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S. P. A. C. E. (Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma)

The Air Force says that it has no **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE** (physical meaning 'something you can touch') that such things even exist. In the words of Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, retired, who served three years at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, as Chief Investigator for Project Bluebook **WHAT CONSTITUTES PROOF??** — Does a UFO have to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chiefs of Staff offices? Or is it proof enough when a ground Radar Station detects a UFO, sends a Jet up to intercept it, the pilot sees it, and locks on with his Radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal rate of speed? Which is **PROOF?**

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GIRL'S CAMERA "SEES" HOVERING SAUCER

Sharon Hoag, 18 daughter of an El Cajon minister, says she's never really believed in flying saucers---but...

She was taking time-exposure pictures of the moon for her school photography class one night and a strange circular object showed up on one of her box camera negatives.

Flying Saucer????

Maybe-- that's what both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Air Force later said after viewing the negative and blown up prints.

The "thing" appears as a bright, saucer-shaped object hovering at a 45-degree angle beyond a tree in her yard which showed in the picture. The object is clearly in focus and pretty close to the earth.

It resembles an overhead light fixture except that it shows no means of suspension. And what seems to be a faint C-shaped vapor trail leads away from the bulging center at the bottom.

Sharon says that she propped up her camera outside her home and made several time exposures, each from 12 to 15 minutes, but didn't stay with the camera all the time. She only went outside to turn the film for the next exposure.

"But when I had the negatives developed and the prints made, I saw this strange little round object on one of the negatives. I showed it to my photography teacher, Dr. Richard Peterson, at El Cajon High School where I'm a senior.

"We had some large blowups made of the photo and there it was. We didn't know what to make of it.

"Sure the object looks like a light fixture but we don't have any around my home that looks like that."

Sharon, who lives at 1276 Clarendon St.,

El Cajon, discussed her strange negative with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. William K. Hoag.

"We were all skeptical and didn't know what to do about it. We decided to call the FBI. An agent checked over the negatives and prints and said the object appeared more genuine to him than anything he had seen pertaining to flying saucers.

"He turned my material over to the Air Force and Army. When it was returned to me, they said I could release it for publication if I wished". (Credit San Diego EVENING TRIBUNE, April 7, 1958) Clipping from Joe Cromwell, San Diego, Calif.)

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Our S.P.A.C.E. correspondent in San Diego, Joe Cromwell, paid a visit to the Hoag home, and the following are his remarks:

"After they showed the picture to the head of the Science Dept. at El Cajon High School, then followed FBI, Air Force, Navy and Convair.

"The Air Force examined things in the house, like lamp shades, plates, etc., that they thought she (Sharon) may have used in the picture.

The Navy told them that it was a UFO, and no comment from Convair.

Sharon was very put out with the way the Air Force marked up her pictures."

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WAS AIRMAN SILENCED BY THE AIR FORCE???

In the last issue of S.P.A.C.E. we carried a report which originated from the Allegany, New York State Police of a UFO report made to them by Airman Richard Cooper, on furlough at S. Dayton, New York.

After his report was carried on the air, by Bob Barry, News Director of WMNS of Olean, N.Y. Barry was contacted by an Air Force Sergeant who was going to get the story "SQUALSHED".

In a further report to S.P.A.C.E. Bob Barry

continues his investigation. He states, "After thinking about the first telephone conversation I had with this Air Force Sgt., I decided to call Cooper again at South Dayton, and TAPE the conversation. During the course of the taped conversation, Airman Cooper relayed to me that he was going to be there (S. Dayton) until April 27 and then return to his Tampa, Florida Base.

"This was on Wednesday, April 2, 1958. This was also the same day the Air Force Sgt. went there to see Airman Cooper. At this time (Wed. a.m.) Cooper did not know, that the Air Force man was on his way.

"By the time Wednesday night arrived..... COOPER AND HIS WIFE HAD DISAPPEARED. I found this out after a second telephone conversation with the S. Dayton Constable, Ralph Butcher.

"During my talk with Butcher, I told him that the Air Force man was coming up there to SHUT COOPER UP, in accordance with the Air Force regulation. This made Constable Butcher mad, to think that the Air Force was coming there to put the clamp on Cooper for reporting to the State Police what he saw, rather than through proper Air Force channels.

"Next I contacted Mrs. James Walters of S. Dayton, Cooper's sister. Mrs. Walters said Cooper and his wife left Wednesday to go to his mother's home in a town near Pittsburgh, Pa., but she didn't say WHAT TOWN.

"Friday morning, April 4, 1958, I received a second call from the Air Force Sergeant. My how he had changed. First of all he apologized for the statement he had made about "JEFORDIZING MY JOB". He said that since we were such good friends, he thought I was playing an April Fool joke on him and made up the whole story and broadcast it on April Fool's morning to get him on a wild-goose-chase, as he went over on Tuesday morning, the same day of the broadcast, and failed to find Cooper.

"I told him that if I had wanted to do that, I would have called you up and told you and certainly WOULD NOT have put it out over the air. Do you think I would STOOP that low to pull an April Fool Joke?"

For this, he had no reply.
(Credit - Bob Barry, News Director, Radio Station WMNS, Olean, New York)

(ED NOTE) - Bob Barry also writes that the Sgt. told him that the Air Force would cooperate with him (Barry), if he would in turn cooperate with them and give them sightings first

hand or if he knew of anything pertaining to UFO information. The events following are much too long to carry in detail here, but suffice to say that Barry called both the Canton, Ohio Filter Center, and the Air Force Base at Lockport, New York, for information on current sightings and ran into the usual blank walls and closed doors, when asking for verification of his UFO reports.

Also what is very apparent to your Editor is the SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE of Airman Cooper from the intended place of his stay during his leave from the Air Force. And naturally there were no three men in black who called upon him and threatened him with dire things if he did not shut up. My guess is that simply he was requested, since he had stirred up such a tempest in a teapot (by making the error of reporting his UFO to the wrong authorities), it would be better if he spent the balance of his furlough in a place as remote as possible from the scene of the tempest, and Airman Cooper, being a good loyal American boy, followed instructions.

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SEARCH DUE FOR LOCH NESS MONSTER
DAILIAS TIMES HERALD, April 17, 1958.

LONDON - Five Scottish skin-diving clubs have organized a hunt by at least 30 amateur frogmen on the 50-foot long monster that reportedly inhabits Loch Ness.

At least 2,000 persons have reported seeing the monster, known as Nessie, in the last 25 years, but only from a distance.

The skindivers hope to have at least a half dozen underwater cameras. They plan their search for mid-June, after the worst of the chill is gone. The underwater hunt is the 3rd scheduled this summer. The British Broadcasting Corp. and the Admiralty are teaming up to lower television cameras into the water, perhaps in May, and a frogman named H. L. Cockrell has announced his intention of going after Nessie with knife and explosive, although Parliament may stop him - to save the Loch's fish.

Loch Ness is 24 miles long, a mile and a half wide, and more than 700 feet deep in places, is part of a string of lochs and firths that, with the help of a man-made canal, cut a hundred mile ditch across the Scottish mountains from the North Sea to the Atlantic.

Ocean creatures can reach it from either end. It is highly likely that Nessie, the world's best known monster and Scotland's

biggest tourist attraction, will elude the skindivers and BBC-Navy TV eyes.

Skeptics, of course, will say the futile searches prove once again Nessie doesn't exist but her fans can argue, with some logic, that the searches only skim the surface, even if going down 200 feet.

Nessie apparently likes deep water between her occasional appearances on the surface.

A fishing trawler, the Rival, passing thru the loch on its way to the Atlantic, spotted something 50 feet long on the echo sounding equipment it uses to hunt shoals of fish.

The Captain, Peter Anderson, says he watched the pen trace the monster on the chart. Nessie was then, he said, lying 600 feet below the surface. And if anybody doubts his story, the skipper has the chart in black and white. (Credit - Mrs. Liz Borries, Irving, Texas)

(Ed. Note - Which reminds me, isn't it about time we heard something from the Slick-Johnson expedition to the Himalayas. Has anyone seen Nessie's mountain counterpart, the ABOMINABLE ONE lately???)

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While we are on the subject of monsters, how about this one also from the DALLAS TIMES HERALD? (Am surprised that Texas will let folks have bigger things than in Texas, even in the monster class.)

MONSTER POLAR BEAR FROLICS IN ARCTIC

POINT BARROW, Alaska (UP) - A monstrous polar bear, described as at least 30 feet in length, is reported to be roaming the ice shelf along the coast of the ARCTIC SEA near here. Raymond Kalayauk, an Eskimo seal hunter, said he saw the giant animal twice while hunting along an ice lead about 5 miles west of Point Barrow last month. But when he came home with the story no one would believe him.

Then more recently, Nathanil Neako and Raymond Ipalook returned from a seal-hunting expedition and said they also saw the monster bear twice while they were camping about 12 miles northeast of Pt. Barrow.

Kalayauk said he first saw the head of the bear from a distance of 200 yards. He said he fell flat on his stomach and watched the huge creature for five minutes before it submerged in the frigid sea. Then it emerged again and he was positive of what he had seen.

"The head could easily reach five to six feet in length" Kalayauk said. "It was breathing heavily and the hide was dark." (Not all polar bears are white.)

Kalayauk said he had his .270 rifle ready in case the bear got too close for comfort.

When other hunters asked the men why they

didn't shoot, they replied, "ARE YOU CRAZY?"

(Credit Liz Borries, Irving, Texas)

(Ed. Note - Can it be, as Dr. George Hunt Williamson says, that the increased cosmic ray bombardment, which has been publicly admitted to by our scientists, is causing changes in the genes and hormones, and this is in turn causing some mutations among all forms of living creatures on the face of this planet??? If this be true, then it could explain some of the unusual species of animals and sea life as well, showing up in places where they should not be.

If this explanation is not for you - just remember the case of the celeocanth fish, supposedly extinct a million years ago. And now more than a dozen have been caught in deep waters off the coast of Madagascar. One now hangs in the Smithsonian Institute in WDC, just like its ancestors of a million years ago, as proven by the fossilized remains, which have been uncovered. WHY????

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UFOLOGY: A PLEA AND A WARNING

by M. K. JESSUP

Ufology is the study of flying saucers, or Unidentified Flying Objects. This term was first applied to the saucers by the U. S. Air Force and was then quickly abridged to UFO by the customary style of alphabetical soup originating in Washington, D. C.

To most of the students of Ufology the subject long remained only a listing of sightings with a minimum of analysis. Then it began to be contaminated by the antics of hoaxers and misguided zealots. Finally it has degenerated, in many instances, into a hodge-podge of subjective opinions, imaginary experiences and religious hallucinations which are not only unverifiable but often ludicrous.

The general public is totally unaware of the real scope of Ufology. Even the full-time devotees seldom sense that the study of flying saucers, if pursued to any logical lever or conclusion, soon turns out to be a study of life. It parallels the study of mankind in past, present and future - in science, religion and philosophy. The subject of Ufology is as broad, as deep and as long (especially in terms of time) as the study of humanity itself. Also, it is just as little understood, either in substance, concept or application.

To boil it all down; we know that there are Flying Saucers or UFO's - and that's about all we do know about them with any degree of certainty. To be sure, we know there are many types and that they come and go with bewildering gyrations and a variety of colors, but

these defy classification, much less analysis. We also know that they have been here for thousands of years, which makes it difficult for the Russians or our own Air Force to claim parenthood for them. We know that they are prominent in Biblical history, as instanced by the wheel of Ezekiel.

We believe that they are intelligently controlled either by pilots, or that they are actually intelligent entities of a nature completely beyond our ken. But--we don't KNOW. We don't know where they originate. We don't know their purpose, or whether they have any purpose. But, whatever may be the deplorable state of our knowledge of UFO's, we certainly know something about the state of Ufology -- and how'.

This embryonic science is as full of cults, feuds and dogmas as a dog is of fleas. There are probably more opinions as to the nature and purpose of UFO's as there are Ufologers. The sky visitors are believed to come from Russia, the U.S. Air Force, open space, the Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Alpha Centauri, the outer Galaxy, distant galaxies millions of light years away, from the fourth dimension, from etheric space (whatever that may be), from the fifth dimension, from the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh or other spheres of intelligence and existence, from etheric planets, an invisible planet behind the Moon, the spirit world, and perhaps even from a galactic shangri-la'.

The UFO's are believed to be operated by innate intelligences, Russians, U. S. Pilots, Martians, Venusians, Jovians, Saturnians, remote control, automatic control, galactic space patrols, solar system police, and so on.

They are believed to be powered by rockets, atomic jets, electromagnetic drives, anti-gravity, levitation, thought control, fourth dimensional vibrations, photo ejection, atomic reactance, magnetic reactance, light pressure gravity shields and (probably) imagination.

UFO's are believed to have the purpose of exploring the earth (the job should be nearly complete after at least ten thousand years), mapping the earth, studying humanity, cleaning the atmosphere of atomic radiation, transporting water and/or minerals to distant planets, kidnapping humans for specimens of study, studying our aviation and rockets, gathering to evacuate this planet at the onset of a new cosmic catastrophe, preparing for the second coming of Christ, aiding in our physical and mental evolution, also giving us religious guidance in matters relating to universal love and cosmic brotherhood.

The UFO's are also supposed to be space animals, discarnate entities, mother ships, scout ships, balls of intelligent fire, pure energy, super-heavy matter, stray vibrations, meteors, comets, temperature inversions, and thought forms of higher entities.

They are said to be representative of God, the gods, an elder race, Christ, et alia. We are in communication with UFO's by infra-red light beams, electronically modulated and detected, by radio, flashlight, direct voice, cabalistic footprints, telepathy, spiritual mediumship, revelations of esoteric and occult masters, and by flickering-electric lights.

They are guardians, angels, Brothers, Elder-Brothers, the Boys Upstairs, guides, gods, and representatives of an indeterminate number of super-circumbient spheres of intelligence.

They are vicious, kindly, vengeful, benevolent, destructive, protective, god-like, animal-like, humanoid, non-human, pygmies, giants, religious, pagan and what have you. They land, they don't land. They contact a few obscure characters. They don't contact anyone. They have been here thousands of years. They were not here before 1947.

If you are skeptical about their existence and antics, you are likely to be called a lot of dirty names, the least of which is assinine or anti-social. If you accept the stories of contacts and rides in UFO's you are a crackpot (now termed PSYCHO-CERAMIC). If you are undecided you are a worm or a weak sister. Anyway, you put it, you can't win.

The extremes of beliefs are, on the one hand, that they are man-made, and on the other that they are ships of pure, god-like beautiful men from Venus with all of the combined Divine characteristics of the Diety, the Masters and a host of angels. We are told in this view, that they will soon land for the purpose of saving us from ourselves, or at least they will transport the Biblical 144,000 chosen ones, the elect, to a safer and saner place of abode. Dedicated people dress in white and stand on street corners awaiting the arrival of the brothers!

And so it goes.

THE PLEA

Now--if we are not to destroy the field of Ufology and let it go down in a welter of ridicule, we have got to work together, work with facts and not rumors, do something drastic about deep-enders and hoaxers, and be as objective as possible. The whole field is on the verge of extinction right now because of irresponsible hoaxing and self-aggrandizement. That is a warning. Every day sees the demise

of better and sounder clubs and magazines. THE PLEA IS--tolerance for the viewpoints of others until they are proven wrong, and refraining from positive statements until we are proven right. Otherwise--it's goodbye to Ufology in a very short time.

(Thank you M. K. Jessup for a very interesting and timely article.) Credit MIAMI SAUCER-LORE, Spring issue, 1958 - Miami Flying Saucer Club, 2020 NW 7 St., Miami, Florida.

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ATLANTA, GA. - April 21, 1958

A bullet-shaped object flashed across the southeastern sky early Sunday night and blew up with blinding brilliance. Witnesses from as far north as Martinsburg, W. Va., and Corbin, Ky., and as far south as Georgia reported seeing the object, the local Weather Bureau reported. Persons curious as to what they had seen jammed telephone lines and switchboards in cities along the object's course, inquiring what had passed over. Authorities at DOBBINS AIR FORCE BASE indicated they would begin an investigation today, (April 21) in an effort to determine the answer.

Among the observers were several pilots in the air at the time of the object's passing. The time was 8:30 p.m. EST, and it moved southward at terrific speed, witnesses said, and trailed a shower of sparks. "All reports indicate it was VERY BRIGHT, bullet-shaped, fiery red with a yellow tail and put out a lot of fireworks", a Weather Bureau spokesman said.

"The fliers said it lit up their cockpits. None of them actually saw it fall. They indicated it was very high. One jet pilot flying at 39,000 feet said it was well above him", the weather bureau said.

At Rome, Georgia, radio announcer Bob Martin said he spotted the flash from his home. "It lit up the whole doggone sky northeast of us. It looked like a white ball trailed by a RED BALL, and made a white light. Both came on gradually, not quick as lightning, and then both faded and disappeared together," Martin said. (Credit BOB BARRY, NEWS DIRECTOR, RADIO STATION WMNS, OLEAN, N.Y., also credit Charlotte Fitch and Frederick J. Greve, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

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FREEDOM - CIVIL RIGHTS - AND THE STRANGE TREATMENT OF REINHOLT SCHMIDT

In the December 1957 issue we carried the news stories of the claim of Reinholt Schmidt and his contact with a grounded UFO in the dry bed of the Platte River, near Kearney,

Nebraska. Since that date we have dropped a hint or two of what has happened to Mr. Schmidt since his claim.

He was jailed for three days, and then committed to the Mental Institution in Hastings, Nebr. for two weeks. After two weeks he was released, and the Doctor in charge of the hospital said they could find nothing wrong with him.

A legal suit is now pending, in which Schmidt is suing the State of Nebraska for violation of Civil Rights.

Your Editor has been extremely interested in this case, since he had the good fortune to catch the radio interview between Mr. Schmidt and Mutual Broadcasting Company - before he was jailed. And I must say, I was impressed with the story as Schmidt told it.

Now, thanks to a tape-recorded interview in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in which Major Wayne Aho, Rev. John Brinson, Kalamazoo clergyman, and Mr. William Meyer, and Robert Lowell of the Kalamazoo Flying Saucer Club--all four interview Reinholt Schmidt, we can now pass on the highlights of the events to our readers.

While the evidence in favor of Schmidt seems very strong, S.P.A.C.E. of course continues its aim of neutrality, and lets the reader evaluate the evidence and come to his or her own conclusions. Rev. John BRINSON, Kalamazoo clergyman, has this to say of Reinholt Schmidt:

"Reinholt Schmidt stayed at my home during his visit to Kalamazoo. We enjoyed having him in our home, and have found him to be a very reliable and sincere person. I have no other choice but to believe that Schmidt is telling a true story."

DESCRIPTION OF SHIP

Schmidt states that from the outside the ship appeared to be completely made of a bright aluminum, with no doors or windows visible.

When he neared the ship, he was stopped in his tracks and semi-paralyzed by some sort of a "ray". Then a door opened out of the apparently solid wall. Two men approached him and searched him for weapons, he had none with him. By this time the paralyzine affect was wearing off, and they told him that he could come aboard if he wanted to, as they would not be able to leave for a few minutes anyway.

From the inside, he could see out just as if the walls were made of one-way glass. He could see the sky above, and the grass down to the sides, and the countryside in all directions except for what seemed to be two large bulkheads at each end of the ship.

Inside there was a long instrument panel

about 45 feet long and 5 feet high, filled with instruments. He looked for lettering on the panel to see where it had been made but could find no lettering anywhere on the panel. Two men and two women were working on the panel, and seemed to be making repairs. When they wanted to go to a different place on the panel, they would step back several steps, and then glide to another place along the panel as if on an invisible escalator.

Schmidt says he tried to do it, but when he stood on it, nothing happened. He asked the men where they were from but they told him that they could not tell him now, but that "soon" everyone would know. (Ed. Note -- How soon, is soon?) After what Schmidt judges to have been about a half hour, the men told him that the repairs were made, and that he could leave. And not to try to start his car right away, as it would not start anyway.

After he was taken outside, the men went back into the ship, the door shut, just as tho there had never been a door there, and the ship took off straight up. Slowly at first, and then when it got up about 150 feet, the color changed to a black, then a bluish green, and then with a flash of light it was gone.

Schmidt headed back for Kearney, and went to the home of the Lutheran minister, who was not home. From there he went to the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff went back with him to the scene and saw the outline of where a large object had been sitting in the river bed.

Back to Kearney again, for more officials. Back to the river bed went the Chief of Police, a photographer from the local paper and the County Attorney. All saw the impression where the object had been sitting.

That evening the Sheriff and Reinholt Schmidt appeared on both Radio and TV and the Sheriff backed up Schmidt's story. From there the news spread like wildfire, and Schmidt was kept busy for the next 18 hours answering questions and phone calls in the office of the Chief of Police. About this time, an Air Force Intelligence team arrived on the scene from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

KEARNEY OFFICIALS CHANGE STORY

Shortly after the AF Officers arrived the officials of the town of Kearney changed their story, and wanted Schmidt to change his. Schmidt said "NO" that he had seen the ship just as he had told them, and that he was going to stick to his story.

It was then he was accused of various things including the story that they had heard that he smoked marijuana. Schmidt was then asked to take a lie-detector test.

He said "NO" not until he could get some sleep, as he had been up telling his story for 18 hours and he could hardly talk anymore.

The next day the local newspapers came out and stated that he had refused to take a lie detector test. Then after Schmidt had gotten some sleep, he asked if they still wanted him to take the lie-detector test. The answer was "No, it wasn't necessary".

Schmidt says he was then placed in jail, (without a warrant). While he was in jail the officials came to him and said that they had found two cans of oil in his car and that a can of oil had been found in the bed of the river where the UFO had allegedly been sitting.

It was true Schmidt says that he did have some oil cans in his car, but these he had opened with a can-opener which made a triangular hole, and the can they showed him from the river bed had been opened with a round hole. (Ed. Note - Planted????)

Also when he got out, he found that someone had poured oil all over the trunk of his car, including his laundry. And during this time, the keys to the car as well as all of his personal affects were in the hands of the Kearney Chief of Police.

After three days in jail, the town officials wanted him to go to Hastings, Nebraska to the State Mental Institution for a mental test. They called Schmidt's wife in Wyoming, and asked her to agree for him to go to the Hospital. Told her, that he (Schmidt) was a suicidal risk.

She said not to take him, that she could be in Kearney by 3:00 o'clock that afternoon. The answer to her was, "it's too late, he is already on his way". Schmidt says that was not true, as they did not leave until noon, which was 3 hours after they called his wife.

Schmidt's brothers were also called and told the same story, that he was a suicidal risk, and should be treated at the mental hospital. The brothers did not go for the story either, so the commitment papers were signed, Schmidt says, by the Sheriff, the Chief of Police and the County Attorney.

To make the commitment legal, I suppose, they had Schmidt examined by two local MD's. They had Schmidt repeat his story several times, and their verdict was that he had a "FIXATION", because he told his story the same way both times.

(Ed. Note - Did you intelligent MD's ever think of the possibility of a man who may be telling the truth, could tell it the same twice in a row??? Well, maybe such words as TRUTH--aren't in your medical books-- only

such words as FIXATION, etc. appear there.)

Schmidt asked the Chief of Police to let him call an attorney. The Chief ran his finger down the list of attorneys in the phone book, stopped at one, and said, "Here is a good one."

They called him and he turned out to be the Asst. Co. Attorney. He advised Schmidt to change his story. Schmidt refused to accept this man as his attorney, said he didn't need that kind of an attorney.

SCHMIDT TAKEN TO HASTINGS HOSPITAL

At the Hastings Mental Hospital Schmidt was questioned by a large crew of Doctors (Psychiatrists), and asked the usual run of the mill questions to determine his mental status. Here are only several of them - How would you have answered them???

Question -- Who was the smartest, George Washington, or Abraham Lincoln?

Answer by Schmidt -- "I don't know, I was not here when either one of them was living, I would have no way of knowing."

Question -- If you could be some animal, rather than a human being, what would you rather be???

SCHMIDT -- "A PSYCHIATRIST".

After a number of such questions, Schmidt was dismissed, and told that he could go to the recreation room and watch TV.

After a while another Doctor came into the recreation room and asked Schmidt what he was doing there. Schmidt's answer was, "I don't know, this isn't my idea."

After three days, Schmidt was told that there was nothing wrong with him, that he was free to go if he wanted to. Schmidt said no, as long as he had gone this far, he wanted to know for his own sake and all his friends if there was anything wrong with him. He demanded every test that the Hospital could give him.

The Doctor told him that he thought it was a smart thing for him to do. The tests and the evaluation of them took two weeks, and Schmidt passed all of them with flying colors.

During this time, Schmidt's employers in California had a person to person call in for Schmidt at the Mental institution, and never got through to him. On the 14th day of Schmidt's stay, his employer arrived at the hospital in person, and asked the Doctors what was wrong with Schmidt. The Doctors said, "NOTHING", whereupon his employer demanded Schmidt's release, at once, or he would fly in his lawyers from California and cause them plenty of trouble. SCHMIDT was then released within 5 minutes.

In a statement to the newspapers, the

Director of the Hospital, Dr. J. A. Wolford, said that "Schmidt was released because we could see no further reason for keeping him."

SCHMIDT'S LOSSES WHILE IN POKEY

Several years before this, Schmidt had purchased 4 large corn pickers and shellers at a cost of \$4200.00, each, an investment of about \$16,000 to \$17,000. When he was placed in the mental institution, he still owed a balance of \$1300.00 on the machines. He had a foreman who was handling the machines for him.

When word spread that Schmidt had been committed to the Hospital, the dealer who had sold the machines to Schmidt, thinking that Schmidt would be in the Hospital for several years--repossessed the combines.

This, of course, should straighten itself out now that Schmidt is out of the Hospital. But what about all the lost revenue from the combines not being in use, the loss of salary while in the institution, and the personal mortification from being treated as a common criminal???

Several months after his release (Feb. 5, 1958), Schmidt claims that he was again driving along the highway near Kearney, and this same ship settled down in a field alongside the highway. The crew invited him aboard and said that this was not a good place to talk to him, so near to the highway, so they took off and came down again about two miles away, once again in the tree coverage along the Platte River.

When Schmidt asked them how they were able to find him again, the answer was, "We have your brain impulses on record and we can find you anywhere. We use brain impulses, just like you can trace people through their fingerprints." Another question which Schmidt says he asked of the occupants was, "What kind of fuel do you use?"

The answer was, "We do not use fuel, we use energy from the earth and the sun!" This was when they asked Schmidt these three questions:

- (1) What would the people of the Earth do if the people of other planets launched satellites around the earth interrupting all TV & Radio, also many other devices?
- (2) What was the airplane carrying - other than passengers that disintegrated over the Pacific in November 1957?
- (3) How would the people react if we were to land a large fleet of these ships and speak with all the people on a friendly mission? Would we be accepted?

Schmidt asked a number of Nebraska people question number three. One was a law official whose answer was, "I'd turn my machine gun on

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them." (Ed. Note-the above is no surprise-In fact, it's probably about par for the course.)

To this contact, there are apparently some witnesses. Two prominent business men were out pheasant hunting near the Platte River and saw Schmidt go up to the ship. They, to date, have kept their names confidential, but did go to Radio Station KGFV and make a tape recording, testifying to what they saw. The tape is under lock and key, and will certainly be a valuable bit of evidence, if and when the case comes to trial.

Schmidt's employers approve of his going on a lecture tour, so all will know how his Civil Rights were violated.

Schmidt says that the men in the space ship were about five feet six or eight inches tall and the women a little shorter, all were dark of complexion. That they wore ordinary business suits, and if you had never seen them before, you wouldn't be able to tell them from anyone else you would meet on any city street.

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So much for the claims of Reinholt O. Schmidt. S.P.A.C.E., of course, does not know if these claims are true or false. But this much we do know--The Officials who handled the case in Kearney, Nebraska, have had their field day. It is only fair, in this democratic country, that Schmidt have his chance to tell his side of the issue.

To your Editor there is far more involved than the veracity of this contact claim. To my knowledge, there is no law as yet on the books anywhere in this country, or any of the states, which says that it is a crime to fraternize with, or accept an invitation to enter a space craft not manufactured on this planet.

Therefore, the worst offense which Schmidt

would be guilty of, if the claims were not true, would be of having told a whopper of a lie. And through the various efforts we have made to investigate this affair, no one suffered any loss due to the lie (other than Schmidt himself.)

Therefore, the question we pose is, "Why did the legal authorities in this case treat the man who had violated no law--treat him more shamefully than the Starkweather lad was treated. Starkweather, the juvenile terror, who by his own admission murdered more than a dozen hapless victims????

S.P.A.C.E. wished to thank the many individuals who have cooperated in compiling this story so we can pass it on to our readers. Those of you having tape recorders, and wishing the complete story direct from Reinholt Schmidt and others who have investigated the case, write to TAPE RECORDED UFO INFORMATION SERVICE, Dr. A. G. Dittmar, Director, AuSable Forks, New York.

Dr. Dittmar and his service have been doing a wonderful service in bringing all sides of the UFO picture to many people looking for facts--not fiction. Send blank tape for an hour and a halfs listening time, and something to cover mailing and packing expenses, and get this tape.

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We have a member of S.P.A.C.E. family here in Florida, who wants to do her bit via tape recordings, as Dr. Dittmar is doing. Her organization is called the NEW AGE SPACE CLUB OF AMERICA, Gladys T. Waits, Originator, P.O. Box 7, Foley, Fla. Write for further details. And Gladys, if business is slow, you just cooperate with Dr. Dittmar, AuSable Forks, N. Y. and you'll have all the work you want!