rotated about its plane. This necessary physical rotation of the device neatly explains the small percentage of UFOs which display rotating rims or hull surfaces. These UFOs utilize the simple rotating anti-mass field generators which are then housed in their rotating structures along with their power supply.

In light of that, if we accept as fact that the crystal rotor device that patrolman Herbert Schirmer observed during his abduction was a miniature rotating anti-mass field generator, then there is no problem understanding its central location inside the craft, for this location would then cause all portions of the circular craft to be contained within the circular region of most intense anti-mass field intensity produced by the device and would allow a single device to negate the craft's entire mass. Furthermore, as indicated by the possible seating arrangement of figure 1, all four seated crew members would be the same distance from this rotor device and thus equally protected by it from potentially lethal inertial forces when the craft was maneuvering in flight.

Another problem neatly solved by using a small centrally located rotating anti-mass field generator is that, due to its low moment of inertia, it virtually eliminates the tendency of the entire craft to rotate counter to the direction that the rotor is moved in by its drive motors. This is a serious control problem for craft using large radius units that rotate around and outside of a UFO's central occupant section. To compensate for this annoying effect, these craft must include a device I have termed a "compensator ring" to take up the reactional torque of their rotating anti-mass field generator's drive motors and, thus, keep the craft's crew section from rotating in flight. However, for Schirmer's more advanced UFO, any small amount of counter rotation of the hull could probably be adjusted for with the ship's plasmadynamic drive units (it is these whose use accounts for the craft's glow, flattened grass at the landing site, and the absence of scorch marks).

The next question I had to deal with was how a simple crystal rotor could produce the necessary magnetic field moving *along* its field lines at right angles to an electric field. After all, a transparent rotor would not contain toroidal windings or a toroidal tubular

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capacitor, so just how could these fields be produced? -

It was at this point that I remembered that certain transparent crystals such as quartz could generate high intensity electric fields (on the order of tens of thousands of volts per centimeter) when subjected to mechanical pressure. This phenomenon is known as the "piezoelectric effect". Also, when large synthetic quartz crystals are grown for use in such things as transistors and integrated circuits, they can be made to readily conduct electricity by contaminating or "doping" their crystal structures with phosphorus atoms.

The secret of the crystal rotor aboard the Ashland, Nebraska UFO became as transparent as the crystal itself. Obviously, the rotor Schirmer observed had, because of its large size, been artificially grown by the craft's builders so that it would be a virtually pure crystal free from defects which might cause it to shatter in use. It would have been carefully cut and polished to the shape shown in figure 2 and then had its entire outer surface heavily doped with phosphorus atoms to jacket it in a conductive layer of crystal.

The rotor would then be mounted between two metal plates attached to heavy metal rods which entered the column like structures that the alien crew leader called "reactors" (note: these were not in any sense like our nuclear reactors, but rather the alien term "reactor" probably referred to their effects on the crystal rotor held between them). Each rod would be connected to a motor and each motor then attached to a hydraulic piston that was fitted inside a slave cylinder attached to the UFO's ceiling or floor. Additionally, each rod which touched the crystal would have an electrically conductive brush touching its polished surface inside the enclosing column (bearings and other support structures are not shown to keep the diagram from getting cluttered).

To establish the craft's centrally radiated anti-mass field is now simplicity itself. The pilot would activate a control that would pressurize each slave cylinder with hydraulic field. This would force the pistons out of them and the flat ends of the rods would then apply pressure to the center of the large quartz rotor. Compression of its crystal structure along its axis of rotation would force negatively charged elec-

trons to flow toward the outer, less stressed, regions of the rotor and would leave the axis with a positive electrical charge. This action produced the intense electrical fields in the device between its axis and surface as shown.

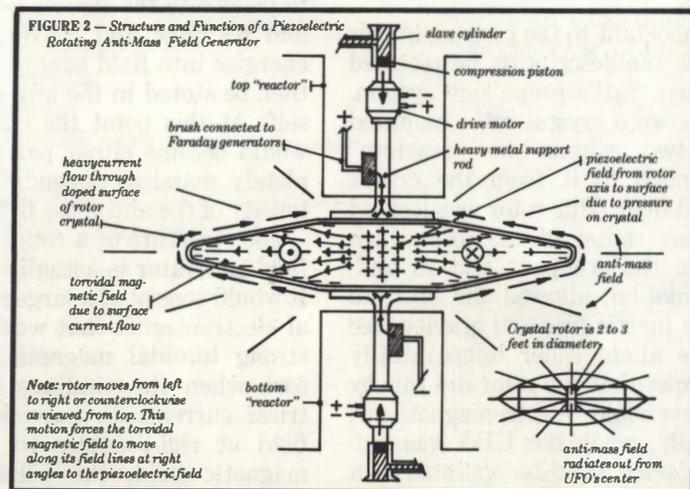
Next, the drive motors would begin rotating the metal rods and the entire crystal rotor would also rapidly rotate about its axis. At this point the brushes touching the rods would permit a current of several hundred or even thousands of amperes to flow first through one rod, then through the crystal's conductive surface layer, and finally through the other rod. The result of this heavy current flow is that it would generate a powerful toroidal magnetic field *inside* the rotating rotor that would then move *along* its field lines at right angles to the piezoelectric field. At this point the device would generate its anti-mass field in all directions to negate the craft's mass, weight, and inertial properties.

The beauty of such a "piezoelectric rotating anti-mass field generator" is in its simplicity and reliability. In the event that one of its drive motors or compression pistons should fail while the UFO was in flight, the other motor and piston would automatically keep the rotor in motion and keep it compressed. To prevent the possibility of the rotor shattering due to "crystal fatigue" in prolonged use, the rotors could be periodically replaced with a new one while the old one was remelted to grow a new crystal.

The requirement for a flow of hundreds or even thousands of amperes of electrical current through the crystal rotor's outer layer really presents no technical problem. If the electrical resistance in the circuit was low enough (which it would be if heavy metal parts are used), then power dissipation in the form of resistive heating would be negligible and the current flow could be easily maintained by sets of Faraday generators driven by low power motors.

Finally, the reader may recall that the alien leader told Schirmer that the rotor worked by "reversible electromagnetism". Now the device in figure 2 certainly involves electromagnetism because it contains electrical and magnetic fields, but these fields are not reversing or changing the directions of their field lines which would have to be accomplished by interchanging electrical charges in the rotor or reversing the direction of current flow through its highly conductive outer layer. Either the ufonaut lied about this, or the description of the rotor's operation was confused during its telepathic transmission to Schirmer's mind. I believe that the alien was actually telling Schirmer that the fields "rotated" rather than "reversed" and *this* description would exactly fit the device shown.

The reader should now realize that such a method for generating anti-mass fields would be highly reliable and just the sort of mass reducing propulsion element we would expect visitors from another galaxy to rely on. □



Space Telescope 1986 - The Dream Machine

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Revolutionary; a quantum leap; a new art form; words that are being used to describe a special instrument the space shuttle will take aloft and place into permanent orbit in 1986. Above all the severely limiting earth-bound haze and pollutants along with the turbulent air currents which distort viewing from earth, the telescope will have a far clearer view of the universe than even the most powerful observatories. Not since Galileo using a small hand held scope in centuries past has astronomy had a ten-fold increase in the sharpness of current images.

Its lifetime will be a minimum of 15 years with the space shuttle capable of retrieving the scope if any malfunction should occur and bring it back to earth for repair and reinsertion into orbit as was proved possible on a recent shuttle mission which repaired an ailing satellite. With an eight-foot diameter glass disk as the heart of the instrument, Perkin-Elmer engineers vaporized a highly-reflecting coating 3 millionths of an inch thick onto the disk's surface using lasers to create the mirror which will provide astronomers with images of distant objects 50 times fainter with 10 times more resolution while probing 7 times further than any ground-based system.

So sensitive that pointing it at the sun or moon could severely damage the instrument, it may be possible to record images of jupiter-sized planets orbiting the ten nearest stars or scenes of the giant planet much as a probe would at five days distant. The galaxy M87 is a

high-priority target for aiming because of the suspected black hole at its center which may be causing a stream of gas to be pouring out of the galaxy's core. The scope will peer into the farthest depths of intergalactic space to attempt to "see" the end of the universe. Other proposals for observations will be submitted to the Space Telescope Science Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for approval, but time will be limited being so precious because of the great interest and massive numbers of proposals.

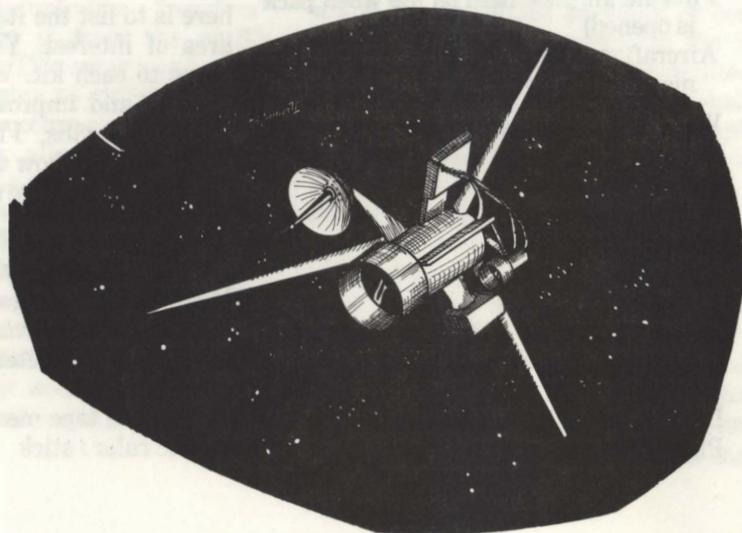
The Wide-Field/Planetary Camera will have the option of focussing either on a wide view of space much as a wide-angle lens on a 35 mm camera or to use the "Planetary Mode" to give a much narrower but sharper view. Inside the camera images will be filtered and broken down into four parts each of which will be brought into a fine focus by a "charge-coupled device" (CCD) which converts each photon of light received into electrons and counts them for a computer-enhancement procedure to re-create them into a picture after being beamed to earth through other satellites and ground relay stations. The Faint Object Camera will test the telescope power to the fullest giving the sharpest possible images of any of the scopes five major systems.

Light-analyzing spectrographs will concentrate on visible and ultraviolet to give readings on temperatures, densities, chemical composition and relative speeds of distant objects while a High-Speed Photometer will detect changes

in brightness. Comets will be under the scrutinizing eye of the spectrograph as well as the extremely high-energy quasars at the known ends of the universe at 10 billion light years and by studying their constituents better understand what was present at the formation of the first stars.

20 percent of the 1 billion dollar plus pricetag is being supplied by the European Space Agency who is becoming more involved in cooperating with NASA and who supplied the Spacelab recently for one of the shuttle launches. The Europeans along with the Japanese are rapidly becoming a force in international space research witness the two 1986 efforts of unmanned probes to study Halley's Comet on flyby missions. The ESA will furnish solar arrays, deliver the Faint Object Camera, and staff the Telescope Science Institute with a number of European scientists.

Three Fine Guidance Sensors will provide the measurements necessary to keep the telescope properly positioned in orbit and stable while providing readings on accurate positions of stars and galaxies; also moons of our solar system. From its 373 mile orbital station in space, clouds will present no problem, nor will the limitation to visible wavelengths or atmospheric distortion. In fact the only real severe limitation will be in the imagination of the mind of man. □



Investigation Tips

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Investigation, according to Webster, means: *to search into; examine in detail; inquire into systematically.* Investigations are merely a form or extension of the process of communications; investigators are constantly involved in *seeking the truth (facts) and reporting it (them).*

Thus, whether we are concerned with an investigation of a UFO case, Bigfoot case, or any other Fortean type case that impacts upon the general public, we are conducting an investigation.

Investigations are accomplished both in the field by the investigator and in the laboratory by the analyst. It is therefore obvious that the investigator must be able to recognize, collect, analyze and effectively present evidence that an unusual incident has occurred. To be able to do this we all must

be aware of what equipment will be needed to conduct investigations in the field.

Investigators must use their judgment on what equipment they will need. The amount and type of equipment will depend on the scope of investigation and finances. For example: if the investigator is only interested in UFO cases, then they won't need the equipment which would be required in a Bigfoot inquiry or animal mutilations. So the first thing one needs to do is decide what they are going to concentrate on and go from there regarding their equipment selection.

My tip for this issue will deal with the equipment which should be used in most Fortean investigations. Please remember, these equipment lists are

only *suggestive* lists. Its very important for the investigators to use their judgment in making any additions or deletions on these lists. Always stay within your means, never over extend yourself. Its always cheaper if two investigators could work together in compiling one master field kit. All items listed have been used at one time or another by SBI investigators. These items have been proven to be invaluable in the proper collection of evidence.

These suggested lists of equipment have been broken down into their various areas of usage. This way, the investigator can keep the equipment in its various groups. Many of these items will not always be used in every case. But they should be readily accessible to the investigator when the need arises. On the other hand, some of these items may be used more than once during the various aspects of an investigation. For example: a compass may be used during interviewing, plus it will be needed for field work.

INTERVIEWING

- Identification card
- Investigators booklet
- Business cards
- Investigators manual
- Clipboard/Notebook
- Paper, pencils and pens
- Questionnaire forms
- Legal release forms
- Tape recorder and tapes
- Recorder adapter/extra batteries
- Compass
- Area maps
- Star finder chart
- Color chart*
- Camera/film

*Use a color chart showing only primary and secondary colors. *Never use a Panatone or a Zipatone color chart.* These only confuse the witness.

EQUIPMENT WORN IN FIELD

- Ripstop* clothing (dress according to seasons)
- Field cap (if desired, but recommended)
- Long underwear / thermal wear (cold weather)
- Camo face veil (cold weather)
- Warm gloves (cold weather)
- Windproof parka
- Proper foot wear - socks and boots (snake and water proof)
- Sunglasses (if desired)
- Field pack loaded with equipment
- Army nylon web belt (several items should be carried on belt)
- Canteen (Army type: drinking cup included)

- Knife
- Walkie talkies
- Map pouch w/various maps of area (topographical, aerial, etc.)
- Compass
- Declinator
- Clip-on flashlight
- Gas mask (if desired)
- Watch
- Stopwatch
- Film badge and/or Dosimeter
- Pocket spectroscope
- Camera equipment w/diffraction grating
- Binoculars
- Geiger counter

EQUIPMENT CARRIED IN AND ON BACKPACK

- Sleeping bag / ground cloth (carried beneath field pack)
- Poncho / raincoat
- Extra clothing
- First-aid kit (first item on top when pack is opened)
- Aircraft survival kit (this kit will have many of the items listed here)
- Waterproof matches
- Mirror
- Candle
- Insect repellent
- Toilet kit
- Sewing kit
- Flares
- Nylon cord / rope
- Large flashlight w/extra batteries and bulbs
- Disposable rubber gloves
- Plastic garbage bags

- Repelling gear (only if area and investigation calls for it)
- Arc indicator
- Elevation indicator
- Rangefinder (optional)
- Infrared scope (used mainly in Bigfoot and mutilation investigations)
- Sextant (optional)
- Scintillation spectroscope (optional)
- Sketch pad w/accessories
- Specialized kits (some of these can be carried in field pack)

(NOTE: Proper packing of the field pack is important. Keep balance and never overload)

SPECIALIZED KITS

These kits have been broken down into their specialized fields. Naturally, all or parts of these kits can be carried in the field pack or all in one special kit. The choice is yours, all we have done here is to list the items needed for each area of interest. You can always add items to each kit. We recommend that you try and improve on these kits. In future columns, I'll explain some of these kits and how they are used in the field. These kits are as follows:

SOIL, WATER, BOTONY AND INSECT KIT

- Magnifying glass (good one)
- Field microscope w/accessories
- Pocket penetrometer
- Pocket transit
- Retractable tape measure (50 to 100 foot)
- Metric ruler / stick

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Small Army shovel
Small garden trowel
Geology hammer
Wooden / metal stakes (at least 24 9" stakes)
Galvanized pipes (at least 24 24" long w/1" or 1½" in diameter)
Heavy string/nylon cord
Engineers tape
Steril containers / tubes (at least a dozen different sizes)
Tweezers / forceps
Roll of 1" masking tape
Tags / markers
Blocks of wood (at least 6 1" square)
Cotton / heavy paper
Ziplock bags (combination of various sizes)
Sampler scoop
Water Scoop
Water sampling bags
Gono-Pak
Whirl-Pak sample bags (carry various sizes)
Auger kit (3' in length w/detachable handle)
Single Micro slides, culture, depression - 1.75mm deep (at least 6)
Micro slide mailers (at least 3)
Disposable rubber gloves (at least 6 sets)
LaMotte soil reaction test kit (a 14 test soil testing kit can be used)

CASTING KIT

Plaster of paris (never use paraffin)
Water
Wooden spoon / spatula
Wood tongue depressors
Thermometer
Atomizer
Sucking tube
Disposable rubber gloves (at least 6 sets)
Collapsible plastic bucket - 6" deep
Small roll of wire
Breakdown wooden frame (made from ½"x1½" stock, 6-20" long pieces and 6-10" long pieces. This will make 3 frames)
Can of hair spray
Roll of gauze
Table salt
Ruler
Soft 2" paint brush
Toothbrush (medium hardness)
Heavy paper / cotton
Tags / markers
Sponge

BLOOD, HAIR AND SCAT KIT

Sterile culture dish (at least 6)
Tweezers / forceps
Cellophane tape
Clean paper
Vacutainer sterile tubes (at least 6)

Vacutainer multiple sterile sample needles (at least 6)
Sterile disposalbe containers (polypropylene / plastic at least 6)
Clean pill boxes (at least 6)
Tags / markers
Cotton / heavy paper
Disposable rubber gloves (at least 6)
Single Micro slides, culture, depression- 1.75mm deep (at least 6)
Micro slide mailers (at least 3)
Whirl-Pak sample bags (carry various sizes)
Water

LATENT IMPRESSION KIT

Fingerprint lifting tape (at least 2 rolls)
Mats made of cellophane tape (at least 6)
Moistened sheets of photographic film (at least 12 sheets)
Rubber tape 4"x9" sheets (at least 6 sheets)
Transparent tape w/dispenser (at least 2 rolls)
Black powder
Red bronze powder
Gold bronze powder
Dragon's Blood powder
Identification tags / markers
Cotton / heavy paper

PHOTOGRAPHIC KIT

35mm camera w/various lens and filters
Ample film - B&W, color infrared (at least 2 rolls of each)
Movie camera / film or a good video camera system w/cassettes

The items on these lists are valuable tools for any Fortean investigator. As stated before, these are only suggested lists. The choice of equipment is naturally up to you. Some of these items listed require a trained specialist to operate properly. However, there isn't one piece of equipment on those lists that you can't learn to operate in a very short time.

It depends on ones own ability to learn new techniques in order to do the best possible job. This ability and the new techniques haven't been applied over the pst 30 plus years in Fortean investigations. Technically we're still in the prehistoric stages of investigating, mainly due to the thinking and lack of initiative by the older established investigators and organizations. Modernization must set in soon, if we're ever going to make an honest and worthwhile attempt at solving some of the unusual phenomena which has baffled mankind. This, especially true concerning the UFO Phenomena.

If you have any questions concerning these equipment lists, send them to the SBI and either I or another experienced SBI investigator will send you a reply. Remember the SBI is your organization, take advantage of its wealth of information. It's the *ONLY* large organization that *WILL HELP YOU*. ▣

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Is Now a Film!

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Did the U.S. Navy succeed in making a destroyer escort vessel invisible during a Top Secret experiment conducted in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in 1943? In spite of an incredible amount of research into the subject, the answer may never be known for sure. The passage of time, the inevitability of death, the continuing unavailability of government files on the topic, and a general lack of time and resources with which to conduct the necessary research have all combined to place the matter into a sort of limbo ever since the publication of my book on the subject (*The Philadelphia Experiment: Project Invisibility*) in 1979. The research which led to the volume was a five year project. Although the book provided a great deal of new information, it ended with almost as much speculation as it had begun; concluding only that something

highly unusual had indeed occurred but that the case for precisely what it was remained unproven. "If the Philadelphia Experiment never happened as described, what actually *did* happen in a high security area of the Philadelphia Navy Yard..." is the closing line of the final chapter.

In fact, the legend surrounding the alleged experiment had been whispered quietly amongst occult researchers for years before the publication of *The Philadelphia Experiment* brought the matter into the public arena. Not surprisingly, the book's widespread acceptance over the past five years resulted in the surfacing of new information which almost certainly would have remained obscure otherwise (this to be dealt with in an upcoming article to be published in *Gray Barker's Newsletter*). It has also inspired a soon-to-be-released high tech adventure film which takes the alleged events of the original experi-

The Philadelphia Experiment

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ments one step further into the realm of the fascinating and the fantastic. *The Philadelphia Experiment*, a 10 million dollar film from New World Pictures starring Michael Pare and Nancy Allen, is scheduled for release across the United States and Canada in mid-July. In connection with the film, a nationwide search for survivors of the actual experiment is now underway. Of particular interest is information regarding D.J. "Don" Myers, last known as a crew member of the carrier U.S.S. Antietam in late World War II; former Bosun's Mate 2nd Class Harry Euton, and a second crew member known only as "Walker", both last known aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Gainard in the early '50s; and Charles W. Dwyer, known to have been a transient in New York City during the '60s. All are believed to have been eye-witnesses. Anyone with information that may be of assistance in this effort is urged to contact Mr. Philip Little of West Coast Detectives, 5113 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, California 91601 (Phone 818-980-7393).

The legend of the Philadelphia Experiment is that the U.S. Navy was engaged in experimental efforts to create invisibility for ships and planes during World War II using high-energy electromagnetic fields. As the story goes, one such experiment, conducted in the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard in 1943, succeeded all too well when a destroyer escort vessel and its crew not only disappeared, but were actually teleported 200 miles to Norfolk, Virginia, and then back again in a matter of seconds. Fantastic? You bet. But great stuff for a film. While the actual facts of the matter appear to be somewhat more mundane (there actually was an experiment, the goal was radar, not optical invisibility, and the bizarre effects reported in connection with it - men walking through walls, other men bursting into flames - seem to have been the result of hallucinations of those witnesses who got too close to the high-powered low frequency force field involved) the film uses an excellent blend of speculation, fact and fiction to build to a fantastic, yet not totally impossible conclusion.

All too often, people who read a book which they regard as excellent are treated to a less-than acceptable rehash

when the film version is released. Not so with the film *The Philadelphia Experiment*, which begins by recreating the experiment in a blaze of special effects and then centers in on the two sailors who allegedly died when the actual experiment went horribly wrong. Instead of dying, however, the two men in the movie are incredibly transported ahead in time to 1984 where, following a hair-raising series of events, they meet up with one of the scientists responsible for the original project - a man now forty-one years older, but still involved with force field experiments using the technology of the '80s. David Herdeg (played by Michael Pare) knows that the only hope of getting back to his own time lies in cooperating with Dr. Longstreet (played by Eric Christmas). Longstreet, for his part, comes to realize that the only hope of saving the world from his latest experiment-gone-awry lies with David. Their ultimate agreement to cooperate leads to the climax of the movie.

The film is not a documentary, but a thriller in the truest sense of the word. Those who want the real facts after seeing the film, should read the book, which will be re-released in paperback by Ballentine Books in time for the film's release. □

Correction by: Dr. Willy Smith

The paper published under the title, "UFO Sightings Over Argentina," (SBI REPORT, Vol.6, No.42) with the byline of Juan Manuel Quiros, contains some serious misinformation which should be corrected.

The text describes, among other things, a sighting which occurred on Feb. 4, 1983, near the city of Bariloche in the area of Nahuel Huapi Lake, & refers extensively to a photo allegedly taken by one of the eyewitnesses, a Mr. Villafuentes.

Whether or not Mr. Villafuentes took a photo I cannot tell, as I have not seen it & all the information for this case that I have stems from newspaper clippings, which are most notoriously unreliable. But I can categorically state that the photo that accompanies the paper with a prominent EXCLUSIVE written on it is not the photo referred to in the text, & is far from being an exclusive.

The photo shown in your publication was taken at the end of Dec., 1969, by Dr. Sebastian Jose Tarda at about 1:30 pm. It has appeared in numerous publications (for instance, see UFO PRESS #12, July 1979) & has been analyzed by many investigators. Of all those photo analyses, perhaps the most relevant is the one from GSW (Ground Saucer Watch), which states that the unidentified image is most likely a lens flare & not a structured object. (For a complete version of this analysis, see ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER, Vol.3, No.2, Apr.'82) In my opinion, this interpretation is supported by the fact that at the moment of taking the photograph Dr. Tarda did not see any anomalous object, & because the photo clearly shows choppy surface of the lake, which could easily have produced flashes of light toward the camera.

Dr. Willey Smith,
Coordinator for Latin America, CUFOS;
State Section Director for FL., MUFON.

Director's Note: I have personally re-checked the sources provided by Dr. Smith & have found him to be totally correct in his evaluation & agree with his opinion as well. I thank Dr. Smith for bringing this matter to our attention. □

MONSTERS IN OHIO

Ron Schaffner

SBI State Director of Ohio

According to Webster's Dictionary, a monster is defined as an abnormal plant or animal. I might also add that the abnormal oddity is not necessarily indigenous to a particular area. For example, the black panthers that have been reported in South-West Ohio are not unusual and incomprehensible, but are certainly not native to Ohio environment.

On a winter night in 1972, Mrs. C.J. was returning home from a late engagement. In Branch Hill, on Epworth Road, she saw the configuration of a great black feline on an abandoned garage. The creature's eyes were a glowing green and it screamed something like a baby crying.

Was it a bobcat? Possibly, but a bobcat is not as enormous as the animal described during our interview.

Panthers are trivial, compared to what was witnessed by two policemen in the neighboring community of Loveland a few weeks later. (See Ohio Sky Watcher, July-August-September 1976)

This amphibian, known to the locals as the Loveland Frog, was sighted on two different occasions by credible individuals, who risked their profession on reporting this encounter.

As one of the officers put it, "I like my job, but I know what I saw."

The other officer simply stated, "I wish this never had happened."

During investigations, my attempts to prove a hoax were fruitless. Even if a hoaxter were to purchase a giant frog or lizard costume, how could this person or party know exactly when the patrolmen were on course along Riverside Road? How would one account for the impressions on the embankment down to the river? The temperature was about twenty degrees and the ground was frozen. What about the illuminating eyes?

Thirteen years prior, on Jan. 30, 1959, another water creature was reported coming out of a river. Just West of New Richmond, on U.S. Route 52, a truck driver observed an incomprehensible emerging from the Ohio River. The thing was so ugly, he couldn't begin to describe it!

Although no UFO was seen in conjunction with the beast, a mysterious power failure plagued Kelloge Avenue. Two complete circuits that normally govern the power ceased and the failure was never explained.

Two hours later, the creature was sighted in Covington, Kentucky, on the shores of the Licking River. This time a description was given

to reporters. A woman claimed that a monster resembling an octopus surfaced for a brief moment. It was said to be of greyish color, with a lopsided chest, ugly tentacles, and rolls of fat running horizontally around a bald head.

Is it possible that an octopus or squid made a remarkable journey to the Mississippi River from the Gulf of Mexico, and then up the Ohio River? Even if this hypothesis is correct, why wasn't the beast seen at other points on the alleged journey? Wouldn't the creature get caught in one of the major locks or dams?

As in Pennsylvania and Tennessee, Bigfoot has made his presence known here in Ohio too.

Mr. J.K. recalled that in the midsummer of 1961, his family had an encounter with a hairy one. The incident occurred in a small town near Wilmington.

My niece excused herself to the bathroom to brush her hair. When upon hearing an unusual growling sound, she turned to look out the open window. To her amazement, there stood a nine foot hairy being. After screaming till blue in the face, she shouted for my grandfather who grabbed his shotgun off the fireplace mantle. The party proceeded outside and observed the silhouette of a biped half-running and half-hopping into the nearby woods. The intruder delivered a horrible cry, as grandpa blasted away. At that point, the Bigfoot suddenly vanished!

The anthropoid would seem to be parapsychical in make up, as no hair samples or footprints were found. As in the majority of Bigfoot sightings, a rotten stench lingered for several hours.

On April 4, 1976, a group of fishermen observed what looked like a huge baboon. They told the Milford Police that the group last saw the monkey heading South-West along the Little Miami River. A police search turned up nothing.

Kings Island amusement park had a quite unusual episode, about a week prior. A gang of baboons escaped from their confinement. All of the monkeys were to be captured and one had to be killed. According to Kings Island authorities, none of the baboons escaped their property.

I still wasn't convinced that the fishermen witnessed anything, but an escaped baboon, until I talked with a Cincinnati Zoologist. During an interview, he said, "I think it very unlikely that a baboon could have made a trip from Kings Island to Milford, in a strange environment, in so few days.

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The distance of about 12 miles."

Rick Mackey and I talked with numerous farmers on my Citizens Band radio and by personal interviews. All have told us stories of peculiar noises they heard. Their dogs would act erratic for no apparent reasons.

Various livestock have been discovered physically mutilated. In one instance, a heifer was found with multiple contusions as if thrown several hundred feet. In Mainville, authorities collected a dismembered deer and the torso of an old mare. Might there be a connection between these vicious acts and our hairy friends?

One can only speculate as to where these assorted uglies and weirdos are originating from.

An excellent theory could lay in the supposed underground rivers and cave systems. Is there an underground channel that flows from Alabama up north to Ohio? Does this tributary host a different type of biological species?

Photos from space 'prove' Atlantis exists

THE fabled lost continent of Atlantis does exist, and space technology has helped prove it.

According to author Charles Berlitz, photographs taken from space satellites have enabled scientists to confirm the remains of a submerged civilization under the shallow waters of the Bahamas.

Berlitz, in his new book *Atlantis: The Eighth Continent* says new evidence shows without doubt that Atlantis was drowned by the shifting of the oceans at the end of the Ice Age.

And, the author says, more than 50 ancient archeological sites have been discovered underwater in the Bahamas.

There's no doubt that these un-

derwater pyramids, plateaus, and walls could not have been constructed by Mother Nature alone," says Berlitz.

Archelologist and geologists using deep-sea sounding equipment and underwater photographs have also confirmed the existence of ancient submerged remains.

Berlitz adds: "It's amazing that some of our best evidence has come from photographs taken from satellites in space. It's ironic that we had to go that high up to see so clearly what lays beneath our seas."

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(A) Star, 7-7-84; Credit: Vera Perry

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(C) Star, 6-30-84; Credit: SBI

TIME OF CHRIST'S DEATH PINPOINTED

THE approximate time of Christ's crucifixion has been established by two leading scientists.

It took place between 3 and 5 p.m. on April 3 in the year 33, ac-

cording to Colin Humphreys and W. G. Waddington of Oxford University, after a study of massive

They reconstructed the Jewish

Another thought is that these prodigious creatures are escaping their dimension through some major window that maybe here in Ohio.

Their space and time continuum may interconnect with ours during a natural event such as an electrical storm.

Could they be visitors from another planet? This is a possibility as hundreds of UFO's have been reported in Ohio. At any rate, we at OUFOL will continue to investigate the situation as evidence indicates.

If monsters appeal to you, may I suggest reading John Keel's "Strange Creatures from Time and Space", Fawcett Books, 1970. □

UFOs are sighted in Putnam Valley

Police switchboards in Putnam Valley and northern Westchester again were lit up by reports Thursday night of strange lights soaring through the night sky.

A half-dozen Putnam Valley residents called officer Garry Deronda between 10 and 10:30 p.m. with sightings of lights flying eastward in a V-shape formation.

Callers reported seeing either green and white lights or blue, white and red lights.

"One guy said he observed, through binoculars, a flying saucer," Deronda said.

"I've seen the V-shape before," he said, "but I just believe they're just aircraft," not UFOs.

Seven Peekskill residents called city police around 10:20 p.m. with reports of multicolored lights that were flying low with no engine noise, said police Sgt. Karl Hoffman.

"We've had these reports before," he said, "and we always call up the airports, but we always come up with nothing."

A Yorktown woman, Irene Stahl, said she had sighted bright lights flying in an unusual pattern above Route 118 near Turkey Mountain at 10 p.m. She said the lights moved in a long straight line, with a section jutting out, and seemed to be moving side-to-side.

The lights did not move in any familiar manner, like an airplane would, she said.

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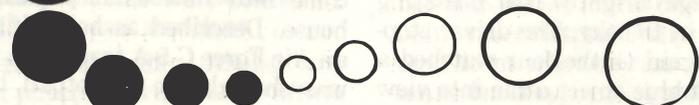
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Reports of UFOs



by: Bob Gribble,
Director of the UFO Reporting Center,
Seattle, Washington

The following is a flash report of incidents received at the National UFO Reporting center, Seattle, Washington. All names of witnesses are on file at the center.

Apr. 10, 1984 — Night - Rhinelander, Wisconsin: While driving down a country road two witnesses observed a stationary cigar-shaped object about 75 yards from the roadway. The object had a row of lighted openings and several spokes protruding from the surface. Each spoke had a white light on the tip. While holding stationary at treetop level the object pivoted 360 degrees and then stopped. After watching for four minutes the motorists drove past the object and then home. They heard no sound.

Apr. 13, 1948 — 10 PM — Gainesville, Florida: While boating on a local lake two witnesses observed an oval-shaped object in a stationary position about 100 yards from their boat. Holding at an altitude of about 100 feet, the object shown a cone of bright white light onto the surface of the water. After about three-to-four minutes the object moved out of sight behind some trees. No sound was heard.

Apr. 19, 1984 — 8:04 PM — Llano, Texas: Five members of one family observed a "huge" dome-shaped object pass over their house at an estimated altitude of 200 feet. The object had red lights going around it and a jet aircraft appeared to be in pursuit. The mother said they could hear a loud humming sound coming from the object. At one

time it was seen traveling across the sky at a high rate of speed.

Apr. 20, 1984 — 10:04 PM — Beaverton, Oregon: Four occupants of a car observed a "huge" bright yellow, pulsating object high in the sky. The driver stopped the car and as the four watched a small bright blue object came into view moving toward the yellow object at a high speed. The blue object moved up to the yellow object, started to maneuver around it when suddenly a "really fast red thing" shot out of the blue object and "blew the yellow thing in half." One part of the yellow object immediately disintegrated and the other half fell toward the ground and disintegrated. Then the group spotted another larger yellow object and a small blue object in another part of the sky. The yellow object — moving from a stationary position — instantly moved across the sky at high speed "and the little blue thing went right up after him and shot him." The yellow object fell from the sky "and went out." The blue object then went into a high speed vertical climb and vanished thru the cloud layer. The duration of the two events was about 20 minutes.

Apr. 25, 1984 — 9:55 P.M. — Near Napa, California: While traveling on American Canyon Road three witnesses observed a triangular-like object which the driver described as being "huge massive, at least the size of a football field." The object was stationary over the roadway at an estimated altitude of 100 feet. As the car passed under the object the witnesses observed structural details. After being watched for about five minutes the object moved out of sight following the Canyon Road.

May 5, 1984 — 2:55 PM — Piedmont, South Carolina: The witness heard a loud pulsating sound and looked out the window in time to see a large object come into view as it passed over his house. Described as being bigger than an Air Force C-5-A transport, the object was shaped like a football but somewhat flat on the top and bottom. The object appeared to be metallic and was observed for two minutes. A car on the roadway stopped and the driver stepped out and watched as the object moved out of sight. "All of the dogs in the neighborhood were howling; They were just going crazy." The object was at an estimated altitude of 750 feet.

May 6, 1984 — 10:30 PM — Williston, Florida: a 13-year-old boy was busy washing out dog pens when he heard a humming sound behind him. "The dogs ears stood up and they ran into the boxes and started whimpering and acting like they were going to tear down the dog boxes." Suddenly the whole area turned red and when the boy looked up he observed a bright red circular object. It remained stationary overhead for about five seconds then "shot across the field and stopped." The witness ran for the house to alert his mother and the object paced him to the house. When he and his mother came outdoors the object moved back across the field, stopped, then vanished. At the spot where the object was overhead the altitude was estimated to be 20 feet. The boy observed the object for three-to-four minutes and during that period he could hear the humming sound and feel heat. When the young man returned to the dog boxes they would not let him into the penned area. □

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to appear." The only scary thing about this becomes evident when one pauses to consider how many people will not stop to think about what I am saying. *Once again, it is unfortunate that Man today assumes that everything to be seen is visible on the surface - a one dimensional view.*

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growth of the SBI and the meaning of the word *cooperation*.

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I wish to thank the Board of Directors and Management Board of the International Center for Research, and members of the Tarheel UFO Study Group, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for making my recent trip/lecture a successful, knowledgeable and most of all, an enjoyable one. Many thanks also to Wake Forest University for allowing me this opportunity. May God bless all of you until we meet again; which I always look forward to.

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Fortunately for all of us, there has always been people who question and search for reality and truth while researching any controversial subject, be it UFOs, psychic phenomenon, metaphysics, or whatever, in order to avoid being misled by myths, ignorance, and authoritarian lies. Learning real facts and how to deal with them, these dedicated people can make appropriate and sane responses to any situation; yet we are all conditioned by traditional values and conventional thinking, so breakthroughs in any subject of controversy proceed slowly, if ever at all. We each have a built-in impulse to fulfill our potential for being human; we seek happiness, love, beauty, and justice in our everyday lives. The tension between what we could be and the failure (so far) to produce evidence in our not-readily-accepted research, and because of our scientific, religious and government institutions to hasten our attainment of knowledge in these unknown areas, urges us to seek better ways and the freedom to pursue them.

Unfortunately, there have always been individuals or agencies which oppose human yearnings for perfection or the fact that intelligent life exists elsewhere other than on our own planet (if we even dare call the people of Earth intelligent?) at nearly every turn. For example, during the Renaissance in Europe the Church took severe measures to suppress scientific discoveries that all too often upset the dogmatic opinions of the authorities and their of-

ficial interpretations of matters. Scientists and researchers, in order to avoid persecution and to share their discoveries, formed underground communication network's to release their information to the public. These devoted men of high intelligence defended their work against jealous officialdom and the greed of man. Uplifted by their deeper insights, they endeavored to promote the betterment of the human condition through judicial use of their knowledge and through selective release of their discoveries.

Today, these pressures and conditions still exist which cause researchers to be very careful about what they share with the world, but they are eager to spread knowledge and seem to recognize their own kind wherever they may be. Regardless of all opposition and odds, knowledge in controversial subjects has been transmitted continually to those who search for and demand truth, and will continue to be passed on to others until these mysteries have been resolved.

People always have an opinion on a subject, whether or not they know anything about it. There have always been writers who have not always been truthful with the public or themselves when writing on these subjects. Some, with a gun to their heads, wrote what they were told. Some wrote, and still write today, what they believe to be true at any cost. Again the question rings inside our heads, "Whom are we to believe?". The answer is that we must each decide what is true for himself. A scientific approach first requires reading, then thinking, and finally the expression of an opinion. A clever writer of today, by presenting only *his* story - evidence that is favorable to his

opinion - defeats himself - eventually. Though the unwary reader would never know it from a casual reading of any scientific journals, or from any newspaper, or from any civilian groups' literature on any subject of controversy a real revolution in human thought is already under way (compensating with intensity for what it perhaps lacks in numbers). No matter what any of you may have heard, know about, or think about the *SBI* and/or this writer, it does not matter, I truly and firmly believe that the *SBI* and I are destined *not* to solely resolve any one enigma that has plagued mankind possibly from the very beginning of time rather in a role which the *SBI* calls *T-O-U-C-H* (Trust, Organization, Unity, Cooperation, Harmony) in ufology.

Ann Druffel (author of several books on UFOs, director of Skynet, and treasurer of the now one year old North American UFO Federation, Inc.) recently wrote me, "*I often wonder if UFOs are trying to tell us we are due for a leap in evolution. A truly evolved approach to studying them would mean evolved human beings who have left self-seeking behind them.*" I agree with this statement 100 percent and add, "When people, who claim to be interested and open-minded in controversial subjects, begin to turn off their TV sets, demand to their elected representatives in Washington to lobby for the necessary scientific funding to answer all of their questions, and when they begin to realize that non-profit organizations constantly need publicity, funds and their personal support, the pieces of the puzzle shall begin

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