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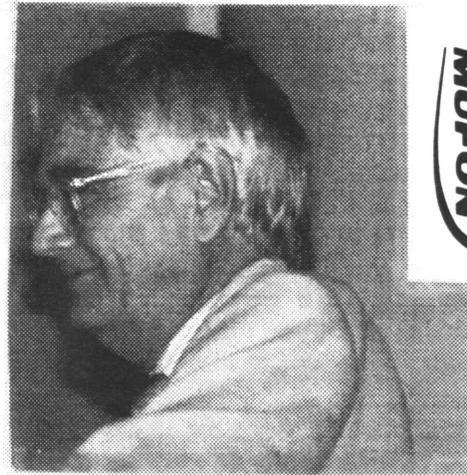
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T H E P A S S I N G P A R A D E C O N T I N U E S T O P A S S B Y :

Artist/ufoologist Budd Hopkins, pictured here in the MUFON Journal years ago, has died as of August 21st. It turns out that he was just about six weeks older than your 80-year-old Editor. Hopkins died of cancer, and was under the care of Hospice for the last three weeks of his life.

We knew Hopkins only very slightly, though we both lived in the New York City area for many years. Actually, we clashed badly way back in 1975, concerning a UFO case that had nothing to do with abductions. This strange incident was a brief late-night landing of 1950s-style "little men", seen by only one witness. Interestingly, the landing occurred only a mile or two from where your editor then lived.

We have printed the details of this clash at least a couple of times in past issues, and it would perhaps be inappropriate to reprint the story here. Suffice is to say that we basically never spoke to each other again after 1975.

We will, however, recount briefly an amusing incident that occurred quite a few years later. At a UFO convention somewhere, Budd was sitting in a lobby surrounded by eager fans, when he saw your editor approaching with a camera in hand. He immediately, without saying a word, gave us The Finger, or "The Bird" as it is sometimes called. Budd looked so angry that we just kept on walking, as we feared (incorrectly) that he was about to get physical. Thus we missed the wonderful photo opportunity he was offering us!

Budd Hopkins was undoubtedly the best known of America's abduction researchers. He was close friends with Dr. David Jacobs, who was probably the second best known, though there were important differences in their ufological views. Dr. Leo Sprinkle of Wyoming would be #3. It is worth noting that of these three, only Dr. Sprinkle has formal training in human psychology. This fact is important when we try to evaluate "Missing Time" and (false??) abduction memories that patients recall while under hypnosis.

Hopkins wrote three very popular books about abductions. "Missing Time" (1961), "Intruders" (1967) and "Witnessed" (1996). The full title of the last book is "Witnessed: The UFO Brooklyn Bridge Alien Abduction".

Here your humble editor again clashed with Hopkins. The complex series of events related in that book began in 1969 and apparently continued, in one form or another, for several years thereafter. We don't claim to know the whole story by any means, but the original incident involved a Manhattan (N.Y.C.) housewife who was floated out a window of the high-rise apartment building where she lived with her family. The floating was caused somehow by two aliens from a flying saucer hovering nearby, outside of her living room window.

Your editor is not "anti-abduction". (There must be something weird going on!) -

but a housewife floating out a window in Manhattan, even late at night - is a little much! Incidentally, the lady only recalled this part of the story later, while under hypnosis.

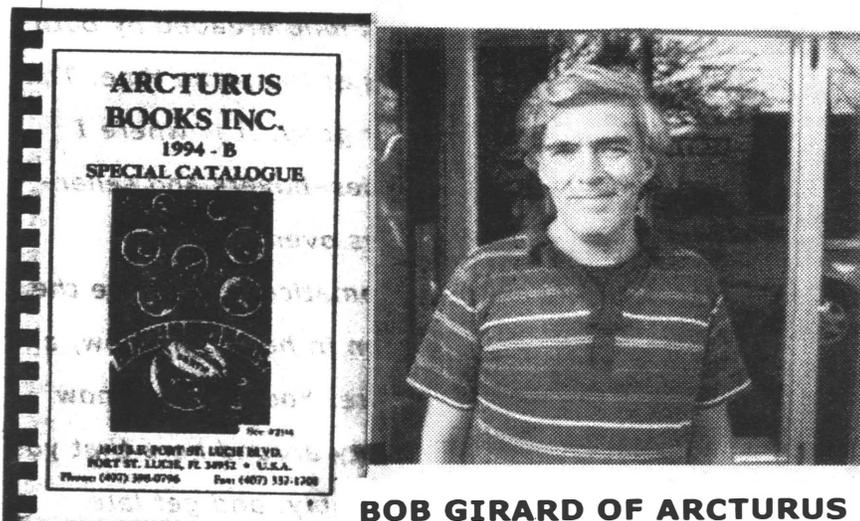
Your editor was in league with a couple of the ufologists who investigated this case from a skeptical point of view. At first the lady's name was "top secret" for some reason, but these guys learned the name somehow, and slipped it to "Smear". We were therefore the first to publish this rather unimportant (to us) "exclusive". The woman's name was not Linda Cortille as claimed, but in reality it was Linda Napolitano.

Budd was furious, but in later years we apologized to Linda, who is now a "Smear" non-subscriber. We barely know her; but whether or not she was ever floated out a window by aliens, she is obviously a very decent, religiously-oriented person. She appears to be sane and sincere, nor did she ever make much money from her uniquely sensational story. Her recent comment to us by phone, concerning Hopkins' death; "I'll miss him. It's a sad time."

Budd Hopkins had many supporters and also various enemies, in and out of the UFO field. At present, one of them is his ex-wife Carol Rainey. We printed a large portion of her lengthy complaints about him in our Feb. 5th, 2011 issue. No need to reprint it here.

Famed UFO historian Jerry Clark once made a well-intentioned attempt to get your Editor and Hopkins to "bury the hatchet". This did not work out.

No doubt Hopkins was a sincere researcher in his own way. We wish him well, wherever he is now...



BOB GIRARD OF ARCTURUS

This is to inform you of the Passing of Bob Girard, who in 1980 founded a small but potent organization called Arcturus Books. It specialized in UFOs as well as psychic phenomena, ancient astronauts, the "hollow earth", and other Fortean mysteries. A current book list was sent several times each year to his customers, first by "snail mail" and later via the Net.

Over a period of time, Amazon and other internet-based book shops took away a large percentage of Bob's customers. This plus increasing health problems in recent years caused his quality of life

to decrease dramatically. He died of cancer.

We met Bob Girard a few times, as he would often set up his book display at UFO conventions. We remember with amusement the first time we met. Bob was arguing vigorously with a potential customer against the quality of a book the man was obviously anxious to buy. Finally Bob gave in and let him buy it!

This kind of scene was apparently not unusual. When we used to receive Bob's book lists by mail, they would include a short review of each title. Amazingly, many of Bob's write-ups were strongly negative about the quality of the item. Sometimes he would get downright nasty about a book he was supposedly trying to persuade people to buy. We found this attitude to be highly humorous and unusual. We never bought anything from him because "Smear" usually depends on a free copy of current UFO titles.

Bob Girard did sincerely love books - not just as a way of making a living. We are sure he was upset by the virtually paperless society the world is headed into.

The following very sad paragraph is quoted from a notice Bob sent out to his customer list about three weeks before his death;

"...There are orders piling up here, and I urgently need more orders of all kinds. I have books enough to do a new catalogue, but medical appointments are wiping out what working time I can arrange, and life will be like this for some months ahead. It is ironic indeed that a moment long dreaded by both me and, presumably, my customers has

arrived for us at the same time. This is where you will likely soon lose your book source for good. It is where I lose mine too, and maybe even my life..." (End of quote.)

We don't know Bob Girard's exact age, but we assume he was in his sixties. He was indeed quite a unique character...

Finally, we report the death of a British ufologist named Stuart Miller, whom we didn't know at all. He must have been at least a decent sort, as the Net carries very favorable comments from people like Nick Redfern and Paul Kimball.

Actually, Miller died in a motorcycle accident this past May, but for some reason it apparently was not reported on the Net till now.

Miller's greatest claim to ufological fame was in regard to publishing a British zine a few years ago called "Alien Worlds", which unfortunately folded after only four issues. It is said to have been a first-rate publication while it lasted...

FLASH! This is another in our informal series of articles about the 1960 classic Cash-Landrum UFO case. Once again we remind you that this is the event in which three innocent people on the ground were seriously injured by an out-of-control low-flying UFO of some sort, which was being followed or escorted by a large group of military helicopters. There is no other event in ufological history that is anything like this one!

Back in the 1980s there was a researcher named Tom Adams who lived in Texas. He published a zine called "STIGMATA: The Project Stigma Report on the Continuing Investigation of Animal Mutilations". Thus Adams' main interest was not UFOs. However, in his Issue #17 (2nd quarter, 1982), which John Schuessler has kindly sent us, he devotes 5½ of the 6 pages to the Cash-Landrum affair.

Interestingly, Adams mentions three possible solutions to the case:

"(1) The UFO itself was extraterrestrial, non-terrestrial, alien or otherwise extramundane in origin, and the 'helicopters' were nothing more than UFOs themselves, attending to their 'mother ship', perhaps.

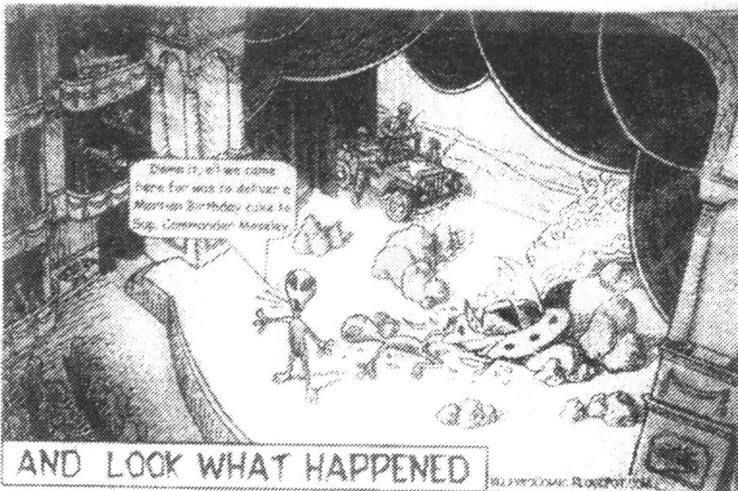
"(2) The UFO was 'alien', but the helicopters were U.S.-made craft attached to the military.

"(3) The UFO was terrestrial in origin, representing a secret or experimental operation, and the choppers were operating under military auspices." (End of quote.)

We strongly endorse the third of these possibilities!

Either in a later issue of "Stigmata" or elsewhere, Adams released an account given by a U.S. helicopter pilot to whom he assigned the pseudonym "Tony". As we mentioned in our last issue (Page 2), this account makes a lot of sense and may well be a partial answer to the mystery. Therein we published a long direct quote from "Tony", re his statement as published in John Schuessler's book on this subject.

Unfortunately, we have no idea exactly who "Tony" is/was, or if he really existed. Sadly, his testimony, unsubstantiated by anything else, is worth very little. Schuessler tells us that Tom Adams was never willing to reveal the names of his informants. We don't even know if Adams is still alive, but perhaps one or more of our many "Smear" readers can be of help. (Continued to the top of Page 4.)



When we published this wonderful Roswell-inspired cartoon in our last issue, we didn't realize that the alien's speech is hard to read. The text is: "Damn it, all we came here for was to deliver a Martian birthday cake to Sup. Commander Moseley". (Thanks again to non-subscriber Miller Johnson for sending this gem.)



AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED

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All we can say is that, had it received even a small fraction of the attention given to the Roswell Incident, the Cash-Landrum case might well have been solved - much to the embarrassment of the U.S. military. Why didn't this incident receive the attention it deserved? Because it is probably not ET, and there are no (alleged) alien bodies!

The Roswell Incident was well over 60 years ago, whereas the Cash-Landrum case is "only" about 30 years old. "Tony" may still be alive and willing to talk openly; or others might come forward if they were tracked down by dedicated researchers. It is obvious that John Schuessler has given up, but where there's life there is still hope!...

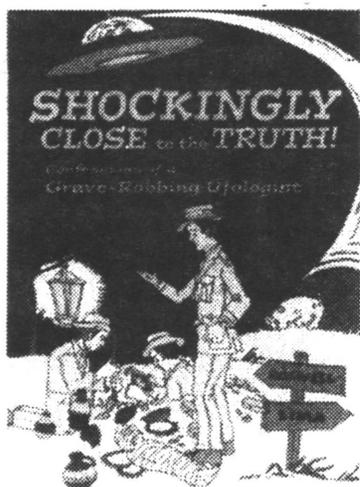
Before launching our first UFO publication in mid-1954, your editor spent the latter part of 1953 and the first months of 1954 actually doing serious UFO research. We still have about 150 pages of single-spaced typewritten notes about this research, which included a trip by car all the way from northern New Jersey to Southern California and back - plus some side-trips. Much time, effort, and money, indeed! Some of this material has been published in "Smear" at various times, and in our 2002 book "Shockingly Close to the Truth". Some of it still has never been published, for various reasons.

The most exciting new story we came across in that period was about a woman who, in 1952, while working as a civilian employee of the Army, saw detailed photographs of a flying saucer that had (allegedly) been captured by the government. Her employment was at Columbus Army Supply Depot, in Columbus, Ohio; but in a book we later wrote on the subject, this became the much more famous Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio.

The real story is long and complicated, but the solution to it, almost certainly, is quite simple: The woman did actually work at the base in Columbus for awhile, but she made up the saucer story to impress her husband's boss, who was a hard-core saucer enthusiast of an almost fanatical sort. There were elements in her story that meshed nicely with claims in Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers" (1950), and by coincidence this was the only UFO book her family owned. Scully's saucer claims (mainly re Aztec, N. M.) have been discredited long ago.

In 1971 "The Wright Field Story" was published by Gray Barker's Saucerian Books, with your editor as the author, though there was a great deal of sensational fictionalized input by Gray Barker himself. Nowhere was the above-mentioned solution even hinted at! The book as a whole was far from being a masterpiece of American literature. In private we called it "The Wrong Field Story".

Now for the punch line, so to speak: "The Wright Field Story" has very recently been advertised on AbeBooks.com for \$975! Yes, folks, that's nine hundred and seventy five dollars, for an autographed copy in very good condition. We own one copy of the



JAMES W. MOSELEY, KARL T. PFLÖCK
Shockingly Close to the Truth: Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist



why bother?

Here's my review: This book stinks. I didn't learn anything new. It was boring.

Published on April 28, 2005 by FruityAsANutcake

Ufology, Tricksters, And A Gaggle Of Geeks

With Shockingly Close To The Truth!, Jim Moseley provides Fortean and ufologists with a detailed, occasionally funny account of his fifty years on the 'saucer beat.

Read more

Published on February 28, 2003 by J. E. Barnes

Fun and Informative

As one who has read tons of UFO books, with a skeptical mind, I loved this book. It is a humorous and detailed look at the history of the UFO movement in the USA, by a man who... **Read more**

Published on February 27, 2003 by Doug Traversa



book, which is now somewhere in storage. It is probably not in very good condition, and it is not autographed.

"What Fools These Mortals Be!" (Our thanks to researcher Tom Benson for sending us the info. about this AbeBooks.com posting.)...

And now, thanks to "Ray X" and Vince Ditchkus, we have received a number of reviews of our only real book, of which we are justifiably very proud - "Shockingly Close to the Truth" (2002), co-authored with the late Karl Pflock.

Most of the reviews are favorable, though the first one listed on Page 4 is not.

Shockingly, this very worthwhile tome is selling on the Net for as low as 58¢. Yes, folks, that's fifty eight centavos. Honestly, it is not over-priced!...

Another UFO book, which we received as an 80th birthday present, is even more obscure than any of ours. It is from 1968 and is entitled "Encounters with Aliens".

The editor is long-time ufologist George Earley, who has strong roots in both sf/fi and ufology. There is also an introduction by Ivan Sanderson, the late, great champion of ufology as well as other Fortean subjects. His contribution to the book is appropriately called "The Forteans and the Fictioners".

The theme expressed by both Earley and Sanderson is a very worthwhile one, seldom discussed these days. It involves the strange antagonism that science fiction writers & enthusiasts almost universally have toward ufology specifically and Fortean subjects in general. These people are basically saying that it is okay to imagine space beings in the distant past or in the future, but don't tell us that such beings might really be visiting Earth right now. These writers have an actual fear of speculative scientific reality as opposed to clearly fictional science-based creatures and situations. The reasons for this antagonism are not easily explained.

Your "Smear" editor has never had much interest at all in science fiction. In brief, ufology might well be true (at least in part), whereas science fiction is admittedly un-true - so why bother with it?

Anyhow, "Encounters with Aliens" is so obscure and forgotten that it may not even be available on the (cursed) Net. Try looking for it at www.bookfinder.com. (The 1978 edition was published by Charter House, Nashville, Tennessee 37212)....

Phantom Planes

What, you might ask, are phantom planes? Well, apparently they are real UFOs of some sort that look like small aircraft. Our source, from the Net of course, says that they are "airbuses that both look and sound real, but then disappear into nothing. Some low-flying encounters with them have been so lifelike that pedestrians have jumped for cover."

Our source goes on: "Phantom planes are a phenomenon wherein the ghostly structure of an airplane materializes, flies for a bit, and then disappears. We haven't heard of any long-dead crew seen piling the ghost-ships, but there have been some very close encounters."

Frankly, we have had parts of this material since late 2008 and early 2009. Why are we publishing it now? For the same reason that we introduced you to "Unidentified Floating Buildings" (UFB) not long ago. Anything is better than ranting on about endless mysterious lights in the sky! In other words, we are "scraping the bottom of the barrel". But do not underestimate the possible reality of phantom planes!

Of the examples we have seen, we like best the one (1976 - no exact date given) involving George Mosley and others. His name and address are right in the article. Your editor's late father was named George Mosley, but we are quite sure that this guy is no relation. Here goes;

"Butler County, Ohio deputies discontinued a search yesterday afternoon for a plane which reportedly had crashed in Reily Township near Imhoff and Indian Creek Roads late Wednesday night. Deputies said an amateur radio operator heard what he thought was a distress call from a plane believed to be flying from Oxford to Cincinnati about 11 p.m.

"About 1:45 a.m. yesterday, George Mosley, 1203 Azel Avenue, Hamilton (Ohio), his son and two other boys became separated in the same area while coon hunting. During the separation the boys said they saw a white flash in the sky at treetop level, then heard screaming and a crash.

"Airports in Hamilton and Butler County had no record of any small craft filing a flight plan during those hours. Deputies used a plane and also walked the area in search of a ~~downed plane~~ Wednesday night until fog set in on the Reily area. The search was continued yesterday morning and discontinued after nothing was found...

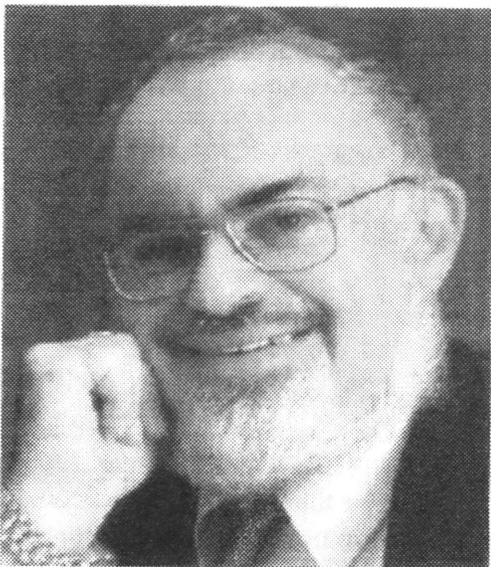
"This is a pretty creepy account. Not only did the three boys see the thing individually, but the radio operator heard a distress call completely separate from the other account." (End of quote.)

The source goes on to observe, somewhat tongue-in-cheek; "Phanton plane sightings don't seem to happen very often. They're rare enough to be pretty free from devoted debunkers, as far as our quick internet search can tell. Should any of these debunkers arise, we've little doubt their chief arguments would have to do with tricks of light or the moon through the trees. It doesn't answer much; but when you have to publicly expose something you can't actually study, there's not a lot of wiggle room"...

Stanton Friedman Vs. The Internet ^{Who Forged?}

Turns out the appearance of "the UFO physicist" on the popular social news website reddit.com did not exactly go as planned. Friedman started an AMA (or Ask Me Anything) thread in which he plugged his book more often than directly answered questions, and curiously kept mentioning the cancelled Apollo 18 mission. Turns out the entire thread was part of a viral marketing campaign put forth by the advertising team behind the big budget "found footage" movie *Apollo 18*, which Friedman later admitted to. "This did little to quell the internet shit storm that he had created."

Stanton Friedman Vs. The Internet



"UFO Physicist" Stanton Friedman

The above paragraph, quoted verbatim from the Net, summarizes our discussion below:

We know little or nothing about the Net, but the format of reddit.com. seems to be that an "expert" answers questions about a specific topic, and then sinks or swims according to the quality of his answers. It's sort of like a bullfight (of which we have seen many), where the matador must please the crowd with his performance. If he fails to do so, the bull won't be his only problem. The audience will turn against him. Really!

Friedman is usually pretty hep and pretty patient with his audience; but this time he blew it, with answers like, "You expect me to condense a 25 page chapter (in my book) into two paragraphs? How ridiculous!"

If we understand correctly, this question and answer exchange went on for four hours, which would be too much for anyone; but be that as it may, after awhile his invisible audience started digging up

stuff like the fact he does not have a Ph.D., and hasn't actually worked in nuclear physics since the 1970s. (Your editor has long known these facts, but as a friend, we don't rub it in.)

Friedman did answer some questions, and thus the participants learned that he does not watch The Simpsons on TV; has had only eleven hecklers in all these years; and re the possibility of an alien base on the dark side of the moon, "could be - not enough data." That, folks, is a firm maybe.

According to this Net article, "the weirdest part (of Friedman's performance), aside from hardly answering a single relevant question, was how many times he kept mentioning

the cancelled Apollo 18 mission. It turns out that our nuclear friend was somehow in league with the people promoting the commercial movie "Apollo 18". We kid you not!

The audience questions kept getting more negative, like "How does it feel to be considered a joke by any credible scientist?" We dare not go on.

Incidentally, in the photo here, Stan looks much younger, more handsome, and more friendly than usual. (We throw this in so that he won't be pissed off at us completely!)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

Hard-core non-subscriber CARLOS MENTIRA writes:

"Smear", unfortunately, has degenerated to the point that it is nothing more than a bunch of book reviews and obituaries. I think you have lost touch completely with contemporary ufology!

"I myself have had several important UFO sightings and even one abduction. But you don't publish stuff like that any more. I'm going to send my story to 'Open Minds'..."

Ufologist DENIS COREY writes:

"Unfortunately, I don't believe mysteries like Cash-Landrum will ever be solved. After 30-plus years, it's pretty much a cold case. Frigid, I'd say..."

JERRY CLARK, apparently responding to our recent account of having met (long ago) a very strange ufological character named "Alexander", writes:

"...My own curious experience with somebody bearing alleged UFO knowledge occurred over the phone in the early 1990s. It was so odd that I wrote a detailed memo of the conversation immediately thereafter. It's filed somewhere, and I stumbled upon it a couple of years ago while going through a folder digging for something else, which is the only way I find anything anymore - by not looking for it.

"The caller, who would not give her name, was manifestly well educated, and she was also well spoken. If she had been discussing a less contentious issue than UFO secrets, it probably would not have occurred to me to disbelieve her. I don't recall all the details, but they had to do with a relationship she'd had with a man with access to extraordinary, highly-classified footage of non-human spacecraft in the upper atmosphere.

"I asked her several times why she was relating this to me, a complete stranger, and what she wanted me to do about it. I never got what I took to be a straight answer, and I never heard from her again. The conversation, an extended one, was interesting but, as far as I could infer, entirely purposeless."

We can only guess that the woman chose Jerry because he was/is a very well known ufologist. Similarly, "Alexander" decided to contact us. - Editor.

Researcher CURT COLLINS writes as follows:

"The episode with 'Alexander' (in your July issue) is interesting. I wonder if there are records from any of the other UFO authors he contacted. My guess is that he was working a scam and decided to abandon it, despite sinking a fair amount of money and time into the initial stages..."

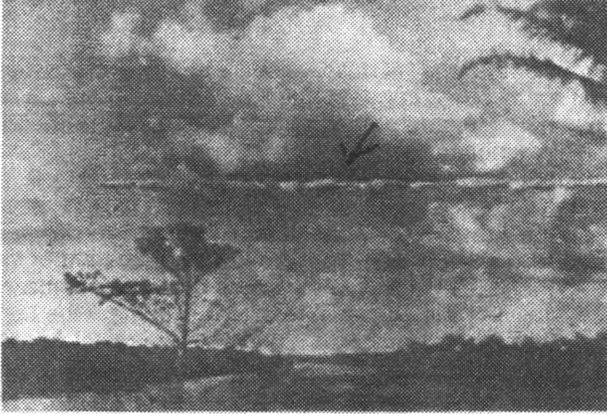
"Your latest issue was interesting as usual and I'm glad to see you still pursuing the Cash-Landrum case. If Phil Klass was wrong about this one and something actually happened, then some day this case will crack. The military operation required the involvement of a large number of personnel for the helicopters, from pilots and flight and ground crew, and these men are reaching retirement age. I feel that sooner or later some will talk. Also, there's a surviving primary witness, Colby Landrum, which is more than most cases have in their support..."

"Some of my reading about espionage and secrecy leads me to the half-baked speculation that many U.S. projects like Blue Book and paranormal research like Remote Viewing were targeted against the Soviets. We ran our programs on the cheap and let information on them get released just so that the Soviets could waste time spying on them, and pump

manpower and funds into competing against them with programs of their own..

"I was going to include some UFO news (with this letter), but I can't figure a way to send you any material that you are not likely to get from Vince Ditchkus or other sources. If you are writing a piece on a particular topic or author, I'd be happy to see if I could find some more information, whether current or historical."

SAUCER SIGHTED AND PHOTO TAKEN
IN MADRE DE DIOS SECTION OF PERU



This is a very poor copy of a UFO picture that your editor brought back from Peru in 1954, after the first of his several treasure-hunting trips to that country.

This picture has been around the saucer world ever since then. We have seen it many times, most recently in a Net posting probably by researcher Anthony Bragalia.

As we mentioned to you in "Smear" not long ago, we still have about 150 pages of single-spaced typewritten notes we made in 1953 and 1954, when we first entered the UFO field. These notes were for a book we were expecting to co-author in 1955. Instead, the book came out in 2002, with a different co-

author. (Long story here.)

Here, printed for the first time ever, are the word for word original 1954 notes:

"In Lima I met Sr. Pedro Bardi, who is an agricultural engineer. On July 19th, 1952, while on a farm in the Madre de Dios section of Peru, he and others saw a saucer. It was about 4:30 p.m., and they were talking to Lima by radio. Suddenly the radio went dead, i.e., they could not receive or transmit; and they looked out the window to see what the trouble was, and saw a round object going by at high speed. Its nose was yellow, it was electric blue toward the center, and pink in the back. It left a white vapor trail behind it that was visible for 20 minutes after the object had passed. It was at an estimated 1,000 meters altitude. It was a little smaller than a DC-3, according to Bardi. The object made a buzzing sound as it went by.

"Among the others who saw the object was Pedro Arellano, owner of the farm.

"The speed of the object was known by the fact that it made the 120 kilometers from the above-mentioned farm to Porto Maldonado in 4 minutes. Thus the object was going about 30 kilometers a minute. Near Porto Maldonado the object was photographed by a man named Domingo Troncoso, who is customs administrator for that Port. He was photographing something else when the object flew by, and thus had his camera ready. In his photo, which I obtained a print of, the object appears to be cigar-shaped rather than round, but Bardi says that it looked round to him.

"This is one of the very few cases I know of in which a saucer left a vapor trail; and the description of the object as given by Bardi and the picture as taken by Troncoso make it appear more like a V-2 type object, propelled by some sort of jet.

"I could not obtain the negative of the picture, but had a second negative made from the print I obtained, and had an 8 by 10 print made from the second negative." (End of quote.)

Now for a few notes on our notes;

We have no idea what happened to the second negative or the 8 by 10 print, or even how and when the photo entered the U.S. saucer scene.

The Madre de Dios province of Peru is, and was more so in 1952, an almost unexplored expanse of jungle. There were no military bases anywhere near there, at that time.

We never met the man who actually took the picture.

In our humble opinion, this is one of the classic UFO pictures that can absolutely be assumed to be genuine. There certainly were no saucer clubs, etc., in Peru in those days. If Sr. Bardi had not happened (somehow) to hear about our interest in saucers, this photo would probably never have become known in the U.S. and elsewhere.

Our thanks to Sr. Bragalia for inadvertently reminding us of this very interesting case...