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COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

By Helen Hanke

The next meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will include a lecture by Dr. Peter Phillips, a professor of physics at Washington University. Dr. Phillips has recently returned from a trip to China. He will be speaking to us about his experiences there as related to the paranormal. The Study Group Meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 1989 at the Boatman's Bank building, 75 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Grove.

The December issue of The UFO Enigma will feature full coverage of the Show-Me UFO Conference, an update from Joan Laurino (Joan, who lives in San Francisco, made it to the Show-Me UFO Conference in spite of the recent earthquake.) and the conclusion to "Close Encounter In Cambodia - 1971".



UFO STUDY GROUP'S SEPTEMBER MEETING: COMPUTER NETWORKS

By Helen C. Hanke

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. met at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 8th at the Boatman's Bank building in Webster Groves. John Schroeder, our new president, welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting by explaining our organization's history, purpose and structure. We next had a short discussion about our newsletter, "The UFO Enigma". John Roppolo was introduced to tell the audience about the St. Charles UFO Research Committee and what it does. John also invited everyone to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th. Roppolo also related some of the activities of the Study Group's Library Committee.

John Schroeder then introduced Walter Palmer, chairman of the Parapsychology Committee, who explained the purpose of that committee and how it relates to the UFO phenomenon. Walter also talked about an article in a September issue of "TIME" magazine about sightings in England concerning numerous traces and markings in grain fields that no one can as yet explain.

After a short break for refreshments, President John Schroeder introduced the afternoon's main speakers, Ken and Mary Geest. The topic of their discussion was the computer bulletin board which they and many others operate. Their bulletin board

, called "The Darkside", is devoted primarily to UFO related topics along with certain paranormal subjects. A computer bulletin board is an electronic mail network which sends and receives messages to and from other people. Using compatible computers and software, people can post open messages to anyone and everyone. It's like an on-line soap box in which anyone can speak their mind to the world. There is also a section of the bulletin board devoted to all kinds of extended articles and papers which people can read and transfer to their own computers.

There are many such networks and these networks trade their information regularly. As an example of how many people can be reached in this network of bulletin boards, our newsletter, "The UFO Enigma", is made available to the Darkside Bulletin Board network and can potentially be accessed (read) by 250,000 people throughout the United States and Canada. There are over 300 bulletin board in the St. Louis area and about 8 to 10 thousand across the country.

Ken and Mary Geest discussed what sort of equipment is needed to have a bulletin board as well as what is needed to just access a bulletin board. Basically, to access a bulletin board one needs a personal computer, a modem and a telephone. Personal computers may cost as little as \$800 or as much as \$10,000. Modems, which are used to communicate between computers via the telephone, run from \$50 to \$1600 depending on the modem's speed and sophistication.

John Schroeder then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and inviting them to attend the next meeting on November 12th.

SHOW-ME CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS

St. Louis was treated to a world class UFO conference on Saturday, October 21 at the Harley Hotel in Earth City. Speakers and guests alike termed it an unqualified success. The conference featured such internationally recognized UFO experts as Stanton T. Friedman, Bob Oechsler, John

Schuessler (*SNOWBIRD*), Ted Phillips and David Childress. When William Moore, who was scheduled to appear as the mystery guest, canceled out the day before the conference, Stanton T. Friedman stepped in without hesitation to treat the audience to a second, entirely different electrifying talk. Without a doubt, Stan was the hero of the day!

Conference attendees also included such notables in the field of UFO research as Walter Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), George and Shirley Coyne, Leonard Stringfield and Larry Bryant.

Because of the length of this issue of The UFO Enigma and our publication deadlines, we will defer further coverage of this highly successful conference until next month. The December issue will have extensive coverage of all speakers.

UFO "CROP RINGS", "ALIENS" SHOT AND RADIATION COVER-UPS

By John E. Schroeder

The Parapsychology Committee shared diverse data at its October 4th meeting. Walter Palmer told of an eight year "flattened, gently swirling rings" phenomenon in England. Crops from soybeans, mustard and sugar beets to mostly grains -- in mid-field -- show circles from 30 to 50 feet, perfectly sculpted, sometimes in geometric patterns such as a Celtic cross. Crops in the depressed centers are not burned, but continue to ripen. UFOs and spinning balls of air from a "plasma vortex phenomenon" have been suggested by Dr. Terrence Meaden, author of "The Circles Effect and Its Mysteries" to explain the 600 occurrences (almost 250 in 1989) including a few donut shaped rings. See page 50 of Sept. 18, 1989 issue of "TIME" magazine and pages 14-15, Oct. 9, 1989, for readers' theories on causes for the perfectly geometrical mid-field rings.

Warren Bartling, sporting an original UFO tie, shared an anecdote about an alien, shot in Missouri by a frightened man, who not only survived the gunshot wound but healed the wife of the farmer

(who had shot him) of her severe heart trouble. Walter Palmer noted that the October 1989 issue of The UFO Enigma series about a man who shot an "alien" in Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

A member noted the number of Study Group members who had reported phone taps or personal surveillance. He questioned whether this was related to their work or to their connection with UFO research. Any comments?

John Schroeder and Walter Palmer reported on June 12, 19 and 26, 1989 essays by Paul Brodeur in the "New Yorker Magazine" on "Annals of Radiation: The Hazards of Electromagnetic Fields."

"Nancy Wertheimer, BS in Psychology and Biology from U of Michigan (1948) and Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Harvard and Radcliffe (1954) began a self financed study in Denver, CO on environmental relationships between childhood leukemia death clusters. Discovered fields around high voltage (230,000 volts), transformed to 13,000 volts to thin primary lines of 7600 volts. Leukemia rates soared within three houses of transformers.

"In Dec. 1974, Ed Leeper, Physicist at Boulder, Colorado deduced that the phenomenon was not related to heat transfer from AC electric current, but from the electromagnetic field set up by the transformer and wires in its vicinity (Electromagnetic fields make shielding difficult.) A Gaussmeter proved both transformers and feeder lines (to be) the culprits.

"Wertheimer- Leeper's "Electrical Wiring Configurations and Childhood Cancer", March 1979 "American Journal of Epidemiology" published by John Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health found ongoing exposure to 60 Hertz magnetic fields from environmental wiring produced cancer, perhaps by inhibiting the body's immune system's ability to fight it. Adults working frequently exposed to alternating current magnetic fields developed cancer at a significantly higher rate than the population as a whole. The risk for children living in homes near high current wiring was rarely increased by a factor of more than two or three.

"Nancy Wertheimer stated, "The very idea that the kind of wiring one could find in the streets of almost any city or town in America might be hazardous to

health seemed -- well, unbelievable. Additionally incredible was the fact that the cancer increase we had observed was associated with such weak 60 hertz magnetic fields. The static magnetic field that is present at all times on earth was several hundred times as strong as those fields; and the magnetic fields that were described in the available medical literature as having essentially no biological effects whatsoever were thousands of times as strong ... If the risks were real, alternating magnetic fields from electrical wiring could pose a very large public health hazard ... in the world ... I fully expected that the medical and scientific community would jump at the chance to study it."

"More than eight years passed before her association between high-current wires and cancer was corroborated. Dr. Robert O. Becker, born 1923, attended Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania where he majored in biology; received his M.D. from New York University School of Medicine, became an orthopedic surgeon and, in 1956, was made Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at the VA Hospital in Syracuse, NY.

"Becker, who worked with electrical growth stimulation of bones in salamanders and humans, had become convinced that electromagnetic fields emanating from power lines could pose a serious threat to human health. Pulsed fields of electromagnetic energy (1965) slowed subjects' response time in simple manual tests. Moreover Soviet scientist, Yuri Alexander Kholodov, reported changes in brain tissue and death in rabbits. U.S. replication did not cause death, but damaging stress. Endocrinologist Hans Selye had demonstrated that such stress (accompanied by elevated levels of adrenal-cortical hormones) could adversely affect the immune system.

"Using Extremely Low Frequency electromagnetic pulsed energy, Howard Friedman, Psychologist at the VA Hospital in Syracuse, proved that ELF ranges of 1 - 100 hertz caused chimpanzees to secrete those (stress) hormones.

"In 1958, Navy officials learned that ELF signals just above 60 hertz could penetrate sea water, giving promise of improved communication with submarines. Without environmental clearance, the Navy and GTE Sylvania built an ELF test site, burying 28 miles of cable above hard granite near Clam Lake, WI in Chequamegon

National Forest. Completed in 1968, this was to be part of a 22,500 square mile ELF antenna system employing 6,000 miles of cable buried in Project Sanguine sites in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Electric current was to flow through cable, deep into the earth, flow along bedrock and out into the atmosphere creating a global ELF radio field extending to the ionosphere -- a region of electrons and electrically charged particles between 40 and 250 miles above the earth -- which would reflect a portion of the ELF field into the world's seas and oceans.

"Environmentalists challenged Project Sanguine because no environmental impact study had been made and because Clam Lake's facility had charged ordinary steel wire fences and household water pipes and faucets. The Navy sidestepped with irrelevant studies indicating that there was no more danger than posed by 60 hertz electric lines "proved safe" by heat generated per square inch of skin and that magnetic flux was similar to that given off by household appliances such as hair dryers, can openers and food mixers. (Those appliance fields dropped off swiftly within inches of the source and were used infrequently; but electric lines and Sanguine gave off electromagnetic radiation for which no safe standard had been established with much higher power sources in constant usage.)

"Becker, Marino and others who consistently testified against utilities and government endangerment of the public lost their jobs. The same lie (heat per square inch was not dangerous) silenced news media protests, even though Dr. Ross W. Adey, Brain Research Institute of UCLA, admitted his own research was in conflict with the report of the National Academy of Sciences Committee recanted 10 years later. He realized that the ignorance of laymen and the possibility of adverse publicity did not pose as much risk to the search for truth about Extremely Low Frequency electromagnetic fields "as did the obfuscation of industry, the mendacity of the military and the corruption of ethics that industrial and military money could purchase from various members of the medical and scientific community."

Walter Palmer and members of the Parapsychology Committee will share reading reports at the 7:30 p.m., November 1, 1989 meeting at the Schroeders' home, 4991

Miami Street (west of Kingshighway) in St. Louis. Phone 352-3058 for more information.

RUSSIAN SITING CAUSES MEDIA EARTHQUAKE

By Ken Hanke

On October 9, 1989, a UFO siting report by the Soviet news agency TASS had the effect on UFOlogy similar to the recent earthquake's effect on San Francisco. The siting itself was not any more noteworthy than many other UFO reports. What was so extraordinary was that the source of the report was from the official Soviet news agency, TASS. This caused an incredible stir in western news medias because TASS has always been considered extremely conservative and that any news coming from TASS must have the official approval of the Soviet government. Whether or not this is true is now being debated. The fact is, the report caused an incredible reaction on the American news media - about a 7.0 on the Richter scale.

What I found so interesting - and what this article will focus on - was how the St. Louis media reacted and covered this story.

The news report broke on Monday morning. The St. Louis news media started reacting to the news quake early in the after noon. Bruce Widaman, MUFON State Director for Missouri was flooded with calls all afternoon while still at work. Indeed, when he left work, local news reporter (NBC - channel 5) John Pertzeborn followed Bruce home to do a television interview. Widaman had the presence of mind and foresight to refuse any on camera interview until he had a chance to change into a suite and tie. (Yes, how you - and MUFON are viewed by the public is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL!)

Widaman then mobilized the St. Louis area MUFON organization with calls to Alex Horvat, Forrest Crawford, John Roppolo and Ken Hanke. He scheduled further interviews to take place at the Harley Hotel (site of the Show-Me UFO Conference) or at

the news agency's studios.

We met at the Harley at 6:00 p.m. First came NBC channel 5's Jeff Fowler to interview Bruce and Forrest Crawford. As NBC was wrapping up their interview, the news crew from the local CBS station (channel 4) showed up and interviewed Alex Horvat and Bruce. One minor point that later proved to be critical was that Bruce and Forrest also brought several books and visual posters used in lectures to local groups. It later turned out that this material received more air time than did Bruce, Alex and Forrest.

We then all dashed downtown to KTVI Channel 2 (ABC) studios to give extended interviews with Rocky Madden. Forrest Crawford was interviewed extensively by Madden and Alex Horvat stayed on for a live interview during the 10:00 news broadcast (which turned into the 11:00 news because of football). For those of us that were surprised to hear Alex introduced as "Alex Bond", it should be noted that Alex once worked in radio and used that name as a "stage name".

Because of various broadcast delays (football, etc.), it was possible to catch the news on all three stations - at least you could if you were very nimble with the TV remote control. First was NBC (channel 5) which actually played with two segments, one was a straight news account by Jeff Fowler had featured Bruce Widaman and a lot of the display material we brought to the Harley. John Pertzeborn does the 'human interest stories. Pertzeborn did have Bruce on the 5:00 news (taped at Bruce's home), but come 10:00, Bruce was replaced by some "man on the street" reactions along with some more of the visual display material supplied to Jeff Fowler later at the Harley Hotel. The news anchors had some fun with it but were fairly straight in their reporting. Meteorologist Bob Richards solemnly pronounced the entire affair "a bunch of hooey!". So much for NBC in St. Louis.

Next came KMOV Channel 4 (CBS). The Russian UFO story was again covered but with an extremely sceptical slant. Although Alex and Bruce were taped extensively at the Harley, they did not use any of these interviews. Again, the star on the news report was the visual material provided by MUFON. This time, the news anchors, Julius Hunter and Larry Connors, openly ridiculed UFO reports leaving this

reporter with the impression they thought all people reporting UFOs are unbalanced. So much for journalistic objectivity.

Finally, Monday night football ended and we saw the news on KTVI Channel 2 (ABC). The Russian UFO was given much more extensive coverage. Rocky Madden interviewed Forrest Crawford about the report from Russia, his experiences and what MUFON is all about. Those of us who had not seen Forrest in action before got a very pleasant surprise. The viewer saw Forrest interviewed in a very plush studio followed by pictures of Forrest gesturing to the visual display material as Rocky narrated in a voice over. What the viewer did not see was that the "plush studio" was really the station's front lobby with the receptionist and the rest of us standing behind the camera blocking people from getting through. It was the first time I have ever seen any company's plush lobby furniture put to such practical use. Later, we saw Alex Horvat/Bond interviewed live during the broadcast. Alex had no idea what he was going to be asked on the air and had to respond instantly and coherently on live TV. Fortunately, all went well. The anchors and reporters at KTVI did a very good job. Not because they gave us the most extensive coverage, but because they simply reported the facts and kept an open mind.

The following Sunday morning, KTVI even devoted the premier of an hour magazine format show, "This Week in St. Louis" to the UFOs. This included background reports, 20 minutes of interview with Bruce Widaman and Forrest Crawford. Followed this interview, the commentators, Don Marsh and Don Johnson, asked a gentleman from the St. Louis Journalism Review for his opinion on how the news media covered the Russian reports. He responded by saying that all reporters influence how a story is viewed no matter how objective they try to be. They do this with tone, inflection and body language no matter how impartial they try to be. KTVI is to be commended. Not only for having the courage to confront and talk about the issue, but for asking questions about how fair media itself was in it's coverage.

ARCHIVE ALCOVE

By Peggy Roppolo

Notice our title! Ken Hanke submitted the winning title in our "Name the Archive Column" contest. He now has a copy of the Abduction file that will be available at the Show-Me UFO Conference for \$2.00. Congratulations Ken!

I have been working lately with articles mainly from the eighties. To me, this means there is a light at the end of the tunnel, since previously I had been sorting material from before 1978. I have one request. Please do not disillusion me with forgotten boxes of archival material until the new year. I promise that at that point, I will accept dusty boxes, but not until then!

At the October 8th meeting, the Library Committee raffled off two books. Walter Palmer was the first name drawn and he selected "Encounters With UFO Occupants" by Lorenzen. The second name drawn was Cliff Stewart who opted for a Brad Steiger book - "Project Blue Book". These are titles that are currently in our collection. In addition, we have added Whitley Striebers "Communion" and several other titles. So be sure to stop by the library table during the November meeting.

The next Library/Archive meeting will be November 19th at the Roppolo house from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. The address is 2032 Santa Monica in St. Charles.

See you then!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ok, Peggy, I won't show you the 2 boxes of material sitting about 10 feet from the library that I received from Rosetta Holmes a couple of years ago - at least until the first of the year. (Sorry Peggy, I really do have them!)

COMMUNION A MOVIE PREVIEW

By Ken Hanke

If you liked the book COMMUNION by Whitley Strieber, you probably will like the movie. This is probably because Whitley Strieber, author of the book this

movie is based on, had a heavy hand in the making of the movie. You see, Strieber also wrote the screenplay and is one of the three producers.

The movie, which is now scheduled for release in middle or late November, stars Christopher Walken as Strieber and Lindsay Crouse as his wife, Anne. Like the book, COMMUNION is about Whitley Strieber and his family's abductions by intelligent, non-human aliens. The experiences deeply affected this family and reduced Strieber to a near state of paranoia.

The story traces Whitley's doubts about himself, following him as he first seeks medical help and then explores various possible psychological explanations of the phenomenon. The portrayal of the aliens is quite subjective and in fact, appeared in different forms on different occasions.

The movie has a number of positive points. Christopher Walken is outstanding as Whitley Strieber. In fact, Walken probably does Strieber better than Strieber does. The music is composed and performed by Eric Clapton. I found the music to be surprisingly good.

The theme and mechanics of the abductions follows other abduction reports - to a point. Unfortunately, the viewer will quickly get totally lost in while touring the inside of Whitley Strieber's mind. The "psychological" experiences become progressively weirder and weirder until at one point, Strieber visits the aliens, receives every possible kind of greeting including a "high five" from a four foot creature. This part of the movie was a definite turnoff for me.

On the other hand, a great deal of what hard information there is, is presented through the psychiatrist (very good performance by Frances Sternhagen) and an encounter group of people with similar experiences.

What is vividly presented, is the raw terror Strieber experiences and the sickening realization that Strieber has been abducted many times during his life and that his son (played by Joel Carson) is also a victim.

I have not read the book COMMUNION myself and after seeing the movie, I probably won't read it. Although this isn't the best movie I have seen, you probably will want to see it if you are interested in this aspect of UFOs. But then, you probab-

ly are interested in UFOs if you are reading this article.

A LETTER FROM WILLIAM MOORE

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Dear Ken:

When I read the headline of John Schroeder's piece which appears on page 3 of the latest "Enigma" ("Parapsychology Group Discusses Reincarnation and Disinformation"), I expected to find a scholarly discussion of what disinformation is, not an outrageous example of the technique itself! Somehow, I've always respected "Enigma" as one of the best of the local-group newsletters. After reading Schroeder's hodge-podge of fiction and fantasy, I'm having serious doubts. Why, I wonder, didn't someone from your group call me and check this information for accuracy before going to press??

Now, having appropriately raked you over the coals, let's take a look at the transgressions which are the subject of this complaint. I don't know who either John Schroeder or Walter Palmer are, but they certainly have managed to get their facts screwed up. In specific:

(1) Schroeder writes in "Enigma":

"Moore's confessional defence admitted that he had knowingly funneled government disinformation through APRO to Paul Bennewitz, PhD in physics..."

I stated in Las Vegas (text in FOCUS, IV, 4-5-6 <Jun 30, '89>, pg. 6, paragraph 2):

"My role in the affair was largely that of a free-lancer providing information on Paul's current thinking and activities. I had nothing to do with the counterintelligence and the disinformation, although I either knew or was aware of a number of people directly involved with that end of things."

In addition, Schroeder is in error with respect to Paul's academic credentials. Paul holds an M.S. in physics, not a PhD.

(2) Schroeder writes:

"Moore did this, he claimed, not for money but to pump government agents for data they had concerning UFOs. 'You have gotten into the hive past the warrior bees and are being invited to the Queen bee to taste the mother lode', according to Moore's associate."

My Las Vegas text states (op. cit. pg. 9, paragraphs 2 & 4):

"I would play the disinformation game, get my hands dirty just often enough to lead those directing the process into believing I was doing exactly what they wanted me to do, and all the while continue to burrow my way into the matrix so as to learn as much as possible about who was directing it and why. It would be a classic case of turning the tables on the very ones who were most confident they had the situation well in hand..."

"...From my point of view, the process was one of slowly and methodically burrowing into a beehive from the outside with a goal of ultimately reaching the queen bee and the royal jelly at the center. Since I never knew whether the other bees I was certain to meet along the way would be friendly or not, I had to proceed cautiously in order to avoid getting stung and to learn as much as possible about what might lie ahead. ... (my associate), on the other hand, saw it as a somewhat different process. He too felt we were burrowing into a beehive, but in his view of things, our burrowing was at the express invitation of the queen bee herself, who clandestinely oversaw and encouraged the process from a distance..."

Playing "the disinformation game" as stated above, by the way, refers to my decision to play along with those doing the disinforming. It should not be taken to mean that I was the one who was making up or spreading the disinformation.

In any case, note the vast difference

between what Schroeder writes and what I said. The rest of his piece is just as bad. For example:

(3) Schroeder writes that "Bennewitz foolishly accepted everything which Falcon fed him...." Yet nowhere in my paper do I state or even imply that "Falcon" had any contact with Mr. Bennewitz whatsoever! Where Schroeder came up with such an idea, I cannot begin to imagine.

(4) Schroeder writes that I believe "the disinformation was correlated between several governmental services because aliens are manipulating policy... and aliens are leaking bits of the truth of their occupation with fantastic ballooning of their technological superiority to prepare human society for their dominance." This, of course, is nothing short of utter hogwash and I find it incredibly irresponsible of you, as editor of "Enigma" to allow such claptrap to appear in your pages -- especially since I took the trouble to send you (by First Class Mail) one of the first copies of my Las Vegas text in an effort to stave off this type of misrepresentation.

I certainly hope you will endeavor to set the record straight in a timely and appropriate manner. Just so that there is no confusion about this matter, I expect nothing less than a formal retraction and a reprinting of this letter in the next "Enigma", and a formal letter of apology from both Mr. John Schroeder and Mr. Walter Palmer.

Yours very truly,
(signed) William L. Moore

EDITOR'S RESPONSE

Dear Mr. Moore,

I deeply regret that you found fault with Rev. John Schroeder's article in the October issue of "The UFO Enigma". We are reprinting your letter as you requested. Please accept this as a formal retraction and apology for any inaccuracies published by this newsletter. I assure you, we mean you no malice. Spreading disinformation is the last thing Rev. Schroeder and I

wish to do - particularly in view of all the disinformation being spread these days in the UFO arena.

I do, however, appreciate and understand how many of above points of contention listed above can be honestly misinterpreted. The following is an open letter by Rev. Schroeder in response to your letter.

Kenneth A. Hanke
Editor, The UFO Enigma

JOHN SCHROEDER'S RESPONSE TO WILLIAM L. MOORE

First, let me state that Walter Palmer did nothing more than read excerpts from some paragraphs of a FOCUS special issue. The comments were mine. My statement that Moore had knowingly funneled government information was based on four bits of data: 1) Moore's role was "largely that of a free-lancer providing information on Paul's current thinking and activities", which leaves room for some direct participation; 2) the fact that Moore did not warn Bennewitz of the misinformation which -- like a computer virus -- was polluting Bennewitz's work and future research; 3) that Moore acceded to his government contact's wishes to drop subtle hints that another individual was leaking information; and 4) that he admitted playing the disinformation game, just getting his hands dirty enough to lead those directing the process into believing he was doing exactly what they wanted him to do. If my assumption based on that data was wrong, I am sorry. I definitely was wrong in giving Paul Bennewitz a doctor's degree.

For brevity, I tried to summarize the long "Queen Bee" quote. If I didn't catch the essence of it, I apologize.

If "Falcon", Moore's contact, was in control and the disinformation he wanted to get to Bennewitz was funneled through an intermediary, it still added up to lies fed Bennewitz which he believed.

My final statement was my opinion summarizing Moore's 10 positions on pages 15, 16 and 17 of the FOCUS issue. If the

assumption of governmental policy manipulation by aliens to cover for their abductions and other acts of dominance is not what Moore believes, I'm sorry that I misunderstood the drift of his statements. I might suggest that those interested in logically developing their own opinion might want to read that issue of FOCUS in the UFO Study Group library; or -- better still -- send \$10 to the Fair Witness Project, Inc., 4219 West Olive Ave., Suite 247, Burbank, CA 91505 for FOCUS, Volume 4, Issues 4-5-6, June 30, 1989.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN CAMBODIA - 1971

By Peter A. Bostrom

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part 2 of a 3 part series.

Out of the group, most of them were all approximately the same height. I would say some were five foot or less. Maybe four foot eight inches. In that range. They were very, very small people. More like dwarfs in nature and perfectly proportioned. The arms didn't seem to be any longer than they should be. Except for one fellow who was about five - six or five - seven. He intervened at this point. I pushed the weapon down that George had in his hand. I thought, "God, this guy is going to kill us." At this point, I was terror-stricken. We didn't know who these guys were. Something like this happens - all science fiction movies you've ever seen in your life run through your mind. You think "Oh my God", are they going to pull out ray guns, are they going to atomize us or are they going to turn us into rabbits or pigs or something like this?

BOSTROM: Did any of them ever say anything?

JOE: Never heard a single word. This fellow turned to me, evidently knowing that I was platoon commander. He raised his hand with palm out and fingers up in just a peaceful gesture of stop, and walked over to George and struck him on the cheek. It wasn't a real heavy blow.

It was something like you'd smack your child to get his attention, but the effect was devastating. George went down like a limp rag. Just like an electric shock had gone through him. The only thing I could figure is either this fellow is a lot stronger than we can imagine he was or he did something else. You've seen blows even in martial arts that don't appear to be very heavy but have a devastating effect. He went down like a stone - just a limp rag. He recovered very quickly. About the time I was trying to pull him up, I didn't know what we were going to do at that point. I didn't want anybody else to fire because I figured if we open fire on these guys - we were dead. I soiled my pants at that point - a nervous reaction. I didn't know quite what to do. With the exception of George, we were all veterans of at least 20 to 25 fire fights. We were relatively well seasoned combat veterans. It could have been George's third time out. It must have been his first or second. I would say probably second, and he was green and he panicked. I thought, well, he just paid the price for it - this fellow just killed him. He recovered. I tried to pull him up and turned around about the time the being that George shot got up and brushed himself off. I thought "Oh s---", these fellows are going to wipe us out. If an FNAL didn't take him down in 8 to 12 shots, that is one tough hombre. The only thing I could figure is that the material is tough enough that it acted as a cushion just like a vest. The fellow was visibly shaken. He didn't seem to be in tip top shape, but he obviously wasn't dead and there weren't any marks on him. We spent many times picking slugs out of our flak jackets and they'd get too worn and we'd just replace it. It smarts. It will knock you out cold sometimes from the impact. Its like having a very large electric shock run through your body. What takes people out, knocks them out flat, is not the actual impact of the bullet but the nervous reaction of the impact. It will literally lay you out flat before you hit the ground. Every muscle in your body goes rigid. So they have basically the same physiological reaction that we do. When he turned to me and made a gesture to stop, I thought "Ok, then everything is going to be all right". George recovered and he turned around again and placed his palm up toward

me again to stop and I had a feeling that everything was ok. I had a very strong impression. I'm not going to say that it was some kind of telepathic message. It didn't really seem like anything like that. It seemed like "Hey, it's cool, he panicked and I understand the situation". At this point, they packed up all their little instruments, packed themselves back into the craft and left almost soundlessly. There was a little noise. It sat there on the ground as the, what looked like a quadruped with four legs resting on the ground with pads on them, retracted back into the body of the craft which was spheroid and then it just lifted straight up off the ground. I didn't see any visible means of propulsion. There was a little noise. It was hard to tell if it was just the wind blowing through there or what. It was like an instantaneous burst of speed.

BOSTROM: What do you think the diameter was?

JOE: It's hard to judge because we were a little distance from it. I would say that it was at a bare minimum of 50 feet. It could have been as far across as 150 feet. It was very difficult to judge. It was a mirrored surface. So your looking at something and the jungle is being reflected and is really hard to judge the size. I know it was at least as tall as a five story building. What didn't make any sense is why it should be spheroid. Whatever propulsion system it required, I don't know. Perhaps it's some type of anti-gravity drive and you'd have to have everything centered.

BOSTROM: Was it round like a ball?

JOE: Round like a ball. Perfectly round as far as I could tell. There was one symbol on the side of what appeared to be, I would say, black paint. Either this, or there was just no coating on this area, of a simple symbol of an arc. Almost like a pyramid with a line drawn underneath it. We returned to base. The Thai's, of course, weren't going to say anything to anybody. They saw nothing. They heard nothing. They were just along for the ride. This was a typical reaction for the Thai's. They didn't want to get involved. They were quite shaken by it as we were. It took us approximately three days to get back to the border.

BOSTROM: What did everybody talk

about on the way back?

JOE: Absolutely nothing. We decided on the way back that nobody saw anything. We didn't hear anything. We didn't know anything about it. We got back to the base and the first thing we did was head for a hot shower, because you had to pull all the lice off you and everything else and you felt pretty darn dirty.

BOSTROM: The guy that got knocked down, was he all right?

JOE: He was all right at that point. At that point he was fine. He seemed to be just fine. He was a corporal and went to his barracks. I was in officer's barracks. A fellow from the provost marshals office came in and informed me that I had to report to the captain's office immediately. I said, do I have time to rinse off? He said, just barely. He said to put on some clothes and get over there. They want to talk to you right now. I asked him what it was about. He said, "I don't know, they won't tell me. Just get your tail over there - it's something very heavy." He said they were quite confused about something. I walked into the captain's office. We were met by the captain, a couple of majors, a colonel and some civilians. If you've ever worked with anybody with the "firm", they reek of it. You generally expect them in gray flannel suits and white socks but these fellows just reeked of the "firm" and ---- ---- was in it.

BOSTROM: ---- ----?

JOE: ---- ----. This gentleman rode with M.J.

BOSTROM: The what now?

JOE: MJ - Majestic 12.

BOSTROM: MJ-12?

JOE: Right. The only way we ever heard him call it was MJ-12 or MJ. We knew he worked for that. We didn't know what the heck it was. The only thing we knew was that any enemy aircraft that was sighted, had to be reported to him. Any photographs we took had to be given to him. They were overly concerned about enemy aircraft, unusual sightings, things like that. Just anything out of the ordinary. So we dealt with him sometimes almost on a daily basis. He'd call us in occasionally to look at photographs and say, what is this. And we'd say, that's a Russian gun ship, it has so much armament. Ok, that's what I want to know,

thank you very much, discuss this with no one and have a nice day. He was very single sided with information. We gave him everything. He told us nothing. Absolutely nothing. He was a cold-blooded man. I don't think I ever saw the man sweat. Most of the time he wore a black suit or a dark gray flannel suit. When you're in Thailand and it's at that point in the year, it's somewhere between 97 and 100 degrees, 100 to 110 % humidity. It's so hot you get heat that's like fog. And he was cold-blooded. I've never seen another human-being in my life like that. I don't think I ever saw him sweat except for this incident. And he had a cold sweat going into this. He ended up taking his jacket off. You never see him outside of a jacket. They sat us down and they grilled us for that day at least 3 1/2 to 4 hours. And they kept asking the same questions over and over. I was trying to find out who it was that told them because when we got back together later, nobody had said anything. So something or somebody snitched and said - well you don't tell anybody you told.

BOSTROM: Someone would have had to run in immediately and tell them.

JOE: We hadn't been back more than an hour. We usually took a shower, got cleaned up and had a little rest before we were debriefed because that could sometimes take many hours. It was very interesting. They even sequestered us in our quarters. We were told not to have any outside activities at all and meals would be brought to us. We were not to talk to any authorized personnel - which meant them or someone directly with authorization from the provost marshals office. Then we spent the next 3 to 3 1/2 weeks talking to various people. Some of which I don't know who in the heck they were. Several were psychologists. That was very obvious by the kind of questions we were being asked and they started dragging out the ink blots. If you're familiar with the military, when they generally bring in the ink blots and try to make it sound like something of a sexual nature, they leave you alone. They figure this guy's fine and get out of my office - you're all right. We went on with this for 2 or 2 1/2 weeks. Then they started using narcohypnosis.

BOSTROM: How did that operate?

JOE: Essentially, they sit you in

a chair. Make sure your nice and comfy. Hook up the sphygmomanometer, blood pressure tape. They get you highly relaxed using soothing music sometimes and give you an injection of basically what is called a hypnotic drug. There were drugs like seconal, scopolamine - the type that have a tendency to reduce what they call psychic resistance. You get your body as relaxed as possible and you loose your will. They actually hypnotize you at that point. It's a combination of drugs and hypnosis. It's my understanding we were trained in our training to go through tortures and things like that. There wasn't a one of us that couldn't pass a polygraph test and lie about his age, the color of his mother and the color of the sky. They had us as well covered as they could in case we were captured. We knew how to respond. The only thing I can say that occurred during that time was that in one way or another, they altered our memories. Now I do not know whether they - we say something else or they gave us a different memory and that's what we ended up with, or what we saw was much worse than occurred and I toned it down. I do know that everyone of us still has occasional nightmares about it and we get flashes of things that were just an incredible blood bath. George was reassigned from our unit after we had all cleared through medical and psychological. I was called into the captain's office approximately what would have been 6 or 8 weeks after the incident to identify a body they told me was George. Now I'd seen the man on the base a few days before. The body they showed me was far, far decomposed. Even for in the jungle, where you have rapid decomposition.

BOSTROM: But you couldn't positively identify the body?

JOE: I couldn't identify it as George. The flesh was all liquefied.

BOSTROM: So for all you could see it may have been someone else.

JOE: The only thing I can say is his tissue had seemed to suffer from some kind of extreme disruption - like every cell wall had been broken. Like you see with a cold sore. It's called lisodumine when the cells rupture and the virus comes out or some kind of bacteriological agent in it that effected it. I don't think it was the later. I think whatever happened

to him - whether they transferred him to show me the body and say that's George -

BOSTROM: Why would they show you a body you couldn't identify?

JOE: The people we were dealing with were very careful about covering all avenues. They never left a thread hanging - and I don't know - I lost all track of it at that point. As far as I knew, he was dead. Why, I was called in to identify the body and sign the papers. The only way I could identify was his dog tags. The usual thing was that during combat, because of the nature of our unit, dog tags were retrieved by a ranking officer and returned to you when you returned to base. We carried what was called T8407 --?-- T101, which was called a get-out-of-jail-free card. It was a cardboard card with two sides and department logo on one side to say the individual was allowed to be carrying strange and unusual weapons, may or may not be in uniform and not to be detained for any reason what so ever. If this card is found on a body, it is to be burned with the body and reported to a telephone number state side and a group to contact.

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- Wed. Nov. 1 - Parapsychology
Committee Meeting at the Schroeder
home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO
(7:30 p.m.)
- Thur. Nov. 9 - "Facts To Know About UFOs"
MUFON lecture at Lake St. Louis Branch
Library, Lake St. Louis, MO (7:30 -
9:00 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 12 - UFO Study Group Meeting at
the BOATMAN'S NATIONAL BANK at 75 West
Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore
- across from the Farm and Home
Savings and Loan building), Webster
Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)
- Sun. Nov. 19 - Library / Archive Committee
at the Roppolo home, 2032 Santa
Monica, St. Charles, MO (1:30 - 4:00)
- Tues. Nov. 21 - St. Charles UFO Committee
at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South
Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)

