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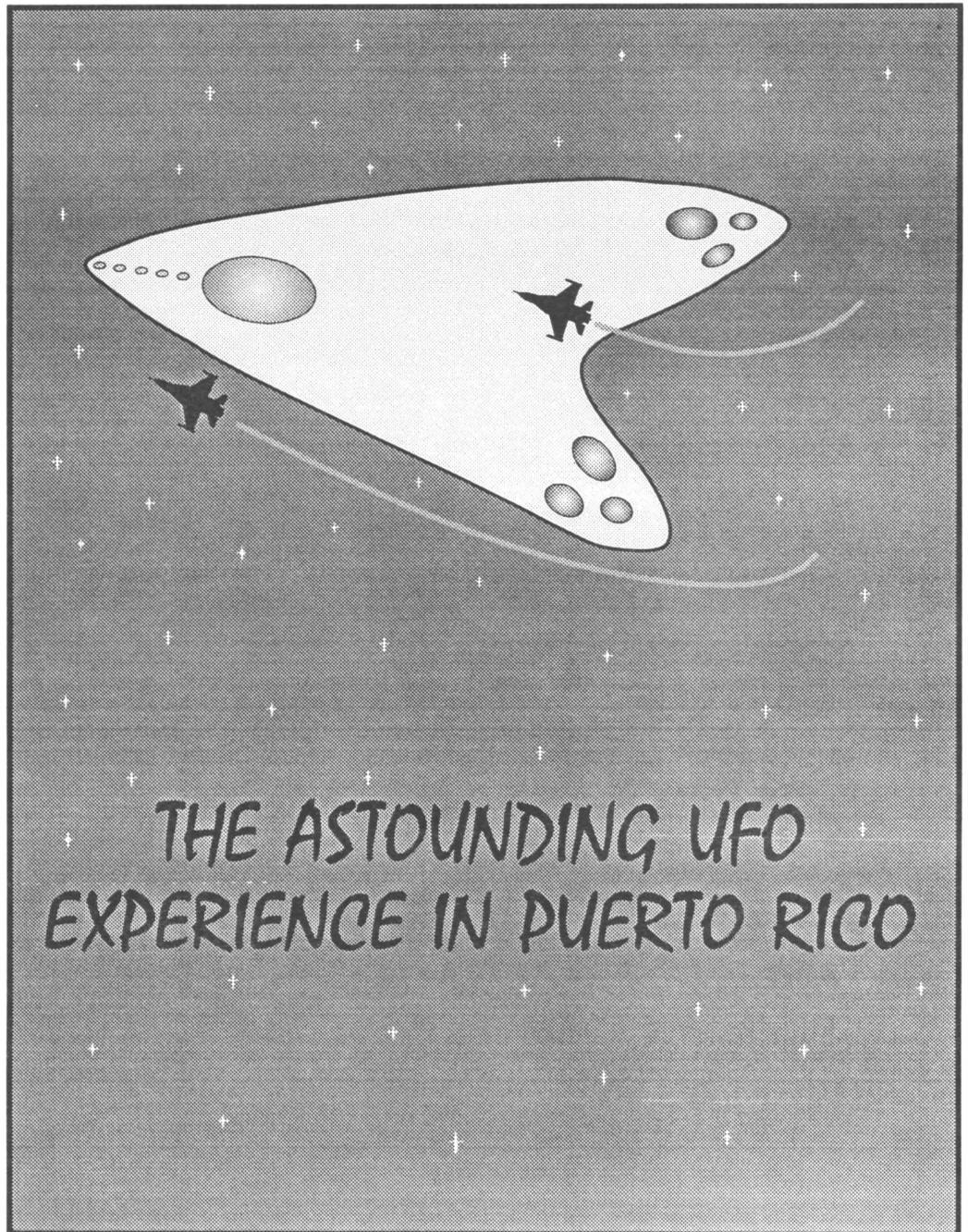


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From the Editor:



What can I say about the 1993 International Mufon Conference? Spectacular!

This year's event brought the largest crowd in MUFON's history. Over 850 people came to the Richmond Hyatt Hotel to hear over a dozen speakers from around the world address what MUFON has titled, "Ufology: The Emergence of a New Science."

A large part of this month's issue covers some wealth of information unveiled at the Mufon symposium. Our office received many calls from readers who asked if we would be covering the event.

Right before press time, we learned that contact was lost between NASA and the Mars Observer probe. Maybe we won't get to see the Face on Mars--what a coincidence eh! Look for a complete story and an update on that mission in next month's issue. I'm sure Richard Hoagland will have plenty of comments about these recent developments.

Pay close attention to Bruce Maccabee's article on the "Magnetic Case." We have a tremendous breakthrough here! Take out *U.E.* Vol. 1 #3 and read the article on UFO detectors and you will understand why. Ufologists are now building devices that will warn us when a UFO is in the area!

Next month we'll update readers if any more information becomes known about NASA's announcement that they received 164 unknown signals in their search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

So until next time, enjoy another exciting issue.

Michael Norris

Magnetic Case

Strong Magnetic Field Detected Following a Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object

By Bruce Maccabee

Some UFOnuts have magnetic personalities . . . I guess. Anyway, one UFO appears to have "left behind" a strong magnetic field. This paper reports the discovery and significance of that field.

On Friday, Sept. 11, 1992, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Mrs. A (name confidential) was entering the driveway at her home in Gulf Breeze, Florida when she saw to the northeast, over the roof of her house, an unusual round object rise upward, move to the right a short

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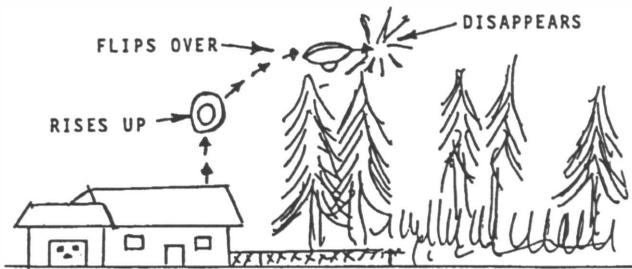
distance while flipping over (see Figure 1) and disappear in the clear sky. The object appeared brownish-grey at the top and bottom with a pinkish-red line around its circumference. The center of the bottom seemed to be glowing. The object was at some distance and apparently had risen upwards from behind her house where there is a lawn, a pond and trees. The total duration of the sighting was several seconds. Within an hour or so the witness told a very close acquaintance (who also wishes anonymity) about the sighting. He, being aware of the activities of the Gulf Breeze Research Team of Pensacola MUFON, contacted Bland Pugh and Bruce Morrison several hours later and they decided to investigate. They agreed to visit

the site during the afternoon of the next day.

The next morning the acquaintance decided to search the area behind the house to determine whether or not there was any trace of magnetism left by the UFO. He decided to search for a magnetic field because many years before (in 1973) he had a UFO sighting which, in his opinion, involved a strong magnetic field. A UFO passed over his car and afterward the gauges on the dashboard, including the non-electrically operated oil pressure gauge, all pointed roughly toward the steering column, a shaft of magnetizable iron. He believed at the time that a strong magnetic field associated with the UFO had magnetized the steering column causing the needles to point toward it. Unfortunately at that time he had no instrument to confirm that there was a magnetic field. But now he has a very sensitive device, a flux gradient magnetometer or "gradiometer" (module GA-52, manufactured by the Schoenstedt Corporation of Reston, Virginia), which he has used during the last ten years for searching for buried iron pipes as part of his work. Taking his gradiometer, he walked around the area behind the house (see Figure 2). While walking along the north side of the pond, he noticed that his instrument was detecting a magnetic field that appeared to be in the air over the pond. His first thought was that a "magnetic cloud" was over the pond. However, he subsequently realized that the source of the field seemed to be in the tops of some

Fig. 1

WITNESS SKETCH OF SIGHTING



trees about 60 feet away on the other side (see Figure 2). While looking over the four-to-five-foot deep pond he noticed three depressed circles in the bottom. He had been fishing there several days earlier and had not seen any circles.

Several hours later the MUFON investigators arrived with a video camera and a Geiger counter. The acquaintance showed them the circles at the bottom of the pond, and he also showed them the effect on his instrument from the strong magnetic field. (The Geiger counter detected no excess ionizing radiation.) Bruce Morrison's videotape clearly shows the response of the gradiometer, which was operated in a completely normal way. (Tests carried out by the acquaintance at the time and later on at my request prove that the gradiometer was operating normally.) The gradiometer is designed so that it generates an audio tone, the pitch of which is very nearly proportional to the magnetic field gradient. The videotape recorded the tone for later analysis. In regions of gradient below about .01 Gauss/meter (abbrev.: G/m) the pitch is low (about 65 Hz). (Note: the earth's field strength is around .3-.5 G.) As the field gradient increases above 0.01 G/m the frequency increases almost proportionally and in regions of high flux gradient the frequency is in the kilohertz range. The

gradiometer does not measure the actual value of the field at a point in space. A device such as a compass, a rotating coil of wire (with a voltmeter attached), a "Hall effect device" or a fluxgate magnetometer is needed to do that.

Instead, the gradiometer measures the *difference in* field between two points separated by about 51 cm, which is the spacing of the two coaxially aligned flux gate magnetometers in the rod or "wand" of the gradiometer. The instrument is sufficiently sensitive to detect the slight gradient in the earth's magnetic field when it is pointed northward (or southward), about .02 G/m. A nonmagnetized piece of magnetic material such as an iron bar will distort the earth's field--just as a rock distorts the flow of a uniform stream of water--and the gradiometer can detect the distortion. A magnet or a loop of wire carrying a current is a source of magnetic field that varies with position relative to the source. The gradiometer detects the variation

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of the field around the source.

The sensitivity of the gradiometer is adjustable. In order to provide accurate gradient values corresponding to the frequencies that were recorded by Bruce Morrison, the gradiometer was calibrated at the sensitivity level

used during the investigation. The calibration was done with a magnet of known strength by placing the magnet at varying distances from the end of the wand and recording the resulting frequencies. (For the expert: the magnetic field at each sensor in the wand for each distance of the magnet was calculated from the standard equation for the field of a (small) bar magnet along its axis, $H=A/z^3$, where A is proportional to the effective pole strength and z is the distance from the center of the magnet to the sensor. In the frequency range of interest, 500-5000 Hz, the calibration factor is 0.00012 (G/m) / Hz, which provides an accuracy of 5% or better.)

Bruce first recorded the acquaintance standing on the north side of the pond looking southward toward the clump of pine trees and swinging the gradiometer back and forth. The gradiometer gave a clear indication of a strong field when it pointed in the direction of the trees that were about 60 feet away at the time. Furthermore, the maximum frequency, about 1,500 Hz (corresponding to about 0.18 G/m), was obtained when the gradiometer was tilted upward by an angle in the range of 20 to 30 degrees, suggesting that the source of the field was at the tops of the trees or above the treetops! As the gradiometer rod was turned away from the direction of the treetops the frequency decreased. To confirm that the source was at the top of the trees, they all walked to the clump of pines. There the videotape shows that the highest frequency, about 2,100 Hz (corresponding to about .25 G/m), was obtained when the gradiometer was pointed upward toward the treetops. A search of the area failed to turn up any source of field other than the source that seemed to be at, or above, the treetops. While near the trees and pointed upward the audio pitch of the gradiometer was not

steady, as it would be in the field of a magnet, but rather it pulsed, suggesting that the field itself was oscillating at a low frequency (about 10 Hz).

The acquaintance reported that the next day he made another search and that the magnetic field gradient had diminished greatly. On September 14, the MUFON investigators returned to the area and videotaped the acquaintance with his gradiometer standing under the same trees where two days before, the audio tone was around 2,000 Hz. Now the

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pitch was around 65 Hz (no field gradient). On that day the grass circles were measured and found to be about 11 ft in diameter (see figure 2). A week or so later the investigators thought of checking the magnetic field in the area with compasses at several locations. All the compasses pointed north indicating that there was no large magnetic anomaly in the area. (It is unfortunate that they didn't think to use compasses on the day after the sighting.)

To understand the significance of the strength of the magnetic field gradient, consider the following facts: wood is not ferromagnetic (it cannot be magnetized as iron can); while the acquaintance was standing under the trees with his gradiometer pointed upward and generating a high pitch on Sept. 12, Bruce Morrison was videotaping the tops of the trees that were silhouetted against a clear blue sky--they could see nothing up there that could cause such a field gradient; if, somehow, the wood had been made ferromagnetic by a UFO (an impossibility, according to the physics of

magnetic materials), or if the UFO had deposited a massive amount of some ferrous (i.e., containing iron) magnetic material on the trees, then the strength of the magnetic field should have been the same on the second day of the investigation, because ferrous materials do not lose their magnetism at environmental temperatures (they do lose it at temperatures of many hundreds of degrees); there had been rain off and on during the days following the sighting, yet there was no magnetic field near the ground, so no magnetic residue had washed off the trees. Hence we are left with a double mystery: how did the field get there in the first place, and once there, why did it disappear? A calculation of the possible source strength is presented in the appendix.

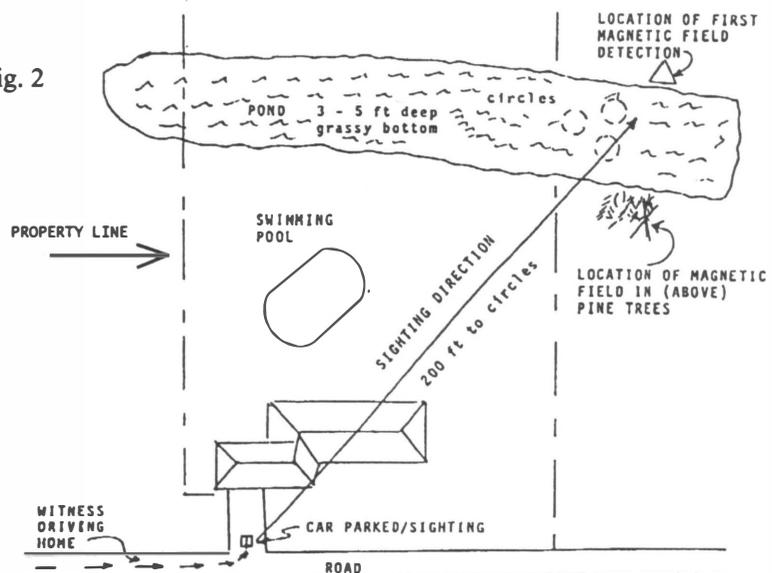
Although the gradient was large there was no observable effect on the videocamera. A calculation of the field strength at the videocamera when it was under the trees, assuming that the source was farther than about three meters (10 feet) away (at the tops of the trees--or above--in "thin air!") shows that the field would have

been several hundred Gauss or less, which is not enough to affect the videocamera or the videotape. (Note: demagnetization of videotape requires oscillating magnetic fields in the range of thousands of Gauss.)

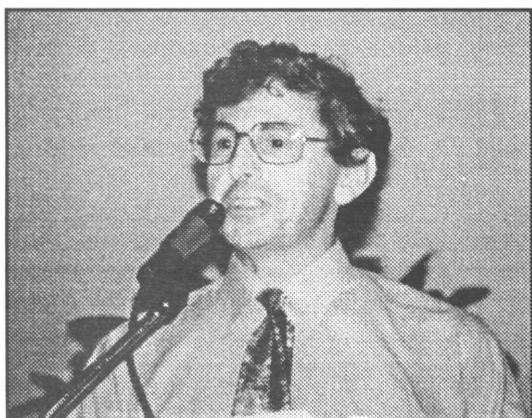
Anomalous magnetic effects have long been associated with UFOs. Perhaps the earliest magnetic effect report on record is that of Fred Johnson who was prospecting near Mt. Adams on June 24, 1947. The reader will recall that on that day Kenneth Arnold saw nine flat, shiny crescent-like craft fly southward past Mt. Rainier. Arnold last saw them as they vanished in the distance near Mt. Adams. (Although the Air Force called Arnold's sighting a "mirage," and others have offered similar suggestions, the fact is that Arnold's sighting *could not have been caused by atmospheric phenomena*. It has never been explained.) Johnson told the Air Force and the FBI that he saw the objects fly overhead and that, as they passed by, his compass rotated continually. In the years following 1947 there were reports of UFOs affecting iron items such as street-signs and automobiles. Claude

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Fig. 2



1993 MUFON SYMPOSIUM



- Colin Andrews



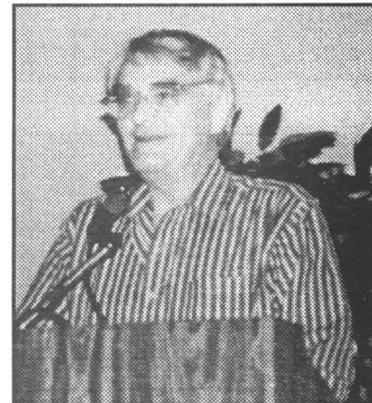
- Speakers from the conference answering questions



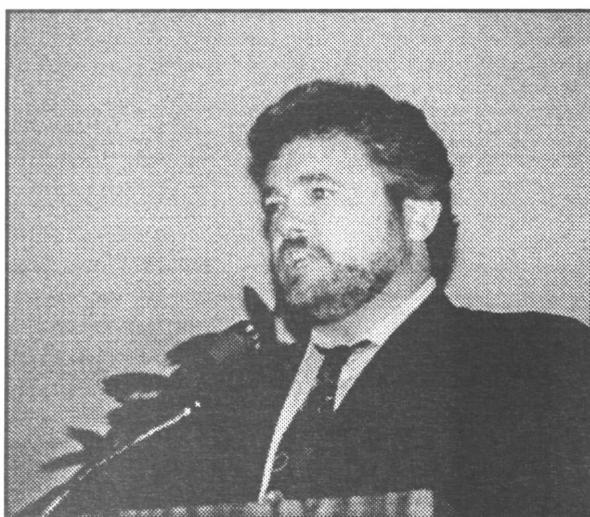
"Don't you know? The Aliens are in my basement!" taunts longtime skeptic Phil Klass.



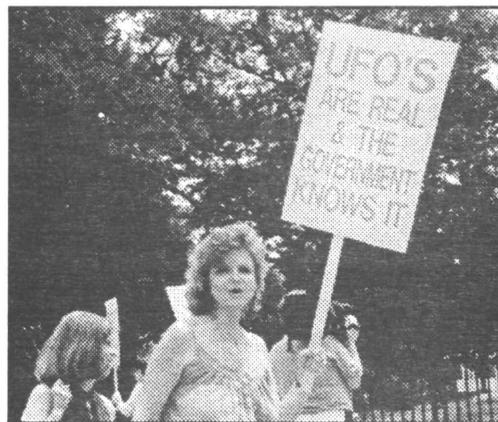
- Jorge Martin



- Budd Hopkins



Above: George Knapp. Photos at right: The day after the conference ended, protestors, organized by Operation Right to Know, gathered at the nation's capital to protest the government's cover-up of UFO material.



George Knapp on Area 51 and Bob Lazar: An Update

by Derek Sikes

-MUFON '93

Introduction

On the second day of the 24th annual MUFON symposium in Richmond, VA, George Knapp, the television journalist who broke the Bob Lazar story, spoke to a crowd of approximately 900 people. His objective was to dispel some of the fallacies that have arisen from the controversy as well as to spur those interested into further serious investigation of the story. For those unfamiliar with Bob Lazar, he is a physicist claiming to have studied and worked with alien craft and technology at a classified location (S-4) on the Nellis test range in Southern Nevada.

The Rumor Mill

Knapp began his presentation by attacking some tall tales that have radiated from the Lazar/S-4 story since Knapp publicized it four years ago. "In the many months since that investigation began, I've read and heard the most outrageous assortment of rumor, innuendo and outright baloney about Area 51, that I sometimes wonder if all these other people are talking about the same area that I've been working on and am still working on to this day," Knapp said.

Knapp reported that among the most current rumors about Lazar are that he is running a methamphetamine lab in Las Vegas; that he manages prostitutes in South America; that he is a secret agent for the government; that a noted ufologist received correspondence

from Nazis after having met with friends of Lazar; and finally, that Lazar has disappeared, is in hiding or is dead.

Knapp added that rumors about Area 51 are just as ludicrous and include the following: Children are kidnaped and taken there for torture; the development of mind-altering beam weapons takes place there; the facility is tied in with a "conspiracy to pollute our precious bodily fluids." Knapp also said that a man claiming to be the world's greatest UFO authority charges \$99 per person to lead tours of the grounds outside the restricted zones around Area 51. That 99 bucks, according to Knapp, will also buy exclusive, classified inside information about the facility such as the shocking revelation that beings from the planet Krondac control the base.

Knapp Attacks Stacy's Article

Acknowledging that in general, he respects the MUFON Journal as a reliable source of information on the UFO phenomenon, Knapp

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chided an article in the June issue about a recent UFO seminar held in Rachel, Nevada. Knapp's biggest complaint about the article, written by Dennis Stacy, was its gossip column style, concentrating more on what Lazar was wearing, what he was driving and who he arrived with than what he said.

After reading Stacy's article myself, I could see Knapp's point. However, I will point out that it may have been Stacy's intention to report more on the meat of the presentations at the seminar, though it is evident after the first few paragraphs that Stacy was disgruntled with the almost sideshow atmosphere at the site of the meeting, not to mention the mindset of those speaking and some of those present. I suspect that if Knapp, who was scheduled to speak at the Rachel meeting, had not canceled as had some other notables on the list of speakers, Stacy would have had something worth reporting other than the ambience of the locale or the trials and tribulations of getting there and securing lodging or the style of Lazar's hair.

In all fairness to Stacy, I don't think I would have had the patience to wait out the torturous hours until Lazar showed up. Besides, Lazar's stint was, according to the article, basically a Q&A session with Lazar no doubt fielding many of the same tired queries that he's addressed a million times over.

Stacy reported that the fanaticism of seminar attendees "ooh-ing" and "ahh-ing" over Lazar was overwhelming. I can almost sympathize with Stacy for the frustration he must have felt in waiting to direct legitimate questions to a man who, under growing uneasiness amidst a mob of "UFO-biacs," would seem even less approachable than reports about him suggest.

All this aside, it is still disappointing that Stacy's reportage is not

really in keeping, as Knapp pointed out, with MUFON's selected theme for the Richmond symposium: "Ufology--An Emerging Science." Elaborating on the more far-reaching implications of such a contradiction, Knapp added, ". . . the emergence of a new science. Perhaps that is more accurate than we know, because I've watched how mainstream science has treated honorable, inquisitive people like Budd Hopkins, Colin Andrews . . . , Linda Howe, Stan Friedman, Jacques Vallee, Walt Andrus over the years. Science has tried to shut them out, to blackball them, to ridicule their research even though science has done little to investigate, validate or repudiate much of that research."

Knapp expressed worry that ufology, which wants so desperately to be taken seriously as a science might unwittingly fall into the same lackadaisical routines that sometimes burden mainstream science itself--namely, arriving at conclusions before thoroughly researching, attacking someone's character before really learning about the individual, discrediting a source but ignoring his or her story, and being close-minded to additional information.

Lazar Speaks Out

Knapp cleared Lazar of any responsibility for the distorted corollaries that have emerged since his initial claims about his work at S-4. Then to quell any rumors of Lazar's demise, disappearance or incarceration, Knapp showed to the audience excerpts from a video interview he recently conducted with Lazar. The first thing from Lazar's mouth was an exasperating list of some of the absurd stories he's heard about himself (some of these were new ones to me): He has been underground; wellwishers have

been hiding him out; he is constantly in transit between hideouts; the government is pursuing him; he and Knapp have been killed. Lazar of course decried all these yarns, but went on to say that one thing he has

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been doing is designing, repairing and selling radiation detectors.

Explaining why he is so disenchanted with the UFO community, Lazar told Knapp, "Here are people that . . . essentially, their income is derived from UFOs . . . To support themselves, they have to come up with ridiculous stories or prove that they're at the forefront of knowledge [about the UFO phenomenon]. You're dealing with a bunch of people that are essentially a collection of psychics, astrologers, people that believe every other person on the earth is an alien, that there are reptilians and all these different species that live underground . . . aliens that walk around the street and just hassle people to annoy them."

Lazar said he believes ufologists such as Jacques Vallee don't think very highly of him because he does not share their views about extraterrestrial craft and their origins. Lazar referred to a time when Vallee, accompanied by movie producers, once approached him about discussing a movie deal. Apparently Vallee had tried to impress his own philosophy about UFOs upon Lazar. However, Lazar insisted that, based on what he saw and worked with at S-4, he could

not endorse Vallee's "theory" that UFOs come from other dimensions. He suggested that Vallee departed with a bruised ego and new reservations about him. Lazar used this incident as an example of why he is reluctant to associate with most ufologists. Those whose livelihood depends on their expertise and bold statements about the phenomenon have great disdain for anyone who might contradict them, according to Lazar.

In the video, Knapp commented to Lazar that it is interesting that officials from Nellis AFB or the military in general have neither affirmed nor denied any of Lazar's claims. Lazar's response was that they probably cannot.

Lazar said he has no desire to continue trying to verify his credentials and added that his beliefs about UFOs do not extend any further than the equipment and technology he was exposed to. He also doubts that, due to all the publicity this story has received, any of that hardware is still at S-4.

Knapp ended this portion of his presentation by discarding the notion that the Lazar story is disinformation. ". . . it would seem," said Knapp, "that this disinformation conclusion is based more on supposition, conjecture, gut feelings, personal suspicions . . . than anything else. Is that how emerging sciences are supposed to work?"

The Area 51 Controversy

Knapp shifted attention back to Area 51, providing an overview of its history and the myths surrounding it. "The story about alien technology in Nevada," Knapp maintained, "did not begin with Bob Lazar nor does it end with him. It shares a common ancestry with one of the best documented, most widely accepted premises in ufology--that

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Invisibility & UFO Abductions

By Michael Norris

-MUFON '93

Budd Hopkins--a pioneer researcher of the UFO abduction phenomenon--delivered, as always, a dynamic presentation of the most complex aspect of the UFO phenomenon.

Hopkins stated that although the UFO abduction phenomenon is elusive, it is still subject to study. The phenomenon has "become a serious scientific discipline." This is so, Hopkins commented, because "strict replication" has occurred in UFO abductions from different parts of the world.

A Brief History

To explain the replications that he referred to, Hopkins gave a brief history of some landmark abduction cases.

In the Betty and Barney Hill case (1961), a first of its kind for investigators, researchers pieced together patterns that continue to be found in abduction cases today:

- Missing Time
- Aliens' use of physical paralysis
- Interest in human reproduction and sample taking
- Their (aliens') method of communication (mental telepathy)
- Their preoccupation with human physical examinations.

These patterns existed from the first known cases, Hopkins explained. Hopkins also told how researchers discovered a useful technique in investigating these early cases. Dr. Benjamin Simon, who investigated the Hill's claims, demonstrated the usefulness of using hypnotic regression in UFO abduction cases.

Raymond Fowler's investigations of the Betty Andreasson case added more insight:

- Placement of nasal implant devices
- Passing through solid objects (aliens and their captives).
- Switched off states
- Imaging processes

Subsequent cases brought reports of normal looking humans assisting in alien abductions, adding more mystery to the phenomenon.

Hopkins commented that by 1981, with the release of his book, *Missing Time*, he had expanded our knowledge of alien procedures:

- Abductions occur more than once over a person's lifetime
- Screen memories are created to mask the experience in an abductee's mind
- Abductions usually occur with virtually no recollection of the events
- Very often scars are left on abductees from these experiences

By 1987, with the release of Hopkins' book *Intruders*, more patterns emerged.

- The reproductive focus
- Artificial insemination of female abductees and the later removal of fetuses
- The creation of hybrids

Secret Life (1992), by Dr. David Jacobs, expanded the matrix.

- "Thoughts or emotions being taken" by what Jacobs called mindscans.
- The submersion of abductees

into pools of liquid where they could still breathe.

Hopkins said that since the publication of his last book he has learned about more procedures that abductees report.

One of these is where pairs of humans--who don't know each other--are abducted and put together in an alien environment. This is done many times over these couple's lives. Often, the couples engage in sexual activity during these abductions, as if the aliens are studying human relationships and sexuality.

These couples eventually meet in their normal existence, and feel as though they've shared experiences with one another, but from where they don't immediately remember.

Another pattern that Hopkins has uncovered is one where aliens take humans and have them teach "hybrids" about our planet and life on it.

Invisibility and Abductions

Despite the fact that seemingly thousands of individuals have experienced a UFO abduction, there have been no witnesses to these occurrences. All of the recognized patterns, Hopkins explained, come via the abductees themselves. One case, however, is an exception--the Linda Cortile case (See *U.E.* Vol. 1#1, #4).

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"The thing about these pictures," she said, "is that we are supposed to be in them, and we're not."

Hopkins believes, was a staged event created by the aliens that was allowed to be seen for the benefit of a very major political figure who was nearby at the time. Other than this case, all UFO abductions seem to take place under a cloak of invisibility.

The Australian Case

A strong example of the invisibility hypothesis is Hopkins' latest case. The case involves a family that Hopkins refers to as the "Washburns."

In the fall of 1992, as Hopkins was lecturing in Brisbane, Australia, he was approached by a middle-aged couple who claimed to have had an unusual experience. They became disturbed after Hopkins described an experience that happened to Linda Cortile and her family.

Linda, her husband, her two sons, and an overnight guest had woken up one night with serious nosebleeds in their right nostrils. The Washburns told Hopkins that they had experienced the same thing along with their 20-year-old son five days before Hopkins' presentation. They also said that "Sam," the father, had experiences for the previous 42 years that were typical in abduction cases.

The Washburns then handed Hopkins four old photographs taken at a park on a beach. At first glance, the pictures looked uneventful, except the fact that they were red in color. Hopkins commented that he had never seen red photos like them. Inwardly, Hopkins was only mildly

interested--until what the mother said next.

"The thing about these pictures," she said, "is that we are supposed to be in them, and we're not."

Immediately Hopkins' interest peaked, and he asked if anything else unusual happened on the day the photos were taken.

The couple explained that nothing else unusual happened on that day except that they felt tense and agitated after taking the photos, and they desired to leave the park shortly thereafter. They went on to say that although the playground where they were was close to their house and was their sons' favorite, they never returned there after that day.

Later, Hopkins performed hypnotic regression sessions on both Jenny and Sam, independently of one another, and compared their results. A remarkable story emerged from both individuals.

On that day in 1978, as the Washburn family (Sam, Jenny and their two sons) was at the park, Sam felt compelled to take a photo of his family next to the beach. At almost the same moment, two unusual shiny balls appeared close to them hovering in the air. Sam seemed to be the only one who noticed them. As Sam aimed his camera to take a photo of his family, another object appeared overhead, except this one was huge, and was surrounded by a brilliant and blinding light.

Jenny and her two sons were then levitated into the hovering craft. All the while remaining frozen and emotionless. Once in the craft, they underwent a typical abduction experience.

Meanwhile, Sam stood motionless on the beach, unable to move. However, at some point he snapped the photographs of a family that was no longer there.

Hopkins showed these photographs during his presentation. I

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Upcoming Events:

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

Sep. 17-19: MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON UFO RESEARCH - Quality Inn, Springfield, MO. Call (417) 882-6847.

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

Oct. 15-17: THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE - Days Inn, Bordentown, NJ. Call (305) 294-1873.

Oct. 16-17: HOUSTON UFO RESEARCH CONFERENCE - Wyndam Worwick Hotel. Call (417) 882-6847.

Oct. 22-24: GULF BREEZE UFO CONFERENCE "THE SEARCH FOR ANSWERS" - Clarion Suites Convention Center, Pensacola Beach, FL. Call Vicki Lyons (904) 432-8888.

Nov. 13: THE SECOND DELAWARE UFO SYMPOSIUM: Copeland Lecture Hall, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, suburb of Wilmington, DE. Call (302) 328-3804 or (302) 737-6127.

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

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"The Astounding UFO Experience in Puerto Rico"

by Michael Norris

-MUFON '93

Jorge Martin was one conference speaker who definitely captured the audience's attention. If you've never read about the UFO phenomenon in Puerto Rico, then you have missed some of the most intriguing UFO encounters ever reported (See *UFO ENCOUNTERS* Vol. 1 # 2&3). We will highlight aspects of his presentation that we've not reported on in past issues.

Martin showed several UFO photos taken on the island. These drew much interest from authorities. One series of photos, taken in May 1988, showed a jet fighter intercepting a UFO. The UFO had a bottom that looked like copper, and a top similar to bluish steel or aluminum. Martin followed up the photos with a video showing a series of tests using computer animation to validate the photographs. The audience saw a 3-dimensional computer reenactment of the likely encounter between the aircraft and the UFO--all done in full motion. This was the most impressive computer analysis that I've ever seen. Martin explained that after investigators examined the evidence and looked at the analysis, they all agreed that the photos were most likely genuine--a fascinating and historical record.

If readers remember the story of the F-14 jet encounters with a large triangular craft in late 1988--reported in previous issues of *U.E.*--then this addition to that story is an important one. After two F-14's disappeared (literally vanished) after intercepting a UFO, witnesses say the UFO lowered and, incredibly,

began stretching itself into a cigar shape. This was followed by a brilliant explosion with many sparks. However, no sound was heard from that explosion.

Following the brilliant show of light, the UFO split into two sections. One half became a bright red light, and the other a bright yellow light. One section flew very fast to the east, and the other left

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to the north. The craft was estimated to be about 800 feet wide and 500 feet long before it changed shape.

Abducted & Never Returned

Martin explained how one young man disappeared forever after an encounter with a UFO while flying from the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico. The man was the son of a former vice-director of the Air Police Division in Puerto Rico.

It was a Saturday when the young man, accompanied by a friend, radioed that "there was a strange object harassing them."

To avoid a collision with the object, they continually had to change their course. Whenever the plane would change direction though, the object would do the same. They couldn't escape its presence.

After several distress calls, the young men could no longer reach

the tower by radio. Fortunately, another aircraft, Flight 976, acted as a relay between the tower and the small plane. But, soon afterward all radio transmission was lost, as well as the plane and its two passengers.

The young man's parents were struck hard with the loss of their son, and the mother entered a deep depression. Soon after their son's disappearance, however, they were paid a bizarre visit. The parents told Martin that as they were sitting in their home, they saw a flash of light--particles of light--and, to their great surprise, their son stood before them dressed in a tight-fitting, greenish suit with boots.

The son told his mother to

remain at a distance, because she might get hurt. He told her not to be depressed any longer and not to cry, because he was o.k. He explained that "they" (not explaining who *they* were) had taken him to a base under some of the deepest waters in the Atlantic Ocean (90 miles north of the island) "where they were doing some activity there." The son told his parents that he was very happy, and with that, he sent them a kiss and said farewell. Then he disappeared in a burst of light.

Martin said that UFOs were seen coming from the ocean in that area north of Puerto Rico in the mid 1970's. One informant, a high-ranking American naval officer--who Martin described as very reliable--says that there have been encounters with UFOs by jet aircraft in this same area.

In one incident, this source explained, a few jets were sent to fly near a hovering UFO that had emerged from the ocean. When the jets flew close to the craft, "they just

blinked out [disappeared]."

The commanding officer of a nearby Navy vessel took the loss of the craft to be a hostile action and ordered a couple of jets to strike the UFO.

When these jets got close, they were stopped in midair, began vibrating violently, and finally exploded.

The Cartagena Lagoon

In previous issues of *U.E.* (Vol. 1, #'s 2&3), we brought you stories about the strange occurrences at the Cartagena Lagoon in Puerto Rico. At the MUFON conference, Martin added more to the list of unusual activity there. The following accounts point to the conclusion that a strange alien presence exists in the lagoon itself.

One man, who owns a small cafeteria on the island, was driving near the Cartagena Lagoon when he saw five small grayish creatures with pointed ears and *very* bright eyes. He followed them briefly in his car until they jumped over a bridge and

disappeared into the lagoon.

Another man was driving his motorcycle near a canal that connects to the lagoon when he saw a similar looking creature crouching near the water. After the being spotted the man, it disappeared into the water.

One woman reported seeing three "gray creatures" taking plant samples around her house and then disappearing into the Lagoon. One wonders if perhaps the eyes of these creatures are "very bright" because they have adapted to seeing in the dark water of the lagoon--one can only speculate.

All the accounts above are still only a small part of the many intriguing tales that have emerged from Puerto Rico. Strangely, the stories have not circulated within the research community as well as they should have. Thanks to the efforts of Jorge Martin, we have gathered valuable testimony and have learned much more about this fascinating phenomenon.



associate at the Scientific Geoinformational Center, and coauthor of an immensely popular book *Rockets of the Future*, related the following during his interview.

Originally, he had heard of Stalin's interest in UFOs from Sergey Pavlovich Korolyov. The latter was one of those remarkable individuals who helped push humanity toward space exploration. Here is how Korolyov was described by *Military Encyclopedic Dictionary* (Moscow, Ministry of Defense of the USSR publishing house VOYENIZDAT, 1986; this dictionary is part of the Center's research library):

"Korolyov Sergey Pavlovich (1970-66), a Soviet scientist, designer of rocket space technological systems, founder of the applied science of space travel, twice Hero of Socialist Labor (1956, 1961), Academician of the Academy of Sciences, USSR (1958). Graduated from the Moscow Technical College (1929). From 1930, senior engineer at the Central Aerodynamical Institute; from 1933, Deputy Director of the Jet Propulsion Scientific Research Institute, head of the rocket aircraft section. During the Great Fatherland War, Deputy Chief Designer at the Experimental Design Office. Under Korolyov's guidance, ballistic and geophysical missiles had been created; first artificial Earth satellites, and artificial Sun satellites; various purpose satellites ("Elektron," "Molniya-1," "Kosmos," "Zond," and others); the spacecraft "Vostok," "Voskhod"--through the use of which, for the first time in history, human spaceflights and the entry into space were undertaken. Recipient of the Lenin Award (1957)."

The dictionary is silent about several episodes of Korolyov's life, and is less than candid about his exact whereabouts during the W.W.II. But later in the article, I

Stalin and UFOs

by Paul Stonehill

Although the Russian Ufology Research Center has been in correspondence with Valery Pavlovich Burdakov, his account of Stalin's interest in UFOs has initially appeared in a newspaper sent to the Center by a noted Russian journalist, Vladimir Lagovsky. The newspaper, *NE MOZHET BIT'* (August 1992 issue), is published in Moscow and contains interesting news items, reports and interviews. But even before receiving the newspaper, the Center



had a confirmation of the Soviet dictator's interest in UFOs (see "the second version" below).

Professor Valery Burdakov, a Ph.d. of Engineering Sciences, an

will try to shed some light on the obscure pages of Korolyov's life.

V.P. Burdakov had worked for 32 years in Korolyov's "firm"; in the later years he had participated in the creation of the "Energiya-Buran" complex. There was reason as to why Korolyov initiated his conversation with Burdakov that eventually expanded the latter's knowledge of Stalin's interest in the anomalous phenomena.

The famous rocket designer, a Soviet official after all, had received informants' reports that Burdakov kept on presenting lectures about "flying saucers" to other employees. Not only did Korolyov not punish Burdakov, but he actually sent him to the Pulkovskaya Observatory and gave him a letter of recommendation. In those years, people told astronomers of UFO sighting episodes. In my future articles I will tell what Burdakov found out at the Observatory. Korolyov did not reveal too many details of his meeting with Stalin. It was M. Tikhonravov, who later provided Burdakov with all of the details of that historic meeting.

In 1947 Korolyov was called upon, and informed that it was per Comrade Stalin's request that he was needed at the Kremlin. There, Korolyov was given two female translators, a pile of foreign newspapers, books, and three days to complete the job. This was the time in the United States when rumors swarmed about an alleged capture of a "saucer" near Roswell, New Mexico. There were many published materials, as well as documentary testimonies in that pile. Among the materials there were reports of sightings over the USSR, too. Korolyov asked if he could take everything home with him, study the materials quietly and thoroughly, and consult experts. He was told "nyet," and instead was provided with a special apartment

for his work at the Kremlin. In a few days he was again summoned before the *Friend of the Toiling Masses of the Earth*.

The dictator asked for Korolyov's opinion. He replied that in his view, UFOs are not weapons of some potential adversary, and do not pose a serious threat to the country. However, the phe-

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nomenon itself does exist, he said. And the time will come when it has to be studied.

Thank-you Comrade Korolyov, said Stalin. Besides yourself I had inquired with other eminent specialists. They held similar opinions, remarked the tyrant.

S.P. Burdakov supposes that such distinguished Soviet scientists as Kurchatov, Topchiyev, and Keldish had been given similar assignments.

Let us now look at yet another version of the meeting between Korolyov and Stalin regarding UFOs. Sources who had told this account are people "who were close to Korolyov." The story was published in *TERMINATOR* magazine (Russia), in April 1992. The name of the editorial where the meeting was discussed was "Who? Whence? What for?"

In the early 1950s Korolyov was summoned to the Kremlin to see Stalin. The conversation between the two men took an unusual turn. Stalin gave Korolyov a photocopy of a book written in English (as was later clarified, it

was D. Menzel's book about flying saucers), and requested Korolyov to state his opinion about the subject matter. The scientist replied that he knew only German, as it was necessary for his work. He asked to borrow the book for a day, so he could show it to someone who knew English. Stalin refused to release the book, but did order Korolyov to enter an adjoining room. There the rocket designer found female translators. The work took a few hours, and Stalin didn't rush them.

Having learned the contents of the book, Korolyov had but one opinion: even if the objects do exist, they cannot be creations of the American military industry. Stalin thanked Korolyov for the consultation, and advised him not to talk about it.

Korolyov did not mention whether there were other materials besides the book. But here is an interesting footnote: after his meeting with the dictator, Korolyov became an ardent supporter of A. Kazantsev's (a famous Soviet sci-fi writer, himself an ex-colonel, and head of military plant) idea that the Tunguska Meteorite could have been an alien spaceship. Not only did Korolyov encourage his employees to conduct a search of the object that exploded over the taiga in 1908, but according to some reports, he himself organized one of the expeditions. I have a confirmation of that. As reported in Yuri Smirnov's article "The Tunguska Explosion" (*Chetvertoye Izmereniye* newspaper, Yaroslavl, Issue 6, 1992), S.P. Korolyov, "a distinguished designer of spaceships," did not exclude the possibility that an alien spaceship conducted maneuvers over the Siberian taiga. As was recently revealed, Sergey Pavlovich was one of the first organizers of the helicopter expedition to the area of the Podkamennaya Tunguska. Mr. Smirnov is the head of the Yaroslavl

UFO Study Group, a well known Russian scientist, author and researcher of UFO phenomena.

In his interview with Lagovsky, Burdakov mentions that Korolyov personally experienced a UFO sighting over the Baikonur Cosmodrom in 1962. The engineers, who accompanied the rocket designer, reported that the UFO was a disc-like object in the center of a spiral cloud, and it had four rays aimed downwards from the hull. Korolyov also (and very briefly) mentioned in his memoirs a mysterious "laboratory for the study of flying saucers." Although it will be the subject of my future articles, I should say that Lev Sergeyevich Termen, a well-known Soviet inventor in the first half of the 20th century, also mentioned the existence of such a laboratory in a 1990 interview (*RADIO* magazine, Issue #8).

Like many other prominent scientists, Termen was arrested by NKVD (secret police), and placed in a "Sharashka," a prison for scientists whose brains could be cheaply utilized for the good of the State. He was fortunate enough to find himself at the famous "Prison Design Center" of A.N. Tupolev (remember those Soviet TU aircraft?). And there, Termen met Tupolev's assistant--S.P. Korolyov.

I will write much more about Burdakov's views on UFOs, ufology, state secrets, conspiracies and other worthy subjects in my future articles. He is respected equally by

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scientists and ufologists. He is a generous man, who provided the Center with much data; in turn, I will open the Center's files on the alleged Nazi UFOs to him, for he is one of the few individuals in the USSR who knows something definite about "German discs." Also, he has invented several disc-like aircraft. Russia should take pride in such scientists.

In conclusion, I will mention a curious story told by Burdakov in his interview. Among those classified documents that he had an access to, there was one, dated in the middle 1950s, which was of particular interest. The report that he had studied was written by some very serious people, Soviet academicians. It concerned a fragment that had a crystalline structure, and reminded (by its shape) of a blunted rectilinear cone. The object was obviously of artificial origin. The scientists could not understand its nature or its purpose. Their conclusion was unambiguous: the material is hardly from the Earth. Today, said Burdakov, the conclusion would be a different one; after all, there are now analogous crystalline structures in the world . . . silicic circuits.



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Poher studied sightings in France in 1954 and correlated them with magnetic field readings at a geophysical research station. Poher claimed a correlation between the distance of a reported object and the change in the field at station. Although people have attempted to detect UFOs using magnetic field devices in the past, there have been very few successes.

Sensitive magnetic field detectors are not common items easily available to civilian UFO investigators and very few, if any, have them

available for sighting investigations. Therefore there have never been, to my knowledge at least, magnetic field searches such as the one reported here. The success in detecting a field in this one incident and the past reports of magnetic effects suggest that local UFO groups in areas of continued activity, perhaps aided by national organizations, should consider purchasing these devices for use by trained field investigators along with the standard equipment (cameras, video cameras, sample taking devices, etc.).

I thank the Gulf Breeze Research team members who provided information that allowed me to complete this analysis (Bruce Morrison, Bland Pugh, Dave Holcomb), the witness and her acquaintance.

APPENDIX

A "field" is a volume in space throughout which some quantity (or quantities) varies in a consistent and measurable way. The magnetic field varies in both magnitude and direction in a volume of space around a magnet (i.e., it is a vector field). In general, the field amplitude drops in proportion to the inverse third power of the distance from the source. The gradient of the field is an even more complicated function of position in the volume around the source. Complicated functions of position require precise measurements at many locations in order to determine the "shape" of the field and its source. However, in this case we have basically only two measurements: the strength and direction on the far side of the lake (0.18 G/m at an elevation angle of 20 to 40 degrees) and under the trees (0.25 G/m, elevation about 90 degrees). I have calculated the theoretical gradient as a function of angle around a simple dipole and have tried to "fit" the data with these calculations. I have failed to find a

location (i.e., a height above ground somewhere near the treetops) that simultaneously satisfies these two measurements. Hence I conclude that the source was more complex than a simple dipole.

Nevertheless, it is instructive to assume that the source could be modeled as a simple dipole in order to estimate the strength of an equivalent current loop. If the gradient is assumed to be created by a single loop of wire one meter in diameter and carrying a large electrical current, and if it is assumed that the gradient was measured on the axis of this loop at a distance $z=18$ meters at the far side of the pond (18 m or 60 ft. wide), then one can calculate the equivalent current loop magnetic dipole source strength from the equation $IA=1.67 \times 10^6 \times z^4 \times (dB/dz)$ where I is current in amperes, A is the loop area in square meters and $dB/dz = 0.18$ Gauss/m = 1.8×10^{-5} webers/m³. The equivalent current dipole strength is about 3,000,000 ampere-meters-squared or the field of a current of 3,000,000 amperes flowing through a circle of wire about 1.2 meters in diameter. The field gradient is comparable to the distortion of the earth's field caused by a destroyer-sized battleship!



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alien hardware has been or could have been recovered by the U.S. Government and/or the military."

Knapp pointed out that years of research and volumes of documents and testimony strongly support the idea that alien technology has been obtained, but by whom is still uncertain. Also unknown is the location where such technology might be housed.

Area 51, Knapp asserts, would

be one of the most likely candidates for an ideal storage and testing facility. In support of this theory, he cited the four decades of so-called "black projects" undertaken there including development of the U-2 and SR-71 spy planes, the Stealth program, Star Wars defense systems, NASA training, and special commando training. Knapp concluded that until now, Area 51 was a choice spot for these and other secret projects. However, Knapp said that, because so many people are now painfully familiar with the term "Area 51," the facility's designation has been changed to a new classified one. He also said that pilots at Nellis AFB refer to the region as "the box" for its rectangularly shaped restricted air space.

Knapp recounted the Air Force's illegal 1984 seizure of 89,000 acres around the Groom Lake area to distance it further from the public.

Besides this confiscation, which was later approved by Congress, Knapp said that those in charge of the facility have employed such extreme security measures for the area as audio and video surveillance, motion detection, ammonia detection (I assume for picking up trace amounts of ammonia secreted in human perspiration), aerial surveillance using jets and helicopters, air defense using missiles, and at least three different security forces. Knapp said there are now signs about the perimeter warning trespassers that the use of deadly force is authorized (presumably but not explicitly by security officers against intruders). Other signs, which Knapp said "keep extending further and further out onto public land," read that it is illegal to photograph or even draw the base at Area 51 or anything

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flying over it. Despite all its diligence in trying to shut out the ever curious public, remarked Knapp, the military overlooked one large detail.

White Sides mountain allows for a clear, though somewhat distant view of the Groom Lake facility and many an intrepid soul has trekked high enough up its slope to steal a peek at the base. Displaying video footage of the base viewed from the mountainside, Knapp noted that it has grown tremendously. Knapp said that Groom Lake personnel are well aware of voyeurs on the mountainside but he isn't sure how. Nevertheless, when the alert is given at the base that UFO-biases have ascended White Sides, any classified work that is going on outside is immediately halted and any top secret equipment is moved inside hangars until the would-be spies have departed.

According to Knapp, Congressional officials told him of another pending land seizure that would include White Sides, perhaps in response to complaints from Area 51 personnel irked at having to shut down their operation so often. So soon, this last point of civilian access to Area 51 may no longer be.

Knapp divided into three categories the types of enthusiasts who have descended upon the vicinity around Area 51 since the Lazar story came out. First are those who come to witness and often do witness objects they believe to be saucers or HPACs (Human Piloted Alien Craft). Next, are aviation buffs who think they see top secret planes like the TR-3A

Black Manta or the Aurora. Finally, are the "experts" who know that the flight of unidentified craft over Groom Lake is just an elaborate diversion in an extensive disinformation campaign designed to satisfy most of the restless "truthseekers" among the previous two groups. Knapp voiced his discomfort with the viewpoints of all three of these groups. "With so many people looking for alien craft," Knapp argued, "it doesn't seem likely that anyone would still be flying them out there at Groom Lake or S-4, assuming they ever did." Air Force officials, he commented, have sworn to key Congressional personnel and Congressional committees that no such craft exist. He also stated that persons familiar with "black budgets" insist that no money has been allocated for any hypersonic plane such as Aurora.

If financing of an Aurora-type project did occur, it was outside the black budget, Knapp concluded. And, if flights of mysterious craft over Groom Lake are part of disinformation, those efforts have not succeeded in desensitizing the curious crowds who continue to flock to the area, Knapp said. Knapp contended that if it is all just a clever show, it would have had to begun long before construction of the base at Area 51, before Bob Lazar was born, and before John Lear, Falcon and Condor were of any significance to anyone in ufology.

In conclusion of this issue, Knapp stated that it doesn't make sense for the military to deliberately entice inquisitive people, especially Congressional investigators, to an area of such sensitive and highly classified undertakings.

Testimonies Abound

Knapp presented an almost boringly long list of countless

witnesses who claim knowledge of events or material relating to Area 51 including top secret documents, test flights of disc-like craft, and the transferral to the area of alien hardware recovered near Roswell,

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New Mexico. Knapp told the audience how, so often, many of these contacts would mysteriously disappear, suddenly recant their statements, or change their minds about speaking when he was ready to interview them for the record. Some of Knapp's informants include: retired military men who served in the 1950s; the mysterious whistleblowers Falcon and Condor from the late 1980s; an FAA supervisor at a long-range radar station; an electrical engineer who says he worked at Groom Lake in the 1970s; a former Wackenhut security guard who was assigned to an internal checkpoint at Area 51; a golf pro at Nellis who says he was taken into confidence by Air Force officers about the legitimacy of the Roswell story; a tax preparer for personnel at Groom Lake; a Clark County (Nevada) Court employee who had worked previously for defense contractors Holmes and Narver; a photographer who documented above-ground nuclear tests in the area in the early 60s; an E.G.&G. technician in charge of video documentation of all his company's programs in Nevada, particularly one that involved, according to him, the test flight of an alien craft; a former Air Force security officer who was stationed

at Groom Lake in the late 80s; a computer troubleshooter named Jim Tagliani who once worked at the Tonopah test range as part of the Stealth program and who says he knew Bob Lazar as far back as 1979; a former well-known Las Vegas biologist who claims he was involved in research of alien tissue samples; a retired 30-year CIA veteran; and perhaps Knapp's most reliable source, a member of a prominent Nevada family with verifiable credentials proving his involvement in classified programs in Nevada since the 50s and who is in a high position of authority with his employer.

It is this last witness that Knapp would be willing to put all his money on. "This man has agreed to provide me with a videotaped deposition to be released after his death, and I think that his stature and credentials will be such that if that happens, it'll have a major impact on ufology," Knapp confidently stated. He expressed that if all this testimony, spanning four decades, "is government disinformation, it is an amazing testament to the perseverance and thoroughness of those who run such disinformation programs."

Criticism Of Lazar

Knapp openly condoned the criticism Lazar has received for his claims. "Criticisms of Lazar's story

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are many and many are deserved," Knapp stated. "He is lackadaisical about documentation, indifferent to whether anyone believes him . . . and he has little interest in helping anyone to prove his story." However, despite gaps in Lazar's story, as well as undocumented periods of his life, Knapp insists there is too much that makes sense and can be corroborated by others to just discard the claims.

Knapp remains resolute in his quest for proof of Lazar's reported background. Thus far, it has proved frustrating enough to wither the patience of a saint.

The Red Tape

Knapp told the symposium audience about the problems he has encountered in trying to research Lazar's educational and employment history. "My own efforts to verify his employment and education have been met with roadblocks at every single step of the way," he said. Even a U.S. congressman who tried to obtain information on Lazar admitted that such difficulty was a first for him. The first step was to prove that Lazar worked at Los Alamos. If that could be confirmed, then it would follow that he had to have received sufficient schooling somewhere to qualify for such work.

Secondly, if Lazar had indeed worked on classified programs at Los Alamos, he possibly could have been recruited for classified programs in Nevada. Knapp described the four years of runaround he got from Los Alamos trying to dig into Lazar's history. Over time he managed to get a lab phone book listing Lazar's name, a front page story about Lazar and his jet car from a Los Alamos paper (this article included a photo of Lazar and it identified him as a lab physicist), and admission by three lab employees that they remember

him and that he worked on classified projects.

Most recently, Knapp contacted Los Alamos again and fortunately reached a helpful public information officer. She located yet two more lab employees who acknowledged having remembered Lazar and that he was involved in classified work. Knapp maintains that Kirk-Mayer (or dare I say Oscar Mayer, considering the amount of baloney they gave Knapp), the company who recruited Lazar for the Los Alamos gig continues to deny any knowledge of Lazar.

Still, Knapp's greatest difficulty has been in tracking down Lazar's educational background. While Lazar maintains he attended Cal-Tech and M.I.T., both schools insist they have no records on him. Lazar himself is uncooperative on this issue as he is unable or unwilling to provide anything such as diplomas, transcripts, check stubs, etc. It seems, says Knapp, that the only verifiable schooling Lazar had was an electronics course at a junior college in California. Knapp believes that at one time Lazar did have ample proof of his educational and employment history until the sudden death of his wife in 1986. While this unfortunate tragedy is really of no relevance to the mystery surrounding Lazar, particularly since it happened three years before he came forward with his story, Knapp feels the emotional trauma Lazar experienced

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could have caused him to leave behind all of his possessions, including his home, his records, photos, photoprocessing equipment, and any other documentation that might help to vindicate him.

Surely one would think that a person with so many holes in his story would not even attempt to tell it. But, Lazar still came forward. Whether his claims are boldly stated fiction or matter-of-fact truth, they warrant thorough investigation, which is exactly what Knapp has done and to this day continues to do. And, it appears that Knapp's research is beginning to turn in Lazar's favor.

Support For Lazar

Knapp's persistence has paid off and his argument that Lazar is telling the truth is showing signs of validity. He has turned up several highly reputable individuals who confirm either what Lazar has said about himself and his background or what he has said about S-4 and the programs going on there. Lazar has also passed polygraph testing and correctly answered questions about the Area 51 facility from a known former Area 51 employee.

Another, somewhat ironic, support for Lazar's background story was his faithfulness to that story even in the face of criminal prosecution for his involvement with illegal prostitution.

Knapp admitted that is one rumor that is true. What authorities

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wanted to nail Lazar for was not so much his involvement with a brothel, but for their inability to locate anything about his background. You'd think that if anyone could find out about a person, it would be a law enforcement agency. Yet, according to Knapp, they kept arriving at the same dead ends as he. If even they were flustered by it, it certainly suggests that something is up. Knapp added that for most people, the brothel incident would be the final blow to Lazar's credibility, but Knapp reminded the audience that even seemingly intelligent people occasionally slip up and do things unbecoming of their stature. "It's almost flippant to say this, but if Einstein had been busted for DUI it wouldn't mean the theory of relativity was invalid," Knapp indicated.

He characterized Lazar as a

rebellious person who doesn't have much respect for authority. Knapp feels that someone like this would be the perfect candidate for a highly classified project. He was technically qualified but could easily be discredited if he tried to go public. He noted that even if



Lazar was never heard of, the Area 51 story would still be here because there are enough other people who have said the same things as Lazar. The fact that Lazar is the center of attention in this controversy may be the intended goal of a disinformation strategy that would discourage anyone from wanting to further pursue this investigation or any investigation into the UFO phenomenon.

Remarking how thorough the Roswell investigation has been, Knapp expressed the wish that the same industriousness was afforded the Area 51 probe. "There must be a lot of people scattered around the country who have worked at Area 51, who know that base, who know about those programs over there. We're not talking about something that happened in 1947, we're talking about something that happened in the 60s,70s and into the late 80s." Knapp encouraged investigators to seek out these people and get more proof about the alien technology at Area 51--proof that would finally exonerate Lazar and that would convince those in Congress who are genuinely interested in uncovering what has been covered up for far too long.

Final Thoughts

After pondering Knapp's lecture and reviewing all literature and video I have about Lazar, I tried to determine if any discrepancies had arisen in the any of the information since it was first made public. I found one . . . In his 1991 video "The Lazar Tape . . . and excerpts from the Government Bible," Lazar said the briefings he read during his indoctrination into the program at S-4 mentioned that humans were containers, but he did not know of what we were containers.

However, Knapp stated in his presentation that Lazar specified we

are containers of souls. I'm curious to know what influenced such a conclusion. Is this just an opinion that Lazar has formulated for himself over time? Was this something he already knew but was reluctant to volunteer in his videotape? Or, has Lazar stumbled across some new information since his stint at S-4?

Although, to some, this may seem like irrelevant minutia, but to the true investigator, it is the little things like this that must be addressed to either help validate or invalidate the claims made by the subject whom they are examining. I hope Knapp or, better yet, Lazar

himself will respond to this concern, which really is the only thing about the continuing Lazar saga that bugs me. Mr. Knapp, the floor is yours.

If anyone feels they have information pertinent to this case or know of someone who does, they may write to: GEORGE KNAPP, 577 Bonita Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104-2803.

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must say that I felt an eerie feeling as I stared at them.

Hopkins sees this case as physical evidence of the phenomenon of invisibility. If invisibility is within the reach of alien technology, Hopkins speculates, then it would be much easier to cloak an abduction event with the few individuals involved, than it would be to "switch off" hundreds of people at a public park in the middle of the day.

This hypothesis is one that UFO investigators have considered for a while, since there appears to be thousands of abductees, and no witnesses to their abductions except in one case.

"As to the physics behind such an anomaly," Hopkins states, "I will not attempt any speculation whatsoever."

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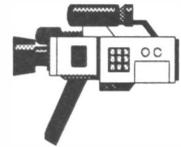
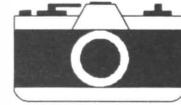
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