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THE BROOKSVILLE INCIDENT / BY: ALLEN GREENFIELD

EDITORS NOTE: -- On March 2nd, 1965 John Reeves a retired Longshoreman who resides in the small community of Brooksville, Florida claimed to have walked within 100 feet of a landed UFO and its pilot.

The Reeves case drew alot of press attention. Both wire services picked up the news and according to Reeves deserted his story by "adding considerable bits of fiction to fill in the missing pieces."

One thing which Reeves did not tell the news media representatives is that the spaceman (or "Robot" as Reeves calls him) actually "put his hands on my shoulders" and lead him into the ship. Inside the craft "I saw all kinds of instruments - On the wall was a bright light which seemed to change to a different color every time it flashed on and off. First a blue color, then yellow, then red, then an orange color. There was also a giant picture screen...and all sorts of other instruments which I have never seen before or since."

The reason why Reeves has not, until now, openly told of his visit into the craft is that "After we came out of the space ship the 'Robot' pointed to the ship and put his finger over my lip, and made his hand close like a fist slowly, meaning that what ever I saw in there was to be kept to myself."

In personal correspondence in our files John Reeves indicates that the "spaceman" or "Robot" told him that he would return to Brooksville in a cycle of 29 days. Sure enough he did and on his return trips he has been seen by hundreds of observers including many top UFO researchers.

Recently we received a rather interesting tape from Allen Greenfield editor of the popular ALTERNATE HORIZONS NEWSLETTER (free sample copy provided to SEARCHLIGHT readers who write to Mr. Greenfield at 2875 Sequoyah Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30327) on which he spoke about his recent trip to interview Reeves and his amazing discoveries. We immediately phoned Allen and told him to put some of this material together for our newsletter so that other investigators would be aware of the astounding series of events which have been taking place in the vicinity of Brooksville since that day in March. He of course consented to do so and his account is as follows: -- TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY

I know not whether I write of folly or fraud or astonishing reality, but I do know that I write of cruciality. About three miles from the touristy glamour of Weeki-Wachee Springs, Florida a retired longshoreman named John Reeves lives. Many retired people come to Florida from the North. But this one is different. John Reeves talks to people or things or something from out of this world. Or so he says. And perhaps thinks.

There have been other men...perhaps very lonely men who have talked to entities of one kind or another. Or said they did. And perhaps thought they did. Or, perhaps, did in fact. But John Reeves has something else going for him. I do not say that others have not also been surrounded by supporting information, too, but only that I know the Reeves case, which includes the environment of John Reeves as well as the story told by John Reeves.

There are the strange tracks on the ground. Or the stories of strange tracks. Not just those supposedly left by the "robots", but the tracks of strange animals as well. There are the strange rocks and strange insects. Or perhaps ordinary rocks and insects seen with eyes looking for strangeness.

I first visited the area in the Spring of 1967. Towards evening I and some others were at a good viewing point near some power lines. You could hear the hum from the wires. A corrugated building wall made a strange rattle in the slight air current. But mostly there was a feeling of silence.

Some of us went walking up a dirt road, searching for "yeti tracks". At about 7:00 P.M. we saw something. Not on the ground, but in the sky. A red glowing object. We saw it for quite awhile. Some local people tried to signal to the UFO, using a high intensity beam. But the UFO, if it noticed, did not respond in any noticeable way. Finally the light flared to a brilliant intensity and vanished.

We moved on to several other locations and saw several other strange things in the sky.

In July of 1967 I again visited Reeves. I found him at work on a "life sized" model flying saucer he was erecting as a tourist attraction. He dropped his work for a time and I interviewed him and filmed and photographed him and environment. Through a Mr. Hill at the service station next door to the Reeves home I obtained several rock samples. I also picked up a new story of a landing case in the area not involving Reeves. A ring of residue was allegedly left on the ground. Things were, indeed, still going on.

Also on the Reeves property I observed a breed of insect allegedly not noted in the area before the Reeves case. I observed these insects in great abundance -- sickening abundance -- when Reeves took us out behind his house to show us some tracks allegedly left after his contact in December, 1966. As Reeves lifted several pieces of covering tin I could see no tracks of an obvious nature, but I could clearly see a number of these insects.

The story also got to me that the police in Brooksville were getting wary of the whole UFO business. One could believe this story: a town, understandably, might not want to get a reputation as a center for such strange activity. Bad for business, you know.

This isn't all there is to Brooksville, either. There is a strange, ancient monument tie -- in what seems consistent with data from elsewhere. There is the story of the "official" investigation of the Reeves case. Whatever all the component parts, though, we have over-all, a weird picture. There it all sits, along Highway 50. How much of it is real, I cannot say. How much of it is imagination, I cannot say either. I cannot say, either, how much of it, if any, is a hoax. But to leave this without thorough investigation is a kind of hoax, too. A cruel hoax on ourselves. A cruel hoax on mankind.

THE SECOND LANDING / BY JOAN WRITENOUR *****

EDITORS NOTE: -- In a recent edition of SEARCHLIGHT we reprinted a news article on the second Brooksville landing which took place on December 4th, 1966. Since that time we have received additional information about this event from Joan Whritenour editor of SAUCER SCOOP (6464 34th Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida) and co-author of FLYING SAUCERS ARE HOSTILE (Award Books). Mrs. Whritenour, and her party of investigators, was on the scene hours after the incident is said to have occurred. Joan's story is as follows: -- TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY

During the cold, wind-swept pre-dawn hours of December 4th, 1966, Brooksville again played host to "Outer-Spacians"! In answer to a call from Mrs. Eula Lewis of Brooksville, myself, my husband, Ron, and Jean Chapman jumped into our car and headed for that now famous "saucerland", Brooksville.

Upon arrival we found the four indentation holes, approximately as has been seen on other occasions, and the "Robot" - style tracks. The holes were approximately ten feet, 1 inch apart and approximately four and one half inches deep. I say approximately because the winds were quite gusty, and this was in a very open, sandy, area, in full view of the highway. The sands were shifting into the indentation holes making the measuring difficult. One hole, in particular, had a very marked flange surrounding it, and was in better shape than the others.

The tracks came out from the area of the landing, on the north side, then they went west, through an open field towards a metal building, they "walked" up to the open door of the building and appeared to inspect the interior, then they turned around, backtracked around the building through another open field, heading straight for John Reeves' home.

Although Mr. Reeves has a concrete slab on the east side of his house, the tracks led to it and then away from the house, around his car and headed north again towards a tool shed. Then they proceeded to go around the shed, to the west again, and towards a trailer owned by Mr. Norman Hill. Dog tracks then appeared and apparently the "Robot" had a change of heart, reversed his direction and went back towards the landing site, through the open fields, where we lost the tracks. We could not find where "it" had gotten back into the vehicle.

The "Robot" tracks had a different interior grid pattern than the others that had been spotted in that area in the past. Mr. Don Armstrong and his trusty Land Rover, was at the scene and we spent several hours scouring the adjacent terrain trying to find additional tracks, holes, or clues to where our friend had gone. But to no avail. We could find nothing new to add to the mystery.

There was a "wet spot" between two of the indentation holes, soil samples were taken, and sent off to different chemists and analysts to determine just what made the "wet spot". The findings are reported in the

the book I recently co-authored with Brad Steiger entitled FLYING SAUCERS ARE HOSTILE.

One curious track was actually MOULDED across a ridge of sand. It conformed to the ground, and the weight of the "being" did not make it sink--all this in very soft sand.

Photographs of the entire area were made, also a tape recording of John Reeves eyewitness account of having seen the saucer and Mrs. Lewis' account of being first upon the scene.

Their account is essentially the same as that which appeared in Vol. 2 No. 12 of SEARCHLIGHT. Reeves was up late, working on some papers, when he noticed lights outside of his home. His dog, Nellie, began to raise a rumpus, and when he put her out of the house, he saw the "space-ship" resting on its legs, in the field near his home. He went to a phone booth, and reported this to the local authorities, and to Mrs. Lewis, who went down to the area, ascertained what had happened, and then called us.

What was the most amazing part of it to her, was that as John Reeves was talking to her, on the phone, he suddenly yelled, "There it goes! It's rising straight up!"

The phone booth in question is in full view of the area. Our investigations showed that the landing site in question is in full view of a heavily travelled highway. The area is quite open, and there are no large trees between it and the road.

Where the tracks led, again, is in full view of the highway. We had a report that on the Friday before the "landing" a truck driver had seen an object, in the middle of the highway, that resembled the typical "saucer-shape", but in fear of being held up to ridicule he wished his name to be withheld. This occurred on U.S. 19, about four and a half miles from the Reeves home.

POSTSCRIPT -- The full TRUTH about these quite bizarre events has yet to be printed anywhere. The Editor of SEARCHLIGHT is in the process of putting together this "evidence" for a lengthy chapter in his new book, as yet untitled, which will deal exclusively with UFO contact stories. Most of which have never been discussed in print before. Helping Mr. Beckley on this volume is SEARCHLIGHT staffers Pamela Spelman and Robert Tigrett. Additional information on this book will appear in months to come.

A LOOK AT THE 1967 CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGISTS

It was huge - wild - and simply out of this world. These can be the only words to describe what amounts to the largest indoor UFO convention ever held. Besides that it was New York's first.

Over 8,000 persons passed through the entrance ways of the plush Hotel Commodore, from June 23-25, to hear such well versed UFO speakers as Gray Barker, Howard Menger, Ivan T. Sanderson, Rev. Frank Stranges, Art Ford, Richard Basile, Gordan Evans, Long John Nebel.

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of The UFOlogists of the Year Award to John A. Keel (a frequent SEARCHLIGHT contributor) for his outstanding contributions to UFO research. In his lecture which followed Keel gave an interesting talk on the "Three Men in Black" and other mysterious aspects of the UFO field.

Keel also talked of giant creatures which roam the earth and of the many disappearances of people who witness UFOs at close range or report contact with their occupants. He stated that they are often kidnapped, their homes destroyed, or they are horribly burned, sometimes fatally.

According to Keel there has been much activity on the moon which cannot be ours. This indicates that there is either intelligent life on our nearest neighbor in space or else "They" (whoever "They" may be) are using it as a base for their operations.

Unexpected guests included Dr. Edward Condon from the Colorado Univ. UFO project and Roy Thinnes star of the ABC TV series THE INVADERS. Thinnes, who has seen a number of UFOs, flew in from Hollywood just to attend the convention. Other notables of considerable importance were also in the audience.

We have heard and read remarks to the affect that there were various "bad aspects" of this convention. Such as the apparent commercial setup of book selling and even charging admission. Others claim that the New York "Hippie" element had in some way gained control of the convention. Others even said that it was too entertaining and did not present a scientific enough look at the UFO situation. All we can say is that these people are totally wrong in their look at this convention. Only those who made it possible, like Pamela Spelman, Robert Tigrett, John and Mary Robinson, Sam Stuart, Bill Witt, Ray Bartkowech, Allen Greenfield, can totally appreciate the amount of work that went into making this convention the phenomenal success that it was. Certainly the most amount of credit should go to the Chairman of the Congress James W. Moseley who is also editor and publisher of SAUCER NEWS. His timeless contributions to the convention are too numerous to list here. All in all it will be an event long to be remembered! Right Gang?

PIKE ASSERTS HE GOT MESSAGES FROM
DEAD SON AT TV SEANCE

The Right Rev. James A. Pike said on September 26th, 1967 he believed he had been in communication with his dead son.

At a televised seance earlier this month in Toronto, Canada, Bishop Pike directed messages through medium Arthur Ford to several deceased colleagues, as well as to his son, James Jr., who committed suicide in Feb. 1966.

He said in a telephone interview with NEW YORK TIMES reporter John Leo that during the TV program, he had received messages he considered authentic. "To me this is the most plausible explanation of the phenomena that occurred."

Apparently this is not the first time that Rev. Pike has visited noteworthy mediums. While in England he went to various seances in an attempt to contact his departed son.

His reason for doing so was because of "unexplained physical phenomena" that occurred last year in the apartment the Bishop and his son had shared in Cambridge, England.

These included, he said, the movement of books from one place to another, "the appearance suddenly of groups of open safety pins where they had not been before," and the stopping of an alarm clock at the hour in New York when his son could have committed suicide.

Bishop Pike said that the groups of safety pins would appear throughout the apartment, "all open to the position that the hands of a clock are in at 8:19. This means that they were perfectly symmetrical, and it also could be the hour in London that corresponds to the approximate time the death occurred."

Pike said that if he had not read and written about psychic phenomena, he would have "leaned over backwards" to explain these conversations and events some other way. "But in the context of what we know about man's psychic transcending the space-time continuum, about mystical experience and accumulating evidence of ESP... One can say that it is the most plausible explanation to accept it as true."

(Condensed from N.Y. TIMES Sept. 27 & 28)

BOOK NEWS

THE SCORITON MYSTERY (Did Adamski Return?) by Eileen Buckle

\$5.95

This is without a doubt the most astounding and unusual saucer book ever written. Put together in an easy to read manner, the author contends that Adamski (the famed saucer contactee) returned to visit an English gardener only hours after his death in a Washington D.C. hospital.

Miss Buckle claims that Adamski returned in the body of a young spaceman and landed in a Venusian scout craft in the small village of Scoriton, England. The things which he told Ernest Arthur Bryant, the middle-aged gardener, are most unusual in their implications.

The author also claims to have received weird tape and phone messages from "aliens" some of which were not friendly. One particular group even threatened to kill the investigator if she investigated too closely certain aspects of the UFO phenomena.

Well illustrated this book runs some 305 pages in length and should be in the hands of every UFO student who is interested in doing more than just collecting UFO sighting reports. The answer to the UFO mystery may well be within these pages.

\$5.00

THE SHAVER MYSTERY AND THE INNER EARTH by Timothy Green Beckley

Reviewed by Gray Barker: About 20 years ago Ray Palmer startled the Nation with his revelation of the Shaver Mystery -- the contention that the earth is honeycombed with vast caverns, inhabited by "Dero" and "Tero," good and evil descendants of Atlanteans. 3 years ago, well-known researcher, Timothy Green Beckley, (editor of SEARCHLIGHT) began a thorough investigation of the underground theory. First Beckley obtained the complete cooperation of Richard S. Shaver, the original discoverer of the caverns. Beckley came up with remarkable findings and the result of this vast research project has at long last been put forth in a huge volume which will be of great importance to every dedicated student of saucerdom, the Hollow Earth, Shaver, and AR theories.

Beckley also devotes an entire chapter to RAINBOW CITY a vast ancient structure believed to be hidden under tons of ice at the South Pole. Also read of mysterious disappearances, monsters, the little people and hundreds of allied topics.

This book also contains a chapter on the Inner Earth by Dr. T. Lobsang Rampa and additional information from the pens of such people as Dana Howard and John J. Robinson. All in all it's a work long to be remembered.

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