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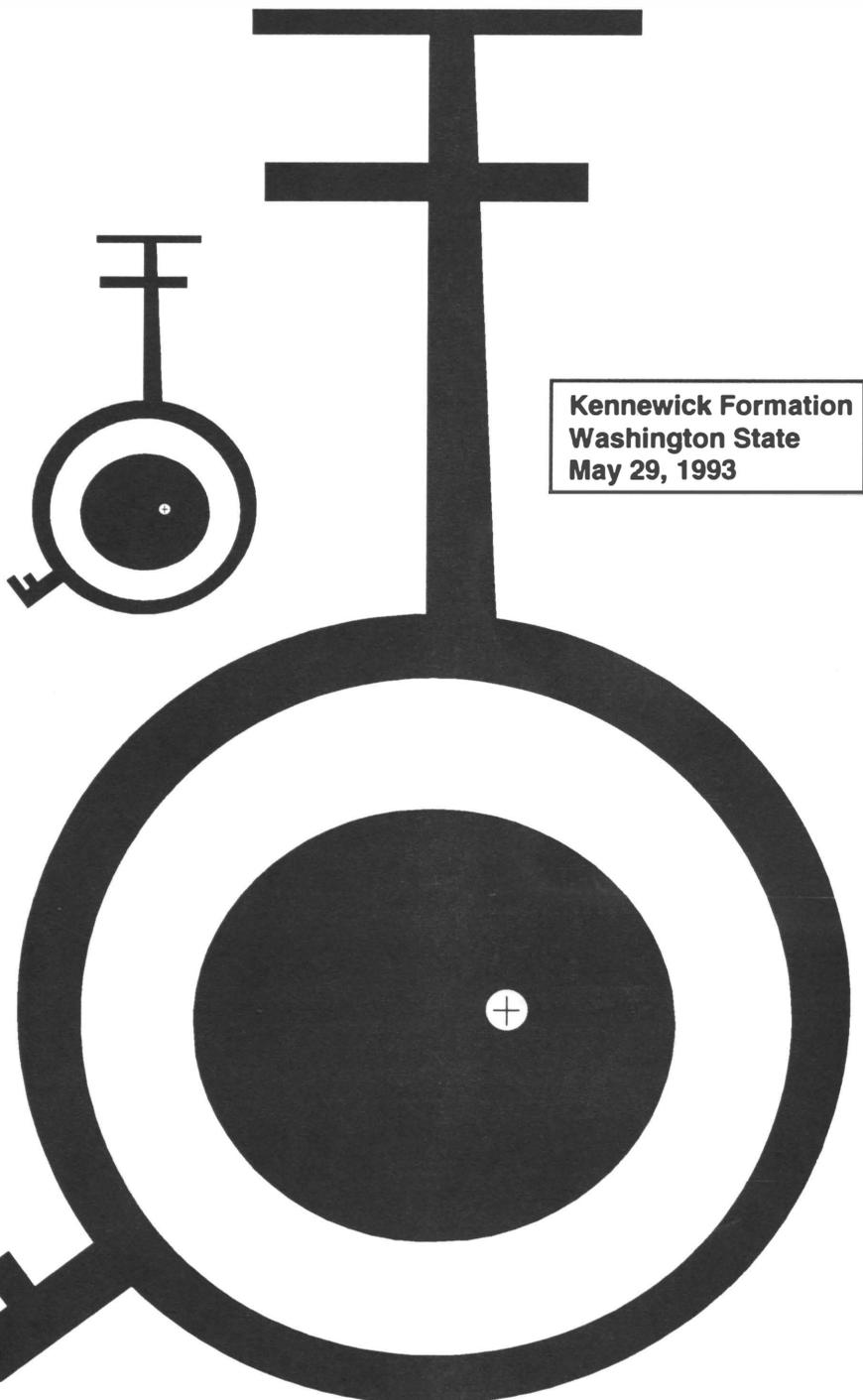


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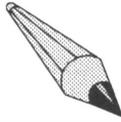
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## From the Editor:



For those of you who missed the First Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, titled, "The Search For Answers," you missed a great one. Speakers who attended were John Mack, M.D.; John Carpenter; Budd Hopkins; Leah Haley, CPA; Robert Dean; Michael Zimmerman, Ph.D.; Judith Miller, Ph.D.; and Stanton Friedman. The conference was held at Pensacola Beach, Florida, near the very heart of the latest UFO sightings. In addition to the conference, we all had the opportunity to participate in one of the famous nighttime skywatches.

Appropriately, the theme this month centers on Gulf Breeze and the phenomenon reported there. This month's issue covers two of the speakers from the Gulf Breeze Conference, and several others will be discussing in next month's issue. Besides the conference coverage, we have published a few sighting accounts that have been documented by both photos and video, taken from the Gulf Breeze / Pensacola Beach area. These sightings are exciting additions to the number of UFOs that have been seen and documented in the area.

Also this month, we are beginning articles on American crop circles -- some of the first pictogram formations that have ever appeared here in the U.S., NAZI UFOs, a continuation of Richard Hoagland's comments on the Mars Observer project, plus much more. And please, write us and let us know what you agree or disagree with, or just us your thoughts on what you feel this phenomenon is all about. So enjoy, and keep looking up!

*Michael Norris*

# The First Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference

*Leah Haley begins with her UFO abduction experiences*

*by Michael Norris*

Leah Haley began the 1993 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference by saying "I won't kill you if you ask me a question." This apparently in response to a ridiculous radio program that remarked about her story.

Haley is a UFO abductee with quite a story to tell. Anyone hearing her accounts secondhand would probably have a hard time believing them. But, after hearing her speak, and after talking with

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her myself, I was impressed with her sincerity and her story.

It wasn't until three years ago that Haley gave any thought to UFOs, let alone UFO-related abductions. "At that point in time I didn't know they occurred," She told the audience. For Haley, raised as a Southern Baptist and presently working as a CPA, these subjects of such controversial nature didn't fit in well with her world view of reality. However, despite her lack of knowledge about UFOs, she did have a few encounters in years past.

Haley remembered that while in Alabama in the 1960's, she saw a "round, spherical object" in the

sky. One morning in the late 1970's (before she started writing events down), she woke up from a sleep and "remembered being in a round room lying on a platform surrounded by chalky-colored creatures with big black eyes." Haley also recalled that medical experiments were performed on her in that round room. However, she brushed off these memories "as some kind of strange dream."

In August 1990, Haley had written a letter to Budd Hopkins after having some strange memories. Hopkins then put her in touch with abductee researcher John Carpenter, and after 15 hypnotic regressions, a complex UFO abduction story -- along with government interference -- unfolded.

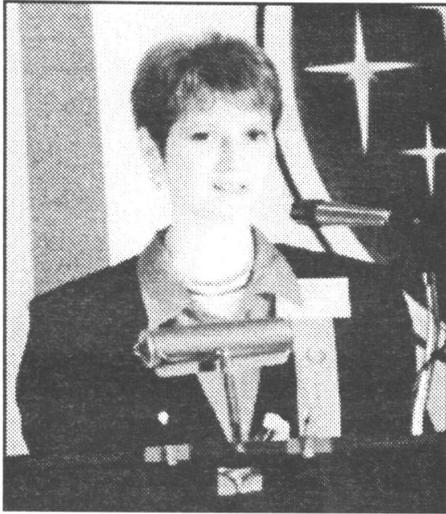
Haley had consciously remembered some parts of her experiences. So Carpenter helped her explore these partial memories through hypnosis to see what could be uncovered. What Haley learned was much more than she could have imagined.

During her presentation, she didn't go into the many intricate details of these memories, but she did give an amazing list of things that have happened to her because of her experiences, some of which include the following:

- Quite a few unexplained physical marks have appeared on her body. She showed photos of some of these.

- In April 1991, snake-bite-like marks appeared on the back of her neck.

- These same marks appeared on



*Leah Haley talks about her abduction experiences.*

the back of her ankle a year later.

- In May 1993, a total of 42 bruises appeared on her body, mostly on her legs, all at once. The bruises were "the size of a blunt end of a pencil."

- Numerous injection-like marks have appeared on her body.

- Indentations have been found on her lower back.

- In 1993 she had a nose bleed that apparently started in the back of her throat. The day it happened was the day after she woke up with a sprained ankle!

- "Pronged marks" have appeared on her in the shape of a semicircle.

- She found three different "scoop marks" on her body; one appeared on her chin and the other two were discovered on each leg.

### *Alien Implant?*

An unusual discovery, Haley revealed, came in August 1991, when a tiny square object was recovered from her nose. After discovering this object, she had it analyzed. A corner of it was filed away to use for examination. The analysis revealed that the object was

made up of about 80% copper and 20% zinc. Small amounts of aluminum and silicon were also detected. Because of the object's makeup, and the fact that it didn't react to a magnetic field, it was determined to be most likely brass. Haley showed the audience a photo of this object made with a scanning electron microscope.

### *The Creatures*

Haley claims to have encountered many different types of creatures during her abduction experiences. One creature that seemed to have always comforted her when she was taken on board the craft was one she called "CETO." She says she doesn't know how she knows this is his name. In addition to "CETO's" kind, Haley also remembers encountering the "reptilian types." She claims these beings have "brown eyes with a golden glare, long pointed ears, scaly skin, claws and uneven pointed teeth."

Haley also remembers a creature she refers to as the "Gerber Baby Doll." This entity had round eyes, matted hair, and was seen wearing a blue uniform with a red sash, and also had some type of emblem on its uniform. This particular creature was very short.

Another creature Haley mentioned was one she called "the teacher." This individual was taller and thinner than any in "CETO's" group, she said. "The teacher" would teach her things that she would "need to know for the future." However, Haley doesn't remember what she was taught, only the process of being taught.

"The angel light man" was a tall creature with bronze-colored skin, blue eyes and blonde hair. Haley described it as having "a real kind appearance." She said this being was "in a light, and he

wore a long white robe."

### *Dreams or Reality?*

The encounters that Haley remembers she calls "very vivid dreams," which are unlike her normal dreams in the fact that they are sequential and detailed. And, these "very vivid dreams," she says, all seem to be related to the UFO phenomenon. In one of these vivid dreams, she remembers being taught "a new system of mathematics." In another she recalls speed-reading a "hologram book" (even though she is a slow reader), in which she came across two words she didn't know. One of these words she has since found in a German dictionary. The other she is still looking for.

Some of Haley's vivid dreams are prophetic in nature. On March 4, 1993, she remembers being warned about an upcoming economic depression. Other dreams are about encounters with aliens. On October 8, 1992, she dreamed she was beamed aboard a craft, where a female alien told her that their people were trapped in a time dimension and needed our help in getting out. "That was so real to me that it was disturbing" Haley said.

On one occasion, while staying with some friends in the Gulf Breeze area, Haley woke up and had a feeling that she had an encounter during the night. A strong thought came to her mind as a result of this perceived encounter. "I know what they are doing," Haley thought,

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"they're trying to get it right."

Haley said she knew what this thought meant. She claimed that the creatures are trying to get the genetic coding for our emotions and sexual behavior just right because they want our offspring to have a better balance than we do. "That's why they are putting us through these situations that test our emotional responses," she said.

Haley said that before she announced all this to her husband the next morning, he told her that during the night someone had tugged on their covers twice. Also, the friend they were staying with said he recalled an encounter during that same night in which Haley and he were taken aboard a craft, and various medical experiments were performed on both of them. In addition, after driving home from their Gulf Breeze stay, Haley's husband found an unusual mark on her back that looked as if a strange clamp of some kind created it.

Haley claims that since May of 1991, she has received what she describes as "telepathic messages." Some come as symbols, too many to remember them all, and others come as specific messages. These messages, she says, are puzzling to her, but are *very* strong. One telepathic thought she received was a message to spread the word about the "creatures," whom, the unknown messenger told, would be coming here in greater numbers.

### ***The Harassment***

OMAGS is a name that Haley created which stands for *Obnoxious Military and Government Scoundrels*, who, she says, "have caused me a great deal of distress."

Several times, Haley claimed, she was followed home by white or dark blue sedans that although she couldn't prove it, she believes contained OMAGS. On other

occasions, Haley humorously added, she spotted "men with good tone bodies and short hair that I've never noticed hanging around me in the past."

Shortly after moving into a new home, Haley and her husband had a sophisticated security system installed. For many weeks afterwards, the security system would not work. Frustrated technicians would continually find the memory erased. Also, things related to her experiences, came up missing from her office. For example, a hardcopy printout of an entire chapter from her new book, which dealt with the "conference room"

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and "brainwashing and interrogation," came up missing. Fortunately, she had backup copies on computer disks of the written material. These are just a few of the examples. Haley says that through hypnosis, she has recalled many episodes where she was actually abducted by these OMAGS, who, incidentally, were anything but friendly, and definitely wanted her to keep quiet about her experiences.

### ***The Crash***

Haley devoted much of her presentation to her experiences while she was in the Gulf Breeze/Pensacola area. She said that she had come to the Gulf Breeze area several times to look for UFOs. On her tenth visit, she

and eight others had two sightings of the Gulf Breeze UFO (nicknamed "Bubba"), and a closeup sighting of an unknown, elongated white light. This light came up over the beach to within 20 feet of where the group was skywatching. The light then made a semicircular motion around them before disappearing off into the distance. The group nicknamed the light "Tinkerbell." But these sightings are nothing compared to another incident that, if true, is truly mind-boggling.

In May 1991, Haley had a dream where she was asked to confess about being involved in the "Gulf Breeze Incident." Haley said that she then had a few memory flashbacks of what this "incident" may have been about. One memory flashback was of her "standing on a beach at first light and getting the impression that, maybe, a military vessel in the ocean was shooting at something in the air." Although she didn't remember seeing a projectile, she just got the impression of this. Haley also recalls someone yelling at her through a megaphone. Another memory she had was of a man carrying a "creature" over his shoulder. Yet another memory she had was of being in a hotel lobby wearing an overcoat that didn't belong to her and also boarding a military plane. All these fragmented memories made no sense to her, so she decided to explore them with the aid of hypnosis.

Under hypnosis, the following account emerged: Haley said she was "looking out a porthole of a spaceship at a military ship on the ocean below, when I felt a jolt." She explained that she fell backwards and hit her head on something that stunned her a bit. She then remembers crawling out of an opening of the craft and walking out on a beach where she saw a man carrying a creature. At this time Haley was hearing helicopters and planes

overhead. Looking back, she "saw a spaceship tilted on the sand," and heard someone shouting at her to stay put and not to move. Two men, she said, helped her into a lifeboat when she began to get dizzy. Haley was then taken to a ship, where she remembered a creature lying on the deck, and there were some men there who prevented her from going near the creature. The next thing she recalled was being taken down some stairs, feeling as though she was going to pass out. When she reached the bottom of the stairs, she sat down, put her head in her lap, and that was the last thing she remembered.

Donald Ware, former Eastern Regional Director for the Mutual UFO Network, did some investigating in the areas around Gulf Breeze to see if he could find anything that might verify Haley's crash story. Ware has dug up a few interesting accounts that may be related to Haley's incident.

Shortly after the Gulf Breeze UFO encounters got their first media publicity, three low-level radar units were moved into the area. On August 21, 1988, the Joint Chiefs of Staff met at Pensacola Naval Air Station and visited a hanger that some days prior, had been temporarily air-conditioned "at considerable effort and was placed under strict security."

On November 21, 1988, an 18-year-old boy reported that he and his friends were evicted from a public shore area east of Pensacola Beach by Air Force security police. The

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boys were told that they could not stay because there was "an incident in progress."

Ware also learned that pulsed electromagnetic beam weapons, which he believes could be used in an attempt to destroy a UFO craft, were being developed at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico, and are currently being researched at Eglin A.F.B.

None of what Ware found proves Haley's crash story, but UFO investigators Bruce Morrison and Bob Oechsler researched a case that makes Haley's story sound more believable.

#### ***"Flat Bed Truck Incident"***

Morrison and Oechsler investigated a report they received in July-August 1992, of an incident that was called the "flat bed truck incident," that allegedly took place in late February or early March 1988. One morning a family went for a drive to explore their new home area. Having driven across the 3-mile bridge to Gulf Breeze, they decided to sight-see around the Gulf Breeze area. Mrs. X turned down a dirt road that investigators believe was within the city limits of Gulf Breeze. Being new to the area at the time, and with all the new development in the area over the years, she doesn't remember the exact location of the dirt road.

With no place to turn around

on this road, Mrs. X continued until she came to a clearing overlooking the water. At the clearing was a flatbed truck with a crane truck parked next to it. The woman was immediately met by a man in a military-type jumpsuit who approached her car and asked why she was there. He then told her to turn around and leave and to forget everything she had seen. All the while the man was positioning himself to block her view of the flatbed truck.

"But on the flatbed truck Mrs. X saw a disc-shaped object with another man in a blue jumpsuit standing in what appeared to be an opening in the top of the object." Two other men in blue jumpsuits were also standing next to the flatbed truck. Both of the trucks were white with no markings.

Several days later Mrs. X and her father were looking through the pages of the *Pensacola News Journal* and to their amazement they saw a picture on the front page that looked exactly like what they had seen on the beach. The photo had been taken by Ed Walters.

After initial interviews, Mrs. X said she didn't want to say anything more about the event, and refuses to this day to be interviewed further.

#### ***What Can We Believe?***

When addressing the accuracy of her stories, Haley admits that she has been manipulated both physically and mentally by not only aliens, but also government groups who seem to want to suppress her experiences. These government groups, she claims, have used both drugs and brainwashing techniques to accomplish this. And not being totally convinced on how reliable hypnotic regression is, Haley finished by saying, "I hope that the information that I have shared with you is 100% accurate, but with all

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# Retired Sergeant Major Reveals NATO Super-Secret Document

by Michael Norris

**R**obert Dean was one speaker addressing the Gulf Breeze UFO Conference that truly captivated the audience's attention. As an Army combat veteran, Dean served in Korea, Vietnam, and as Intelligence Analyst with Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (S.H.A.P.E.) -- holding the highest clearance given. Dean was a former board member of APRO and now serves on the Board of the International Center for UFO Research. He is also a member of CUFOS, and is a State Section Director for Pima County, Arizona MUFON.

At the conference, Dean kicked off his presentation by quoting a famous British scientist who said, "The Universe is not only stranger than you know, it is stranger than you can know." Following this, Dean commented, "I am going to violate my national security oath this evening, several times . . . I'm not doing this lightly," he expressed, "I'm doing this intentionally, for what I consider to be very important, good reasons."

Dean emphasized that he had always served his country faithfully, and that he considers himself a true patriot. However, after becoming exposed to information about UFOs while in the military, he felt that the information he learned was more important than his security oath -- and perhaps more important than anything else he could think of.

## *The Super-Secret Document*

In 1963, Dean was assigned to S.H.A.P.E. in Paris, France, where he had held that organization's

highest security clearance. As a member of the Inner Command Staff he was allowed to study an astonishing super-secret NATO report titled "The Assessment." The report was based on a study that had been initiated in 1961, and was subtitled, "An Evaluation of a Possible Military Threat to Allied Powers in Europe." The report had been ordered by British Air Marshall Thomas Pike, Chief Deputy to Super Allied Commander Europe General Lyman Lemnitzer, and was initiated by NATO in response to the hundreds of UFO sightings over Europe. Dean was

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involved in the study because he was assigned to a place called the Supreme Headquarters Operations Division. As a part of the operations division, he worked in the "War Room," directly under and with General Lemnitzer.

Dean commented that there were many incidents in Europe "where enormous, metallic, circular, large objects flying in formation, very obviously under intelligent control, would fly over Europe from the Soviet sector -- the Warsaw pact area." Dean explained how they would "fly in formation at a very high speed, and at a very high altitude." For a while, he remarked, the U.S. thought they belonged to the Soviets, and the Soviets thought the UFOs belonged to us.



*Robert Dean reveals NATO's secret research into the UFO phenomenon.*

"These incidents were occurring again and again," Dean explained, and those being "the cold war years, everybody was sensitive as hell . . ." Some of the objects were huge -- 30 to 100 meters in size.

Air Marshall Thomas Pike "tried repeatedly to get information from London and Washington on this subject. He met a stone wall every time he tried." What Pike didn't know, however, was that there was a large, French spy ring in existence at the time. The Soviets were getting most of the information that was sent to NATO officers in Paris -- sometimes before the Allies were!

Since he couldn't get an answer from Washington or anywhere else, Pike decided to have an in-house study done in 1961 to determine the origin and purpose of the UFOs. The investigation took three years to complete and was finished while Dean still worked in the War Room under General Lemnitzer.

"This study was one of the most thorough and complete studies I have ever been involved with," Dean announced. "Allied officers were traveling all over Europe. They talked to some of the top scholars in various fields all over Europe." Dean didn't know the cost,

but recalled that NATO told General Lemnitzer that the cost didn't matter.

Only fifteen copies of the final report, known as "The Assessment," were printed. It was classified *Cosmic Top Secret*, the highest classification level that S.H.A.P.E. had. The first printed copy was sent to the Secretary General of NATO. The second went to General Lemnitzer's office. The third was sent to the operations center where Dean was assigned. The remaining copies were distributed (in French, German and English) to the different Supreme National Commanders at the different Allied headquarters of each country there at S.H.A.P.E. In the operations center, a copy of "The Assessment" was kept in the vault. Dean was fortunate enough then to have a high enough clearance to view the document.

"Once I became aware of it I couldn't put it down. Every chance I got, I read it. The implications of what it meant to me were so mind-boggling and so overwhelming," Dean remarked.

Dean said that the actual document was only about 1½" thick, but was supported by ten appendixes amounting to over 8½" of material. Their titles, Dean claimed, were as follows:

- Radar and Electromagnetic Effects
- Optical and Light Analysis
- Photographic and Holographic Analysis
- Historical Research and Evidence
- Metallurgical and Technical Analysis
- Atmospheric Physics and Meteorological Studies
- Biological Analysis and Autopsies
- Sociological Studies and Implications
- Psychological Studies and Mass Effect and Impact

- Theological Implications and Worldwide Implications

Dean explained that "The Assessment" had come to the following conclusions:

"The planet Earth, and apparently the entire human race, is, and has been, the subject of an extensive, massive survey and examination by several extraterrestrial, high-technology civilizations. These civilizations have demonstrated not only high intelligence, but extremely advanced technology that may possibly be hundreds, if not thousands of years beyond our own. Evidence collected and studied by this report indicates that apparently there is

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some kind of process or a plan unfolding that they continually demonstrate . . . Military intelligence analysis concluded that there did not -- repeat -- did not appear to be a major military threat involved. The conclusions indicated that if they were either malevolent or hostile there was absolutely nothing we could do at this time."

Dean commented that their technology was so much more advanced than ours back then, and even now, that if they were hostile it would have been over a long time ago.

"The Assessment" went on to say: "NATO and S.H.A.P.E. policy dictates that an ongoing study continue by the various military committees, and that as many resources as possible by the

major powers be committed to this matter. This entire subject is considered to be of the highest importance and extremely sensitized. This committee recommends that the highest level of classification be placed upon this matter . . . at least Top Secret or above."

### *Dean's Thoughts*

Ever since he became aware of "The Assessment," Dean has held an intense interest in the UFO phenomenon. Over the many years of research, Dean has come up with a few of his own conclusions. He believes the phenomenon is not just intergalactic, interstellar or even interplanetary, but it "involves multidimensional beings . . . intellects, civilizations and lifeforms who literally travel in time. And I have to tell you," Dean continued, "your government has also reached these conclusions, and they don't know how to let you know." Dean says the "theological implications" is the one major reason why "the lid has been kept on this subject for so many years."

While addressing the alien presence, Dean announced that when he left the military in 1976, "we knew for certain there were four separate groups involved . . ." Since then, he has heard other researchers claim that there are even more than four groups of creatures that are visiting our planet. How many all together, he wasn't sure.

After listening to Dean's presentation, I was most impressed, but I was left with many questions. For instance, what were the results of the autopsies, and how did Dean know that there were "four" groups involved? Perhaps a follow-up interview with Dean in an upcoming issue will answer some of these questions.



# Phenomenal Sighting in Gulf Breeze

by Bland Pugh

**F**or the past year and a half I have written articles for *The Islander* about local UFO sightings. People have asked me over and over again, "Why don't we ever see them in the daytime?" Well folks here it is!

On March 26, 31 and April 2, four daylight UFO sightings were witnessed and have now been documented by a MUFON investigation (conducted by Bland Pugh and Gary Watson) and photo analysis. The witnesses videotaped and photographed what they described as "unbelievable."

A visiting elected official from Alabama, Thomas "Bryant" said, "At first I told myself that what I saw had to be something from the military, but I know of nothing that can suddenly appear, hover and disappear like it did." Mr. Bryant, who withheld his name for political reasons, was at the east end of Pensacola Beach near the area locally called the "Sugar Bowl," where at about 2:30 p.m. on April 2, he saw and photographed the UFO.

On that same day Martin "Allen," a local resident, saw the UFO. One week earlier, he caught the UFO with his video camera. Martin said, "I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw that round silver thing racing across the sky.

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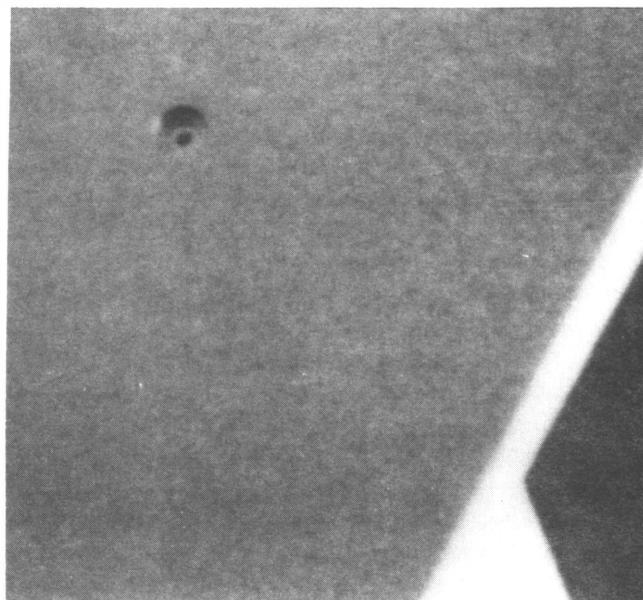
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But, when it shot overhead a second time I knew it wasn't a normal airplane. By God, I knew it was the UFO that I read about in the newspaper. It was round and kind of crown shaped with a lower level and a dark red circle in the bottom center."

Mr. Martin's video tape and photograph

were sent to Jeffrey Sainio, photo analyst and manager of Imaging Research and Development at the Quad/Tech division of Quad/Graphics in Wisconsin. At the same time, to confirm the sighting, an investigation was conducted by MUFON to verify the sighting location, weather reports, wind velocity, cloud elevation, wind directions, etc.

Mr. Sainio verified the video tape and the photographs are consistent with the field investigation. He said, "A frame-by-frame analysis shows that the object seen in the first video tape moved so fast it traveled several times its own length in each frame, making rectangular images on the screen. It only took about one second to cross the nearly thirty degree field of view of the camera. Unfortunately the actual speed cannot be determined because the distance is



*Martin "Allen" photograph taken with a Polaroid camera on April 2, 1993, at 10:30 a.m.*

not known, but estimates range from several hundred to several thousand mph corresponding to distance estimates of 1,000 to 10,000 ft."

Mr. Sainio continues, "The initial calculations on the second tape show the UFO accelerated, slowed 20%, then surpassed 2,000 mph, all in under 1/10 of a second." When asked about the still photograph, Mr. Sainio said, "Focus measurements of the image indicates the UFO was a distant object. The UFO appears metallic, round with smaller round bottom, and a red spot at the base."

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist, conducted another examination of the photograph and the two UFO videos. He said, "My conclusions agree with Mr. Sainio. The object in the second video accelerated at a tremendous rate. If the assumed distance to the object is

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# A Call to Arms in Freeing Up UFO Information

by Larry W. Bryant

**E**ditors Note: At their monthly membership meeting on Sept. 12, 1993, members of the Mutual UFO Network in the Pensacola / Gulf Breeze area of Florida welcomed guest speaker Larry W. Bryant. His topic -- "How to Combat UFO Secrecy through Citizens' Counterintelligence" -- deserves wide dissemination in printed form; hence this version for readers of *UFO ENCOUNTERS*. Bryant, who has long history of watch-dogging the U.S. government's UFO-related policies and practices, currently directs the Washington, D.C., office of the public-interest group *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS)*, from his home at 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

For some people, like me, visiting the Gulf Breeze / Pensacola area, the UFO capital of the nation, instills the same sense of awe, anticipation, and inspiration that some of us experience when we visit our nation's political capital, Washington, D.C.

One night, for example, some friends in the Gulf Breeze area

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***We citizens have a right to know what the government knows about UFO reality . . .***

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invited me to join them in a session of skywatching out in the dunes of Pensacola Beach. The air of excitement and camaraderie had all the echoes of a Fourth of July gathering at the base of the Washington

Monument. Instead of the customary, earthbound fireworks though, we had great expectations of something even more stimulating - - if you know what I mean.

This past spring, a group of MUFON members in the national capital area invited the public to meet with them in the auditorium of a motel in Silver Spring, MD. There, they heard a panel of UFO researchers debate the issue of whether the federal government should be compelled to release all its UFO-related records. Before I tell you the audience's vote deciding the world's first-ever public debate on the UFO paper chase, let me take a vote from readers: those of you who feel the Government's UFO cover-up should continue forever, please raise your hands. Now, those who think the cover-up should be ended immediately, please raise your hands.

Well, your overwhelming vote against the cover-up certainly echoes that of the group in Maryland. Maybe one of you might wish to prepare a petition for delivery to one of your senators, informing him/her of your vote here today, and asking them to demand an end to the UFO cover-up.

Now that brings me to the theme of my message. And that is: We citizens have a right to know what the government knows (and when it knew it) about UFO reality, and our government has the duty to tell us.

You might say that our efforts to compel greater freedom of UFO information constitute a form of

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political warfare. It was American editor and political writer Raymond Moley who defined a political war as "one in which everyone shoots from the lip."

So be it, here today. Let my first, second, and succeeding shots be aimed at those government policymakers who feel they have every right to lie to the public. And

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***And that's my message to offer you today -- a strategy for combating UFO secrecy through citizens' counterintelligence.***

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let those policymakers thus be exposed and thwarted as they strive to protect this their political secret.

Such *exposure* and *thwarting* of the intelligence operations of one's adversary constitute what military people call counterintelligence. And that's my message to offer you today -- a strategy for combating UFO secrecy through citizens' counterintelligence.

I've already referred to part of the strategy when I suggested that one of you might undertake a petition drive based on your vote in favor of full, immediate disclosure of the government's hard-core UFO evidence. Individual letters of complaint to Congress can be useful tools of communication, but a petition signed by scores of local citizens deserves more than a form-letter reply.

Besides notifying the senator of your collective resolve to hold the government accountable for its UFO policy and practices, the petition should demand an immediate, open congressional inquiry into the cover-up: an inquiry that would subpoena sworn testimony and witnesses from current and former officials involved in the cover-up.

Now, how about *Operation Right to Know*? Are there any of you who have yet to hear about the exploits of this small group of Americans who've been waging the UFO political war in the streets and in legislatures nationwide?

Well, you need not go far back into history to get up-to-date. In March 1992, about a dozen ORTK members converged on the White House sidewalk to let the message ring out that "we're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore." The public has a right to know, and the government has the duty to tell.

On June 30 of this year, a little more than a dozen ORTK members showed up with their protest signs at the headquarters of the *Washington Post* newspaper, demanding fair treatment for UFO-related news and views. My sign read: "We have a *Post*-hypnotic suggestion: wake up to UFO secrecy!" Then, on the 5th of July this year, several dozen ORTK supporters returned to the White House sidewalk, where they were greeted by almost as many members of the news media. A success story for citizens' counterintelligence.

Plans call for a demonstration at the Pentagon. I've proposed that its theme be something like, "Will the real MJ-12 committee please stand up!"

How can we assure the continued success of ORTK? A couple of answers come to mind. First, any such grass-roots effort has to have adequate funding. So if there are any multimillionaires reading this and seeking a worthy cause to support, you have my address. Second, the operation needs workers and organizers at the local level. What an opportunity for our younger researchers, with all their curiosity, energy, drive, and activism! I wish ORTK had been

around in the 1950's.

Back in May 1991, I sent a letter-to-the-editor to the *El Paso Times* newspaper. I gave it the heading, "An Open Letter to the Residents of Texas." The subject was: "Time for a Cosmic Grand Jury." It called for impaneling a special grand jury, with subpoena power, to look into the Roswell incident, part of the aftermath of which occurred at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. Though the letter was never published, the call remains for convening this "people's panel" on the ultimate violation of the public trust. If it's true that some of the government's retrieved UFO artifacts have been stored at Homestead Air Force Base, then perhaps some enterprising district attorney in Florida can rise to the occasion. The DA's authority to take that initiative has a simple but powerful mandate: the public has a right to know, and the government has the duty to tell.

One of the best UFO books ever published was titled, appropriately enough, *UFO: TOP Secret*. It came out in 1967, a couple of years before the closure of the Air Force's Project Blue Book. Its author, Mort Young, a journalist, had this to say about how UFO secrecy is being sustained: "The government prevents its employees from discussing UFO sightings except to the 'proper' authorities." Unfortunately for the public's right-to-know, Mort Young's conclusions of almost 30

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***"The government prevents its employees from discussing UFO sightings . . ."***

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years ago still holds true today.

What strategy do we have for countering that policy of enforced official silence?

Well, several years ago, I em-

barked on a course of action that continues to have repercussions. It consisted of placing advertisements in selected military post and base newspapers, calling for the evidence and testimony of UFO-cover-up whistleblowers. They included such persons as current and former intelligence officers, law-enforcement agents, and medical specialists.

Shortly after beginning the ad campaign, I incurred resistance from the newspapers' publishers -- the post or base public affairs officers. Their random refusal to print some of their ads prompted me to seek legal action. Shortly after I filed suit in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, VA, the Defense Department capitulated. They agreed not to let any public affairs officer interfere with my future ad submissions.

Though the ad campaign has yet to ferret out any "Deep Throats," it has heightened public awareness within the military community of the extent of UFO secrecy. And, for me personally, it has confirmed another truism expressed by Mort Young. At the end of his book, he says, "Because all UFO material is supposedly available to the public, the field of inquiry is open to every citizen of the United States. Yet when the government is contacted and asked about UFOs, the knowledge gained is not about UFOs, but about how the Government really operates day to day."

Part of that daily operation consists of making sure that no one gets away with pointing a finger at the "Emperor's New Clothes" -- in this case, too many public affairs officers feel they have the duty not to promote UFOlogical truth but to dissuade their fellow government personnel from seeking that truth and imparting it to one another. That kind of censorship must yield to the principle that freedom of UFO information should be the rule,

rather than the exception. Otherwise, the public's right-to-know will remain a hollow premise, and the government's duty to tell will remain mere lip service.

Accordingly, on June 23 of this year, just one day before the 46th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's flying-saucer encounter, another UFO-related lawsuit entered the docket of the U.S. District of Columbia. It bears the title *Larry W. Bryant versus the Secretary of the Army*.

The lawsuit poses a classic question of free speech rights under the First Amendment: do military commanders have the authority to arbitrarily reject UFO-related letters-to-the-editor submitted to their post and base newspapers? Over the past several months, several military newspapers in the national capital region have rejected my letters seeking whistleblower testimony and other evidence on the UFO cover-up. They maintain that, as with all commercial, privately owned papers, the editor has the prerogative to reject, for any reason, any letter sent in for publication. But in their zeal to censor, they ignore the obvious distinction: these military papers operate as a kind of government property. When government property is opened by offi-

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cially for expressive activity, it must abide by the long-established rules governing public forums. Hence, officials may not deny access to the property because of subject-matter content or viewpoint.

As this fundamental free speech case wends its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, time is running out for us to round up

prospective whistleblowers of the Roswell era; they're dying off, or are becoming mentally disabled from old age.

So, by what other means can we pursue them?

How about a worldwide plea for deathbed confessions? A person on their deathbed might find it an ideal time to unburden their conscience about whatever role they (or any associates) may have had in the cover-up. To promote that prospect, I've drafted an affidavit-styled blank form by which the whistleblower may summarize and document their story. The bottom of the form has a space for notarization of the whistleblower's signature and identity. [A copy of the form is available from Bryant -Ed.]

One of the first persons to whom I'll send the form for completion happens to be a retired military officer living in Florida. Details of his case appear in the two-volume book *UFO Dynamics*, by Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz, also a resident of Florida. In short, the officer claims to have visited an underground repository of retrieved alien craft somewhere out west, about 20 years ago. If any readers know some other candidates for using the form, I urge you to send them a copy.

When you present it to them, explain that without their cooperation, the government will be able to continue the cover-up -- under its principle that the government has a right to lie, and the public has the duty to keep silent.

Now, just in case you are wondering how a small group of citizens like yourselves can make a difference in the outcome of this political war, I leave you with this counsel from anthropologist Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." 

# Crop Circles Strike The U.S.

## The Kennewick Crop Circle Formation

by Mary Ann Miller

The crop circle known as the Kennewick formation appeared in the green wheat field owned by Conrad and Gilda Bateman, of Kennewick, WA, sometime during the night of May 29, 1993. It was investigated by MUFON (myself and Jerry Montanus, Field Investigator) as well as Tom Brock of KVEW TV, also of Kennewick, and a fireman from the Kennewick Fire Department equipped with a geiger counter. He surveyed the formation and could not detect anything higher than normal background radiation.

At first, there was some doubt in my mind as to the authenticity of the circle because it seemed messier than I had been led to believe a crop circle should be. Many of the stalks were broken and clumps of green wheat were still standing. Since this first early investigation, the crop circle has been investigated by several members of the Center for Crop Circle Studies, Port Angeles, WA. Ilyes, National Coordinator of that group, doused the formation extensively and concluded that there was definitely an energy reading present, especially in the southern portion of the outer ring. Also, as an interesting note, on June 5, I took my one year old German Shepherd dog, Bruno, to the circle. Animals are sometimes able to detect energies that most humans cannot, and I was interested in his reaction. He made his way bravely up the hill through the tall wheat until he came to the entrance of the outer ring, whereupon he stopped, backed up, flattened his ears, and refused to enter. He gave the situation a few seconds of thought and then

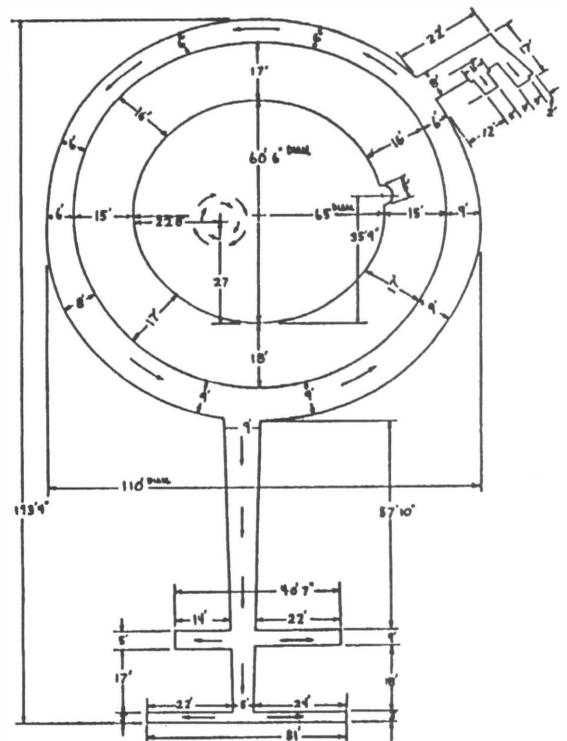
followed me inside. He did not display any more signs of canine anxiety, seeming somewhat bored with the rest of the proceedings.

At this point, we noticed a bright yellow biplane approaching from the north. It came closer and flew low over the formation. One of the helmeted pilots waved and we could see very plainly the letters US Navy on the side of the biplane. It is good to know that the military is still interested in phenomena of this type. Samples were taken of the plants and the soil by MUFON and CCCS.

On June 5, after another forage into the circle for measurement purposes, several of us were coming off the hill when we were accosted by a group of curiosity seekers who had come to view the phenomenon. One of these, a tan, athletic - looking young man in his late twenties, strode forward exclaiming, "I saw the thing that made this." He proceeded to tell us the story of a nocturnal UFO sighting which he experienced the morning of May 13 in his cornfield, located approximately 25 miles away near the small community of Plymouth, WA.

To insert a bit of background information, the Kennewick Cornfield UFO was first sighted on May 13, 1993 at 2:30 a.m. near Plymouth, WA. The sky was clear and there was no wind. The only

witness who has come forward in this sighting was the young man mentioned above who manages a large farm in the area. Another farmer on a tractor was working in an adjoining field, but the witness does not know who he was and it is not known if he saw the UFO or not. When the object was first observed the witness noticed multiple flashing lights about 15 degrees above the horizon at a distance of about 800 feet. The UFO appeared to be about 400 feet off the ground hovering. At arms length, the object was mid way between the size of a basketball and a baseball. The flashing lights on the craft were blue and red. There was no sound. The witness reported no electric or magnetic effects, but none of his vehicles were operating at the time of the sighting. The witness drew the UFO as diamond in shape, but suggested that the shape could just as easily have been



The Kennewick Formation: Formation covered approximately 2/3 acre.

saucer shaped, because the lights were so bright that he could not see the solid shape of the craft itself.

The following is part of an interview that was conducted with the witness on June 8 by Tom Brock of KVEW TV:

"I was working late that night. I was going out to my cornfield to change a lateral machine, to move the hose and the electrical wires, and as I started to get into the tractor, I noticed some lights beyond me to the north. And as I turned around, I saw an object that was hovering slightly above my cornfield. I got back out of the tractor. I was scared. So I climbed back out of the tractor and turned around and watched the object. I watched it for a long period of time and it stayed in the same place. After ten or fifteen minutes passed I was no longer scared, I was more curious than anything, and after about a half hour lapsed by the object started moving to the west, and it moved down along the edge of my property. At that point I was more curious than anything, so I got in my pickup and started to follow the object. I drove to the border of my ranch and the object jetted down to the next ranch which is about two

brilliant bright light like a nuclear blast which lit up all the fields around. It was just amazing. That was just for a brief instant, then it hovered for a little while longer and then it just jetted off down the river, fast, faster than I've ever seen anything move before. I could just see the light going down the river -- and it was gone."

Question: What was going through your head?

Answer: In the very beginning I was very scared. After a certain amount of time passed, and this thing must've known I was there, that turned to curiosity. It was a real neat positive experience for me. Now without a doubt I know, in my mind, there are other worlds out there.

Question: You saw the UFO two weeks and two days before Mr. Bateman saw the crop circle. Do you think there is a connection?

Answer: I feel like maybe there is, because without a doubt I know that the thing that I saw was studying my cornfield and was studying the alfalfa field down the

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miles, and in just the blink of an eye it was there, faster than anything I've ever seen move before. And the object continued to hover for another five minutes before it started doing some maneuvers in the sky, loop-type maneuvers which I had never seen anything quite like it before, and I knew that no aircraft or anything of that nature could perform this type of maneuver. I knew that what I was seeing was in fact a UFO. And shortly after this, the object produced a bright light, a

road.

Question: What else would you like to tell us that you think our viewers might like to know?

Answer: There has to be other people out there that have seen UFOs that were just like I was in the beginning, and didn't want to tell anyone about it for fear of being ridiculed and so forth, and I think there needs to be a phone number where people can call and

report these types of things. Report em, that's what I would say.

As if this fascinating account were not intriguing enough by itself, the sighting can perhaps be linked at least in type, to a sighting that occurred almost exactly one year earlier between Pasco and Walla Walla, WA, which would be about 30 miles from the most recent sighting.

Catherine Bidwell of Walla Walla was driving home from work at approximately 9:30 p.m. the evening of May 17, 1992, when she noticed lights ahead of her that at first she thought were airplane lights. Then, "out of nowhere," a large object appeared 500 feet in the air in front of her car. It paced her car for about 10 minutes. "It was as large as my three-bedroom house," she said. Then it disappeared over the top of her car. She described the UFO as being like two frisbees put together with a row of red and blue lights around the periphery and a vertical row intersecting the middle of the object -- just like the Cornfield UFO. Is there a connection? Are our crops being monitored on an annual basis (or more often, perhaps), by a race of cosmic agronomists? Perhaps next year at this time, we will have still another visit by these crop-snooping UFOonauts.

While talking to Catherine again by phone the evening of June 8, she filled me in on an odd detail of her UFO sighting. As she drove further on down the road, a second small craft was seen by her and two young men who were approaching from the opposite direction in a brown Maverick. The UFO paced their car much as it had her own a few moments earlier, and, being understandably startled, they drove their vehicle into a ditch. At this point the UFO darted off to hover over a nearby asparagus field. The

two young men, with the typical enthusiasm of youth, abandoned their car and ran out into the field after it. The UFO sped away and Ms. Bidwell did likewise. The abandoned, "ditched" car was never recovered and was eventually sold at a public auction.

And so, this "unsolved UFO mystery" from the eastern portion of Washington state remains just that, a mystery. If any of you ufonauts out there subscribe to *UFO ENCOUNTERS* and are reading this, please let us know what is going on!

### *Plant And Soil Analysis*

*The results of the plant and soil analysis were summed up best by Ilyes of CCCS-USA.*

"Plants were sent to Dr. Leavengood at Pinelandia Laboratories as well as to an anonymous Lab in California. Dr. Leavengood confirmed that using the criterion of "node ratio measurements," he found that the formation showed a very significant increase in the node ratio over the control sample. Dr. Leavengood has detected in his research striations indicating rapid cell expansion found on the outside of bent nodes from affected plants. However, in this formation, Carol Pederson, CCCS Oregon, discovered that the stalks had cracks on their internal aspects, which is something Dr. Leavengood has never seen in the 67 formations he has sampled. He comments that this would take a very powerful energy acting on the stalk to elicit such a response. Soil samples taken by MUFON's Assistant State Director for Oregon, Mike Downey, indicated that areas inside and outside the formation were higher than normal in silver content.



## **More About "NAZI UFOs" News from the Ukraine**

*by Paul Stonehill*

**I**nformation regarding the Third Reich's development of disc-like aircraft has been coming to the Russian Ufology Research Center since publication of my first article on the subject (both in English and Russian languages). The Russian version had included materials published in *Just Cause*, and was disseminated by various Russian and Ukrainian newspapers. The English-language article was published by *UFO* magazine in 1992.

In response to my first article, Mr. Valentin Vladimirovich Krapiva, a noted Odessa (Ukraine) author, researcher, and an experienced ufologist, sent me the following information:

In 1990, Czech journalists from *Signal* magazine had conducted an investigation. They decided to uncover the truth behind persistent rumors that the Nazis had used Prague's Kbely airfield to test "flying saucers." In 1943, one of the hangars, located in the far corner of the airfield, was cleared of stored junk, and equipment was brought inside. All work was performed by soldiers, who were ordered by people in civvies. The hangar was well guarded. Soon thereafter, another group of individuals in civilian attire had arrived, and the work in the hangar accelerated.

A military Air Force school was located at the same airfield, along with student hostels. The civilians, who had supervised work at the closed-off hangar, evaded all contacts with the school's officers and students. But the latter did know that the hangar had been visited by some big shots, judging by their automobiles and accompa-

nying guard units.

No documents about the Nazi aircraft at Kbely were ever found in the Czech state archives. However, the journalists were able to determine that one of Germany's museums contained documents related to the Kbely airfield. Unfortunately not much was found in those documents.

In 1943, Germany had been so effectively bombed by the Allies that they forced the Nazis to relocate some of their scientific research centers to safer grounds. The Czech airfield had become a recipient of a secret laboratory that conducted aeronautical research. There is a photograph of one of the lab's "products": an aircraft with a wide elliptical wing, and a short hull with an oblong cockpit. But there was another project the Nazis had been working on in Prague. The Czech journalists were shown

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testimonies of several dozen people who had observed a "flying saucer-like" object over Kbely. All of the eyewitnesses were either former students or officers of the Air Force school. The flights had taken place in 1944.

On weekends, the entire school would be sent to Prague for the duration, but some students and other personnel inevitably would

remain, and thus, observe the secret flights. Yet such witnesses kept quiet until the 1950s. Their testimonies do differ, but only in minute details; overall they are nearly identical. Here's what they saw:

An aircraft was rolled out from the secret hangar. It had a round shape and a diameter of about five to seven meters. It had a small, drop-like cockpit, four tall "legs," with tiny wheels. The aircraft's hull seemed to either be made of metal, or covered with silver-covered fabric. The apparatus, most likely, had a jet engine. The aircraft would commence its flight by gaining an altitude of five meters, fly for a few hundred meters, and then land. The hull was swinging to a degree during the flight, probably due to

instability (all of the eyewitnesses confirmed that).

A Ukrainian journalist (not Mr. Krapiva) believes that the Americans, after W.W.II, had taken several documents of Nazi Germany's development of new armaments out of Europe. But the same journalist also assumes that the NKVD-KGB archives contain secrets of Kbelly airfield's "flying saucers" (the Red Army liberated Prague).

But before we find a way to liberate information from those archives, I will continue requesting that my Russian colleagues send new reports about the mysterious objects that had been sighted over the battlefields of W.W.II.



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## Supermarket Tabloid Comes to CBS Television Prime Time

*UFO group says Weekly World News disinforms the public about UFOs.  
by "Operation Right to Know"*

"Disinformation is defined as the mixing of fabricated material with real information to mislead," says Ed Komarek, co-founder of a UFO activist organization called *Operation Right to Know (ORTK)*. "People who investigate and research UFOs realize that the *Weekly World News*, by mixing real material with atrocious fabricated UFO stories, maintains the wall of ridicule around the subject. This harms the public, especially UFO witnesses and people who claim abductions by aliens. People are afraid to come

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***"People are afraid to come forward with their experiences for fear of ridicule."***

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forward with their experiences for fear of ridicule."

"Mr. Tartikoff is foisting disinformation to the public in the guise of entertainment," claims Elaine Douglass, another ORTK organizer. "We hope the public will become aware of what Mr. Tartikoff, the former NBC Entertainment and Paramount chief, is really up to. It is harmful to the public to pass the *Weekly World News* off as entertainment when it is really trash news. CBS News has a right to be concerned about its association with the *Weekly World News* tabloid."

Ufologists work very hard to break down the wall of ridicule and denial erected by the *Weekly World News* and the debunking organizations. Komarek asks, "How are we going to be able to gather the

evidence from people if they are afraid to talk? How are abductees going to get the help they need to deal with the post traumatic stress disorder now being diagnosed by leading psychiatrists, who even held a conference at MIT recently?"

Komarek refers to many examples of how the *Weekly World News* trashes UFOs and aliens. Most everybody is familiar with the alien that was going around meeting Bush, Perot, Clinton, and Senator Sam Nunn during elections. Senator Nunn, who is Chairman of the powerful Senate committee on the Armed Services, even joked about being an alien. When ORTK had a

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demonstration against UFO secrecy in front of the White House, one of President Clinton's advisers tried to mislead the press by referring to Elvis, obviously very aware of the *Weekly World News'* aliens and Elvis fabricated material.

Another good example of the disinformation at work was a *Weekly World News* story about the Face on Mars. Richard Hoagland and the *Mars Mission* group of scientists had just put NASA on the spot -- even showing that NASA was lying to congress about the Face on Mars. The *Weekly World News* then ran a fabricated face on its front page, and on the inside, way down in the corner, it showed the real face photographed by NASA. That *Weekly World News* story also referred to a famous astrophysicist Benjamin Frania, who doesn't even exist, except in

previous pages of the *Weekly World News*. The article plays up this fraud in what seems to be a deliberate attempt to discredit the *Mars Mission* scientists. "Is it a coincidence that when major UFO stories go public, the *Weekly World News* comes out with atrocious fabricated stories?" asks Komarek.

Brandon Tartikoff says in an article from the *Los Angeles Times* that he will not present material "that is potentially damaging or misleading to impressionable minds." In light of the UFO cover-up that is evidenced by thousands of the government's own declassified documents, the *Weekly World News* looks to be involved in a disinformation operation to make the UFO/ET subject appear so ridiculous that people will not look at the evidence," claims Komarek. "People should be encouraged to inquire, not discouraged by ridicule."



### *Sighting; continued from page 9*

only 1,000 feet, then the video tapes show it accelerated at about 500 g's (500 times the acceleration of gravity) and reached a speed twice that of sound! At an assumed 1,000 ft. distance, the size of the object was a bit less than 10 feet."

Both experts also agreed that, "The overall shape of the object resembles, but is not identical to, the shape of objects photographed by Ed Walters in 1987 and 1988, and which were published in the book *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, in 1990. (Wm. Morrow Press, New York).

There it is folks, a daytime sighting, videotaped, photographed and authenticated. It's pretty obvious that something is out there.

All I can say is to keep looking up and behind you, you don't know what is watching you!!! *Reprinted with permission from The Islander.*



# The Disappearance of The Mars Observer Part II

by Michael Norris

In the last issue of *UFO ENCOUNTERS*, we introduced Hoagland's charge that a "rogue group" within NASA temporarily hijacked the Mars Observer to secretly take pictures in the region of Cydonia on the planet Mars. Hoagland says that inside sources tell him that the group then plans to "miraculously" bring the spacecraft back to life, and then restore the mission only after altering photos to show that there are no artificially created structures on the red planet. The following is part two of the lengthy interview I had with Hoagland about this heated controversy.

A month prior to the disappearance of the Mars Observer, Hoagland explained that a draft copy of the McDaniel Report was given to a key Republican congressman in the House. Instead of keeping it confidential, he gave it to NASA.

Hoagland says he has been tracing key people associated with the Mars Observer mission. Shortly after this draft copy of the McDaniel Report was given to NASA, the individuals that Hoagland was tracking were called to Washington for a very rapid meeting. One individual summoned, Dr. Michael Malin, was in charge of the Mars Observer camera.

"In this day and age," Hoagland commented, "you don't need to call people to Washington for a meeting. You have faxes, telephones, etc. There's no need for a face-to-face meeting unless you're talking about things you

don't want a record of." If there was going to be a secret conspiracy to take photos of Cydonia, Hoagland said, Malin would certainly be in on it.

Hoagland says he has been meeting with top network anchors and their staff about his suspicions of what NASA will do with the Mars Observer in upcoming weeks. "Everyone is primed for what to look for," he said. However, Hoagland continued, "If they bring it back, there is going to be such intense skepticism, that they may not be able to get away with the continuation of the scenario, in which case, they may decide to simply keep it [Mars Observer] turned off. If that happens, we still win, because there are missions going next year [to Mars] from Russia and Japan."

### *A Replacement Spacecraft?*

The next window to go to Mars is in about a year (Oct.-Nov. 1994). Authorities here in the U.S. are considering replacing the Mars Observer with another spacecraft. "There are two possible suggestions for replacements," Hoagland explained. "One is a modification of an SDI spacecraft that was going to go to the moon next year, which is loaded for bear. It's got everything, including a very pointable series of cameras that can take photographs of objects smaller than a Volkswagen on the planet. This is a program funded by SDI. What's the Space Defense Initiative doing sending a mission to the moon?" *Good question -Ed.*

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spacecraft as a replacement for the Mars Observer has caused an unusual protest from some key experts, who are voting to send another replacement instead. "What they are voting for," Hoagland said, "is an Air Force program called MISTY, which would not have cameras. NO cameras."

*This makes no sense, I said.*

"Not if you want to do good science," responded Hoagland. "But suppose you know there is something there you are trying to keep secret, and you know if you put a camera on a spacecraft we're not going to give up, we're going to demand live television. You're right back in the same fix. So obviously the way to get around it is, 'Oh, we're sorry, we just don't have room for cameras. Besides, we have enough pictures of Mars.' "

*I remarked that I didn't see how they could possibly get away with it.*

"Because power always thinks

it's going to win," answered Hoagland. "The arrogance of power is they think they hold all the cards." NASA is not the only one holding cards, however. Hoagland has a few himself.

"We've got a few things to work with," he said. "We have the existing Viking database, that has not gone away. We've got future missions going back, even if the Mars Observer is dead. We've got the replacement controversy. And we've got 'deep throat' sources saying we're right and they are going to have to bring this thing back. So, the decision tree splits there. If they're doing what they're doing, they have to be sending signals, and we are going to catch them. If we don't catch them, and they bring it [Mars Observer] back, then we will have laid out the scenario in such detail, that any thinking person is going to look at this and say, 'Wait a minute, this

really stinks.' "

Hoagland quoted a Harvard biologist from the era when the Brookings Report was created, who stated that he could conceive of "no nightmare as terrifying as establishing communication with a so-called superior technology in outer space. Such contact," the biologist claimed, "would destroy the whole human enterprise -- the art, literature, science, the dignity, the worth, the meaning of man." These fears were representative of those who created the Brookings Report which was used as a blueprint for future NASA policy regarding its space program.

"I think what the real fear is," Hoagland explained, "is of change itself. What they are really saying is that the truth will eradicate the hypocrisy on which current civilization is based. Current dignity, worth, and meaning of man is so flimsily constructed on a shifting sand of falsehood and lies, that it cannot stand contact with the truth. That is what you are really saying. Otherwise, how can the truth destroy the dignity of man. So that's the change, and the potential for devastation. It's the idea of fundamental knowledge so different with our created and mythic culture, that basically human beings perceive truth for the first time and throw out the baby and the bathwater, including, hopefully, a lot of people in power who are making a living off keeping things the way they are. And that's the thing they want to keep us from knowing. The problem is a power problem. It's the 'haves' and the 'ins' vs. the 'have-nots' and the 'powerless.'"

"So would a few guys in a back room thinking that they are protecting the worth, the dignity, the meaning of mankind -- would they be above taking this thing off flying for a while. Of course not!"



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the manipulation I've been a victim of, there is really no way I can be sure about that. I can only say that I have shared these experiences with you as I have perceived them, and really that's the best I can do."

As a final note, when a colleague of mine first told me about the Leah Haley story, I will admit I had my skepticism for several reasons. However, after hearing her speak, I was very impressed by the whole way she approached the subject of her experiences. And after speaking with her in person after her presentation, I believe she believes exactly what she has said, and is fully aware of the controversy that accompanies it. I was most im-

pressed with how levelheaded she really was, and just how much she was at a loss to understanding why any of this was happening to her.



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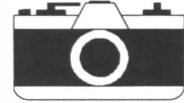
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