



# The UFO Enigma

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## UFO STUDY GROUP OF GTR ST. LOUIS MEETING

2 PM Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000

The meeting place will be at Alberto's, (The Fountains) restaurant at 8427 Gravois, St. Louis, MO 63123. This is a fine cafeteria and they have very good food in very ample portions and at reasonable prices. The room is free if our members and visitors have lunch there, so plan to come early and enjoy a nice Sunday meal before the meeting.

### MEETING

The meeting will begin with the introduction of officers and directors and a welcome and introduction of all visitors to the meeting.

Our year begins in September each year and we formally select the Officers of the UFO Study Group for the coming year by having an election. A slate of candidates is presented as recommended by the Board of Directors. Nominations may be made from the floor as long as the nominee agrees to serve. The election is then held at this meeting with all prior year paid members allowed to vote on the slate selected. Absentee ballots sent in to our Post Office Box will be included in the vote tally.

Following the election we will then have an open discussion of information about new UFO cases or UFO related happenings from all sources. Everyone is invited to participate.

### PROGRAM

We will have a review of some of the older news about UFOs as presented on video films.

The first will be the "Battle of Los Angeles" which many people are not even aware of. This took place in 1942 and is now sometimes called the "Biggest Mass Sighting in History?", but we were at war then and this was called an attack by Japanese bombers. The photo analysis shows the Army gunners firing for hours over Los Angeles at objects lighted up by searchlights but they didn't bring anything down except shrapnel from their own shots. The Army says the attack alarm was real. At that time UFOs were unknown but what were they shooting at?

The second film will be about the mass sightings over and over again in Belgium of slow moving large silent triangular craft that no one has yet explained. This was presented on national television in the program "Unsolved Mysteries" about the 1992 happenings.

Come and join us with all your questions and any answers to the UFO Enigma.

### DUES NOTICE

The annual dues of \$20.00 are due at the start of the new year September 1, 2000. Please pay at our September meeting or use the Membership Application form at page 11 of this newsletter and mail your check in to our post office box. The money goes primarily to produce the UFO Enigma newsletter which announces the next meeting as well as providing current UFO news articles.

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## Water On Mars - A Genuine Clear Liquid Pool

By Joseph P. Skipper  
8-3-00

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More at <http://www.jeffreymecann.com>. Look there for many new  
revelations to come!

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## Sightings Increase: Huge UFO Attempts Landing In Illinois - Big One Seen In Texas

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**UFO ACTIVITY INCREASING AROUND THE WORLD:** Reports are coming in from Europe, South America, Australia and the US of a moderate increase in activity despite solar storms.

### ILLINOIS HUGE CRAFT ATTEMPTS TO LAND

**DOWNERS GROVE** - Beth Skerrett sent an e-mail stating, "I am writing to you about an occurrence outside our corporate building where I am the admin for the management office. Everything I have to say in second hand, I have not seen anything myself but, at about 8:00 PM on July 12, 2000, the security guard of our sister building called the security guard of my building and asked, "What are all those lights about?" The sister building is north of us, and the lights were apparently to the south of the building. The guard went out to the south parking lot and saw "a huge object that was trying to land in the parking lot". He said, "It was as long as eight buses, and almost as high." He said it was a dark silver/blue with a goldish strip across it, and underneath looked concave. He said, "The UFO hovered over the parking lot for almost a minute without making any sound." At that time some of our tenants came out because this object was right outside their window. Even the entire cleaning crew saw it as well. Then he said, "The object, this 'silver ball', shot up into the air and off to the west moving so fast it was hard to track." It appeared to

pause over the town of Aurora, about 15 miles away for several seconds before departing. What is odd is that none of the tenants will talk, report to the police or the news media. I wonder how many things like this happen, and people just see it, and then go on their way? Thanks to Beth Skerrett [beth\\_anne99@hotmail.com](mailto:beth_anne99@hotmail.com)

Editor's note: We figure we are lucky to obtain 10% of the sighting reports. By coincidence I spent part of last week in Downers Grove with a beautiful view of the area, and did not see a thing. Flying home to New Jersey, I had a red UFO flying formation with us, I'm sorry to report it was a star ~~was~~ hiding in and out of the clouds making it look like I had company.

### TEXAS UFO AS BIG AS FOOTBALL FIELD

**GRAHAM, YOUNG COUNTY** - A friend and co-worker had a sighting northwest of Fort Worth on Thursday, July 13, 2000, at 10:28 PM. His name is Jerry Fox and he is a Corrections Officer. Both he and his wife were witness to a very large UFO hovering about 2000 feet off the ground northeast of their home. He said that he was laying on the couch watching TV when he became aware of light filling his living room. He called to his wife to go outside with him. They observed white lights, perfectly round with half-moons on the side, which would indicate that the object was round in shape. The size was as big as a football field. He jumped in his car to get a closer look, but about that time, it vanished. The next day, Jerry was visibly shaken. It had been only the day before that we had been discussing UFOs and he was clearly a skeptic, giving me sideways glances when I mentioned that I had seen several of them in years' past. Thanks to Donna J. Bullock [djb0898@wf.net](mailto:djb0898@wf.net) (Donna B.)

### COLORADO LONG YELLOW CYLINDER

**THORNTON** - I was out having a cigarette break at work on July 6, 2000. Noticing the colors at the beginning of the sunset around 8:30 PM, I noticed a bright yellow, almost white object coming out of the western sky. Knowing that this was probably the reflection of the sun on an east bound jet. It was partially cloudy, but mostly clear sky. What began to seem strange to me, was that NONE of the other passenger jets were "reflecting" the sunset. When I took a closer look this object did not have any wings visible. It traveled east in a straight line but at a slightly slower speed than the other jets who appeared to be passing it headed for Denver. All through this time, no wings were seen at all. There was no variance in the color. It maintained a bright yellow, almost white "glow". As it passed over head, I still did not see any wings, and it made no noise as it passed above the traffic on I-25 to my west. This was when I saw that the middle of the cylinder was narrower than the ends, as it was two cylinders, that had a "docking area" that met in the middle. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

## FILER'S FILES



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**UFO ACTIVITY INCREASING AROUND THE WORLD:** Reports are coming in from Europe, South America, Australia and the US of a moderate increase in activity despite solar storms.

### CARL SAGAN WAS AN EARLY BELIEVER IN ET

In 1962, I had a sighting of a large UFO over England, so I attempted to read books that supported my beliefs in the likelihood of extraterrestrial life. A few years later in 1966, Carl Sagan co-authored an exciting book called *Intelligent Life in the Universe* with Russian astronomer I. S. Shklovskii. It provides extraordinary evidence and surprising scientific arguments for extraterrestrial life. Later his statements were more pessimistic, and may have reflected his desire to be politically accepted in the scientific community. Mutual friends have assured me that he felt there was life on Mars, and the whole universe may be teaming with it. Sagan discussed the amazing evidence in Sumerian writing claiming that extraterrestrial intelligence came to Earth and provided advanced education to mankind. The following quotes from Sagan and Shklovskii are pertinent now that water and possible life have been found on Mars:

"With the numbers we have discussed, it seems possible that the Earth has been visited by various Galactic civilizations many times (possibly 10 [every 10,000 years], during geological time.) It is not out of the question that artifacts of these visits still exist--although none have been found to

date--or even that some kind of base is maintained within the solar system to provide continuity for successive expeditions. Because of weathering and the possibility of detection and interference by the inhabitants of the Earth, it might have appeared preferable not to erect such a base on the Earth's surface. "

The Moon seems one reasonable alternative site for a base. Forthcoming high-resolution photographic reconnaissance of the Moon from space vehicles--particularly, of the back side--might bear these possibilities in mind. Agrest has independently made a similar conjecture, as has the Anglo-Ceylonese science writer, Arthur C. Clarke. The cosmic visitors would probably reason that by the time man had developed the technology to explore the far side of the Moon, he would also have attained a certain limited degree of advancement and might be called civilized. Contact with such a base would, of course, provide the most direct check on the possibility of fairly frequent interstellar spaceflight. The rate of technical advance of our civilization is very great. It is possible that an extraterrestrial society or federation of such societies might want to contact an emerging technical civilization as soon as possible, perhaps to head off a nuclear annihilation - one possible consequence of intensive technological development-or perhaps for other reasons. *Intelligent Life in the Universe*, Page 461

Editors' Note: The above scenario of contact may have occurred as predicted by these scientists. It is not a coincidence that the Soviet Union gave up Communism and became our ally to avoid nuclear war. Further it is not generally realized that the Viking Lander tests for life on Mars were very controversial and that they were based on the false assumption of no water on Mars. Perhaps extraterrestrials live under the surface of planets or moons and are not easily seen by our satellites. It will probably surprise you to learn that genetically altered tobacco is grown 200 feet underground in greenhouses in White Pine, Michigan in an abandoned copper mine. There are advantages underground, such as no pests, no disease and warm temperatures for 365 days a year. There is not even danger from nuclear weapons or meteors. Perhaps we will only see barren landscape until we start drilling beneath the surface.

### LIGHTS GLOW ON MOON

Astronomers regularly report they observe various lights on the moon. French astronomer Audouin Dollfus of the Observatoire de Paris claims to have witnessed clouds of dancing lights inside the 136 km across Langrenus Crater in 1992 with a 39-inch Meudon telescope. It has taken until now to publish his findings. On 30 December, he noticed a series of glows on the floor of the large crater Langrenus. They were definitely not there the day before. Professor Dollfus observed them for several days before they faded. Each time he returned to the telescope he noticed that the shape of the glows had changed. He believes that the glows are due to escaping gas that lifts dust above the lunar surface into sunlight. Some lunar observers have expressed surprise that such a mist should have been seen above Langrenus, which was not regarded as a prime candidate for lunar changes. Thanks to BBC News Online science editor Dr. David Whitehouse.

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## CALIFORNIA DESERT CHASE AT 90 MPH

**BAKER** -- On July 1, 2000, Peter Davenport reports that a witness was traveling just north of Baker when they spotted a huge cigar shaped craft two stories that was silver or aluminum in color. It had tall rectangular lights across the front of it. It was bigger than any airplane and its maneuverability was unbelievable. It was totally silent. The craft chased us three times. The last time it chased us nine miles and was only one to two feet above our car as it chased us at speeds of up to ninety miles per hour. There was quite a bit of air pressure of some kind exerted on our vehicle from the craft. It was so strong we could not close the windows all the way. They were being pushed in. We were driving in the open desert where visibility was great and the sky was clear. This cigar shaped craft flew down and actually blocked the road. We were forced to stop. Then it approached us closer. We shut our lights off and it advanced toward us quickly. We then turned around and fled. The first time it chased us it did so for approximately a half mile at 100 to 200 feet behind us. The second time it got even closer. The third time it came after us and actually stayed right above us. Part of the craft was actually almost touching our vehicle. When we arrived at our destination, we heard that there was a report of a UFO near the town where we observed this UFO. (NUFORC Note: Peter Davenport stated, "We spoke with the witness who submitted this report, and we found him to be quite sincere in his description of what allegedly occurred."

The second witness provides his version of the story. We were traveling north on Highway 127 outside of Baker at 3:30 AM that reports, "Brian and I noticed a light in the sky then seem to disappear within few minutes. Very soon we noticed dim lights on the road ahead so we pulled over on to investigate and turned the car lights off to see better. Suddenly there were bright lights from the object coming toward us. We turned the car around and started back south on the highway. It followed us for a mile or so and disappeared. We weren't happy with that so we turned around and headed north again. We got maybe a mile when the object appeared over a sand dune mountain and started coming toward us with its lights on. We made a 'U' turn and drove south again. We stopped the car so the passenger could take over the driving. He asked, "Where is it?" When I looked out the driver's window, the object was flying next to us. It chased us for about a mile and disappeared. We again turned around and headed north again. To our surprise it was waiting again, so we immediately turned back towards Baker driving at speeds of over 90 mph. Brian then asked, "Where is it?" When I turned to look, it was right on top of us. "I could see what appeared to be airline engines in the back window. When I looked out my passenger window, I could clearly tell this was no plane for the bottom of this aircraft was directly above us. It made no noise. I yelled to get us out of here and proceeded to raise the car windows. The windows would not shut for they were bowed in. It was very bright inside the car, and at first I thought the panel lights were on so I reached down to turn them off. This is when we both noticed the lime green glow inside the car. I looked straight ahead and noticed a car coming toward us and yelled for Brian to watch out, when suddenly our ears popped and the object was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC for these reports.

Editor's Note: The witness's claim to have observed similar craft with a comparable modus of operation. The UFOs may have been attempting to abduct the occupants or to keep them from traveling up the road. This is a very unusual case that requires detailed investigation.

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## SIGHTINGS

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# When UFOs Controlled The Night Above Washington DC

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There WAS the flap they called it, and they scrambled -- that's a fact. Folks were seeing \*something\*, and for days -- imagine that! This was early in the fifties, when we loved our Uncle Sam, before we knew his strawmen, and began to understand. Oh yes, all around the capital of the nation with the bomb (?); it's there in print and picture, and it's been there all along. UFO's were flying where the people HAD to look. Folks were clearly rattled -- sensibility was shook! There WAS a penetration of our airspace so profound that many eyes must watch the skies for what baffles and confounds!

It started on July thirteenth, about sixty miles from town. Reports are most unsettling -- are amazing; they astound! An airline crew is flying in, the weather's CAV-OK, the ceiling was unlimited -- they could see for days and days. A blue-white ball of brilliant light APPEARED and matched the course of a staff of worried pilots; the stews all saw, of course. Oh, think astonished passengers as effulgence flashed its light, and blue/white brilliance zooms up close -- a perspicacious sight! And, then to watch in wonder as away it hurries off -- at a thousand miles an hour, and straight UP the pilots clock!

The next day is a mirror -- the highly strange transpires.

A southbound jet's accosted, and imagination's fired! Six strange craft formation fly and flip their edges wide and high to climb in graceful arks that night (!!) -- takes breath away with such a sight. Oh, with that jet they calmly flew then blinked on out -- away they knew (?), but not in sequence they would \*dim\* the pilot/crew reports to \*men\*. Interrogations DID ensue. The Air Force pressed, a bit unglued -- but men and women saw, yes, THAT . . . which radar saw! This caused the flap! On this date in Newport News, reports came in -- "red saucers [flew]." They flew a way and manner -- strange. Those that saw . . . said "flew [deranged]". With speed too high and turns too steep, these craft were seen to soar and cleave!!

In Hampton roads, July sixteenth, a man is working late, it seems. He takes a break to go outside to cop a smoke I would surmise. Looking south, a pair of lights (!) would zoom on up to pierce his night! Dodging back in tight U-turns they danced like flies to twist and burn! The witness is a man who'd know, an engineer of planes we've flown. "These maneuvers are extreme -- would kill and are beyond our dreams!" Joined by other lights that \*try\* the pair are four (!?!), and south they fly!

July eighteen, nineteen -- twenty, anomaly occurs aplenty. Orange/red disks fly single file for witnesses bereft of guile. Radar sees them too, you know -- a different kind of seeing, though. Written \*off\* as air inversion, targets seen agree -- concurring! Pilots see what radar sees and still some scoff from thick-skinned knees! Shooting stars without their tails move up or down and are detailed. "At all times," was the report, "they coincided [in cavort]." Eyes and radar would agree that what was seen was there, indeed.

On the airbase five confirm what radar sees the eye discerns. Pilots in the airspace see these flying disks are flying free. UFO's -- tracked twenty minutes! Ten or more at once, they tell it, flying to the runway hard to scatter like exploding shards! Moving like weird wraiths of light, direction changes out of sight, many saw them there that night at Andrews airbase -- causing fright. Too sharp turns in weird directions, from entities beyond

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## Former Iberia Airline Pilot Reveals Amazing UFO Encounter

By Environmental News Network staff

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/NATURE/06/26/living.fossils.enn/index.html>  
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conjecture -- quicken my imagination (!) . . . Admit it, this is too amazing!

The twenty-sixth came by at last, and by THIS time there're folks aghast! Nothing's being done they feel, our \*impotence\* is plainly real. Government won't have a clue (?), their impulse is to LIE to you. They give it spin and obfuscation, then act just like it never happened. But jet-planes scrambled out of fright for threatened airspace clothed by \*lights\*. Our capital was ringed with craft that ruled our skies (and that was that). Interceptors, we thought hot, were left as though they'd simply stopped . . . pilots hurt when they stepped out to find they hadn't landed -- ouch!

Something \*took\* the sky that night and treated us like boys, no jive. We were children to what flew these craft we SAW in fifty-two! IS this why we HAVE denied it? That we can't measure up? Deny it? That we are without a clue as to what they mean or what's the truth? Is this WHY we haven't bitched, and ridicule rewards this niche? Is this why there's no respect for people asking questions yet? This was BIG -- it filled the skies, but we had trust that's now denied, and yes that trust has been abused, BETRAYED, accosted, and confused.

There is more than some let by. They're locked into position's why. Some have let the secrets fall where some would keep them -- on their call. All convenient, arbitrary. All self serving, canted -- scary. All contrived to keep from YOU the answers you would HAVE, it's true. Think -- if the news was really bad, they'd mobilize us -- make us mad! They would use us in an army they would make (but do no fighting). Yes, fulsome answers would undo their method of controlling you. The Buddhists left to make the sense, as all the rest are flushed and rinsed. Power's individual; autonomy is usual; you provide your own belief beholding naught to priest or thief! This'll scare them -- YOU cut loose, independent . . . full of juice. This provokes the bare faced lie that nothing strange flew Truman's skies. This was it, their bland indifference -- disrespect for YOUR deliverance.

"I'm 65 years old and flew for 40 years in the Air Force and then for Iberia. I now run a piloting school. I was born in Madrid, my father was a general in the Air Force. The day I saw a UFO from my aircraft I wasn't able to sleep00I havent stopped thinking about it all this time. I've just completed [my book] "Destino Cielo" about all my years of piloting and my UFO Encounter"

--Juan Lorenzo Torres: "It was on a collision course."

The son of an Air Force general, a combat pilot over the Sahara, companion in arms of the King (I see him, with his wife in several photos sharing a meal with Their Majesties), an Iberia pilot, director of an aviation academy...It could not have been easy for this military man to wax eloquent on the "UFO subject" as he calls it. It must be equally embarrassing for his former comrades to discuss Juan's calm "wackiness" as he declassifies documents and recalls distant lights. However, I've enjoyed more his memoirs about the Sahara and the Spanish occupation, his obedient "little moors" and his dandruff-covered camels than dizzying myself with the pages of the UFO universe.

--Luis Amiguet

Q: Why do you insist on remembering those lights now?

A: I think many people would like to know that my crew and I saw something that no one has been able to explain to this very day.

Q: When [was this]?

A: November 4, 1968 at 18 hours and 23 minutes.

Q: Where?

A: Over Sagunto, Valencia. I was the captain of a Caravelle 6-R, a very modern vehicle at the time, covering the Iberia route between London and Alicante (IB Flight 249). There were no incidents until we reached Barcelona. At some 100 miles away, the Barcelona tower ordered us to abandon level 310 -- 31,000 feet-- and descend to level 280.

Q: Why?

A: British Caledonia was heading for us in the opposite direction, so we were asked to descend to avoid a possible collision.

Q: So?

A: Well, I had already ordered dinner and the trays were in the cabin, but at that altitude we were shaving the clouds, which produce a slight though uncomfortable turbulence. Having one's dinner that way was thoroughly disagreeable. I asked my co-pilot to visually monitor if the opposing traffic could be seen, in order that we could return to our proper level to have a peaceful dinner.

Q: Did he see it?

A: We thought so. He said: "I have it in sight", but what we saw instead was a flash and a light coming toward us at an impressive speed.

Q: {Were you} startled?

A: And scared. That thing was on a collision course.

Q: What did you do?

A: We dumped the trays and our jaws dropped, since that blinding light was nothing we'd seen before. We called the stewardess to witness the thing. None of us knew what it could be.

Q: What did the light do?

A: It stayed 10 meters from my plane's nose cone. It went up and down and moved from right to left, but always returned to the same spot, 10 meters away from my plane.

Q: Did you contact the Barcelona tower?

A: Well, it wasn't so easy. What could I say? We were all afraid of ridicule. I tried contacting the object in both English and Spanish, then I contacted the Barcelona VOR and asked if there was air traffic in the area. I was told that their radar coverage was limited to 60 miles.

Q: So what did you do then?

A: I made an emergency broadcast on the 121.5 channel so that all nearby aircraft could communicate with us.

Q: And after that?

A: We all stared at the lights. There was a large light and two small ones on the sides. I attempted a primitive communication system using my landing lights. I told it in Spanish: "On and off twice means no, on and off once means yes."

Q: And did you get along?

A: I think we did. I asked it several questions, among others: "Friend or foe?"

Q: What did you answer?

A: There was logic in their movements.

Q: How long did the sighting last?

A: Somewhat more than ten minutes.

Q: That's a long time.

A: Yes.

Q: What did you do upon landing?

A: That night we all slept poorly, as my crew told me the next day. We all made a pact of silence, but lieutenant colonel Abreu of the Barcelona tower, called me when I landed at El Prat and told me that the radar coverage for eastern Spain had recorded those "UFOs". I asked for a copy of these records and he gave me one.

Q: Do you still have that copy?

A: No, because 4 months later, another Caravelle piloted by commander Ordovas had another sighting in the area, flying with the same flight engineer, Jose Cuenca! The news made it into the media because one of the flight attendants had a boyfriend who was a journalist.

Q: So the rumor spread...

A: Yes. Journalists began calling and four months later Lt. Col Ugarte and a lawyer showed up and the copy was confiscated.

Q: Well!

A: After reporting the sighting, Lt. Col Ugarte concluded that what the co-pilot, engineer, flight attendant and I had seen was in fact Venus!

Q: Venus?

A: Yes, Venus. Venus was stuck to my plane's nose, I never realized it!

Q: What made them say that?

A: I guess that their military culture finds it very embarrassing not to have an explanation. Venus is as good an answer as any.

Q: And what do you think?

A: I thought it could have been--why not?--an alien craft or something by alien creatures. When military intelligence declassified the documents on the sightings, I noticed the radar records were absent. Lt. Col. Abreu told me the radar had recorded three UFOs.

Q: Do you believe in them?

A: I think I saw something from a non terrestrial culture.

Q: Do you have any other data?

A: I'd say the same thing. The ones in charge will deny what they see before accepting what they can't explain or control. And of course, it was Venus.

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# Strange Days Indeed! - Celebrity UFO Encounters

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7-6-00

This report is one of my favorite celebrity UFO encounters, it is by no means a comprehensive report, these are the best of what I have on file, and the reports are from various sources including a few of my own interviews on the topic.

Some of you might be familiar with the lyrics:

*There's a UFO over New York & I ain't too  
surprised,  
Nobody told me there'd be days like these,  
Strange days indeed...*

--from John Lennon's - 'Double Fantasy album'

## Walter Chronkite's UFO encounter

As CBS Evening News Anchor for many years, Chronkite became a part of many American families as he brought us the news in a straight-forward and fair manner. No matter how he felt personally, you never saw that during his broadcast. He did this all before cable TV became such a big part of viewing, so for many he was more than just a Reporter. Walter Chronkite became a trusted friend of almost all who viewed his work.

In the 1950s Chronkite was part of a pool of News Reporters brought out to a small South Pacific island to watch the test of a new Air Force missile. After a short inspection of the new system by the reporters, they were lead to an area a safe distance from the launch site.

The missile was mounted on a specially built launcher that was attached to a cement base. It was obvious that the area had been quickly built just for the test. The details about the missile were going to be given to the reporters in the form of hand-out sheets and press releases after the test.

As the test was ready to proceed, Chronkite mentioned that photography of the event by the press was forbidden! They would have to give verbal descriptions so everyone was writing as fast as they could.

As Air Force guards walked around the perimeter of the test area with guard dogs and the news reporters

watched, the missile was fired-up and about to be released. Just then, a large disc-type UFO appeared on the scene!

Chronkite guessed that the object was about 50-60 feet in diameter, a dull grey color and had no visible means of propulsion! Because the noise of activity around him and the missile engine was so loud, he couldn't tell whether the disc made any noise. He did not notice any noise coming directly from the object.

As Air Force guards ran toward the object with their dogs, the disc hovered about 30 feet off of the ground. It suddenly sent out a blue beam of light, which struck the missile, a guard and a dog all at the same time!

The missile was frozen in mid-air about 70 feet from the launcher, as it had taken off. A guard was frozen in mid-step and a dog frozen in mid-air as it had jumped at the disc. Chronkite reminded me that this all happened within the space of about five minutes or less.

Suddenly, the missile exploded! After that, the disc vanished. The guard and dog looked all right, but were quickly taken away by medical personnel always present at tests in case anyone would be injured. At the same time, guards rapidly ushered the reporters into a concrete observation bunker. After about thirty minutes of sitting in that hot box, they were brought out into the air again and addressed by an Air Force Colonel.

The officer told them, "It was all part of the test." Obviously making it up as he went along, the Colonel said that the event was "staged" to test media reaction to UFOs. He reinforced the usual line to the reporters that Flying Saucers were probably not extra-terrestrial, but people were actually seeing secret planes being tested by the Air Force. This test was designed to show the media how "shocking" it could be to suddenly view a new technology.

Well, Chronkite was certain that what he viewed was a "new technology" but he was also sure it was not an Earthly one! He didn't believe the Air Force explanation then, and he didn't believe it as he told me the story.

After the event reporters were told that since it was a test of media reaction to new technology, they could not report on it! But, they would be compensated later with exclusive stories on new Air Force projects (a promise that was never kept).

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## 1881: A POSSIBLE ABDUCTION IN SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

Just off Highway 151, midway between Platteville (population 9,800) and Belmont (population 80) lie two ancient mounds, the scene of a very strange incident back in 1881.

"These mounds are 1,420 and 1,380 feet above sea level. In 1827 Major John H. Rountree and a friend, exploring in the region, climbed one of them to view the surrounding country and carved their names in rocks where Indian signal fires once burned. Rountree later became owner of one of the most profitable mines in the Platteville district."

No one knows who actually reared the mounds. They were already old when the Lakota people (also known as the Sioux Indians) arrived in Wisconsin in 600 A.D. Some theorize that the mounds were erected by a mysterious people known to the Ganegahaga (also known as the Mohawk Indians) as the Ot-ne-yarheh. Curious-looking artifacts of the pre-Columbian Greenwood culture--mostly diamond-shaped knives and pendants--have been found at the site.

According to historian Erva Loomis Merow of Kenosha, Wis., the stone farmhouse nearest the mounds was purchased by a young

German farmer named Karl Nodolf, "who went back to Germany to marry" his intended bride "and bring her back. He arrived there only to discover that his bride-to-be had died of diphtheria weeks before... Slowly Karl lifted himself out of his grief to discover that, of his bride-to-be's family, only two people had survived, her mother and a young sister. Karl looked at the sister, just sixteen years old, and once again the (Wisconsin) farm became a beautiful dream. He asked the mother and sister, called Louise, to go back to Wisconsin with him."

Karl and Louise married, and in 1877, their first child, daughter Minnie Louise, was born. Two years later, in 1879, their son Louis was born. "Minnie and Louie Nodolf were to become the center of a legend--a legend which still lives among the people near the Mound."

One night in June of 1881, a thunderstorm passed over the farm. "Louise and Karl put their two children," Minnie Louise, age 4, and Louis, 2, "to bed upstairs. This night the wind had become stronger after dark, so Karl locked every shutter tight. They went back downstairs to sit before the fire, reading and sewing."

"Usually Louise liked to mend, but tonight the wind howled like a fall blizzard, instead of a June thunderstorm. They stayed up longer than usual because the wind became so intense. Great streaks of lightning and cracks of thunder filled the air. Finally Karl decided it was just another summer storm, and they prepared for bed."

"Karl closed the shutters at the windows and barred the doors securely. Louise, carrying a lamp, led the way upstairs. She covered the children and soon they were all asleep."

"Toward morning a very loud crack of thunder woke Louise and Karl. Louise said she heard Minnie crying for her and ran to her bed. Neither Minnie nor Louie were in their beds. She lighted a lamp and looked around the room, thinking they must have been frightened by the storm and gotten out of bed. They were not in their room."

Then, between the battering of the wind and cracking thunder, they heard the children crying. They listened, unbelieving. Karl ran to the door, sliding the heavy bar back. He swung it open and there, outside on the step, stood Minnie and Louie!"

"Children!" cried Louise, and they carried them in by the fire."

"Wrap them up,' began Louise, 'I'll get their dry--'"

"She couldn't go on, for Karl was feeling their nightgowns. He touched Minnie's hair. 'You don't have to get dry clothes, Louise. They're not one bit wet!'"

"But that's not possible. It's pouring rain,' whispered Louise."

"How did they get out there, Louise? That's not possible either,' said Karl."

Kneeling before her daughter, Louise said, "Minnie! Minnie, how did you get outside?"

"I-I-I-I don-don-don-don't kno-kno-know," stuttered Minnie."

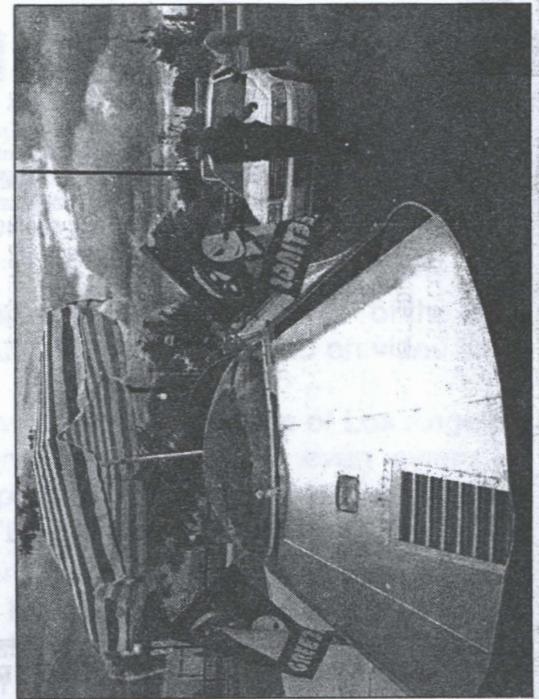
"Karl!" screamed Louise, "She's stuttering!"

"So she was. And so was Louie, just learning to talk. Both were stuttering for the first time. From that moment on, they stuttered. Of the eight children born to Louise and Karl, Minnie and Louie were the only ones who stutter, and they do, still, to this day."

(Editor's Comment: What do you think, child psychology majors? Evidence of trauma?)

"Every window in the house had been closed. The doors were barred with high sliding bars. It was impossible for the children, four and two years old, to open them, get out, and then slide the bar back into place. Everything was locked from within."

"Did Minnie and Louie somehow get out of the house, locked from within? Why, then, weren't they wet? The children couldn't explain how they got outside. Not that night, nor in the many years to come. Yet they were so frightened they stuttered from that night on!" (See the Book Wisconsin Lore by Robert E. Gard and L.C. Serden, Duell, Sloan and Pierce, Inc., New York, N.Y. 1962, pages 37 to 40. Also Wisconsin: A Guide to the Prairie State, Hastings House, New York, N.Y. 1954, page 429.)



A police officer in Roswell, N.M., warns Buryl Hill of Sedona, Ariz., on Friday that his flying saucer isn't street legal in the town legendary for an alleged 1947 UFO crash. Hill was driving his UFO to the opening ceremony of Roswell Trek 2000, a festival that celebrates the city's interest in extraterrestrial visitors.

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