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UFO REPORTS CONTINUE

Rick Hilberg

In a recent letter to the UFO MAGAZINE office subscriber Dwight J. Aube reported on a UFO experience he had on March 27. In the letter he states: "On Monday, March 27 at about 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time my mother and I saw a quite spectacular sight. It was an object about the size of a full moon. The colors were mostly green with some traces of pink in it. We were not the only ones to see it. Two of my friends reported seeing the same thing only at 8:30 PM. On that night they saw a beam of light shine down into a wooded area next to a lake where they live. Their names are Robert Desplains and David Hurder. I might add that Ronald Andrede told me that he saw an object similar to mine on the Friday before.

"At about 7:10 PM I saw another object only this time I was alone because my mother had dropped me off at work. This second object was a lot smaller than the first. At first I thought it was a plane, but I heard no engine noise. And besides it was going too slow to stay airborne anyway. The object had a rotating light on the top that illuminated part of the object at one time. It appeared to be disc-shaped."

The March 16 edition of the CAPE CORAL BREEZE (Florida) reports that Mrs. Edward Caldwell of Cape Coral had seen a "round-lighted object between 8:30 and 9:00 PM on three clear nights last week." She reported, "Each time it was to the right of the Rose Gardens over toward Pine Island. We watched this from in front of our house. It was fantastic."

Mrs. Caldwell reported that on each occasion the object sighted was watched for approximately one-half hour. Binoculars were used. The object, she said, moved very slowly up and down and varied from bright orange to very dim. It disappeared fast, she reported. She said, "It looked like a jet on fire as it took off with a bright orange flame streaming out the back. It seemed to hover very high over one area and then dip rather low."

An interesting but old report comes from Cordova, Maryland, where on January 16 a group of boy scouts on a hike sighted a UFO.

Maryland State Police at Easton said the scout leader, Earl Asche of Cordova, called about 9 PM to report sighting the object in the sky.

Asche told police he and ten scouts with him observed the object for about three hours before calling. During that time the object, first white, changed to a brilliant orange, and then disappeared.

Once again in the three sightings reported, one finds a common characteristic, in this instance the color orange associated with the observation of a UFO.

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EDITORIAL: Bits and Pieces

We must apologize for this issue of UFO MAGAZINE being several weeks late. Our excuse is that we have been busy working on our 1967 annual issue SAUCER ALBUM. And speaking of excuses, this is perfect opportunity to tell you to order a copy now if you have not yet done so. Details are on the bottom of page one.

A UPI report dated April 21 quotes Soviet astronomer Felix Zigel who says that Russian scientists have spotted many UFOs and that they believe they come from Mars. Zigel said he believed "unidentified flying objects are vehicles arriving from other planets for research purposes." If this is not just a propaganda push to saucer believers in the West this statement could hold real significance.

Editor Hilberg's Congress-inspired trip to New York was very successful. Much was learned about how this years convention will be held, notably the open sessions in the Commodore Hotel. Although featured speaker Kenneth Arnold will not attend, the lineup of speakers for the '67 Congress is indeed impressive. We would like to thank Jim Moseley and Tim Beckley of New York for their hospitality while Hilberg was in the city, and hope that next time he flies to the city there is not eight inches of snow on the ground.

Bob Miller of Newark, Ohio informs us that he is about to begin publication of a new saucer magazine. He invites UFO MAGAZINE readers to write him for free details. His address is: Robert W. Miller 982 Grafton Road Newark, Ohio.

Staff member Karl Gawell informs us that he is currently reorganizing his old group, The Organization for Scientific Ufology Research, and hopes to mold it into a discussion and research body. There will be no dues or fees nor will the group publish a newsletter. Karl is interested in people with talent and initiative to do some serious UFO research work. If you feel you qualify write to Karl at 12438 Albion Road North Royalton, Ohio.

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Physical Evidence: APRO's Magnesium Fragments

By Steve Erdmann

The oft-repeated remark by the Air Force and by "rationalistic" UFO researchers such as Thomas Comella (FLYING SAUCERS, pg. 47 January, 1963) and David Wrightman (SAUCER NEWS March, 1961), that not one piece of UFO hardware has been found is shrouded in such an abstract type of personal bias, that it is clear to one that this matter has to be properly focused. The case in point, at present, APRO's Ubatuba magnesium fragments.

Briefly, all the above critics strongly suggest that normal answers can be found for the appearance and report of the Ubatuba incident. Possible terra aircraft. A hoax. Poor laboratory methods. After an extensive search we have found all rebuffs greatly lacking---and more surprising: because of resentment towards APRO than any fair criticisms.

First, no agency has any record of an official aircraft or projectile over that area of South America at that time and place. A check with Russian, Brazilian, American authorities--through many sources-- indicate absolutely, frankly, no record of such a flight.

Second, ASTM definition 4-0770 was officially acknowledged to me by ASTM as the best then, in 1957, and the best to date for the limit of commercial Mg. But also, ASTM standards mark the Mg fragments as unalloyed, pure Mg. An extensive check with research labs, Material Sections and Metallurgical and Spectrographical laboratories definitely say that there is, note, "no" use for unalloyed, high purity Mg in missile and aircraft, now or in the past.

Three, a check with such foremost agencies as Higer & Watts (the graph which was used by the Brazilian scientists), Engis Equipment Co. (American representative for the Hilger), the Battelle Memorial Defense Metals Information Center, Dominion Magnesium, and many others definitely say that no high purity has been "beyond" the detection capabilities of such as the Hilger. The Hilger is able to detect elements averaging 0.5% PPM to start, with lower percents also detected. In light of the fact that the "purest" Mg listed by Dow Chemical is a total of 270 PPM (all metallic), by Battelle and Dominion as even more and higher percents for their "purest." Hilger & Watts definitely say that these can fall within "ordinary" spectrographic runs of their equipment.

Four, such reports as the Vapor Pressure of Magnesium between 223° C and 385° C (NASA, Willian P. Gilbreath, Ames Research Center) definitely show that the metallurgical characteristics for our modern missile and aircraft "needs" depend on impurities in Mg (the sample listed in the mentioned report being 99.9623%). Mg becomes relatively soft at even low temperatures; temperatures even as low as those used in manned Apollo Command modules of 200° F to 600° F would have some chemical or even deteriorating effect. Just think of the worsened condition our aircraft and missile technology back in 1957.

One notices immediately the premise which leads Comella's conclusion against the Mg fragments. Given into a theory that the true nature of the UFO is psychally oriented, with only a coincidental physical effect (FS May, 1966), it is to be expected that many subtle but enormously important metallurgical facts would be ignored. Comella rationalizes it off as "secret laboratory" experiments, much like the once secret Manhattan Atomic research and Oak Ridge research.

Yet, the sources listed, such as the Oak Ridge laboratories in fact, in addition to such as Battelle Memorial, have the purest Mg falling within the detection capabilities of the Hilger. The criticisms, just as their founders have accused others, have drawn up "possibilities." continued on next page...

But such "possibilities" concerning this particular physical evidence case only reveal the psychological motivations of our critics. Comella uses the same rationalizations in other UFO incidents. Despite preaching of encompassing a fuller objective framework, Comella has not.

Concerning the fragments, perhaps two comments would sum them up :

Hughes Aircraft Company, D.W. Grobecker, Head, Advanced Technology Group, Materials and Processes Section Fullerton, California:

"It is not much use to worry about purity beyond the limits of spectrographic analysis because trace elements are always discernable...It seems safe to say that there have been relatively few advances in magnesium technology in the last ten years." (August 30, 1966)

Northrop Norair, R.E. Herfert, Engineer Specialist, Materials Research Branch Hawthorne, California:

"To my knowledge, there is no application of this condition of magnesium in the Aerospace industry at present. Magnesium of this type would be highly susceptible to oxidation and its purity would change drastically." (July 1, 1966)

The full and documented report has appeared in ComSep Magazine. Volume 1 issues 9-12. Those who wish to write me may contact me at 6418 Idaho Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63111.

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HERE THEY ARE, NOW WHAT ?

By Robert W. Miller

That's a good question. First of all we must remember what we are dealing with-not just over active imaginations or something out of movies, but objects that are real and have been seen for thousands of years. This is quite a subject to write on or to speak about because if you don't have excellent proof or pictures you are subject to ridicule or become a good candidate for Sunny Farms.

Pick up any magazine, UFO or not, and you will find reams of UFO sightings and contact stories that shund as though the pen of H.G. Wells has been at work again. The average person must be able to tell truth from fantasy. Truth is what actually happens, but fantasy is what sells books.

I have been in UFO research since 1960 and can speak with some knowledge on this subject since having published a magazine, and being present when photographs of an unknown object were taken. I am now preparing a new magazine to be published soon. In this new publication I will bring facts, the what it happens, not the way it might have happened.

In reality, man has many concepts, but the main one is himself. He is constantly trying to build a better civilization but then neglects the possibility that a highly advanced culture is observing our planet. This proves a point; man can build a microscope to see the smallest bacteria but fails to notice that he is being watched too. When man finds a new disease he tries to eliminate it. In turn, they (meaning our elusive visitors from space) have found us, but nothing has happened---yet. We must prepare because ---they are here, now what?

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