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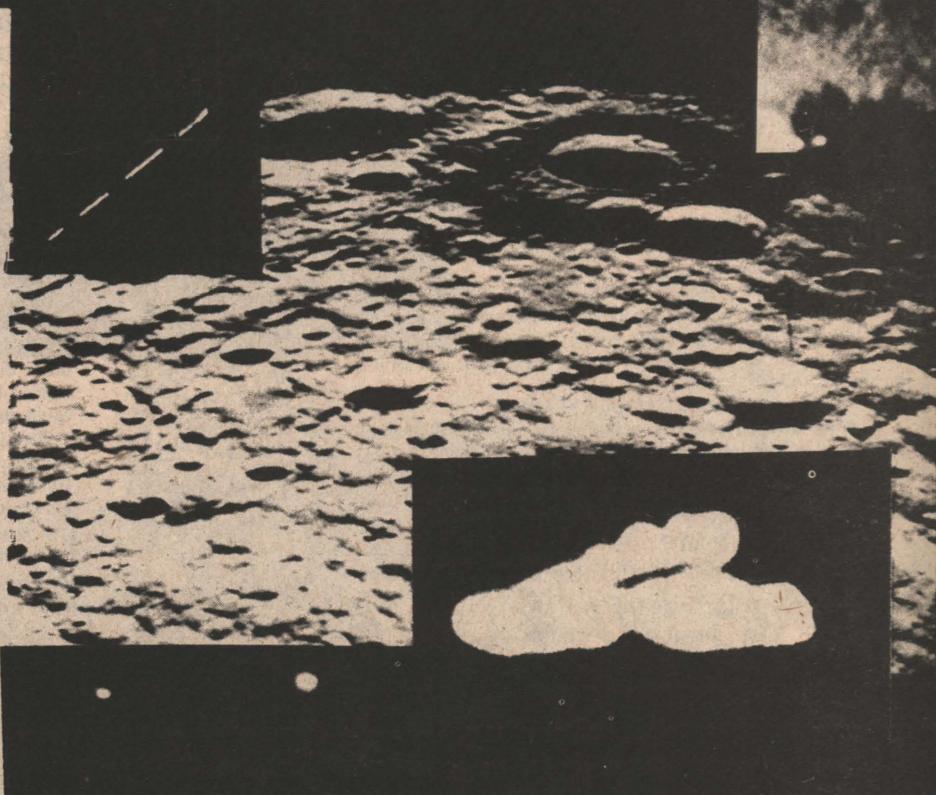
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A closely knit group of 13 men and women, led by Elgar Brom, the author of SAGASHA — MYSTERIOUS DUST FROM SPACE, had undergone for six years, a series of mind expanding contacts with superior beings from a faraway planet known as Etraa. Believed to exist in another dimension, these beings put before those involved, actual physical evidence that these contacts were taking place, and were not the work of over-active imaginations. The evidence came in the form of mysterious blue dust from space called "Sagasha" and a 21-inch-long scroll with writing on it in seven ancient Earth languages which no one person could possibly be responsible for writing or transcribing. Though there have been many reported contacts with the occupants of UFOs, this is the first time that actual physical evidence has been offered for scientific analysis, and is thus considered to be a major scientific breakthrough in the rapidly expanding field of UFOlogy.

UNUSUAL PHENOMENA EXPERIENCED

Elgar Brom and her group experienced directly, and were given possible explanations for such unusual phenomena as:

- * Teleportation
- * Astral Projection
- * Past Life Recall
- * Interdimensional Communication
- * Miracle Surgery
- * Biblical Prophecy
- * Mind & Light Bodies
- * ESP & Mental Telepathy

NATURAL CATASTROPHES

She was also told by these "all knowing" beings that our planet is slated to undergo a global holocaust that could transpire during our life. Civilization may be destroyed, but some of us will be "saved" in order to be "educated" and taught a better way of life, so that the Earth can eventually be repopulated in a golden "New Age" of light and understanding.

Elgar's "cosmic adventure" began with the sighting of a peculiar "cloud" formation out of which emerged three disc-shaped craft. Later that same evening, a friend of her son appeared

shaken at her front door. He had heard a voice in mid-air call him by name. "We will do you no harm," it said. Moments later, he saw a UFO rise from a clump of trees with symbols on its underside.

Elgar Brom's encounter is unparalleled in history, but totally documented. She saw a being dressed in a diver's suit materialize at the side of the road. Strange blue dust appeared on a tree branch that the UFO touched, as well as time and time again where the ships and alien beings stood. The occupants of these craft utilized her vocal cords for many years to pass on vital information that is just now being released.

FORCES OF GOOD VS. EVIL

In her book, SAGASHA MYSTERIOUS DUST FROM SPACE (titled in honor of the peculiar blue particles which she keeps in an urn), Elgar

also tells of a battle which is going on between the forces of good and the forces of evil. As you turn the pages, you'll follow step by step, Elgar's incredible encounters with friendly UFOonauts, as well as the various attempts that were made on her life by a "sinister group" of aliens, which are generally known as "Men in Black."

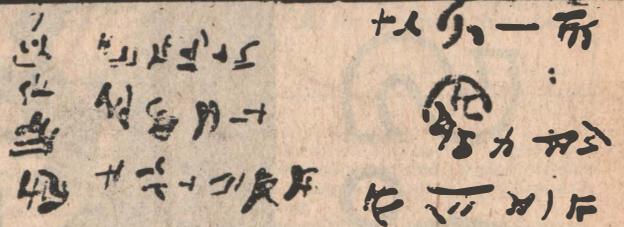
These things all happened:

- * Possessed friends tried to kill the author;
- * A house containing "secret clues" was made to vanish in front of her very eyes;
- * A pet dog was "taken away" as a direct warning that she should watch her step;
- * "Doubles" — or clones — of those involved in these experiences were placed on Earth,
- * And a psychic vision showed her laying inside a coffin.

KNOWLEDGE TO BE SHARED

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■ More and more people seem to have psychic powers; they can read minds, move objects, bend steel and even predict the future. Many scientists still don't believe in psychic phenomena, but there is too much evidence to deny it. There are so many recorded instances of supernatural occurrences that it is simply foolish to ignore them!

We at **UFO Magazine** have long suspected that there was a link between UFO sightings and psychic phenomena. Now we are sure of it. We discussed our ideas with Dr. Henry Morton, of the University of Plainsville. He has been working along these lines for many years, and he believes that he has finally begun to understand the relationship between psychics and UFOs.

We spoke to Dr. Morton in his small ranch house just outside of Plainsville. Hortense, his wife, served us a delicious lunch, and then we retired to the doctor's study to discuss his findings.

"Well, one thing psychics and UFOlogists have in common is that everybody thinks they're crazy," the doctor quipped. We were forced to agree. In general, the same people who don't believe in UFOs don't believe in telekinesis, either. We asked Dr. Morton why that was.

"Well, first of all, it takes a

special sort of a person to become a psychic. Your average Madison Avenue type is too busy to get into his own mind far enough to discover the powers that lurk there. So the so-called 'respectable types' don't have the power. It's generally rural folks—people with time on their hands—who have it. Very often, a person will be recovering from an accident, or will have just lost a loved one when they realize that they've got the gift."

We asked Dr. Morton if *he* had the gift.

"Hell, no," he answered. "Not that I'd mind having it, but I just never was able to hang on to it! One time I remember knowing what was going on inside another person's head, but the feeling passed real quick and it never happened again.

"With UFOs, you got to remember that they stay away from heavily populated areas like cities, or even places like Plainsville. So the people that see those aren't the kind of people who work for the government or a big business. They're generally farmers

In this exclusive interview with Dr. Henry Morton, *UFO* learns of the stunning discoveries concerning the alien link to psychic phenomena!



Dr. Henry Morton of the University of Plainsville. His theories on Gestalt beings link psychic phenomena with UFOs from space!

or things like that, and they don't have a whole lot of credibility as witnesses any more.

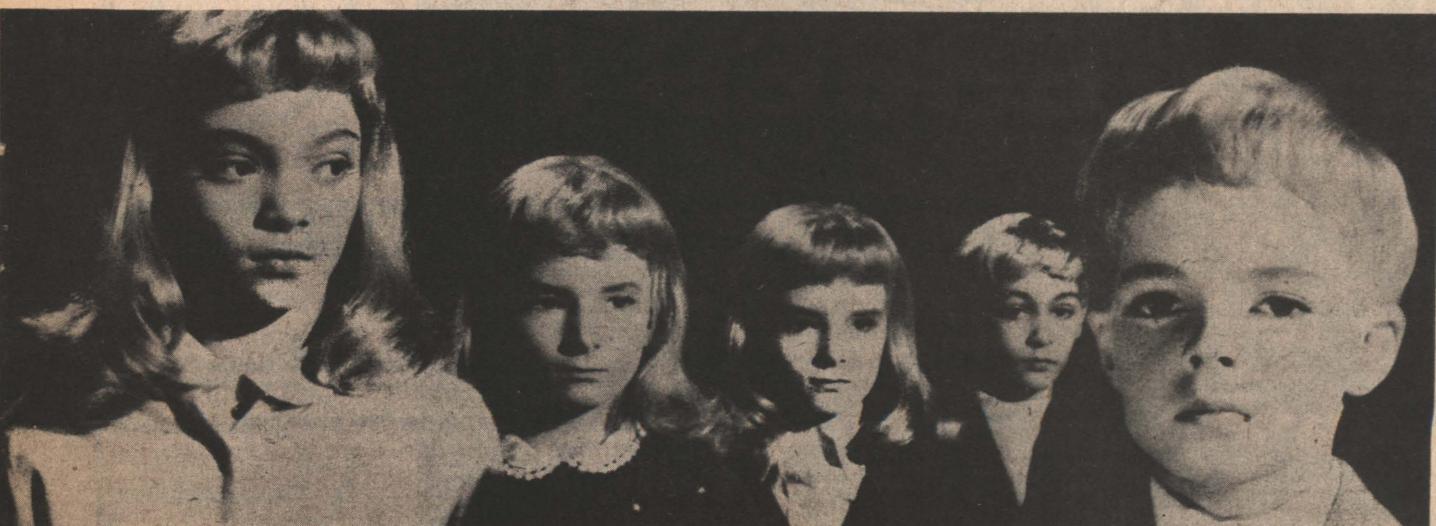
"Anyway, you see the similarities. The powers-that-be never get any first-hand knowledge, so they just don't believe it. That is just about the whole truth!"

Next we asked Dr. Morton about his research.

"I just didn't think that it was all coincidence that the same kinds of people experience both kinds of phenomena, so I started searching for the connection—if there really was one."

Any conclusions?

"Yeah, and it's a big one. It's pretty apparent that psychic abil-



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ity marks the next step in evolutionary growth. Our bodies haven't been evolving much, but our minds have. And not in the usual way. We can get computers to think better than we can, but we can't build a computer that does anything even remotely 'psychic.' The human brain is advancing to the point where everyone will have psychic abilities. The ones who won't will become extinct—just like the dinosaur."

This was an astonishing hypothesis, but one which made a lot of sense. Dr. Morton had a strange habit of sounding like an idiot while, he said things that were amazingly brilliant. But he wasn't through.

"That's just the half of it, though. My theory is that it's the aliens that are trying to develop the ESP in us, along with all the other psychic happenings. I know that sounds crazy, but it really makes sense. Listen.

"Man stopped evolving a long time ago. Sure, he's gotten a little taller, but the rule about 'survival of the fittest' doesn't mean anything anymore. Nowadays it's 'survival of the richest!' By that I mean that with all the medical know-how we've got, a weak man with a bum ticker can stay alive longer than a young, healthy man—as long as the first guy's got money and the other one doesn't!

"But now, all of a sudden, we see that man is starting to change again. There's been no real change in the environment, and we haven't been able to isolate a gene for



After a UFO encounter, many people described strangely similar dreams.

para-normal powers, so we know that there's something funny going on. Add that to the fact that the increase in man's psychophysical powers coincides with the increase of UFO sightings, and you've got a coincidence that's too darn big to ignore!"

We were stunned by Dr. Morton's hypotheses, and he could see that we were. He paused to gather his thoughts. Hortense came in with a pitcher of lemonade and three glasses. The lemonade was great, and when we had finished, Dr. Morton continued.

"I have seen UFOs on several occasions," he told us, "and have had two close encounters of the third kind. Did you see that movie, by the way?"

We told him we had.

"That was a good picture. Real exciting. Anyway, I've tried talking to a few aliens, not that it did me much good! You see, it's tricky trying to figure out why extraterrestrials would be interested in whether or not Earthlings have psychic powers.

"The question is, what do the aliens want from us? Whether they're observing, or looking for

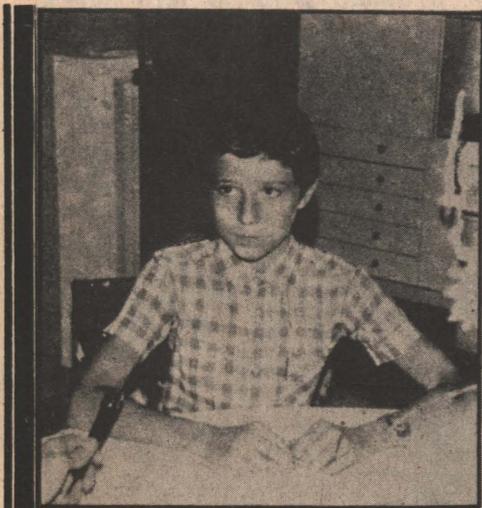
something, or whatever, there's been an awful lot of tampering in earthly ways. Not that that's bad, but at least one alien race is very interested in human development, for whatever reason."

We had been thinking along much the same lines ourselves. We asked Dr. Morton if he had any idea what the ultimate motivation was for the alien intervention.

"Well, it just so happens that I do. You see, I have been able to confirm the fact that there is an alien society out there—a United Nations of aliens, in fact. We can call the Federation, just like on *Star Trek*.

"Humanity has been considered for membership in this Federation, and the time is almost right for us to join. I'm not sure what they want us to accomplish before we are admitted to this elite corps, but we do have to reach the next plateau of evolutionary development. In other words, we are being guided through the final stages of our development on Earth. Only then can we cease to be planet-bound. We will become citizens of the galaxy, or even the universe!"

Dr. Morton was quite taken with this idea, but we still didn't



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Now, I've got to admit that the big outfits gave me a lot of static when they learned I was about to 'go public' with their little money making wonder. They tried to stop me from publishing this, but they have failed-so far. And, while I can I'm going to tell the world about the 'magic' of the ages.

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Yes, my life has changed, and I love it. And I really do

believe that yours can be changed and enriched too. But it won't just come to you-you've got to reach out for it and 'help yourself'. Sound just too good to be true? Reach out and find out for yourself.

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really know how he had determined his theories. We asked him.

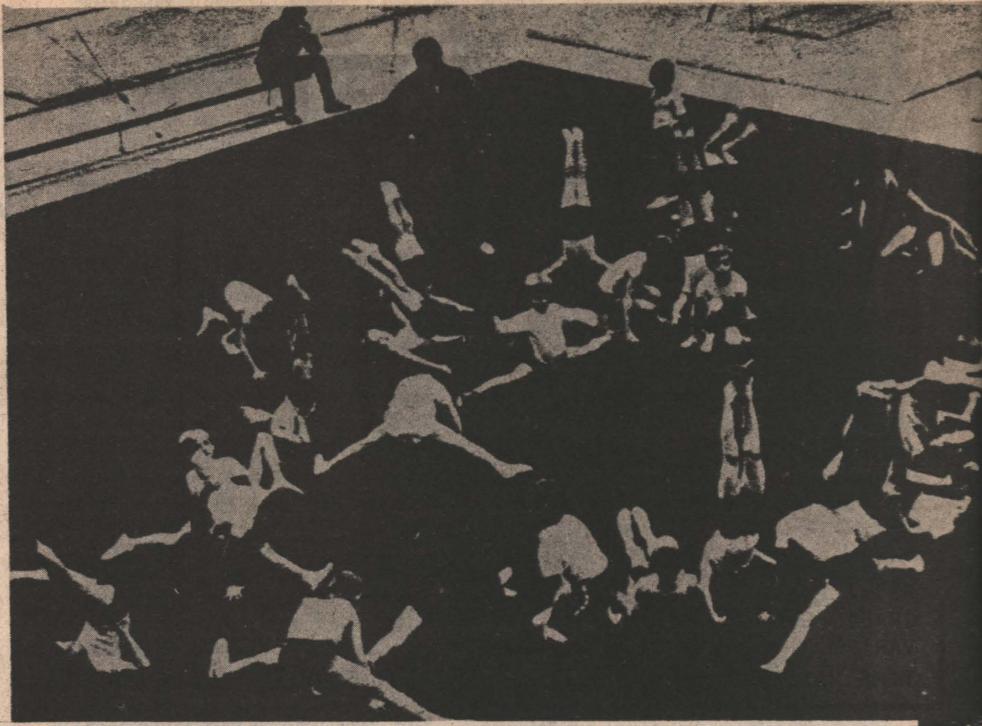
"Purely scientifically, of course!" he boomed. "The only thing more enjoyable than hypothesizing is proving it!"

Well, he asked, just how had he gone about discovering the truth?

"We started interviewing people who had close encounters. In many cases, we found that the person's psychic abilities increased in the week following the encounter. If the person had never had any psychic experiences, then they started having small ones—slight precognition and stuff like that. If they were already what you or I would call psychic, then their abilities grew tremendously! In all cases, psychic abilities increased by about a factor of 10 following any kind of encounter. For third level encounters, the figure was more like 20! Very often, strange dreams accompanied this development. Lots of folks had dreams involving alien spacemen, and in some of the dreams, there was a recurring image of aliens doing some kind of experiment with fancy electrodes and human beings!"

Dr. Morton sat back with a look of triumph on his face and continued.

"Now, I've got my own pet theory as to why all of this is going on. Don't ask me to prove it, mind you, just listen to it. I think



Gestalt humans will not need to speak in order to communicate. Here, a group of "people" speak through elaborate body language!

that the next evolutionary step is something a lot different than just your normal ESP stuff. People with strong psychic powers are almost attuned to each other, you know what I mean? My idea is that the aliens are developing all this ESP in us so that we will become some kind of group-being. Instead of being individuals, I think that all humanity will become one *big* individual. Sort of a gestalt

being, I guess. All the evidence points in that direction, when you get right down to it. If everyone could 'see' what you're thinking, and you could 'see' what everybody else was thinking...well, there really wouldn't be any such thing as *individuals* anymore, now would there?"

We were forced to admit that Dr. Morton's ideas made a lot of sense. We had developed as far as we could within the structure of individual beings. Now that we had advanced so far, the next step was a Gestalt being. We wondered how the development would progress. Would it happen to everyone at once, or would it be a gradual process? Are the first Gestalt beings living around us right now? We intend to find out. As usual, Dr. Morton had his views on the subject.

"Mankind as we know him is just about washed up. You and I are finished. If that makes you depressed, it shouldn't. The way has to be clear for Homo Superior to come in. There's no reason we can't coexist—in fact, that's probably what's in store for a while. But eventually, Homo Sapiens has to die out. That's all there is to it."

We thanked Dr. Morton and Hortense, and drove back to the office to type up this report. ●



Normal humans, the parents, confront their future, Homo Superior, in this scene from *Village of the Damned*.

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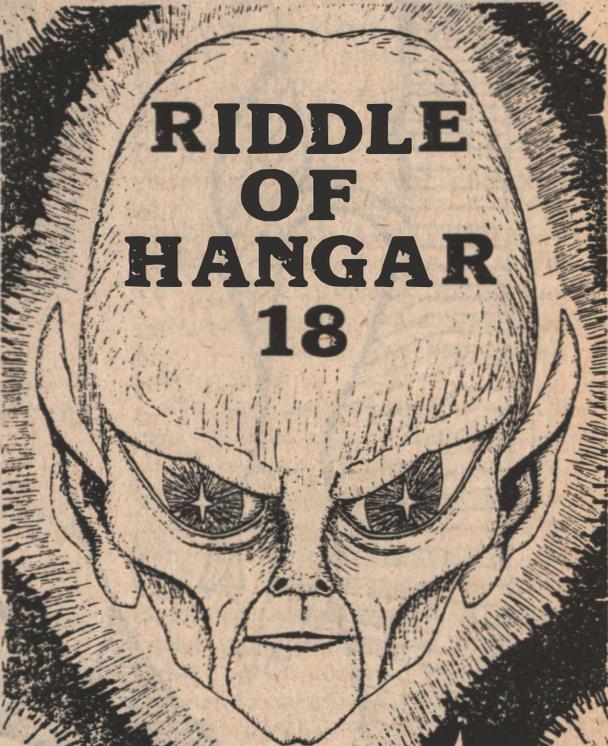
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even Senator Barry Goldwater, who was turned away upon making a request that he be permitted to check the contents of the hangar.

Now the TRUTH can be told! Recently because of a new law enacted by Congress known as the Freedom of Information Act, civilian researchers have been able to obtain via court order, classified CIA, FBI, and State Department Documents which verify the fact that we are not alone in the universe. At one point there was actually a "tug-of-war" going on between various branches



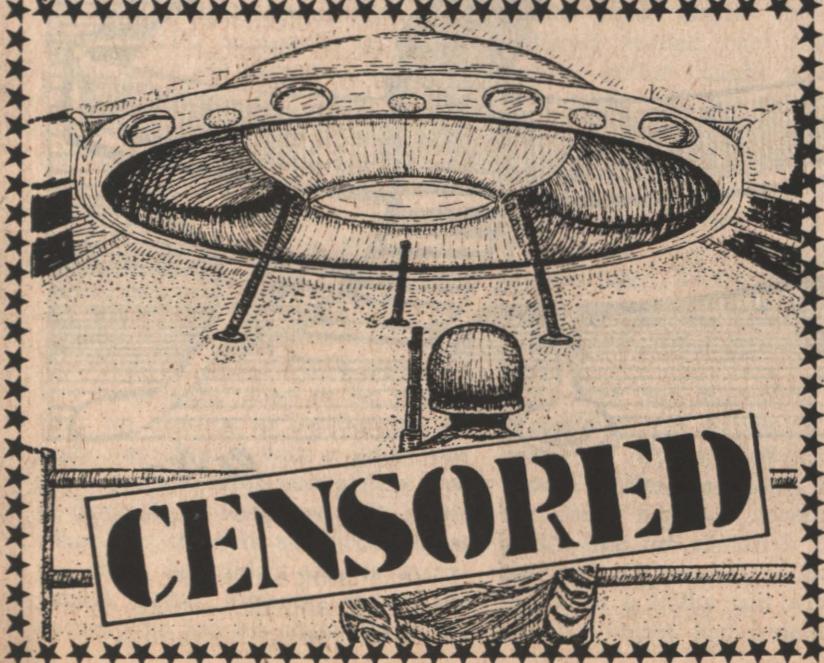
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Researcher and author of 12 books, Timothy Green Beckley has just completed a definitive report on

what has been called the "Cosmic Watergate." In the RIDDLE OF HANGAR 18, you will see actual reproductions of classified documents. You'll even hear from a U.S. astronaut who chased UFOs for several days in a row over a military base in Europe and later saw motion picture footage (now missing from government files) of a UFO that landed at Edwards Air Force Base for military personnel to get a good look at. Published also are drawings of the UFO beings found on board the crashed space ships as well as actual photos of these aliens taken by a military photographer.

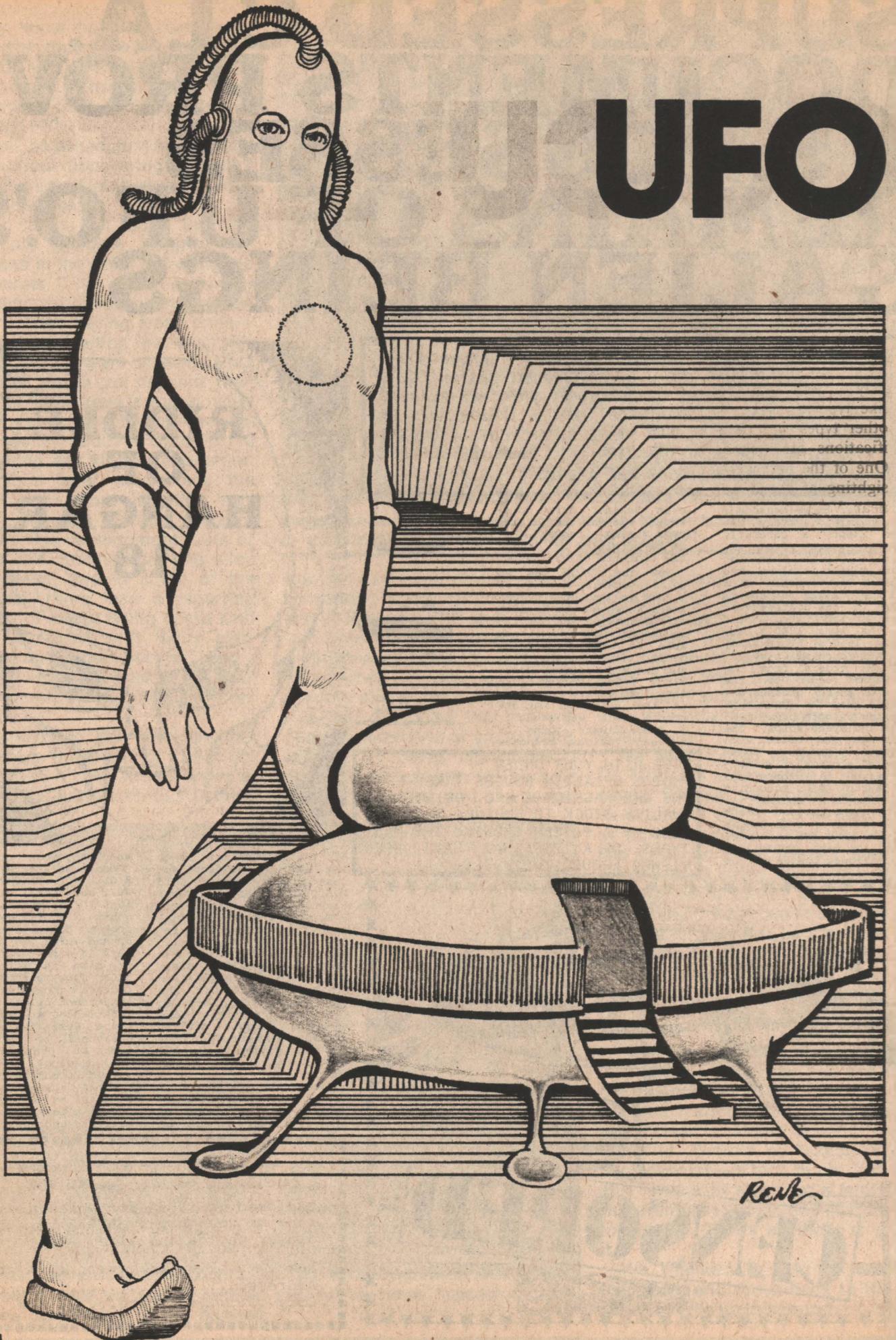


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■ Most American citizens do not have access to the accumulated data obtained by dedicated researchers throughout the world in which apparently intelligent entities in some form are seen in association with UFOs. In this article I will discuss only the small humanoid and human like types. The bewildering array of other types and their possible classifications are not dealt with here. One of the best-investigated daylight sightings of the dwarf type occurred near Valensole France in 1965. M. Masse approached a round object the size of a small auto standing on 6 legs in his lavender field. Two creatures (the size of 8 year old children) in overalls with white hairless pumpkin-like heads were standing near the craft.

One of the dwarfs pointed a tube-like device at Masse and he found himself immobilized. The creatures then jumped into their machine and flew off. The object vanished instantly 65 feet away. A strange hole remained behind and his lavender plants died in a strip the object had flown over. Some years before in 1954 the countryside of France had been the focal point of what remains the world's largest concentrated visitation by UFO occupants. In a total of 154 cases, 53 were man-size, and 44 were dwarf size. Most of the dwarf type wore diver-type suits, but the man-type did not.

In February, 1971, in the midst of a UFO wave in Finland a humanoid similar to some seen in France appeared. Two men were cutting wood near the village of Kangaskyla when the disc-shaped object landed on 4 legs about 50 feet away. A strange 3 foot being glided down to the ground from an opening in the bottom. Its body was covered with a bulky one piece green colored suit with a lens in front of the head cover. In short, robot-like steps it advanced across the snow, but didn't sink in as expected. Petter Aliranta, one of the cutters who had his chain saw in his

The Heart Of The Enigma

A look at some interesting UFO reports in which dwarf and human-like occupants were encountered. Mr. Worley, who lectured about "UFO Related Anthropods" at the Spring UFO Conference in Illinois, gives thoughtful comments on this complex mystery.

hand, moved toward the being. It suddenly turned back toward the saucer. Petter caught up with the little humanoid just as it began to float up toward the opening. He grabbed the heel of the right boot with his bare hand, then quickly let go because it burned like a hot iron. The burns were still visible two months later. As the creature entered the opening, a humming was heard and the craft rapidly flew away.

Another very interesting small occupant incident happened near the village of Uyuni, Bolivia in 1968. Senora Valentina Flores discovered her sheep pen was covered with a plastic-like net material. Inside the pen was a three and one half foot figure in a bulky suit with a rectangular object and antenna on its

back. It was busy killing the sheep with a tube-like device with a hook on the end. The Senoria first threw stones at it, then approached with a cudgel. The creature moved a wheel on top of a radio-like box and the net was quickly absorbed. He then threw his weapon at the irate woman and it returned to him boomerang-fashion after inflicting minor cuts on her arm. The entity quickly gathered up its equipment, including a plastic-like bag in which it had placed parts of the intestines of some 34 sheep. Two shafts extended to the ground from the back box and accompanied by a loud roar it rose into the air and vanished.

The last small occupant type I'll take up here cannot really be described because sightings are so rare. My main interest here is an unproved claim in which I'd like to bring to readers' attention in the hope that other witnesses will come forth with verifiable proof. Although I have strong reservations about this claim, I want to avoid my past reluctance to objectively investigate such material because it seemed so outlandish. For instance, I was once approached by a man who said he had worked at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio and had seen little frozen UFO occupants there. I failed to express interest, which angered him, and all I recall about the man was that he lived in Muncie or Anderson, Indiana. My over-skepticism may have cost me a valuable source of information.

The unproved claim I'm concerned with here is that our government captured an occupant way back in the spring of 1944. The claimant has been telling his family this story for years and in 1970 wrote and tape recorded it. I will give his description of the craft which is quite consistent with other UFO events. This is all supposed to have happened on the beach on the far end of Kaneohe Naval Air Station on the island of

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Saplings now soften the effect of the acres of trees felled by the nuclear explosion.

■ On the basis of testimony from over one thousand eye-witnesses—correspondents of the Irkutsk Seismological Station and the Irkutsk Observatory, the following facts have been established:

Early in the morning of June 30, 1908, a fiery body (of the nature of a bolide) hurled through the atmosphere, leaving behind a trail that looked like a falling meteorite.

At 7 a.m. (local time), a blinding ball of light which seemed brighter than the sun appeared over the Taiga

river near the Vanovar Factory. It became transformed into a fiery column rising up into the cloudless sky.

Nothing of the kind had been seen before when meteorites fell. Nor had there been any such phenomenon when, a few years earlier, a gigantic falling meteorite disintegrated in the air in the far east.

After the light phenomenon, a loud noise was heard which reverberated several times like a clap of thunder being transformed into repeated peals. The sound was heard one

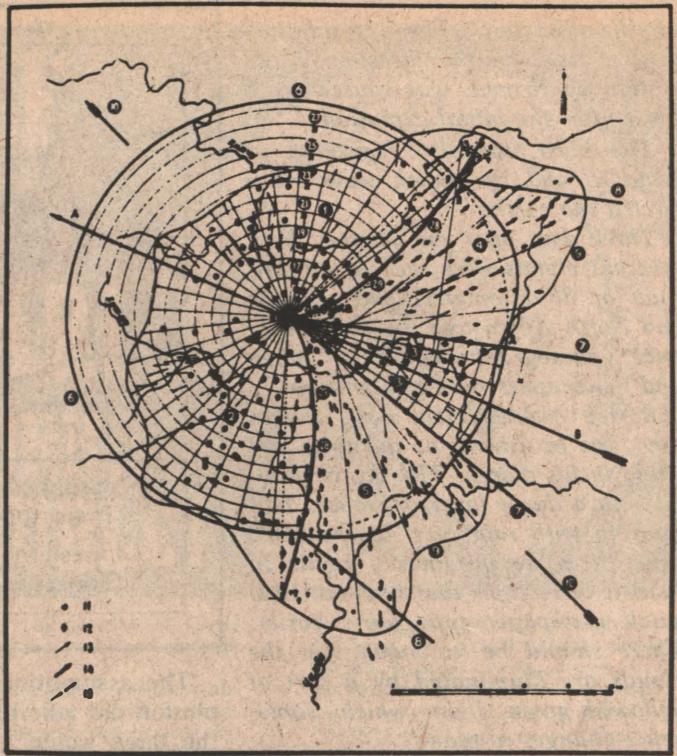
thousand kilometers distant from the scene of the disaster.

A shock wave of terrific force followed the thunder clap. It tore roofs from homes and uprooted trees and fences over a hundred kilometers away.

Houses suffered the sort of damage characteristic of a severe earthquake.

Earth tremors were registered by many seismological stations: in Irkutsk, Tashkent and Jena (Germany). Two earth tremors were registered at Irkutsk (close to the scene

The pattern of the devastation in the area of the Tungus catastrophe has been minutely studied by the Soviet scientists. Here is a key to some of the symbols used on this diagram: 6—limit of blast; 7—ballistic wave front at the instant of the explosion; 8—the same front on encountering blast; 9—limit of area in which trees were felled; 10—trajectory of cosmic body; 11-12—trees which fell in strictly radial direction; 13-14—trees which did not fall strictly radially; 29—line of intersection of blast and ballistic wave at successive instants.



THE NUCLEAR UFO EXPLOSION THAT SHOOK THE EARTH

In 1908, a tremendous explosion rocked the Tungus taiga in Siberia. For decades, scientists have debated about the cause. Many have considered it a giant meteorite, while others have brought up the possibility of extraterrestrial visitation. In this controversial article, the author reviews the scientific debate and concludes that the incident was probably a nuclear explosion caused by a UFO

lift-off. Noting the unusual closeness of the orbits of earth and Mars at that time, he further speculates that the craft was of Martian origin.

of the disaster). The second was weaker and, so the director of the station confirmed, was caused by a blast after the initial explosion.

The blast was also registered in London, and the shock wave twice circled the earth.

Three days after the disaster, luminescent clouds were seen at an altitude of 86 kilometers over Europe and North Africa and, by their brilliance, photographs could be taken and newspapers read at nighttime.

Soviet Academician, A.A. Polkanov was in Siberia at the time and wrote in his diary: "The sky is covered with a dense layer of clouds; it is pouring with rain, yet, at the same time, it is extraordinarily light. In fact, it is so light that one can read small newspaper type fairly easily. There should be no moon, yet the clouds are illuminated by a sort of yellowish-green light which sometimes changes to pink."

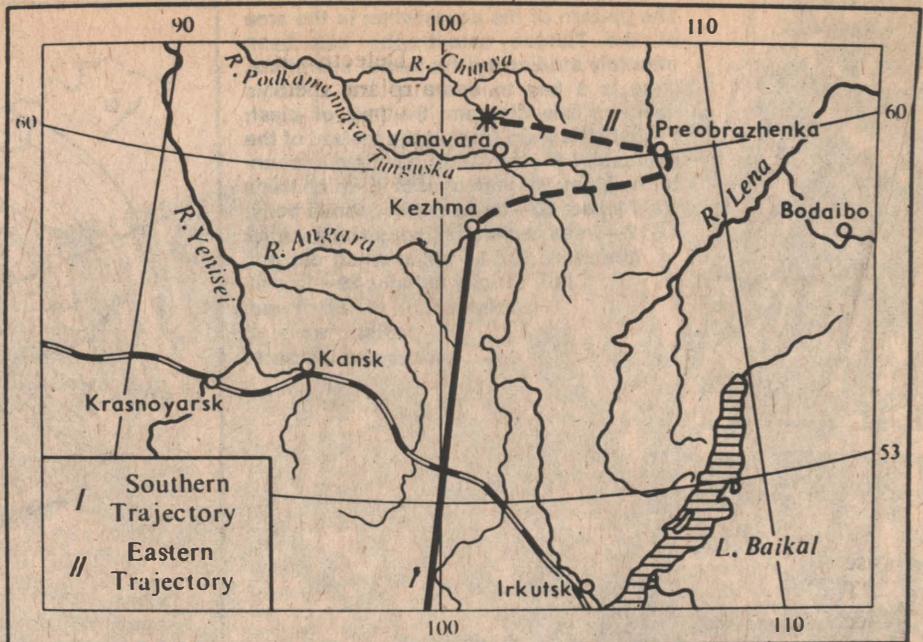
If the mysterious nocturnal light which Polkanov observed was reflected solar light, it would have been white and not yellowish-green and pink.

Twenty years later, a Soviet (Kulik) expedition went to the scene of the disaster. An exact account of the results of many years of search by the expedition was given by the astronomer, who attended the meeting of the Astronomical Society in Moscow on February 20, 1948.

The popular assumption that it was a huge meteorite that fell in the Tungus taiga still does not explain the following points:

- a) The absence of any meteorite fragments,
- b) The absence of any crater or hollows,
- c) The existence of standing trees at the center of the disaster,
- d) The presence of underground water under pressure after the meteorite had fallen,
- e) The spout of water which gushed up during the first days after the disaster,
- f) The appearance of a blinding ball like the sun at the time of the disaster,
- g) The accidents to the Evenki (local people) who visited the scene of the disaster immediately after it had occurred.

The external picture of the explosion in the Tungus taiga fully coincides with the picture of an atomic explosion.



Map presents the maneuver of the spacecraft. "It seemed to be intelligently guided and it changed course twice."

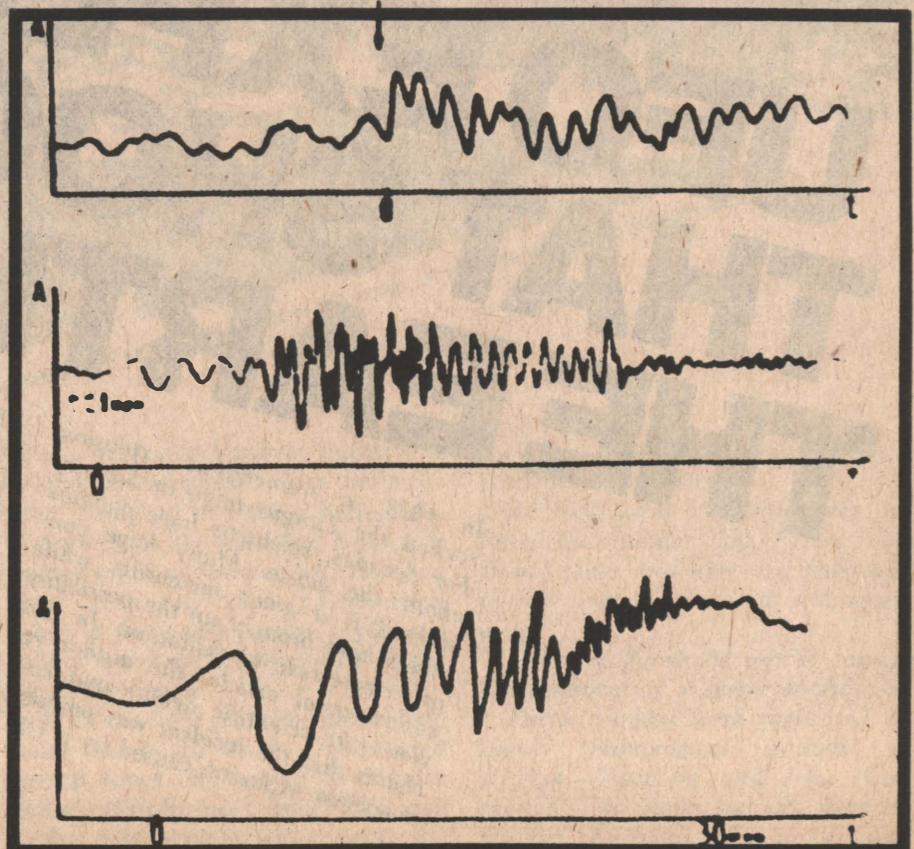
The assumption that such an explosion did take place in the air over the taiga would explain all the circumstances as follows:

The trees in the center were standing upright since the blast hit them from above, lopping off branches and tree-tops.

The luminescent clouds were the effect in the atmosphere of the remains of radioactive substances which were carried aloft.

The accidents in the taiga were
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Micro-barographs of blast from different kinds of explosions. Top—ordinary chemical explosion. Middle—nuclear explosion. Bottom—Tungus explosion. The bottom graph bears far greater resemblance to the middle than the top.



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UFOs STAR

Brazil has been the site of some of the most startling UFO episodes. This report, taken from accounts in the Brazilian newspaper, *O Dia*, hints that a major new "flap" may be in the making.

■ On April 7, a huge flying saucer was seen over Sao Paulo by many witnesses. At around 10:00 p.m., Genival Fernandes was awakened by flashing lights outside his window. Looking out, he saw the object hovering about ten feet from the ground. It was emitting green, blue and orange colors. He called his wife; she became hysterical at the unusual sighting.

In a short period of time, many neighbors rushed out to see the craft, which continued to hover and flash. Eventually, Fernandes, feeling endangered by the UFO in his backyard, phoned the police. By this time, a large crowd had gathered. A kind of antenna appeared on the UFO; the antenna began spinning in all directions. Then the craft began to spin rapidly itself, and its lights became increasingly bright. Suddenly, it ascended at an incredible speed and vanished from sight. The police arrived a short while later, but all they could do was take the testimony of the hundreds of witnesses.

Sao Paulo is a heavily populated and highly industrialized city in Brazil. Historically, it has been the

focal point for many UFO sightings and, in 1971, Dr. Walter Buhler, a noted UFO researcher, showed that Sao Paulo was far ahead of any place in Brazil in sightings, landings and encounters with UFO occupants.

A few days after the April 8 incident, Professor Jose Sales de Lemos, president of the Interplanetary Society of Rio de Janeiro, claimed that five flying saucers had been in the Sao Paulo area for several months. Prof. Lemos had been meeting with a telepathic group on a regular basis, and some of them asserted they had received messages from extraterrestrial "scientists." The telepaths claimed that the UFOs are in the Sao Paulo area because they are concerned with the deadly levels of pollution there. The messages received by the psychics include:

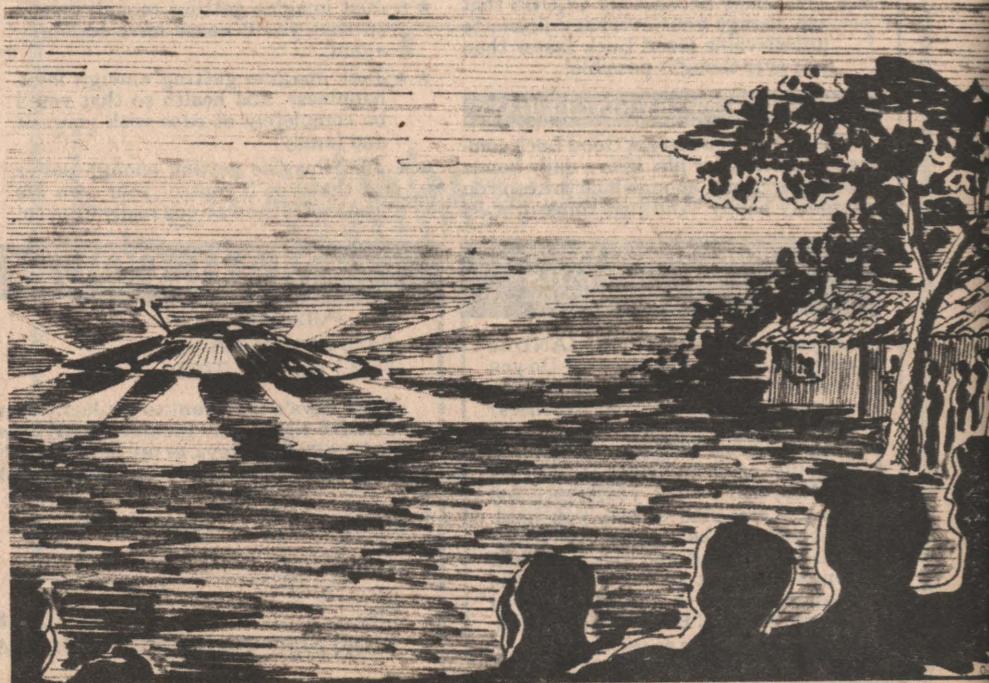
(1) the aliens are researching pollution levels in the water, and are concerned with the possible catastrophic effects for Earth from pollution;

(2) they will be increasing their contacts with people gradually in order to prepare them for a "massive appearance";

(3) their crews include scientists, doctors and priests—the latter use extrasensory abilities to contact human psychics;

(4) several years ago, the United States government located a pyramid containing a crystal gem inside. It was found underwater in the Bermuda Triangle. This object, supposed to be connected with UFOs, has been kept secret;

(5) although their intentions are benevolent, they warn people to avoid direct contact with lights from their



Author's conception of the Sao Paulo sighting.

lowered their heads and became immobile. Restier then realized they were probably robots.

Six tall "men" came to welcome him. He was taken to a building which he thought was the central headquarters of the location. He saw other men standing in line to receive food. He was told they were youths being prepared for space travel, and that they believed earth people to be aggressive and threatening.

Restier was taken to a room where he saw maps with markings and a globe similar to those seen in earth class rooms. The symbols were not explained to him, but the entities did promise a return visit to earth. He was returned to the craft and transported home in the same manner as when he had left. He was eventually brought to a place less than a mile from the point of his original abduction.

Restier asserted that if the aliens came back and wanted him again, he would go willingly, because there is so much to learn about them and be taught by them.

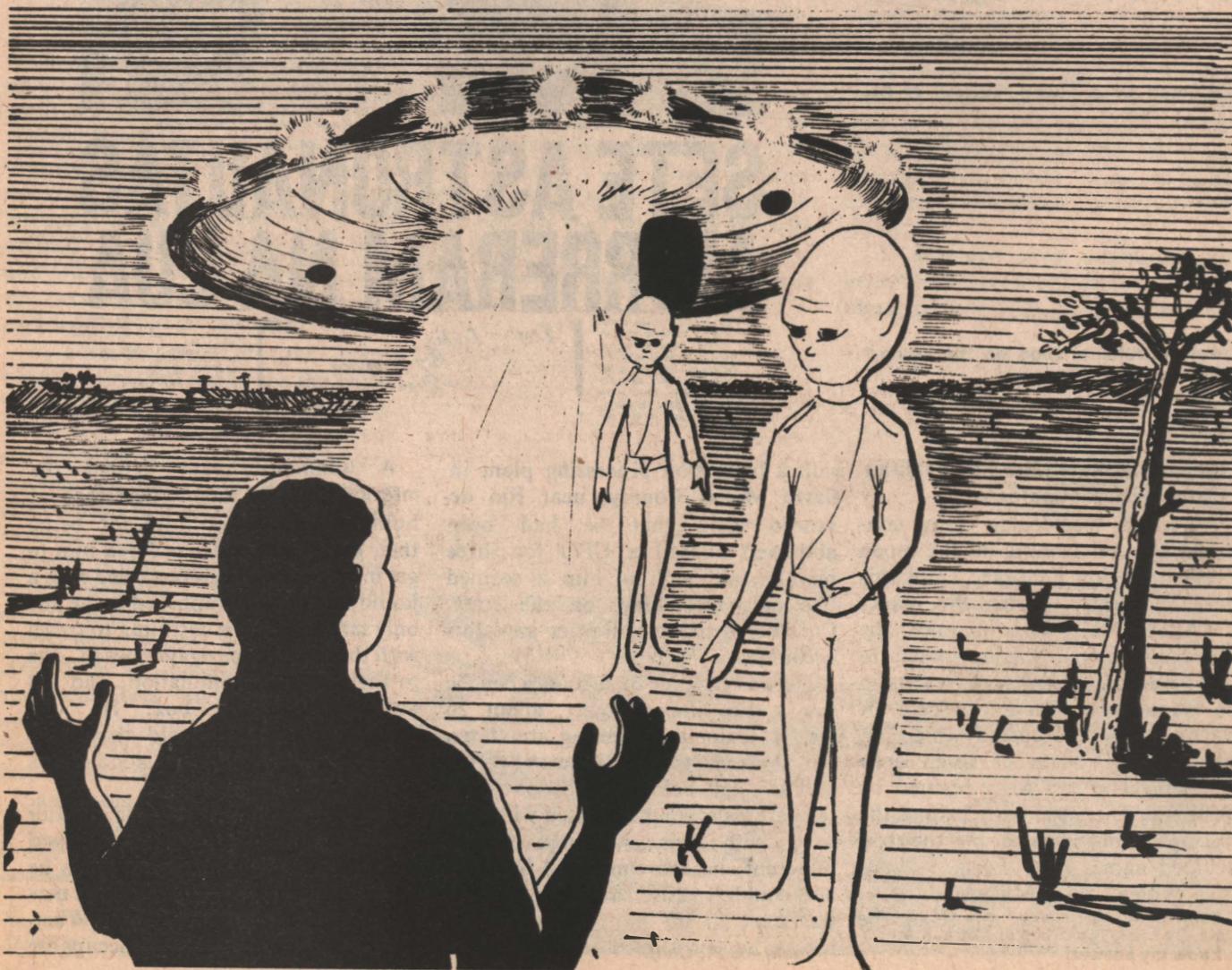
This type of abduction is nothing

new in UFO literature. Ufonauts described by the victim have been discussed before, even the details of their "robotization" and telepathic communication with humans. As for the place the abductee was taken, it could be a "mother-ship," or a base somewhere (in a hollow planet?) with that UFO "fleet" landed on the ground.

Is there any independent evidence for Restier's story? A clue may lie in the continuous sightings of UFOs in Barra Mansa county. Sightings have been recorded since 1949, but recently, there's been a dramatic increase. Every night the inhabitants watch the sky, and regularly see a strange orange light which appears between 7 and 9:30 PM. Teachers, bookkeepers, photographers—people from all walks of life—have reported UFOs and the entire area is concerned about them, especially after the Restier incident. UFO sightings have been connected with radio interference, disappearance of farm animals, and the mutilation of a calf. This could be the beginning of a major UFO flap in Brazil.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In cases like this, it's difficult to say what the connection is between the reporting of a major UFO sighting by hundreds of witnesses [April 8] and subsequent developments, the telepathic claims [April 12] and the abduction report [April 22]. Veteran researchers know that a well-publicized sighting stimulates additional reports, as well as the imagination of credulous people. The jury is out as far as these Brazilian reports are concerned, and we await future developments.

Author's conception of the abduction of Mario Restier.



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LIGHTNING UFOs OVER MISSOURI

■ Weird occurrences at unexpected times and places can be quite a shock. And when not one but 24 adults see a phenomenon, it's a major paranormal activity.

Twelve adults and numerous children on Charann Street in St. Charles, Missouri first saw an invasion of nighttime visitors on June 12, 1973. Approximately 12 policemen also arrived to see the aerial display—and it lasted over two hours!

Civilians See UFOs

The humid night had dark clouds scattered along large patches of deep blue sky. Two huge thunderheads were in opposite portions of the sky—one to the north, the other to the south.

Robert and Patricia Baumbach and Barry and Dolores Gettings were visiting outdoors when they spied an icy-blue, almost electrical light flashing from north to south.

Just as quickly, two irradiant globes also raced to the thunderhead in the south, followed by two more balls of light that slid into the thunderhead. Suddenly they would bound out of the cloud and race, in a matter of seconds, back to the cloud in the north: An estimated distance of 30 miles! Baumbach, a St. Charles postal clerk, alerted 12 adults, mostly women, who gathered to see the frightening display. They agreed that the police should be notified. "I just wanted the authorities to verify this: We had been drinking beer, but not that much," Baumbach said.

Eight year old Stacey Gettings had no doubt in her mind: "It looked like a flying saucer to me."

The police also confirmed the UFOs.

Police Watch UFOs

District 1 patrolman Reuben Abb-

ington, 31 years of age, was assigned to the call. The following facts were uncovered by John Schuessler, director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis and also an engineer at McDonnell-Douglas Aeronautics—along with Cliff Palmberg, on the board of directors of the Group, and an engineer at McDonnell-Douglas:

Palmberg: When did you first see them?

Abbington: I arrived about 10:00 p.m. I first thought the witnesses were all intoxicated, and I asked them: 'How many beers have you had?' It was a long time until I saw the objects. Then I saw them come up over a cloud bank, somewhere about 70 degrees looking right away from me. They never came directly over. Pretty good outline—they had speed too.

Schuessler: Did they ever really go into the clouds or behind them?

Abbington: They would move up and brighten; they would look luminous, like lightning. When they moved into the overcast you could actually see them glow.

Schuessler: Did they have actual shape or were they gaseous?

Abbington: Like a big star—only they would move straight up and brighten. They didn't revolve or turn or corkscrew. To me, they looked like a flat thing, like a disc. When it changed directions, it got brighter, and when it sped off, it was like a streak.

Palmberg: They moved almost instantaneously?

Abbington: I'd see two of them up there chasing each other—one would go one way, another would go the other way—swoosh!—they're gone. It was just like: Now you see them, now you don't.

Most witnesses agreed early that the objects appeared like the size of a headlight or streetlight only a few feet

away: Massive compared to heavenly bodies.

Abbington raced to his squad car; Baumbach thought he was leaving.

"Hey, where are you going?" he called.

"I'm going to get help!" the policeman shouted back.

After the police radio dispatcher placed a call over the air, other squad cars, a few motorcycle police, and some off-duty policemen who listened to their radios started to arrive within minutes.

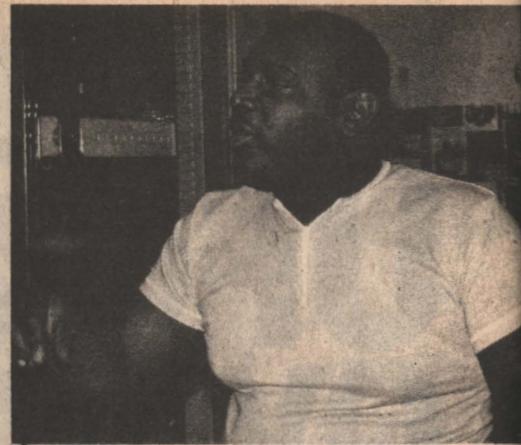
Detective Peter Bishop, 32, of the St. Charles County Police Narcotics Division, watched the UFOs for about 30 minutes. A UFO Study Group in-



The St. Charles UFOs flew over this water tower



UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis Analyzes the St. Charles Sighting. Left to right: John Schuessler, Director, Leo Wicklinski, Frank Brown, Cliff Palmberg



Patrolman Reuben Abbington: "To me, they looked like a flat thing, like a disc."

investigator later queried him:

Erdmann: How did the objects appear to you?

Bishop: The three objects I saw were like a dull light bulb and round—one color—smaller than the full moon, like a softball about four feet away. They would dart back and forth through the sky.

Erdmann: What was unusual about them?

Bishop: They'd be going and suddenly stop—moving from any direction. They would stop and then stay stationary for three or four seconds and then dart off. I have never seen anything like it before in my life.

Detective Darrell Tullock was interviewing a prisoner about 11:25 p.m. when the police radio told of the ob-



jects. He rushed to Charann Street where the sighters excitedly gave out exclamations; others stood in silence with their eyes turned skyward. Suddenly, detective Tullock saw the UFOs veering in different directions at those incredible speeds—quickly hovering—then shooting off again.

"Those are the weirdest things I've ever seen," Tullock said. "Weird, weird, weird!"

Richard Fagin, a policeman presently stationed out of town, shared the amazement. "I'm seeing it but I don't believe it!" Such amazement took on additional importance when Fagin later told Robert Baumvach that he had seen a hovering UFO close-up several years previously as he drove in his squad car, but it wasn't like the UFOs he saw that night.

Twenty-nine year old detective Ray Clarke watched three of them for 15 minutes. "Unbelievable!" he said. One of the policemen radioed for a camera. A squad car carrying an infrared camera was alerted but it did not arrive till well after the objects were out of camera range. This was unfortunate, because at times the objects appeared to come low over

the roof tops.

Was there a natural explanation for the UFOs?

The Ball Lightning Theory

Somebody suggested "ball lightning" or "plasma balls" as a theory. Baumbach, who spends considerable time outdoors, was skeptical:

Baumbach: The first thing somebody does when he sees something like this is to try and get a natural explanation; the only thing I could figure they might be were plasma balls or ball lightning.

Erdmann: How would that work?

Baumbach: I'm just speculating, but those two thunderheads could have been acting as two huge capacitors having positive and negative electrical charges on their insides and surfaces—and the UFOs could be the discharge or "spark" crossing the gap of the capacitor. I don't know how that would happen in such distances between clouds though.

Erdmann: Do you then accept that theory?

Baumbach: The maneuvers of those objects were intelligent. The way they careened and zoomed around in different directions—almost like they were playing games. No, I don't accept ball lightning.

Cliff Palmberg also discounted the ball lightning is when it is seen along the ground," he said. "And it usually bounces along and pops apart."

"And it sometimes might enter an aircraft when it is in close proximity to a cloud," John Schuessler said.

"But it doesn't last very long," Palmberg reminded. "These UFOs lasted for over an hour or more."

Baumbach agreed. He remarked that ball lightning has a buzzing or hissing sound—not to mention the

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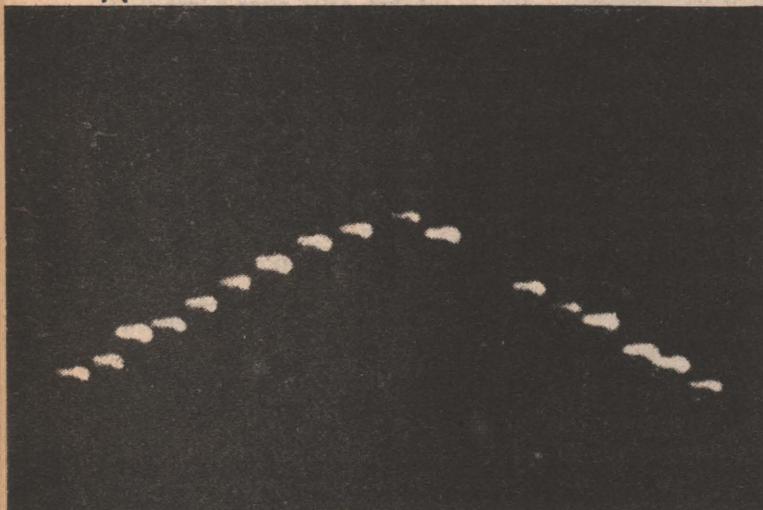
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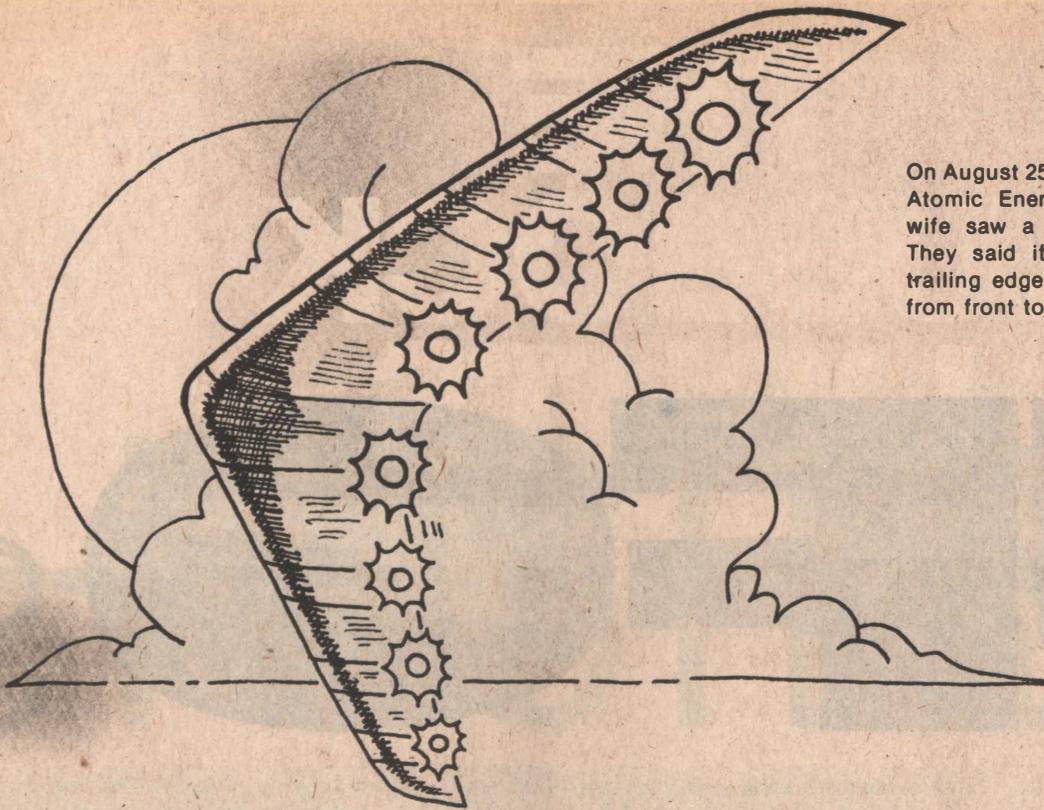
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On August 31, 1951, Carl Hart, Jr. took five pictures of these UFOs, which became known as the Lubbock Lights. He lost one of the negatives but he loaned the remaining four to the Air Force. The Hart photos proved that at least some of the sightings couldn't be attributed to birds. The Air Force had no explanation for the sightings and left that part of the file blank.



On August 25, 1951, an employee of the Atomic Energy Commission and his wife saw a giant wing-shaped UFO. They said it had blue lights on the trailing edge and that dark bands ran from front to rear.

■ Although the case was called the Lubbock Lights and the majority of the sightings took place in or around Lubbock, Texas, the first sighting was made in Albuquerque, New Mexico, about 250 miles away. Before the lights disappeared, weeks later, hundreds had seen them, one man had photographed them and they had been tracked on radar. In fact, the original set of sightings, scattered over a large part of the country, blended so nicely that they could easily be called the best series ever reported.

The Air Force spent a great deal of time, manpower and money checking the sightings and came up with nothing. They wrote the radar cases off just to get rid of the problem and tried to explain the Lubbock Lights by saying that they were a natural phenomenon but did not explain the how or why.

On the evening of August 25, 1951, a man and his wife watched a huge, "wing-shaped" UFO, with blue lights on the trailing edge, pass over the outskirts of Albuquerque. The man, an employe of the Atomic Energy Commission, said that they had gotten a good look at the UFO because it had been quite low, only 800 to 1,000 feet above the ground. The "wing" was sharply swept back and about one and a half times the size of a B-36. Dark bands ran from the front to the back and the lights were softly glowing

blue-green. The object disappeared in the south seconds after it had first been seen.

Air Force officers from Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque investigated. They found that a commercial airliner and a B-25 were in that area but neither plane was in a position to be seen by the couple. To further complicate matters, the man was employed at a secret installation and had a high security classification. It made it highly unlikely that he was involved in a hoax.

Not long after the Albuquerque sighting, several college professors, while sitting on a porch in Lubbock, Texas, saw a "formation" of lights sweep overhead. The lights were only in sight for two or three seconds and none of the men managed to get a very good look. It happened too fast.

The professors, discussing what they had just seen, were upset that they had not been able to observe more. If the objects reappeared, the professors knew what they would do, and several hours later they got their chance. Each man made a series of quick and well-coordinated observations.

The lights were softly—glowing, bluish objects in a loose formation. The first group, the professors believed, had been more rigid and more structured. During the next two weeks the professors saw the lights on

several occasions but were unable to obtain any other useful data.

However, after seeing the lights twice in one evening they thought the chances were good that they would see them again. They equipped two teams with two-way radios, measured a base line from the location of the original sighting and sent out the teams on several different nights. They hoped to make sightings so that triangulation could be used to determine altitude, speed and size.

At the home of one of the professors—Dr. W. I. Robinson, a professor of geology—the group made several interesting observations. Several of the flights traveled through 90 degrees of sky in just over three seconds. The lights would always appear 45 degrees above the northern horizon and disappear 45 degrees above the southern horizon. Except for the first sighting, when the UFOs had been in a roughly semi-circular formation, no regular pattern was noticed.

None of the teams ever saw the lights. On the nights that they were out, the lights were not. On one or two occasions the wives of the men involved said that they had seen the lights while the men were out at the bases.

During the nights, the professors had plenty of time to discuss the lights

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UFOs—Friend or Foe? (UPI Telephoto)

HOSTILE?

For years the debate has raged among UFO researchers as to whether UFOs are benevolent or destructive. In this article, the author surveys the evidence and concludes that UFOs are a threat to Earth.

any real progress until those involved are willing and able to make a sharp distinction between *facts* and mere opinions *about* facts. Nowhere is this truism more evident than in the field of ufology. Massive, factual reports by thousands of Earth inhabitants certainly prove that UFOs do indeed exist. The next logical question is "Why are they visiting our planet in increasing numbers?"

I have read many books and articles by leading exponents of the "Space Brothers" theory which goes something like this: "People from other planets have been visiting Earth for thousands of years. They are evidently endowed with an intelligence and technology far superior to anything known on Earth. These 'Sky People' or 'Galactic Brethren' obey the Great Cosmic Law of the Universe. They therefore cannot interfere directly with the affairs of Earthmen or with the destiny of the planet Earth."

And so, month after month, year after year, such "Prophets of Paradise to Come" seek to allay our fears and calm our anxieties about UFOs. I submit, however, that such evasive assertions are nothing more than bubbles of optimism floating on a sea of fantasy, unsubstantiated by facts.

Those who have been actively engaged in UFO research for the past twenty or twenty-five years know how emotionally-charged this subject is. Governments of Earth have officially refused to take any definite public

stand with regard to sanctioning UFOs as a serious scientific and military problem, except to proclaim that they have no official policy respecting UFOs. Of necessity, such official irresponsibility has left the entire UFO field wide open to every hobbyist, publicity-seeker, and pseudo-scientist. *Unofficially*, however, high-level censorship, the villification of those who responsibly report UFO sightings, and even the coercion and harassment of UFO witnesses, indicate that there *are* official policies concerning UFOs. The late, internationally acclaimed newsman, Frank Edwards, who had an estimated 13,000,000 listeners to his American news broadcasts, was fired from his job because Edwards "talked too much about flying saucers." Edwards was sponsored by the American Federation of Labor, and he detailed his firing in his book, *Flying Saucers—Serious Business*. Edwards was not the only person to lose his job or otherwise suffer because of an outspoken interest in UFOs.

If, as the proponents of the "Space Brothers" theory suggest, UFOs represent a benevolent brotherhood of space tourists who merely seek to aid or guide our wayward Earth, why don't the various government spokesmen simply publicize such welcome news? It is my contention, however, that world governments, particularly their intelligence-gathering agencies,

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■ The magnificent Aztec empire, which encompassed millions of people, was stripped of its wealth, cultural treasures, and was eventually destroyed because Montezuma and the ruling priestly class refused to believe that Cortez and his band of marauders were anything other than "peace-loving gods."

History offers many similar examples wherein contact between a more advanced civilization and a primitive civilization has resulted in the total destruction or assimilation of the primitive peoples. Contact, therefore, between our own planetary civilization and aliens from other planets poses the grave possibility of similar hazards to Earthmen.

No field of investigation can make

UFO OVER HAWAII

This spectacular UFO shot was taken in April, 1974 by a Tsutomu Nakayama, a Japanese professional photographer. Maj. (ret.) Colman VonKeviczky, Director of ICUFON, has analyzed the photo as a "flying solid object" that cannot be identified.

■ Tsutomu Nakayama is a Japanese freelance photographer who travels throughout the world each year to take pictures of interesting events in various countries. In April 1974, Nakayama, 29 years old, was in Hawaii and decided to photograph the famous Kodak "hula-hula" dance show held in Kapiolani Park, east of Honolulu. Nakayama took three consecutive frames of the spectacular native dancers.

As a professional photographer, Nakayama's attention was focused on the dancing group, and he never looked up at the sky. When he returned to Japan, he had the film developed by the Kodak lab of Tokyo, which he describes as "excellent." When he saw the negatives, he was shocked to learn of the appearance of an apparent UFO in only one frame. Only the middle frame showed the object. Since the shots were taken continuously, this indicates the UFO made an incredibly rapid appearance over the scene, which explains why neither Nakayama nor any of the many onlooking tourists took note. The photographer says that the shot's very rapid shutter speed—1/250th second—may be the reason it was possible to record it at all. It may have been travelling so fast as to be hardly noticeable.

ANALYSIS

(By Maj. (ret.) Colman VonKeviczky, Director of ICUFON)

TIME: April 25, 1974. 10:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

LOCATION: Honolulu, Hawaii. North Pacific Ocean.

WEATHER: Dry, clear. Visibility:



A full-size enlargement isolating the object and clearly showing its distinct outline.



The photographer, Tsutomu Nakayama

The shot of the hula dancers in Honolulu showing the UFO to the left of the palm tree.

unlimited.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Tsutomu NAKAYAMA, 29, news photographer, Japan.

CAMERA: Hasselblad 500c. **Lens:** Planar 80mm. f:2.8

EXPOSURE TIME: 1/250 sec.

Opening: f/8

FILM: Ektachrome 120, processed by Eastman Kodak Laboratory, Tokyo, Japan.

I. IDENTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION

1. **LENS FLARE?—DISMISSED.** The light source (sun), as identifiable on the dancing group, and as the

highlight glistening upon the flying object, was on the right side, was behind and above the camera. There are no indications of any reflecting media on or around the dancers. If there were, the flying object would be brilliantly white in color.

2. **DAMAGE? — EXCLUDED.** Damage on the emulsion surface would appear with irregular and sharp white or black edges visible by naked eyes.

3. **CUSTOMARY AERIAL VEHICLE?—REFUTED.** There are no propulsion, jet or propeller engines wings or rudder structure visible on the fuselage. For secret test flights,



there are "Off Limits" aerial zones reserved.

4. **PHENOMENON** is undoubtedly a **FLYING SOLID OBJECT**, trigonometrically verifiable in three dimensions as a slightly tilted *flange* with an illuminated, *dome-shaped structural upper part*, and a slight *bump* on its bottom. The same type of flying craft has been observed, photographed and filmed all over the nation's airspace.

When we consider—as generally reported—the craft's diameter was 10 to 12 meters, and during the

1/200-250 sec. exposure time its flight length was 2 meters (1/5 of the dia.), the **AVERAGE FLIGHT SPEED POINTS** to 400 m./sec. or 24 km./min. Sixteen months later we noted just the same speed over the American Continent. On August 14, 1975, US Coast Guard Major Claude RIDDLE in the area of the Stockton Airport, California, was tailed on a collision course by a disc-shaped spacecraft. The Control Tower estimated the object's take off from 5,000 feet altitude to 60,000 feet as approx. 5 seconds, which is equal to 334 m./

sec. or 20 km./min.

EARTHLY ORIGIN? — ABANDONED. Current earthly aviation technology available to airplane builders is unable to produce wingless and propulsionless craft for aeronautical use, with the possible exception of the controversial "Concorde" which causes a noticeable supersonic boom.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Nakayama's photographed "aerial vehicle" could only be accepted as being of *extra-terrestrial origin, piloted by an extra-terrestrial intelligence.*

SAUCER SAFARI

■ It seems like almost everybody has a UFO story. As an interested party, you can dig up the darnedest tales ever told. Tell you how I know.

Since writing *How to Be Kidnapped by UFOs*, a fun, but factual little book about the serious subject of UFOs, I have been traveling to many parts of the country. The tour was dictated by my livelihood, which has nothing to do with flying objects but with mundane four-wheeled automobiles.

Hauling the book with me, peddling it, passing it off on sundry airline pilots, fellow passengers, pretty ladies and the like, I was astounded at the response I got. Rather than raised eyebrows, I got admissions of interest and even a great spigotting of information.

Some people had experienced something strange. Others had a relative or a friend who'd seen something, all of which suggests that poll figures for UFO-sighters may be badly underestimated.

An Air Force Lieutenant from Pease AFB in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for example, had this to offer: "Oh, yeah, we see some pretty strange things but we aren't allowed to talk about them. One thing we do get used to is St. Elmo's fire coming through the windshield of our tanker plane, passing on through the cockpit door, bounding down the aisle and disappearing through the rear bulkhead. Man, that's magic. See that and you'll believe in UFOs anytime."

From a little lady in Eliot, Maine, not far from Exeter, New Hampshire, familiar to UFO addicts, thanks to John Fuller's marvelous book *Incident at Exeter*.

"I sent my seven year old son out to see why our dog was making such a fuss. He came rushing back into the kitchen wailing, 'Mother, come out and see this thing!'

"Well, he was so disturbed I followed him out the door. There,

Are you having trouble fitting saucer research into your everyday life? Not enough time? Not enough leads? Don't know where to begin? Well, here's one researcher's solution to that problem. Dan Clements has managed to fit making a living together with hunting down flying discs in a novel way. Here's how he does it as well as some tips on how you can do the same.

directly over our roof was this wobbling saucer-like affair. It was as big as our house and very low.

"I was stupified. Then it took off across the road and wobbled around over my neighbor's house. Well, I knew she was home alone and would be frightened to death. So we ran across to warn her. About that time the thing flounced down over her gravel pit. She was outside by this time and shocked silly. We all just stood in her yard and watched it hover there for a few minutes. Then it just zipped off and disappeared.

"We started to exclaim to each other when my neighbor said; 'Hush! Do you hear that beeping sound?'

"Sure enough, there was a funny beeping noise like from a TV or something. It seemed to come from the gravel pit. We walked up to it and couldn't see anything. But there it was. *Beep . . . beep . . . beep . . .* every few seconds.

"That night her husband looked around the pit with no results. So the next day he called the Air Base. Some officers came over and poked around. Finally they told us there was nothing there and we'd probably seen Venus. But you know what? They had sentries all round our houses for several days.

Then they roped off that pit for three weeks and wouldn't let anybody near it. After about three days the beeping stopped."

In my travels, the book proved a ticket to people's confidence. On your own weekend wanderings, vacations and business trips it would pay to have a similar entree: a favorite UFO clipping, a copy of MUFON, *APRO*, *NICAP* journals or even a copy of *Official UFO*. You might also want to keep a few sighting report forms handy. They are put out by various UFO organizations and pinpoint all aspects of a sighting. When you encounter a good story, either get the person to fill out the report with you, or leave it with him with your name and address attached and hope he fills it out. Alert the organization issuing the form. If they feel it has enough merit, they may send one of their qualified field investigators to do an in-depth interview.

You may also angle your business or pleasure trips toward likely or known UFO sighting areas. Working on TV interview commercials for a foreign car account, I had certain latitude in picking locations. Frankly, I chose those that had a history of UFO events, or seemed to offer possibilities.

On a flight from Boston to Chicago, which lasted six hours instead of the usual two, thanks to typical Chicago weather, and included a tour of Minneapolis, I passed a book up to the captain. I annotated it with something about keeping his eye peeled for UFOs who fly at 38.325 nickloneuters per zet, or some such inane and mildly inebriated comment.

Prior to eventual landing at O'Hare he loudspeakered a request for me to stop by the cockpit on deplaning. I did. He thanked me and remarked with a smile, "You know, I saw a UFO over Knoxville two years ago."

Pilots are notably reluctant to relate any unusual experiences they might

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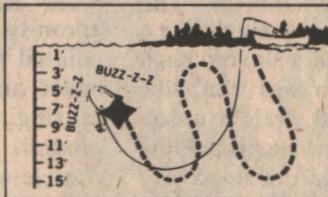
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The Higdon Abduction



This is the story of a startling and unusual abduction aboard a UFO. A few days after the victim was released, extensive interviews were conducted by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming psychologist and UFO expert. Dr. Sprinkle employed deep relaxation hypnotic procedures to uncover many details hidden from the victim's conscious mind, and this article is a review of Dr. Sprinkle's interview.

■When Carl Higdon set out on his yearly elk hunt in Wyoming's Medicine Bow National Forest, he never realized he would undergo a terrifying UFO experience that would leave him dazed and confused for hours afterward.

Higdon left his Rawlins, Wyoming home late that day on October 25, 1974 to hunt 40 miles south of town in Medicine Bow's north boundary. He followed a well-used logging road into the woods until it became too rough for his two-wheel drive pickup truck. After parking his truck and talking to another hunter at 4:00, he loaded his 7mm magnum rifle and started hunting.

Some 15 minutes later, Higdon walked down over a hill and spotted

five elk. Raising his rifle, he fired a shot at the lead bull. The bullet fired out of the gun, sailed 50 feet, and dropped. Amazed, Higdon walked over and retrieved the fallen bullet before placing it in his canteen pouch. As Higdon pondered the fallen bullet, he noticed the entire woods fell into a blanketed silence. It was then that he heard a branch snap, and glanced over in the wood's shadows and noticed a man-like creature staring at him.

The "man" appeared nearly human, standing about six feet two inches tall and weighing 180 pounds. He wore a jet black jump-type suit and black belt with a bright star in the middle and a yellow emblem. The man's facial features were much like a human's except he had a slanted head and no chin. His hair was thin, like wheat straw and stood straight up on his head with two antennae protruding out at angles. The creature stood very bowlegged and had webbing that went around his shoulders and criss-crossed at his chest. One of his hands was shaped much like a pointed cone and the other sleeve hung loose as if it contained nothing.

As the two men faced each other, the "man" asked Higdon how he was doing. He replied, "Pretty good." The "man" then asked Higdon if he was hungry, and he remarked, "Yeah, a little." At this point the "man" threw him a package containing four pills and instructed him to take one, saying it would last him four days.

After Higdon took a pill and placed the rest of the package in his shirt pocket, the creature asked him if he wanted to go with him, and Higdon replied that he guessed he would.

The "man" waved one of his cone-like hands at Higdon and the next thing Higdon remembers is finding himself in a transparent cubicle-like compartment, strapped hand and foot in a large plush chair. The "man" identified himself as

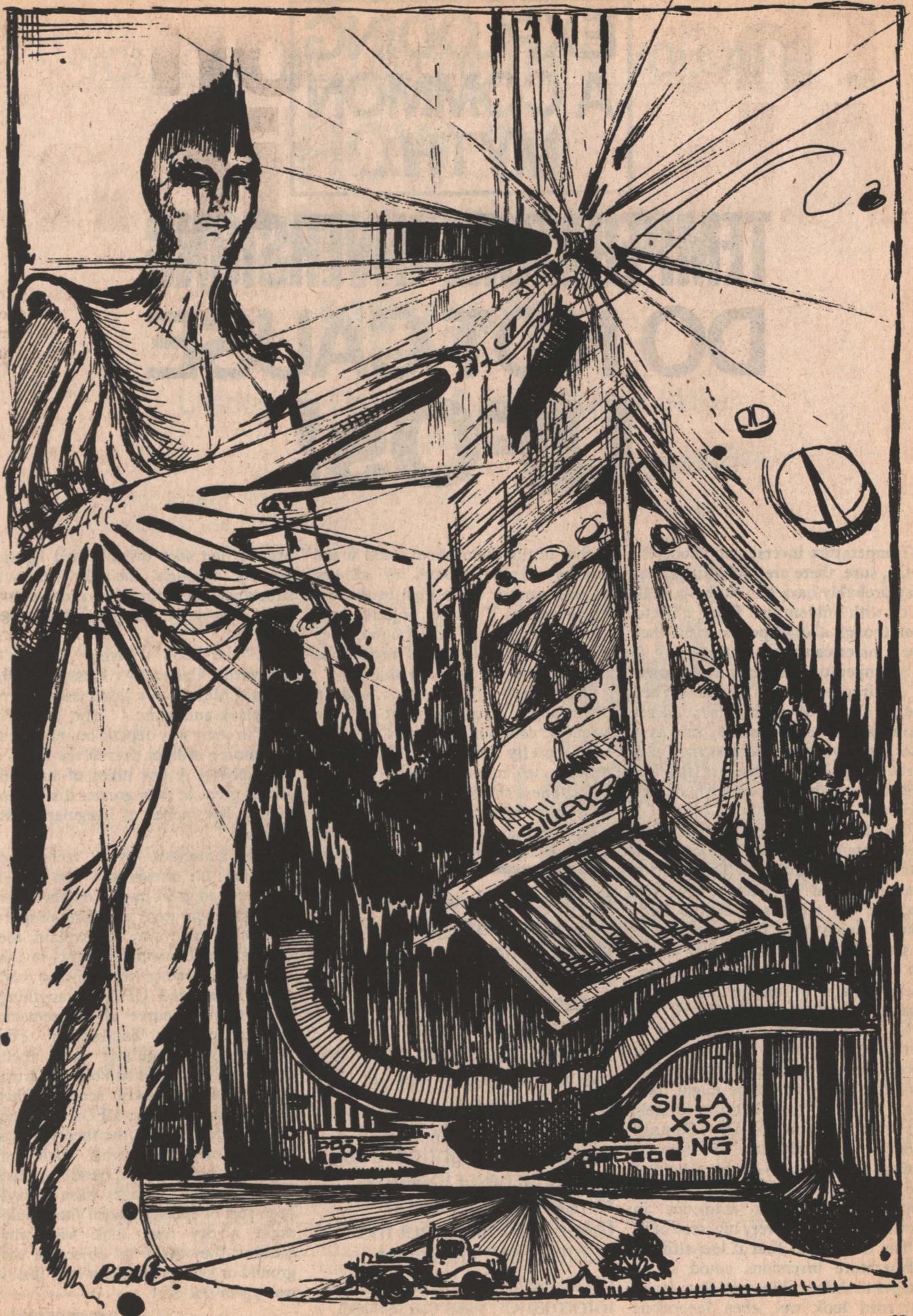
Ausso One, as he strapped a large helmet with six wires to Higdon. Ausso One explained that the helmet was used to take readings and pressures during the flight.

Higdon looked up and saw an instrument panel housing three sliding levers with various letters running beside them. A large yellow star, similar to the one on Ausso's uniform, was mounted on the panel. Through a mirror on the panel Higdon could see the five elk in a cage behind his seat. The elk appeared to be frozen in motion.

Ausso told Higdon they were traveling to a place 163,000 "light miles" away. Ausso then sat in a large black chair like Higdon's with an apron-like cover on his lap. Ausso pointed his cone hand at the control board and one of the levers moved, causing the cubicle to lift off the ground. Ausso explained that the cubicle was powered by gravitational force and that they could achieve a tremendous rate of speed. Higdon recalls looking down through the transparent floor of the cubicle and seeing the trees grow small and his pickup disappear. The next time Higdon looked down, the earth looked like a basketball.

Suddenly the cubicle landed among bright lights of extremely different colors. Higdon somehow freed his arms to shield his eyes from the blinding rays. He complained constantly that the lights hurt. Ausso told him that our sun affects them in a similar way so they always stand in the shade and wear black suits when they're on Earth. The lights seemed to come from a large tower Higdon described as being like the rotating Seattle Space Needle Restaurant. A droning noise like a loud electric hum filled the air. Ausso transferred Higdon to an elevator in the tower where the lights weren't so bright. When the elevator stopped, Ausso led Higdon

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EXPLODING A COMMON MYTH...

TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS DO NOT CAUSE UFOs!

■ Temperature inversions? Phooey!!

Oh, sure, there are such things. But they probably have had nothing at all to do with unidentified flying objects, even though a lot of people insist they are a major cause of sightings.

A temperature inversion is the cause of a mirage—it's that simple. When the air above the ground does not get cooler at the normal, steady rate as it rises, light waves are bent as they pass through, giving an observer the impression that things are not where they should be.

On a hot day, the first few feet of air immediately above a highway cool more rapidly than usual. The result is that the road appears to be wet, because the air has bent the light coming down from the sky so that it is seen "on" the road when the observer stands a considerable distance away. That's a mirage, and everyone has seen it many times.

So much for the familiar kind of mirage. More than 20 years ago, some people began to suspect that a less familiar variety of mirage might have some relation to UFOs. A widely respected scientist—Dr. Donald Menzel, then director of Harvard College Observatory—grabbed hold of the idea and ran with it. And the popular press—*Time* magazine in particular—made a very big issue of it.

The theory was that if low-altitude temperature inversions could cause images to shift position and thus make the road look wet, then inversions

higher in the atmosphere could make objects, on the ground or at low altitude appear to be high in the air. Furthermore, if these objects were moving on or near the ground, they could give the illusion of mysterious objects flying through the skies.

What sold the public (and a disturbingly large segment of the scientific community) on this idea was some pretty diagrams illustrating articles in mass-circulation magazines. These showed light waves being bent into highly curved paths and suggested that a car's headlights could be projected high overhead. It was

No one knows why, but at one point during their investigation, the people at Project Bluebook suddenly became very scientific. Project Director Capt. Ed Ruppelt threw cold water on the whole idea of hot air layers in his first status report on the July 1952 Washington sighting. The Air Force never took the temperature inversion theory seriously, but the public didn't know that because at the time all this information was classified.

argued that such disembodied lights, zipping through the sky without substance, must therefore account for those annoying UFOs people had been reporting.

In his book "Flying Saucers" (Harvard University Press, 1953), Donald Menzel put this theory down in black-and-white: "The saucers must in some way depend on reflection or bending of light rays in the earth's atmosphere. A few miles of air can give as great or even greater distortion than a few inches of irregular glass produce."

This statement by a recognized authority on astronomy and allied sciences had great impact on his fellow scientists, who were searching desperately for some way to explain the otherwise unexplainable sights in the sky. Some science writers who had never considered UFOs as anything more than a source of amusement, jumped on the bandwagon. The millions who regularly read their science columns and had come to trust their opinions likewise accepted this new explanation for UFOs. No one bothered to question the theory, since it had originated with such an esteemed scientist. And besides, it just sounded right. Mirages have always been sort of spooky, and if they could make a dry road look wet, why couldn't they make an object on the ground or near the horizon look like it was up in the sky?

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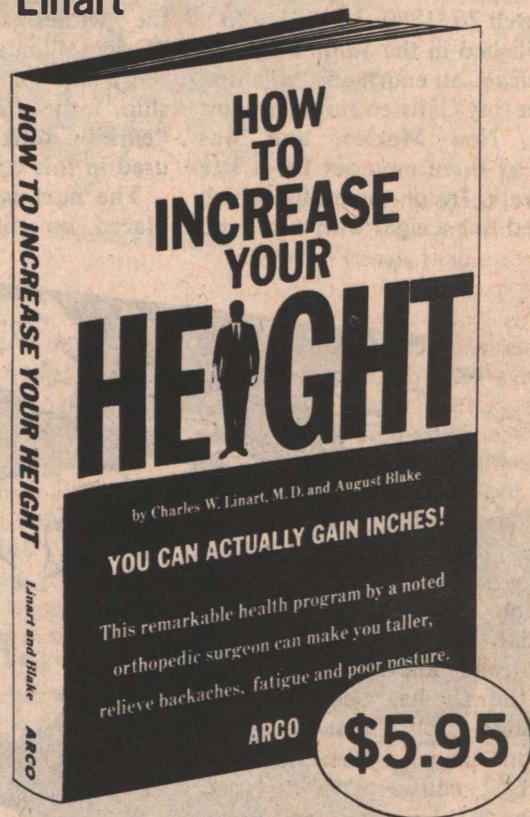
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THE GREAT UNIDENTIFIED AIRSHIP SCARE

UFO sightings are usually thought to have begun in the 1940s, but history shows they've been around a lot longer. Before man ever got off the ground himself, unidentified craft were seen in the skies from coast to coast, and no one can explain these as satellites or airplanes.

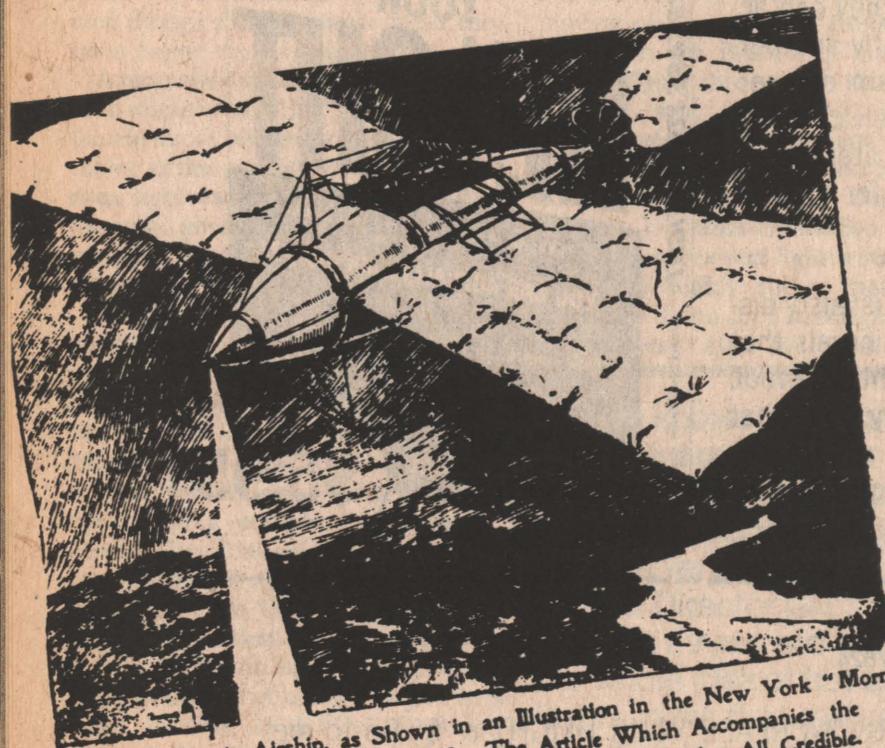
On March 26, 1880, according to a story published in the *Santa Fe Daily New Mexican*, an enormous "airship" swept over tiny Galisteo Junction (now Galisteo), New Mexico, and was observed by three men out for a late evening walk. Inside the craft—which was shaped like a cigar with a tail and

driven by a huge propeller—10 persons laughed and shouted in an unknown language. One of them, appearing like the others to be inebriated, tossed several items from the car. When recovered, these proved to be a beautiful flower with a slip of fine silk-like paper containing what the witnesses thought might be "Oriental" characters; the other item was a cup "of very peculiar workmanship," the *New Mexican* reported, "entirely different to [sic] anything used in this country."

The next morning the items were placed on display at the railroad

depot. That evening a stranger appeared in town, examined the objects, pronounced them of Asiatic origin and made the owner—the depot agent—a financial offer he could not refuse. The somewhat enigmatic fellow, who identified himself only as a "collector of curiosities," scooped up his purchases and was not seen again.

This is a peculiar and fascinating story, to be sure, but it is impossible to believe. We have the testimony of no less an authority than Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith that from all that is known of aviation history, no such event could ever have occurred. "Speaking as an aeronautical historian who specializes in the periods before 1910," he remarks, "I can say with certainty that the only airborne vehicles, carrying passengers, which



The Great California Airship, as Shown in an Illustration in the New York "Morning Journal" of Sunday, November 28. The Article Which Accompanies the Illustration Says That the Witnesses of the Phenomenon Are All Credible. San Francisco Call, December 5, 1896

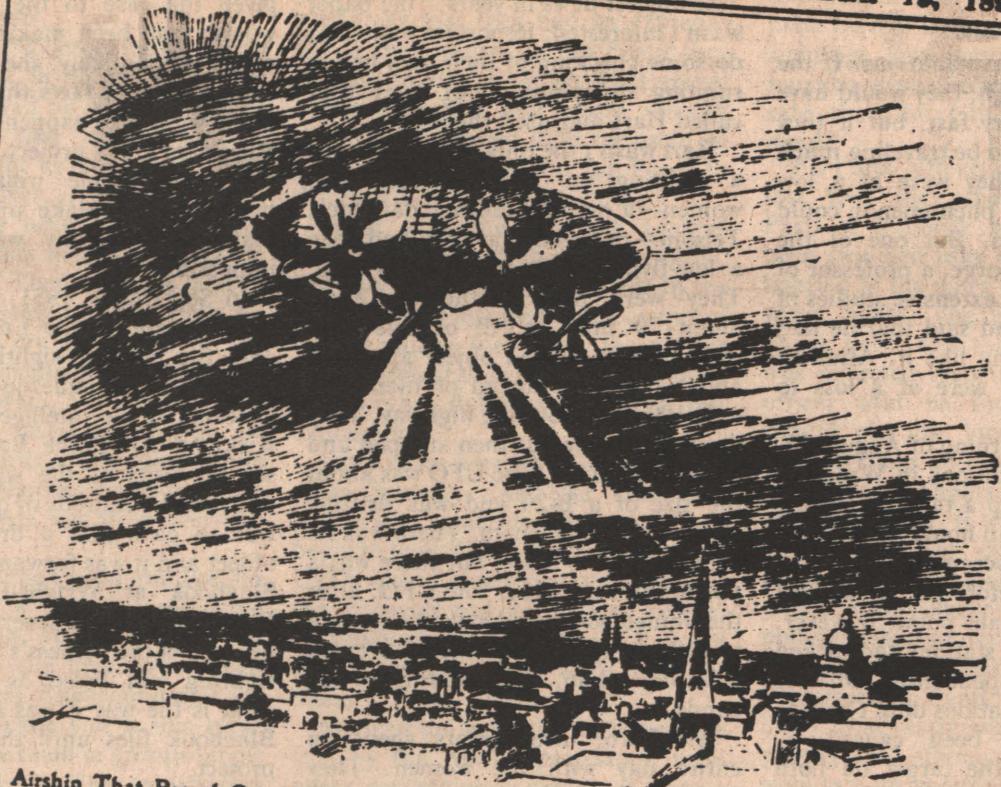
San Francisco Call, November 22, 1896



The Mysterious Flying Light That Hovered Over St. Mary's College, Oakland, and Then Started for San Francisco. It is Exactly Like That Described by Sacramentoans and Similar to the One Published a Few Days Ago in "The Call." From a Description Furnished by One Who Saw It.

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In fact, it was not until 1884 that the dirigible, which had first been tested in 1852 in Paris, could be fully maneuvered in the air. The first cross-country flight took place in France in 1903, with the craft covering a distance of up to 61 miles. Dirigibles did not appear in the United States until 1904, when Thomas Scott Baldwin tested his *California Arrow* in August of that year.

So that should settle that. Of course there was no airship in New Mexico in 1880, or anywhere else on the North American continent at any time during the Nineteenth Century. Or was there?

Consider the claim of one William Jordan of San Rafael, California, who in November of 1896 told the *San Francisco Call* that the previous August, while pursuing a wounded deer through the Tamalpais mountains, he had come upon six men at

work in a machine shop. They were busy constructing an almost completed “aerial ship.” Jordan agreed to keep their story a secret, which he did for about six weeks.

Of course we have only Jordan’s word that his story is not simply another concoction. But in the meantime, beginning in October, vague rumors of airships were dotting the columns of newspapers in the rural backwaters of Nebraska. And late that same month a fruit rancher and his family allegedly watched such a craft near Bowman, California, as it sailed by at 100 m.p.h. shining three brilliant lights.

Then, about a week later, San Francisco’s Mayor Adolph Sutro heard a bizarre story from his servants, who told him, in voices “full of wonderment,” that a mysterious flying object had hovered in the air just offshore over Seal Rock (the mayor’s mansion was west of the city and overlooked the Pacific Ocean). Because of the darkness they could not see the object itself very well, they said, but the lights along its side and rear were clearly visible. The latter seemed especially powerful, rather on the order of a searchlight. The mayor, apparently a man singularly devoid of

curiosity, shrugged off the tale and did not think of it again for two weeks—until November 17, when all hell broke loose in Sacramento.

According to the breathless words of the next day’s *Sacramento Bee*:

Last evening between the hours of 6 and 7 o’clock, in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six, a most startling exhibition was seen in the sky in this city of Sacramento. People standing on the sidewalks at certain points in the city between the hours stated, saw coming through the sky over the housetops, what appeared to them to be merely an electric arc lamp propelled by some mysterious force. It came out of the East and sailed unevenly toward the southwest, dropping now nearer to the Earth, and now suddenly rising into the air again as if the force that was whirling it through space was sensible of the dangers of collision with objects upon the Earth.

There were hundreds of witnesses. Those who got the closest look at it maintained the object was an enormous cigar-shaped construction with large wings attached to an aluminum body. Others insisted they heard shouts and raucous laughter from

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Lubbock Lights

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and tried several explanations. If the lights were very high, they would have to be traveling very fast, but if they were low they would be traveling much more slowly. If they were at a low altitude, a natural phenomenon could fit the description. But one of the professors, Dr. George, a professor of physics, had made extensive studies of the atmosphere and said that he had never seen anything like it. After all their studies they were at a loss to explain the lights.

Early on the morning of August 26, 1951, two radar stations in Washington state picked up a target traveling at over 900 miles an hour. An F-86 jet interceptor was scrambled but the UFO was gone before the jet arrived on station. The main point, however, was that two radar stations had picked up the UFO independently. Officers at the radar installations didn't believe the targets had been caused by weather because the target on both scopes looked the same. If it had been weather, the targets would have appeared differently.

Five days later an amateur photographer in Lubbock managed to take five pictures of the lights as they flew over his house. Carl Hart, Jr., a freshman at Texas Tech, had pushed his bed against the window because the night was so hot. He hadn't been in bed very long when he saw the Lubbock Lights flash through a clear sky. The lights returned on several occasions so Hart grabbed his Kodak 35mm camera, set the shutter at f-3.5 and went outside. Minutes later the lights reappeared and Hart managed to take two pictures. Another formation flew over after a few more minutes and Hart took three more photographs.

The next morning, Hart took the pictures to a friend who ran a photo-processing shop. Hart often used the dark room there for his work. When Air Force investigators asked Hart why he hadn't had the film developed immediately, since the pictures could be the biggest news in years, he replied that he was afraid that nothing was on the film. The objects hadn't been all that bright. If he had known definitely that there was something on the film, he would have called his friend that night.

The negatives did have an image and Hart's friend suggested that they call the local paper. At first, even

though Hart had what may have been "the biggest news in years," the paper wasn't interested. Reporters wanted to do some checking of their own before running the photos, but later they called Hart and used them.

Hart wasn't the only Texan to make a sighting on August 31st. Two women—a mother and her daughter, Telsom—reported that they had seen a low-flying UFO about 12:30 p.m. They were near Matador, Texas, about 70 miles north of Lubbock, when a pear-shaped object appeared about 150 yards ahead of them and only 100 feet above the highway. They drove on slowly but then stopped and got out of the car. The UFO was about the size of a B-29 and was drifting slowly away from them. There was no exhaust and no noise, but there was a porthole on one side. The UFO, after the women got a good look at it, began to pick up speed and entered a rapid spiraling climb, disappearing in seconds.

Air Force investigators spent an entire day with the women. They found out that the daughter was quite familiar with aircraft because her husband was an Air Force officer. The woman had said that the object was drifting with the wind but it was found that she was mistaken. The investigators could find nothing else wrong with the report and could not find a reason why the women would make up the story. They worked all day but didn't have the slightest idea what the UFO was. They worked all day but didn't have the slightest idea what the women had seen.

The investigations continued but the Air Force got nowhere. One officer, while talking to a man from Lubbock, discovered that the man's wife had seen a UFO on the same night that the college professors had seen the lights the first time. The man said that his wife was not crazy or given to telling tall tales. She had been outside, taking down the wash, while he had been reading the paper. His wife, he said, came running into the house, white as a ghost, shouting about the giant, "wing-like" craft that had just flown over the house. It moved silently and had several bluish lights on the back of it.

The Air Force officer was stunned by the sighting. It was a duplicate of the Albuquerque sighting, it happened only minutes after the Albuquerque sighting, and there was no way that the woman could have known about that sighting. Only a few Air Force

officers knew about it and they hadn't given the case to the press. If the woman had been making up a story, which was unlikely, she had picked a combination of facts that showed she knew what was happening inside the Air Force UFO project. The chances that two people would or could independently make up stories that matched so closely was considered impossible.

In September, 1951, the Air Force investigation of the Lubbock Lights and the related sightings officially began. The Albuquerque sighting was checked by the intelligence officer at Kirkland Air Force Base. He made several visits to the witness's house and asked hundreds of questions. The woman gave him a drawing of the object and it was forwarded to Project Bluebook at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. After several weeks, and because of the witness's reliability, the sighting was listed as unidentified. That is the way it was carried in the Bluebook files until the end of the project.

The second sighting of the lighted "flying wing" was never officially investigated. However, since none of the witnesses could have known one another and since the reports were made independently within a few weeks of one another, the sightings should be considered related. The Lubbock woman's description of the UFO matched that seen in Albuquerque and must be considered unidentified because no explanation was found in the first report. The second sighting adds a bit of credibility to the first and also suggests a question. How many others saw the UFO but failed to report it in official channels? It was just "dumb" luck that the second sighting was "reported" at all.

The Albuquerque incident and the related Lubbock sightings were never well publicized, probably because the other Lubbock sightings stole the show. The main interest of the Air Force investigation was the Lubbock Lights and they pressed for an explanation. The college professors had found none.

Dozens of witnesses reported that they had seen the lights and the Air Force chased down quite a few of them. Most of the descriptions matched: soft, bluish lights zipping from one horizon to the other. The size and shape of the formations varied from two or three objects to several dozen and from rag-tag conglomerations of lights to the

precise V-formations shown in the Hart photographs.

Air Force investigators found a man who had lived in West Texas for decades. He lived on the outskirts of Lubbock and had looked for the lights. One night he saw two or three of them fly over. At first he was scared, having never seen anything like the soft lights silently crossing the sky in seconds. Then, minutes later, a few more appeared. This time he heard a quiet cry from one of the objects and immediately identified the lights as "plovers," a West Texas bird. He told investigators that he thought the birds, with their white breasts, were reflecting lights from the city and that that was what everyone was seeing.

The idea sounded good and the Air Force checked it out. A local game warden, a man who had lived for many years in the area, was asked about the plovers. They found that the birds rarely flocked and it was quite unnatural to see them in groups larger than two or three. The explanation might work where the man thought he had seen plovers but it could not be applied to all the sightings.

Weeks after the sighting the radar unit commander called Project Bluebook to find out what had been done with his sighting. The project officer told him the official conclusion. The radar officer wanted to know what kind of slipshod, no-good and worthless kind of answer that was. He told them he was completely familiar with weather effects on radar and had checked closely. The image on both scopes was the same, and because they had been operating on different frequencies it made the weather explanation even more improbable. If the object hadn't been on both scopes and if it hadn't been the same, he wouldn't have filed the report.

About two weeks after the episode started, it ended. The Lubbock Lights went out, no one reported the strange "flying wing" and no other photographs were taken. No other witnesses came forward and there seemed to be nowhere to go. The Air Force called all the sightings, except for the radar cases, unidentified.

However, several years after the Lubbock Lights were reported a scientist working with the Air Force suggested a natural phenomenon that "explained" the Lubbock Lights. Reports of the explanation were made but none of the details were given to the public. A "secret" explanation is

no explanation at all. The Air Force would say that they had an explanation if they wanted to use it but they had sworn that they wouldn't reveal any information that might identify the man who found it. It seems to be another attempt by the Air Force to discredit a good, solid sighting.

What were the Lubbock Lights? Probably some of them were birds, just as the old Texan suggested. In the sightings that involved only a couple of objects and no formation, the plovers are the logical answer. However, many of the other sightings do not fit this explanation.

Some cases were probably a form of mass hysteria. Anytime that one person sees something strange, others begin to look. Often sightings aren't of UFOs but of something ordinary that the witnesses had not noticed before. In Lubbock, however, the Air Force wasn't too concerned with this problem.

Many of the sightings, including the first by the college professors, were never satisfactorily explained. Some UFO debunkers "ripped holes" in the sightings but the original Lubbock Light sighting, the Albuquerque case and the Hart pictures withstood the onslaught. They have never been explained.

One final point about the August 25, 1951 sightings should be made. The Albuquerque sighting came about 15 minutes before the first of the Lubbock sightings. An object, traveling 900 miles an hour, could have easily flown the 250 miles to Lubbock. The last Lubbock sighting on August 25th came about 11:30 and the radar sightings came sometime just after midnight. A quick calculation showed that a speed of about 780 miles an hour would be required for the UFO to move from Lubbock to the Washington radar stations. That is fairly close to the 900 miles-an-hour speed they were said to have as they passed the station. It turns out that the UFO sightings of August 25-26 are an amazing string of closely related and closely investigated cases.

The Lubbock Lights remain a classic case of UFO mystery. More research on the case is almost impossible because many of the witnesses have died since 1951. Other, more recent sightings carry as much weight but the Lubbock Light case remains one of a number of reports that have convinced some of the staunchest non-believers that something is in fact out there. More than

one person has decided that UFOs must be real because of the Lubbock sightings. How many more such cases must be presented before it is officially said that the UFO mystery is not dead?

Air Force officers did find one other fact that they thought important. Parts of Lubbock had only recently been switched from one type of street lighting to the more modern mercury-vapor lights. The lights gave off a bluish light, and that could be what was reflected from the objects. One officer said he thought that they should plot the locations of all the witnesses and all the streets using the mercury vapor lights to see if there was any correlation. It wasn't done.

That left, of course, the Hart pictures. For a variety of reasons, it didn't seem likely that Hart had photographed plovers reflecting light. Plovers don't flock, don't fly in V-formations, and it didn't seem likely that Hart would be able to photograph them because there wouldn't be enough light. That was finally proven in a series of tests run by a photographer for a local paper. He tried everything from super-fast film to long exposures but failed to get the plover's reflecting the lights.

Air Force investigators spent a lot of time with Hart. They asked for the negatives and Hart went for them. Unfortunately he could only find four; the fifth was lost. The four negatives were dirty, scratched and bent but they were sent to the photo interpretation labs at Wright-Patterson. They analyzed the negatives from every angle but could find no indication that they had been faked. Unfortunately, they could not prove that they weren't, so the Air Force really got nowhere.

Air Force officers had Hart show them where he had taken the pictures and asked how long the objects had been in sight. They asked him to show them the camera and asked Hart how it worked. They spent days trying to break his story but couldn't.

At Wright-Patterson, with a Kodak 35mm camera just like Hart's, they ran a series of tests. They had a professional photographer try to take pictures of a moving light as Hart had done. He couldn't come close to duplicating Hart's success and that convinced some that Hart had faked the pictures. They were all acting pretty smug until one of the professional photographers said that if Hart was familiar with his camera and with

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panning techniques, his pictures should be better than Air Force attempts to duplicate them. Hart was familiar with his camera and photographed sports events for the local newspaper, and thus was familiar with panning techniques.

In the end, the Air Force was left with no explanation. They didn't want to call the pictures fake because they couldn't support that but they didn't want to classify them as unidentified either. Finally, they left a question mark on the sighting and attempted no explanation.

The professors' sightings were attacked next. After careful investigation the officers decided that they could not really identify the UFOs. However, since the professors never heard a sound and since the two teams never saw the objects, it was assumed that they were quite low and therefore quite small. Some of the officers believed that birds were the answer to the problem of Lubbock Lights.

One other problem remained, and that was the radar sightings that happened on the same night as the Albuquerque sighting and the first Lubbock Light sighting. Several Air Force technicians decided that the object seen on the radar was a weather phenomenon. That it was tracked at 900 miles an hour was a trick played by the weather. The sighting was written off in the official records as a weather problem and not a UFO. ●

Saucer Safari

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have had in the air. Their jobs depend on their sanity. Since company management, the FAA and others generally consider UFOs as flights of fancy, rather than very fancy flights, pilots have to be careful on what they say about UFOs. Yet they would prove to be the best of all reporters, the most valid and credible, if allowed to communicate.

There is, or was last year, a feeling abroad in UFO ranks that the government through NASA might release all kinds of secret UFO data. The very fact that several TV specials, reportorial and dramatized, brightened the tube seemed to suggest official involvement in their production. At this writing, nothing has materialized. What must be remembered in connection with official or scientific revelations is that most people don't welcome discovery but only corroboration of what they already know. Discoveries may be fatal to their fund

of knowledge and know-how. Nobody intentionally chances destroying his religion, philosophy or livelihood by accepting quantum leaps in science and technology or revealing them to the mass media.

My Saucer Safari also turned up an interesting note on the Bermuda Triangle, a phenomenon thought by some to be related to UFO activity. At a church in Chicago we were filming a scene with a priest. Armed with my books, as usual, I gave several to the staff. The maintenance man, one of the brothers, expressed avid interest. While he was helping the film crew find the best shooting location and the nearest junction boxes, he told me that ever since an experience he had at the end of WW II, he'd read everything esoteric he could lay hands on.

He was a gunner on a torpedo bomber. His squadron was dispatched on a search for the famous five Navy Avengers that had disappeared. At the time he knew only that the flight of planes was missing and that there was a burly amongst the Navy brass. After his group's sweep up the Florida coast they landed to find that their fruitless efforts had been followed by further search by a PBM patrol plane. Only this large craft with 13 men aboard had disappeared, forever lost in the old black magic of the Triangle. Churchmen, more attuned to miracles and magic than some scientists and laymen, may be an untapped source of UFO lore.

Though not always, as we shall see later, UFO1k do seem to prefer wide open spaces. Or perhaps they are only more obvious there. In the tiny town of Columbus, Montana, I talked UFOs to the family of the feed merchant we were filming. It elicited a geyser of information rivaling the rumblings of nearby Old Faithful in Yellowstone.

First the merchant remarked that two of his daughters had been scared witless by something that chased them home. He had talked to them the following day, since he and his wife were not at home when the girls arrived, UFO in tow. He mentioned that the older girl would hardly go out of the house for a week and that whatever they'd seen had certainly upset them.

The event occurred in 1967. The boy friend who was driving the truck was now the husband of the older girl. A conversation with him was most revealing. His voice and manner were animated as he relived the harrowing moments.

"We were about nine miles out of town about midnight," he said. "Over a rise we saw what we first thought was the moon. But it wasn't the moon. It was too bright. And most of all it was in the wrong place.

"Well, we discussed this, the girls and me, and thought it was pretty weird. It got a lot weirder because it began edging off to our side and pacing us. As I drove along the back roads it snaked in closer, looking like a big light bulb and going the same speed as me.

"The two girls were scared and wanted to get away from it and get home. I admit I was scared, too, and didn't need no urging. Man, I stuck my foot in that floorboard and we sailed! Out the corner of my eye I could still see it going ninety like we were. Then it did something that nearly made me pass out. It zipped around so that it was in front of us. It headed right at us, head on, and I like died! Worst of all, it split in two, busted right in half so there was two of the damn things tearing at us. Then, right in front of me, looked like right over the hood, they zapped back together and passed on over.

"We could see the town up ahead and I was driving so fast it's a wonder we didn't crash. That thing was still behind us, still hassling us as I tore up the driveway. We all piled out and ran into the house. I mean we were shook. Real shook!"

After eight years, he still sounded shook. The older girl admitted, "I still look up a little scared when I go out alone at night."

Interestingly enough, just two years ago the younger girl observed a reddish light hovering over the hills near her house. She steered me across the street to a neighbor, a school official, for more UFO tales. Chatting in the balmy June twilight, extended to past ten P.M. at that latitude, I learned that he and his hunting buddies had watched a similar red light bouncing over the hills 300 miles to the north while they were camped out. "Never mentioned it much to folks around here," he smiled. "They'd just figure we were feeling good." Stillwater County runs deep with UFO stories.

A trip to Tucson permitted a pleasant visit to the APRO offices, APRO, of course, being the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, parented by Jim and Coral Lorenzen. While I was there, reports came in about a red ball express dancing for

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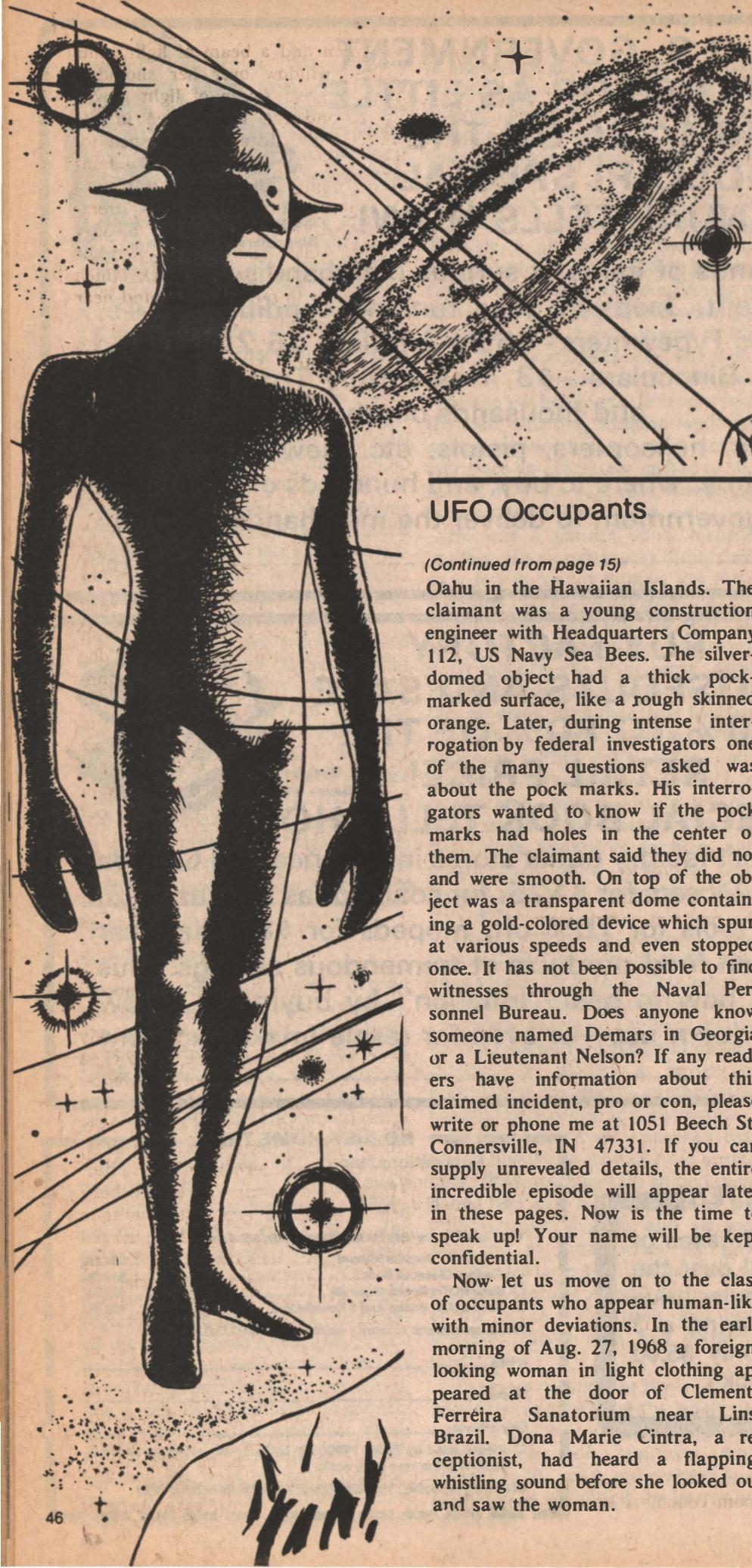
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UFO Occupants

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Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. The claimant was a young construction engineer with Headquarters Company 112, US Navy Sea Bees. The silver-domed object had a thick pock-marked surface, like a rough skinned orange. Later, during intense interrogation by federal investigators one of the many questions asked was about the pock marks. His interrogators wanted to know if the pock marks had holes in the center of them. The claimant said they did not and were smooth. On top of the object was a transparent dome containing a gold-colored device which spun at various speeds and even stopped once. It has not been possible to find witnesses through the Naval Personnel Bureau. Does anyone know someone named Demars in Georgia or a Lieutenant Nelson? If any readers have information about this claimed incident, pro or con, please write or phone me at 1051 Beech St. Connersville, IN 47331. If you can supply unrevealed details, the entire incredible episode will appear later in these pages. Now is the time to speak up! Your name will be kept confidential.

Now let us move on to the class of occupants who appear human-like with minor deviations. In the early morning of Aug. 27, 1968 a foreign-looking woman in light clothing appeared at the door of Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium near Lins, Brazil. Dona Marie Cintra, a receptionist, had heard a flapping, whistling sound before she looked out and saw the woman.

The visitor spoke in a strange language but Maria understood that she wanted water put in a beautiful engraved bottle she had with her. She admitted the woman and they walked to a water fountain a short distance inside the building where Maria filled the bottle. Near the door on the way out the visitor seemed curious about two autos parked there. It was then that Maria saw a silver, circular craft hovering above the ground some 30 yards away. Alarmed, she rushed back into the sanatorium. A Senor Gallo, his wife, and others also saw the craft in flight at close range. Episodes such as this are extremely rare in the UFO mystery. However, we might theorize that one type of our visitors are very similar to us. On the other hand, could this have been an early abductee whose altered mind was controlled by alien masters?

The following important case is well known in research circles but comparatively unknown in the general public. Dr. Olavo Fontes, South America's foremost UFO researcher, respected journalist Joao Martins, and an unnamed representative of Brazilian Military Intelligence thoroughly investigated this case and did not reveal it for 8 years in the interest of further research. If you are inclined to disbelieve and laugh at the following narration, please remember that the physical condition of the man indicated that he had been exposed to a non-fatal degree of radiation. Over a period of months he suffered from nausea, insomnia, headaches, eye difficulties, fatigue, and lesions. The lesions were nodules with a center opening producing a yellow discharge and were surrounded by a purple-tinged area. Antonio Villas Boas, a 23 year old Farmer of good reputation, lived in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil's interior. The incident may have begun on the night of Oct. 5, 1957 when a white beam of light from above illuminated the roof of his home. On Oct. 14th, an aerial craft landed on three legs not far away in the field. Thoroughly frightened, Boas attempted to escape on his tractor only to have its engine die. After losing precious time trying to get the engine started, he jumped down to run and was grabbed by three men who lifted him off his feet. The frantically struggling and screaming Boas was hauled across the field and into the craft. My only purpose here is to describe the aliens

and their actions, so I am leaving out a great many details in this incredible case.

Boas found himself in a room with his captors, who were dressed in tight-fitting grey uniforms with a rigid head cover with 2 round openings through which he could see light-colored eyes. He believed their height was close to 5 feet and that he was stronger than any one of them. Their speech was a non-human series of slow barks and yelps. His captors set to work and Boas soon found himself stripped naked. He was then bathed in a thick clear liquid and stood shivering and fearful in the unusually cold room. He was then escorted to another room, where a suction device drew blood from each side of his chin. About half an hour later, his captors left the room. Boas became nauseated and vomited as grey smoke which dissolved in the air entered the room through small tubes in the wall. A large couch made of soft grey material with a large hump in the middle was in the room. Boas was soon to make use of it. The door opened and a woman walked slowly toward him. She was as naked as he was and quite shapely. Her skin was white, with the exception of her arms, which were freckled. Her face was wide, quickly tapering to a pointed chin. She had very thin lips and her blue eyes slanted noticeably outward. The eyes were long and not round. The hair in the arm pits and pubic area was very red. She made contact with the utterly amazed Boas and made her purpose clear. During the course of their cohabitation she made passionate growling sounds which bothered Boas. However, he found his desire uncontrollable. He later believed the fluid they bathed him in had caused this, but researchers are inclined to think the fluid and vapor treatments were decontamination procedures. Well, I will stop here, since my purpose is to gain insight into the UFO occupant enigma, not write another chapter in erotica. At the time this information became known some farmer friends of mine were busy with spring ploughing. They began to insist that their tiring, late-night ploughing was in reality done in the hope that they too would meet the same fate as "poor" Boas.

Now I wish to discuss one more puzzling figure that may or may not be linked to UFOs. They are called MIB, which means men in black.

An unknown number have appeared through the years. Since no MIB have ever been seen occupying or emerging from a UFO, to my knowledge, it would seem that I am wandering far off my subject. However, this segment of the occupant mystery is vital and in need of rational discussion.

One thing is certain, if the MIB are a form of the intelligence behind UFOs and not attributable to over active imagination or a special unit of the CIA, then we are faced with a most ominous situation. However, I believe the present data on the MIB mystery is much too uncertain and limited for any conclusion. When viewed within the context of Twentieth Century knowledge, these strange situations seem utterly absurd. Nonetheless, normal, intelligent people are reporting them, so we should examine their claims. I might add that many of these cases have some similar elements present, including 3 in my own area (Indiana).

The quiet coast of Maine is the scene of this series of events that happened to a person I'll call Sue. She is one of those persons who seem to have an above-normal degree of psychic ability. Sometime during the 1966-67 period of intense UFO activity Sue and her son watched a UFO descend near their car while driving to Eastport. Later, while watching the late show on TV Sue went into a trance-like state when the program ended. Code-like sounds came over the still-lite TV. Her son rushed downstairs and had difficulty arousing her. In the spring of 1971 Sue found herself drawn to the hill where she had seen the UFO. She remembers sitting on a log by the lake, but part of her visit there seemed vague. She had purchased a can of wax before going to the hill and upon arriving home, found she had lost it. It was twilight but she returned to the hill to search for the can. Behind a fenced-in pasture, over a pile of logs, she saw a strange glow. After the glow disappeared, she looked there and found her can of wax smashed flat. In August, Sue saw the glow again in a field and heard a whirring sound. The next morning she went there and found a circular, brown area and shiney particles in the grass. A Maine chemist examined these and found them to be fused silicon. In May 1973, Sue awakened from sleep while lying on the living room couch. A buzzing sound filled

the room and a beam of light came in the window over her shoulder. Then a great sweep of light moved up beyond the maple tree in the yard. In the distance as it sped toward the bay, it looked like a faint ring of light with small lights around it. Out on the porch her dog trembled with fear. Later, on a May evening while walking in her yard she felt a pressure on her back which caused her to fall to the ground near some driftwood. She seemed frozen to the ground. When she finally got up, she found she was some distance from the driftwood. She saw a great circular shadow overhead which flew off toward the ocean. For some reason Sue is curious and not frightened by such events.

These are not the only times aerial objects have hovered or maneuvered nearby. There have been other witnesses at various times, including her son, husband, and neighbors.

One afternoon in December 1973 Sue encountered 2 men standing near the gallery door of her shop. Her dog did not bark, which was very unusual. She invited them inside. At first she thought they must be from some religious group. They both wore dark suits and black hats. The oddest thing about them was they never seemed to look directly at her, but seemed to be looking over her or through her. They didn't say anything until they saw the painting of a flying saucer her son had painted. This excited them and they wanted to know where she got the idea, and one mentioned something about gravity to the other. Sue then remembered something she had been told about dark suited men, and in fear quickly went to her home where she locked the door. She watched out the window until they left, but could not see a car they could have arrived in anywhere. One afternoon in May 1974, Sue had another puzzling visitor. This one, in normal dress, had been driving by in a green stationwagon and did not appear until her husband left for work. He said he was looking for Sue and sounded very official. He told her that she should forget about UFO sightings for the time being. Sue wanted to know why people couldn't talk about them and get it out in the open. He said, "It is the worst thing that could happen at this time with so much going on in government and folks being unsettled. It could lead to mass hysteria." Sue

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wanted to know who gave him the authority to say this. In his polite manner he said, "It is my job to stop as many as possible. Soon the time will be right, as soon as a little more investigating is done, to announce the truth to the world and all the governments will do it." Sue wanted to know why she was involved in so many strange things. He said, "That has not been determined, but certain ones like yourself, who are receptive and not frightened, are chosen." He also said certain investigators believe ESP entered into this but it is not certain, and urged her to be patient and keep an open mind. He told her there had been tampering with the mail, also telephone and TV interference, which were believed to be experiments by UFOs. Who were Sue's strange visitors? The MIB could have been members of a religious sect, but the strange circumstances surrounding Sue cause a lingering doubt. The gent in the stationwagon was certainly earthly. Was he another one of those wandering UFO nuts who plague the field, or was he what he seemed to be?

We have taken a very limited look at the heart of the UFO enigma—the occupant. Someday the full truth will be known. It cannot always be kept secret.

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UFO Nuclear Explosion

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the result of radio-active particles falling into the soil.

The sublimation, conversion into vapor, of an entire body hurtling into the earth's atmosphere is natural at the temperature of an atomic explosion (20 million degrees centigrade) and, of course, it was hardly possible to find anything left after it.

The spout of water which gushed up immediately after the disaster was caused by the formation of fissures in the stratum of frozen rock as a result of the blast.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A RADIOACTIVE METEORITE TO EXPLODE?

No, it is not. The substances of which meteorites are formed are the same as those found on Earth. The amount, say of uranium in meteorites is about one two hundred thousand millionth of one per cent. A chain reaction with atomic fallout would require a uranium meteorite in the pure form and, moreover, in the form also of the most rare isotope, Uranium-235. This has never been found in the pure state.

Besides, even if we imagine such an unlikely case as such a piece of "refined" Uranium-235 in the natural state, it could never really exist because Uranium-235 undergoes spontaneous disintegration through the accidental explosion of this kind, the whole imaginary meteorite would explode immediately after it was formed.

If an atomic explosion is to be assumed, then it is inevitable to assume also that the explosion was due to some radioactive substance obtained by artificial means.

WHERE COULD A SPACE-SHIP USING RADIOACTIVE FUEL HAVE COME FROM?

The nearest star to earth that is presumed to have a planetary system is in the constellation of Cygnus.

Astronomer Deich (Pulkovo Observatory) first discovered it. It is nine light years distant from Earth. To cover this would require travel at the speed of light for nine whole earth years! Of course, no spaceship could possibly attain such a speed. One can only speak of the degree of approximation to it. We know that the elementary particles of matter-electrons move at a speed of up to 300 thousand kilometers a second. If we assume that, as the result of prolonged impulse, a spaceship could attain such a speed, it would still take several decades to cover the distance to the star nearest us. But this is where Einstein's paradox comes to our aid. For people traveling at a speed approximating that of light, time would pass more slowly, much more slowly than for those observing their flight. After being in flight for decades they would discover that Life on our Earth had passed through millennia. . . .

It is extremely difficult to speak of time in connection with beings unknown to us, but if we imagine such a flight from earth, the travellers setting out would have to spend the whole of their lives on it. This is

quite apart from any consideration of the more distant stars and their planets.

Far more realistic would be the assumption that a space flight was made from a nearer planet, more likely from Mars in the first place.

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF MARTIAN ASTRONAUTS?

Mars moves around the Sun in an ellipse making one revolution in 687 terrestrial days (1.8808 terrestrial years).

The orbits of Earth and Mars approach each other at a point where the Earth passes in the summer. Every two years the Earth meets Mars at this place, but they are particularly close to each other only once in 15-17 years. The distance between the planets is then reduced from 400 million to 55 million kilometers (the "great opposition").

It is not to be supposed, however, that it is enough for a spaceship to cover only this distance.

Each planet moves in its own orbit: The Earth at a speed of 30 kilometers a second, and Mars at 24 kilometers a second.

On leaving Earth, a space-ship has the planet's speed along the orbit in a direction perpendicular to the shortest route between the planets. To make the spaceship fly in a straight line, the lateral speed along the orbit would have to be overcome, which would require the useless expenditure of tremendous energy. It is more advantageous to fly along a curve using the speed along the orbit and adding to the spaceship only the necessary speed for it to break away from the planet.

It requires a speed of 5.1 kilometers a second to break away from Mars, and 11.3 kilometers a second to make the break away from Earth.

A prominent Soviet astronomical expert (Sternfeld), has made an accurate calculation of the navigational routes and times of flight for a spaceship, as applicable to the oppositions of 1907 and 1909.

Sternfeld's results, indicated that a spaceship from Mars, using the greatest economy of fuel and having left Mars at the most suitable time, should have reached the Earth either in 1907 or 1909, but on no account in 1908! However, with a flight from Venus, utilizing the opposition of the Earth and Venus in 1908, the astronauts should have arrived in the Earth's atmosphere on June 30,

1908!

This is an absolutely perfect coincidence which makes far-reaching assumptions possible.

It's conceivable that just before the great opposition of 1909, the Martians, after reaching Earth in 1908, would have found that they had the most advantageous conditions for their return flight to Mars.

WERE ANY SIGNALS GIVEN FROM MARS?

An article entitled "Mars and Its Canals" published in the collection *New Ideas in Astronomy*, which appeared soon after the great opposition of 1909, reports that light signals from Mars were observed in 1909.

The sensational talk about radio-signals from Mars at the beginning of the 1920s during the opposition of the Earth and Mars is known world-wide.

Those were the days of the first expansion of radio-engineering, which was founded by the brilliant Soviet scientist Popov, and of the first appearance of wireless sets universally available.

Soviet author Y. Perelman writes in the supplement of his book *Interplanetary Travel* that when Mars was close to the Earth in 1920 and 1922, the Earth's wireless sets were receiving signals which, by their nature, could not have been sent out by the Earth's radio-stations (having in mind primarily the wave-length, which was extremely limited for the Earth's transmitting stations of those days). So the signals were attributed to the Martians.

Marconi and his engineers, who had a taste for high adventures, set out on a special expedition to the Andes and the Atlantic Ocean to pick up signals from Mars. Marconi tried to do so on a 300,000 meter wave.

THE MARTIAN EXPLOSION OF 1908 VIEWED BY THE PULKOVO OBSERVATORY

After the great opposition of the Earth and Mars in 1908, A.A. Mikhailov, Director of the Pulkovo Observatory and Corresponding Member of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences reported to a gathering of scientists at the Leningrad Scientists Club in Lesnoye that the Pulkovo Observatory had registered an explosion of tremendous force on Mars. Judging by the fact that the consequences of the explosion had actually been observed

through telescopes, and knowing that no volcanoes exist on Mars, the explosion had to be attributed to a nuclear explosion rather than to anything else. It is difficult to imagine a nuclear explosion on Mars that was not deliberately caused. It is very likely that the explosion on Mars was made for some constructional purpose. Thus, the Pulkovo Observatory, observations can serve as one of the proofs in favor of the existence of intelligent life on the planet Mars. . . .

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE MARTIAN SPACESHIP THEORY?

The first hypothesis about the atomic explosion of a spaceship in the Tungus taiga in 1908 was referred to in Alexander Kazantsev's article, "Explosion" (see *Vokrug Sveta, Round the World*, 1946).

It was on February 20, 1948 that Alexander Kazantsev expounded his theory before a meeting of the All-Union Astronomical Society in the Moscow Planetarium.

Later in 1948, a letter was published in the issue of the magazine *Tekhnika Molodyozhi* ("Technique for the Youth," Nov. 9, 1948), by some important Soviet astronomers defending the plausibility of the hypothesis of a spaceship explosion in the Tungus taiga. Among the Soviet scientists agreeing with the letter were: Professor A.A. Mikhailov, Director of the Pulkovo Observatory and Corresponding Member of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences; Professor P.P. Parengo, President of the Moscow Branch of the All-Union Astronomical Society; Professor B.A. Vorontsov-Velyaminov, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences; Professor K.L. Bayev, Professor M.Y. Nabokov, and other noted Soviet scientists.

The Moscow Planetarium made this hypothesis popular in its showing of the program entitled "The Riddle of the Tungus Meteorite."

Subsequently, Professor A.A. Mikhailov proposed his own version of the Tungus disaster. He suggested that the Tungus meteorite was a comet, but this suggestion was not widely echoed.

One of Kulik's assistants, V.A. Sytin, felt that it was not a falling meteorite, but a mighty whirl-wind, that caused the Tungus Disaster. But this does not explain the appearance of the disaster site and many other unexplained details.

Academician Fesenkov, as well as Krinov, scientific secretary of the meteorite committee of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, Professor Stanyukovich, Astapovich and other meteorite experts consistently adhered to the view that actually a meteorite weighing about a million tons had fallen in the Tungus taiga. They firmly rejected every other view of the matter.

AERODYNAMICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MARTIAN SPACESHIP THEORY

A.Y. Monoskov, designer of excellent Soviet gliders and a well known aerodynamics expert and aircraft designer of the Antonov Group, approached the Tungus problem in a strictly scientific manner. He made an analysis of the testimony of the vast number of eye-witnesses, correspondents of the Irkutsk Observatory, and then attempted to determine the speed at which the supposed "meteorite" had passed over various districts of Siberia. He made a map showing the trajectory of the flight and the time at which the meteorite had been spotted by eye-witnesses at different points of the trajectory. Monoskov's map led to the unexpected conclusion that the "meteorite" had slowed down as it flew over the Earth. Monoskov calculated the speed of the "meteorite" when it was over the scene of the explosion and the answer he obtained was 0.7 kilometers a second (not 30-60 kilometers a second, as had been thought previously!). In fact, the speed approximated that of a modern jet plane and is an argument of no little importance in favor of the conclusion that the Tungus "meteorite" was, as Monoskov believes, some kind of "flying apparatus"—AN INTERPLANETARY SPACESHIP. If a meteorite had fallen at such a speed, then, on the basis of conclusions drawn from aerodynamics, it follows that to cause the devastation in the taiga it would have had to have a mass not of a million tons, as the astronomers had calculated, but of a thousand million tons, and a diameter of one kilometer. This does not correspond to the observations made, for the flying meteorite did not obscure the sky. *Clearly, the energy causing the destruction in the taiga was not heat energy but, more likely, nuclear energy released by an atomic explosion of the spaceship's fuel.*

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IS THIS DISPUTE SCIENTIFIC OR UNSCIENTIFIC?

Those who support the hypothesis of a falling meteorite have repeatedly opposed the hypothesis of the explosion of a spaceship from some other planet occurring in the Tungus taiga. Their arguments are:

- 1) To deny that it was a falling meteorite is unscientific (why?).
- 2) A meteorite did fall, but was swallowed up in the swamp.
- 3) A crater was formed, but the swampy soil caused it to be covered over.

Academicians Fesenkov and Krinov advanced these arguments in an article "Meteorite or Martian Spaceship?" published in the magazine *Literaturnaya Gazeta* in August of 1951.

The publication of the article had an effect exactly contrary to what its writers wished. Immediately, millions of readers learned of the hypothesis of a martian spaceship. The newspaper received large amounts of letters. Some of these pointed out with some justification that:

- a) If a meteorite really fell and was swallowed up in the swamp, where is it now? Why hasn't it been uncovered by means of magnetic instruments? Why weren't pieces of it scattered about, as always happens when meteorites fall?
- b) If a crater had been formed, it shouldn't have been smaller than that of the Arizona meteorite, namely 1.5 kilometers in diameter and up to 180 meters deep. If this crater, as meteorite experts assert, disappeared under the swampy soil, then why was there no trace in the center of the disaster of any crater formation and, still more, why did the stratum of peat there, and also *The Stratum of External Frost, Remain Intact? The Latter Should Have Been Melted.* What caused the "swampy soil which covered the crater" to become frozen again, as though the ice age had once more returned to the Earth?

As it is known, the meteorite experts gave no replies to these questions, nor could they do so.

THE SENSATIONAL SOLUTION OF THE RIDDLE OF THE TUNGUS METEORITE

Many years passed and no visitors returned to the place where the sup-

posed meteorite had fallen in the Tungus taiga. However, interest in it remained strong, perhaps because of the outer space theory connected with it. And in 1957 meteorite experts were compelled to refer to the question again in the press. Kringov, in the *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, and Professor Stanyukovich, in the magazine *In Defence of Peace*, made the sensational announcement that the riddle of the Tungus meteorite had at last been solved! There had, indeed, been a meteorite, only. . . it had disintegrated in the air. So at long last the meteorite experts had given up asserting that some heavenly body had struck the Earth but that the crater had been "lost!" But no! Even this logical argument is unacceptable. All that the meteorite experts were interested in was that part of the meteorite had disintegrated in the air. As proof, it was reported that some old tin cans containing soil had been found in the cellars of the Academy of Sciences, and that at one time they had been brought from the scene of the Tungus disaster. An analysis of these abandoned tins revealed particles of metallic dust, a fraction of a millimeter in dimension in the soil. Chemical analysis established the presence of iron, 7 per cent of nickel and about 0.7 per cent of cobalt and also small magnetic spherules one-hundredth part of a millimeter in size, the product of melting metal in air. But the hasty announcement that the riddle of the Tungus disaster was now solved turned out to be a little premature.

Indeed, if the meteorite experts agree that the meteorite did not strike the Earth, but that for some unknown reason it was transformed into dust, then *What Caused The Explosion In The Tungus Taiga*, if no heavenly body struck the Earth and the kinetic energy of the meteorite was not transformed into heat energy? And, if the meteorite did not disintegrate, what was the origin of the immense energy that overthrew trees over an area of hundreds of square kilometers in the taiga?

To all these perfectly natural questions the meteorite experts, who stubbornly cling to the meteorite theory of the disaster, offer no reply, nor can there be any.

Incidentally, the metal dust found in the samples of soil from the tungus taiga does not in any way prove that it is without doubt the remains of the meteorite. The iron structure which

is characteristic of meteorites was not found. Most likely it is part of the remains of the outer shell of an inter-planetary vehicle destroyed by the explosion. *The chemical composition of the remains fits the Martian Spaceship Theory.*

As we see, it is very difficult to sweep aside the explanation that the Tungus disaster was an atomic explosion.

The inquiring mind is not to be convinced by references to science honors degrees which, at the same time, disregard the indubitable fact of an explosion of tremendous force in the Tungus taiga. The inquiring mind is anxious for scientists to produce the true explanation for the riddle of the Tungus meteorite.

HOW CAN WE FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE RIDDLE OF THE TUNGUS METEORITE?

The findings of an expedition to the Tungus taiga would be of great interest.

The question as to whether or not an atomic explosion did take place in the Tungus taiga can be solved.

All it requires is an investigation of radioactivity in the locality where the disaster occurred.

A definite norm of radioactivity exists for ordinary places on the Earth. With Geiger counters, it is possible in any spot to discover a definite amount of atomic fall-out.

If, when the explosion occurred, there was powerful radioactive radiation (an atomic explosion) in the area of the disaster, then an avalanche of neutrons (elementary particles which fall out when atoms break up), would have passed through the timber of the trees and the soil, and inevitably would have caused certain changes. There should have appeared what are known as "labelled atoms", with heavier nuclei, in which some of the flying neutrons were caught.

These labelled atoms are heavier isotopes (varieties) of the elements usually encountered on the Earth. Thus, for example, ordinary nitrogen could be transformed into heavy carbon, undergoing slow spontaneous disintegration. Other heavy isotopes disintegrate in the same way.

THIS SPONTANEOUS DESTRUCTION CAN BE DETECTED WITH THE AID OF THE SAME GEIGER COUNTERS

If it becomes possible to establish in the area of the Tungus taiga that

the disintegration of atoms per second is in excess of the normal, that the nature of the Tungus taiga disaster will be obvious. It will then also be possible to ascertain the locality of the center of the disaster and, if it coincides with the dead trees, **TO RE-ESTABLISH THE COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE LOSS OF THE MARTIAN SPACE-SHIP.**

What great treasure does the Earth hold for Martian intelligence? Only the span of time will tell. ●

Lightning Over Missouri

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noise of its explosion.

"The strange thing was that the objects were totally silent," he said.

Webster defines ball lightning as "red": These objects were blue-white.

The Aircraft Theory

"I've studied a lot of heavenly objects," Baumbach said. "I know an after-burner of a jet. I've seen satellites orbit overhead. I know a shooting star when I see one.

"During my military service, flying jets, like the Phantom jets, really moved out; these things couldn't even compare. They were phenomenally superior."

He said the objects demonstrated paranormal and uncanny intelligent maneuvers. They would careen into one or the other cloudbank, hover eerily in the fringes of the cloud, disappear into the interior, and then bound out of the vapor, zip over each other, almost as if playing "leap frog." Many of the witnesses became fearful when one object zoomed towards another object on a collision course.

Pat Baumbach: We saw two of them almost collide—and one would go straight up and the other shot down.

Robert Baumbach: I never saw planes change directions like that. One object came from the north and another from the south, on a collision course, when the southerly object sidestepped a crash by jumping about 10,000 feet straight up, and in a snap of a finger! The other one more or less angled down and broke into a turn.

When the objects turned, he said, they would grow for a moment to the size of a nearby bright auto headlight. When they again leveled

out in flight they would be the size of a human fist only four feet away.

Detective Bishop also ridiculed the airplane theory.

"They weren't planes because planes don't fly like that. At first I thought they might have been aircraft because they were not too far from the Lambert Air Field. But the way they acted—they'd be going and suddenly stop dead—any direction."

Reubin Abbington agreed: "I'm just calling a shot a shot," he said, and in his police report he gave the facts as he saw them.

"Like the turns those objects made—they would brighten as if energizing. And then there were two at one time in a clearing of sky that appeared about to collide. They just changed directions at a fantastic rate of speed. You'd have to see it to believe it; I never saw anything like that before—it made a believer out of me!"

If they weren't known aircraft, were they birds seen under unusual circumstances?

UFOs As Nighthawks

A UFO maligner scorned the UFOs as nighthawks, a theory brought out from the following evening when some of the witnesses again visited the area and saw dipping and diving nighthawks illuminated by lights in a shopping plaza low on the horizon.

Schuessler: Were these UFOs the nighthawks the people saw?

Baumbach: I saw the doggone birds that next night, but I knew they were birds. I do a lot of hunting and fishing. I can recognize birds—I know how nighthawks look in flight; why, I could even see their wings flap that night!

Palmberg: The people in that neighborhood have seen nighthawks before because of the breeding areas there. They'd be the first to use the birds as an explanation for UFOs. But Mr. Baumbach was an impartial observer from outside the area.

Schuessler: I think it was pretty obvious that they were not birds.

Baumbach: I've never seen a bird do what one object did.

Schuessler: What was that?

Baumbach: Cover a distance of 10 to possibly 30 miles in a matter of seconds, and then keep pace with an aircraft already travelling hundreds of miles an hour!

A commercial jet, possibly a 707 or a 727 taking off from the St.

Louis Lambert International Airport, headed into the sky between the two thunderheads. Suddenly one of the objects streaked across the sky to the aircraft and paced it at a distance of 1,000 to 1,500 feet over the cabin.

Some of the police seemed particularly concerned about this UFO maneuver. They later said they thought the object would somehow attack the aircraft.

Abbington asked the Airport Radar if they could scan for the objects. A three-way-radio hook-up between a helicopter from St. Louis County, the radar tower, and Abbington's squad car was established, but unfortunately the airport reported no radar contact. Ray Clarke was amazed that the airliner was the only thing on the radar. Baumbach, a radar operator during his stay in the Air Force, said a High Finder-type radar would have to be used to distinguish objects that close together. But he said that only a Search radar had been used. A mile "differentiation" would be necessary before it would show on radar. The object took, Baumbach said, "sort of a watching position directly above the plane," and then darted off into a cloud.

No Radar contact would hardly explain away the UFOs, Schuessler added: "There are usually so many dots on those screens that the operators don't even try to figure out what they all are. The only ones they really identify are the ones that call into the tower. But they have dots on those screens all the time which they don't have the foggiest notion of what they are."

Pete Bishop also ridiculed the nighthawk theory. "There was no way they could have been reflections off nighthawks. I lived in a neighborhood as a boy where I always watched nighthawks. These were not nighthawks."

Abbington denied that the objects were birds:

Abbington: I knew they couldn't be airplanes or reflections, or nighthawks like we saw the day after the UFOs appeared.

Palmberg: Maybe some of the witnesses used nighthawks as a rational excuse?

Schuessler: People will always try to rationalize things away that they fear or can't explain.

Abbington: Maybe an experimental aircraft or even Skylab would

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have been a better excuse. But not regular airplanes or nighthawks: Can they do a 90 degree turn at lightning speeds?

Palmberg: Would birds be self-luminous?

Abbington: No, not glowing like that from that speed or altitude.

Both the thunderheads and the objects moved further away until the UFOs were but specks of light seen only intermittently. Abbington left about 11:30 p.m. The Baumbachs remained until the objects could no longer be seen in the west. **THERE WERE NO LIGHTS FROM THE SHOPPING PLAZA THAT COULD REFLECT ON BIRDS AT THAT RANGE.**

The Ridicule Lid

Detective Tullock opted for the "bird" theory. He even contemplated pigeons as an explanation!

Pete Bishop was asked if other police would speak.

"They're really afraid of being made fun of," he said. "But I feel that if somebody sees something like this, he should speak up."

Bishop, who had 11 years of police service with four years as a juvenile officer and two years as a detective in the Narcotics Division, was puzzled yet somewhat sympathetic to the fear some witnesses displayed.

"People are funny. They don't want to get involved in anything. I was scared that night, but policemen have to cope with a lot of bizarre situations. I was surprised that Reubin and I are the only policemen willing to stand out and talk."

Reubin Abbington was firm in his stand: "Let them say what they want, I know what I saw! They're not going to change my mind!"

Good UFO Case

Most UFO investigators agreed that the St. Charles case was one of the better UFO sightings.

Charles Nenninger, a St. Louis UFO investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (A.P.R.O) of Tucson, Arizona, stated frankly: "I believe, after interviewing some of the witnesses, that they saw something that was unexplainable. The objects certainly weren't normal aircraft. This seems to be a good multiple witness case."

John Schuessler agreed that the case was important, and he was irritated that people gave slipshod explanations for the UFOs:

"When UFOs are reported every-one tries to have an explanation—one more than the other. That was evident in this case, and it worries me. Some of the explanations just don't hold water. If you have an explanation and enough evidence to match it, that's fine. But this matter of giving an answer just to close out the case is ridiculous."

Cliff Palmberg agreed: "I feel that this is a good multiple witness UFO case."

Startling facts discovered by witnesses would cause one to agree: Baumbach computed the speed of one object that caught up with the jet airliner by estimating the airliner at 280 knots and figuring triangulation between the two thunderheads; he noted the object took only a second or two in reaching the airliner.

"It's unbelievable!" he said. "If the object traveled a 20 to 30 mile range between the thunderheads to catch that jet—its speed was somewhere around *15 miles per second!*"

Even ten or five miles a second would be nothing to slough off! ●

Are UFOs Hostile?

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have considerable evidence stamped "top secret" which contradicts the Benevolent Space Brothers theory.

If any single nation in the world had violated the sovereign rights of another nation to the extent that UFOs have, there would be no question in anyone's mind of hostile intent. Let us examine some of the more glaring examples of these interplanetary violations.

1. UFOs have burned and otherwise injured scores of innocent people, including children.

2. UFOs have been directly responsible for causing massive blackouts to vast metropolitan areas by withdrawing enormous quantities of electrical energy. They have repeatedly disrupted electrical and electronic systems in airborne aircraft, in automobiles, trucks, and homes, causing considerable anxiety and even injury to countless persons.

3. UFOs have actively engaged in pacing, pursuing, and harassing both commercial and military aircraft, resulting in death to pilots and crews, injuries to passengers, and the loss of millions of dollars worth of planes and equipment.

4. UFO occupants, be they living

beings or robots, have kidnapped Earthmen and subjected them to physical and mental anguish—e.g., Betty and Barney Hill and the Pascagoula, Mississippi, fishermen, inducing amnesia and post-hypnotic suggestions in their helpless victims.

5. For the most part, UFO activity above and upon our planet has been grossly secretive, clandestine, and often invisible. Such secretive activity does not bespeak a race of alien visitors that is open or friendly to our civilization.

6. UFOs have consistently failed to identify themselves when challenged by Earth aircraft or air bases to do so. On the contrary, the illicit and covert appearances of UFOs over various sensitive military areas of Earth have precipitated flights of SAC bombers carrying H bombs! (See Donald Keyhoe's book, *Aliens from Space*.) Such SAC alerts, were they not aborted in time, could have triggered a catastrophic nuclear holocaust!

There are many additional documented activities of UFOs above or upon our planet that cannot be considered as "friendly." For example, UFOs have left radioactive residues in the atmosphere and upon the ground. UFOs have been implicated in the maiming and killing of domestic animals: horses, dogs, and cats, as well as in the destruction and theft of countless sheep and cows. Moreover, since there is no worldwide organization that has kept records of these assaults upon Earth, no one will ever know the exact extent of such planetary violations.

Certainly, what I have outlined above poses extremely grave questions for serious UFO researchers everywhere. The advancement of the hostility hypothesis respecting UFOs is certain to win me no popularity contest in the UFO field. I realize, as several researchers have told me, that we have a big enough problem "trying to get UFOs officially recognized," without adding the element of UFO hostility. Nevertheless, to refrain from mentioning the possibility of UFO hostility, or to evade the facts that support such a hypothesis because of a lack of courage or a reluctance to "antagonize" others is, to my mind, unworthy of a serious researcher.

Those who believe that UFOs are benevolent have yet to prove it. I have read many books by so-called UFO contactees who claim they received messages from Spacemen via mental telepathy or ESP. The messages are all

of a piece: Earthmen are bad; they don't love one another. The rich exploit the poor; the powerful exploit the weak. Man must live in harmony with his Creator, etc., etc., etc.

Not one of these "Space Brother Messages" gives any concrete advice as to how Man can love his neighbor, how the powerful can be stopped from taking advantage of the weak, or why Earthmen continue to kill their own species in one terrestrial war after another.

Up to this point I have discussed concrete violations of the sovereign rights of Earthmen by Spacemen and their UFOs. These violations (injuries to people, harassment of pilots and their aircraft, radioactive residues, and so forth) are all verified by classical orthodox science. But what of "violations" by Spacemen which fall outside the realm of orthodox science? Where is the new technology that can begin to make understandable the unorthodox and often fantastic operations of UFOs and the commanding Spacemen? This brings us again to the most important UFO research done by the late Dr. Wilhelm Reich.

In my book, *Planet in Trouble*, I offer factual evidence that substantiates Reich's claim that UFOs are causing world-wide drought and desert development to our planet. Reich's research shows that as UFOs enter our atmosphere, the exhaust from these spacecraft is a highly toxic, radioactive substance which Reich termed "DOR", or Deadly Orgone energy. As this UFO exhaust filters down into our atmosphere, it attacks animal and mineral, inasmuch as DOR also lacks oxygen and water and will draw its needed oxygen and water from any and every source—soil, vegetation, rocks, and animals, including man. Reich's research proved that DOR is the principal agent responsible for planetary drought and desert development. Too much or too little rain, too much or not enough sunshine are all indications of encroaching drought development.

Wilhelm Reich offered mankind the facts regarding the UFO-caused drought development of our planet. For the most part, however, orthodox scientists and ufologists are reluctant or unwilling to accept responsibility for these facts. They are simply too frightening to be taken seriously, and so we hide our heads in the sand or in the clouds, or look for other, less shocking, explanations. Those on the far left of the political spectrum

continue to blame the "capitalistic, imperialistic Americans" for torrential rains, searing droughts, and attendant weather chaos and crop failures: Those on the far right likewise point the accusing finger at the "socialistic, agnostic one-worlders" who are destroying our economy by way of diabolical "weather warfare."

A recent example of this myopic mentality can be found in the pamphlet, "The Weather War," written by Archie Scott, published by The Weather and Energy Crisis Research Center, Box 17881, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. Concerning UFOs, Mr. Scott has this to say:

Unidentified flying objects [UFO's] or flying saucers have received much publicity the last few years. There has been talk that these objects may be visitors from outer space, possibly even scouting parties for a future war against the earth. Of course, the idea that the UFO's might be from outer space is used for one purpose. That purpose is to try to join together all people under a One World DICTATORSHIP of the United Nations. [Emphasis added]

Here is a perfect example of an "authoritative opinion" based upon nothing more substantial than personal bias. "There has been talk," says Mr. Scott, "that these objects may be visitors from outer space." Yes, Mr. Scott, there has been talk, but let us look at the caliber of just a few of these "talkers":

General Douglas MacArthur was quoted in *The New York Times* as stating (Oct. 7, 1955), "All countries on Earth will have to unite to survive and make a common front against attack by people from other planets." Certainly no one in his right mind will accuse General MacArthur of being an enemy of American Freedom or an advocate of "one-worldism." And certainly the opinion of a top American general, with access to every kind of intelligence data pertaining to American security, should carry considerably more weight than the opinion of any layman.

"Of course the flying saucers are real—and they are interplanetary," stated Air Marshal Lord Dowding, head of the Royal Air Force during World War II, quoted by Reuters News Agency in August 1954.

"Unidentified flying objects are entering our atmosphere at very high

speeds and obviously under intelligent control. We must solve this riddle without delay." said Rear Admiral Delmar Fahrney, USNR, in a letter to NICAP written in 1956.

"The case of the UFO interference with our naval transport. . . was but one of fifteen cases which the Argentine Navy has reported since 1963," stated Lieutenant Commander O.R. Pagni, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Argentine Navy, in a letter dated September 1965.

Here we have a small sampling (and there are dozens more) of the opinions of top-level military men regarding the UFO enigma now facing Earth. Add to this the observations and conclusions of a dedicated natural scientist and UFO researcher like Dr. Wilhelm Reich who actually disabled UFOs, and what can a rational person conclude?

Are UFOs real? Is there a possibility that they are hostile? My unequivocal answer is, "Yes!" If I am wrong, we have nothing to lose. If I and Dr. Wilhelm Reich are right, then not only are we in danger of losing our freedoms but our very planet as well! ●

The Higdon Abduction

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down a hall, through a door and into a large room. Higdon remembers seeing five humans standing by the door. Two small girls, a teenage boy and girl, and a gray-haired old man were present; but they didn't speak to Higdon or have expressions on their faces.

Ausso stood Higdon up on a small platform in the room. A large glossy shield came out of the wall and extended before Higdon in an investigative manner for four or five minutes and then went back in the wall. Ausso then led Higdon out of the room and down the hall through a series of doors and into the cubicle where he was placed back in his chair.

Higdon remembers complaining about the lights and seeing the five humans walking into the cubicle. Ausso said Higdon was not what they needed, and that they would take him back and set him down close to where they found him. Higdon would later attribute his refusal to the fact that he had a vasectomy nine years ago. Ausso moved the same lever down and the craft started back.

Higdon looked in the mirror on the control panel but could not see the

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other humans, and the elk and the cage were gone. Ausso pointed his cone hand at Higdon and the remaining package of pills floated out of his pocket to a position near the star on the control board.

Ausso began to explain why his people travel to Earth. Ausso's people live on concentrated food (this could explain the lack of jaws for chewing), but they must supplement their diet with meat. Ausso talked constantly about hunting, fishing, and about exploring Earth. His job was to capture these animals to transport to their planet for breeding purposes. Fish cannot live in their oceans because there is not enough oxygen, so Ausso's people had to make frequent trips to Earth for them. Ausso described his job as being purely a hunter and explorer. Ausso called Higdon's rifle a primitive weapon, but wished to keep it to get food.

Ausso described the emblem on his belt as a Starship. He said it was a ground map of their planet, surrounded by yellow water.

Suddenly Ausso gave Higdon his rifle back, and the next thing he remembers is being transferred to the ground in a way he described as jumping out of a tree and just floating down instead of falling.

Higdon landed on rocky ground and slipped, bumping his neck and shoulder. When he got up, he was again on the road. Higdon walked on the road until he came to his pickup, but he was so dazed he failed to recognize it. After walking a mile beyond it, he returned, and at 6:30 he radioed for help. By contacting his boss, Roy Fleming, he was able to give the approximate location of his pickup truck. The truck had been moved three miles from its original location and was in a "mud-hole" where no one could drive a two-wheel drive vehicle.

A rescue party (Sheriff Ogburn, Deputy Sheriff Ed Tierney, Roy Fleming, Bob Rosacker, Dave Martin, Harold Schurtz) driving four-wheel drive trucks found Higdon's truck at 11:40 pm and towed it out. During the rescue operations Mrs. Margery Higdon (Carl's wife), and Mr. and Mrs. Don James were waiting two or three miles from the area where Higdon was being rescued. They observed a flashing light (UFO) for about 20 minutes. It changed from red to green to white, in a pulsing pattern, and moved in an arc.

When Carl was found he was in a

state of shock, and had difficulty talking and recognizing his wife. He was taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital at 2:00 a.m. on October 26 for observation.

Higdon's eyes watered profusely at the hospital and he kept screaming for his "pills." Higdon had no appetite for two days after the incident, perhaps suggesting something about Ausso One's "four-day pills."

On October 29, 1974, R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., a University of Wyoming Psychology professor with the Division of Counseling and Testing, received a telephone call to interview Carl Higdon. Dr. Sprinkle used various hypnotic techniques for the purpose of obtaining further information about Higdon's experience. When Higdon was under these deep relaxation stages he recalled many significant details he could not remember earlier. When Higdon was under Dr. Sprinkle's hypnosis, his eyes watered when he told about the bright lights and his neck grew painful when he related details about his fall from the cubicle. The bullet of Carl Higdon's rifle was examined by Dr. Walker, an APRO Consultant who believes the bullet struck something very hard to deform it in such a way. This observation would tend to disprove the notion that the powder was undercharged.

Although there are several physical details still unclear as well as the fact that Carl Higdon was in shock and had undergone a terrifying experience, no one—perhaps not even Higdon himself—will ever know what really took place that night of October 25. ●

Air Ship Scare

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inside the craft. R.L. Lowry and another man supposedly heard one of the aeronauts say, "We hope to be in San Francisco by tomorrow noon." Charles Lusk told a similar story. Most, however, saw the object only as a moving light. "It rose and fell and swayed from right to left as if it were being propelled by some motor power," G. C. Snyder testified. "It was a white light and not a star or meteor, I am certain of that. . . I don't think it was a balloon, for it was going in the southwest and a heavy wind was blowing from that direction."

The next afternoon an airship passed over Oak Park, a Sacramento suburb, leaving a trail of smoke.

Before long all of California succumbed to "airship fever," with so many sightings being logged that state newspapers had all they could do to keep up with them. South of Sacramento, at the small town of Tagus, D.H. Risdon and a tramp who had come to beg some water reportedly saw something "like a canvas sheet spread out floating in a north-easterly direction at about an altitude of 2000 feet." On the 21st the airship reappeared over downtown Sacramento, almost as if determined to mock the scoffers. Once again hundreds of persons viewed the thing, which through binoculars looked like an electric light supported by a large, dark, cigar-shaped body. The next evening, near Knights Ferry in Stanislaus County, two Methodist ministers, the Revs. H. Copeland and John Kirby, spotted a red "fireball" with white lights on the front and rear. The object first rose in the air, then descended to skim the ground, gather speed and rush out of sight.

In the next few days San Francisco and Oakland, among other places up and down the state, got their chance to view the mysterious airship. At Oakland, Charles H. Ellis, one of numerous witnesses, recalled, "I was going home to my dinner about half-past 5 last night and was in the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth street and New Broadway, when I saw a strange-looking thing in the sky. It was coming from the east and at first I could see nothing but a bright light. When I first saw it the two lights appeared to be one, and I thought it was a brilliant meteor. It was getting dusk, but the sky was clouded and just dark enough to permit anyone to see plainly. The sky was sufficiently dark to make a background which would render any such object visible.

"As it came nearer I could see that there was some dark object along with the light. When it was nearly overhead I could clearly distinguish that it somewhat resembled a balloon traveling end on, with a bright light ahead, another beneath it, and with what appeared to be wings both before and behind the light. It was at a great height above the earth, probably a thousand feet, but not so high as to make it impossible to distinguish what it was. I did not want to believe it was an airship, as I had regarded the previous report of one in the light of a joke. This time, however, I had no alternative. I had to believe what I saw.

"As soon as it passed over St. Mary's College, it appeared to descend gradually, but regularly, as though under perfect control, and it disappeared in the direction of San Francisco. Of course it was too dark and the machine was too far away to distinguish anything like people or to hear any sounds such as were heard in Sacramento. But there is no doubt in my mind that it was an airship supplied with electric lights and well-manned."

All of this, perhaps understandably, met with an incredulous response from that considerable majority of the population who had not seen the airship themselves. The *San Francisco Chronicle*, calling it "more of a hoax than an airship," quoted Prof. George Davidson's assertion that the alleged observers were members of a "freemasonry of liars." The *San Francisco Examiner* even helped things along by launching toy balloons which a few of the edgier locals mistook for airships. The consensus among the skeptical seemed to be that the "craft" was really Mars and Venus as perceived by drunks, fools and lunatics.

It is not likely, however, that Professor H. B. Worcester, president of San Jose's Garden City College, was any of these, and it is equally unlikely that what he and several colleagues observed on the night of November 26 was a conventional astronomical body. Worcester first noticed the light when he stepped outside his house, where he was holding a small Thanksgiving party, to retrieve a lantern in his back yard. The time was 7:00 p.m. Seeing the object, he ran around the building and called to his guests, who poured out into the front yard.

"Within the time it had taken me to run around the house," he said, "the light had changed course from east to southwest and had traveled several miles and was in line with the southern portion of San Jose. The entire party saw the moving light go west, then turn south, and then change to the southeast. We watched the light finally disappear behind the horizon."

The object was moving at between 60 and 100 m.p.h. and had two lights, one behind the other. The larger, in Worcester's words, "had more of the appearance of a large incandescent light than anything else." The witnesses agreed it could not have been a balloon, toy or otherwise. As Professor M. S. Cross, another observer, explained, "I have frequently watched balloons in the air and the motion of

this light was in no way suggestive of the manner in which I have always seen them behave." Worcester thought the light's undulatory, bat-like flight was suggestive of the "alternated flapping of wings."

As reports proliferated, so did rumors. One of the most widely publicized of the latter held that the airship had been constructed near Oroville, where recently the enigmatic Dr. E.H. Benjamin, who was to play a major role in the California airship saga, had visited his uncle and confided to friends that he had invented something which would "revolutionize the world."

All that ever seems to have been established with certainty about Benjamin is that he was a dentist from Maine. Though hounded constantly by reporters and curiosity seekers, Benjamin refused to reveal anything more about himself than that he was the man responsible for the celebrated airship. Even his attorneys, George D. Collins and, later, William Henry Harrison Hart, knew practically nothing about their client. But both believed that he was in fact the airship's inventor.

It was either Benjamin or his uncle (whose name was never published) who approached Collins, a prominent San Francisco lawyer, and asked him to represent his interests in the patenting of an airship. As Collins listened incredulously, the alleged inventor explained that he had migrated from Maine to California seven years earlier so that he could conduct his experiments without danger of interference.

Collins' skepticism had evaporated when he, himself saw the airship, an enormous construction 150 feet long, for The inventor had taken the attorney to Oroville, where, as Collins told reporters, "I saw the thing ascend about 90 feet under perfect control. . . it is built on the aeroplane system and has two canvas wings 18 feet wide and rudder shaped like a bird's tail." "On November 17," Collins said, "the airship had flown the 60 miles between Oroville and Sacramento in 45 minutes. Every night for two weeks after, the inventor had made flights as he attempted to perfect the craft's navigational apparatus."

Not long after Collins had made these indiscrete revelations, Benjamin fired him, complaining that he was talking too much. In his place he hired the afore-mentioned W. H. H. Hart, a

former State Attorney General and one of the most respected men in California. There may, however, have been another reason that Hart was picked. According to *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (1907), Hart was the discoverer of "the only mine in the world in which osmium is found in metal form. . . in large quantities." The metal was used chiefly in the manufacture of electric storage batteries—and an outstanding characteristic of the airships was their use of powerful searchlights which, of course, would have required storage batteries.

After taking charge, Hart revealed that there were two airships, one on each end of the American coasts. "I have been concerned in the Eastern invention for some time personally," he said. "The idea is to consolidate both interests." Speaking of the western craft, which would be used as a weapon of war, Hart remarked, "From what I have seen of it, I have not the least doubt that it will carry four men and 1000 pounds of dynamite. I am quite convinced that two or three men could destroy the city of Havana in 48 hours." That could be accomplished, Hart explained, if the Cubans gave the inventor ten million dollars—an offer which, if the Cubans ever heard, they did not accept.

Early in December a stranger stopped at a business establishment in Fresno and inquired for a George Jennings. The man looked travel-worn and dusty and no one recognized him until Jennings stepped out of a back room and greeted him like an old friend. The dozen or so workers who stood by as the two engaged in whispered conversation were startled to overhear the word "airship" used with some frequency.

Afterwards Jennings talked freely to a reporter for the *Fresno Semi-Weekly Expositor*, though he refused to divulge his friend's name.

"It is true the airship is in Fresno County," he said. "Just where I do not know myself. It is also true that the man who was in here a short time ago is one of the inventors. He told me that the trip to this country was involuntary upon the part of the men in the airship. In other words the machine came itself and they couldn't stop it. His statement was that they were flying, as usual, around Contra Costa County hills and rose to a height of about 1000 feet. Suddenly the airship struck a current of air and refused to

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answer its steering gear. It was borne rapidly southward against all efforts to change its course until suddenly the current of air seemed to lessen and the machine once more became manageable. The men aboard at once descended and flew about looking for a hiding place, which they at length found."

Jennings said his friend had since gone on to San Francisco for material and men. He added that he was sure people in such nearby communities as Selma and Watertown must have observed the craft as it limped across the county in search of concealment. Perhaps significantly, just the day before his encounter with the alleged aeronaut, the *San Francisco Call* had published a letter from five Watertown residents who claimed they had seen a large airship nearly collide with a cornice atop the city's post office building. On board the craft, which had an "intensely brilliant" light, the observers could see several human forms. The sighting supposedly took place on the evening of November 20.

After the first week of December, sightings of airships in California grew increasingly rare. Among the last reports was a fascinating—and seemingly authentic—report made by two fishermen, Giuseppe Valinziano and Luigi Valdivia, who related that the three-man crew of a crippled airship had detained them for several hours while the aeronauts made repairs. One, whom the others addressed as "captain," gave evasive answers to Valinziano's persistent questions. He would say only that their trip was "experimental" and that the invention would be made known to the public when "some slight changes are made in its construction." He sternly refused to allow the two detainees to examine the ship at close range.

A more improbable story came out of Camptonville, where, on the night of December 7, an airship supposedly landed two miles outside town. Five citizens rushed to the scene, where they found the sole occupant, an apparent deaf-mute who communicated via alphabet table, saying he had flown from the Montezuma mountains. There, he said, his wife and children lived. He ignored subsequent questions, went about his business and sailed away at 4:00 the next afternoon.

What may have been the final California airship sightings occurred at Lodi and Acampo in mid-January 1897. They were not to be, by any

means, the last airship sightings anywhere. For, incredibly enough, while the great West Coast airship scare received little coverage in the Eastern press, that same month Delaware farmers began to see strikingly similar objects sailing through the air above them. By mid-February, unidentified airships were a common sight around Hastings and Juanita, Nebraska, where they were reported alternately hovering and maneuvering in the night sky. Two or three weeks earlier, residents of Albany, New York, and Montreal, Quebec, were disturbed by the appearances of some kind of mysterious light.

In March, objects variously described as "balls of fire" and "airships" flew over rural areas in Kansas and Nebraska. At Belleville in the former state, for example, 13 residents watched a light for over half an hour as it first hovered over the village, then sailed rapidly into the north wind, only to return 15 minutes later. At Topeka, on the evening of the 27th, a "blood red light, different from anything ever seen before in the heavens," was visible for 45 minutes as it traveled in a northeasterly direction. Governor Leedy was one of the hundreds who viewed the phenomenon.

Meanwhile, unidentified flying objects were moving into Michigan. The *Hudson Post*, in a dispatch out of Jefferson, related that on March 26 "a beautiful ball of fire was seen in the clouds of this place. For a short time it was very bright, and then it appeared to go down. It lasted for some time." Said the *Grand Traverse Herald* of April 1, "A beautiful ball of fire was seen in the clouds near Holland the other night. One moment it was brilliant, the next dimmed, as if covered by a veil. It lasted for about an hour." On the night of March 31, at about 10:00, a brilliant white object, accompanied by a "sharp crackling sound," soared over Galesburg and was visible for 30 seconds. One witness, who saw the thing at closer range than most, said it was a huge black object tipped with flame and flying far above the earth. A Mrs. Wyngate, in nearby Charleston township, swore that she heard human voices from above at the time of the sighting.

Robert Hibbard, who was a farmer 15 miles north of Sioux City, Iowa, had the most fantastic tale to tell, however. He said that one night late in

March an "anchor" hanging from a drag rope attached to the rear of an airship caught him in the slack of his trousers and dragged him several dozen feet. He was saved only when his trousers ripped and he fell to the ground (Oddly enough, a similar "anchor" figures in an April 25 airship story from Merkel, Texas, where the anchor supposedly caught on a rail while dragging along the ground. After about 10 minutes, a small man in a "light-blue sailor suit" started climbing down the rope from the ship but stopped when he noticed he was being observed. He cut the rope below him and returned to his ship, which sailed off toward the northeast. "The anchor is now on exhibition at the blacksmith shop of Elliott and Miller," the *Houston Daily Post* reported three days later, "and is attracting the attention of hundreds of people.")

It took an Omaha sighting involving hundreds of witnesses to put the airships back into the national headlines, however. On the night of March 29, people leaving a church in the city saw a strange object pass overhead, hover briefly and then fly away again. It remained in sight for half an hour. Several minutes later residents of southeastern Omaha viewed the ship, seeing a large bright light "too big for a balloon." It moved slowly at a low altitude until it disappeared in the northwest behind a series of bluffs just outside the city.

On April 1, at 8:15 p.m., thousands of people in Kansas City saw the light as it moved from west to north to south, then back to north. Its altitude varied: it would descend close to the ground, only to ascend rapidly. As the *Kansas City Times* recounted, "The light seemed to be the size of a big street light and didn't seem to be as high as the clouds. It shot out a beam of light very much like a searchlight. Some of the time the light was white, and then it changed to a bright red. Its general course was towards the northwest, but several times it reversed and traveled for a while in the opposite direction. It moved with a regular motion, not comet-like. Some said they watched it go out of sight over the northern horizon."

Citizens of Everest, Kansas, watched the phenomenon for an hour and 20 minutes and got a particularly detailed view: "The basket or car seemed to be 25 to 30 feet long, shaped like an Indian canoe. Four

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some minutes over a section of the city the night before. Having been out driving at midnight, I might have looked up and seen my fourth "whatever." UFO spotting is a chancy thing. Unless, of course, they are looking for you. I always remember the strong premonition I had of something about to happen the night my wife and I saw the green glob arc over Borrego Springs, California. . . .

Even if you don't get to go traveling across our fabulous land, you can still ferret out UFO stories locally, using the same techniques of affable interest, knowledge and understanding. Here are a couple tales I turned up in some of Los Angeles' 52 suburbs-in-search-of-a-city.

In Costa Mesa, a young lady who works in a fish market, did, with some urging, relate a startling story involving UFOs.

In September 1974, she was standing on the fantail of a sailboat anchored in the Isthmus at Catalina Island. She was photographing dolphins jumping out of the water about a quarter mile away, trying to time the shutter to the instant they were in the air. She took two shots and the beasts disappeared. She took two more, hoping that like the South they would rise again. No luck. As far as she knew, the last two frames were just blue water.

But when she got around to developing the film, she made a startling discovery. The first two pictures showed friendly dolphins frolicking. The third showed no dolphins. It did show very clearly, however, a saucer-shaped object hovering over the roiled water where the dolphins had been. The fourth picture showed nothing but water. No saucer. No dolphins.

Since the pictures were all shot within 30 seconds or so, and the last two within about half that, whatever flew in to scare the dolphins off appeared and disappeared in a flash. She did not notice anything in the viewfinder at the time. The camera, as often seems the case, registered a UFO when the eye did not.

In nearby San Diego, I took my book to the annual Star Trek convention. Star Trek items from the famous TV series, which is still running in the US and other countries, are collectables. And Star Trek aficionados are interested in the unexplained. Plus,

they are pretty interesting themselves. I mean, when you see people walking around decked in "Spock" ears and hugging fuzzy "Tribbles," you know you're not in Sunday School.

I talked to the mother of producer Gene Roddenberry. Sold her a book and gave her one for her illustrious son. Chekhov and Sulu, (actors Walter Koenig and George Takei, respectively) also expressed appreciation when I tendered them copies. Two girls, in vestments of one of the sexier Star Trek sequences, had me autograph copies. Two others dressed in skin-tight white uniforms from the British-produced series *UFO*, had me sign a copy for their Commander Straker.

A television crew interviewed me with backpack film equipment. A reporter from a Des Moines radio station did likewise with his tape recorder.

A lady artist from Colorado's outback carefully rendered several drawings of a UFO she'd seen in the mountain wilds. Visitors to the vendor's table next to mine, which dealt in war and space games waged by their computer against players from all parts of the world, generally expressed a more analytical and scientific interest in UFOs.

The most startling response came from a stocky, sport-shirted, fiftyish fellow. On the second day of the convention, he stood in the center of the aisle, gazing at me quizzically. Since I remembered him from the day before, I nodded and greeted him.

"You are the weirdest guy here," he muttered back.

That had to be either the greatest compliment or the biggest insult. So I asked him how so?

"You got no aura," he said.

I looked at him blankly. Then, auras, I reminded myself, are what surround all living things and show up in Kirlian photography.

"No aura at all," he continued. "Everybody else here has blue, purple, silver. You, nothing."

I pinched myself to make sure I was not only awake but alive. "Well, gee, I'm here. I'm warm and everything works," I said. I waved my arms and beat my chest to prove it.

"Don't matter. You got no aura. Not even red. I see lotsa red auras. Anger, I think. A lot of folks are mad alla time at everything."

I asked him if the auras he saw were similar to what psychic Edgar Cayce and others have reported.

"Naw. Nothing to do with that funny

psychic stuff. It's just something in my eye, the way it's made. I've always been able to see auras 'round everybody. But none around you. You're really weird!"

With that he stalked off, leaving me naked with no aura and wondering if that lack partially explained my life and hard times. Having been advised by an expert that I was missing one of life's vital signs, I seemed none the worse. On the other hand, how would you like to be told *you* had no aura!

One last tale from this UFOdyssey. One about a real city slicker saucer not afraid to brave the perils of suburbia.

One night about eight years ago a young fellow was tooling along home through the neighborhoods of Lakewood, California. By Candlewood Verde Park he turned a corner to be confronted by a large, gun colored and pulsating object hovering just above the street. He jammed on his brakes and stopped about six bar lengths short of it.

The object, about a car-and-a-half long, rose slightly. Out of the glare of his headlights now, it was obvious that it was lit from within. Still pulsating it edged off over the park trees and after a minute or two, flashed away.

Dumbfounded, the observer noted that another car had also stopped. Both drivers got out of their cars. In the one-thirty A.M. gloom they discussed what they'd seen, deciding not to say much about it to anybody.

Close encounters in the city area are rare. But the young fellow's parting remark to me was: "Yeah, but you should talk to my brother-in-law. He was fishing with three other guys and this thing—something like I saw—zapped across in front of them twice. You think they weren't scared?"

So there's yet another story to track down. There are plenty more. Maybe right down your street, or in the next wayside cafe you visit.

Keep your eyes and ears alert. Subliminal apparatus, too. The next person you meet may have a UFO story nobody's heard. Keep the UFO faith. It may be the most important thing you do. ●

Temperature Inversion

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Thus, a solution to the mystery of UFOs was created. But it was created out of whole cloth, and someone should have taken the time to unravel it before it became too well worn and comfortably familiar. Unfortunately,

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light wings extended from the car, two of which were triangular. A large dark hulk was discernible immediately above the car, and was generally supposed by the watchers to be an inflated gas-bag. That the same power that furnished the light was used for lifting the ship was evident from the fact that the lights grew dim as the ship went upward, and as the ship came nearer the earth, the light was as bright as the light of a locomotive. One observer claimed a blue color appeared, other than white and red."

When someone offered the fairly incredible suggestion that the planet Venus was responsible for all of this, a witness pointed out, sensibly enough, "Venus does not dodge around, fly swiftly across the horizon, swoop rapidly toward the earth and then soar away until lost in the southern sky."

But, as airship hysteria mounted in the following days and weeks, increasing numbers of persons did mistake Venus, Mars and other astronomical bodies for the elusive flying machine (actually machines, since by now it was abundantly clear that there were more than one of them). At the same time practical jokers were sending aloft virtual fleets of toy balloons and some newspaper reporters contributed further to the confusion by inventing wild tales for the edification of their more impressionable readers. One of these had it that a giant airship landed near Linn Grove, Iowa, and that the occupants, two strange-looking men with very long beards, tossed two large boulders of "unknown composition" out of the ship and then flew away.

A writer for the *Decatur Republican* [Illinois] asserted with a straight face that he had flown over Chicago with the ship's inventor, a reclusive farmer named Devonbaugh. At Reynolds, Michigan, on April 14—or Williamston on the 17th, depending upon which account you choose to believe—a group of farmers cautiously approached a landed airship, inside which sat a "strange man" nine and a half feet tall. Next to him lay stacks of heavy clothes "which looked like the pelts of polar bears," yet he was almost naked, as though suffering from the heat.

The grandest hoax of all was perpetrated in Waterloo, Iowa, where on April 17 a "Professor Jourgensen of

San Francisco" appeared at the police station to request protection for his "flying machine," which he said he had landed on the old circus grounds in West Waterloo. When police arrived at the designated spot, they found a fantastic contraption which had already attracted hordes of curious spectators. The "professor" produced a logbook of his flight and said that his traveling companion, one "Professor Stormout," had fallen out of the machine that morning and was lost. The police roped off the area and parties of searchers set out to scour the countryside for the missing Stormout.

After several days of massive publicity the "airship" was exposed as a makeshift construction composed of hammered-together canvas and boards, the creation of three Waterloo pranksters. "Professor Jourgensen" was really an accomplished practical joker named E. A. Feather, from nearby Nashua.

Meanwhile, real airships were being seen over a wide area. On the evening of April 9, one passed over Evanston and South Chicago. The same night, several persons in Norman, Oklahoma, sighted a long dark object carrying a very bright light on its end and flashing red lights along its sides. Two nights later nearly 400 Normans claimed to have sighted an identical phenomenon. At Newton, Iowa, on the 10th, an airship hovered over the southwest part of the city for 40 minutes before heading northwest, dropping what looked like a parachute with a light attached to it (a search uncovered nothing, however). Across the border, Winnipeg was in an uproar about airships sighted there. Far away, similar objects were crisscrossing Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Maryland and Washington, D.C., were flooded with sightings.

Rumors flew as fast as the airships themselves. In California the year before, speculation about the inventors had centered on one man, but now dozens of names were tossed about. The inventor was said to be John O. Preast, J.F. Calipha, Clinton A. Case, George Francis Train, Professor Charles Davidson, Anton Pallardy, Albert Whipple, or some anonymous recluse in the backwoods of anywhere. It is improbable that any of these had anything at all to do with the airships. Most were simply men who happened

to be interested in aviation, like so many others in their time, and their experiments with crude flying devices became so much grist for the rumor mill.

But in the controversy one man does stand out, a curious individual whom we know only as "Wilson." If the stories told about him are true, he alone merits our attention as the man behind the 1897 airship.

The first tale in which he seems to figure comes out of Greenville, Texas. On the night of April 16 one C.G. Williams allegedly spotted an "immense cigar-shaped vehicle" and watched it land two miles south of town. Frightened, but finally able to muster up his courage, Williams approached the object. In the moonlight he could see three men, two of whom were at work on the ship's rigging. The third called to Williams to ask him if he would mail some letters for him. He is then supposed to have said, "See here, young man, don't give this thing away. We are experimenting with this vessel. So far it is a success. We expect to revolutionize travel and transportation. . . . At a little town in the interior of New York state I have worked for many years on my ship. About two weeks ago I started, accompanied by these two assistants, to make a trial ship. We started in the night to avoid being seen." The captain explained that his ship was run by "electricity."

"I am in honor bound not to disclose the names and post office address of the letters," Williams wrote the *Dallas Morning News*. "I deposited them in the Greenville post office that night."

On May 16 the *Dallas Morning News* published a letter said to have been received by Dr. D.H. Tucker from a young friend who not long after perished in a flood at Grenada, Mississippi (1897 was a year of severe flooding throughout much of the United States). The document, dated April 20 and postmarked Lake Charles, Louisiana, describes how, the day before, the author had been thrown from his horse when an airship suddenly appeared in the sky overhead. The craft descended rapidly and landed about 100 feet away. Two men climbed down a rope ladder, approached the shaken young man and apologized for the damage they had caused. "It was decidedly gratifying to find that they were plain, everyday Americans like myself," he wrote. One, who said he was the owner of the

craft, introduced himself as Mr. Wilson and his companion as Mr. Scott Warren. They took the witness into the ship, where he met a Mr. Waters, the engineer, and a man whom he took to be the Mexican cook.

Inside the cabin, according to the writer, "there were a number of incandescent lamps about the walls and hanging from the ceiling, and I immediately concluded that the motive power was electricity, and so expressed myself to Mr. Wilson. He said this was not the case, but that it was propelled and sustained by a gas which had the property of great compressibility under a slight pressure and a correspondingly great power of expansion. . . The inventor said that as soon as he could demonstrate satisfactorily the practicability of economically and safely operating his ships, he and some capitalists would construct a line of air ships to be operated between New York and San Francisco."

The same day, April 19, an airship reportedly landed near Beaumont, Texas. At about 11:00 p.m. farmer J.R. Ligon and his son Charley sighted the object in an adjacent pasture. Investigating, they found four men moving around the machine and one of them, who said his name was Wilson, asked for and received a supply of water from the farmer's house. Wilson explained that he and his men had just returned from a trip over the Gulf of Mexico and were now on their way back to Iowa, where the airship—and four others like it—had been built. The craft, he said, was "powered by electricity."

Twenty-three hours later, at Uvalde, Texas, Sheriff H.W. Baylor spoke briefly with the three-man crew of an airship which had alighted close to the town. One of them gave his name as Wilson, a native, he said, of Goshen, New York. Then he inquired about a Captain Akers, whom he said he had known in Fort Worth and who he understood lived in the area. Wilson and crew re-entered their machine and flew away. County Clerk Henry J. Bowles saw the object as it passed up Getty Street north of the Baylor residence.

When contacted, Captain C.C. Akers, a former sheriff of Zavalla County who now was a customs officer at Eagle Pass, testified, "I can say that while living in Fort Worth in '76 and '77 I was well acquainted with a man by the name of Wilson from New York

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State and was on very friendly terms with him. He was of a mechanical turn of mind and was then working on aerial navigation and something that would astonish the world. He was a finely educated man, then about 24 years of age, and seemed to have money with which to prosecute his investigations, devoting his whole time to them. From conversations we had while in Fort Worth, I think that Mr. Wilson, having succeeded in constructing a practical airship, would probably hunt me up to show me that he was not so wild in his claims as I then supposed. I will say further that I have known Sheriff Baylor many years and know that any statement he may make can be relied upon as exactly correct."

What does all this mean? The only explanation seems to be that Wilson, whoever he was, did exist and was connected with the airship, while at the same time his stories about the nature of the craft—which contradict each other in important details—cannot possibly be taken seriously. We can only conclude that he and his associates, whoever they were, chose to guard the secrecy of their operation by planting deliberately misleading statements about their origin and purpose.

But in all the airship saga there is no story to compare with that told by a man from LeRoy, Kansas, named Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton, widely known and respected in southeastern Kansas, where he lived, was a former lawyer and member of Kansas legislature who had gone on to become an extremely successful stock dealer. The *Yates Center Farmers' Advocate* for April 23 published Hamilton's account of a very strange experience:

Last Monday night [April 19] about half past ten we were awakened by a noise among the cattle. I arose, thinking perhaps my bulldog was performing some pranks, but upon going to the door, saw to my utter amazement, an airship slowly descending over my cow lot about 40 rods from the house.

Calling Gid Heslip, my tenant, and my son, Wall, we seized some axes and ran to the corral. Meanwhile the ship had been gently descending until it was not more than 30 feet above the ground and we came up to within 50 yards of it. It consisted of a great cigar-shaped portion possibly 300 feet long with a carriage underneath.

The carriage was made of panels of glass or other transparent substance,

alternating with a narrow strip of some other material. It was brilliantly lighted within and everything was clearly visible. There were three lights: one like an immense searchlight and two smaller, one red, the other green. The large one was susceptible of being turned in every direction.

It was occupied by six of the strangest beings I ever saw. There were two men, a woman, and three children. They were jabbering together but we could not understand a syllable they said. Every part of the vessel which was not transparent was of a dark reddish color.

We stood mute in wonder and fright, when some noise attracted their attention and they turned their light directly upon us. Immediately upon catching sight of us, they turned on some unknown power, and a great turbine wheel about 30 feet in diameter, which was slowly revolving below the craft, began to buzz, sounding precisely like the cylinder of a separator, and the vessel rose as lightly as a bird.

When about 30 feet above us, it seemed to pause, and hover directly over a three-year-old heifer which was bawling and jumping, apparently fast in the fence. Going to her, we found a cable about half an inch in thickness, made of the same red material, fastened in a slip knot around her neck, one end passing up to the vessel and tangled in the wire.

We tried to get it off but could not, so we cut the wire loose, and stood in amazement to see ship, cow and all rise slowly and sail off, disappearing in the northwest. We went home but I was so frightened I could not sleep.

On Tuesday morning, I mounted my horse and started out to find some trace of my cow, but coming back to LeRoy in the evening found that Lank Thomas, who lives in Coffee Country about three or four miles west of LeRoy, had found the hide, legs and head in his field that day.

He, thinking someone had butchered a stolen beast and thrown the hide away, had brought it to town for identification but was greatly mystified in not being able to find a track of any kind on the soft ground. I went home last night but every time I would drop to sleep, I would see the cursed thing with its big lights and hideous people. I don't know whether they were devils or angels or what but we all saw them and my whole family saw the ship and I don't want any more to do with them.

"Mr. Hamilton looked as if he had not entirely recovered from the shock and every one who knew him was convinced he was sincere in every word," the *Advocate* concluded. It published the testimony of prominent citizens who knew Hamilton well:

As there are now, always have been, and always will be, skeptics and unbelievers, whenever the truth of anything bordering on the improbable is presented, and knowing that some ignorant or suspicious people will doubt the truthfulness of the above statement, now

Therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby make the following affidavit.

That we have known Alex Hamilton from 15 to 30 years and that for truth and veracity we have never heard his word questioned and that we do verily believe his statement to be true and correct.

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Jas. L. Martin, Register of Deeds*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 1897, W. C. Willie, Notary Public.

After copying Hamilton's story, the *Burlington Daily News* printed another affidavit, this one signed by seven Burlington men who stated that Hamilton "is in all respects a perfectly truthful and reliable man. And no lover of truth will ever question any statement made by him."

By mid-May airship reports had subsided for the most part. The last known sighting was at Sterling, Colorado, in August.

We are left finally with scores of questions—and with very little chance of ever finding the answers. We would like to know, for instance, not only what airships were doing in North America in the late Nineteenth Century—that, as we have seen, is unlikely enough—but also how they were able to hover, a feat which more conventional aircraft could not duplicate for decades afterwards.

There is, moreover, the matter of the brilliant searchlights so often reported in airship sightings. Though the arc light had been invented in the 19th Century, searchlights which used it were encumbered with many heavy

batteries or a large steam- or gasoline-powered generator. The aircraft of the period could not possibly have carried anything so heavy. The other available lights were dim incandescent ones which could not have produced the blinding glare witnessed. It was not until the mid-1960s that military and commercial airplanes regularly carried powerful strobe lights and the newer, more brilliant landing lights.

Not very surprisingly, the files of the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C., provide us with no real answers either. On August 11, 1896, a patent was granted to C.A. Smith of San Francisco for an airship model. Henry Heintz of Elkton, South Dakota, received another on April 20, 1897. But by the "inventor's" own admission, the machines never got off the ground.

We can safely discard any theory which holds human folly and error solely responsible for the great airship scare. Certainly there was no shortage of hoaxes and mistakes, and much of what was printed survives as a fascinating testament to mankind's seemingly limitless capacity for foolishness. But the many sightings made by responsible men and women in almost every state of the union make attempts at such an easy explanation difficult.

And at last, there is this single incredible fact: 1897 was not the final year airships were reported seen. Sporadic sightings occurred all across the country in the early years of the Twentieth Century. On March 17, 1903, the Brosius family saw a "huge object like a gigantic ripe cucumber" hovering over their Helmer, Indiana, farm. At 1:30 a.m. on August 2, 1905, J. A. Jackson of Silsbee, California, observed "the form of an airship, apparently about 70 feet long, with a searchlight in front and several other lights aboard." In 1906 one supposedly landed near Mitchell, South Dakota, and a boy named Herbert DeMott conversed with its two-man crew.

In 1909, in addition to a great wave of airship sightings in the eastern United States, there were numerous reports in places as distant as Great Britain and New Zealand. The Americans thought a recluse named Wallace E. Tillinghast of Worcester, Massachusetts, was doing it. The British suspected German spies. And New Zealanders worried—shades of the more recent flying saucer hyste-

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ria—about invading Martians. Airships returned to Britain in 1912-13 and made their final bow in South Africa in 1914.

None of this appears in any history of aviation, for the simple reason that few aviation historians have ever heard of it. It does not fit, and even more, it does not make sense. Why would those who constructed and flew such sophisticated aircraft never have stepped forward to claim the credit? And who were they? What ever happened to them? Why has no trace of their machines survived?

In short, the airships surely rank among the strangest unsolved riddles of the last century. ●

Temperature Inversion

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no one did. Even today, people who should know better are using the temperature inversion theory to explain UFOs seen in the sky.

What's wrong with the temperature inversion explanation? Actually, one *should* ask, "What's right with it?" The answer to that one is "nothing!" There probably haven't been more than one or two UFO sighting reports which could be explained as mirages, because mirage effects do not occur more than *one degree* above the observer's horizon. Period!

It all depends on whether you're talking abstract theories or cold, hard facts. In theory, a temperature inversion will cause the image of an object to be displaced. But when facts are brought into the picture and the entire matter filled out with numbers, the theory turns to dust. Most of those who should have been concerned with calculating angles failed to do so. And the few who did were pretty much ignored.

Of all those who should have been thrilled by this theory, the U.S. Air Force was at the top of the list. Its Project Bluebook UFO investigation had developed quite a reputation for attaching some of the most worthless explanations to perfectly good UFO sightings. It identified as balloons things which couldn't possibly have been balloons, and described as aircraft other UFOs which neither looked nor acted like aircraft. Thus it would have been quite understandable if the Air Force had jumped on the temperature inversion explanation with great glee. But it didn't. No one seems to know just why the Project Bluebook people suddenly became

scientific, but they did. And it happened right after one of the most highly publicized and (to the Air Force) embarrassing experiences in UFO history.

In the summer of 1952, UFOs suddenly popped up right over the nation's capital. In late July they were picked up on radar and seen visually from the ground and from the air for several hours on each of several nights. Lighted objects zipped all around Washington and its suburbs. They flew past airliners, over people's heads and made right-angle turns at high speed.

When the Air Force responded to the intense interest by holding a huge press conference at the Pentagon on July 29th, it gave everyone the impression that the UFOs were caused by temperature inversions. High-ranking Air Force spokesmen didn't quite come out and say it, but they certainly left the idea in a lot of minds. For that matter, they didn't say very much that wasn't ambiguous.

The press, in its rush to boil down many pages of testimony to a phrase or two, also blamed the eerie nights of flying objects on temperature inversions. And that was what the public learned—that the so-called objects were nothing more than light refracted from ground sources by the alternating layers of warm and cool air. Accompanying the stories were greatly exaggerated drawings showing how light rays supposedly could be bent into great curving arcs to fool almost everyone.

Among those who weren't fooled were the men of Bluebook at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. Project Director Capt. Ed Ruppelt, in his first status report to be written after the July wave over Washington (but kept confidential for many years), threw cold water on the business of hot and cold layers of air:

"Several widely publicized theories as to the nature of the reported objects or phenomena have been advanced in recent months. These theories have been discussed with authorities on the subject of atmospheric physics and they have agreed that none of the theories so far proposed would account for more than a very small percentage of the reports, if any."

Project Bluebook wandered on for 15 years more. In that time it collected 10,000 more UFO reports, of which less than half of one percent were explained as temperature inversions or mirages. The Air Force obviously

didn't take the theory seriously, but the public didn't know it at the time because all this was classified.

Whether or not the Air Force should have kept its position secret is debatable. But what is not debatable is the dishonesty of the Air Force in continuing to suggest that temperature inversions were a major cause of UFO sightings even when it knew this wasn't true. In a late 1954 mimeographed summary of UFO events and information, the Air Force suggested that temperature inversions were to blame for radar-tracked UFOs, one of which was described in the summary. But that object was said to have been between 10 and 25 degrees above the tracking airplane (which was at 7,000 feet), and that is strong evidence that an inversion could not have been responsible.

According to the late Dr. James McDonald, former Senior Physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the University of Arizona: "Index gradients adequate to give appreciable super-refraction or subrefraction are unknown in the free atmosphere." In layman's language, this means that there are never conditions in the Earth's atmosphere which could shift an image more than about one degree above the observer's horizon.

Dr. McDonald's 1967 paper continues: "Still more significant is that one cannot get a return even with powerful index gradients unless there is some solid radar-returning object in the bent beam. Near the Earth's surface, it is ground objects of one sort or another that provide false targets of solid nature, but aloft there are no such solid objects lying around to throw back a spurious echo. The result is that 'ground returns' are entirely unknown aloft..."

The years rolled by and still no one effectively and publicly refuted the temperature inversion theory. Dr. McDonald's speeches and papers were heard and read by many members of the scientific community, but they seemed to have little impact.

Those who wanted to pooh-pooh UFOs reminded their audiences that the U.S. Navy once fired upon what it thought was a Japanese fleet, only to discover that its target was actually a small island beyond the horizon which a temperature inversion had fooled radar into thinking was much closer. Few seemed to notice or to care that both the island and its image were within a degree of the horizon, not high in the sky.

As the years passed, the Air Force continued to hint that mirages might play a part in UFO sightings, but gradually began to play down this explanation. Never did it say that mirages were of little or no significance, but at least it talked less and less about them.

When it came time for the University of Colorado's \$500,000 Air Force-sponsored study of UFOs to take a look at mirages, it assigned the task to William Viezee, then a research meteorologist at the Stanford Research Institute. His chapter, "Optical Mirages," stretches for 57 pages in the paperback edition of the "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects," which is the report of the investigation.

The chapter is crowded with complex formulas, charts, graphs, tables and proper scientific language. Like much of the rest of the report, Viezee's portion is difficult to grasp. Moreover, the conclusions give a markedly different view of the situation than does the body of his chapter. In his concluding remarks, Viezee says: "...noticeable refractive effects are not likely beyond an angular distance of approximately 14 degrees above the horizon and...a superior mirage image is not likely beyond an angular distance of one to two degrees above the horizon."

That seems to suggest, at least to the laymen, that a mirage could be seen as high as 14 degrees above the horizon. But in the middle of his chapter is this: "For all practical purposes, 0.5 degrees can be considered as the near-maximum angle of illumination that will allow for formation of a mirage." And in the same paragraph: "Hence one degree of arc must represent about the maximum angular distance that can be expected between the true position of the light source and its refracted image."

Finally, Viezee makes this almost-definitive statement: "...mirages appear 'low in the sky' and near the horizontal plane of view. An optical image seen near the zenith is not attributable to mirage." Had the Colorado report made more of an issue of this, stating clearly that mirages have almost nothing to do with UFOs, it might have scored a much-needed point for objectivity. Unfortunately, the important words were buried deep in the body of the report, where few have ever seen them.

At about the time the Colorado

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possible conditions for production of a mirage. But, as we have argued previously, the temperatures required for this situation are prohibitively large and the angles of deviation much too small, thereby eliminating the possibility that reflections produce mirages at angles of one degree or more from the horizontal. To be sure, mirages are produced by inversions aloft, but these inversions only bend a light ray by a few tens of minutes of a degree."

In concluding his report, Frederick Menkello refers to an authority on both UFOs and atmospheric phenomena, Dr. James McDonald. "Our conclusions are summarized by McDonald in his paper presented for the Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects at the hearings before the Committee on Science and Astronautics of the House of Representatives. At this point in his paper, McDonald is discussing Menzel's explanation of certain UFO sightings as being attributed to mirages. He writes:

"A principal difficulty with Menzel's mirage explanations is that he typically overlooks completely stringent quantitative restrictions on the angle of elevation of the observer's line of sight in mirage effects. Mirage phenomena are quite common on the Arizona desert, but both observation and optical theory are in good accord in showing that mirage effects are confined to lines of sight that do not depart from the horizontal by much more than a few tens of minutes of arc (less than one degree)."

Dr. James McDonald made it abundantly clear that mirages and UFOs are not even distant cousins. Air Force Lt. Menkello produced a report full of charts and graphs that adds depth to what McDonald said. The University of Colorado's Air Force-financed study concluded with more words, but the same meaning. It has been many years since anyone seriously suggested that the opposite is true.

All that remains of the temperature inversion/mirage theory is the firmly implanted idea in the minds of far too many people that lights on the ground can somehow be projected high into the sky by perfectly natural, common occurrences. Most of those who once pushed this now-discredited idea are keeping quiet.

Except for Dr. Donald Menzel. As recently as the December, 1969 General Symposium on UFOs of the American Association for the Ad-

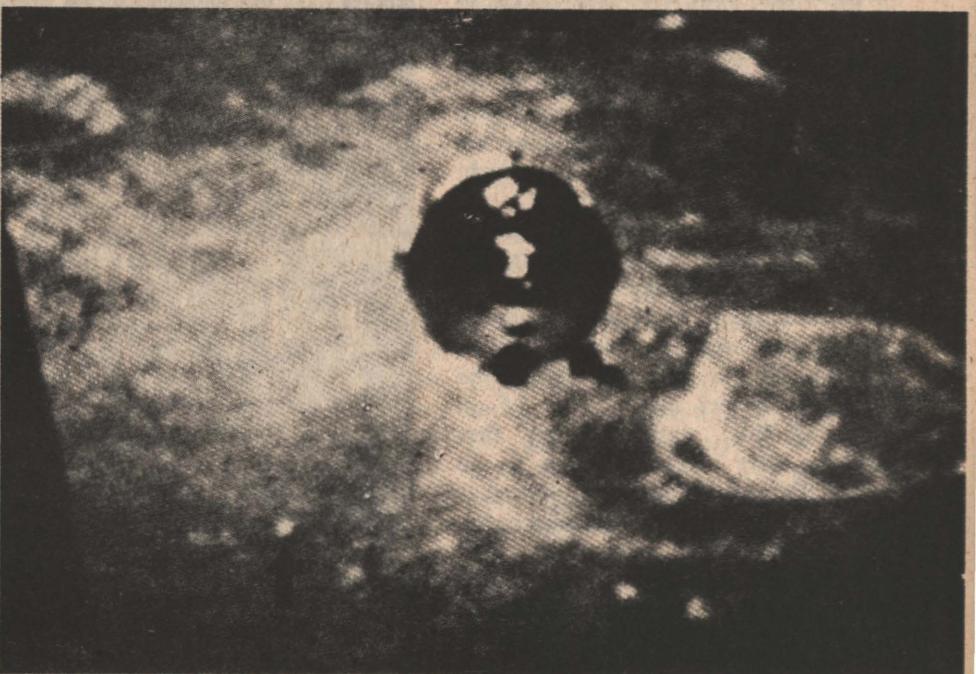
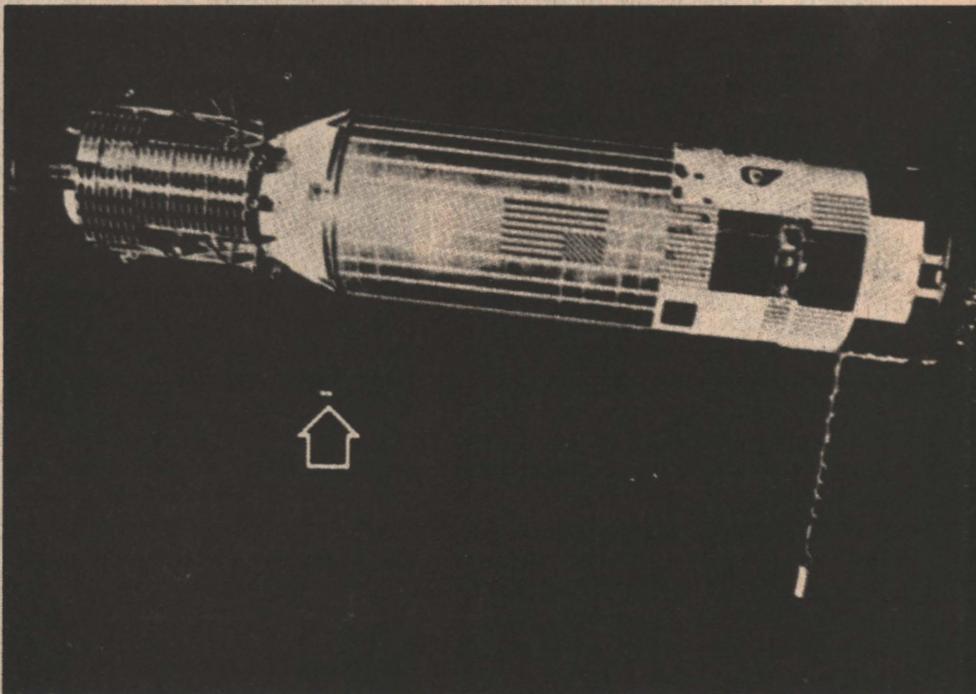
vancement of Science, he was still trying to sell this dead horse. According to the pre-meeting summary of papers to be given at the important meeting, Dr. Menzel was to tell the gathering of scientists:

"Free-floating lights, seen at night for instance, are explained by temperature inversions, in which warmer air at altitudes of a few thousand feet refracts distant light sources such as auto headlights, so they are seen 'high in the air.'"

Yet, according to the computer-produced charts in the official Air Force report on the subject, such effects would demand temperature shifts of several thousand degrees. If

this were ever to happen, anyone in a position to see the mirage effects would not report it, for he would immediately be burned into a small cinder.

The data are there for anyone to read. They are not at all conflicting, but make their point very clearly. Yet it is quite predictable that the next big wave of highly publicized UFO reports will be met by at least one supposedly professional scientist announcing that the bright lights seen high overhead by hundreds of people were just car headlights which had been refracted upwards by a somewhat unusual temperature inversion. It becomes frustrating.... ●



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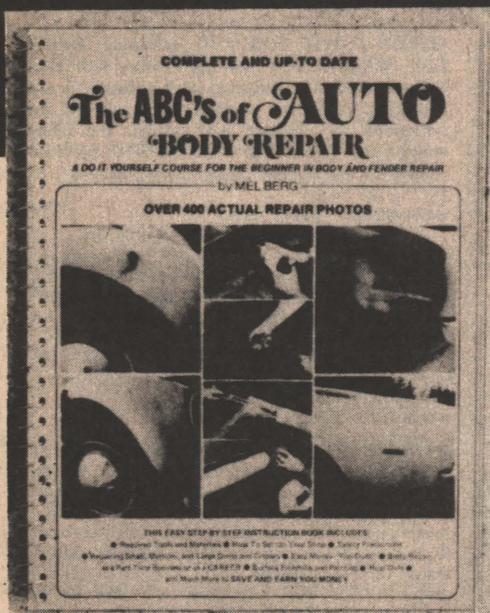
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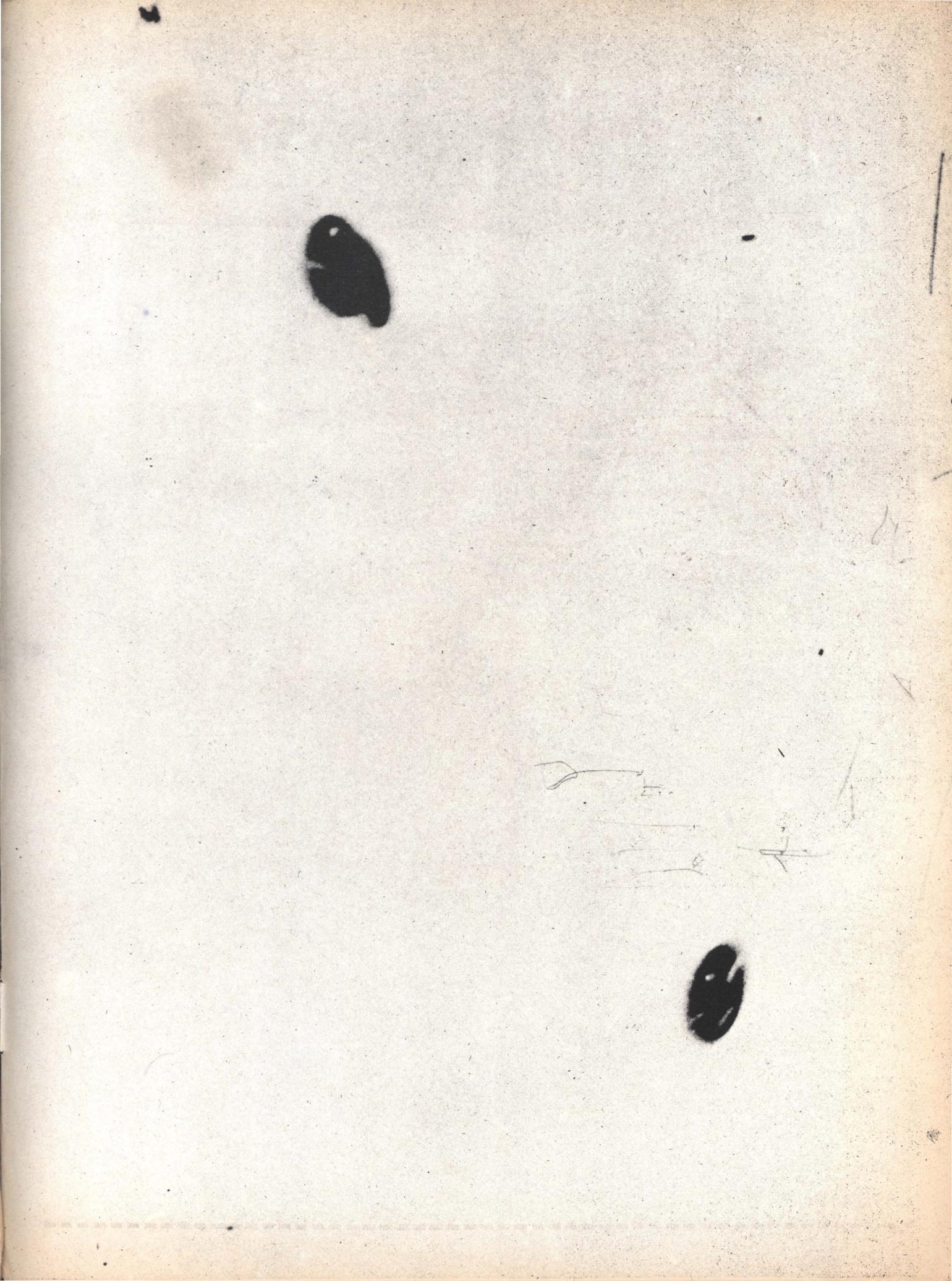
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