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UFO SURVEY INFORMATION

From: Washington, D.C. TIMES, Feb. 16, 1997
According to a Gallup Poll on UFOs, conducted September 3-6, 1996, UFO interest continues to rise. The poll results include:

- 87 percent of Americans have read or heard about UFOs.
- 12 percent have seen something they thought was a UFO.
- 45 percent think UFOs have visited Earth in some form.
- 48 percent believe UFOs are "something real," 31 percent think they are just peoples imagination.
- 72 percent believe there is life of some form on other planets in the universe.
- 38 percent think there are people somewhat like ourselves living on other planets in the universe.
- 71 percent believe the U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it is telling us.

A November 1996 Newsweek poll reported 48 percent of Americans believe UFOs are real, and 29 percent believe we've made contact with aliens. Another 48 percent think there's a government conspiracy to cover it all up.

RAF RADAR TRACKS UFO

From: THE PEOPLE, London, England, 11/10/96
Aliens from outer space may be visiting Britain, the Government has sensationally admitted. In an incredible letter obtained by THE PEOPLE, Defense Minister Earl Frederick Howe reveals that all RAF station commanders are under orders to report UFO sightings.

And he adds: "So far as the existence of extraterrestrial life forms is concerned we remain open-minded." The letter was sent to Don Valley Labour MP Martin Redmond, who is trying to break the MoD's veil of secrecy over flying saucers.

He is concerned about a UFO with a red and green rotating light that appeared over East Anglia last month. It was tracked by radar at RAF Neatishead and RAF Northwood for several hours as it hovered in the sky before flying 50 miles down the coast.

It was spotted by the crews of a tanker and civilian plane, while a video - now in the MoD's hands - was taken by police.

"It's incredible no aircraft were scrambled when a target was picked up so close to the coast," Mr. Redmond told Defense Secretary Michael Portillo. "This raises questions on the way we police the UK

Air Defense Region."

Earl Howe replied that the RAF does not respond unless there is evidence UK air space has been "compromised." He added, "To date no sighting has provided such evidence."

"We do not investigate further or provide an explanation for what might have been observed."

Mr. Redmond is accusing the government of covering up information on UFOs and says if there is no defense threat, there is no excuse for secrecy either.

"The answers I've been given lead me to think there is something more to this." added the MP. "The only thing I know for sure is this whole issue is shrouded in secrecy."

Last week Defense Minister Nicholas Soames refused to reveal how many UFOs RAF pilots have spotted since 1966. He said the information would cost too much to obtain. But he added: "Unidentified contacts penetrating UK airspace are identified by all available means, including intervention."

HUM IS STILL BEING HEARD

From: Providence, R.I. JOURNAL-BULLETIN.
March 19, 1997.

From Vermont: The group of people who report hearing a mysterious humming sound in Northeast Kingdom is growing steadily. Newark artist Claire van Vliet, who complained of the noise two weeks ago in a story in the Caledonian-Record newspaper, said she has been contacted by people who have heard humming noises elsewhere in the Northeast Kingdom and in the United States. And the humming noise itself has changed, according to van Vliet. When the story hit the national news, the humming stopped for a few days and then started up again with a slightly higher-pitched frequency. And it is steadier, she said. Van Vliet and other hearers are convinced the sound is of military origin. In fact, U.S. Navy "ELF" (extremely low frequency) stations in the Michigan peninsula and Wisconsin were scrutinized as the possible source in a New Mexico study of other mysterious humming noise. The study concluded the ELF could not be the source.

PENTAGON SPOKESMAN - UFOs

From: ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE.
Little Rock, AR, April 2, 1997.

Prompted by questions about UFOs, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said: "The U.S. Government **substantiate that they exist.**"

'Heaven' anathema to UFO enthusiasts

No religious talk allowed in '94 visit

By Paisley Dodds
The Associated Press

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — For a group that shares stories about being sucked out of cars by aliens or losing livestock to laser beams, the uninvited visitors who believed they would reach the afterlife in a UFO were just too weird.

When members of the Heaven's Gate cult tried to join discussions at the annual Ozark UFO Conference three years ago, they were permitted only to drop off literature. No theological debates were tolerated.

The conference attracts a crowd more interested in largely nuts-and-bolts issues: UFO sightings and tales of how "I got abducted by aliens in a big space ship and I'm here to tell my story."

This year, they can't avoid the subject of Heaven's Gate and its members' mass suicides.

"I remember them showing up, talking about Jesus and UFOs," says Tabby Runnels, a 33-year-old from Tulsa, Okla. "Those cult people started arguing with my friend. They also made weird chirping noises. They were really weird."

At the Ozarks conference, UFOs are valued only as "proof" of extraterrestrial life, not as transportation to eternal life. "That whole Heaven's Gate incident has made a conference like this the object of ridicule," says Lou Farish, coordinator of the Ninth Annual Ozark UFO Conference.

"The difference is that they integrated UFOs into a set belief system. We're all individuals here with individual minds."

About 400 people attended the weekend conference at this resort town in the Ozark mountains.

"I've seen enough about UFOs and extraterrestrials to know that the phenomenon of UFOs goes beyond hallucination and hoaxes," said 48-year-old Gary Massey of Paris, Texas, who runs the Lone Star Bar at the conference.

Vendors peddled alien statues, books on extraterrestrials, key chains and flying saucer mugs,

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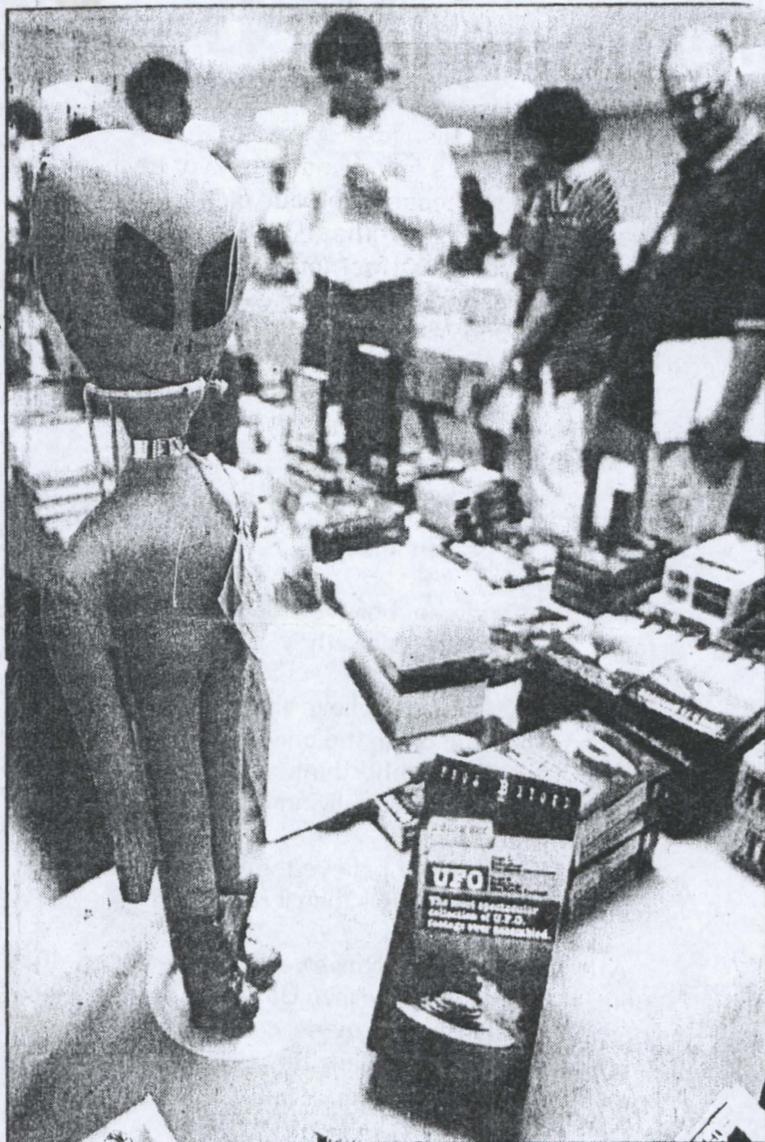
Lou Farish
coordinator of the Ninth Annual Ozark UFO Conference.

while speakers like psychologist Robert Stone of Pensacola, Fla., tried to convince crowds of the intangible. Stone claims a group of peaceful aliens took him aboard a spaceship in 1991.

"A few people have already come up to me to tell me that they've had similar experiences," Stone said. "I can understand why some people don't believe in this, but if there were this many witnesses in a court of law, someone would be convicted."

Dozens of people brought pictures of disc-shaped objects they say are flying saucers.

Not everyone accepted them at face value. "At least a third of all these photographs are fakes and I could prove it," says Bob Shell, editor of Shutterbug, a photography magazine. "It's amazing what they can do with pictures. These things could be UFOs but I'm one of the skeptics."



Associated Press / Tom Ewart

Visitors attending the Ninth Annual Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., look over merchandise related to the meeting's extraterrestrial theme.

UFO sites on internet

The truth is out there, and so are some of the web sites devoted to UFO's, alien abductions and extra-terrestrial activity.

The Center for UFO Studies has a site at <http://www.cufos.org/>. The site has a section on Roswell (where a recovered alien corpse is allegedly housed in the government's infamous "Hangar 18") and a frequently asked questions listing. A sub-site on abductions offers helpful advice on what to do if you are abducted by aliens.

The International Roswell Initiative (<http://www.roswell.org/>) has even more material related to the Roswell Incident. It also is extremely skeptical about the alleged alien autopsy film footage recently shown on a FOX television show.

The Roswell Group maintains its "Hangar 18" site at <http://hangar18.horizonco.com/>.

Up-to-date reports of UFO sightings can be found at "UFO Round-up," located at <http://www.ftch.net/~ufoinfo/roundup.htm>.

One woman's recollection of her alien abduction experiences can be found "The Alien Jigsaw," located at <http://www.alienjigsaw.com/>.

Conspiracy buffs can view UFO-related Freedom of Information files from various government agencies at "The Black Vault" (<http://www.primenet.com/~greeney/ufo.html>).

For UFO material from the country formerly known as the Soviet Union, the "Russian UFO Page" is located at <http://www.wic.net/page/rusweb.htm>.

Other international sites are "UFO-Norway" (http://www.norconnect.no/~brenne/ufonor_e.htm) and "Australian UFO Sightings" (<http://yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~johnno/>).

Closer to home, the Springfield-based Rational Examination Association of Lincoln Land (REAL) has a newsletter at <http://www.reall.org/>.

Alien implants are among the topics found at the "Art Bell Talk Radio" site at <http://www.artbell.com/>.

Finally, the Chupacabra, a blood-sucking mythical creature with strong ties to Puerto Rico, is believed by many (who believe in such things) to have once been an alien pet. More information on this creature can be found at the "Chupacabra Home Page" at <http://www.princeton.edu/~accion/chupa.html>.