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SEE CONTROVERSIAL CONTACTEE DR. REED IN A NEW LIGHT

Gloria Noble, MUFON member, retired civil servant and currently a housewife, will present a passionate defense of controversial contactee Jonathan Reed, Ph.D., in the UFO Study Group of Greater Saint Louis, Inc. 2 p.m. meeting, March 10, 2002 at Grone cafeteria in Yorkshire Plaza, Watson at Laclede Station Road. She will introduce the strange creature Dr. Reed met under mysterious circumstances, telling about the mystical bracelet inscribed with hieroglyphic symbols left for him, which purportedly has the power to translate humans into other dimensions. Dr. Reed appeared on three Art Bell programs.

In her hour and a half presentation, she will open our consciousness to some of E.T. "Freddy's revelations" to Jonathan Reed via telepathy. Gloria will also discuss some of the physical attacks which have killed Dr. Reed's friends or effectively intimidated them.

She will detail the unusual demand made on Dr. Reed by the MUFON Board of Directors before they would allow him to speak at the 2001 Orange County California Symposium. Then Ms. Noble will present the real speech Jaime Maussan, popular Mexican Radio Host, gave in defense of Jonathan Reed, Ph.D. at the Irvine, California July meeting. *(Editor's note: Rev. John Schroeder, UFO Study Group Program Chairman, affirms the fact that the separate printed speech inserted in the 2001 MUFON Symposium Proceedings ascribed to Jaime Maussan is not the actual talk recorded on video in Orange County CA! Maybe Maussan set aside his anticipated topic to say what his friend could not.)*

Gloria Noble's video portion of the program will also include a twenty minute interview with Dan McEvoy, for 10 years a certified MUFON UFO Investigator, who also defends his friend, Jonathan Reed, Ph.D. Judge for yourself the truth of diverse claims.

Your opinions, pro or con, will be welcomed in the discussion period. The public is invited free to join UFO enthusiasts for an interesting and challenging program March 10, 2 p.m. at Grone's Cafeteria side room. You are urged to enjoy a delicious and economical meal in the dining room first.

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FAMILY OBSERVES UFOs IN RED BANKS, MISSISSIPPI

On Friday, December 21, 2001, at 12:30 a.m., Jeremy S. and his brother "were in the street" in Red Banks, Mississippi (population 500) "and we saw two bright balls in the sky. The first two were seen to the north. They looked low. We thought they were flashlights at first. We ran up the street to get a closer look."

"When we reached the top of the hill, about 10 bright balls rose from behind the trees to the east. We watched them move north and west towards the first two balls we saw. They stopped to form a motionless triangle, and they held this position for about ten seconds."

"Then individual UFOs would move out and then back into the formation in straight lines. This lasted for about 15 seconds. After this, they all broke formation and moved slowly to the west. They reached a flashing tower and flew back and forth near it. They changed their lights from bright to dim about every 25 seconds. Two dim UFOs flew into a bright UFO and disappeared within it."

"We ran back and got our father, and we went back to the spot down the road where we could see the flashing tower. All the bright-ball-type UFOs were still there. My brother, my father and myself watched the sky for about five more minutes. When we got within a mile of the tower, they all started to fly slowly away in different directions."

Jeremy estimated that the glowing UFOs were "about as high as a passenger aircraft (30,000 feet) and all were slow-moving."

Red Banks is just north of Highway 78 about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Oxford, Miss. (Email Form Report)

MAJOR UFO FLAP REPORTED IN MEXICO CITY

UFOs dominated the skies over Mexico City and its suburbs last week.

On Saturday, December 15, 2001, at 3 a.m., an AeroMexico Boeing 727 jetliner encountered a glowing UFO over the city of Toluca, near Mexico City. According to Mexican ufologist Alfonso Salazar, "The radars of the control towers at the airports in Toluca and Mexico City detected the intruder at an altitude of 12,000 feet and circling the metropolitan region. An airport official, using binoculars, described the UFO as 'a circular, unusual object' which 'caused great excitement among the air traffic controllers.'"

On Sunday, December 16, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., Pedro Hernandez grabbed his videocamera and began shooting color footage of a UFO flying over the small town of Metepec, near Toluca. According to Hernandez, the UFO "presented bright lights at each corner of its triangular form. The front (of the UFO) was a reddish color but without any lights. The UFO darted about swiftly in the night sky, and we videotaped it for several seconds before it went flying off in the direction of the volcano (Mount) Popocatepetl. The object became lost in the haze of the horizon."

On Monday, December 17, 2001, a UFO "shaped like a sombrero (hat) and with three protuberances on its upper half was seen by various eyewitnesses in the area of Tasquena," another suburb of Mexico City. "According to reports, the UFO flew freely in the skies above the Distrito Federal, ascending and descending up to 200 meters (660 feet) during a period of ten minutes."

On Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 10 a.m., "several fiery UFOs were seen hovering in the skies above Popocatepetl. Witnesses in Cuernavaca, in the state of Morelos (nearby) said they saw five gleaming UFOs above the volcano."

According to Mexican ufologist Amado Marquez, "the UFOs moved about individually, and witnesses identified five of them during a five-minute viewing period. They were last seen crossing the sky in a triangular formation."

On Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at 1:20 p.m., eyewitness Javier Guevara videotaped an oval UFO freely moving through the sky above Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl, "a suburb just east of Mexico City. "The UFO was described as 'an obscure color and presented a dome in the center of its upper surface, with a small protuberance on its lower surface, alternately slowing and accelerating at a dizzying velocity.'"

Guevara said he videotaped the UFO for four minutes before it disappeared into the eastern horizon. (Muchas gracias a Alfonso Salazar y Eustaquio Andrea Patounas para estas noticias.)

1962: THE PHANTOM TRUCKER OF GENEVIEVE, ILLINOIS

Among the strange "highway apparitions" here in the USA is the phenomenon of the phantom trucker. These are ghostly presences who appear to motorists stranded in big snowstorms.

"It was January 1962," forty years ago, and Mrs. Pat Barker was on the move. She recalled, "My husband Quincy, who was in the (U.S.) Air Force had been stationed in Germany. When he was reassigned to the States, we had to travel with our two children, Tammy, 3, and Larry, 5."

"It was a bitter-cold January and we were headed from New York to Nellis Air Force base in Las Vegas (Nevada). Little Larry was gravely ill."

"We were stuck in a motel in Genevieve, Illinois. The temperature dipped to 18 below zero (Fahrenheit) and our son was spiking a fever and throwing up blood. We had taken him to the doctor earlier in the day and he'd prescribed medicine, which I administered every few hours."

"Just in case Larry took a turn for the worse, Quincy went outside every few hours and started the car so the engine wouldn't freeze up. The doctor told us to bring Larry back the following day and he'd let us know if we could continue our journal or if our sick son would have to be admitted to a hospital."

"It was a long, cold night, and as dawn came, Quincy went out again. This time our worst fear came true. The car wouldn't start and it was snowing heavily."

"'What are we going to do?' I asked with a mother's desperation."

"As if to answer my question, someone knocked on the door just at that moment. A tall, burly man stood outside and said, 'I'm a trucker. I noticed your car wouldn't start. I think I can help.'"

"Quincy was startled. He hadn't left the car hood (bonnet in UK-J.T.) open, indicating trouble, nor had he noticed a truck nearby. Certainly he hadn't asked anyone for help."

"Together they walked outside, and the trucker pulled a can of ether from his pocket. One quick squirt on the carburetor and the engine started right up."

"Amazed and delighted, Quincy turned to thank the man, but he had vanished."

"When my husband returned to the motel room, he said, 'I went all the way to the road looking for tire tracks, and there were *none*.'"

"Looking back almost 40 years, we are still awestruck to think how this person came out of nowhere, helped us, then disappeared into thin air! If he wasn't an angel, what was he?" (See the tabloid *The Examiner* for March 27, 2001, "Mystery trucker started our frozen car--and then vanished into thin air," page 43.)

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New UFO Wave Hits Belgium The Triangles Are Back!

A Report by Dieter Bosh/Belgium

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See below Story

In the years 1989-90, just after the Russian UFO wave, Belgium became very well known throughout the world for its flap of triangle shaped UFOs and other sightings, beginning in the dutch area of Eupen and eventually touching the entire country.

This wave was a boom for UFO investigative associations like SOBEPS (abbrev/trans - Society Of Belgian Studies of Celestial

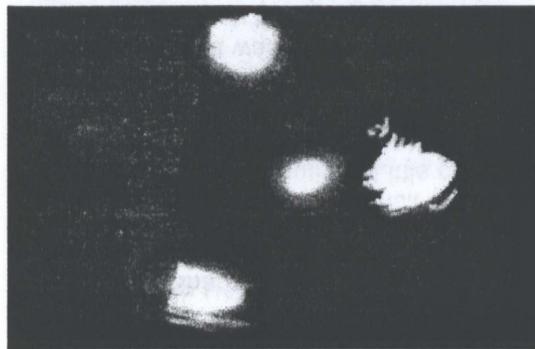
Phenomena), which work hand in hand with the Belgian Army, and which have finally produced a long awaited book, edited by SOBEPS researchers featuring photos analyzed by the military authorities which deemed the images authentic. There is also film footage of the recent



craft by a Mr. Alfarano currently being analyzed. However, many UFOlogists and UFO watchers believe SOBEPS to be "too close" to the Army to be truly objective and are skeptical of their operations. Other independent UFO research organizations have emerged from the schism, including CEEPA (abbrev/trans - European Study Center of Aerial Phenomena) and UIU (abbrev/trans - Union of Inter UFOlogy), of which I am a member.

They're Coming Back!

2001 has seen a considerable upswing in UFO activity in Belgium and France, including the elusive black triangles. In mid-october a young lady reported a strange UFO in the Avioth area of northern France. She described it as being a very dark, square shaped UFO with four lights, one at each corner (note: in the now famous January 5, 2000 Illinois Triangle sighting, the massive object tracked and followed by several police officers and state troopers across a wide swath of the state was reported by one observer to appear perfectly square, "like a floating building, and just about as tall, maybe three stories high" -- as well as similar Israeli and South American reports of "square" craft with similar antigravitic properties and unusual lighting). Further reports of the object or similar objects came in from Charleroi, Belgium, just across the border.



Black Triangle Photographed in Belgium, 1989

In December of this year, however, the UFO sightings became widely recognized, making the TV news and popular newspapers, reporting "A new wave is hitting Belgium." One of the more popular Belgian papers, "La Dernière Heure" (The Last Hour) on December 19th

featured a report about the return of the triangles, with new reports of blue lighting on the underside of the craft, as well as orange and yellow. Belgian TV produced extensive coverage of the new UFO flap, interviewing two young men in Namur, not far from Charleroi, who reported a very close encounter with a silver, cylindrical shaped UFO. Triangles are being reported with varying lighting structures; red, green and blue lights, as well as UFOs that are orange in color.

Many of the Belgian UFO organizations believe the triangles and other craft to be US military related considering the presence of SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), part of the NATO military construct in the theatre. So close to the intense battle zones of Kosovo a few years ago, and now Afghanistan as well as other recent regional troubles, the flaps seem to center around the french-belgian border, and even craft similar to the "Adamski" style flying saucer have been reported in the area (which has been the case even for decades). But these current triangle craft are extremely swift, utterly silent, almost magical in their maneuvers and often very close to the ground and residential roof tops -- they are, as called, "Belgian Phantoms."

Several close friends who have had the massive ships drift over their homes have challenged the military authorities on talk radio programs to overfly their homes without making the windows rattle like the black triangles have, if these are truly 'conventional aircraft' being mistaken for something altogether more fantastic. They don't, of course, because they can't. The stealth and other craft used by US military in Europe, during the war in Kosovo, and now Afghanistan, are clearly not the same craft at all.

Brussels has been well visited by UFOs recently, and that's where my personal sightings have come from, making me a true believer. A massive UFO show occurred here (the same time Mr. Alfarano shot his footage). The UFO I saw was quite massive (the only other possibility considering its size would have to be a Zeppelin), silver in color, sending out strange green orbs almost like a laser show. Oddly enough, on this same day, people reported the peculiar square shaped UFO as well, some even stopping their cars along the roadside to watch. (Speculation: Could the "square" UFOs be two triangles together?)

I will be informing the Jeff Rense website about the current UFO activity here in Belgium as it unfolds.

Note: 'The Last Hour' newspaper is apparently subscription based and a copy of the report could not be obtained through their website at <http://www.dhnet.be>, though we are attempting to get a translated version. We wish to thank Dieter Bosh, a member of UIU, for his excellent reporting and willingness to share what information he has on the Belgian UFO flap of 2001...and 2002! - ed

Black Triangle video in mpeg format can be seen at <http://www.cowan70.freemove.co.uk/> -- AREA -X



From the UFO Files...

1995: PHANTOM TRUCKERS ON THE PRAIRIE

Another unusual "phantom trucker" encounter took place in December 1995 on the prairie in western North Dakota.

Kevin and Sharon H. left their home in Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota, for a Christmas trip in late December 1995. They were headed west on Interstate Highway I-94. "The husband-and-wife duo was driving to visit Sharon's family for a week-long Christmas vacation outing.. Little could they have realized that this simple cross-country trip would turn into a life-or-death ordeal."

"Even though it was one of those on-again, off-again, snow-filled Decembers, they thought they could handle the trip. After all, they did have a four-wheel-drive vehicle with snow tires."

"What started out as a light snow turned heavy. In less than two hours, the snow and ice became so terrible that they had to pull over to the shoulder of the highway" near Hebron, North Dakota (population 700).

"'It's okay, honey,' said Kevin. 'The snow will be over soon. Then we can start again.'"

"But the snow and ice just wouldn't stop."

"'It looks like it's never going to let up!' exclaimed Sharon."

"'Come on, Sharon. You know it will. As soon as it lightens up a bit, we'll start driving again.'"

"They waited. And waited and waited. After to close to a half-hour of constant (snow) bombardment, even Kevin began getting worried."

"'We're going to be buried in here if we don't do something fast!' cried Sharon."

"'Let's try to get back on the Interstate.'"

"Kevin started the engine and tried to get back onto the road."

"'We're stuck!' he exclaimed."

"Getting out of the car, Kevin tried his best to clear snow from the wheels. But it was useless. The ice was unyielding. Now their car was stuck. And if it kept on snowing like this, they would soon be buried."

"Pulling out their cell phone, Kevin received nothing but ear-crackling static. They knew they were in a terrible situation."

"Immediately Kevin got out and retrieved his emergency equipment from the trunk (boot in UK--J.T.). This gear consisted of some orange (highway) cones, flares, an extremely warm Air Force blanket, a first-aid kit and some canned food."

"Kevin began getting really worried. Not wanting to let his wife see him panic, Kevin played it cool...as cool as he could under such circumstances."

"Because he didn't want to wear down the car batteries, he now began rationing the car's heat. It must have been ten (degrees) below zero (Fahrenheit) outside, but at least they didn't have the stabbing icy knives of wind to cut them."

"Eventually their hopes of being rescued began to fade. Sharon suggested trying something they usually never did."

"'Let's pray,' she suggested."

"'What?'"

"'You know, pray.'"

"I haven't prayed since I was a little kid in the first grade,' said Kevin.

"Well, it's probably time you started again,' answered his wife."

"Kevin hesitated. He didn't think he could remember how. After all, he was always an in-charge, take-charge kind of guy. He had never thought he would have to ask God for anything."

"Realizing that they were in a very bad situation, he finally agreed to pray as he clasped his frigid hand in his wife's."

"Dear Lord, please, please send one of your angels to help us,' they prayed."

Every passing minute seemed like an hour. Kevin lost all track of time. In the darkness, he listened to the howl of the relentless prairie wind as the snow piled up around their car.

"Then, Kevin opened his eyes with a start."

"Did you hear that?' he asked anxiously."

"His wife opened her eyes and looked around."

"It's still snowing. I can't see anything."

"No! I think I hear a motor!"

"Quickly getting out of the car, Kevin saw a large green tow truck, complete with a large snow plow, slowly making its way,

It's the state highway department! he thought, We're saved!

"Right here! Hey! Over here!" he yelled, jumping out into the middle of the road. In a moment, the truck came to a halt."

"Two large men got out of the truck. They were wearing white parkas. The men's faces were obscured with green scarves with dark slits for eye holes. Kevin didn't need to do much talking because both men nodded and quickly got to work: Before long, the car was able to get back onto the road."

"As they were ready to roll, Kevin turned back to thank the two men. Both the men and their truck had disappeared."

Getting into the car, Kevin told his wife that "he couldn't see them because of the bad weather conditions."

"But Sharon insisted that they had literally disappeared. 'I saw them flash their lights at us as if to say goodbye,' she remembers, 'Then, as I turned to look back, they were gone!'"

As the first glimmers of dawn appeared in the east, the couple drove past a state highway department yard on their side of the highway. A big tow truck, similar to the one they had seen, its headlights ablaze, rolled out of the yard and started down the interstate highway. Seeing lights on in the office, Kevin pulled off the highway into the yard. He wanted to leave a thank-you note for the heroic two-man crew that dug out his half-buried vehicle.

Entering the office, Kevin saw a male dispatcher at the radio console. "Hi," he said, "My car was stuck in snow a couple of hours ago. Back there around Mile Marker 102. Couple of your boys dug us out. I wanted to thank them."

The dispatcher gave him a strange look. "Mister," he said, "What are you talking about? There's been nobody on the highway all night. Why, the first plow just went out of here five minutes ago!" (See Christmas Angels, Globe Mini-Mags, Boca Raton, Florida, December 2001, "Angels in a Blizzard," page 38.)

Join us next week for more UFO and Fortean news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-- UFO Roundup." See you in seven days.

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WISCONSIN FLYING OBJECT

WATERFORD, RACINE COUNTY -- UFO Wisconsin reports that the witness who wishes to remain anonymous stated, "I was sitting out by the farm areas with my son on January 5, 2002, just north of Wind Lake and just south of Waterford. I was looking at the stars when I saw something that was square shaped that stopped for about 30 seconds. It then started moving slowly and disappeared. I would have thought that I was seeing things, but my son who is 13 years old, pointed it out to me. Note: We are trying to follow up with this witness. We found it unusual that the object he saw in the sky was square shaped. Thanks to jenny@ufowisconsin.com, http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r2002_0105_racine.html

MONTANA STRANGE LIGHTS

BILLINGS -- Unusual white lights were spotted hovering over the West End of Billings Saturday at about 6:00 PM. A woman and her husband were in their pickup truck when they spotted a lighted half-spherical object hover about 1,000 feet above 36th Street West. The object had one flashing light and hovered for about four minutes. "My husband knows airplanes and he said, 'Those aren't any airplane lights.' As soon as he said that, it took off," she said. "Within two seconds, we couldn't see it. It was that fast. I don't know what to make of it." A Billings man who spends most of his evening riding a bicycle in the downtown area said he spotted the flying object, but thought it was just a very fast aircraft. Thanks to The Billings Gazette, Copyright (c) and Louise A. Lowry <http://www.ufoxfiles.com/WorldOfTheStrange/default.asp>

WASHINGTON LARGE BLACK FLYING OBJECTS

PORT ANGELES -- My husband was outside on December 29, 2001, watching the sky as he often does, waiting for me to get ready. He observed a huge black object above him at 4:20 PM seemingly cloaked in the clouds. It was a calm day, with a partial cloud cover and no wind. He watched the object(s) for a minute then ran in to yell for me to "come now PLEASE!" I ran outside and he related to me what he had seen, since the object was no longer there. He described it as a huge black "wall," but it almost seemed to be changing shapes within the cloud. He said it was at least two football fields in length. We continued to watch the sky and a minute later, we both observed a solid, black disc shaped object fall like a leaf from the clouds, about 1/2 mile from where the object originally was seen by my husband. It seemed to be heading north just above the treeline, so we didn't see where it went, just that it fell. Then directly above that, in the clouds again, I saw what appeared to be two large black objects "dancing" in the clouds. I immediately said "Oh, look honey, they're hang-gliders!"

However, they were quite large, in fact it could have been one object, as the clouds were obscuring parts of whatever I was seeing. They or it continued moving for about 10 seconds, and then completely disappeared into the cloud cover. This is the first time either of us has witnessed anything remotely unexplainable in the sky. We are at a complete loss as to how to explain it. We've thought of kites, hang-gliders, balloons, airplanes, blimps, stealth bombers, none of it seems to fit. There were no visible lights on the object(s); it was just big and black. It made no noise. It was afternoon, with about 1 hour left of good daylight. I am a professional, working in the health care field here in town. My husband is a stay at home dad, caring for our 2 year old son. We have been going nuts trying to figure this out. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC www.UFOCENTER.com, Ho! tline: (206) 722-3000

UFO LANDINGS REPORTED IN NORTHERN BRAZIL

Residents of Cupira, a town in the state of Pernambuco in northern Brazil, have reported landings of disc-shaped UFOs in recent weeks. Townspeople have seen hatches open on the discs and witnessed the emergence of small humanoid creatures.

This is just part of the ongoing UFO flap occurring today in Brazil's northern states of Paraiba and Pernambuco.

Brazilian ufologist Edison Boaventura said "he has also seen UFOs over the Guararapes Airport in the municipality of Cupira, 168 kilometers (105 miles) north of Recife," the state capital of Pernambuco. "Some employees on a ranch belonging to a friend of mine saw one land and disgorge little men who helped themselves to (the fruit of) the guava trees."

"Exotic-shaped objects have been reported by residents of the coast and the (Serra da Rosa) mountains, mainly in Brejo de Madre do Deus."

"There is something strange in the skies of Pernambuco. Unexplained lights, cigar-shaped luminous objects, small points crossing space at prodigious speeds, all have been seen along the coast, particularly in the municipality of Brejo de Madre do Deus," located 219 kilometers (131 miles) northeast of Recife.

(Editor's Note: This stretch of northern Brazil is known as the Sertao. The city of Recife is 1,050 kilometers (630 miles) northeast of Rio de Janeiro.)

"Some are sure that unidentified flying objects or UFOs are involved. In other words, saucers. Visitors from space? ETs? Borrowing the slogan from The X-Files...could it be that the truth is out there?"

"To Sao Paulo-based ufologist Edison Boaventura, the answer is yes. The president of Grupo Ufologico de Guaraju (GUG), Boaventura is also a respected (financial) analyst at the Banco do Brasil. He took advantage of a temporary four-month transfer to Recife and spent his free time collecting reports from persons claiming to have seen UFOs flying over the state."

"In the Sertao (Northeast--J.T.) Pernambuco and Paraiba stood out for the number of (UFO) cases. Sightings are particularly

intense in places near the beaches,' says Boaventura, showing an album with hundreds of UFO photos from all over the world."

"One of the witnesses interviewed by the ufologist was attorney Wilson Andrade Souza, a resident of Boa Viagem, who claims to have seen UFOs on repeated occasions and speaks delightedly about his experiences."

"My wife and I were standing on the porch to our house when we saw an object in the sky resembling a cigar, surrounded by twenty smaller disc-shaped objects, flying in disarray. It was a beautiful sight,' he says."

"The oldest residents of the rural areas tell tales of fireballs racing through the sky over the city (Boa Viagem). When Edison Boaventura showed them his album, 'the majority of them pointed to an image of a UFO taken in Jalisco (Mexico) as very similar to the phenomenon being seen in their region.'"

"Dulce de Souza Pinto, director of the city's museum, lives in the bairro Barriguda (neighborhood) where she can see the 'torches'--a local name given by some to the fireballs."

"At night people could wait on their porches to see them appear. They were blue and red torches, round, emerging from the top of the mountain range and darting quickly from one side to the other. After that, they would come closer and plunge suddenly,' she recalls."

"There are those who have claimed to have witnessed UFO landings, such as farmer Jose Antonio dos Santos. He told Dulce and the ufologist that he saw one (UFO) 'resembling a plate' descend on a boulder in the Serra da Rosa. He saw 'some legs' protruding from the thing and afterward saw a porthole open. He fired a shot with his rifle, and the disc took off."

"The guy knew what a flying saucer was,' Dulce said." (See the Brazilian newspaper Diario de Pernambuco for January 10, 2002, "Astonishing UFOs visit Pernambuco." Muito obrigado a Scott Corrales, autor dos livros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries e Forbidden Mexico, e tambem Alberto Francisco do Carmo por esos casos.)

"HIGHLY ADVANCED" PAINTINGS FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICAN CAVE

"Seventy-seven thousand years ago, long before cave painters ever reached Europe, someone living on the tip of South Africa," near Capetown, "apparently carved a pattern on the flat surface of a stone, leaving behind the earliest known piece of art."

"The finding, announced today in the journal *Science*, reinforces the notion that early people were not the dimwitted cavemen of popular culture but thinking, language-using creative people with powers of abstract thought similar to our own."

"'It's a fantastic discovery,' said Ian Tattersol, an anthropologist at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The simple geometric etchings, he said, 'could represent the first really explicit symbolic behavior.'"

"The next-earliest examples of artistic creation are much more recent--cave paintings, figurines, jewelry and other artifacts that date back about 40,000 years."

"The latest discovery, palm-sized pieces of a red, chalky form of iron oxide called ochre, came from Blombos Cave in South Africa. Other pieces of ochre found at the site appear to have been scraped to create paint."

(Editor's Note: The Blombos paintings predate the famous cave paintings at Lascaux in France by an astounding 30,000 years!)

"Two of these ochre pieces show a series of crossed lines or X's. On one, the X's are bound on top and bottom by horizontal lines."

"Just as people today argue endlessly over what constitutes art, anthropologists disagree over whether these pieces are symbolic art from some prehistoric Jackson Pollock or just some cave-dweller doodling."

"Art or not, these pieces say something about their creators' ability to think, said Allison Brooks, an anthropologist from George Washington University."

"The question remains, when and where did modern intelligence and behavior begin?" (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for January 11, 2002, "Stone drawings shed light on thinking of ancient humans," page 5A.)

From the UFO Files...

1990: THE PHANTOM TRUCKER OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

The phantom trucker phenomenon--ghostly figures that appear during snowstorms and assist people in trouble on the highway--is a little-known but well-documented paranormal event here in the USA. Here's another recollection of just such an encounter...

On December 24, 1990, a snowstorm swept through Topeka, one of the largest cities in Kansas. But that didn't stop Mary W. Despite the nasty weather, she still had to get to work.

"I had just gone through a divorce, and my life was in chaos," Mary reported, "As I was on my way to work on Christmas Eve day, the roads were sheets of ice. Most people had sense enough not to be driving."

"The handful of cars that I did see on my way had either stalled or were struggling to move through. The car I had didn't handle well on ice, either."

"But I had to go to work."

"As I came up over a viaduct, I thought to myself, If my car goes into a tailspin now, I'm dead! At that moment, I lost control of the car. It started spinning round and round."

"As soon as my car came to a stop, there was a young man standing by the car door. This really shocked me because I thought I was the only one on this entire road. I was wondering, Where did this guy come from all of a sudden? How come he doesn't have any trouble walking on the ice?"

The young man motioned for Mary to roll down her driver's side window. As she did so, he leaned forward and said, "I'm a trucker. Do you think you can get your car off the ice?"

"I don't know," Mary replied.

"Let me do it for you."

"He was so full of kindness that I saw no need to question the offer," Mary recalled, "Something told me to trust him. So I did."

"I allowed this stranger to get in the car and help me drive back over the viaduct. I let him drive me onto the Interstate (i.e. Interstate Highway I-70-J.T.) Then, after we got to a certain part of the highway, he stopped at an area that was free of ice and snow."

"With the car idling, he turned and looked me in the eyes. His eyes were the clearest blue I have ever seen."

"Will you be all right now?" he asked, "Do you think you can handle it from here?"

"Yes, I think so," I replied, "How can I ever thank you?"

"He just smiled at me and waved goodbye. 'Just consider it an early Christmas present.'"

"Then I watched as he walked down the highway in the opposite direction."

"I shifted into drive, then looked back in the rearview mirror to see what car he would get into--only the man was nowhere in sight."

(See Christmas Angels, Globe Mini Mags, Boca Raton, Florida, December 2001, pages 22 through 24.)

PENNSYLVANIA DARK SPIDER-SHAPED OBJECTS

WHITEHALL -- The witness and his mother saw two objects flying above Circuit City on January 2, 2002. The sun had just set at 5:00 PM when the witness's mother asked, "What are those? At first they looked like dark planes flying parallel to each other with no lights. The witness says, "I noticed the odd shape of the crafts. They were shaped like spiders, with a solid body in the middle and extensions from that in all directions. There were 4 or 5 extensions and no sound was heard, and there were no lights on the crafts and they were very dark in color. The unusual shape scared us both and I became fearful of terrorism by another country, and my mother ran into the store to get my dad. By the time they came out it was too far away to see. Thanks to NUFORC www.ufocenter.com.

OKLAHOMA BURNING UFO

MERRITT -- Jim Hickman reports that on January 8, 2002, a UFO was seen by two teenagers, a brother and sister, who were returning home at 8:40 PM. They were traveling down Merritt Road south of the town when they noticed what appeared to be a barn fire ahead of them. As they approached within 1/2 mile they observed that it was actually an object behind the barn. It was bigger than the barn and was emitting a "real bright" white/yellow/orange flashing light, which appeared to move upwards from behind the barn. The object then turned sideways with blue and red flashing lights in three rows around the outer edge of the object. The UFO was flying under 1000 feet in altitude, when it flew upward to a point near overhead and then dimmed till disappearing. No noise was heard and the object was in sight for several minutes. No electrical interference was noted, no missing time reported and the skies were clear. They noticed more red and blue lights in the road ahead, exactly! where the object had just been. This turned out to be an Oklahoma Highway Patrol car that had stopped a speeder. The officer didn't appear to have noticed the aerial object, which should have been in plain sight of the officer. A neighbor lady reports seeing the same object the night before. Note: As I was receiving this report by phone I noticed quite a bit of background clicking and unusual noises on the phone. The witness had just said the word "flying saucer" when the line just went dead. This happened at least 3 times during the conversation, each time just as UFO's were being mentioned. I went to my hard line phone and it did the same thing my cordless did. I have never had phone line trouble. Thanks to Jim Hickman Author, "5000 years of UFO's" MUFON Research Specialist for Media Operations
<<http://www.thehickmanreport.com>>

CIA CONTRACTOR SOURCED RV PROGRAM

Unfortunately, none of the expert remote viewers saw this ahead of time.

An investigation conducted in 1995 by the American Institutes for Research (AIR) effectively ended STARGATE, says Joe McMoneagle, but it had nothing to do with the efficacy of remote viewing.

Congress requested a formal review of STARGATE, and the CIA hired AIR to do the study. The group's conclusions were based on incomplete and overlooked information, McMoneagle claims.

In an interview with a newsgroup contributor, McMoneagle explained. "They were supposed to do a full assessment of the intelligence gathering utility from 1977 to the present," he said. "There's 121 boxes of operational files, and they were supposed to hire people to review those in detail. They had from June to September of 1995 to do that—not enough time to go through three of those boxes. So it was intended, I think, from the beginning to fail."

McMoneagle says there were many political objections to the use of remote viewers. "We were somebody that nobody wanted to be caught dead standing next to," he commented. Apparently there were also serious managerial problems, especially in the last two or three years of the project. "Many of the managers were afraid of the paranormal or didn't know anything about it."

McMoneagle feels the AIR investigators came into the RV investigation with a preconceived bias. In a previous study of remote viewing in the 1980s, the two lead investigators did not have security clear-

ances for the RV project, so the RVers were instructed not to cooperate with the study. Consequently, the investigators wrote a very negative report. Interestingly, those same investigators headed the mid-'90s AIR study.

According to McMoneagle, "Only about two boxes of material were reviewed, and that was sanitized beforehand," because, again, the investigators did not have sufficient clearances to see most of the raw operational data. This was sensitive national security stuff, after all.

There were three committees overseeing the STARGATE project during its 18-year history. Of the 26 people on those committees, none were considered believers in the paranormal, but they continuously approved the extension of the project based solely on operational performance. Of those 26 people, the AIR investigators talked to only one, McMoneagle notes.

To avoid political embarrassments, AIR also totally ignored the list of end users of STARGATE, which McMoneagle says "reads like a list of Who's Who in Washington."

Despite a woefully inadequate study, AIR did find that "a statistically significant laboratory effect had been demonstrated." That is, RV works.

However, AIR said that "in no case had the anomalous cognition information been used to guide intelligence operations." This, according to McMoneagle, was absurdly untrue.

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Meets regularly the second Sunday of the month at 2 PM. at Grone's Cafeteria, 1269 S. Laclede Station Rd. in Yorkshire Shopping Plaza, St. Louis 63119. For more information call Walter Palmer at 314-771-0173 or call Spence Wolling at 314-966-4955.

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