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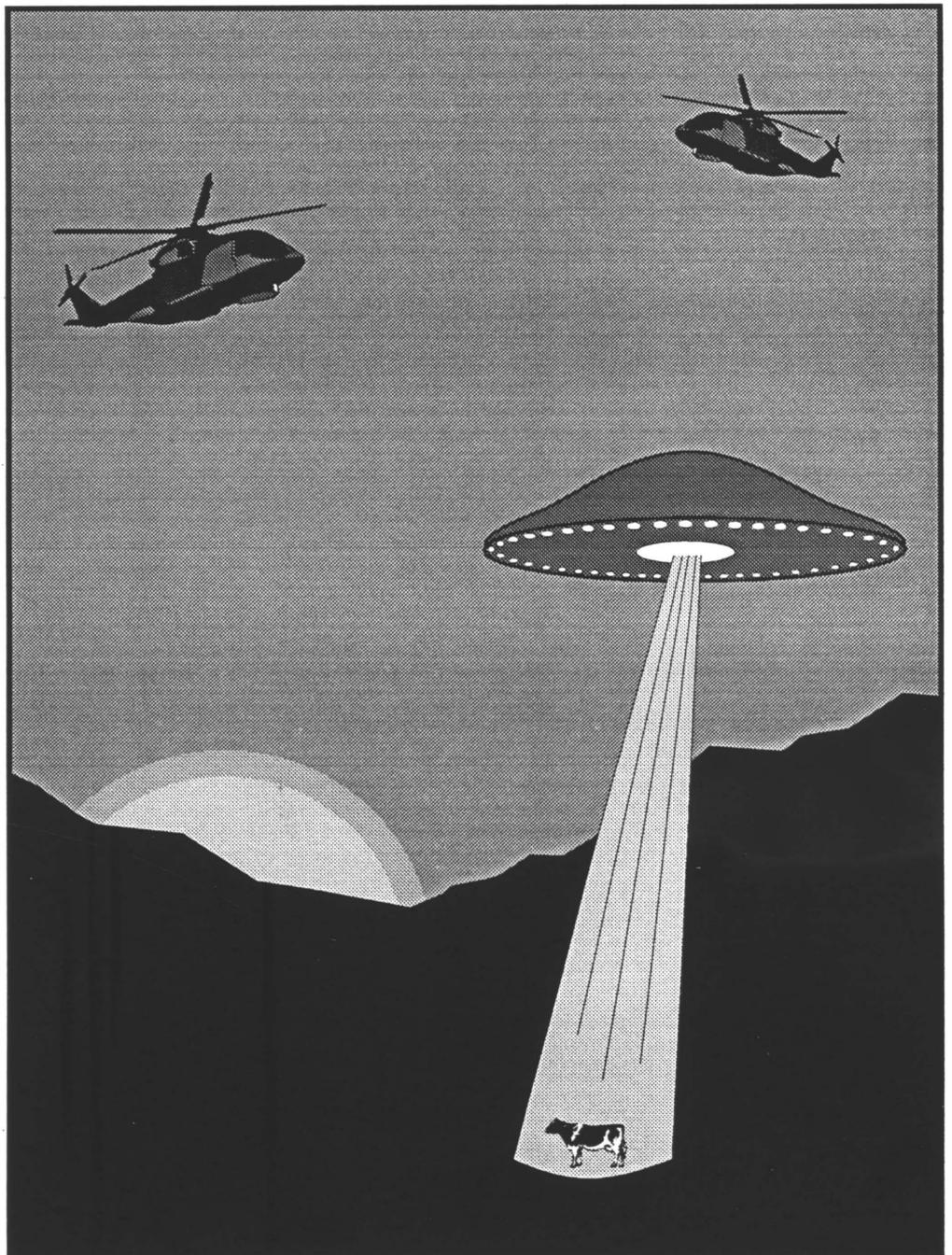


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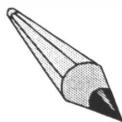
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From the Editor:



What a time for ufology. It amazes me how this phenomenon continues to grow. Researchers of yesterday's unidentified lights in the sky are finding themselves in cases involving everything from alien abductions and implants, to strange cattle deaths and mysterious *Men in Black*, to unmarked black helicopters and high-level government corruption and cover-ups. Maybe these phenomena (for sure government cover-ups) have been with us for all of humanity's existence and in only recent time have we learned of their possible relationships. One thing seems certain; the phenomenon is here to stay.

This month's issue of *U.E.* focuses on some very challenging data. In the past, UFO researchers have hesitated accepting certain elements of what today makes up ufology, and many still do. But listen to the eyewitness claims and examine the various pieces of the puzzle. One has to realize we are facing something so complex and different to our normal way of life, that it justifies immediate and urgent investigation. What could be more important? This is much more than funny lights in the sky and interesting UFO photographs. Who or what is responsible for these craft, why are they here, and why are they so elusive?

Finding answers will require persistence in research and investigation. Meanwhile, I hope *UFO Encounters* will continue to serve as a valuable information source. Who knows? Future generations exploring the universe and interacting with its occupants may look back on 20th-century ufologists as true pioneers. I certainly believe we are.

Michael Norris

Alabama Residents Ponder Cattle Mutilations

by Michael Norris

As of late February, 1993, a total of 28 cows have been found mutilated in and around Northeastern-Alabama farms over a few month period, says Linda Moulton Howe. Howe, who has been investigating the mutilation phenomenon for more than a decade, is interested in its importance and apparent relation to the UFO mystery.

Howe says "many, many helicopters" have been spotted in and around areas where the cattle are found--mysteriously dead with rectums cored out, sexual organs removed, eyes and tongues missing, milk sacs removed, and patches of hide missing. Cuts on the animals are made with surgical precision, and many are apparently done with some type of high-heat instrument.

Howe visited the region after hearing reports about the mutilations. She recalls traveling in a

squad car and hearing chatter over the police radio about an unknown helicopter descending into a pasture. It was night, and the chopper reportedly had no lights on. On several occasions, people told investigators that they heard helicopters, but couldn't see anything in the sky. "Just like what has happened the last three decades," Howe says. She commented that several tissue samples taken from mutilated animals are "going to tell a tale."

Besides all of the high strangeness that surrounds these events, most of the cows that are found mutilated are discovered within 150 feet of high voltage power lines.

In a telephone conversation, Howe told me that not only are unknown helicopters being sighted, but also odd lights in the sky, as well as large disc-like craft.

"I've been waiting for something that had all the ingredients at one



Another victim of the mysterious mutilation phenomenon. Photo - Thrash.

time," remarked Howe. "There have been sporadic things constantly every year, but suddenly everything was happening all at once in North-eastern Alabama."

Howe is not the only researcher who is investigating the recent events. Ted Oliphant, of the Fyffe, Alabama Police Department, has been actively following this mystery in the Alabama area the past couple of years.

Oliphant is the producer of a 1991 documentary titled "UFOs-A Need to Know." In September of 1990, during research around the country for his video, Oliphant visited Fyffe after learning of UFO sightings there. After seeing a UFO in the area himself, and wanting to learn more, Oliphant moved to Fyffe in December of 1990. He later became a local police officer to be in a perfect situation to keep up with unusual reports.

With the recent mutilations, Oliphant downplays speculation that the killings are caused by satanic cults. "It doesn't fit the satanists' MO (method of operation)," Oliphant explained.

"Most of the stuff they (cults) do is in secret. They don't want to be near somebody's house where they can be seen doing what they're doing. Whoever is doing this wants these animals found. They're leaving

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them where people will find them, instead of in remote areas." Oliphant also remarked that about 95% of the cases include reports of unknown helicopters that have red, green and white lights, or blue and white ones.

Dr. Danny Thrash, a veterinarian who has examined three mutilated cows himself, said what struck him as unusual was the precision of the incisions made to remove the vagina and the mammary glands on the animals.

Cattle are not the only animals who are suffering this fate. James Gatlin found five of his goats dead on his Bindle Mountain farm with missing eyeballs, tongues and sexual organs. Four others were missing and were never found. There was no evidence of human involvement. And with the precision used in the mutilations, it was obvious that no predator was responsible. Gatlin commented that in every one of his dead goats, their blood was apparently gone.

After learning about these goats, I called Mr. Gatlin to arrange a visit so that I could take tissue samples to have analyzed. However, on the evening that I spoke with Gatlin, he left for his pasture where his goats were and he buried them. I was very disappointed when I called Mr. Gatlin the next day and said that I had a team gathered and ready to drive out to his home the following morning. He simply stated, "I buried them," and that was the end of the discussion. This has been the ongoing problem with these investigations. Farmers in the Alabama area are not so quick to



Photo - Thrash

allow strangers on their pastures to take tissue samples of their killed cattle.

All the mutilations of farm animals, along with the unusual helicopter activity, have people in the area becoming quite jittery.

The Intimidating Helicopters

Tommy Cole, chief detective for the Albertville Police Department, found one of his cows mutilated on his 350-acre farm in early January of this year.

On the day before Cole found his dead cow, his wife was in her kitchen making lunch when she heard a helicopter outside. Peering out the window, she saw a white helicopter with blue markings. "It was vibrating the house," she said. "I went out the back door and it was right there, I could see four men in business suits inside. I looked at them and they looked at me. I remember thinking they looked like businessmen."

After the brief stare, the chopper flew away. The next day is when Cole found a dead cow after patrolling his farm.

Detective Cole also has spotted the mysterious helicopters. "One night I saw four, flying side by side,

over (Alabama) Highway 75 going toward Dekalb County.

"Another night I had three out here circling one of the pastures. We were in the patrol car, and we could see one of the helicopters passing over the pasture with bright spotlights. We threw our spotlight on him, and when we did that, every light on the helicopter went off, and he took off," he said.

Cole explains that similar events are being reported by police authorities in Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, all of which include sightings of very fast blue and white choppers along with discoveries of mutilated animals.

"They're describing the exact same things we're seeing here," Cole said. "The same parts of the body are being taken, and they're seeing these helicopters with bright spotlights."

One evening in early February, in a remote area off Highway 79, a helicopter using a spotlight attempted to herd 42 of Doug Seger's cattle into a corner of his pasture. Seger was not home at the time, but the event was witnessed by his neighbor.

The woman called Seger about what was happening to his cattle, and then she called the county police. "She told me that I had

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better get down there because a helicopter had all my cows in behind my farm, and had a spotlight on them," Seger explained. He then asked a couple of his farm hands to help him and they rushed to his farm.

It took Seger about 18 minutes to drive the 20 miles back to his farm, where he discovered that the uninvited guest was gone.

About ten minutes after the men arrived, the county police appeared on the scene. As they began to get a count of the cattle to see if any of them were missing, the mysterious helicopter returned. "That damn helicopter came back. I couldn't understand why it came back when three or four county cars were sitting in the yard," Seger told me in a telephone interview.

At this point he'd had enough, and walked to his truck to get his rifle. At that moment, the helicopter left and wasn't seen again for the rest of the evening. The police immediately radioed other authorities, but were unable to find out anything about the chopper.

Seger described the helicopter as "a larger aircraft than what the county flies." On the bottom of the chopper, Seger said he could make out what looked to be a large box, approximately 10 feet by 20 feet in size. On each corner of the box were different colored lights--red, green, blue and white.

Seger said the helicopter sounded like a turbo-type chopper, unlike any other that he has heard before. "It didn't sound like a chopper," he explained. "It made a whooping sound, like a leather whip sound over your head."

The local police authorities act as if they are intimidated by the events. "I don't think those bastards want to get involved," Seger said angrily. "They wouldn't even talk about it to anybody. . . . If I

"If I catch one spotlighting and hovering around my cows again, I'm going to blow it out of the air!"

catch one [helicopter] spotlighting and hovering around my cows again, I'm going to blow it out of the air!" The Seger incident took place just five miles from Gatlin's pasture, where the five dead and mutilated goats were found.

A man by the name of Leon Click, from whom Seger buys his hogs, said that he saw the same chopper a couple of weeks after Seger's encounter. However, in Click's description, the craft was more like a bubble sitting on a box car than a normal looking helicopter.

Seger remembers a time when there were similar reports in his area back in 1967. But he says, they were not as bad as recent events. "If something isn't done soon," Seger commented, "this is going to get serious."

In one incident in New Harmony, as investigators were looking over an area where a mutilated animal was found, an unknown helicopter flew overhead. What was even stranger was when the autopsy was being performed on the animal, a black helicopter was spotted flying directly over the facility.

Witnesses who have seen these helicopters say they are large, fast, and most are blue and white in color. A few of the reports include black military-style choppers. Often, the choppers are seen flying low-level in the dark, and with no running lights on. This would be impossible without some serious night vision equipment--such as some military choppers use.

If a civilian agency was to purchase a helicopter with proper

night vision equipment, it would run several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Talk with any experienced military pilots, and they'll tell anyone that flying a helicopter at night with no running lights, even with the appropriate equipment, is no easy task. In addition to all of this, the pilots of these craft seem to know the low-level terrain quite well, including the locations of power lines.

Only a few known helicopters exist in the whole area where the activity is taking place. Authorities have been unable to trace down the helicopters on radar, or find an airport where they may have refueled. It seems these choppers are real enough--but when they disappear from an area, they really disappear.

UFOs Add to The Mystery

If buzzing helicopters and mutilated farm animals weren't enough, include UFOs and strange lights to put a new twist on this unusual puzzle. Marshall County has been the center of most of the helicopter sightings. Neighboring Dekalb County, however, has witnessed strange lights and UFO appearances.

Sue Johnson, a 29-year-old mill-worker, was one witness who got a close-up view of a UFO. On January 28, just before dawn, Sue was in her trailer when she heard a sound that she thought was a helicopter.

"I was getting ready for work, and I looked out the kitchen window and saw this object in the air below the treetops," Sue explained. "It was this thing coming toward the trailer. It had red and green lights, plus white light coming off it somewhere . . . and the lights were kind of fluttering."

Sue said the UFO was the size of a car. The craft, she explained, had no propellers. "It made a humming

noise, and then the noise stopped," Sue said.

The craft then hovered for a few minutes as she just stood and stared. "I've been close to helicopters before, and no way was this a helicopter. I don't know what it was," she commented.

Sue continued to watch the UFO move toward her mobile home, then lost sight of it as it left her area. An FAA spokesperson in

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Birmingham reportedly stated that the agency was aware of these events, but knew of no explanation.

Toward the end of January, many other people also reported seeing UFOs in Dekalb County. On January 28, local residents surrounding Lookout Mountain said they heard an unusual humming sound. This was the same humming noise that Sue Johnson had heard from the UFO that appeared near her mobile home.

On Saturday, January 30, State Trooper Ron Ogletree interviewed a 28-year-old man from around the same area who said that he saw a triangular formation of red and white lights about two thousand feet above the ground. The lights were moving at what was approximated to be about 100 MPH. No sound was heard coming from the

lights. The colored lights remained in perfect formation and blinked alternately in the sky. Although the man's dogs never barked at aircraft in the past, he claimed they did that night, at whatever it was in the sky.

On February 2, dispatchers received numerous calls from Dekalb County residents who reported seeing many bizarre lights in the night sky.

All these latest incidents come four years after a UFO flap around Lookout Mountain and the town of Fyffe, Alabama. What does it all mean? No one seems to know. Many UFO researchers wonder if the mutilations should even be classified with UFO literature.

One must understand though, besides an apparent link with the unknown helicopters, the mutilations are somehow connected with UFOs. A few cases from the past point to an alien agenda to gather these helpless animals and extract certain parts of their flesh, killing them in the process. On a few rare occasions, witnesses have seen strange creatures taking cows from pastures--actually floating them into the air where the creatures, along with their victims, just disappear.

Somehow the individuals that are seen in the mysterious helicopters know when and where the mutilations will occur. Perhaps they are partially responsible. Or, maybe the helicopters serve to confuse the whole issue and mask those who are really responsible.

Special note: Northeastern Alabama is not the only location where cattle mutilations and strange helicopter activity are taking place. In Colorado, recent events may prove that there is an even larger phenomenon there. Look for feature articles in next month's issue of U.E. for all the information on the Colorado activities.

Soviet Underwater Mysteries

by Paul Stonehill

As a researcher of anomalous phenomena in the former USSR, I became interested in underwater mysteries back in 1970. That year my family had gone on a "wild" summer vacation; that is, we rented rooms in a private seaside house in Abkhazia instead of staying in a State resort facility under the relentless gaze of the government "servants." Today, ethnic war rages in the former Abkhazian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, in the vicinity of the beautiful Caucasus Mountains. But in 1970 we had spent the summer in the peaceful Armenian village of Alakhadze. Local inhabitants did inform us that their neighbors of different ethnic backgrounds had been storing firearms ("just in case something should happen"), but I was 11 years old, and such trifles did not interest me.

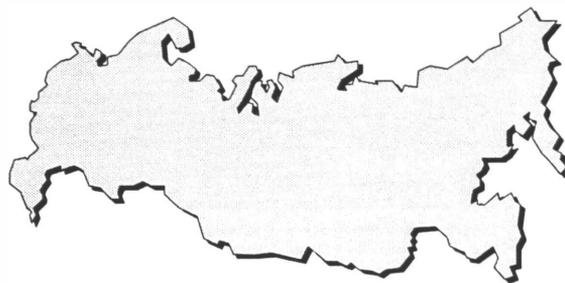
Intriguing Tales

I was, however, greatly interested in stories related to me in confidence and in hushed up voices by local teens, of a "secret school for dolphins," run at a nearby Navy base. The teens, having spent all their lives near the Black Sea, knew dolphins quite well. But, they told me, "these dolphins are very strange, Pavel--they are not friendly, they swim quickly, they have things attached to their sides." Some of the children had encountered the mysterious dolphins at night, while standing watch, as their fathers used illegal nets to catch fish. I did not doubt their stories, for they were well-mannered, polite, and deeply religious children. That the Soviet military scientists had been involved in secret dolphin training programs

for their future warfare needs, is hardly a secret. But there have been sightings of underwater creatures that have baffled the Soviet military for years, and certainly will keep the Russian, and the C.I.S. military, keenly interested.

In 1991 my research center received a curious book from Odessa (Ukraine). *UFO: History's Hovering Mystery*, is a thoroughly researched, well documented book, written by a Ukrainian researcher and writer, Valentin Krapiva. I have been using the book's information and sources, for my own research, whether of the "Nazi UFOs," or the "ancient Chinese astronauts" hypotheses. I sent a copy of the book to a noted American researcher, Dr. Richard Haines of NASA. I doubt that anyone else in the West (with the possible exception of various intelligence agencies) had read that incredible cornucopia of previously hidden or banned information. Some time ago, Mr. Krapiva had obtained a very precious book written by a Frunze (now Bishkek, Kirgizstan) researcher, B. Grabovsky. The latter had been compiling very thoroughly, since 1947, curious facts about anomalous phenomena in

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the USSR. Since the country had been subjected to the terror rule of State atheism, Grabovsky's endeavor could not be considered as a "safe" hobby. No, it was a scrupulous, difficult undertaking.

I read everything with a "grain of salt," and do not believe most of what I read without further confirmation--an old Soviet habit of mine, even though most of my life has been in the U.S. Thus, after reading the following report about strange creatures, I simply jotted it down in my mind as "hearsay." But the confirmation did come later, a very unusual one. . . .

An Amazing Discovery

Prior to W.W.II, Mr. Grabovsky had interviewed a local man about a very strange story. With great reluctance the man told the researcher that he and his friends had explored a cave near the Issik Kul Lake (Kirgizstan). There they found three human skeletons, each more than three meters in height! The skeletons had decorations that looked like bats (animals, not baseball) made from silver. For some reason, the men became very fearful, and kept silent about the find for many long years. They did melt the silver decorations, but a small piece had been saved. Apparently, the piece had been studied by scientists, but they could not determine its age. It is interesting to

note, wrote Mr. Krapiva, that a Kirgiz legend does mention a submerged city in the Issik Kul Lake, whose ruler was a creature with "long asinine ears."

Several months ago the center received an issue of a Russian magazine that publishes information about anomalous phenomena, reports of current events, and scientific views. The magazine is *ANOMALIYA* (issue #4, 1992), and is published by ITAR-TASS. That issue contained an article that was written by Mr. Mark Shteynberg, a career Soviet military officer and a veteran of the Afghan war. He played a role in the events described below.

Underwater Encounters

In the summer of 1982, Mark Shteynberg, along with Lt. Colonel Gennady Zverev, were conducting periodic training of the reconnaissance divers ("frogmen") of the Turkestan and Central Asian military regions. The training exercises had been taking place at the Issik Kul Lake, a deep water lake in the Transiliysk Ala Tau area.

Quite unexpectedly the officers were paid a visit by a "brass hat," Major-General V. Demyanko, commander of the Military Diver Service of the Engineer Forces of the Ministry of Defense, USSR. He arrived to inform the local officers of an extraordinary event that had occurred during similar training exercises in the TransBaikal and West Siberian military regions. There, during their military training dives, the frogmen had encountered mysterious underwater swimmers, very human-like, but huge in size

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The swimmers were clad in tight-fitting silvery suits, despite icy-cold water temperatures. At the depth of fifty meters, these "swimmers" had neither scuba diving equipment ("aqualungs"), nor any other equipment, only sphere-like helmets concealing their heads.

Well, the local military commander (quite alarmed by such encounters) decided to capture one of the creatures. With that purpose in mind, a special group of seven divers, under the command of an officer, had been dispatched.

Attempted Capture of a Creature

As the frogman tried to cover the creature with a net, the entire group was thrown out of the deep waters to the surface by some powerful force. Now, because autonomous equipment of the frogmen does not allow surfacing from such depths without strict adherence to the process of decompression stops, all of the members of the ill-fated expedition were stricken by aeroembolism, or the Caisson disease. The only remedial treatment available consisted of an immediate confinement under decompression

conditions in a pressure chamber. They had several such pressure chambers in the military region, but only one in working condition. It could contain no more than two persons.

So, the local commanders had forced four frogmen into the chamber. As a result, three of them (including the CO of the group) perished, and the rest became invalids -- terrible consequences caused by the usual Soviet military bungling.

The major-general rushed to the Issik Kul to warn the local military against similar "devil-may-care" actions. Although the Issik Kul Lake is more shallow than the Baikal Lake, the depth of the former was sufficient to contain similar mysterious creatures. Did the major-general know something that Officer Shteynberg did not?

A short time later, the staff headquarters of the Turkmenistan military region had received an order from the Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces. The order consisted of a detailed analysis of the Baikal Lake events and reprimands. It was supplemented by an information bulletin from the headquarters of the Engineer Forces of the Ministry of Defense, USSR. The bulletin listed numerous deep-water lakes where there had been registered sightings of anomalous phenomena: appearances of underwater creatures analogous to the Baikal type, descent and surfacing of giant discs and spheres, powerful luminescence emanating from the deep, etc.

Such documents, without exception, were highly classified and "for the eyes" of a very limited circle of military officers. The purpose of such documents was "to prevent unnecessary encounters . . ."

The territory under the military unit jurisdiction where Shteynberg served had an anomalous water

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Alien Implants

By Michael Norris

One common factor among UFO abduction accounts is the insertion of small devices, known as implants, by unknown creatures into their human subjects. Normally, the implants are inserted through the nose, into the back of the head, or near the eyes or ears. Ever since investigators learned of these claims, they have desperately sought to acquire one of these devices, or to at least capture an image of one, by x-ray or magnetic resonance imagery (MRI), residing in a human body. Has anyone been successful?

Budd Hopkins revealed in 1988 that MRI scans of four individuals showed tiny ball-like objects near their optical nerves. Small ball-like objects mounted on long thin probes are the most commonly described instruments used during abduction/implantation experiences.

With his "Linda Cortile" case (see *U.E.* Vol. 1#1 & Vol. 1#4), Hopkins has a photograph of an alleged implant that was in Linda's nasal cavity. The device appeared spiral in shape.

According to Keith Basterfield in the January/February '92 issue of *IUR*, the most openly discussed case of a recovered implant was that of Richard Price of Troy, New York. Abducted in 1955, he had an implant that later surfaced from his penis in 1989. The implant was cylindrical in shape, and measured 1 mm by 4 mm in size. It had an amber-colored interior, a white coating, and at least six small appendages. Later analysis revealed that its covering was 90 percent carbon, 10 percent tantalum, and had a small amount of oxygen.

In the following report, I found

interesting similarities between the Price implant above, and an alleged implant that was recently found in a woman in Texas.

A Surprising Find

The Houston UFO Network (HUFON) reported that on December 11, 1992, a woman who was part of a mass abduction a few days prior recovered an unusual object that fell from her eye. She had awoken with an irritation that caused her to rub her eye, after which she recovered a small particle the size of a mustard seed. HUFON reports they learned that an implant was placed behind the woman's eye during an abduction experience on December 8.

After discovering the particle, the woman turned it over to Derrel Sims, chief abductions investigator for the Houston UFO Network.

HUFON states that the implant is egg-shaped, about 1.5 mm long, and has a flesh color. The particle has a hollow interior, and "the apex has been truncated and lateral splitting from the apical area distally is noted."

The outside is different from the inside. The interior appears spongy and "honey combed," and is lighter in color. The exterior is smooth and non-porous, and has a mottled appearance. Reportedly, no pressure or manipulation permanently deforms the specimen.

The particle was examined by the University of Houston's Department of Biology. It was revealed that the specimen was not biological and fit no known taxonomic classification.

On April 14, qualitative elemen-

Upcoming Events:

June 12-13: UFO EXPO WEST - Airport Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. Call (213) 850-8919.

June 24-26: 14TH ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE ON UFO INVESTIGATION - University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Call (800) 448-7801.

July 2-4: 1993 MUFON CONFERENCE - Richmond Hyatt Hotel, Richmond, VA. Call MUFON at (512) 379-9216.

July 5: OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW - End UFO secrecy demonstration at the White House. Call (912) 377-7098.

July 26-Aug. 2: THE THIRD EARTH CONFERENCE - Salisbury, England. Call (800) 234-8687 or (714) 497-5138.

Aug. 1-5: ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY WORLD CONFERENCE - Imperial Palace, Las Vegas. Call (708) 295-8899.

Aug. 14-15: INTERNATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE "UFOS: FACT, FRAUD OR FANTASY" - Sheffield Polytechnic, Sheffield, So. Yorkshire, England. Contact Independent UFO Network, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, England WF17 7SW.

Sep. 11-12: THIRD ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE MUFON CONFERENCE - Yokens Convention Center, Portsmouth, NH. Call (603) 436-9283.

Oct. 9-10: THE UFO EXPERIENCE - Holiday Inn, North Haven, Connecticut. Contact Omega Communications, P.O. Box 2051, Cheshire, CT 06410.

Nov. 28-Dec. 5: INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS AND FILM FESTIVAL - Las Vegas Showboat Hotel. Call (510) 428-0202.

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tal analysis was performed on it at the Superconductivity Laboratory at the same university. A small sample uncovered the presence of the following elements (in no particular order).

- 1) Carbon
- 2) Oxygen
- 3) Silicon
- 4) Titanium
- 5) Barium
- 6) Beryllium
- 7) Sulphur
- 8) Aluminum

No percentages of the elements could be determined, but the object was found to be carbon-rich, suggesting it is organic. The trace

elements form an unusual combination, since titanium and silicon are not usually present in compounds rich in carbon and containing oxygen. Also beryllium is usually found in compounds that are conductive, and the supposed implant, it was learned, was non-conductive.

The only other possible theory besides the alien implant hypothesis is that the particle is actually some form of polymer (plastic). HUFON will likely have more tests made, and *U.E.* will keep readers posted.



In an attempt to convince people that "hallucinations" are the answer, Sagan writes about a work published in 1894, titled *The International Census of Waking Hallucinations*. This work along with surveys since, Sagan claims, have determined that "10 percent to 25 percent of ordinary, functioning people have experienced at least once a vivid hallucination--hearing a voice, usually, or seeing a form when there's no one there."

Why People Hallucinate

To summarize Sagan's position, he says people used to hallucinate about such things as demons and fairies, but since UFOs and aliens are the latest rage, it is only natural that millions of people hallucinate about encounters with the same creatures, who take them out of their homes, subject them to complex medical examinations and mental probing, extract sperm and ova, and leave their human subjects with strong feelings of fear and victimization. I would ask Mr. Sagan to try explaining away the lost periods of time that individuals cannot account for except under hypnosis, or a later memory flash-

Are They Coming for Us?

by Michael Norris

A Rebuttal to an article written by Carl Sagan

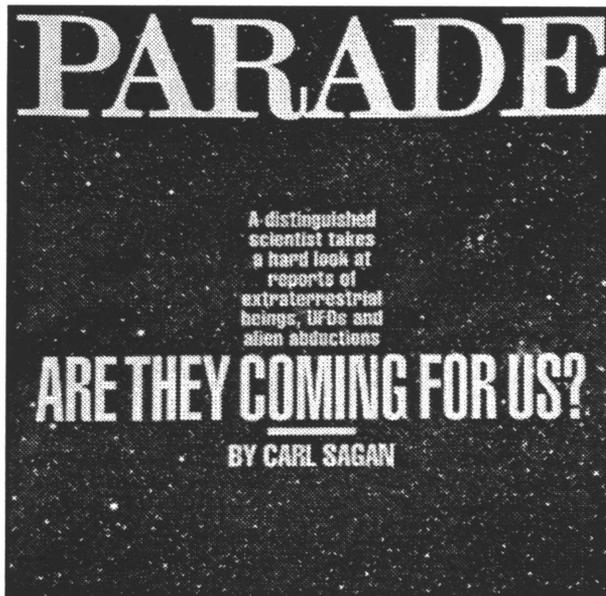
Are they coming for us? That is the question that distinguished scientist Carl Sagan raised in a feature article for the March 7 issue of *Parade* magazine. In the article, Sagan focuses on the UFO abduction phenomenon. I found that Sagan derived his conclusions very unscientifically, and he presents himself as incredibly narrow-minded.

Sagan begins his article with the abduction scenario itself. I will say he sums up the experience quite correctly, and even refers to famous cases such as the Betty and Barney Hill case. However, Sagan shifts his approach midway in his article and simplifies the phenomenon by stating that the mystery is nothing more than a human-generated one.

Before Sagan, in his own mind, enlightens the world to what he

believes the UFO abduction enigma really is, he attacks the recent Roper poll, in which nearly 6,000 Americans were surveyed for experiences common among UFO abductees. It is all too convenient for Sagan to attack here, for the poll reveals some surprising data (see *U.E.* Vol. 1#4), even for abduction researchers, who consider the results to be the best indication of how large the abductee phenomenon really is.

After attacking the Roper poll and convincing readers of his sincerity toward abductees, he announced to the world his simple solution to the complex phenomenon--hallucinations.



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back in which complex UFO abduction scenarios unfold. And, what about the mysterious scars and marks that appear on abductees after an experience? How about complex cases such as the Debbie Tomey case (*Intruders*)? Here is an abduction story that includes a UFO landing site!

"UFOs are a regular feature of weekly newspapers dedicated to falsification and mystification," says Sagan, who claims that these publications are responsible for planting the ideas in the minds of individuals who are allegedly having these hallucinations. However, Mr. Sagan, it doesn't take a scientist to discover that the tabloids don't portray an accurate representation of the UFO abduction mystery. They only write ridiculous accounts that are in no way related to the true phenomenon. That eliminates Sagan's theory right there. Researchers had gathered enough information to support the existence of a phenomenon before the majority of the public ever heard about these events. The reported accounts were too similar to be the product of overactive imaginations or hallucinations.

Finally, I would like to address one more point that Sagan made in his article. Sagan stated, "Surely it is

our *duty* to examine the purported evidence closely and skeptically." Here Sagan speaks as a hypocrite. In the past, when asked to perform this *duty* with abduction research, he declined.

Sagan told Budd Hopkins, a world leader in abduction research, to inform him of a promising case, and he would "look into it" with Hopkins. In January of 1990, Hopkins did just that.

Hopkins asked Sagan to look into a case that had subsidiary witnesses and was in Sagan's area. Hopkins told Sagan that he could approach the case any way he wanted, and could even supply the hypnotist.

Sagan Backs Away From Research

Sagan sent a letter of rejection to Hopkins shortly afterwards, implying the unimportance of "anecdotal evidence." Hopkins

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also says that Sagan ignored the physical evidence in the case. This hardly appears to be a man of science upholding his *duty* in examining all possible evidence of a most important phenomenon. Perhaps Sagan is performing a different *duty*--one of convincing most Americans that there is no merit in UFO abduction stories, and that the public has nothing to fear or wonder, for the accounts represent nothing more than normal, although widespread, hallucinations.

What's sad is that many Americans, the majority of whom know very little about this phenomenon, will believe Sagan. He writes very convincingly and is the perfect debunker. Unlike the Phil Klass types, Sagan approaches this topic very tactfully and smoothly belittles the phenomenon. I'm only sorry I have to waste space in this publication to battle his ideas. Unfortunately, it will take hundreds of UFO researchers working diligently to undo the damage that Sagan can do in one sweeping article. No ufologist has the reputation required, nor the opportunity to reach millions of readers with one written paper.

Final Comments

In addition to the arguments above, since when is an expert on space, suddenly a qualified professional in psychology and human perception and behavior? There are many psychologists and hypnotherapists that could have written a more professional analysis.

It seems all too suspicious for someone like Sagan to be given the spotlight here at the height of public awareness of the abductee mystery. Maybe the accusations that Sagan is debunking UFO events for the U.S. government are true. Who can say?

Police Chase UFO To No Avail

by Michael Norris

Jan. 31, 1993, Dodge County, Wisconsin

Several witnesses called the Dodge County Sheriff Department on a Sunday in January to report sightings of unidentified lights.

One farmer near Hutisford called the sheriff's office and told officials that he was looking at a strange light hovering nearby in the night sky.

The farmer said the light was connected to a large flat object that had a dome for a center. The bright light was shining from the dome and he said yellowish light was coming from its ends.

Responding to the call, deputies arrived at the site, and saw that the light had moved westward and was hovering 45 degrees above the horizon. The deputies got back in their car and followed the light westward for twenty miles along Wisconsin 60 before it made a sharp turn southward.

The deputies continued the chase until they reached the Jefferson County line. Once there, the perplexed officers contacted Jefferson County authorities about their bizarre pursuit, but that agency never reported the UFO sightings.

The following day, Dodge County Sheriff Stephen Fitzgerald commented that he was bombarded

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with inquiries from the media concerning the chase. "We've had some pretty serious homicide cases in this county in recent years, but it's never come close to this," Fitzgerald said. Those probing with questions included nine television stations, many newspapers, and various radio stations.

Deputies who pursued the light that night said they were unable to get close enough to confirm the shape that the farmer had reported. Fitzgerald, remarking on the unusual object, said, "It was an intense light that would fade away for intervals and then reappear."

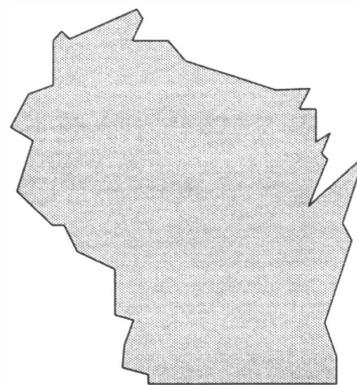
Police officials sought an answer from local air-traffic control towers. Yet, according to tower officials, no aircraft were in the area during the time of the sighting.

Fitzgerald told reporters that two Beaver Dam firefighters also saw a similar light in the sky on the previous night.

Other Sightings

About a week prior to these sightings, another farmer, Ray Stubinsky, who lives a mile south of Dodge County, reported to town officials that he had seen something peculiar. He said that around 8 p.m., he and his grandson observed unusual lights in the sky. They said that as they approached, the lights became distinguishable as three separate machines, two side-by-side, with one above.

Another UFO sighting in this series of encounters was reported from Waukesha County, in Southwest Wisconsin. The sheriff's office there received a report of an obscure light that was suspended



above a busy intersection on Interstate 94, which connects Milwaukee and Chicago. A deputy sent to investigate the matter said the large light was hovering 500 feet above the ground.

As far as the Dodge County sighting goes, Sheriff Fitzgerald said that whatever the light was, his department was taking the sighting seriously. He said that officials would investigate the episode for the sake of the witnesses, whom he knows saw something. As for himself, Fitzgerald explained that he has a hard time believing in UFOs without some sort of concrete evidence. However, he commented, "The U.S. government has spent millions of dollars studying these things, and they've never come up with a definitive 'yes' or 'no.' "



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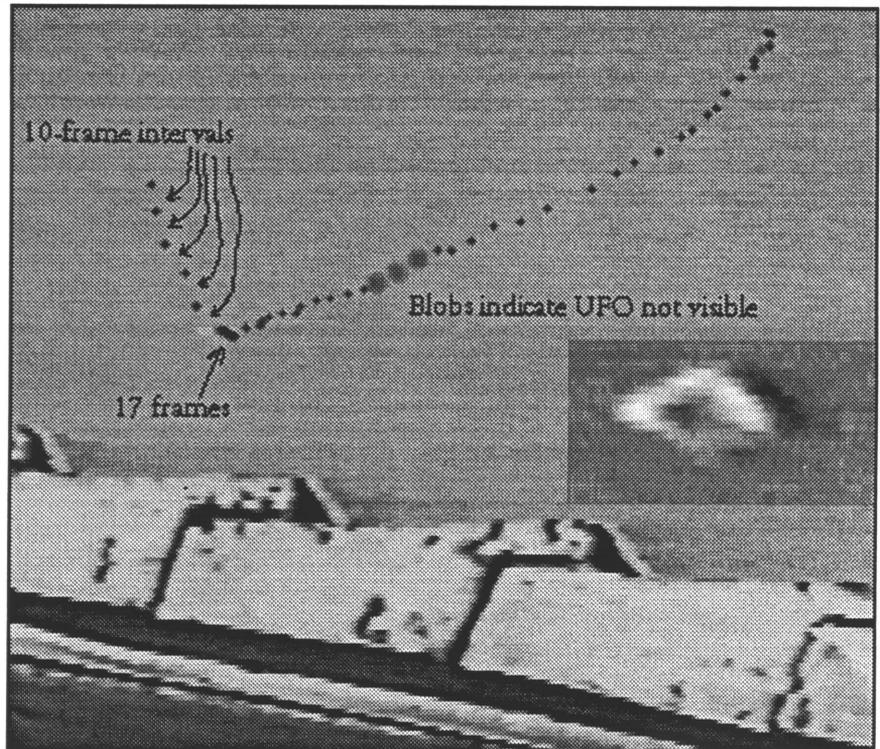
by Jeff Sainio

The February 12, 1993 SIGHTINGS program (Fox Network) showed a provocative example of anomalous UFO motion. A daylight disk--spotted in Kanazawa Japan--is seen to take a sudden acceleration impossible for any conventional craft. Some points of the video appeared suspicious, but my analysis showed them all to be explainable.

The video is quite bouncy, and the UFO is not very distinct, making verification of the UFO path difficult. However, I found that capturing the video as a negative image, with low brightness and high contrast, gave a recognizable image.

Due to the camcorder bounce, it was necessary to use a terrestrial reference point to measure the UFO motion. A wall in the foreground conveniently provided this.

The UFO motion could be faked by starting the video standing up, then crouching down, and suddenly standing up again. The wall would appear to move with respect to the UFO. But this would also change the perspective of the far end of the wall compared to the near end; while crouched, the wall would seem more horizontal in the picture than when standing. But several video-captures of the wall showed no such perspective change. Also, this motion would be expected to make the camera aim bounce during the sudden standing-up; nothing like this is seen however. Furthermore, crouching would change the UFO altitude, but not its forward motion. The video shows that horizontal mo-



tion tracks the vertical motion. So this method of fakery is doubtful.

The UFO is an indistinct blob in several frames; this might seem suspicious. Tracking the wall shows that there are no interrup-

Overall, this is the best example of anomalous UFO motion I've ever seen.

tions in the tape. The UFO loses visibility because of "smearing" of the image due to camera or UFO motion; it has not disappeared but is merely too washed out to be evident.

Plotting the UFO position frame-by-frame shows that it moves slowly downward for several seconds, practically stops for about a half-second, moves to the upper right for 1/3 second,

more than doubles its speed over the next half second, then returns to the previous speed for another 1/3 second before I tired of the tedium of freeze, capture, save and measure. This motion is plainly impossible for known aircraft.

The UFO cannot be a lens flare because a flare's position will be affected by camera bounce. But this UFO's path shows no relationship to a quite bouncy camera.

The UFO blowup shows a dark right side; this is a typical effect of the camera electronics and should not be assumed to be real.

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ABDUCTIONS: The Mystery of the "Missing Fetus" Syndrome (MFS).

by Keith Basterfield

Despite thousands of reported cases, and by now hundreds of articles about the subject, very few detailed hypotheses have been put forward to explain the abduction phenomenon. Bob Bartholomew and I (1988a,b) advanced the "Fantasy-Prone Personality" hypothesis, as one possible alternative to the major "genetic experimentation" hypothesis put forward by Hopkins (1987.)

A New Theory

With the publication of the book *Intruders* in 1987, came an added dimension to the abduction enigma. After detailing a small handful of case studies of "Andrea," "Kathie," "Susan," and "Pam," Budd Hopkins suggested a theme had developed in his work. The pattern observed by Hopkins was that female abductees were often first abducted as small children. This was then followed by a series of abductions through puberty. Ova samples were taken by the aliens. Artificial insemination occurred during one abduction, resulting in the pregnancy of an abductee. The women were then re-abducted two to three months later and the fetuses were removed by the entities.

The discovery of this "fact" led Hopkins to conclude that: "A central goal of UFO abductions, I now believe, is the apparent interbreeding of an alien species with our own." (Hopkins 1987:179).

Had anyone else noticed this pattern prior to Hopkins? It seems not. As an explanation for this it might be suggested that it was

Hopkins who had access to the largest number of cases and hence became the first to detect the pattern.

Eddie Bullard, cited in an article by Dr. Richard Neal, (1991:20) stated: "I noticed nothing in the literature [up to 1986 or thereabouts] comparable to the

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missing embryo motif." This is despite Bullard having reviewed 300 abduction texts in his mammoth review study.

How did Hopkins detect the pattern? In *Intruders* (p.125) he stated that he thought the Kathy Davis (Debbie Tomey) case was a once off event. Later, when other women contacted him, he straight away: ". . . brought up . . . unsolved medical problems . . . then I asked about any unusual circumstances involving pregnancies."

Is MFS a universal theme with female abductees? I can find no evidence in the literature to suggest that all female abductees have undergone this cycle of insemination and then removal of fetuses. Is it then a large percentage of female abductees who have this happen to them? No one seems to

have claimed it is, yet it has become a central theme in the "abductions are genetic experiments" hypothesis.

Is it therefore only a few individuals making this claim? Published claims of cases of MFS are infrequent. One concludes that far from being the norm, MFS, as a percentage of total abductions of females, is minimal.

Do we in fact have any idea of what percentage of female abductees report the syndrome? Ann Druffel (1991:8) spoke of "numerous such reports" without defining the numbers of which she spoke.

Richard Neal (1991:18) commented: "Over the past several years there have been many female abductees . . ." Again, no numbers

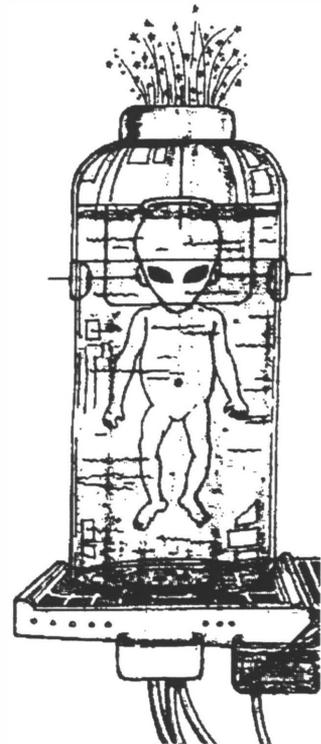


Illustration: "The Watchers" -- Fowler

or sources for this estimate were cited. Later in the same article: "Many researchers have claimed that they have several cases . . . in their files." It seems to me that "Several" multiplied by "many" indicates "a lot."

An Estimate at Last

Finally, I did manage to track down a statistic. Jean Mundy (1991:23) wrote that: "Around nine percent of women with alien contact report medically confirmed pregnancies which disappeared, usually in the fourth month." So, here at last, a concrete statistic--one in eleven female abductees with MFS.

So, it is not a universal constant. Yet often, in discussions one comes across researchers putting the syndrome forward as part of the genetic experimentation hypothesis as if it does happen to 100% of female abductees.

What does the above statistic translate to, in terms of the number of cases including MFS? The Omni magazine survey that Mundy reported involved a stated 2000 individuals. Hopkins is said by diverse sources to have an estimated 4000 pieces of correspondence, and he said that of these, the ratio of male/female abductees was 1:1

So, if 2000 of the 4000 Hopkins-cases were from women, and using Mundy's figure, 9% of these would give us 180 cases. How many detailed cases have been published? A review of the literature reveals Hopkins wrote of four in *Intruders*, Mundy relates one in her article and Druffel reports one. This is a far cry from 180.

Missing from all the published accounts, until 1991, was medical documentation. There were no names of the health professionals involved and no copies of medical records indicating the disappearance of medically confirmed pregnancies.

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Researchers were apparently merely accepting the word of abductees. Even Bullard (1990: 25) fell into this trap stating: "Missing babies . . . become sticking points in the ongoing argument. Opponents cannot slip easily past the evidence."

Ann Druffel reported on a thorough investigation of the medical data in the case of a woman, who after a visitation by an entity, unexpectedly became pregnant, and subsequently lost the fetus. She came to wonder if she was a victim of the MFS. Investigations by Druffel et al found that the "case turned out to be a conventional, medical event according to the primary physician . . ." (1991:12).

In summary, we have a number of anecdotal accounts of MFS. However, in the one case where it has been possible to undertake a thorough scientific medical investigation, it was shown that there was no evidence for the MFS. In fact a mundane explanation was located. Richard Neal (1992) presents a detailed set of alternate mundane, medical explanations that explain MFS symptoms.

As MFS is a major part of the broader "genetic experimentation" hypothesis for alien abduction accounts, it seems that the ball is back in the courts of "genetic

experimentation" hypothesis proposers to show us why we should continue to accept this hypothesis as having any validity.

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Update: A German Crop Circle and Three Amazing Plates

Pull out issue #3 of *UFO ENCOUNTERS*. We've got an update for readers (see "George Wingfield on Crop Circles"). In an article based on Wingfield's presentation on crop circles, *U.E.* reported on an interesting story about a German crop circle that was surrounded by an unusual chain of events.

The area where the formation emerged was considered sacred ground for nearly 4,000 years.

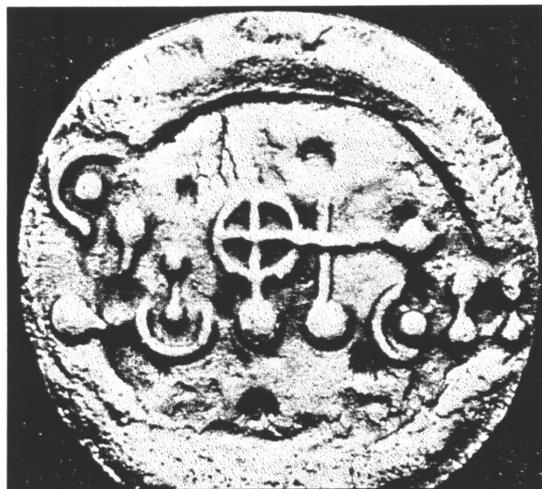
On July 22, 1991, a bizarre set of circles creating a unique pictogram appeared overnight in a wheat field located near Hildesheim, Germany. The formation was huge (see photo), measuring 300 by 150 feet in size, encompassing over 45,000 sq. feet of land. The design is said to resemble an ancient Scandinavian rock painting of a "Chariot of the Sun." The area where the formation emerged was considered sacred

ground for nearly 4,000 years.

At 1:30 a.m., on the night the formation appeared, eyewitness Christian Fiedler spotted an orange-colored, pulsating and flashing light dashing around the area. Around 2:00 a.m., others heard a strange "whooping" noise. The listeners say it was unlike a helicopter sound.

In the days to follow, the amazing scene drew many observers to the site. The owner of the field, farmer Werner Harenberg, even began charging money to those who wanted to enter his field, which didn't deter anyone from coming. The research group EFODON visited the circle and announced they measured unusually high radioactive readings there.

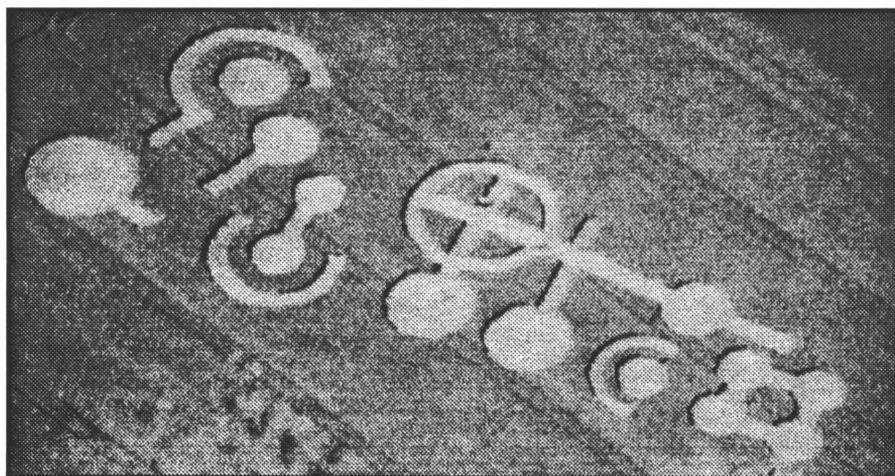
On August 2, a peculiar guest made a fantastic discovery. While using a metal detector over the



One of the three plates found buried beneath the crop circle.

formation, he registered three positive readings. Each was located within the three circles of the formation that had half rings. Digging to a depth of two feet at the three different locations, the man discovered a single metal plate at each one. The plates were very heavy, measured about 12 inches in diameter, and were heavily encrusted with dirt, indicating that they had been buried for quite a while. The man carried them off, telling an overseeing farm worker that he was taking them to Mr. Harenberg. However, the man stole the plates and never returned.

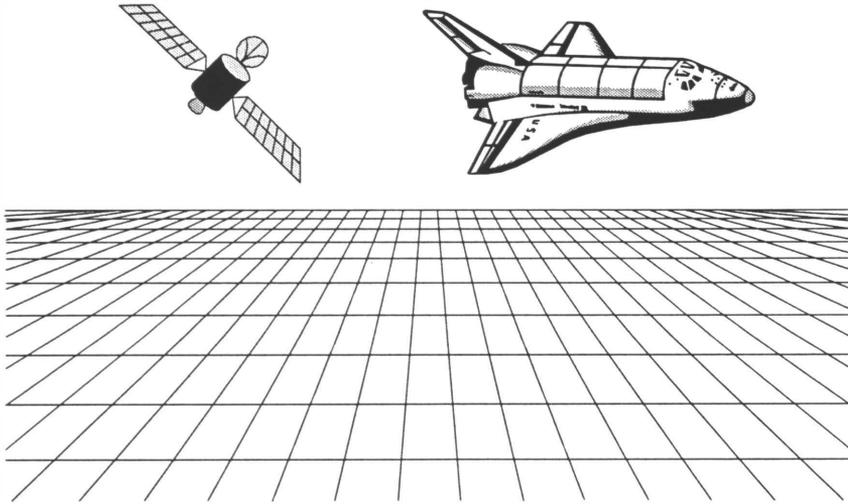
The story becomes more intriguing. The man who took the plates called Mr. Harenberg on August 7, and sent him a picture of one of them. Amazingly, embossed on the plate was a replica of the crop circle formation! The same was said to be true of the other two plates. When the plates were originally discovered, they were too covered with dirt for any markings to be distin-



A German Crop Circle

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SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY



Life on Venus?

Scientists at the NASA Ames Research Center announced in March that the Pioneer spacecraft sent back data from the planet Venus suggesting ancient oceans may once have existed on the planet. These oceans may have supported primitive life, scientists speculate.

Originally launched in 1978, Pioneer transmitted data indicating that Venus once had 3 1/2 times more water than previously thought. On October 8, 1992, in its final moments of life, the spacecraft entered Venus' atmosphere coming within 80 miles of the planet's surface before burning up, all the while collecting and sending data about the Earth's twin.

"The data indicates that Venus was once a pretty wet planet," announced Dr. Thomas Donahue, a scientist at the University of Michigan, who directed other experts to design experiments for the Pioneer project. Donahue also said that although there is no absolute proof that Venus had oceans, the data suggests that this was most likely

the case.

With the information, scientists learned that once there was enough water on the planet to cover its entire surface with depths of 25 to 75 feet. At a press conference at the Ames Research Center, Donahue announced that it's possible Venus had water on its surface for nearly one billion years, enough time for primitive life forms to have developed.

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have evolved," he said.

Donahue speculated that these life forms may have been similar to stromatolites, the oldest fossils found on our planet. As the Sun became brighter, and with Venus being closer to the Sun than Earth, the water turned to steam over about three billion years. Today, with a surface temperature reaching 600 to 900 degrees F., it is seriously doubtful that any form of life could have possibly survived the planet's ancient transition.

Interesting Notes on Venus

Venus is called Earth's twin because of its comparable size to the Earth. Next to the Sun and the moon, the planet is the brightest object in the sky. At maximum brightness, it is 10,000 times brighter than the faintest star visible to the naked eye. Venus is also the only planet that can be seen in daylight with the unaided eye. At times when the sky is fully dark, the planet can actually cast a shadow!

Since Venus is only at its maximum brightness every 19 months, it catches many observers by surprise when first seen. This is why Venus often has been mistaken as a UFO, and photographs of Venus have also been mistaken as UFO photographs. So keep this planet in mind the next time you gaze into the skies!

Black Hole at Center of Milky Way?

University of Arizona researchers have announced that a star at the center of our galaxy is suspected of being a black hole. Our sun is just one of the 200 billion stars that make up the Milky Way galaxy, the core of which is 28,000 light years from Earth. Black holes are cosmic phenomena characterized by intense

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gravitational forces that are powerful enough to consume anything, including light itself.

Speaking at a recent news conference, Arizona researcher Laird Close announced, "We have detected a source of infrared which is powerful evidence that there is a huge object, likely a black hole, at the center of the Milky Way."

The source of the infrared radiation is Sgr-A-Star, an object that scientists have long suspected of being a black hole.

Joseph Haller, another astronomer from Arizona, has found more evidence supporting this theory. Haller has studied the movement and concentration of stars in the core of the Milky Way. He has found that stars within four trillion miles of Sgr-A-Star have accelerated to speeds of around 250 thousand miles per hour. Such velocity is possible only through a very powerful gravitational pull.

Also, Haller measured the mass of material close to Sgr-A-Star, and found that within .7 to 1.5 light years circling the object, the mass was equivalent to about 900,000 suns. Haller's conclusion is, "That amount of mass is consistent with the idea that Sgr-A-Star is a black hole."

This evidence makes one wonder if at the center of every galaxy there is a black hole. That would explain how galaxies containing billions of stars can keep their stars spinning around a central core. This would mean, however, that galaxies in the universe would eventually pull in

their stars until there would be none left--given a few billion years.

Astronomers View Farthest Known Galaxy

Astronomers using the largest optical and infrared telescope recently viewed the farthest known galaxy from Earth--4C41.17. The telescope was at the new W.M. Keck Observatory, a \$94 million facility located at 13,600 feet above sea level near the summit of Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii.

The distant galaxy is 12 billion light years from Earth, a distance of about 72 trillion billion miles. Scientists originally discovered the galaxy using radio telescopes, but this is the first time anyone has observed it by its own visible light.

"An infrared image of something that far away is unprecedented and remarkable," said astronomer Steve Maran, spokesperson for the American Astronomical Society. "It's a new window on the distant and early universe."

The picture of 4C41.17 shows what the galaxy looked like 12 billion years ago, since that's how long light emitted from it took to reach Earth. Scientists believe the universe was created some 15 billion years ago.

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reservoir, the Sarez Lake (in the Pamir area). It was roughly a kilometer and a half deep. Sarez is visible to those stationed at a "tracking point" in the Pamir Mountains (the "tracking" is of American SDI satellites by Rus-

sians). Superpowerful instruments and devices of the Soviet military subunit (that had been doing the actual "tracking") had repeatedly registered submersion into Sarez of disc-like objects, their surfacing and subsequent liftoff.

I am trying to contact Mr. Shteynberg. Perhaps with his help we will be able to establish what it was that alarmed the major-general so much about the Issik Kul Lake. I have also contacted my Kirgiz colleagues from the SAKKUFON Research Center, to provide me with any pertinent information, as well as local mythology, translated into Russian. The Russian Ufology Research Center will try to obtain Mr. Grabovsky's book and archives. The mystery of the strange remains in the cave may be related to that of the powerful "swimmers" sighted in the deep water lakes of the former USSR. Since the man interviewed by Mr. Grabovsky had found the skeletons in the 1920's and the "swimmers" have been seen eleven years ago, we may be faced with an alien civilization that has dwelt in the waters of the Earth for a long, long time. . . .

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guished. Recently, the *International UFO Library Magazine* published a photo of one (see photo). This was the first time I had seen the photograph.

It wasn't long before all three plates were shown. A Mr. Hase (unclear if he was the one who stole the plates--by German law they should belong to Mr. Harenberg), showed the plates to the local press. The man and the local editor took them to a jeweler for examination. The jeweler announced the three were made of different metals--one of gold, one of silver, and the other of bronze. All three were of very pure metals. The silver plate was of higher purity than sterling. The gold one was what is known as "altgold,"

which is also of highest purity.

A Mr. Pfeiffer was later able to track down the finder of the plates, and purchased the silver and bronze ones for 50,000 Deutschmarks (about \$30,000). Unfortunately, the gold plate had been melted down and was sold for a few hundred thousand Deutschmarks to a jeweler. Yet, the high purity of the two remaining plates was verified by the German Federal Material Inspection Authority, which for all practical purposes, ruled out the possibility of a hoax. What an expensive hoax that would be!



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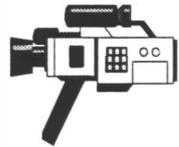
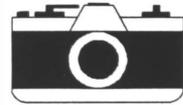
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