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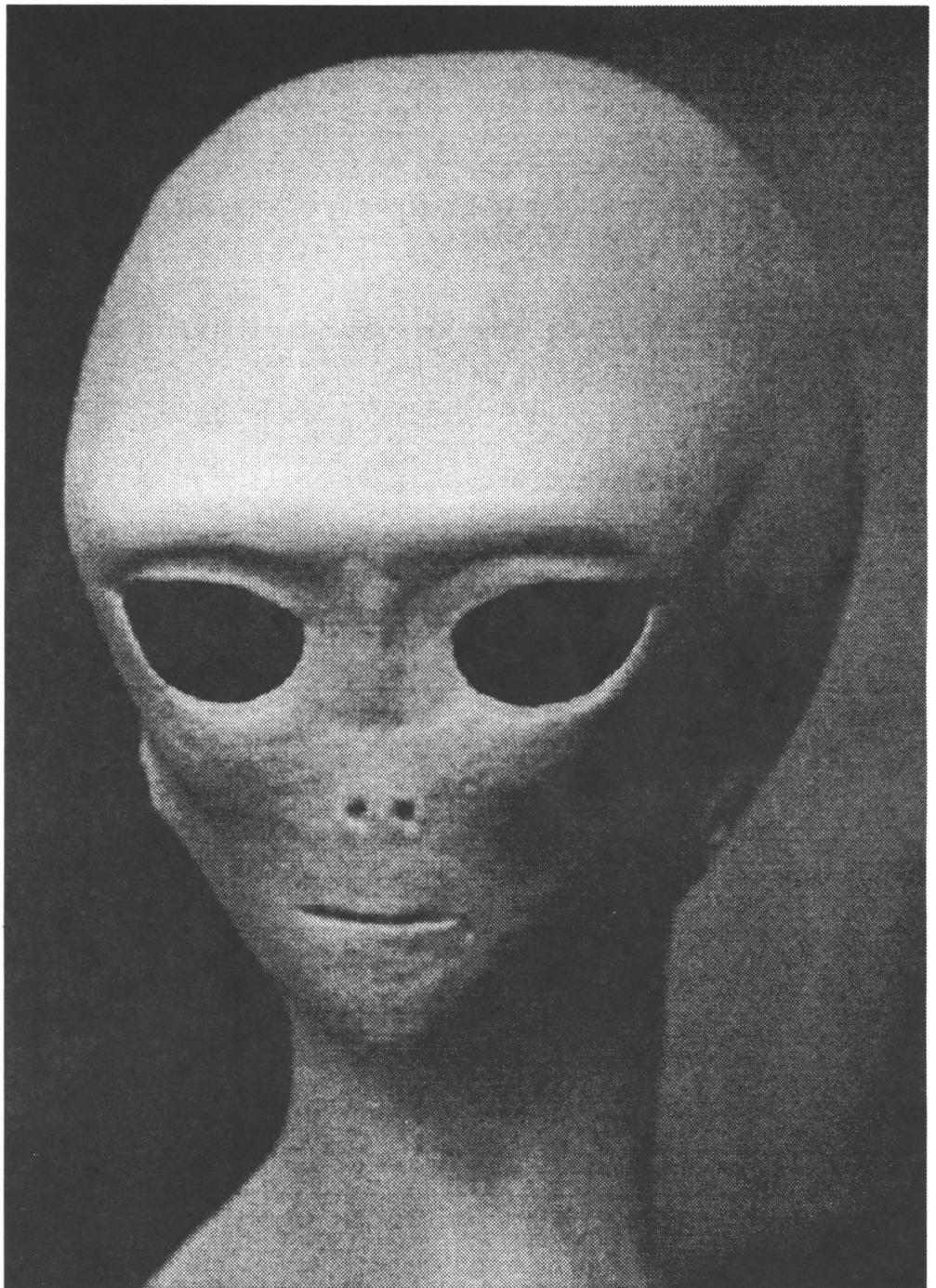
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Welcome to an exciting month of UFO Encounters. The UFO controversy has become *hotter* than ever, with many fascinating discoveries unfolding. I am very excited about the recent cases *U.E.* has covered, and I believe you will equally enjoy reading them.

*Michael Norris*  
-Chief Editor

# UFO lands in Raeford!

*A Nurse and her mother see a craft land in nearby field*

By Michael Norris

Saturday, June 27, 1992

Diane Messing and her mother got quite a shock late one night when a UFO flew over their mobile home and landed in a nearby hay field. I recently interviewed Diane about the incident, and I've talked with other investigators in the case, who have turned up some very interesting clues.

According to Diane, it rained for about six hours that evening, with much thunder and lightning. It finally stopped raining around eleven p.m.. Around twelve-thirty that morning, Diane and her mother were getting ready for bed when they heard a rumbling sound. "Have you ever been in a bowling alley, and you know how the balls go down? That's what it sounded like," Diane explained, "Just a low rumbling, and then it got really loud and it shook the trailer," she said. "It sounded like it went right over." Diane said although planes fly in and out of nearby Ft. Bragg all the time, they've never had anything shake their trailer like something did that night.

She then got up and went in the living room to look out the front window. Diane wanted to see "what it was looking like outside," and noticed it wasn't raining or anything that would explain the sudden noise.

Diane explained to me how she and her neighbor both have yard lights outside their homes. When she looked outside, she noticed, "They were off, but the power inside [the house] was on," she said. "If you stood outside, it looks like they [the object] came between those two lights and above my trailer."

While Diane and her mother were looking outside, they said it was "very, very dark, and very, very quiet." Diane's mother looked across a nearby hay field and said, "somebody is burning down there." She figured someone was burning grass in the field. Listening to her mother, Diane thought to herself: "How could anyone burn anything?" She told her mother, "It just rained for six hours." Diane went to the door to get a better look, and she looked down and saw lights. "I

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told her those were lights," she said.

She then ran to the phone to call the Sheriff's Department, while her mother stumbled around looking for her glasses. The phone in Diane's house is right next to the bar, where she could look out the kitchen window "right at the thing," she explained. "I was telling the police what it looked like: I said, 'It just looks like something landed there and it's all lit up,' " she told them. "You are going to think this is crazy, but it looks like a flying saucer." The Hoke County Sheriff's Department asked her if the object appeared about four or five minutes ago, because they heard the same noise go over where they were. She told them it did, and they

said they would be over.

Later, Diane described the object as sort of round, with lights going all the way around. She explained to me that because she could only see the lights, it was hard to determine the complete shape of the craft. Although the shape was hard to make out, Diane could see something. "Where the lights went around in the front, you could tell there was a top to it, because you could see a shadow," she said.

I asked Diane to tell me more about the windows. She explained, "Have you ever looked at a house from a distance and there were lights on inside, and you could see through the windows and it would make an orange appearance? That's what it looked like." I asked her if she could see through the windows, or any movement inside: "No, uh-uh, the light was just so bright, we didn't see nothing inside the windows," she said. "It was really eerie; we kept looking at it, and it just sat there, looking at us."

Diane described what happened before the police arrived. "It was funny, because we went back to the door and we were looking at it, and I said, 'put the porch light on,' because they [the object] had knocked out my [yard] light outside," Diane said. "When my mother turned the porch light on, the lights on whatever it was sitting in the field went off." Then the yard lights, standing in Diane's and her neighbor's yard, which had been off, blinked back on. She explained that right afterwards, three big, outside-lights, from a man's yard down the road turned off. "We never saw it leave," she said.

Diane figures the object took off in the direction of the man's house down the road, because it affected his lights like it did hers. I asked her if she thought the object disappeared because of her knowing that it was there: She said, "Oh yeah, definitely, because as soon as we turned the porch light on, their lights shut

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down." Diane told me that she wished she never would have turned the porch light on, because it might have stayed a little bit longer.

She said it seemed like only a few minutes from the time she called the police, to the time she saw them coming around the corner. "There were six cop cars that came down the road, there were detectives and cops, they came down single file," she said. "I don't know how they rounded up six cars, at one time, with two people in each car so fast." They told her that some officers came from home. She said two of the vehicles were plain cars, and the rest were regular police vehicles. When the cars rounded the corner of the dirt road, it began to rain, and two of them got stuck in her front yard.

"Look, I don't smoke pot. I don't drink. I'm not on drugs, or anything like that," Diane told the police as she explained what she saw. She wanted them to take her seriously, because what she saw was real. The officers were polite, and they said they believed her, but there wasn't much they could do, since the object was gone.

The next day, Diane and her mother went to the spot where they saw the object the night before. Diane explained that they found a circle in the grass about fifteen ft. in diameter. "It had a mark to it, like a design on the outside," she said. "The grass looked like it was blown from the center out, like the part on your head. It convinced us something was there."

I asked Diane if anything in the

house seemed peculiar that night, while the sighting took place. She told me her eight dogs and three cats, which includes the three pit-bulls in her yard, were nowhere to be found that night. She thought that was strange, especially for the pitbulls. Diane also said the next morning she noticed that her plug-in, coffeepot clock, was an hour ahead of all the other clocks in the house. That was strange, she said, since they normally set the timer every day. The other clocks, are all battery-operated, she added. That was all she remembered being unusual in the house, besides being frightened.

After I interviewed Diane, I spoke with Wayne Laporte, the state director for the Mutual UFO Network in North Carolina. He has been coordinating research into this case for MUFON. Mr. Laporte said he sent Rick Heldreth, an investigator, to the sight two weeks after it took place. Rick interviewed Diane and her mother, and took pictures of the area, including photos of the circle in the field. Mr. Laporte said when Rick took a compass into the center of the circle, the compass would deviate.

Later I spoke with Rick, who told me the same thing: "My compass would not read true North in the center of that darn circle. It wavered twenty-five to thirty degrees east and west," he said. "When I stepped outside the circle, it did just fine." Rick explained that there was a magnetic disturbance there. He noticed in the center of the circle there was a smaller circle about three ft. in diameter. The grass was yellow and dying in the smaller one. When Rick looked around, he couldn't find any other patch of grass similar to the dying grass in the small circle. He also said he found two three-by-six inch bare spots in the big circle; they were void of grass, and the soil in the spots were very dark.

WRAL Channel 5, a local tv station, came to Diane's house the following Thursday after the sighting. While they were there filming inside, Diane and the others noticed a big, black limousine driving up to the exact spot where the landing took place. "This car went directly to the spot, and it is a very big field," Diane said.

The vehicle reportedly stopped for about two to three minutes, and nobody got out of it the entire time. They described the black limousine as a beautiful one, with unusually large white wall tires, and with some kind of antenna on the back. At first Diane thought the limousine was the vehicle belonging to a black evangelist who lives and has a church nearby. But, Diane told me, the evangelist's limousine is burgundy in color, looks like an older model, and has damage on the driver's side.

As they watched the limo, they noticed a peculiar sight about it. With the limousine they noticed what looked like a man, a strange one at that, dressed in black with a black hat, and he appeared to be carrying something. He was seen standing through the sunroof of the vehicle the entire time the witnesses saw the car. What was weird, they said, was the fact that he remained perfectly motionless, with his back to them the entire time as well. Some witnesses at Diane's house think maybe he was taking pictures of the circle, even though they didn't see him move.

Other than a newspaper article, which didn't mention the exact spot of the landing, no one had brought the case in full view of the public yet.

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The limousine drove away and turned around to drive by a second time. By this time, everyone was thinking, there is something strange with this vehicle, so WRAL decided to get their camera ready to record it from the window. When the limo came around again, they recorded it.

WRAL later gave a copy of the tape to MUFON for analysis. Mr. Laporte told me they blew the object up on tape. He said the figure sticking out of the vehicle was a little hard to make out as far as the details were concerned, but it was definitely there. He also said the object never moved, which was strange he thought.

Mr. Laporte showed the tape to different investigators. He said some thought, the object, which looks like a person, was some sort of apparatus on top of the vehicle. Others believed that for the first time someone had finally videotaped one of the famous *Men in Black*, since the event paralleled other M.I.B. stories. Everyone began thinking we had some good evidence of M.I.B. involvement, so there was some excitement. Unfortunately, the excitement was short lived.

John Patterson, another investigator for MUFON, was asked by Laporte to do some more follow-up to make certain the limousine didn't belong to the evangelist. Even though the witnesses said it looked like a different vehicle, and on the videotape it is black, not burgundy, Laporte wanted to be sure. Patterson tracked down the evangelist, and she told him that she was there when WRAL was at Diane's house. She said she was with some of her family and had just returned from church. They were videotaping the area because the land belongs to them, and they are thinking of selling it.

I later talked to the evangelist myself, because I wanted to be certain of her story. The woman clearly explained she was there when WRAL was at the house, because

she saw their vehicle parked in front. She told me they were all dressed in black, since they normally wear dark clothes to church anyway. I asked her if her limo had whitewall tires, and she said yes. The woman told me she didn't know WRAL had videotaped her, but she said she would like to see a copy of the videotape. When I told her the vehicle on the tape looked black and not burgundy, she said when her car is videotaped, it looks black on tape. She told me she had heard about the UFO story, but didn't think much of it herself. When the woman asked why I took such an interest in her vehicle, I tried explaining the whole M.I.B. thing--she got a good laugh. So it seems instead of a M.I.B., we got a B.W.I.B. instead--black woman in black. I thanked her for her time, and so concluded the M.I.B. story.

There are some other events that took place after the landing

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that investigators are still trying to trace down. One of them is a visit from an individual who said he was military intelligence from Fort Bragg. He said he learned about the incident on the computer (what computer), and he asked Diane if he could come by to look at the circle. Diane said ok, and the man said he would call back later. When he called back and asked for a time, she explained that Rick Heldreth of MUFON was also coming over to do an interview. He then said he would show up at the same time. The individual from Fort Bragg showed up two hours earlier than Rick though, and left

fifteen minutes before he arrived. Diane said the man from military intelligence came with his wife and their baby.

Diane claims while they were in the house the man went to great length explaining that his wife was Korean, which Diane thought was odd. She said the wife was very thin and wore glasses. She also said the woman was much taller than the husband. When Diane asked the woman about UFOs, she just laughed.

The visitors went to the sight by themselves while Diane watched. They seemed to have difficulty finding the spot, so Diane went down there to help. Diane showed them where the circle was and told them she wished to get a close picture of it later. The wife then spoke in an unusually deep voice, "Don't, they can hit you with a blue beam and kill you or seriously injure you." After looking around, they gave Diane their phone number, and then they left.

Mr. Laporte, after hearing about the incident, called the number but got an answering machine with a very short and to the point message. As of this article, he hasn't received a call back from the message he left. He also hasn't received a response from Ft. Bragg, after writing for information about the individual's existence. Most of us feel his interest was probably personal since he didn't flash credentials, but it never hurts to check.

Besides all of the side tracing along with the speculation, there is no doubt an unknown and strange object touched down one June night near Diane's house. Diane told me, "I figure if we could go to the moon, why can't they come here. People think I'm crazy, but that's ok." In her final remarks she said, "I've been watching the sky; me and my mom go out and sit on the porch late at night and we just watch. I would love for it to come back, whatever it was." □

# George Fawcett on UFOs

For over forty years George Fawcett has studied and investigated UFOs. After reading a newspaper article in 1944 about the Foo Fighters, Mr. Fawcett took a strong interest in the subject. Since then he has read 710 books on UFOs, and has written a book on the topic himself. Mr. Fawcett has collected over fifteen hundred items relating to the phenomenon, including many unique photographs.

We had the opportunity to sit in on a lecture Mr. Fawcett gave in June for the UFO Forum, a UFO group based in Atlanta, Georgia. We found Mr. Fawcett to be a wealth of information on the subject of UFOs, especially on cases from the South-East.

According to Mr. Fawcett, sightings of UFOs usually "average about 150 a day worldwide." The peak times for sightings are 10:00 p.m., and 3:00 a.m., he said. What we are finding about sightings is "20 to 30 percent remain unexplained after reports of investigations by qualified military, scientific, and civilian investigators." Mr. Fawcett commented that these figures don't

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*George Fawcett Speaks at a gathering of the Atlanta UFO Forum in June.*

include the many sightings never reported. He also said only 3 percent of cases prove to be hoaxes. (Hoaxes aren't as big of a problem as some skeptics would lead you to believe!)

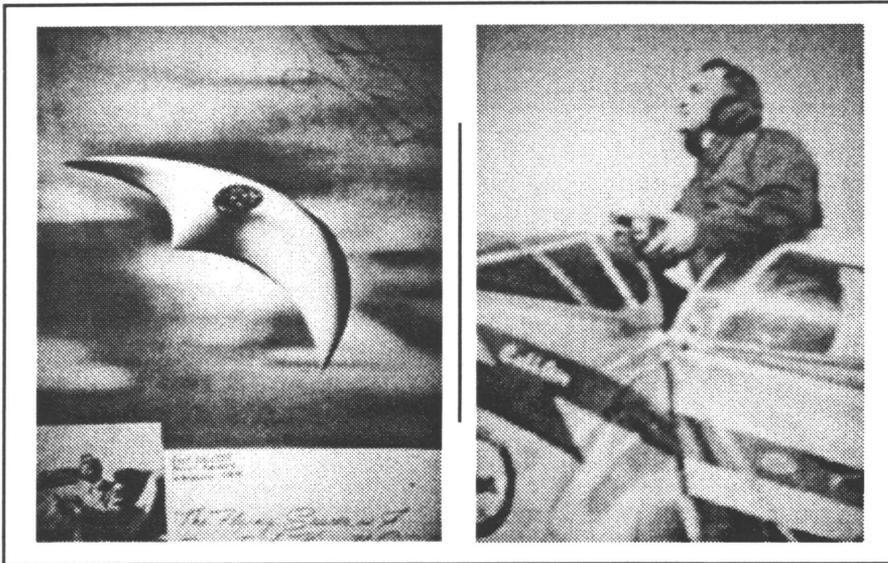
Mr. Fawcett intrigued the group with stories about the electromagnetic effects of UFOs. He spoke of an interesting case involving a young man from Greenville, South Carolina. "He made himself a *UFO detector* [you read it right], which is an instrument that detects deviations in a magnetic field. When these occur, you have a bell that rings that is attached to an instrument," Mr. Fawcett said.

Mr. Fawcett claimed that in 1973, there was a period of excitement in South Carolina because of UFO activity. This young man, thought it would be easier to listen to a device monitoring for UFOs, than it would be to wait outside and

look for one. The device paid off. After the young man put the device in his attic, "The bell rang in the attic and he went outside and got three photographs of an object circling his house in broad daylight," Mr. Fawcett explained.

This story amazed us, and after talking to Mr. Fawcett he said he would send us more information on these devices. "You could buy one at one time for fifty dollars, some of the better ones that have a 50-mile radius cost five-thousand dollars," Mr. Fawcett said. *Look for a future issue of U.E. for more information on how to build, or where to buy such devices.*

During his lecture, Mr. Fawcett spoke about the present effort by researchers to put pressure on the government to release all information they have on the UFO phenomenon. He mentioned, "I don't know how many of you are aware of



Some of Mr. Fawcett's slides that he showed. Above: Kenneth Arnold alongside his plane; he was flying over Mineral, Washington, in 1947, when he saw nine crafts such as the one shown in the drawing to the left. Below: A photo given to Mr. Fawcett which shows a UFO in the distance.

the biggest case on record; the most important one right now is the Roswell, New Mexico crash in 1947."

Mr. Fawcett explained that there is strong evidence a UFO crashed along with four alien bodies near Roswell, New Mexico. The event was followed by a massive government coverup, but not without witnesses. There were 100 to 300 first, second, and third hand witnesses, "including doctors and nurses who performed autopsies on the [alien] bodies," he said. Researchers want about sixty of them to testify before a congressional committee. Mr. Fawcett handed out petitions that people are signing around the country. "What this petition is all about is to give these people [witnesses] a chance to testify to congress, and I might say before they die, because many of them are getting up in years now," he said. A concern of many witnesses is a chance to testify "without fear of prosecution, because many of them signed oaths of secrecy at the time." The petitions, will be sent to all of the Senators in the country. U.E. will

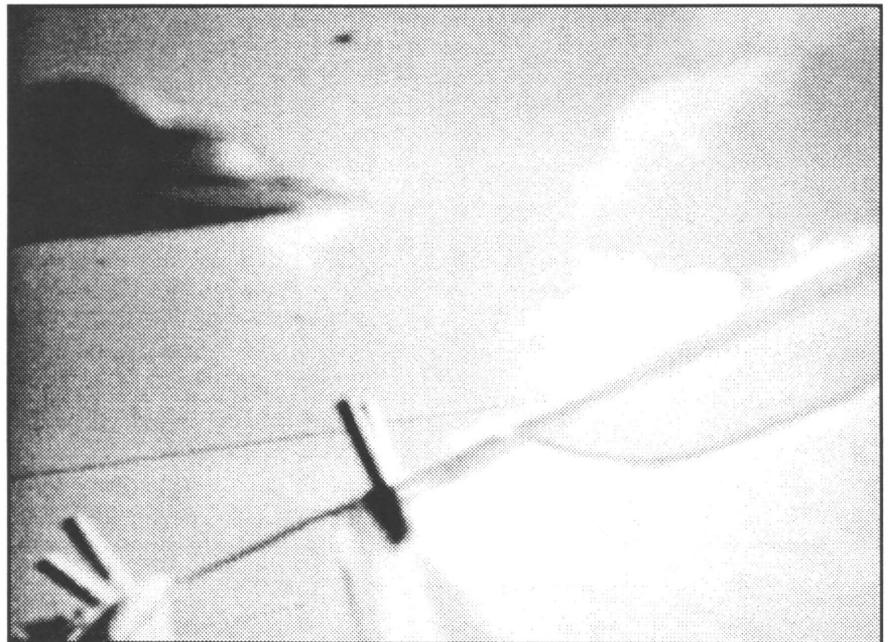
keep you posted on the results. The Roswell case is just one of many that people are trying to squeeze the government in releasing information, Mr. Fawcett said.

Although there is more information becoming available from government documents and sources, Mr. Fawcett explained, we need to be careful of the informa-

tion we get. "Let me caution you on one thing, watch out for the disinformation," he said. "We do have about a half a dozen government agents, going across the country, talking about everything from Harry Truman's secret pact with the aliens, to underground creatures that live off human bodies under the desert in Nevada."

When it comes to getting bonafide information from the government, they don't cooperate very easily, claimed Mr. Fawcett. He said the government asserts that they don't take an interest in UFOs, because UFOs don't pose a threat to national security; however, releasing documents they do have on UFOs would pose a threat to national security (figure that one).

Today, Mr. Fawcett keeps up with the latest sightings in his home state of North Carolina, where he helps direct the state's chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. "I have reports from fifteen cities this year," he said in a recent telephone interview. We look forward to Mr. Fawcett's results of his ongoing research. He has been a great significance in educating people about this ever-majestic phenomenon. □



# Huge triangular UFO seen in New Hampshire

March 3, 1992, 7:50 p.m.

Roger Cross was driving through Concord on his way to Manchester to pick up his wife. It was a typical Tuesday night, there were a lot of different things on his mind, and UFOs were not one of them. As he turned his car onto South Main St. in Concord, he had an experience unlike any other. "My car started skipping and acting like it didn't want to keep going," he said. "All of a sudden I heard this sound, and it just scared the shit out of me! It sounded like it was all around me." He went on to say that he thought something was going to crash into his car.

He lay awake that night, thinking of words to describe what he heard: "The sound was like a slow rain on a tent getting heavier and heavier. It was really phenomenal; I could never picture it with anything but that. I never heard anything like it before."

After hearing the noise, Roger noticed a triangular shaped object moving above him. "It went right over me, and it kind of stopped," he said. "I managed to get the car pulled

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## It flew over the treetops until it finally disappeared

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over, it was still running somewhat." He described the object as "awesome in size," as large as a baseball field.

It was real dark outside at the time of the sighting, but he could see the triangle shape of the craft. The edges of the object were rounded

off, and there was a row of lights along the entire bottom rim of it. They illuminated the outline of the craft as it flew over the treetops, until it finally disappeared. After he could no longer see the triangular ship, his car started running normal again. Where Roger had his sighting, there is a nearby river, where there are hydroelectric power stations. He thought the object came from that direction.

We not only talked to Roger about his sighting, but also to Peter

Channel nine, a local TV station, did a story on the sightings, and so did the local papers. After the TV coverage, Roger told us he received many phone calls with questions, and some had stories of their own sightings that night.

A neighbor of Rogers, told him that she has a son who lives in a deserted area of Salisbury, and he had a sighting that night also. Her son described seeing the same triangular craft around 8:00 p.m.. The man said the object was hovering

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## When reports started coming in about these latest sightings, it was like "all hell broke loose."

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Geremia, the state director for the New Hampshire Mutual UFO Network. He told *U.E.* that on the night Roger saw this object, people in Claremont, Newport, Bradford, Salisbury, Penacook, and Concord, all saw the same thing. Most of their sightings were of a craft at a higher altitude. They also described a triangular row of lights, and some said they saw a triangular outline to it as well. The witnesses described the lights as white, but some said the lights were bluish and yellow in color.

Peter told us this was a one night phenomenon. But, he said, two years ago at the same location, people saw a formation of lights flying more at a distance. When reports started coming in about these latest sightings, it was like "all hell broke loose," he said, but afterwards the commotion slowly died down.

over his house, and it opened up and two crafts came from it. The sighting supposedly terrified him, and he didn't go on television to talk about it, like many others did. *As of this article we have not talked to this witness ourselves, but we will try to in the future, and will update you on our results.*

We asked Roger if he experienced any physical effects, when the object flew overhead. He said when he heard the noise from the craft, his ears filled, like when you go into the hills. He also told us that before the sighting, he would always get excruciating headaches. Ever since the sighting, a few months ago, he has never had another one.

Roger told us he wished he had more time to observe the craft, and to have seen the inside. "I would like to see it again, and be able to have a camera this time."

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# Police officer reports close encounter

*Officer found crying, sitting in his vehicle.*

March 19, 1992

We recently spoke with Fearon Hicks, a UFO investigator from Auburndale, Florida. He described a fascinating case involving a police officer in Haines City, Florida. According to Mr. Hicks, the following event took place on March 19, 1992 at 4:00 A.M. in the morning.

Luis Delgado, a Haines City police officer, just finished checking the doors at Alpine Industries, a local business, and was driving North on 30th street. He noticed a green light coming across a field in his rear view mirror. At first Delgado thought the light was a small plane about to crash. He soon realized it was something much different.

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## **The object then shined a bright-white light inside his vehicle.**

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A craft pulled up parallel to his police car as he was moving down the road about 40 mph. The object wasn't a plane or another vehicle; it was something he'd never seen before. Delgado described the object to be about fifteen ft. in diameter and about three and a half ft. thick. As the craft traveled beside him, it hovered about ten ft. off the ground. Delgado noticed the object had a bright-green glow that seemed to flow on the surface of the craft. The

color of the glow was a green Delgado had never seen before. It illuminated the inside of his police car, which made his blue uniform turn purple in color.

The craft suddenly moved from the side of the car to the front, and then back again. It did this two more times until Delgado pulled over to the side of the road to avoid hitting the object.

When Delgado pulled over, his engine, headlights, and radio died. He just sat there, watching the craft, which was hovering 20 ft. away from his patrol car. The object then shined a bright-white light inside his vehicle. Delgado immediately exited his car, and walked backwards toward the middle of the road, to get away from the strange craft. He grabbed his hand held walkie talkie and tried calling dispatch, but the radio wouldn't work. Delgado noticed a fog coming from his breath, and it was feeling very cold where he was, even though it was supposed to be 60 degrees outside!

Delgado watched the object for a few moments before it finally shot off to the North-East. It disappeared in a matter of seconds, hugging the treetops as it left.

Patrol officers arrived soon after the incident, since they received a message that something was following him before his radio went out. When the officers ar-

rived, they found Delgado sitting in his police car, shaking and crying. He was unable to talk at first, and had to be followed back to the police station. When they arrived at the police station, Delgado reported what happened to him.

Lt. Frank Caterino, the public information officer for the Haines City Police Department, said Delgado passed physical and psychological tests administered to him after the sighting. He also said the police department has no problems with Delgado or his service.

Later, officers searched the sighting area, and they found a large green trashbag nearby. They thought maybe that is what Delgado saw. Of course, green trashbags have been known to strike fear in a man's heart--come on now guys. □

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## **Mt. Judea sighting**

Mt. Judea, AR, January 28, 1992

David Criner was chopping wood outside when he noticed a strange object in the eastern sky. According to Criner, as he was looking toward Horn Mountain, he saw a red glow appear for a few seconds with no form about it. The light, which looked like an electrical spark, appeared several times. The third time it appeared he noticed it was a rectangular object as long as a city block! It was flat on the top and bottom, and had rounded sides.

Criner said the object appeared near the constellation of Orion. His wife caught a glimpse of the strange object as well, and both would like to know if anyone else saw it. □

# UFO sighted in Madison County

Madison County, AL, Jan 10, 1992

A health care professional on her way to work, who wishes to remain unidentified, spotted an unusual object. At first she thought it was a very bright airplane. She saw the bright craft soaring from the east over King Mountain. As she turned onto Blake Bottom road, she saw "the brightest lights" she'd ever seen. It was just above the trees along the street. "Ooh, what a bright airplane," she thought, "And all of a sudden, it's in my face," she said.

She described the object as a round craft surrounded by multiple lights at the base. The diameter of it was about the size of a long-bed pickup. It was joined to a top portion impressed with three square windows with dim lights inside them, the woman said.

While on Blake Road, she said, "It was almost the same distance from me at all times." The craft backed up as she drove toward it, and it slowed as she slowed. "The lights went off when I slowed down, and I said, 'Lord what shall I do?'" She went on to say, "I didn't get afraid until I couldn't get under it. I sped up at a tremendous speed and I thought, 'This thing is going to fall in front of me.'"

She finally drove beneath the object as she approached Highway 53. The woman didn't look back until she arrived at work at 6:00 a.m.. Calling her husband from work, she asked him to go to Blake Bottom road to look for anything that might

still be there. He told her to call the police, who later disbelieved her.

After thinking about the incident for a little while, she talked to her supervisor, who let her leave work. She returned to Blake Bottom road but found nothing un-

usual from her earlier sighting. That is when she remembered "there was no sound."

The Huntsville Times picked up the story, and they called air traffic control officials at Huntsville International Airport. They said that radar picked up

nothing unusual at the place or time of the sighting.

Spokesman Dave Harris, of the Army Missile Command, was contacted and he said, "Nothing like that has taken off or landed at Red-stone Arsenal." The sighting is just south of Red-stone, and is in its flight path, along with the airports.

*U.E.* contacted Jeff Ballard, an investigator who interviewed the eyewitness. He said the story written in the Huntsville Times was accurate and complete, since a reporter for the paper was there when he did his interview. Jeff said he was hoping to find more eyewitnesses, since one car did drive by when the sighting took place. So far he hasn't received any more information.

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## Strange craft frightens 10-year old

Marshfield, N.C., Dec 9, 1991

*U.E.* recently spoke with Ginger Richardson, an investigator who researched a case in Marshfield, North Carolina. The case involved a close UFO sighting by John Wood, a ten-year old fifth grader who attends Union Elementary school. According to Ginger, around seven p.m., John walked outside his parent's home to take out the trash. As he walked outside, he noticed a bright light on the ground. John thought the light was from an airplane, since it looked like it was coming from above. He looked up, and saw an object different from anything he'd seen before.

John described the object as

looking like a hot dog with squared off ends. "It had lights on both sides," he said. The object was about the size of a sofa, was brownish-green in color, and had two antenna-like structures on top. It kept

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spinning around, like it was rolling on its side, he said. John also saw what looked like windows on the object, which had squiggly lines running between them. It appeared to be self-luminous, since it was

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# Book Review

## **Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions** *David M. Jacobs, Ph.D.*

I can only think of one word to describe Professor David Jacobs' new book, *Secret Life*: Excellent! It is an essential read for any serious UFO researcher, or for anyone just curious for that manner.

In his new book, Professor Jacobs takes the scholarly approach to the abduction phenomenon. He is very thorough, with a long history of UFO research to his credit. Mr. Jacobs says he hasn't always taken an interest in UFOs. He said the subject first captured him when he was an undergraduate student in college.

When Mr. Jacobs later attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, he decided to do his doctoral dissertation on the history of the UFO controversy. It seemed like a good idea, since his training was in history. Jacobs said his director of studies was hesitant at first, but then said he could go ahead with it. A revised addition of it was published in 1975, entitled *The UFO Controversy in America*.

Since the time of his first book, Jacobs has taught as a professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, where he still teaches today. Over the years though, he has kept up his UFO research on the side.

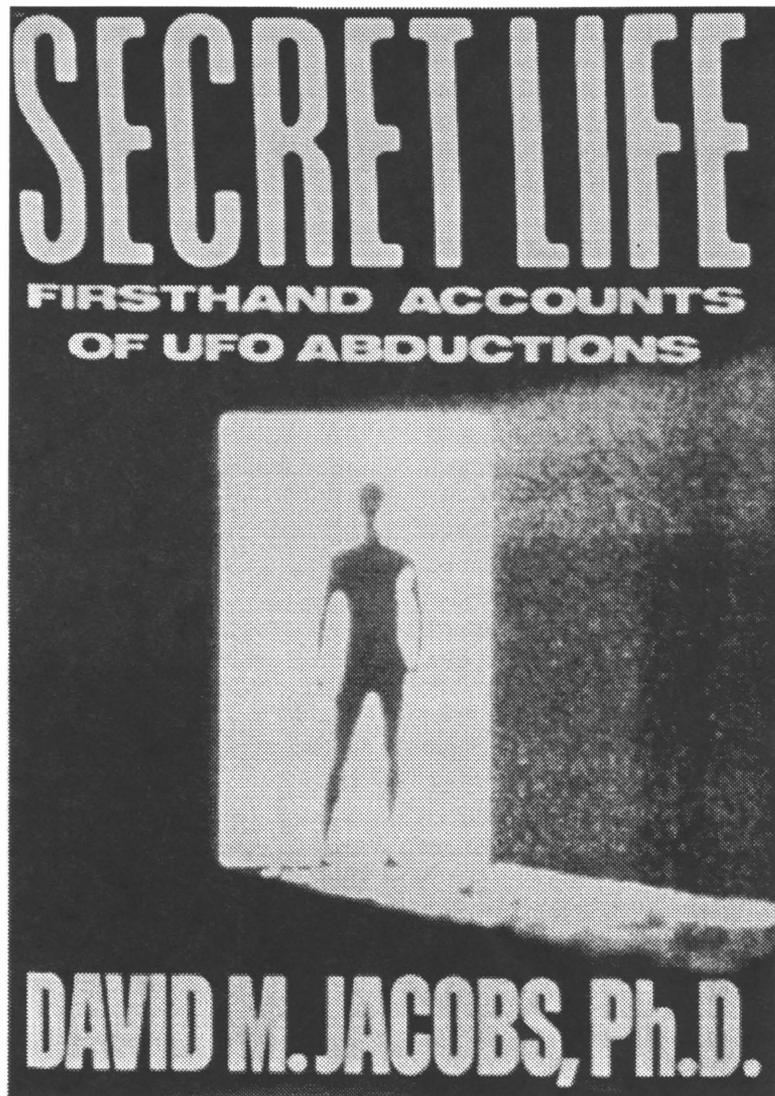
Before writing his second book, *Secret Life*, Jacobs spent five years in research, exploring more than three hundred abduction experiences with some sixty people. Mr. Jacobs writes, "I knew that if I were to make sense of what was happening, I

would have to do the abduction research myself." He used hypnotic regression to unlock the mostly hidden memories of those experiences.

The book, I think, comes the closest so far in revealing the many mysteries surrounding the abduction phenomenon (but many still remain). It rates along with Budd Hopkins' work, and no wonder, before Jacobs started his hypnotic regression work, he sat in with

Hopkins on his. Jacobs began working with Hopkins in 1985. Just four years earlier, Hopkins broke the ice on the subject of abductions with his classic book, *Missing Time*.

*Secret Life* begins with a forward from John E. Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Mr. Mack mentions that based on population surveys, hundreds of thousands, and perhaps as many as one million people in the United States alone may be ab-



ductees. I find that to be frightening, especially after learning more about abductions from reading the book.

The abductees in *Secret Life* include people from every race and religion. Mr. Jacobs discovered that people were abducted from every possible location. An interesting note: The aliens (that's what we'll call them) are somehow able to take people right through the walls of their homes. One way they prefer to do it though, is to float people through a window if possible. The window being shut doesn't matter; abductees report going through the glass!

Jacobs describes abductees as people who have experienced great pain. He writes, "Nearly all of them felt as if they had been victimized." (So much for the friendly Space Brothers.) Referring to abductions, Jacobs says he didn't use one-of-kind encounters in his book, no matter how dramatic they were. The reason was he wanted cases that had common characteristics, which he could use to confirm the reality of the different experiences. The cases Jacobs used did have striking similarities, even to the most minute details.

One problem (and criticism) with the abduction phenomenon is that there are so many pieces of the puzzle that don't seem to fit. Jacobs has taken a large group of people, and has combined and compared their different experiences together. By doing so he has discovered that the puzzle does seem to fit together. The abduction phenomenon appears to be a very complicated but well orchestrated plan, which has been around for quite a while. Researchers have been speculating this, and Jacobs helps drive in the nail.

Jacobs has developed a matrix, consisting of what he calls primary, secondary, and ancillary experiences. The first is the least complex, and encompasses the largest amount of people. The latter has fewer

people, but entails more complex procedures as part of the abduction process.

He says there are two types of beings people describe during abductions. The short gray types are one, which have small, frail bodies with large heads, and big black eyes. They seem to do most of the manual work. They retrieve abductees and put them in a trance like state, bring them on board a craft, and prepare them for whatever procedures have been planned. The taller beings are the other types described. They look similar to the short grays, except taller, and seem to have an air of authority. The taller beings usually show up after the abductee has been prepared, and they carry out the more complex physical and sexual procedures, including mind scans.

Abductees recount several different processes they had to endure, some of which challenge our traditional views of reality. Jacobs explains these include egg harvesting and sperm samples. For women they also include embryo implantation, and later, embryo and fetal extraction. These procedures appear as part of a plan to procreate some sort of hybrid race, half human and half alien. *Secret Life* tells of women who say they were later taken to nurseries, where they were forced to hold hybrid babies, as part of some bonding process.

Sound crazy, well just remember that hundreds, maybe thousands of women are describing the same things, all of whom don't know each other and don't want publicity.

The aliens, according to Jacobs research, seem to take a great interest in our psychological makeup. They appear as if they want to know how and why we react to different situations. They will implant a thought, or a scene in an

individual's mind, and stare very intently while the abductee reacts to it. Some said they were even victims of pain procedures!

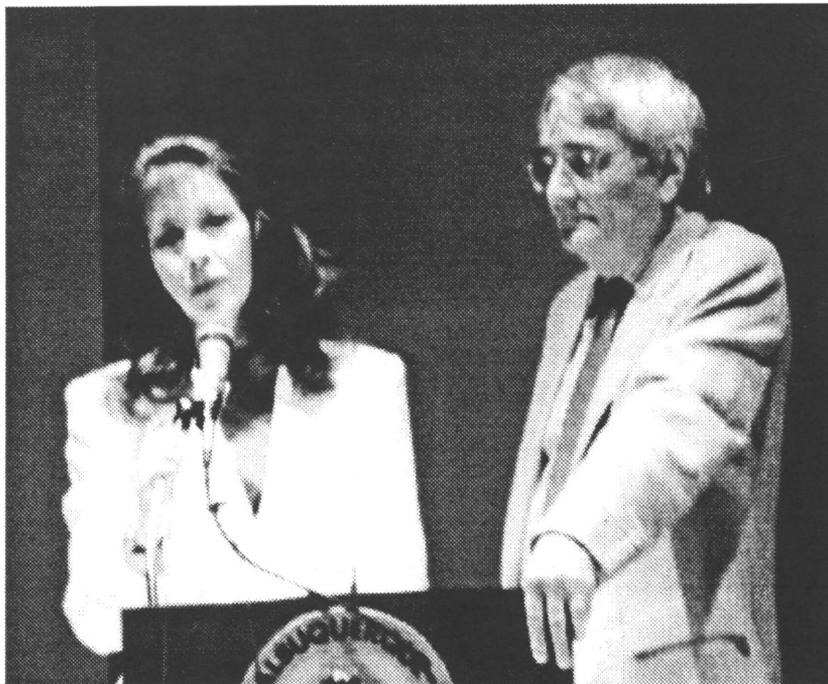
One interesting case in the book (pg. 140), which took place in 1976, is of a young man when he was seventeen years old. He said he was taken into a room and shown a screen. The screen displayed an atomic explosion on the Earth, with a fog encompassing about a fifth of it. There was a being present, and the two of them discussed (mentally) what he saw. The man commented that that's what happened in Japan. The being told him that "it's not like what happened then because it is much, much more." The man asks when it will take place, and the being told him one month before he turns forty, since that is how we understand time. After the imaging procedure, and while they discussed it, the being stared very intently into his eyes. *By the way, I keep coming across this, while talking with and reading about abductees. They remember being told of a great war that will take place before the century's end.*

I give much credit to Professor Jacobs for putting so much effort in this much needed field of study. Jacobs said he has endured ridicule and criticism from his colleagues for his interest in UFO abductions. People are telling him his academic career could be halted, because of the nature of his research. What they don't understand is that there is more than just careers at stake here. We are dealing with possibly the greatest mystery facing humanity.

*Secret Life* will go on the record from me for being a superb book, but my biggest questions concerning the abduction phenomenon remain. When they (whoever they are), achieve what they want, what happens next? Will the entire UFO phenomenon end, or will it signify a new beginning? Only time will tell.

□ - Michael Norris

# Hopkins' landmark case



*Budd Hopkins and Linda appear before the 1992 MUFON International UFO Symposium held in July. Linda is the center of Hopkins' most important abduction case ever, the only one that had multiple witnesses!*

Silence fell on the crowd as Budd Hopkins walked to the podium at the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium held in downtown Albuquerque. Before the symposium, Hopkins had stated, "I will be presenting what I believe to be the most important case for establishing the objective reality of UFO abductions that I have yet encountered." I believe that Hopkins has.

According to Hopkins, it seems our visiting friends were caught in the act (deliberately some are saying), abducting a woman named Linda in November of 1989. She was abducted from her 12th story apartment building in New York City. The event, which took place between three and three-thirty in the morning, was apparently witnessed by fourteen independent witnesses. Four of the witnesses contacted

Hopkins after the abduction occurred.

One witness was a woman who was driving across the Brooklyn Bridge, which is near the apartment complex. Her car suddenly died, and her lights went out as well. She came to a stop and got out of her vehicle, fearing being hit by an oncoming car. She noticed though, she wasn't the only one on the bridge whose car had quit. The woman then looked over in the direction of the apartment building, and she saw a brightly lit craft hovering over the building. She also heard another person on the bridge excitedly telling someone to look at what was happening. The woman later contacted Hopkins and described what she saw. Since there were others on the Brooklyn Bridge the night the occurrence took place, Hopkins decided to

have signs put on the bridge, in attempt to get more of the witnesses to come forward.

Three other witnesses were in a car on the street below where the event took place. Their car died as well. One individual in the vehicle, according to Hopkins, was a major political figure. If the rumors are true that I have heard from several different sources, than this individual is a *very* major political figure. The other two individuals in the vehicle were security men; in the beginning they told Hopkins they were just police officers. They were escorting the politician. One of the men took out a stick of gun, and he noticed an orange glow, reflecting off the silver wrapper. They all looked up, and saw a craft hovering over the apartment complex.

They described seeing three strange looking beings (similar to the gray types), floating in the air, guiding a woman through the wall twelve stories above them. Two of the beings were underneath the woman, and the third was above her. A bluish-white beam of light emitted downward from underneath the craft. The beings and the woman floated upward into the beam of light. All of them appeared to roll into a ball as they ascended, until finally disappearing into the craft. The security men stood there watching in fear and amazement, feeling helpless about what to do, wanting desperately to help the woman if they could.

Leaving the apartment complex, the object flew until it reached the East river, and then it dove into the water. When the object left the area, all of the vehicles could run again. The security men along with the politician drove to the riverside and waited. After about forty-five minutes with no movement, they left fearing the woman's fate.

Hopkins brought photographic slides with him of drawings the witnesses did, showing what they saw.

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He also brought with him a letter from one security man, which he read to the audience. He played a tape-recorded message from the other, which gave an emotional description of how he felt about what he saw.

The effect of the sighting on the security men was very dramatic. Afterwards, they lived with depression and guilt, because they felt helpless to do anything when they saw her being taken. They expressed that they were not prepared for what they saw, despite all the training they had. They did feel better about the whole incident after they realized she survived, and after they could meet Linda for themselves. One of the security men did eventually have a nervous breakdown though.

Hopkins also described how one of them kept a dummy in his bed, while he slept somewhere else in the house. He figured if the beings from the craft could take Linda, they could come and take him also, especially since he saw them.

Hopkins would like to convince the politician to go public with his testimony of the event. It would then be really hard to disprove the incident, which would be a big boost to the case. This case is the type of

abduction event ufology has been looking for.

The story enthralled the group as they listened. Hopkins told the crowd that Linda's son also had been abducted, which he showed a drawing her son did of his experience as well. After Hopkins finished describing his amazing case, he brought the abductee, Linda, onto the stage. She described her side of the experience, including how she met the two security men. She explained how these men also abducted her from the street. They grabbed her and put her into their vehicle, because they desperately wanted some answers to what they saw. She said that she didn't file charges against them for what they did. When asked from the audience why she never filed any charges, she said that she wanted to avoid any possible conflict with the government.

Showing the audience, Hopkins brought with him the best x-ray photograph of a supposed implant that I have ever seen so far. On a separate occasion, Linda's doctor x-rayed her nose after discovering some unknown scar tissue inside. When her doctor noticed it, he asked her when she had surgery in her nose. She replied that she never had, and her mother, whom she asked later, said the same thing. Her doctor decided then to do the x-ray, and was shocked at what he found.

When I looked at Hopkins' photo of the x-ray, it looked like something snaked its way up into her nose. The implant resembled a twisted piece of metal. Hopkins thought one possibility was that the implant was originally a smaller device. After it was implanted, it drilled its way and expanded into her nose to secure itself. To me, that theory makes sense. The beings who implanted the device, must have known that the object was discovered. Shortly after the x-

ray, the object disappeared from her nose.

A short time before coming to the conference, Linda woke up choking on her own blood. One side of her nose was bleeding badly. That same night, five other people staying in her home also had nosebleeds, all on the same side of the nose. Hopkins explained he was still in the middle of this complex case, and he wasn't for sure what all of this meant.

After I returned from the MUFON conference, I called Steve Varnum, a friend of mine who worked with Budd Hopkins. Steve had worked with Hopkins around the time Linda first came forward to find answers to her experiences. I asked him if he knew Linda, and he said he did. I also asked him what his impression of her was. He told me he had no reason to doubt her story. Steve went on to say Linda came across to him as a very-stable and strong woman. He told me that what was important, from Linda's perspective, was that other witnesses had validated her experience. He said that helps any abductee, to know for sure that their experience was real.

Up until this event, there has never been a good case where someone has witnessed an actual UFO abduction take place. This incident may change everything. I only hope the major political figure Hopkins talks about comes forward. With a testimony from such a powerful witness, it's going to be hard for the governments of the world, along with the skeptics, to continue to deny the reality that entities from elsewhere are carrying out unknown plans on our planet.

The evidence is continuing to grow, and more witnesses are coming forward. Perhaps a new book from Hopkins is just around the corner. We'll soon see. □

- Michael Norris

## Marshfield

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completely dark outside.

The apparent craft made a high pitch whining noise, like a puppy does when its hurt, John said. As he watched the craft, it flew over him and then over his house. After it went over the house, the strange object just disappeared. The entire sighting lasted for about a minute and a half.

John ran inside the house screaming. His sister, who was inside the house, said she didn't hear anything unusual. Those inside did say their dogs went absolutely crazy, however, during the time of the

incident. Other than the dogs, nothing else unusual happened in the house.

Over the next several nights, John had considerable difficulty in going to sleep. He didn't want to sleep in his room, because he thought the aliens were going to get him.

When John told his father (who has a passing interest in UFOs), what had happened, he responded by saying, "I told you so." John's mother, emphasized that her son was most likely telling the truth. "He is on the honor roll, he's an intelligent child, and I've never known him to fib," she said. "He was so upset when he came in, I know he saw something."

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