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EARTH'S COSMIC WATERGATE

A Canadian nuclear physicist claims that flying saucers are real. Speaking at a symposium in St. Louis, Missouri, Stanton F. Friedman charged that evidence has been covered up for more than twenty-five years.

His claim that our UFOs are someone else's spacecraft and that their pilots were alien beings was backed by photographs, reports and statistical data.

Friedman, a consultant on Canadian agricultural applications of nuclear energy, cited our current capability to travel to other planets by using known technology as one reason why the extraterrestrials can come here. His descriptions and photographs of early U.S. nuclear rocket tests were evidence, he said, of how more recent technology could take us to the stars even more quickly.

Friedman's presentation of data was impressive. He explained how evidence of more than 2,000 UFO landings in 64 countries was collected and analyzed. In addition, he claimed that he has more than 3,000 reports of human-like aliens, 3,000 UFO visual sightings by trained pilots of 40 nations, countless radar sightings, photographs that have withstood rigorous examination for fraud, and dozens of reports of humans being abducted by aliens.

When asked just who reports all these strange sightings, he said a poll showed that people who believe UFOs are real outnumber those who do not. Also, the more education a person has the more apt he is to believe UFOs are real. As an example, he said 69 percent of engineers and scientists that were polled accepted UFOs as real.

While some UFO reports are the result of mis-identified "what-ers", the evidence from all over the world is remarkably similar. UFO reports know no boundaries. That is why Friedman calls this "Earth's Cosmic Watergate".

Russia Investigates UFOs

After years of cover-up and accusations about UFOs being part of a capitalist plot, the Soviet Union has set up a commission to investigate unidentified flying objects. The Russian newspaper TRUD (Labor) said the commission would be headed by former astronaut Pavel Popovich.

Popovich said there were hundreds of sightings each year in the Soviet Union; but most could be explained away. Apparently, all sightings could not be explained away, because they involved technically trained observers.

One such event took place on the evening of March 27, 1983, near Gordy. Air traffic controllers located a craft flying in their direction and not responding to radio signals.

As the object neared the airfield the air traffic controllers could see it with their own eyes. It was steel-gray, cigar-shaped and the size of an airliner, but it had no wings or tail and was flying at an altitude of 3000 feet at 125 miles per hour.

Next, the object flew 45 miles to the south, turned, and flew back north for about 25 miles before vanishing. In all, the strange craft was observed on Soviet radar for 40 minutes.

TRUD quoted Anatoly Logunov, a vice-president of the Academy of Sciences, as saying that Soviet scientists take the subject seriously and admit there are occasional reports that cannot be explained. By selecting an astronaut to head the program, one could suspect they believe at least some of these objects are from somewhere in space. Far out.....

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LIGHTS OVER ALASKA

A woman and her brother from Wasilla, Alaska spotted a fiery object over a lonely country lane on Tuesday, October 29, 1985. At first sighting the bright white light seemed to hover in the sky over the trees. She stopped the car for a better look.

Her brother said, "it's a UFO." She said there's no such thing as a UFO and started to leave. Her brother grabbed the steering wheel and forced her to stop. He jumped out of the car yelling, "it's a UFO, it's a UFO."

The object seemed to take an eternity to pass; but the woman believed it to be only 2 or 3 minutes. The leading cylindrical shape seemed to be firing off smaller bolts trailing bluish-purple tails. The sky was silent, but dogs everywhere were howling. She said, "it was quite a horror story. I still shake when I think about it."

Other reports came in from Cantwell and Soldotna. Some people called radio stations, while others telephoned the police.

Federal Aviation Administration controllers quickly dismissed the reports as meteor showers. Unfortunately, they were wrong.

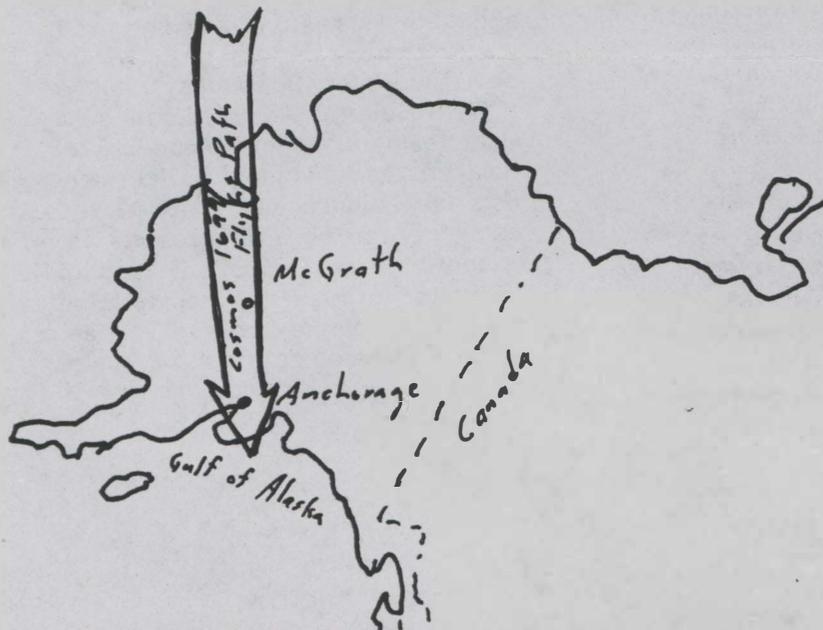
Katherine Cormier, an Air Force spokesperson from the Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, provided the real answer to the mystery. The UFO was the final booster stage for the Soviet Cosmos 1699 satellite. It had circled the earth for five days before reentry.

The large elongated fiery object entered the atmosphere at 17,000 miles per hour at 10:26 pm over McGrath, Alaska. Fifty seconds later it was over Anchorage where witnesses saw burning pieces breaking off, leaving fiery trails.

The satellite, Cosmos 1699, remains in stable elliptical orbit, 106 to 218 miles above the earth's surface. The Soviet news agency Tass claims the purpose of Cosmos 1699 is "to continue ourter space research."

The Soviet rocket's last pass over the Earth took 87 minutes and 29 seconds. It's lowest point was 85 miles and it's highest 116 miles.

This UFO has been IDENTIFIED.



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