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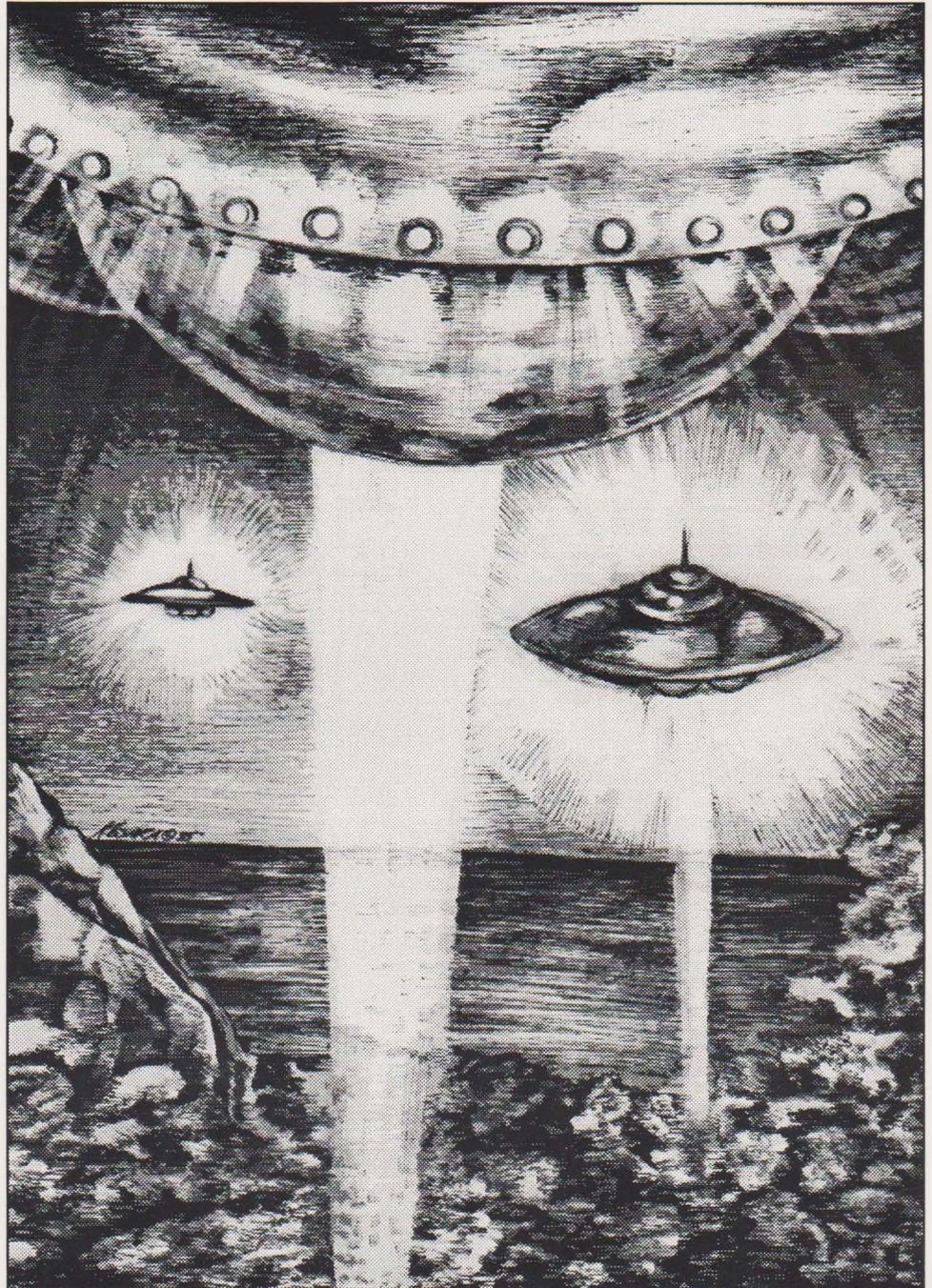
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From the Editor:



The historical case known as the "Roswell Incident" of 1947 is about to have new fuel poured onto an already burning controversy.

According to recent reports that *UFO ENCOUNTERS* has received, an alleged top-secret film showing dead aliens will be screened for the first time anywhere in the world. The viewing will be held in England at the British UFO Research Association's (BUFORA) 8th Annual International UFO Conference. The conference is scheduled to be held at the University of Hallam, Pennine Theatre, Sheffield on August 19-20. The 91-minute film is also scheduled to be used in an upcoming BBC documentary.

A former military cameraman, now about age 82, copied 14 reels of 16 mm black and white silent film and released it to British TV documentary and film maker Ray Santilli. Santilli was in the U.S. working on a documentary on Elvis when he met with the camera man and was given the film. The film allegedly shows scientists performing an autopsy on an alien body. It also supposedly shows wreckage from the crash of the UFO. Philip Mantle with BUFORA was quoted as saying that the film was verified by Kodak as being 50 years old.

This story is of great interest and we will be monitoring it closely. All the reports received on this story so far are very preliminary, so we will be updating

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Harvest Time In Elk Garden

by Bob Teets

From the book, *West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters in the Mountain State*, Copyright, 1995, Headline Books, Inc.

A single press release I issued in July, 1994 resulted in over 150 West Virginians calling me with their UFO stories, which I later included in my recently published book, *West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters in the Mountain State*. Here are a few of the never-before-published stories from one rural town in the state, where multiple eyewitnesses repeatedly watched UFOs interact in some fashion with freshly interred graves at a local cemetery complex.

The small town of Elk Garden, West Virginia, population approximately 300, is on the fringe of what famous UFO researcher and Mountain State native Gray Barker reported to be the "Mini Bermuda Triangle" of the United States: Preston, Tucker, Randolph, Grant and Pendleton Counties, West Virginia.

Though not within the boundaries of these counties, Elk Garden, located in Mineral County, is a few scant miles away and close enough to qualify, should it wish such a

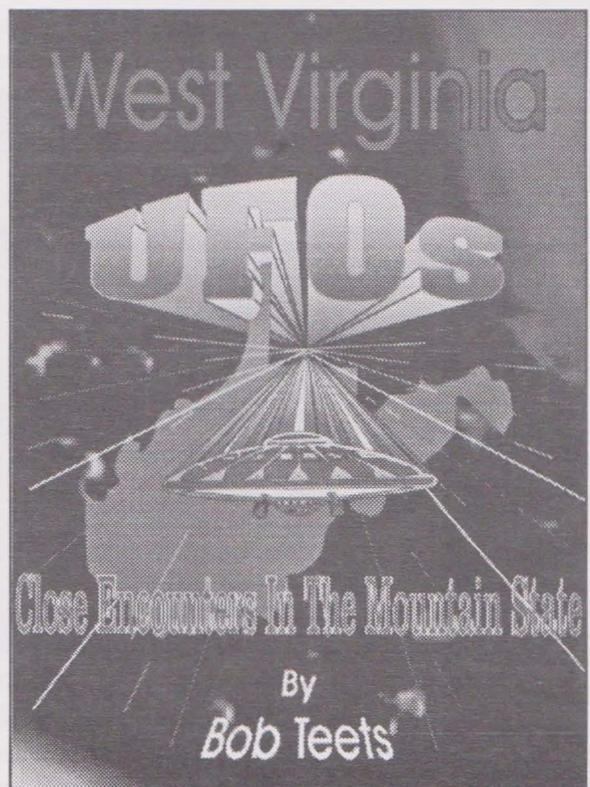
distinction.

Situated on a hilly plateau atop the rugged and coal-rich mountains straddling the Maryland-West Virginia border and a few thousand feet above the picturesque and historic Potomac River, the town and its surroundings bespeak the glory days of a rollicking King Coal/land baron

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aristocracy.

Just a few hundred yards south of a busy strip mine visible from



town is a place called Nethken Hill.

The scene here is the type Norman Rockwell would have painted should he have sought to depict a reverential shrine of old-fashioned America.

Slightly windward of the hill and amid the shade of pine and maple trees is a beautiful little church, the Nethken Hill Methodist, constructed in 1875 to replace an older structure on land donated years before by the Nethken family, who were coal mine operators at the time.

The church is surrounded by three cemeteries with gravestones dating into the early part of the last century. The cemetery on the right, or northern side, of the church contains numerous markers denoting the burial sites of many Nethkens and other prominent names of the area. On the southern side of the church is the so-called "Kalbaugh" graveyard. Across the lane, to the east, is the much larger

R. D. Dean Memorial I.O.O.F. (International Order of Odd Fellows) cemetery. A gravestone here resembling a replica of the Washington Monument rises above the Dean family burial plot.

At first, there is no sound but that of the shutter release on my camera. Soon, however, the unmistakable rumble and roar of mining equipment starting up over at the mine site adds a sort of tribute to those whose remains were buried here after they had finished

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their toils in the now silent mines which they had excavated deeper still beneath this and surrounding hills.

Visiting in late September, at a time when farmers are gathering

in their crops for storage in sometimes quaint, sometimes modern barns, and when sawmill operators are hauling loads of hardwood timber along narrow country lanes, and while strip miners are extracting their precious ore, one marvels at the bounty of Elk Garden and the miles of undulating hills around it, a place which has sustained generations of families, and which was recognized for its riches long before the arrival of the white man. Sitting on a hill overlooking the quiet, sunlit valleys, you can almost hear the near silent footfalls of the American Indians who long ago followed well-worn trails into these mountains in search of the vast herds of elk and other wildlife that flourished here.

Indeed, on this late summer day, it is as if Elk Garden were the Garden of Eden, a place of bounty and never-ending harvest.

There was a time, though, when the Garden wasn't so bucolic.

Curious Visitors?

The Jones family, prominent farmers in the area, recalled a hair-raising experience.

It was sometime in April, 1968, the beginning of America's "long hot summer," as civil unrest fanned shouts of "Burn, baby, burn!" amidst cities on fire.

Emmett and Pauline Jones wondered if the flames were visible from high above the earth, and if such fires had perhaps brought curious visitors here.

It all started when the Jones' son, Wayne, and his eight-month pregnant wife, Brenda, couldn't sleep. They decided they may as



The Nethken Hill Methodist Church, built shortly after the Civil War to replace an older structure, has been the gathering for generations of Elk Garden faithful. The Dean family memorial is in the foreground at left.

Photo by Bob Teets.



The entrance to the R. D. Dean Memorial I.O.O.F. cemetery. Note the Nethken Hill Methodist Church to the right of center in the background. Photo by Bob Teets.

well check the livestock, which at that time included upwards of a hundred head of cattle and other animals.

Storm clouds from earlier in the day had given way to a crystal clear night that one can only experience in the mountains.

They climbed into their 1962 Oldsmobile and drove a short distance on Route 42 through Elk Garden, which their farm partially surrounds, then began checking the fence row as they exited town, heading south.

Just then, Brenda noticed something up in the direction of Nethken Hill. "What's that light?" she asked Wayne.

He stopped the car and stepped out, thinking at first that it must be a helicopter. Curious though, it seemed to have come from out of the ground.

Also, the light seemed to be approaching their car.

All at once, he could see several lights — and the one in front

seemed to be moving even more boldly toward him.

Suddenly, it was right over top of him — a huge, 100-foot round orange light that glowed "bright enough you wouldn't have needed headlights," Wayne remembered. Because the light was so bright, he couldn't make out a shape other than that it was perfectly round,

Suddenly, it was right over top of him, a huge, 100-foot round orange light that glowed "bright enough [that] you wouldn't have needed headlights" . . .

but he could see two torpedo-shaped tanks of some kind fastened to the bottom. The only sound coming from the massive object reminded Wayne of a relatively quiet refrigerator motor.

It scared both Wayne and Brenda, so he hopped back in the car, turned it around and dashed

back into town at 50 or 60 m.p.h. — the light remaining overhead.

By the time the Oldsmobile pulled into Emmett and Pauline's driveway, the light had stopped following them, and had instead remained hovering over a spot a short distance away.

But only temporarily.

"We got Mom and Dad out of bed and told them what we'd seen," Wayne recalled. "They came outside and they couldn't believe it, you know."

The light moved slowly west, then hovered unsteadily no more than 10 to 15 degrees above the silo next to the family's barn, its light so bright that the silo shone like silver.

At various times, the object would sprout flames for 10 to 12 seconds around its perimeter, "like when you light up a gas stove," Wayne explained.

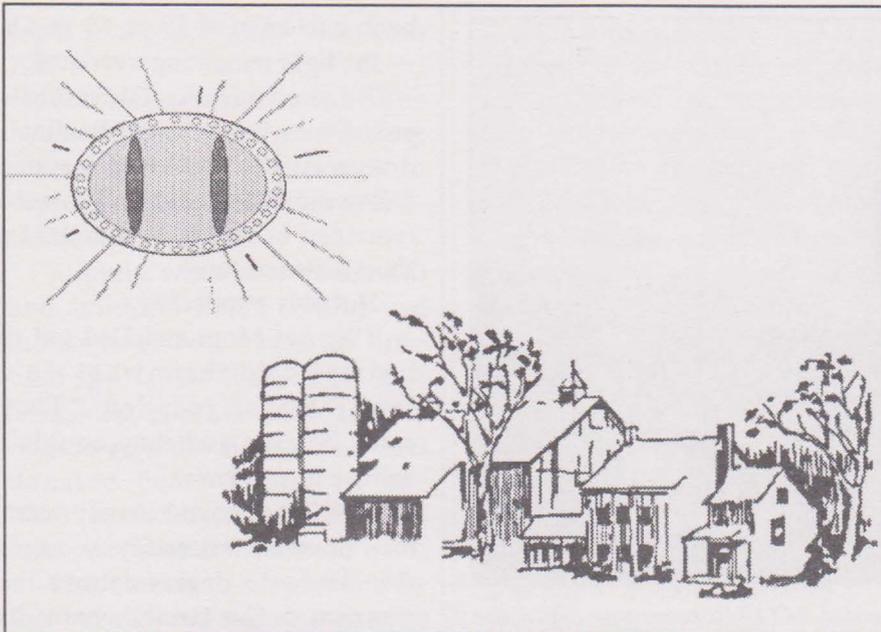
It would move from one place to another in rapid order. "When it moved, it moved fast," Emmett said.

The family stood in awe and watched the object and others like it in the distance for perhaps 30 minutes.

Sometime later, a military man, perhaps Air Force, from Washington, DC, listened to their story then told the family they had witnessed the aurora borealis.

"What we saw wasn't the northern lights," Wayne told me. "I know what I saw." He said it scared Brenda so bad that they feared she may go into early labor, or worse.

On May 3, 1968, less than a month after their UFO experience, their daughter Sheri was born. "She had a birthmark," Wayne explained, "right behind her right



Wayne and Brenda's UFO sighting

ear. It was a perfect circle, and it was orange, just like that light. She still has it, though it's not as visible now."

The Lights of Nethken Hill

"We'd see lights all during the late 1960s and early '70s going back and forth around the church area," Amie Kalbaugh, 39, said. "I never wanted to see them, but I did."

The Kalbaugh residence is located on a 100-acre farm on the western side of Nethken Hill, down a hollow and only a few hundred yards away from the Methodist Church and its surrounding cemeteries.

"We would watch the lights and go through a process of elimination, 'not a plane, not a helicopter,' and so forth, and try to figure out what they were," Amie, who was a teenager at the time, said. "I always thought we heard a high-pitched sound and then we

would look out the window. The lights were always white."

She recalled one specific time in which her older sister, Vickie, tried to get her to come to the window and watch a "mother ship" hover over the meadow while smaller lights flew into it.

"It's hard to remember," Vickie, now a 41-year-old English teacher told me. "I do not have a very good memory. After these sightings, we were always so afraid."

She recalled one time when she was a sophomore in high school: "I was down at a neighbor's pond, and I saw a silvery white, elliptical-shaped thing in the sky. I was thinking, 'That's not an airplane or a helicopter.' Your mind plays tricks on you when you're frightened, and I remember being afraid."

That's all she could remember of that instance.

She said one other time she remembered hearing the cows

lowing and the dogs barking, but that's all. "I don't want to remember, so I don't remember," she stated.

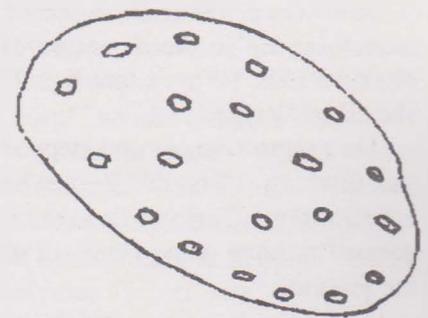
One other person besides Amie and Vickie in the Kalbaugh household recalled another sighting.

Clark Sharpless, who is director of transportation for the Garrett County, Maryland school district, was 25 at the time and married to one of the Kalbaugh girls.

It was very early on the morning of July 15 or 16, 1970, a day or two after the couples' daughter had been born, and they were staying at the Kalbaugh home.

"I can't remember why I was up," Clark said, "but I was looking out the window toward Nethken Hill Cemetery when I saw an object moving in the sky over the cemetery. I called for my wife to come to the window to look, but she was too sick, she'd just delivered our daughter — within a flash, it's right over the house!

"I'm looking directly up at the bottom of this object which is possibly cigar-shaped to elliptical, somewhere in between. A lot of bright lights on the bottom, very bright. As quickly as it's there — *Bam!* It's gone again. Then I see the lights again toward Elk Garden, on Nethken Hill



A sketch of the craft Clark Sharpless saw in mid-July, 1970. Drawn in 1994 by Clark.

Cemetery again.

"I observed this for maybe 30 minutes. Off and on it would be various places, but it would move very quickly. Lights would move within a snap of your fingers."

Clark said he did not go outside. "I was ill at ease to say the least," he added. "I really wasn't fearful. I didn't feel I was in any danger, but I was excited! I remember I tore the blind down off the window in my excitement."

I asked him if he thought it was intelligently driven.

"Yes. Certainly, it was very sophisticated to have that kind of movement. Assuming it was the same craft, over there and overhead, you could not see the movement, it was *zip! zip!* — here and gone."

"I can't remember why I was up," Clark said, "but I was looking out the window toward Nethken Hill Cemetery when I saw an object moving in the sky over the cemetery."

He did not believe it to be any type of conventional aircraft, and it had no sound.

(One curious aspect of this story is that Clark said the government later contacted him and had him fill out a report form. As UFO researchers know, however, *Project Blue Book*, the official U.S. Air Force investigation into UFOs, was announced as officially ending in 1969, a year before Clark was contacted. So, what government agency contacted him?)

Another member of the Kalbaugh family, Gary, who is now 49, ". . . never did see any-

thing that I would describe as a UFO while living there."

The Keyser Middle School science teacher said he and a bus load of students returning from a field trip one time did see something unusual, but that he couldn't recall details.

His reaction to stories about sightings on Nethken Hill?

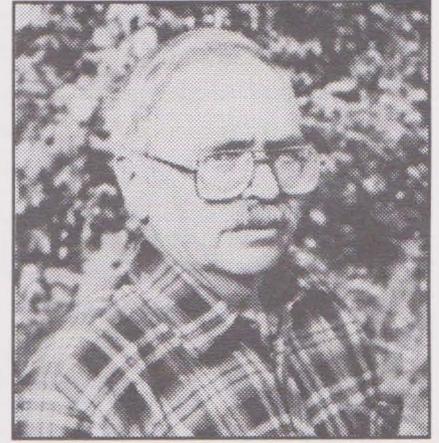
"I know most of these people, and my sisters wouldn't try to mislead anyone," he answered. "It would have been interesting to have seen one. I'm open, I think that there could be something like UFOs."

Mrs. Kalbaugh, the mother, told me she had never seen a UFO, either. Her sister, Mrs. Zona Dixon, said she once saw some unusual lights repeatedly going straight up, then straight down over a distant hill. The next morning, some boys who lived in the vicinity of the hill told her at school, "'Oh, Mrs. Dixon, you should have seen what we saw last night!' They said they saw UFOs that had come down, and one was long like a cigar. There were different shapes, and there were about five of them, they said."

Another Nethken Hill Experiencer

A lot of people in Elk Garden remember the period in the 60s and well into the 70s when plenty of rumors about strange lights and flying objects would result in sometimes carloads of people driving up to the church for a nighttime vigil.

One who did see something was 53-year-old Dixon Ridder, a local mail carrier and sort of unofficial local historian. He remem-



*Dixon Ridder
Photo by Bob Teets*

bered two sightings from the same time period.

Born a few miles away in Kitzmiller, Maryland, his roots stretch back six generations in this area. He now lives about a mile north of Nethken Hill.

It had been his phone call to me on July 20, 1994, which had led me to Elk Garden a few months later. During the afternoon of my visit, he acted as a guide while we traveled the area in his pickup.

We eventually ended up walking out across the hillside that overlooks the Nethken Hill church and the Kalbaugh residence.

"I saw a brilliant white light with a sharp outline of its edge right over there," he said, pointing to the rear of the church. "It was about five feet in diameter, and was just a few feet back from the church. It lit up the whole area. All of a sudden, it went to the back of the church, then went across the road to that Dean Monument over there, where, just like you turn a light out, it vanished."

(One sighting reported by a Hopi Indian woman in the

Western U.S. in 1970 mentioned that a UFO looked like a moon, and that after performing some aerial feats, it "turned off its light like a light bulb."¹ Similar reports abound in the literature.)

The entire incident lasted only a few seconds, as the light had moved quickly from place to place.

He saw another light on a different occasion, this time while riding his motorcycle late one night. "I came up over the hill and there was a yellow light, small yellow light moving around a little bit. I thought, well, maybe it was a light from a window of a house down over the hill. But the more I watched it, the more it carried on."

He had a few minutes earlier passed his cousin and a girlfriend, so he doubled back and got them.

"They drove up, and she and I walked down toward the light. It appeared again and danced around and everything. The next day I was up on the hill...and I couldn't see the house, so I knew it wasn't a light from there."

Dixon admitted good-naturedly to having one night sped along the road past the church on his motorcycle while a girlfriend held an old, lighted lantern aloft on the end of a pitchfork when a pickup load of men were watching near the church. One other time, he and another motorist across from him saw each other's headlights. Later, "We got to laughing because we both thought we were seeing flying saucers," he said.

Perhaps the funniest incident he recalled was that of a man who one night decided to take a shortcut to his home by walking through the cemetery. Suddenly, something "grabbed a-hold of

him, and he took off running and yelling." The man fought the tenacious specter until he arrived home and discovered that it had been a length of prickly briar which had caught on his pants.

(Footnote: 1. *American Indian Myths and Mysteries*, Vincent H. Gaddis, 1992, Indian Head Books, New York)

A Trio Observes The Nethken Hill Lights

It was no ruse witnessed one night by a trio of men.

It was late on Sunday evening, October 8, 1967.

Reverend Harley DeLeurere, a circuit-riding Methodist minister who was two days away from his 27th birthday, answered the knock on his door, and greeted the town's mayor, Leonard P., and his 32-year-old son, Leonard Jr. (*Note:*

"It seemed like every time there was a new grave, within the next couple of nights, people would see lights up there."

the latter two mens' names have been changed.)

"Come with us," the older man said, "We're going to Nethken Hill."

Without hesitation, Harley agreed. He, like the two men of his church congregation he was accompanying to the hill, had heard the stories circulating around town about strange lights up on the hill. Everyone was curious.

Besides, there had been a funeral earlier in the day.²

And so, the trio proceeded to a

spot about a quarter-mile northwest of the Nethken Hill Methodist Church where Harley preached every other Sunday morning. From this vantage point, they had a commanding view of the church and cemeteries on their left, and of a narrow hollow which led a few hundred yards down to their right, where the Kalbaugh family residence was located.

For two hours they sat and talked...and waited.

Suddenly, they saw a flash of light in the sky.

Lightning?

No, the night was clear.

Headlights coming up over the hill?

No, there was no traffic this late at night.

Airplane lights?

No air traffic, either.

They discussed the possibilities, but couldn't come up with a reasonable answer.

Then —

"Look," one of them said, pointing toward the Kalbaugh house.

The three watched in awe as what Leonard Jr. later described as "something like a big turtle with lights on it appeared level with the top of the house" and then moved purposely up the hollow toward the church.

"It was like two headlights floating along," Harley said later, "that left an erratic trail, like you see in a time exposure photograph."

Soon, "It wasn't more than six feet off the ground," Leonard Jr. said, "and it had three or four recessed lights on it that shined toward the graveyard and down on

the ground, too.”

The two mens’ memories diverge at this point (Leonard, Sr. having died many years ago), though they nonetheless agree that the object flew over, first the Nethken Hill Methodist Church cemetery, then over the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

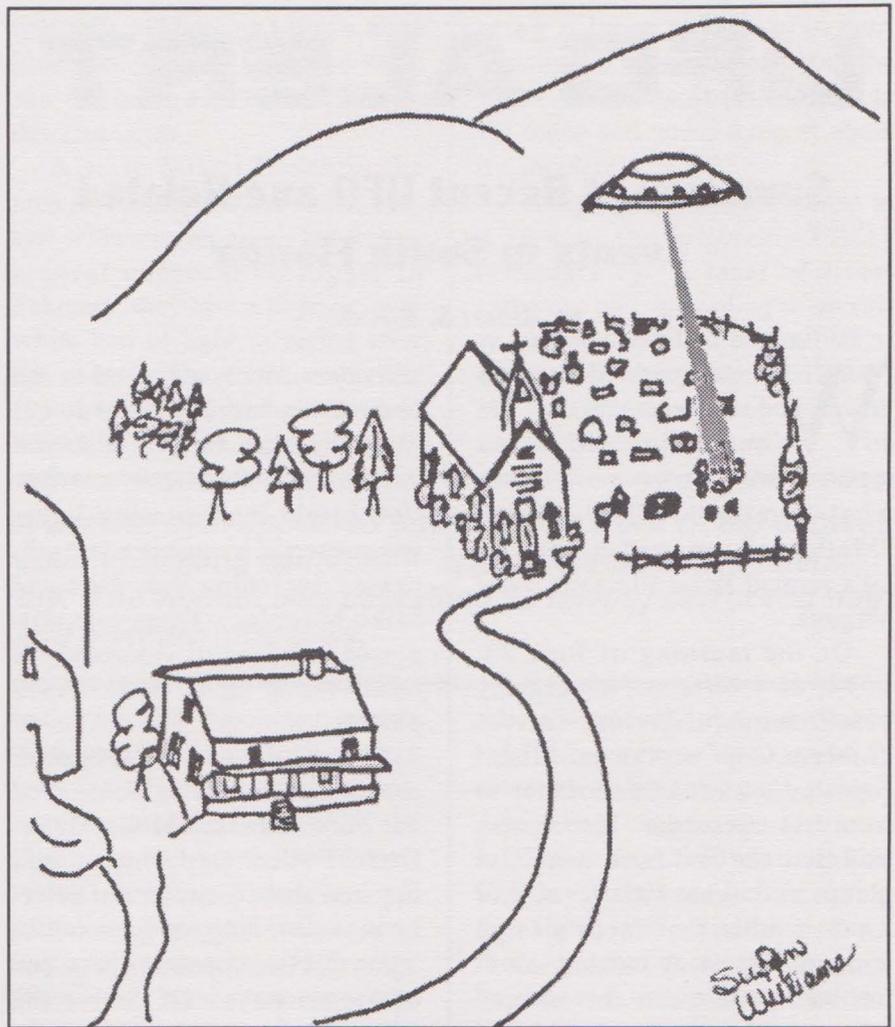
Leonard Jr. remembers the object momentarily hovering and shinning its lights down onto a freshly covered grave in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. Rev. DeLeurere does not recall that detail. Leonard Jr. said he recalled the minister suggesting later that the casket in the new grave should be exhumed and the body checked for signs of any disturbance. Rev. Harley does not recall that detail, though he said he may have made such a remark in passing.

Both say that when the lights disappeared, they, being younger than Leonard Sr., ran from their position for a closer look, but upon arriving at the cemeteries, there was nothing to be seen. “We thought sure we’d see something,” Leonard Jr. said, “but when we got there, there wasn’t anything.”

The lights, both men said, had simply disappeared.

But the most intriguing sighting remained to be the one on Nethken Hill, he said. “It seemed like every time there was a new grave, within the next couple of nights, people would see lights up there.”

(Footnote 2: Ms. Amy Sharpless, who was an undertaker at the time, confirmed that a funeral had taken place in the I.O.O.F. cemetery on October 8, 1967.)



Artist Susan Williams’ interpretation of the Nethken Hill sighting by Rev. Harley DeLeurere and two other Elk Garden men on October 8, 1967.

A Personal Take

The Elk Garden / Nethken Hill case, in my estimation, quickly cuts to the core of the UFO phenomenon.

Are we, like some suggest, targets for alien “soul snatchers?” Were the incidents witnessed on Nethken Hill the ultimate “abduction” experience, where departing souls were interrupted — or perhaps more benevolently facilitated — in their journey?

Or, were the sightings very special and limited “audience par-

ticipation” episodes, where a handful of people actually got to see the ascension of souls, or the angelic lights accompanying them?

Or, could these various lights merely have been curious visitors?

Or, could these entities have been messengers carrying a note to the eyewitnesses as a way of helping them to seek spiritual awareness / transformation?

Or, finally, this: People who report Out-of-Body (OBE) or Near-death Experiences (NDE) generally refer to a tunnel of light

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Summary of Recent UFO and Related Events in South Florida

by Albert S. Rosales

We start with what seems to have been an encounter with some type of unknown creature somewhat similar to the fabled "Mothman" reported in the late 60's around Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

On the morning of June 23, 1994, at 4:00 a.m., an elderly black woman living in the "Liberty City" section of Miami reported a strange encounter to local 911 operators. The woman said that she had been unable to sleep and was sitting at her kitchen table that faces a large window. She was looking out at her backyard when she noticed some movement from behind a large tree. Suddenly, a tall, dark, "winged" manlike figure emerged from behind the tree and glided toward the east side of the house. The witness attempted to obtain a closer look but by the time she got to the window the creature had vanished.

On July 4, 1994, several witnesses in Broward County, including Miguel Andrews, reported seeing a bright orange object maneuvering over the area at night.

Activity did not continue until October 1994 when witnesses reported a dark rectangular craft ejecting smaller objects near the Orange Bowl in Miami.

Interestingly, the focus of

activity suddenly switched to the area of the local nuclear power plant at Turkey Point. On several occasions in October/November '94, bright maneuvering lights were reported by independent witnesses, including Ron Ellis and Mike Mastaler. These two witnesses managed to videotape the maneuvering lights. Others took photos.

Toward the end of November, security personnel at Homestead Air Force Base called the Metro-Dade Police Department and inquired about the source of several maneuvering, bright white lights that had appeared above one of the runways. Of course the police had no idea what the lights were and were somewhat surprised that the Air Force had called them!

On the night of December 18, 1994, in an area of Kendall known by local residents as "Horse Country," Dan and Thais Austin

She was looking out at her backyard when she noticed some movement from behind a large tree. Suddenly, a tall, dark, "winged" manlike figure emerged from behind the tree and glided toward the east side of the house.

videotaped a maneuvering orange light that apparently was not an aircraft. The Hernandez family of Kendall saw a similar maneuvering orange light on what they believe was the same night.

Sometime during the middle of December 1994 in West Kendall, the young son of a female abductee remembered waking up at night and standing in his back yard looking at a large hovering triangular-shaped craft that appeared to be very close to the ground. Around the object stood several men wearing military uniforms. They were armed with what looked like automatic rifles. One of the men kept yelling at the witness: "Hurry up! Get away. There is radiation!" A woman then appeared and stood in front of the witness communicating with him — apparently by using telepathy. The woman was described as having carrot-red hair and piercing blue eyes. She wore what seemed to be a flowered nurse gown and held a human baby in each hand — a girl on the right and a boy on the left! Moments later he awoke in his room with no further recollection.

On New Years day, 1995, the Hernandez family of Kendall and others again saw an orange object passing twice over the area from west to east.

Back at Turkey Point, sometime during the early part of January, a technician working at one of the reactors was driving into the plant about 6:00 a.m. when he saw a huge silvery disc with a row of rotating multicolored lights around its edge hovering over the reactor area. He heard no noise and didn't see the object depart as he was quickly

driving into the plant area. He was the only known witness.

On January 13, 1995, Jason Balogh was driving on I-75 near Pembroke Pines when he saw a glowing green triangular-shaped craft descend from the clouds, hover for thirty seconds, and then ascend back into the clouds.

Three days later, on January 16, 1995, at 5:45 p.m. in West Miami near 67th avenue and 24th street, store owner Frank DeVarona and a customer saw a silver object with a darker center and a small red light turn end-over-end and then hover. It then sped away toward the east. The witnesses reported that "time seemed to stand still" as they rushed outside the store to view the object, as if somehow it waited for them, enabling them to see it clearly.

On the afternoon of January 22, 1995, a woman named Nancy was driving on I-75 near Davie when she spotted three metallic rotating objects descending over the highway. The objects crisscrossed in front of each other several times before re-grouping and shooting away at incredible speed.

On Saturday, January 25, 1995, at 9:35 p.m., Angelo Kyrilis and Susan Johnson reported seeing an orange object traveling west to east over the Dadeland Mall. It came directly toward the two observers, hovered, flashed, then rose, disappearing at high speed.

The skies of South Florida were particularly interesting in the early part of February. Sometime during the early part of the month, a man walking his dog at 4:00 a.m. near Government Cut in South Beach suddenly noticed a disturbance in the water about a

half mile offshore and saw a huge blue/green orb of light rise from the ocean, hover briefly, then descend again.

Also in Miami Beach in the area just south of 92nd street, several witnesses reported that during several consecutive nights in February, they saw a large orange-white ball of light hovering over the ocean. The water under the object seemed to be lighted while a smaller ball of light appeared

ating a large splash of water. Steam was seen coming from the water. Police units responded to the scene and wrote a report about the incident.

Things got a little stranger at 4:30 a.m. the following Friday (February 5). A team of divers came out and, according to security guards, identified themselves as National Security Agents displaying a five-pointed star badge with an American flag visible. The

A woman then appeared and stood in front of the witness communicating with him — apparently by using telepathy. The woman was described as having carrot-red hair and piercing blue eyes.

beside the first, descended, made a 90 degree turn, and finally joined with the larger sphere. One witness reported that on one of the nights she had a peculiar "dream-vision" of being visited by a tall amphibian humanoid with webbed feet and hands who told her that "they" were conducting some type of unspecified research under the waters.

A spectacular meteor shower was visible the nights of February 3-4 as dozens of citizens from Key Largo to Central Florida reported fiery lights streaking down from the sky. Local astronomers confirmed that some of the meteors were uncharacteristically bright. At about 8:49 p.m., on the night of February 4, several residents, including security guards, watched a large, twenty-foot fiery-red ball of fire descend from the heavens trailing a plume of fire and smoke. The ball of fire barely missed the Naranja Lakes condominium building "B" before plunging into a small lake by the parking lot cre-

divers threatened the guards and told them not to call anybody since "they did not want a panic." After about an hour the four men left in a dark blue unmarked Chevy van, but not before stating that there was something down there, but not to worry about it. Further research into the incident by local citizens has discovered a possible impact site under the water. Another, as yet to be identified witness, reportedly took an underwater video of the "meteor." It supposedly shows a large oval-shaped rock. Retrieval efforts are currently underway.

Meanwhile, UFO reports continued unabated. In early February, a man driving his car near Cooper City watched a glowing ball with an orange-yellow beam of light stop in midair.

On February 6, 1995, again in Broward County, a doctor and another man driving on State Road 60 encountered a silvery-gray triangular-shaped object the size of a small house that hovered off the

rear bumper of their car. This object had rounded ends with lights at each end and a large light in the middle. As it moved away, it emitted small red discs from each side.

On February 7, 1995, at 9:30 a.m., staff members and volunteers at Fairchild Tropical Gardens saw a unique formation of clouds. They saw a strip of blue sky directly overhead and on either side was a pattern of clouds described as looking "like a zipper."

On Wednesday, February 8, 1995, at 5:30 a.m., a woman walking her dog in the area of 195th Street and S.W. 99 avenue in South Dade reported seeing a silent arrangement of bright lights that moved straight up from her position disappearing into cloud cover. The lights consisted of a large oval, white in the center, with a green circle on the right and a red circle on the left.

Things slowed some until the afternoon of February 24, 1995,

when in the South Miami area three witnesses were in the backyard looking up at a passing airplane when they noticed a silvery disc-shaped object suddenly appear out of nowhere. The object appeared to "roll" on its edge then straightened out revealing a slight dome on top. It then shot away at incredible speed or "blinked" out.

The next day a man in Fort Lauderdale spotted a silvery disc with a bright red center that maneuvered briefly overhead before shooting away. After the incident the witness was overcome with emotion and cried for some time.

Recent months have provided a definitive mix of interesting events here in South Florida, where things are not always what they appear to be. Like agent Mulder would say, "The truth is out there." Keep your eyes in the skies.



Director for MUFON at a leisurely pace. After a few months had passed, I was asked to be interviewed by two local newspapers after they had seen my television ad. I also had a 24-hour UFO Report Line. This had very positive results as the two papers decided to make it front page material. Then the sleepy pace came to an abrupt halt.

In late November 1994, I received several calls regarding sightings. There were three eyewitnesses in three different locations at approximately five a.m. on a date in late October. The first witness was retired from the United States Air Force and had a very credible reputation in the area. His description of the object was that of a huge orb that hovered between the hills of Culdesac, Idaho. He was approximately 1.5 miles from the hills and was driving on the highway when he saw the UFO. When drawing a picture of the object, he estimated it to be greater than three times the size of a large house. It had a red-orange glow and appeared to have a textured surface. The sighting lasted approximately two minutes in which the object did not appear to move. The witness did not stop his vehicle but continued to drive on to his destination. He knew about the UFO Report Line but was hesitant to use it for fear of ridicule. It was only after he discovered that I ran the hotline, and was his neighbor, that he decided to tell of his encounter.

The second witness was a nurse who was driving to work for her morning shift at approximately five a.m. on the same day. This witness lives in Culdesac, Idaho.

North Idaho Surprise Package

by Li F. Wong



In December of 1993 I decided to transfer back to North Idaho after working on the Oregon Coast for four years. I was looking to return to the peaceful, time forgotten, country life I had been so fond of and missed very much.

I settled in a remote village, with a population of 230, in the middle of the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. I began my public relations work for my position as investigator and State Section

She reported that while she was driving to work she saw a strange, blue, sparkle-like orb in the rear view mirror. She pulled over to the side of the road and stopped to get a better look. The woman said that the orb was larger than a house and appeared to be descending toward Culdesac. She was approximately three miles

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from the town and lost sight of the object as it descended into the hills in the Culdesac area. The witness did not report this encounter until she came across one of my posted flyers in Culdesac asking for additional witnesses to the sighting. She then called and reported the sighting to the hotline. This particular woman had a credible reputation.

The third witness was a housewife that was on her way to the Spokane Airport at approximately five a.m. the same day. This witness was approximately twelve miles north of Lewiston on Highway 95 when she observed a large orb in her rear view mirror. She pulled her vehicle over to the side of the road to view the object. The housewife reported that it was a very large blue orb that descended. She estimated that the size of the UFO was approximately three times the size of the moon, and was approximately 20 miles south of Lewiston, Idaho. The location of Culdesac is approximately 16 miles south of Lewiston.

During my follow-up investi-

gation I acquired a computer printout from the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Department on the more unusual calls during the week of the sightings. There was a report of cattle mutilations in Winchester on the same date as the orb sighting.

I interviewed the owner of the cattle and one other witness. They estimated that the incident had occurred within a few days and involved two cows and one calf. The eyes, cheeks, utters and genitalia were removed with surgical precision. One cow had a near full term fetus removed.

Unfortunately there was too much of a time lapse and snow for any beneficial examination of the cattle. The sheriff's report was inconclusive due to insufficient information. I interviewed Animal Predator Control that week. They did not believe that this was an attack by predator animals and did not speculate any further.

Since this incident I have started to receive eyewitness reports of UFOs that go back forty years in this area. Several reports have been over the Clearwater River and Dworshak Dam. Some of these sightings involve as many as six low flying objects seen at once. The descriptions of shapes, sizes and color vary.

Recently I obtained a report stating that Idaho has had more than 1,700 animal mutilations since 1972. There is a great deal of work to be done about updating Northern Idaho's UFO sightings and cattle mutilations.

There is a growing public awareness for the need of investigation and research of UFOs, cattle mutilations and a host of other worldwide unexplained events. Hopefully, there will be a day of cooperation between world governments and their citizens to become better informed and educated about these mysteries.

UFO Year In Review: 1994

by The Fund For UFO Research

The 47th year of the modern UFO era was marked by the first official UFO-related report from the U.S. Government in 25 years, and by the continuation of almost 50 years of sightings. The level of scientific interest and activity continues to rise.

Sightings

The majority of current reports of alleged UFOs describe odd lights in the night sky, which

are exceedingly difficult to investigate because they contain so little information. But an increasing number of reports in 1994 were of distinct objects, rather than just lights. Many of these objects were said to be triangular in shape and able to fly silently at unusually low speed (under 50 mph) and then quickly accelerate to very high speed.

In March, there was a rash of reports from southwestern Michigan, triggered by the track-

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Round In Circles

Reviewed by
W. Ritchie Benedict

Written by Jim Schnabel
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When this book originally appeared in hardcover, it was greeted with absolute fury in some quarters. Believers in crop circles and their possible extraterrestrial origin felt the author was in league with the devil – or at the least, with the debunkers. However, no phenomenon is worth examining unless the researcher is prepared to look into all possibilities. Charles Fort himself admitted as much in his pioneering books on the supernatural. The caveat, of course, is that any criticism must be *fair* criticism, not the blanket condemnations issued by the witch-burning scientists of CSICOP who want to bury unorthodox events just because they do not agree with their limited views of the universe.

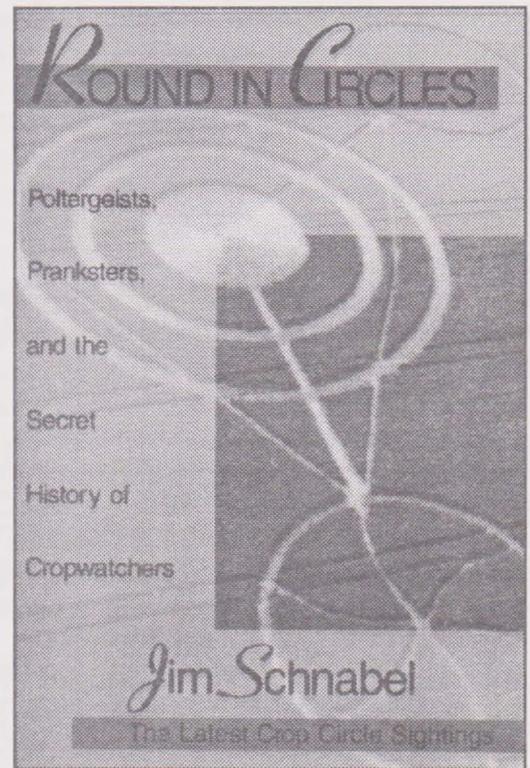
It soon becomes apparent that the author of this book is trying, like the rest of us, to understand the true nature of the crop circle phenomenon, which has been buried under hoaxes, overdeveloped egos, half-baked theorizing and all-out eccentricity (a seemingly permanent feature of the British psyche). Schnabel strongly takes issue with Andrews and Delgado who published the first widely publicized book on the formations, *Circular Evidence*. One photograph in particular is one I wondered about myself – why on

earth did they ever accept it as having any validity whatsoever? Near a field containing three circles at Cheesefoot Head, a message was spelled out “WEARE-NOTALONE” with the letter “N” being in reverse. Just what one would expect from human pranksters in a hurry to complete the job. Yet Delgado seems to have at least partially accepted this as having ultra-mundane implications. He was quoted as saying, “I am undecided about this creation. At first sight, it was an obvious hoax, but prolonged study makes me wonder.”

University professor Terence Meaden genuinely believes the circles are the result of some sort of electrical plasma vortex that naturally brought him into conflict with those who favor an outer space origin. Respected UFO expert Jenny Randles agreed with him when she contacted Meaden back in the summer of 1980. In 1986, Paul Fuller and Randles argued in their booklet, *Mystery of the Circles*, that there was no real justification for the flying saucer idea, with regard to crop circles. Their arguments were drowned out by the media hype over the *Circular Evidence* book. Soon, everyone was at one another’s throats, each with a point of view to defend, and any reasoned study of events became difficult. Law-

suits began to fly when Fuller wrote a letter accusing Andrews and Delgado of being publicity hounds and lying to the press about their credentials. Fuller was forced to backtrack and write six letters of apology to all concerned though he refused to pay any fees. To be sure, Colin Andrews was sincere in his opinions, though he may have tended to go a bit overboard in his enthusiasm and self-promotion. He was also suffering physical symptoms that he thought might have to do with the energies that were at work. All the while, the crop formations that had started as simple circles, were becoming ever more complex in design and detail, a development that seemingly ruled out the Meaden hypothesis.

Crop circle researchers were dealt two severe body blows; the first coming when a Ouija board was left in the center of a circle



during a night long watch. The second was the infamous "Doug and Dave" confession when two local yokels claimed to have hoaxed all of the crop circles by means of a rope and a length of timber. Some people suspect the pair might have been paid handsomely to make this statement by government authorities who wished to have the heat taken off the UFO aspect. It was impossible not to feel sorry for Andrews who had staked his reputation on getting photographs of something weird that was creating the circles. The Meadenites had now gained the upper hand. For the press, the story was over – case closed. Or was it?

It has been said that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. Schnabel has written a fair book. He doesn't say that anything unusual is going on. What he does expose, often with tongue-in-cheek humor, is the circus that accompanies the disclosure of the bizarre. I feel that he leans toward the natural explanation too much, as these circles and patterns continue to appear (and in countries other than Britain). Schnabel admits to having tried his hand at hoaxing circles and feels it is not too difficult to do. Personally, I remain unconvinced that this book is the final answer, but it does illustrate the perils of total commitment to any given theory. Even Charles Fort himself admitted he did not take some of his own ideas completely seriously. It will be unfortunate if this thought provoking and comprehensive book is seized upon by total skeptics as supporting their viewpoint. That was not the intention.

Daimonic Reality

Reviewed by
Michael Norris

Written by Patrick Harpur
Published by Penguin Group
ISBN 0-670-85569-3

Recently we received a review copy of Patrick Harpur's new book, *Daimonic Reality*. What are Daimones? Harpur writes: "I am therefore proposing, for the sake of convenience, to call all apparitional figures, including fairies and aliens, by the general name of daimones."

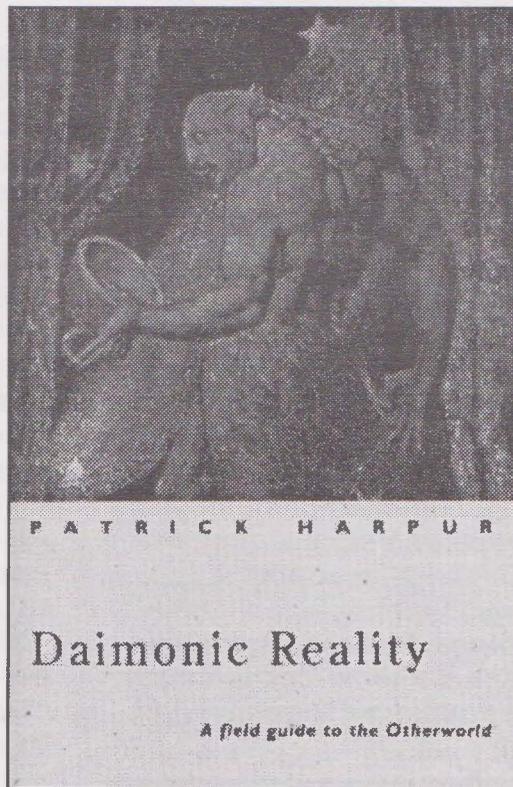
This book may be best described as a tour through *fortean*a. Harpur covers a host of subjects; UFOs, aliens, abductions, missing time, dreams, the soul, angels, demons, fairies and mysterious beasts to name a few. Harpur offers a world view where supernatural events are taken for granted. He also traces the traditions, myths and folklore behind this world view.

However, if you are looking for definitive answers to these subjects, don't expect to find them here. Rather, Harpur guides the reader through these mysterious phenomena, offering a unique perspective on them.

It is apparent in *Daimonic Reality* that Harpur dislikes narrow viewpoints, especially in our modern day society. But, he also expresses disagreement with some of those who exist on the opposite side of

the fence. He devotes several pages to Budd Hopkins and his work. Harpur states, "... I do not find Budd Hopkins's interpretation of such cases as Kathie's wholly convincing. He is committed to the idea that she and others like her are being abducted and interfered with by extraterrestrials. This cannot help but be reflected in his kindly, sincere but often misplaced readings of their experiences." However, I found Harpur's viewpoints on these events difficult to follow.

Overall, *Daimonic Reality* is an interesting work, covering a host of subjects that have captured humanity's wonder for centuries.



Online "Institute" Studies Contact with Other Intelligent Life

by ISCNI

Among many new arrivals in the burgeoning world of cyberspace, few are more ambitious or unusual than ISCNI, the Institute for the Study of Contact with Non-human Intelligence.

"We wanted to achieve three improbable things at once," says ISCNI president and cofounder Michael Lindemann. "First, we wanted to bring greater credibility to research concerning UFOs, aliens, angelic encounters — the whole range of claimed phenomena we term 'contact with non-human intelligence,' or CNI. Second, we wanted to launch a research and teaching facility, a 'virtual institute' devoted to studying these phenomena, in cyberspace. Third, we wanted this online institute to attract enough paying members to compensate the administrative and teaching staff, and to turn a profit that could be used for more extensive research and public education efforts.

"The amazing thing," Lindemann continues, "is that we

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appear to be succeeding."

ISCNI became publicly visible on the America Online (AOL) computer network on December 5, 1994, under the auspices of a pre-existing organization called the Electronic University Network (EUN), housed within AOL's education department.

"When we first approached AOL about a place for ISCNI, we were politely turned down," Lindemann says. "Then my associate Ron Anastasia started exploring some of AOL's various departments and found EUN. It was Ron's idea to approach EUN directly to see if ISCNI might fit in. We were delighted when they agreed right away to bring us in." Anastasia is now ISCNI's Executive Vice President.

EUN is probably the perfect place for ISCNI to establish a credible presence in cyberspace. EUN president and co-founder Dr. Steve Eskow is one of America's top experts in "distance learning," or using computer interactivity for direct classroom style teaching. A number of major colleges, universities and other teaching institutions now offer accredited academic programs through EUN.

Interestingly, Dr. Eskow is skeptical about UFOs. A man of diverse talents, he is an accomplished stage magician who has worked with James "the Amazing" Randi. Randi, a founding member of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of

Claims of the Paranormal (CSI-COP), is one of America's most outspoken skeptics, famous for demonstrating through stage magic that almost all claimed paranormal occurrences can be convincingly faked. Despite this, however, Dr. Eskow has expressed admiration for the way ISCNI is developing and has offered his unqualified support.

The idea for ISCNI began in late 1993, when computer networking specialists Ron Anastasia and Ursula Gerard approached Michael Lindemann, a well-

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known lecturer on UFO research, with a proposal for an online educational forum on UFOs and human-alien contact. By March 1994, Lindemann, Anastasia and Gerard agreed to form a company. But they wanted to address more than UFOs. They soon hit on "contact with non-human intelligence" as their intended focus, and "CNI" replaced "UFO" as the identifying acronym.

"We still see a need to focus major attention on UFOs and claims of alien contact," Lindemann explains. "For one thing, these subjects are just beginning to get fair treatment in the press and media, and have captured the public imagination. Also, there really is a lot of solid evidence for authentic anomalous phenomena here, evidence that merits scientific and academic attention. Imagine the impact on society if anyone can prove that

even one UFO is a technological device of non-human origin, or if even one instance of claimed alien abduction is literally true. It would turn our understanding of reality upside down.”

Several nationally-known researchers are already teaching classes at ISCNI, including Emmy-winning documentary filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe, abduction researcher/author Karla Turner, Ph.D., and hypnotherapist John Carpenter.

UFOs and aliens aren't the sole focus at ISCNI, however. “Human beings have reported many kinds of contact with many kinds of other intelligence,” Lindemann says. “Our subject is the whole spectrum of non-human intelligent life, which might include, for example, dolphins, angels and extraterrestrials, and perhaps even artificial intelligence.”

“We take no dogmatic stand on whether any of these possibilities are true or not. Recent opinion polls show that over 60% of adult Americans believe in the literal existence of angels, including lots of people who aren't particularly religious, and that's an important social phenomenon even if angels themselves remain an unresolved mystery,” Lindemann says. “Many

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human lives are profoundly altered by experiences that seem to involve these extraordinary other beings — sometimes an angel, sometimes an ‘alien.’ It makes no sense to insist that such things can't happen. That isn't science.

“At ISCNI,” Lindemann says, “we want the evidence to speak for itself. It seems beyond dispute that something real is involved in these encounters, but their true nature may yet surprise everybody!”

As of March 10, about 110 people had paid for membership in ISCNI, and ten or more new members are signing up each week. Ron Anastasia thinks the growth rate could soon rise dramatically.

“We've actually held back on most of our marketing so far,” he says. “We wanted to make sure all our programs and systems were up and running first. Now we know that ISCNI really works. The people who've already signed up love it. The word is spreading fast.”

Ursula Gerard, ISCNI's Vice President for Administration and Communications, agrees that rapid growth is just around the corner. “America Online itself is now growing at over 100,000 new members a month,” she notes. “We're already preparing for quick expansion of our staff to make sure we can handle any sudden bursts of membership growth at ISCNI.”

Upcoming Events

May 7: 2nd Annual Central Illinois UFO Rendezvous – 4-H Shelter in Mineral Springs Park, Court Street, Pekin, Illinois. Call (309) 347-8602.

May 19-21: Tampa UFO & Metaphysical Convention – Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Sabal Park, Tampa, Florida. Call (904) 432-8888.

June 22-24: 16th Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation – University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Call (307) 766-2124.

July 7-9: MUFON 1995 International UFO Symposium – Red Lion Hotel Seatac, Seattle, Washington. Call (210) 379-9216.

Aug 5: Greenville S.C. “First Annual” UFO & Abductee Research Conference – Roper Mountain Science Center, Greenville, SC. Call (803) 675-9328.

Aug 12-20: National UFO Awareness Week.

Aug 19-20: BUFORA 8th International UFO Congress – University of Hallam, Pennine Theater, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England. Write to: Congress 95, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, England WF17 7SW.

Sep 9-10: 1995 NH MUFON Conference – Yoken's Convention Center, Portsmouth, NH. Call (603) 436-9283.

Oct 7-8: The UFO Experience – Holiday Inn, North Haven, CT. Write: Omega Communications, 60 Pound Ridge Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410-5051.

Oct 14-15: 32nd Annual National UFO Conference – Castlegate Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Call (404) 621-5734.

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UFO News From Russia

by Russian Correspondent Paul Stonehill

UFO ENCOUNTERS published my article "Stalin and UFOs" in September 1993 (see *UFO ENCOUNTERS*, VOL. 1 No. 9). About a year ago I found out that an American debunker tried to denigrate Professor Burdakov. Because the debunker questioned Professor Burdakov's credentials in a private letter (a copy of it was sent to my attention by the addressee), I cannot reveal the debunker's identity. The letter is kept in the files of the Russian UFOlogy Research Center should anyone inquire.

I wrote to Professor Burdakov and asked him for additional details about the meeting between Soviet dictator Stalin and Soviet scientist and designer of rocket space technological systems Sergey Pavlovich Korolyov. Korolyov was Russia's top space scientist. I do not wish to rehash my old article here. Those who are interested should contact *UFO ENCOUNTERS*.

I received a reply from Professor Burdakov in June 1994. Because the Center was badly damaged by the January 1994 earthquake, I could not write this article until now. Perhaps it is better that I can do it now. I have received additional information about the Roswell documents in Russia. It all ties in, but where it leads, no one knows. . . .

The following is an excerpt from Professor Burdakov's letter:

" . . . I know of the meetings between Korolyov and Stalin

(there were at least three that I know of) from the accounts of people whom I very much trust. Naturally, the meeting that concerned UFOs was one of the least significant. It was Pavel Vladimirovich Tsibin himself who told me about the meetings between Stalin, Korolyov and Tsibin. After that meeting, Tsibin became one of S.P. Korolyov's deputies. In short, (the debunker) either uses conjectures, or gets information from Russian "correspondents," among whom there appear to be quite many "experts" on Korolyov, Stalin and our other rocket and space scientists. I had personally not just met with Korolyov, Glushko and others, but actually worked with them. I was

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among their closest associates and allies, and therefore I know much of what is still unknown not only in the U.S.A., but even in Russia."

Not long ago I received a letter from Dr. Haines. He is a well-known American ufologist, author and lecturer. On Dr. Haines' behest, Pavel Romanovich Popovich, head of the All-Russian Ufological Association and former cosmonaut, had contacted two Russian agencies regarding the Roswell documents. Dr. Haines

wanted to find out what the Soviet-era archives contained on the subject of the Roswell Crash. The replies that Popovich received were unusually quick by Russian standards.

Popovich's letter to the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation was dated June 8, 1993. The letter was given reference number 1086.

The reply from the Ministry was dated September 17, 1993. The reply's reference number is 328/2001. Here is what it said:

Dear Pavel Romanovich,

Your letter, addressed to the archives of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, has been examined in the General Staff. Officials of the Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense had conducted search of the materials that are of interest to you. As the result of the conducted research work it has been established that the documents in the archives do not contain the materials regarding the issue that is of interest to you.

Yu. Semin, Temporary Head of the Center

I have translated the document just as it was written in Russian, so that the flavor of the document was not lost. It is important for historians of the Roswell crash and cover-up. So far we have found out that Popovich's letter had been "examined" in the General Staff.

The second reply came from the Ministry of Security of the Russian Federation. The reply was dated September 14, 1993.

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A Worldwide Campaign

by *Operation Right To Know*

During the first week of July 1995, a campaign will begin that presents opportunities for people everywhere to voice their desires for: a more serious Public examination of UFO events; and the exposure of officially suppressed UFO Information.

Why have some members of Operation Right To Know proposed the initiation of such a worldwide grassroots campaign? Journalists will never significantly examine the unfolding manifestation of UFO events, the government's covert responses to study and deal with those events, and the extraordinary reality and nature of UFO events until a significant portion of the public displays their sentiments regarding these issues.

And the men and women serving in the United States Senate and House of Representatives will never publicly question, or seek answers regarding, covert executive branch policy and actions related to UFO events until a significant portion of the public shows their sentiments regarding these issues.

Also, the policy makers within the U.S. government who are responsible for UFO-related issues (hopefully under the clear direction of the President and the National Security Council), will probably never perceive any positive signs of societal readiness to news of extraterrestrial (and/or interdimensional) visitors, without first seeing clear signs of a public interest — and demand — for

classified information regarding UFO events over the last several decades.

The issues arising from manifesting UFO events represent one of the most significant and important matters of our time. The subject of UFOs cannot be fairly or accurately characterized as a special interest or fringe affair. Indeed, any balanced student of the UFO mystery will soon dis-

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The gestures urging exposure of UFO secrets, as visualized and encouraged by members of ORTK, require only simple actions effortlessly (almost) executed from one's home.

These actions are:

- (1) signing a petition addressed to the United Nations requesting that the UN "address issues manifesting from five decades of reported and documented UFO events . . .";
- (2) Displaying blue ribbons around one's home (outside) in a call for the disclosure of all officially maintained "UFO secrets";
- (3) Wearing a lapel pin (and/or armband) that asserts "It's Time For The TRUTH!"

Volunteers in the effort of distributing the UN petitions and promoting blue ribbon displays will be needed in all areas. We also need translators for the UN petition. Currently, we have English, Spanish and Japanese versions of the petition.

Profits from the sale of lapel pins and armbands will essentially go to an advertising campaign. No money will go to any person for any type of personal benefit. Sales orders will be payable to "Operation Right To Know." Funds received from these sources will be earmarked for the advertising and publicizing of this campaign.

We need help in identifying possible advertising outlets (appropriate for our purposes) and with designing camera-ready display ads (of different sizes). Any help in designing and distributing flyers that publicize this effort would be deeply appreciated.

The United Nations celebrates its fifty-year anniversary during the last week of June 1997 in San Francisco, California (first home of the United Nations). The President of the U.S. will address delegates of the U.N., made up of 185-nation members, at the end of June 1995.

Our campaign's start will coincide with the beginning of the next fifty-year stretch of U.N. history. Everyone (willing and able) is encouraged to stage some type of public event in their home community that serves to announce the beginning of this campaign.

For more information, contact Mike Jamieson, 554 Randolph ST #2, Napa, CA 94559, or Brenda Lancaster on Prodigy (HJDX25A).

The Midway Sightings

by Katharina Wilson

Sometimes receiving even a little validation of a UFO or abduction event can be unsettling and somewhat unnerving. That is what happened to me recently at a UFO conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

I had the good fortune to land a book table next to Jose and Karen Escamilla, who are from Midway, New Mexico. Since most of you have never heard of Midway, and I couldn't even find it in my Rand McNally map book (not even in the index!), it is nine miles from Roswell, New Mexico. It is in an area of the country that has become synonymous with the word "UFO."

Since I went public with my abduction experiences by publishing *The Alien Jigsaw* in March 1994, I have been invited to present my information at different UFO conferences around the country. That is how I ended up in Phoenix, Arizona, praying that I wouldn't have to share table space with someone doing aura photography (flash! flash! flash!) or someone burning incense and playing new age music nonstop for three days.

When I met Jose and Karen Escamilla I sighed with relief. They are a young, energetic couple who are obviously deeply in love with one another. When you meet them, it is immediately apparent that they have deep convictions about their role in the UFO phenomenon. The night before the conference began Jose and Karen were scrambling to

complete their video titled *The Midway Sightings*. They traveled with their two lovely children by car from Midway to Phoenix and arrived at the UFO conference with enthusiasm to spare.

Karen and Jose's two children (a boy and a girl) were so well behaved that I hardly noticed they were there. They spent much of their time homing in on their artistic abilities. When I looked at a couple of drawings their little girl drew, I was amazed. "Oh, I know what this is," I said to her. "This is a space ship (classic saucer shape) out in space, and there's the planet Earth way off in the dis-

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stance." As she nodded in agreement I continued, "And, is this you and your brother inside?" Again she nodded in agreement, but this time with a smile.

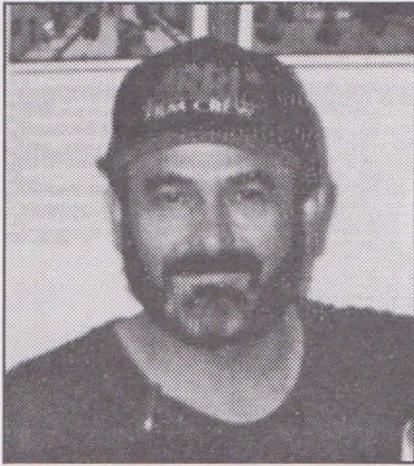
Because I am well acquainted with other abductees who have children, I reminded myself, "How nice it is to know there is finally a generation that will be able to deal with this phenomenon without the fear, paranoia and ridicule that we have grown up with."

As I watched *The Midway Sightings* video, I experienced an

uncanny feeling. There on the screen were crafts that appeared to be what I described in *The Alien Jigsaw* as "cigar-shaped crafts." Jose and Karen call them "rods." In any event, I described being inside a craft such as this on June 17, 1992: "I'm flying in some kind of craft again. I don't see any wings. It's not a plane. I think it's one of those cigar-shaped crafts again — the same one I saw at the military base near the water — the same one Erik was in when I had to watch from the water . . . I'm afraid we're going to crash! We're flying sideways and upside down. I'm scared to death. I hate this! I hate it when they do this! Why would they fly like this?"

This particular cigar-shaped craft is between sixty and seventy feet long and twelve to fifteen feet wide. I have seen these crafts from the inside and from the outside. They are constructed out of what appears to be large metal panels that show no evidence of being held together by rivets or screws. When they are parked, they hover about two feet above the ground. I have seen mostly charcoal-colored crafts, but a couple of times I remember seeing silver cigar-shaped crafts as well. Here is a description from another abduction encounter that I documented in *The Alien Jigsaw*:

"There are a lot of military personnel and others around me . . . This is some type of military base . . . but I'm not sure if this is our military. I know my way around and I'm walking rather rapidly through this place. A lot of us are getting into these large cigar-shaped crafts . . . Everything here has a purpose. Something very important is happening here."



Jose Escamilla

Okay, so that was just an abduction, another self-report. But, I can tell you this: what I described in my experiences, you can watch on your TV screen, thanks to Jose Escamilla. There they are, moving across the screen at blinding speeds, making turns that would rip a conventional aircraft to pieces.

A polite man who is also a pilot for a major airline stopped by my book table just after a group of us watched *The Midway Sightings* video. He stated that he believed approximately 80% of the crafts people were seeing belonged to us. He said the cigar-shaped crafts belonged to our military and were designed using alien technology.

While this information hit Jose pretty hard, I found myself considering this possibility. However, as much as I tried, I could not deny the Type Three Greys I have seen who are associated with these crafts. They wear medium gray body suits, stand about 5.5 to 6 feet tall, have huge black upswept eyes and large orbital bones, which create a bony ridge around their eyes. They call themselves navigators, but we would call

them pilots.

I decided a long time ago that if I was ever going to make it through going public with my information, I was going to have to “agree to disagree” at times, and this appeared to be one of those times.

An important question I have concerning this theory is, if these are ours, why does it take seven hours to fly from Portland, Oregon to Atlanta, Georgia? And why do I have to breathe bad air and put up with lousy service?

Okay. I will admit that I have an “attitude” when it comes to flying. What do you expect? I’m an abductee who feels as though every time she goes “up” she may never come back!

Even though I’ve watched the video many times (and I went through the entire video frame by frame one night), there is still a small part of me, deep inside, that has difficulty believing these things are real. The way they move is so *unreal* — they couldn’t possibly be real! So, I can understand why some people cannot believe they are real. It seems the better and clearer the photography, the more difficult it is for people to believe what they are seeing. Remember the nonsense concerning Ed Walter’s photographs: “The photographs are just too clear to be real.” (?) This statement says a lot more about belief systems than the UFO phenomenon.

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Although I am fascinated with the cigar-shaped crafts in *The Midway Sightings* video, there are many other types of crafts represented as well. Imagine looking up and seeing a long white contrail. Your first thought is, “Oh that’s a jet.” However, on closer examination it isn’t a jet at all. It is a large *sphere* moving across the sky. This video is not about lights in a night sky, but rather daytime video recordings of what appear to be (at the very least) unconventional aircraft.

I’m not a video or photographic expert, but perhaps someone could explain this: I’m moving along frame by frame through my copy of *The Midway Sightings*, and-what’s this? No, that’s impossible! So, I rewind it . . . there it is again. That’s still impossible. It looks to me as though I’m seeing a helicopter that *transforms* into a round silver craft! I immediately think about my friend who lives in Roseburg, Oregon. She is an abductee who has seen “helicopters” that are missing important aerodynamic parts such as blades and tail rotors. And I am an abductee who is beginning to suspect that what many of us are seeing (and remembering) are not black helicopters at all, but rather, dare I say it — alien crafts? Don’t get me wrong, black helicopters are very real, they just don’t fly around without rotor blades.

I have seen two types of crafts that I believe may in fact belong to our government, and I use the term “government” loosely: a heel-shaped or boomerang-shaped craft and a black orb-shaped craft. I saw the heel-shaped craft flying over my backyard on two consecutive nights, and the orb-shaped

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Researching Alien Abductions

Part II

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Confabulation, Lies and Misdirection

Can an individual lie under hypnosis? Do some individuals wish to please the hypnoterapist by telling him/her what the individual thinks the hypnoterapist wants to hear? The answer is "yes." Confabulation is the filling of memory gaps with imagined or distorted information (Reiser 232). Can a hypnoterapist tell when this is occurring? Most of the time. Abduction research being more "interview" oriented rather than "interrogation" oriented, provides more opportunity for lies or confabulation to occur. Hypnotic testimony doesn't automatically relate the truth any more than cognitive testimony. Hypnotic testimony, however, does provide one good avenue for obtaining information that is often unavailable by any other means. The researcher must look at the overall picture along with any corroborative evidence.

So what are some things that the hypnoterapist can do to help determine hypnotic testimonial veracity? One technique is to have the experiencer recall the events in a different order. Explain to the experiencer that it is natural for one to go through an incident from beginning to end; however, you would like him or her to start at the end and then go back to the beginning. Lies are created and are in a logical order. Having the experiencer start at

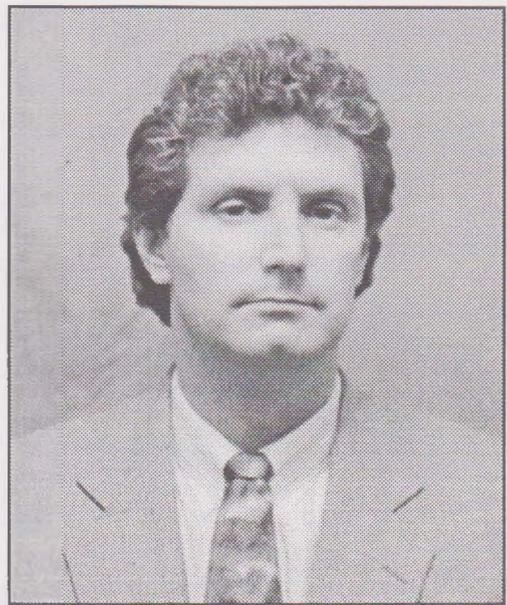
various stages and working backwards confuses this order (Culver 17). This technique will also enhance memory recall.

Leading Questions

The hypnoterapist may occasionally attempt to lead or misdirect the experiencer to see if he/she is hypersuggestible or desirous to please the hypnoterapist. There are many techniques for attempting to lead an individual during hypnosis. Some of these techniques use quick leads, assumptions, logic, biased opinions and missing options (Georgia Public Safety Training Center 212).

A quick lead uses statements that are very quick or abrupt that the therapist assumes the experiencer will relate next (212). For example, the experiencer might say, "I'm standing under the spaceship and there is a light coming down. It is all around me." The therapist might say, "The light is a bright red color right?" Then

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the experiencer says, "No. The light is yellowish white in color."

One assumption technique uses a double bind. That is, the first half of the question forms a false assumption that leads to several other false assumptions (212). Should the individual not go for the first assumption, you might get him or her on another. For example, the therapist asks, "When the alien opens his mouth to speak, do you hear a low pitched voice or a high-pitched voice?" The experiencer says, "He doesn't open his mouth to speak. He communicates with me mentally."

When using logical leads, it is assumed that a logical or rational response will be related by the experiencer upon being questioned about a given situation (212). For example, the experiencer might relate, "When I looked up at the spaceship, a light came down and engulfed me. I was scared to death." The therapist might say, "So you ran away?" The experiencer says, "No. I couldn't run. I

was paralyzed. I couldn't move."

The therapist may offer a biased or strong opinion to a statement made by the experiencer to see if he/she will attempt to please the therapist with the appropriate response (213). The experiencer says, "I'm lying on a table and this being keeps sticking me with this probe-like thing." The therapist responds, "I would just go ahead and punch him in the face. I bet that is what you did?" The experiencer says, "No, I can't move."

When using the missing option technique several options are provided, but never the correct option (213). For the experiencer to answer the question, he/she must provide the missing option. The therapist says, "When you looked at the being's head, did you notice the being having big pointed ears, big round ears, or human-like ears?" The experiencer says, "He didn't really have ears like that . . . he seemed to have only small holes for ears."

The above techniques are but a few of the many methods that may be used in attempting to lead or redirect an individual. My personal experience is that I haven't been able to lead or redirect any experiencer that I've worked with. Also, I haven't found any "abductee want-to-be's" contrary to some skeptics' opinions. This is a group of which no one really wants to be a member.

Body Language

Abduction research involves considerable closeness and psychological intimacy. Physical closeness may be an issue, especially where emotional or psychological trauma is involved. The

typical American has a two-foot bubble (about arms length) of privacy around him/her (Reiser 84). A reassuring pat on the shoulder might be appropriate for one individual but not for another. Dr. Kappas found in his research concerning brain dominance and behavior that left-brain dominant people tend to guard their space more than right-brain dominant people (Kappas 18). Crossed arms, clenched fists, restlessness and exaggerated movements all provide clues to the experiencer's emotional state. Paying attention to these clues will provide much information and increase hypnotherapist/experiencer rapport.

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Abduction Trauma

For most individuals an abduction encounter is very traumatic. The core experiences of psychological trauma are disempowerment and disconnection from others. Dr. Judith Herman states in her excellent book, *TRAUMA AND RECOVERY*, the following:

"Traumatized people feel utterly abandoned, utterly alone and cast out of the human and divine systems of care and protection that sustain life. Thereafter, a sense of alienation, or disconnection, pervades every relationship, from the most intimate familial bonds to the most abstract affiliations of com-

munity and religion" (52).

It is difficult enough for an individual to come to terms with a traumatic experience such as rape, but imagine the additional trauma of a similar experience at the hand of "alien" beings. A rape victim, for example, has difficulty enough in relating the experience to her family or friends, but who does she speak to about her abduction experience? Should she seek out a mental health professional, the odds are that she will not receive the aid that she requires.

Individuals who have experienced close encounters or abductions tend to experience long term post traumatic stress symptoms. These individuals may exhibit confusion, loss of memory, various fears, helplessness, hypervigilance, increased startle response, anger and feelings of abandonment, along with various physical ailments, just to name a few (American Psychiatric Association 428).

Therapy

During the regression, the experiencer should be allowed to ventilate any fears, anxieties or troubled feelings. In fact, the mere telling or recounting of the story by the experiencer is therapeutic. The therapeutic goal in recounting a traumatic story is integration (Herman 181). Traumatic testimony once told becomes a transformed story that is "no longer about shame and humiliation" but rather "about dignity and virtue" (Mollica in Herman 181).

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cally as needed with the experiencer's emotional and psychological needs taking precedence over investigative needs. Therapeutic techniques should be utilized to help in integrating the close encounter/abduction experiences into the individual's life as positively as may be expected.

One useful technique is to provide the experiencer with the opportunity, while in hypnosis, to imagine standing in front of one of the entities just previously described during the regression. It is then suggested that the experiencer imagine speaking to this entity and relating any positive or negative feelings or thoughts that the experiencer has concerning his or her encounter experiences. Such techniques provide for a very positive method for the individual to ventilate emotional trauma, and provide the sometimes first steps back to the road to self-empowerment. This is just one of the many techniques used in conventional therapy that is adaptable to abduction research.

The primary difficulty encountered concerning the therapeutic process is that obtaining closure and full resolution of abduction/close encounter trauma is unlikely. A therapist may obtain closure on a past trauma with an individual who has experienced a rape, or

catastrophic event. In all likelihood the event occurred only once in the individual's life and it is in the past. With therapy, the individual can move on and make progress with his or her life knowing that the event is in the past. For the experiencer, however, research shows that abductions/encounters are an on going process. The encounters have occurred in the past, are occurring presently, and will occur again in the future. In my opinion, this one element separates experiencers from any other trauma population.

Most experiencers that I have dealt with seem to have difficulties arising from self-esteem and trust issues. My therapy centers primarily around these two aspects. It is beyond the scope of this article, however, to go into the therapeutic process in detail.

Clinical Debriefing

Upon completion of the hypnotic session a debriefing period follows. This "talk down" period helps clarify certain information and assists the experiencer in recalling any other pertinent data. This period is also very useful for the individual's further ventilating of any feelings or emotions associated with the remembered close encounter experience. It should be noted that individuals are still very suggestible just after a hypnotic session, so conversation should continue to be very supportive and non biased.

During the course of the research, I usually stick to the routine of cognitive interview, regression and debriefing. Should the individual be in a state of active crisis due to his or her realizations

or experiences, then those sessions will deal only with therapy and regressions are not attempted.

Support Groups

As stated before, the core experiences of emotional trauma are disempowerment and disconnection from others. One of the best ways of dealing with this is through the use of a support group. A support group provides an excellent means for reconnecting with others. Traumatic survivors tend to feel very alienated from the rest of society. Experiencers feel this alienation in a much more amplified way. This coming together with one's own peers is one of the most important steps to reconnecting with humanity and a sense of normalcy.

When Lynn and I first started our support group, the first meeting centered around a pot luck dinner. Having food around created a festive mood and "broke the ice." Our meetings tend to be informal and more like a family gathering. Although it is difficult at times, we try to shy away from the never ending speculation concerning the ultimate meaning of these alien encounters. We focus, rather, on strategies for self-empowerment.

The size of our support group is about thirty-five people with about fifteen to twenty members showing up for any given meeting. We meet irregularly but try to meet about every three weeks. Of course, some individuals never miss a meeting and are always present.

Special Considerations

It is a good idea to have a therapist present, but this individual should play a passive role, unless of course, the therapist is an experimenter. The idea is mutual self help rather than group therapy. Mutual self help focuses on experiential rather than professional knowledge (Silverman 21). Experiential knowledge is the result of the direct experience and personal characteristics of the helper, and mutuality and reciprocity are the key elements in the helping process (21).

Researchers should be kept to a minimum at support groups so that experiencers may feel that they may speak freely. If present, researchers should take a passive role similar to therapists. Researchers, however, can sometimes offer valuable insight regarding the abduction/close encounter experience.

Bringing a new experimenter to the group who hasn't explored many of his or her encounters may result in contamination. This contamination may "muddy the waters" from the researcher's and experimenter's view point. The researcher wants pertinent and accurate data that is not influenced by the testimony of others.

If the experimenter is to integrate these experiences into his or her own life, then it is important to know that any memories recalled or uncovered by hypnotic regression are his or her own experiences. As stated before this recounting of the experience is important in the therapeutic process and is the first step toward self-empowerment.

Children and Abductions

As a rule, I do not recommend the use of hypnotic regression when working with young children. Even with therapeutic intervention, adults have enough difficulty integrating their abduction/encounter experiences into their daily lives. One can imagine the difficulty that a child who is still in the developmental stages of life, and who has less developed coping skills, might have with some aspects of this phenomenon. Should a child have conscious memory of an abduction/encounter experience, the memory is best dealt with consciously without attempting hypnotic revivification or enhancement.

Children who are experiencers often find that their encounters change at puberty. As young adults, the encounters most often focus on procreation – this happening at a time when the adolescent is attempting to discover his/her sense of personal identity

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and self. Young adults have a host of issues all their own, and the use of hypnosis greatly depends upon the individual's level of maturity and family support. Parental consent should, of course, be obtained prior to any hypnotic attempts.

Therapy For Therapists

Those of us who do trauma counseling and critical incident stress debriefing know that after debriefing perhaps thirty or forty individuals involved in a catastrophic event, it is a good idea for the debriefer to get debriefed. When a therapist shares in the traumatic experience with others, either through doing a debriefing or therapy, it may be difficult not to be affected emotionally by the testimony related. The old axiom of "physician heal thyself" is a good rule. The therapist occasionally being debriefed, or under going therapy, is probably good preventative medicine.

Final Thoughts

For me, researching these phenomena has been a challenge in many ways. Even though I have always been an individual with an extremely open mind about the workings of the universe(s), researching these phenomena has broadened my view of "our agreed upon reality" even more so. I submit that no matter what one has studied, learned, or experienced in life, the study of these phenomena will stretch one's boundaries a little bit farther. Personally, I'm on a quest for truth. Whether this phenomenon proves to be evidence for a collective unconscious, or an unfathomable "alien" interaction with humanity, let the evidence speak for itself.

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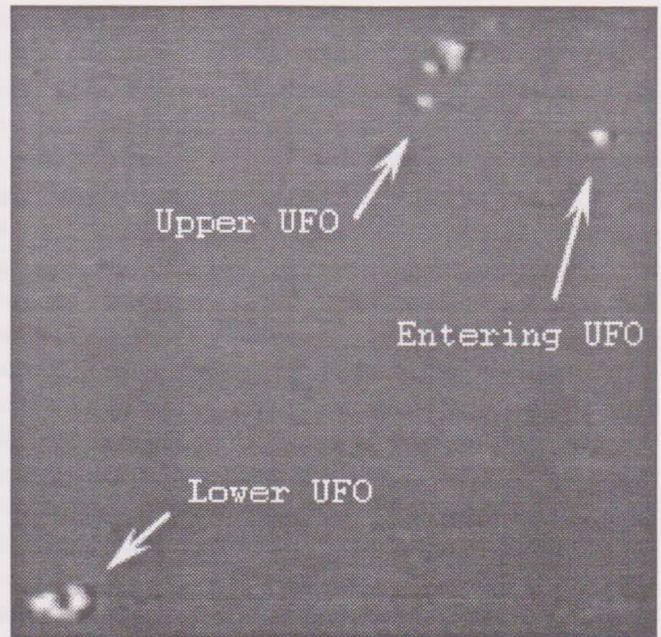
Update: The Griefswald Case

by Jeff Sainio

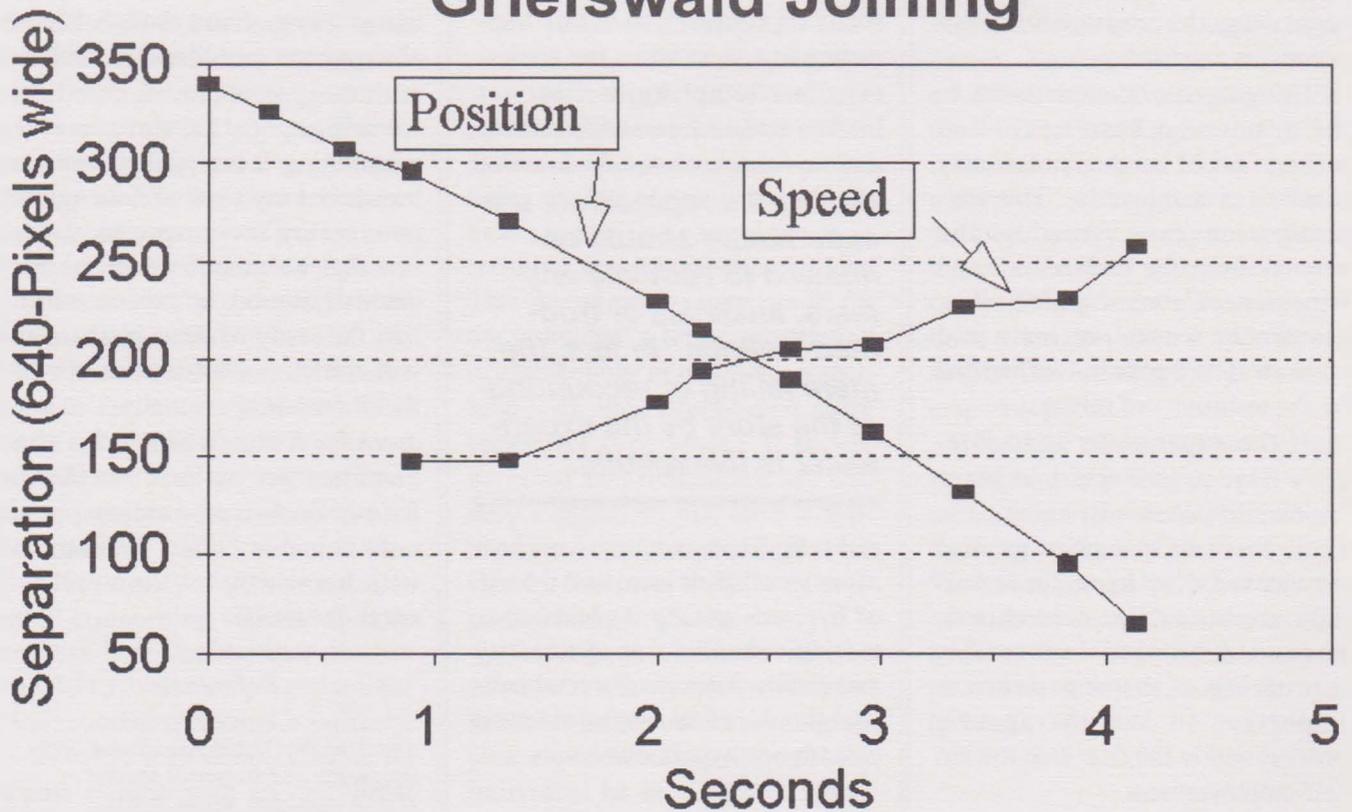
Attendees of the 1993 MUFON Symposium saw an intriguing case over the Baltic Sea near Griefswald, five weeks before unification in East Germany. Hundreds of witnesses saw two groups of lights, and witnesses told of objects leaving and joining the main objects. Three videotapes were shown, which allowed triangulation to place the UFOs miles out over the sea. But none showed any leavings or joinings. Usually, conventional joining of aircraft is called a mid-air collision!

Since then, more videotapes have been submitted; two show lights approaching a main group, and one shows clear anomalous behavior. An object simply appears (unlike an airplane which is continuously lighted), accelerates 60% in three seconds before reaching the upper UFO (beyond airplane capability), disappears,

and doesn't reappear in the nine seconds of videotape available after the event (unlike an airplane which would be seen merely cruis-



Griefswald Joining



ing on by).

The Griefswald case, with hundreds of witnesses, at least five videos, and clear evidence of unconventional behavior, is one of the most convincing arguments for UFOs. Both TV shows "Sightings" and "Encounters" have expressed interest in the case, so the public may have the chance to evaluate the evidence for themselves.

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or a bright cone of light that seems to beckon them deep into the radiance during their experience. Could the light referred to, as demonstrated on Nethken Hill, be coming from a UFO?

The questions never stop. And the answers seldom come. I reflect back to my visit in Elk Garden, and I recall sitting on some large rocks while I ate my lunch in solitude next to a glittering lake. I had spent the first half of the day taking photographs and interviewing people, and then walking quietly along the narrow lanes on Nethken Hill. The experiences of the morning had been humbling and even somewhat troublesome, as I had tried to grasp some meaning out of what people had told me about the curious lights over the cemeteries.

When I had finished my sandwich and was about to leave, I glanced down into the water and was surprised to see a number of young fingerlings scurrying about. The tiny fish would dart from under the rocks in an effort to snag a crumb which had fallen from my sandwich, but seldom were they successful. It seemed as

though each time they courageously moved forward, they would enter into a pool of harsh reflections cast by the bright sunlight overhead, and would turn and flee back to the safety beneath the rocks.

As I ponder their actions now, I wonder if I have also retreated when faced with the unknown. One need not get too deeply involved with UFO research before the reflections cast by such an enigmatic phenomenon become highly distorted and charged with mystery and fear. There is no doubt that sometimes I have recoiled back into the safety of my fixed reality, quite secure in the denial of what I have seen and heard.

But, like the fish, I have learned that safety does not always satisfy a hunger.

So, on a good day, when earth and sun and sky and life are perfect in every way, I hear the answer in the wind. And since I began this book with some advice for my five-year-old daughter, Ashley, I will end it the same way.

It's about free will, little brown eyes. Live, love, say your prayers and be happy. It's the *human* way.

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ing of several unexplained targets by U.S. Weather Service radar and by visual sightings. For several nights, reports poured in to newspapers, radio and TV stations, airports, etc., from average and from skilled observers. No explanations were forthcoming.

Government Activity

In January, following his inability to get a satisfactory explanation from the Secretary of Defense for the July, 1947, UFO? crash in New Mexico, Rep. Steve Schiff (R, NM) formally asked the General Accounting Office to investigate. The GAO then set out to search for government documents related to this incident, which was highly publicized at the time. No date has been set for the GAO's report to Rep. Schiff, but the GAO has said it will turn over everything it finds to Rep.

Schiff. And he has stated that everything he learns will be made public.

In October, the U.S. Air Force announced the results of its effort, in support of the GAO, to find documentary evidence of the so-called "Roswell incident." Rather than turn over its information to the GAO, it chose to make it public, announcing that it had "discovered" that what had been recovered in New Mexico was the remains of a then-cluster of balloons launched as part of tests for the then-secret Project Mogul. Enthusiasm for this "explanation" was hinted at almost two years before, by two former Project Mogul employees, as the project had been declassified many years earlier.

In response to the USAF report, the Fund for UFO Research pointed out that the remains of synthetic rubber balloons known to have been used by Project Mogul in early July, 1947, bore no resemblance to the materials described by first-hand witnesses to the Roswell crash. Moreover, the USAF report states that such balloon materials disintegrate in a few days. This would have left nothing that witnesses would have noticed, let alone found mysterious, aside from easily-identified pieces of flimsy radar reflectors.

Abductions

Despite the truly bizarre nature of these claims of highly unwelcome interference in personal lives by presumed aliens, reports of such activity continue to stream in. They contain striking patterns and similarities, as well as

specific items of description that have been kept out of publication so they can be used as internal checks. It appears that thousands of apparently innocent individuals in all parts of the world are involved in the same strange experiences, which mental health professionals have been unable to explain.

Publication is expected early in 1995 of the proceedings of a scientific conference on abductions held at (but not by) the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This 600-page report will be distributed to university libraries, medical schools and other facilities where they can be studied by interested professionals. Any member of the press wishing a copy should contact the Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

In addition, a computer database of abduction cases is nearing the stage where it will be made available to qualified professionals who wish to study a large body of information in their efforts to understand this peculiar phenomenon.

Scientific Research

The funding available for serious scientific research into the UFO mystery has increased considerably, thanks to the support of the Bigelow Foundation of Las Vegas, NV. Advising the Foundation are representatives of the three major private UFO organizations: the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, Chicago, IL; the Mutual UFO Network, Sequin, TX, and the Fund for UFO Research. Research proposals are being invited, and the results of research will be published.

Peripheral Matters

CROP FORMATIONS

For many years, scores and even hundreds of precise, complex formations have appeared in fields of grain, mainly in southwest England. There is little basis for assuming any direct connection to UFOs, though this is one of many explanations being considered. Some and possibly many or even all of these formations could well be hoaxes, as the ability to hoax formations and fool so-called experts has been demonstrated. Yet despite the drop in press attention being paid them, the formations continued to appear in England and North America in 1994.

CATTLE MUTILATIONS

Reports of allegedly high-tech mutilations of cows, horses and other farm animals have continued to come in. While these, too, are only speculatively connected to UFOs, the possibility exists.

Highlights of the Fund's Year

A study of strange images on Shuttle Discovery videotape, to be published in 1995.

A pilot study of UFO cases involving radiation injuries.

Expanded research into the massive 1947 wave of UFO reports.

Work on the UFO papers of the late Dr. James McDonald, senior atmospheric physicist at the University of Arizona.

Symposia on Government secrecy, and on "abductions."

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The official number for the document is 10/A-2917.

Reply to # 1086 of August 6, 1993.

This is to inform that the carried out verification of the materials of the Ministry of Security of the Russian Federation's Central Archive has not discovered any documentary materials about the case of the "flying saucer" crash in the area of Roswell, USA, in the year 1947.

Deputy Chief of Archives V.P. Gusachenko

I have received a package of materials from the International Roswell Initiative, a group in Atlanta, Georgia. There is a document titled "An Open Letter to All Those With an Interest in the UFO Phenomenon." On page two of this letter there is a paragraph, part of which I will quote here:

"On September 8, 1994, in reaction to public and political pressure, and in what *Newsweek* magazine called a "preemptive strike," the Air Force issued its first official statement on Roswell in forty-seven years — a 23-page report stating that the "most like-

ly" source of the Roswell debris was a balloon from a secret program known as Project Mogul. The purpose of Project Mogul was to detect Soviet nuclear tests by using sensitive instruments carried aloft by high-altitude balloons."

Let us suppose for a moment that the Air Force knew back in September 1993 that the Russian agencies had carried out the search in their archives for the Roswell documents. Also, that whatever was discovered was either hidden in more secure vaults, or just turned over to the Americans. Another possibility may be that a Russian official simply sold the documents to the Americans. Yet another scenario we might come up with is that there is a joint action by officials of both nations to conceal the existence of such documents. There is no way to know for sure what had happened to the documents. Of course, there is no proof that such documents ever existed. I tend to think, based on my history knowledge of the USSR under Stalin, that when the dictator expressed interest in something, his subordinates made sure that "something" was available. The files, unless destroyed by Stalin's heirs, would be kept in the archives. The books that Korolyov mentioned — the "pile of documentary evidence" — what happened to the books, the pile? Khrushchev would have no reason to destroy it, nor Malenkov before him, nor Brezhnev, nor those who came after the Thick Brows. Are the files still hidden somewhere? Did the U.S. Air Force wait a year after replies to Popovich were received to make

sure that copies of Stalin's Roswell documents didn't turn up in Russia?

There is an interesting report from Russia about the "joint action" between security agencies of the USSR, U.S.A., Great Britain and France regarding cooperation on UFO matters. Allegedly, a meeting took place — but that is the subject of another article.

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craft during an abduction experience on, what else, a military base. Even if the cigar-shaped crafts belong to our government, I know we don't have anything that can transform itself from a helicopter into a silver, round craft.

If you don't want to take it from me, and I certainly hope you would want to "see it to believe it," you might think about driving over to Midway the next time you are in Roswell, New Mexico. *The Midway Sightings* is a video you will want to see for yourself.

For more information about The Midway Sightings video write to: Ultimate Dinosaur Productions, Inc., P.O. Box 434, Roswell, NM, 88202.

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readers as we learn new information. I am also keeping an objective viewpoint about this story. We've all learned about things that sound good to be true.

Until next time, keep watching the sky!



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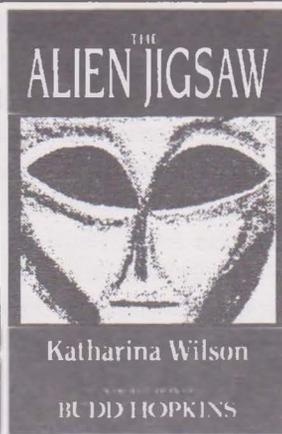
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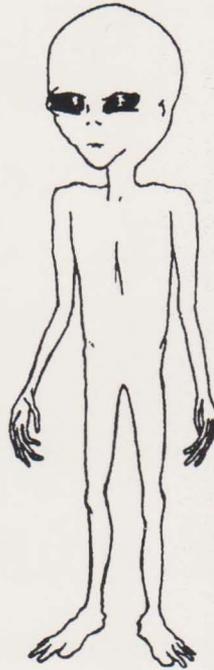
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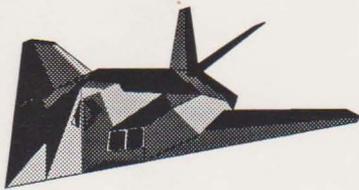
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