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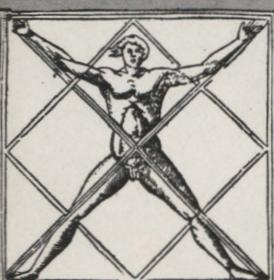
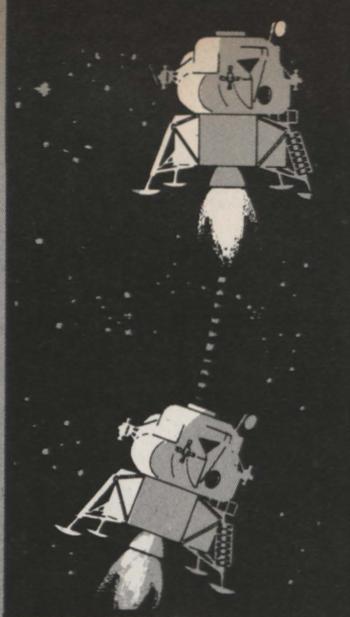
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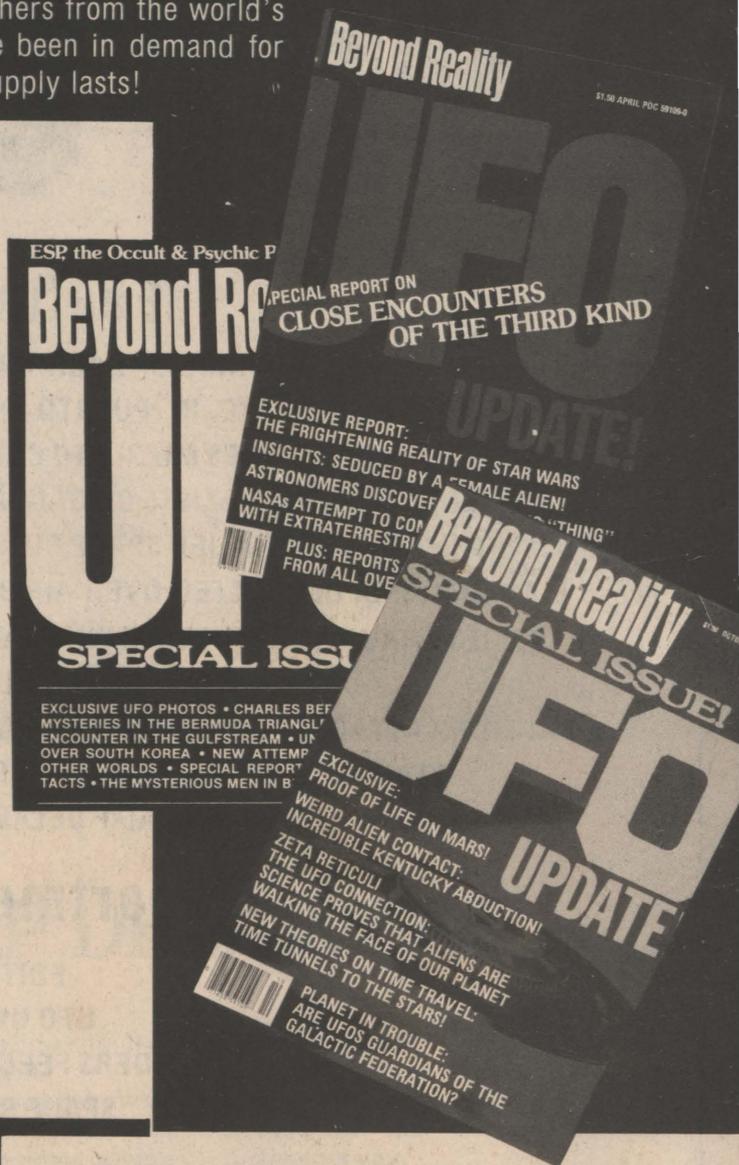
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Editorial



Not too long ago, astronaut John W. Young, made quite an interesting remark concerning UFOs. Young, who along with fellow astronaut Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon on April 20-23, 1972, maintained: "If you bet against UFOs you'd be betting against an almost sure thing. There are so many stars that it's mathematically improbable that there aren't other life sources in the universe..."

Young's words bring home to me the remarkable results of a survey that was recently conducted by the Industrial Research/Development magazine. A poll sponsored by the publication brought out that a phenomenal 61 percent of top scientists interviewed now believe in UFOs—and more than half want the government to fund investigation into them. Research/Development circulates exclusively to scientists in government, industry and universities.

The poll also brought out other interesting statistics I'd like to share with you. For instance, eight percent of these scientists are convinced that they had seen UFOs themselves.

Said Bob Jones, the magazine's editor, "We tend to think of scientists as being skeptical, but I think this poll disproves that. Intelligent scientists are now accepting the probability that UFOs do exist."

As a statistical afterthought, of the 1,200 scientists who took part in the survey, 92 percent had earned at least a masters degree or higher.

A similar poll was run in 1971, and editor Jones brought out, "It seemed like a good idea to see how attitudes toward UFOs had changed since then." Since the last poll, nine years ago, there has emerged a seven percent jump in scientists who have come to claim the possibility factor.

As it stands, more and more men of science are becoming convinced of the existence of interstellar craft—the phenomenon we have come to know as unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

Although more persons are reporting their UFO sightings or getting involved in the subject of UFOlogy, there are still a handful of skeptics who seem to be



Astronaut John Young

unmoved by the myriad of landing trace cases.

Said nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman: "After 21 years of study and investigation, I am convinced that the evidence is overwhelming that planet Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Friedman maintained that more than 1,100 (landing trace) cases from 57 countries are on file today.

Yes, everyone it seems, even the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for decades, has been keeping extensive records of sightings and other UFO related material. Some of that "other material," it has been learned, was earmarked top secret, but now it seems is open to public scrutiny thanks to the Freedom of Information Act (F80IA). In fact, some 1500 pages of FBI documents concerning UFOs are now in the hands of Cleveland UFOlogy Project (CUP). It just goes to show that even the FBI, for years, has believed in, and strictly monitored, UFO activities.

In general, the facts and statistics are quite interesting as well as illuminating, speculating on a rather fascinating detail: Since January 7, 1948, when a few minutes past one in the afternoon, a circular, 300-foot diameter UFO moving westward "at a pretty good clip" was spotted over Louisville, Kentucky, until the present day, the fact that they are here is beyond a reasonable doubt. The only puzzle yet to solve is just where do they come from.

Harry Belil
Harry Belil
editor

Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

Believe me, I'm tickled pink that you ran the photo of astronaut Gordon Cooper along with the banner headline, "I believe in extraterrestrial life because I saw a spacecraft..." in your winter issue.

Cooper, in this well documented interview, was referring to a sighting made in the 1950s while he flew F-84 jets over Germany for the U.S. Air Force.

Now 51, a retired Air Force Colonel, and the pilot of the MA-9 (Mercury-Atlas) spacecraft which evaluated the effects of man in space in April of 1963, Cooper believes that extraterrestrial beings are sending their space vehicles to earth on special missions.

Perhaps now, with the publication of this interview, all of the hard-nosed non-believers who think we are all alone in the vast scheme of the universe will finally get their noses rubbed in the dirt.

John H. Bennett
4143 Banner Avenue
Beaver Dam, WI

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for your number 5 issue of *UFO Update*. Your fine article, "Crater Lake's Elusive UFO," opened my eyes. I'm an insurance executive and all year long my butt is behind a desk. For three weeks out of the year, I leave my stuffy office, grab my fishing tackle and head for the briny. I've fished in waters from New York State to the Gulf of Mexico. As a matter of fact, for my next vacation, I'm planning to drive out to Clackamas County and do some fishing on Crater Lake.

However, thanks to author Nick Alcali, and his article, I'll be

heading elsewhere for my deep water fishing.

It's not that I'm what you would call "chicken," but my vacation plans certainly do not include running into what Jack Morgan and Monroe Dickson ran into on that lake; namely, an interstellar craft. Again, thanks for changing my plans for me.

Stephen Shawler
Bennington, VT

Dear Editor:

What in hell is going on. You hear and read so many accounts of things, you just don't know what to believe anymore. I'm referring to "Space Aliens Have Taken My Son," which appeared in your Summer, 1979 issue.

Your Australian Editor, Lawrence McBridge, scooped other Australian and American newspapers and radio stations with the account, but nevertheless other media picked up on his story of the young man who disappeared while flying his single engine Cessna 182 to King Island some 130 miles south of Melbourne, Australia.

After all the publicity someone told me the whole thing was a hoax, that there was no Cessna at all, no lost radio contact—in fact, no story at all. Can you straighten me out on this, please?

Henry Myninski
Benton, Arkansas

—Editor's Note:

Yes, we've heard the same rumors. But we've also heard other quite interesting reports. For one, accounts of UFO activity in the area have been brought to the attention of this publication by a variety of sources. On the night of the assumed disappearance of the pilot, Frederick Valentich, sightings have come from Sydney,

Port Jackson, New South Wales and Victoria—all verifying four bright lights—the same phenomena reported by the pilot.

So far, it's still official that an aircraft did vanish as reported.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy your fine magazine, *UFO Update*. It beats out all of the other supposed UFO magazines on the stand, and the information I gather from amongst your knowledgeable pages is indeed enlightening.

I especially enjoyed your Winter issue, Number 5, 1980. I enjoyed reading about the film shot from a four-engine Argosy turbo-prop on the early morning of last December 31, and how scientists are proving the authenticity that what they photographed is indeed a UFO.

The sighting, over New Zealand, was filmed from the aircraft by an Australian television crew, and according to Professor J. Allyn Hynek, "This is a genuine, bona fide, 100 percent unidentified flying object that can't be explained by anything else."

Although you ran the story, the quote I have just mentioned is from other sources. A panel of top scientists which include experts assigned to the U.S. Navy and other government agencies, agree with Hynek. They have ruled out all explanations for the sightings, even the possibility of a hoax.

As you well know, Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, brought out, "We have here a case of combined radar observations, visual observations from a total of six people and of course, movies.

Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigations Commit-

tee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) said the computer analysis of the film showed the UFO actually changed its shape and emitted different colored lights from its bright bottom half and dimmer top half.

I especially enjoyed reading Acuff's quote of the entire matter: "All we can say about this film is that it is what we call a UFO. It is the only film in over 20 years that NICAP has been willing to say, 'yes, this is a UFO without any doubt.'"

Emil Bordon
Athens, Ohio

Dear Editor:

Is it true that a crippled spacecraft from another planet is circling earth?

According to Professor Sergei Petrovich Bozhich, top astrophysicist who lectures at Moscow University, not only is a damaged alien spacecraft in orbit around our planet, but that dead humanoids might still be onboard.

According to my sources, the Soviets first spotted the space wreck some 1,240 miles above earth in the early 1960s. But only now—after years of study have absolutely convinced them it is alien, broken into ten pieces by an internal explosion—with the two largest sections measuring about 100 feet in diameter.

Henry Zeeland
Anchorage, Alaska

—Editor's Note:

We've heard the same bit of information, and the fact that some years ago, Russian scientists have absolutely ruled out that a meteor orbiting our atmosphere might have caused the fragments. In fact, according to National Radio Astronomy Observatory as-

tronomer, Dr. Lee Rickard, "Met-
teors in earth orbit are a million to
one shot. The Astronomer also
said that meteors can not explode
spontaneously from within."

Dear Editor:

I have several of your *UFO UPDATE* issues and I must say that I am very impressed and pleased with your fine publication. I would like to invite your readers to join our UFO research organization. We are CICAP (The Central Investigative Committee of Aerial Phenomena). We are dedicated towards the research and investigation of the UFO problem that is sweeping the globe and reported with a tongue in cheek manner by the news media. We are working to become a national network of UFO researchers, investigators and staff writers and photographers and most of all, members.

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Dear Editor:

I am not sure to whom this letter is to go, but I figure if we told you our story—which is true—you might publish it—and then maybe you could help us.

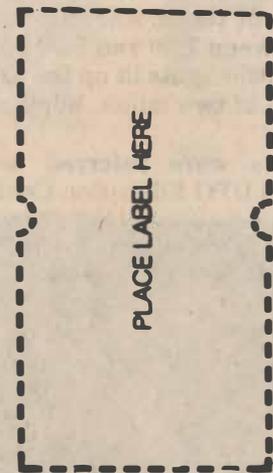
I was delighted when a good friend of mine came down from Chopin, La., to visit me last summer. My husband and I were heading towards Byron to visit his Mom there. My friend Dian was going with us at the time.

On the way up to Byron, CA, on the road just shortly after we came off the Middle River Bridge, we had seen a dimly lit egg-shaped object in the sky. It was at night

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—MONROE, WISCONSIN

More than two dozen telephone calls lit up the Green County Sheriff's Department last April 26. Area residents were reporting an assortment of lights wandering aimlessly across the sky.

Most of those who called said that between 7:30 and 8:00 PM, 12 to 18 "little lights lit up the sky for a radius of two miles, blipping on and off."

Callers were referred to the Midwest UFO Education Center in



Appleton. Some witnesses said the lights were similar to aircraft lights, the agency reported.

Lenore Heiman, who took the reports, said: "Most of the callers described the objects as 'little white lights'. But one Monroe man reported that a large, orange, oval-shaped object had passed right over his house." Ms. Heiman said that the man told her the object made no noise as it went by.

During the time of the sighting, radar operators in Madison reported spotting two "blips" on their screens, and could see no evidence of other activity over the Green County vicinity.

—MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA

Union County building inspector Steve Morton was returning from a basketball game at Western Union Elementary School when he saw a UFO near the Corinth Church Road.

Together with his family, Morton specified, "It was hovering 200 feet above the road. There were several bright lights on one end, and a red light on top of it and a red light at the other end."

The oval-shaped UFO moved away from the Morton vehicle when he tried to approach it.

According to local UFO investigators Wayne LaPorte and Henry Morton (no relation to Steve Morton), two other groups of county residents also reported seeing UFOs that night. The Steve Morton sighting is part of 23 reported sightings in the area during the two-week period between March 3-17—a record, according to LaPorte, an industrial engineer and UFO investigator for three years.

—PIXLEY, CALIFORNIA

A cluster of pulsating, multi-colored lights climbing at about 300 miles per hour, played havoc with the senses of half-a-dozen motorists last February 12.

One local resident, Steve Jennings, was just leaving his home when he observed the object in the overcast sky just before sunset.

The UFO was over Park Avenue, next to El Serape, in the general direction of Pixley Park, hovering at about 1,000 feet.

A private pilot himself, Jennings was quick to notice the absence of commercial aircraft due to the inclement weather. He also noted that the object moved in a southeasterly direction, climbing

steadily.

Minutes after the sighting, Jennings spotted a second object on the west side of the freeway, tilted at a 20-30 degree angle.

Another Pixley resident, Vickie Merritt, driving with a friend, also spotted an object hovering over the park. "It was a really bright light," she said, "It stayed over the park area about 30 minutes.

—ENID, OKLAHOMA

A flashing blue light illuminating the roadway like a rocket over a battlefield lit up the highway between North Ridge and Curtis last July 14, causing Oklahoma motorists to veer off the road.

Visible for more than 45 minutes over Highway 83, the light played not more than ten feet over the tops of autos from 10 PM until 4:30 AM. It then rose straight up and disappeared into the darkened early morning sky.

Although authorities with the Federal Aviation Administration maintain the phenomenon might have been a reflection or jet fighter, a check with Vance Air Force Base revealed that no aircraft had been flying between the hours of 8 PM and 7 AM.

—PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

An unidentified object over the Correy Field Shopping Center last July 14 sent four boys scurrying for home.

John Alderton and his cousin, Terry, both 11, were shooting basketball behind the Warrington Middle School with their friends James Stevenson 12, and his brother Robbie, 10. The boys saw something bigger than a plane with six red lights hovering near the ground.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration and the Naval Air Station said they received no reports of UFO activity in the Pensacola area on the 14th, local police did receive telephone calls of a cigar-shaped UFO hovering over School Avenue, North Pensacola.

The callers—15 in all—reported a “huge airplane with no wings and six flashing red lights hovering over the Pensacola and North Pensacola areas.

—BELGREEN, ALABAMA

A series of weirdly glowing lights in the sky moving at incredible speeds were sighted last May 4 over Bear Creek Dam near Horseshoe Bend.

One of the objects, flashing red and green, circled high as two others flew below it in alternating directions. Then the two lower objects went straight at each other, stopping abruptly and hung motionless for thirty seconds.

Those who saw the “aerial circus” said the lights coming from the UFOs were so bright that one could not look up at the sky for too long.

Said one witness, “We watched one of the objects stay in the same position for so long we began to think it was a star, and then suddenly it moved, remaining motionless for some four or five minutes.”

Witnessed by two dozen Belgreen residents, the sightings took place at 7:00 PM and lasted for three-quarters of an hour. All agreed that the entire spectacle was in silence, not even a buzzing or humming was heard from the celestial crafts which, before vanishing straight up in a burst of speed, joined together to form a

bright green light pattern.

Officials at nearby Columbus Air Force Base said they had no aircraft operating in the area.

At 8:45 AM, one hour after the UFOs vanished over Belgreen, Franklin County police reported receiving dozens of reports of bright lights in the sky over their county. Later that day further reports came in from Hamilton, several miles away.

—TORONTO, CANADA

Three bright arrow-shaped objects flying in military formation were seen over Coquette Road, Downsview, early last June.

It was late and Dino Cimini said he and five friends were talking outside his house.

“I suddenly looked up and saw them. One minute they were next to each other, in a tight formation pattern, and the next minute they were ‘all in one’—like one larger object.”

“A strange bright color, they moved noiselessly and very fast. They weren’t military aircraft because I live near a base and I’ve seen them fly.

“All of us just looked at each other afterwards but none of us reported it, thinking people would think we are fools. I believe some planet is keeping an eye on us...”

—BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

When area teenagers recently saw two unidentified flying objects about 150 feet above the ground and about 100 feet apart, they reported to the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Study.

Joan Jeffers an area observer for the Center, said Gregory Elliott, 19, and a 16-year-old companion, both of Port Allegany,

were driving home from Olean, New York, about three miles north of Eldred when they saw two bright red lights flying over the roadway in front of them.

The lights, they reported, were traveling at about the same speed and direction as the car—50 miles per hour. In the course of following the object, the pair reported that 10 deer ran across the road as though they were being chased.

Elliott, Ms Jeffers said, stopped the car and both climbed from the vehicle, running into a nearby house. The UFO, they told the owner, appeared to land about 100 yards from the house behind a cluster of trees.

“Lights seemed to flash across



the front of it while it was either low or on the ground, and it appeared to be a round object with a top shaped like a dome,” Elliott said.

The travelers said another object had joined the first on a hilltop nearby. The second one was bright gold and triangular shaped, about half the size of the moon. Although they were fright-

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She could hardly believe her eyes! A shadowy man-shaped figure materialized in the corner of her bedroom. As the being stepped forward, she could see that it was something fascinating and far from human.

A Personal Encounter:

THE BEGINNING OF A NIGHTMARE

BY RALPH E. VAUGHAN

July 9, 1973: My brother, Jim, witnessed a bright, white, star-looking UFO doing maneuvers over Fox Lake."

This is a very common UFO sighting. There is nothing particularly unusual in seeing this type of UFO. For most people, this would have been the end of the matter. For Nancy Handyside and her sister Jo Ann Silvis it was just the beginning of a nightmare.

In the words of veteran paranormal researcher John A. Keel, the phenomenon "zeroed" in on them and their families.

For the next few years Nancy kept a concise diary of the strange events that occurred.

Nancy and Jo live in Illinois, north of Chicago. Both of them are mature, level-headed women who are not about to let their imaginations run away with them. Before they became personally involved in UFOs, all they knew was what they had read in the newspapers.

Just two days after their first encounter, Jo and her mother

were out shopping when they noticed a bright orange light following them. Jo called Nancy who lived in another town, and told her what they were seeing. Nancy later stepped out of her house and saw a bright orange light come up over the trees, across from her house, and disappear into the north.

"How did it know she called me? Nancy wrote in her diary. "Or where to come?"

The rest of the month and the first part of July was filled with minor UFO sightings of all types. Most of them occurred near lakes and over power stations. Nancy noted that at the time, there were also "unusual animal disturbances during the sightings."

These brief contacts were just a prelude for the big show which occurred on August 8, 1973. Nancy records:

"Aug. 8: The one over the lake appeared after 9:30 p.m. I watched it for a minute, and it gave a burst of red and totally disap-

peared. A few seconds later it came back on. I ran in, got a flashlight and signaled it with three flashes. It returned three blackouts. The clouds started coming in and I saw it no more.

"2:30 a.m. I awoke with a strong impulse to go to the window facing east. I fought the impulse. My hair stood on end like I had electricity and a sound like buzzing bees made me very sick. I gave in and went to the window.

"Eight star-looking UFOs had formed in a circle and it (the circle) was filled with other UFOs. There must have been at least 15 stars. Under the circle, there was a bright orange one that would rush up and get as big as a basketball and then go back to the circle and then rush up again. At the time, I thought the orange one was just excited about the show they were putting on for me."

Nancy was right. They were putting on a show for her. It was like a small demonstration of what they could do. They were letting

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her know that she and others around her had been chosen as subjects for harassment.

One of Nancy's daughters also had a visitor which could only be perceived as a "shadow". Her mother saw flashing lights which seemed to produce an air-cushion effect. They even began receiving "spirit knocking" at this time.

Jo had a close encounter with a UFO at a distance of 25 feet and tried to take a picture of it. The photos failed to develop, although there was nothing physically wrong with the camera or the film.

Other strange things began to happen. Jo's Bible opened by itself and a light from nowhere highlighted certain passages. The knockings and rappings became almost intolerable. Nancy saw a pillar of yellow fog come to her window and then go through the field, leaving a trail of mashed and broken weeds.

On October 11, Bert, Nancy's husband, was startled and disturbed by a series of heavy knockings around the house. He discovered nothing which could have caused them, when he checked the area.

Things started disappearing around the house and reappearing in places where they had no business being. A cross accidentally left at school, mysteriously turned up on a window still inside their home. At their mother's home, the thermostat was pushed up to 80 degrees no matter how many times it was set back.

On November 17, Nancy saw a shadow standing at the foot of her bed at about 10 PM and automatically assumed it was her husband. She called his name and the shadow walked around to his side of the bed. It walked slowly, sort of floating and stopped close to the bed. She then called his name again and turned on the light. There was nothing there. Later, her husband told her he

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had not come in anywhere near that time.

The night of January 4, 1974 saw the powers of the entities branch out, reaching deeper into the lives of those involved.

Almost simultaneously, two women in separate locations had identical nightmares. Neither of them had talked to Nancy in years, but suddenly they were possessed by an uncontrollable compulsion to call her. This was followed by a rash of strange nightmares by several of their friends.

When Nancy was awakened by the sound of "buzzing bees" on January 24, she immediately became violently ill. There have been several UFO cases where witnesses were also physically affected by barely audible sounds. When Nancy heard the sound, dogs in the area began howling.

Then came the ouija board incident. A friend of Nancy and Jo, Jack M., had been playing with the instrument when he made contact with a being calling itself Iris. Iris told them she was a member of the crew of the UFOs they had been observing.

She went on to give Jack and the others the usual obscure messages and called them "Children of Special Thought." It is interesting, though by no means isolated, that supposedly scientifically advanced aliens utilize the traditionally supernatural tool as a method of communicating.

The ouija board is not the toy it has been marketed as for many years. It is an instrument which can give a voice to beings of rather low intelligence who would otherwise be mute. Working through the board, unearthly forces can influence and control the people they come into contact with. Nancy and Jo soon disassociated themselves from this activity, feeling that it went against their very strong Christian beliefs.

Nancy and her family were assaulted with more poltergeist activity. Common household articles continued to disappear, and knockings and rappings became more violent.

In middle February, Nancy's daughter had a rather frightening experience. She was awakened by something which pulled the covers down to her knees. Something pinched her toes "like it had a claw instead of a hand." The air in the room became icy cold. After it left, she was so frightened that she stayed awake the rest of the night.

When a shadowy, man-shaped thing invaded Nancy's room, Jo, in another town, experienced almost unbearable cold in her room. The shadow dissolved into nothingness and the room returned to normal.

UFO and occult lore are filled with accounts of strange beings who appear to be human but possess powers not common to the rest of humanity. Their knowledge and capabilities set them apart from us although they move among us with ease, passing themselves off as one of us. At a UFO meeting on December 12, 1974, Nancy and Jo met two of these singular beings.

They contacted the two women in the area they were most susceptible—the religious frame of reference. There was an older one and a younger one. The older one wore a heavy gold cross around his neck.

From Nancy's diary: "First a demon's face was superimposed over his, then it shrunk down and glided into his spinning cross. They had brown eyes."

Jo had a more complete description of the men. "They were small men. They had dark hair, dark complexions. The older one had unusually long fingers, stubbed on the ends, making them look as if they had been cut off.

"They kept talking about their powers," Jo continued, "and seemed to keep trying to trip us up on our knowledge of the Bible. We haven't seen them since and frankly don't care to. One of them said there were strange things going on at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

Just five days after this weird encounter, Jo experienced their most confirmed alien contact.

At about 2:30 a.m., Jo was awakened by a moaning sound. She got up to investigate, thinking that something might be wrong with her daughter. Everybody was asleep and the house was quiet. As she got back into bed, she noticed many dogs in the neighborhood were howling furiously.

Immediately after getting into bed, Jo felt a weight next to her and assumed it to be her dog. She laid there for perhaps ten minutes with it brushing up against her hip. She turned over to pet him, but instead of the dog a man was laying there grinning up at her.

He had a large head but was only three feet tall with skinny arms and no hair. He had big, round, dark eyes with no discernable white areas. He had a pointed chin and a slit-like mouth.

Jo finally overcame her shock and reacted. She sat up and shoved him away. He disappeared before he hit the floor. Jo's dog had been asleep through the entire bizarre episode and only awakened once the man disappeared.

The little man did not have any sort of machine to help him vanish from the room. Could it be that he did not really teleport in the way that our physicists tell us it can be done? Could it have been done solely with the power of the mind?

One of the most exciting concepts in modern physics is the theory that there are universes other than just the one in which we exist. Theoretically these other

galaxys exist alongside our own and may even physically touch at certain points. If this is so then it might be possible for inhabitants of these other universes as well as certain gifted humans, to open "doorways" with just the power of the mind. This could explain what happened to the little man. Having the ability to enter and exit our universe at will, we are then faced with the question of whether the man was an inhabitant of our universe at all. If not, then he would not be an alien from outer space but rather an interdimensional creature.

Let our minds wander for a while as we feel out a theory or two. Might not these strange beings be able to project the form of themselves into our universe without projecting their substance? In her entry for March 13, 1975, Nancy writes, "Mom had a room full of shadow men last night. She felt great fear. One real big one was leaning over her and another big one was pacing back and forth with his hands clasped behind his back and his head bowed. The rest were normal sized."

Jo explained, "They are two-dimensional like the image on a television screen except there is no color. They definitely interact with us and react to the spoken word."

"The shadow men are real," Nancy added. "I accidently walked into one of them one night, and he felt like a wet tingly fog which dissipated as I walked into it."

As the days stretched into months there was no break in the sinister phenomena they were forced to endure. They smelled odors that were sometimes as bad as rotting garbage and sometimes like the sulphur associated with hell. Nancy saw a terrifying shadow of a horned head like the demons of the Middle Ages. Jo's hips and back were badly cut when a piece of glass mysteriously

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In recent years, Puerto Rico has swelled in its reports of UFOs. From San Sebastian and Adjuntas in the north to Toa Baja and Mayaguez in the south, there have been many reports of strange and mysterious aircraft.

IS THERE A UFO BASE IN PUERTO RICO?



Carol Estaban, an old friend and fellow UFO researcher, had been so excited about this particular incident that she didn't drive me straight to my hotel.

Exactly one hour and fourteen minutes after my jet touched down at the San Juan airport, early on the morning of June 23, 1979, I was taken directly to the village of Cabo Rojo, situated at the far end of the island.

Puerto Rico, for the benefit of the arm-chair traveler, is an area about 100 miles long and 35 miles wide at the northeastern end of the Caribbean Sea, with the highest standards of living in Latin America. It has often been referred to as *Paraiso en el Sol*—"Paradise in the Sun."

With its abundant beaches, lavish hotels and warm, tropical climate, every year the roughly-rectangular island of 3,435 square

miles, and a population of almost 3 million, attracts thousands of vacationers from every corner of the world.

I too was attracted to Puerto Rico, but not for the same reasons. I'm a UFO investigator, and my stories and articles have appeared in newspapers and magazines worldwide for the past two decades, and I've been called in as technical consultant for some of the better science fiction films, television documentaries and government manuals.

Carol had explained in her hurried cable, reiterating the facts during the drive, that several inhabitants of Cabo Rojo had reported UFO sightings over a 48-hour span on the 21st and 22nd of the month. One of the reports even described a fantastic close encounter.

By the time we reached Cabo

Rojo—65 square miles of glorious tropical sun—I already had all of the preliminary facts I needed, and I was anxious to begin investigating on my own.

In recent years, Puerto Rico has swelled in its sightings of UFOs. From Adjuntas and San Sebastian in the north to Toa Baja and Mayaguez to the south, police switchboards have been extremely busy, as tourists and natives alike reported spotting the elusive celestial craft.

And now, Cabo Rojo seemed to be the center of activity—the hub of the disturbances.

I didn't check into my hotel. Instead, Carol and I proceeded to the far end of the *municipios* where architect Mr. Juan Nieves Soto waited for me. Introductions were quickly exchanged and the three of us—Carol, Soto and myself—went into the lounge of a



This photo of a UFO was supplied to us by Jose Martinez, a graphic artist who lives in Mayaguez. The UFO hovered over his house for about 3 minutes, giving him enough time to get his camera. He managed to get several shots before the UFO flashed out of sight.

local restaurant where we could talk without being interrupted.

Soto wore a short-sleeved, multi-colored shirt; a fresh bandage covered the whole of his left arm to the elbow.

He touched the injury, lightly running his index finger along the length of the white bandage. "I guess this is why you're here," he said.

I lit a cigarette. "How'd it happen?"

Soto bit down hard on his lower lip, thinking deeply. "It was last Thursday," he said, "the 21st." Momentarily, he shook his head and closed his eyes as though reliving what seemed to him a nightmare.

"We just started construction on a shopping complex here," he began slowly, pointing through the window at the maze of dug-up earth, canvass-covered earth-mov-

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Juan Nieves Soto was sitting in his car [foreground] when he encountered a UFO and several extraterrestrials. He claimed that one of the aliens "shot" him with a strange weapon which left several burns on his arm.

ing equipment and roped-off areas. "It was sundown and my crew had just left for the day. I was getting ready to drive home. Nobody else was about. I was just putting the construction maps and plans in the back seat of the car when I heard this weird humming sound. It was coming from high above me. I looked up and I saw this huge, disc-shaped object descend from the evening sky—as if from nowhere—just hovering there."

I asked Soto to describe it more fully. "It was very large," he said nervously. "Colors," I asked. "Did you notice any colors?" "The underside emitted a purplish haze," he said. "Was that the only color you saw?" "Yes, except for the thing—craft—itself. "What color was *that*?" "It was silvery, with an almost mirror finish." "And then what happened?"

Soto took a deep breath and began again. "It just sort of hung there—hovered rather. And then suddenly this protrusion emerged out of the bottom."

"Protrusion?"

"Yes, sort of a rod that jutted out, spinning as it separated from the rest of the craft."

"Have you any idea what it was?" I asked.

"It seemed like some sort of stairway or elevator system by which the occupants left the craft."

Asked to elaborate, Soto continued: "I was stunned, and I'll admit, scared seeing that UFO hovering there, not knowing who, or what, was inside."

"Suddenly, when that revolving tube-like contraption touched the ground I saw these two creatures come out of it, surrounded by a smoking haze, purple in color, the same purplish vapor that was emitted by the underside of the UFO earlier."

"They didn't see me—at least I didn't think they did. So I quickly climbed into the car, slid behind the wheel and turned the key in the ignition. But the engine wouldn't kick over. The car just wouldn't start. I tried over and

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over again, but it was completely dead.

"Somehow, I imagined they were watching every move I was making, slowly, approaching the car to drag me out and do God know's what to me. I turned, but they weren't even paying the slightest bit of attention to me. *Not yet.*

"Still I was cautious—and curious. I quietly climbed from the auto and from my vantage point watched them. They were shadowy creatures, tall and broad, and were hunched over like giant apes. They seemed preoccupied with gathering samples of rocks and dirt which they carried, each in turn, and placed these objects onto the elevator of their craft."

"And then it happened. One of the creatures poked the other. The second one, much bigger than the first, let the parcel of rocks he was holding fall to the ground and stood erect. They were looking in my direction. They walked towards me but didn't approach. They were, I'd say, maybe 20 feet from where I stood."

"The alien beings wore what seemed to be some sort of uniforms, a sparkling sliverish jumpsuit, and their faces were almost human. I say almost, because, if they were, nature had played a grisly trick. They closely resembled something between man and ape."

"Suddenly, one of the creatures pulled out what looked like a weapon about the size of a revolver, but it was like no revolver I ever saw. I froze in my tracks, and this weapon made no sound but I saw a beam of light emanating from it. Just then my left arm burned as though being touched by a red-hot poka stake. I felt my knees buckle and I was aware of hearing a humming sound, the same sound I'd heard before. Just before I passed out I saw the creatures walk towards this protrusion and go right into it."

Then it started to rotate in a counter-clockwise direction and slip upward, disappearing into the ship. The next thing, the entire craft was airborne, disappearing into the night sky..."

Doctors diagnosed Soto's wound

as "very severe first-degree burns with a slight radiation content" and treated him accordingly.

Many of those with whom I'd spoken would have instantly dismissed Soto's experience as a figment of his imagination. But I didn't. It's not my job. Besides, other witnesses Carol and I had interviewed during the course of the next several days corroborated Soto's account.

From the village of Arroyo came reports of a sighting on the same night. Two witnesses specified that they were driving home approximately around midnight when they heard a strange humming sound. Just at that moment their car slowed to a halt. "It was as though the gasoline had run out," said Carlos Rivera, an Arroyo accountant. "But the tank was filled, having been gassed up just an hour before. The battery was checked and the car's parts were in perfect order. Except for this."

Mr. Rivera, along with fellow accountant Ricardo Sanchez, pulled their steadily-slowng vehicle to a halt along the road leading into the 15 square-mile land area of the small village of Arroyo (population 13,000) and looked up to determine where the humming sound was coming from.

"Suddenly," said Rivera, 37, "we spotted a gigantic silver-colored, disc-shaped object and it was hovering about 50 feet in the air. "It seemed as though whoever, or whatever, was inside must have been uncertain whether to land the strange looking craft."

Asked how he arrived at this conclusion, Rivera said, "we saw a revolving tube emerge from the underside of the UFO and protrude out five or six feet. The craft stayed there, with the tube sticking out for maybe fifteen minutes. It just hovered and made a humming sound."

His friend, Sanchez, 34, confirmed the story and added, "And then, this landing gear, or doorway, or whatever it was, revolved

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Rosa Hernandez, a witness to several sightings lives in Cabo Rojo and works in Mayaguez. She said that many of her friends also saw the strange lights in the sky.



Maria Molina, a housewife from San German, said she saw a UFO land in a sugar cane field. Her husband also saw it. They both agree that it was no airplane.



The area in Rincon where a large UFO landed frightening many of the local residents. The UFO left several deep holes in the ground and a bad smell which lingered for days.



It was on this stretch of Puerto Rico's new super highway where Carlos Rivera and Ricardo Sanchez encountered a UFO which caused their auto engine to quit and the battery to go dead. They both said that the machine had some kind of tubes sticking out of it.



A police officer in Moca, said he was parked here when he noticed a UFO suddenly flash in front of him. He chased the craft for ten minutes before it vanished in a haze of purplish smoke

again, in the opposite direction, and went back inside, as the UFO itself shot straight up and disappeared."

As soon as it was gone, both said that the automobile engine turned over quite normally. They drove to Arroyo, and immediately reported the incident to the police.

During the next 24 hour period, Carol and I interviewed 12 more people: three in Camuy, four in Celba, and one police officer in Moca who said he chased a UFO for ten minutes before it vanished in a haze of purplish smoke. Each person's account corroborated the other regarding the shape, design and color.

While driving back to San Juan, we stopped off at Bayamon, the island's third largest city, to see Alberto Vasquez who is the local UFO investigator. He also teaches physics at the university in San Juan.

It was while having a traditional Puerto Rican dinner of *arroz con pollo* (rice and chicken) prepared by Alberto's mother, that I ex-

pressed my desire to see a UFO up close and maybe talk to an alien. This has been my fondest wish.

Alberto looked at me very seriously, and said, giving a wink to Carol, "Ok, tonight, after midnight, Miss Estaban and I will take you to see a UFO."

I stared at him, mouth agape. "You're kidding me?"

"No," he replied, his face holding the same serious expression. Tonight, after midnight, Carol will pick you up at your hotel and will take you to a UFO. I'll be there waiting for you."

Well, to tell the truth, I know that these Latins have a sense of humor, so I said very well, and downed another *cerveza* (beer).

At precisely 11:30 PM, Carol picked me up and we headed in her car toward Isla Verde. I was surprised at the direction in which we were heading since it's one of the most populated area of metropolitan San Juan.

"Say, Carol," I said, "I thought we were going up into the hills. We're heading deeper into San

Juan instead of out of the city."

"Right," she said, "just keep your shirt on."

Puzzled, I just sat there as we entered the expressway towards Isle Verde.

"There it is," Carol shouted, a wide grin playing at the sides of her lovely face.

I turned my head and, sure enough, there it was, a large UFO—about a city block long. There were about 500 people out front on a line waiting to get in. Well, the joke was on me. It was a UFO shaped disco palace, designed to look like a flying saucer, complete with flashing lights and all the trimmings.

Alberto came over to the car and peered into the window on my side. "How's that for a UFO, my friend?" he grinned.

Well, I felt a little foolish, but at the same time it proved to me that the interest in UFOs is big—very big in Puerto Rico.

Before leaving the island I checked with the local newspaper and they confirmed the fact that

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Although there have been many sightings all over the small island, recent UFO activity has been reported in the towns of Rincon, Cabo Rojo, Las Marias, San German and Yauco.



This photo was taken over Cabo Rojo. Witnesses said that the UFO hovered in the sky for about ten minutes before it started to move. As it moved, it also separated into three units, each flying off in different directions.

Are there energies besides those known to science today, or are these mysteries caused by forces moving in ways that established science has not yet comprehended?

BY HUGH F. COCHRANE

DO INVISIBLE ENERGIES MUTILATE CATTLE?

A question puzzling many UFO investigators and writers is whether there is a common element linking mysteries such as the Bermuda Triangle, UFOs, and cattle mutilations. If so, then that common element has to be the evidence of what appears to be unknown energies working behind the mysteries. At times these energies seem to be operating outside the realm of what we term natural forces, causing things to vanish, occur, or exist in ways that are mysterious.

But are there energies outside those already known to science today? Or are the mysteries caused by known energies operating in ways that science has not yet comprehended?

The answers to these questions could be hidden in the clues emerging from the cattle mutilation mysteries. Also, it can be shown that natural forces erupting from the earth in unexpected ways are the more likely cause of the

mutilations, and would result in matching evidence. However, the solution itself is not a simple one. Instead, it opens a Pandora's box of bizarre forces and energies of a type that science has long ignored, and conjures up a specter created by Nikola Tesla, Wilhelm Reich, and Thomas Townsend Brown. In short, it points to the possibilities of free energy from the earth and poses a threat to huge power utilities and energy groups.

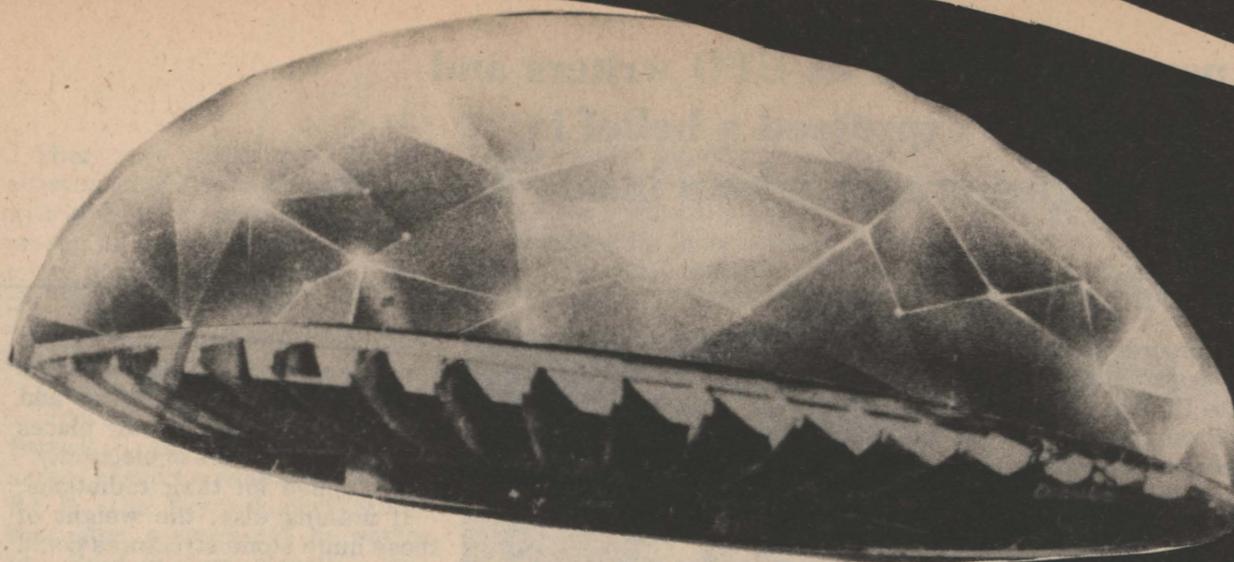
To understand how this comes about we have to go back to the 1950's and begin by examining some of the findings of Wilbert B. Smith and other open-minded scientists.

Smith was an electrical engineer who, in the 1950's headed up the Canadian Government's short-lived UFO investigations under the name *Project Magnet*. While working on this project Smith and his colleagues became convinced that the UFO was far more than public hysteria and imagination.

When the project was suddenly terminated, Smith, along with some of his associates, carried on the investigations privately. While their efforts never led directly to a solution of the UFO mystery, it did shed light on some of the mysterious aircraft accidents occurring around the Great Lakes.

What Smith discovered was described as invisible columns of energy reaching into the atmosphere, and these columns were believed to contain energies capable of disrupting the nuclear binding forces in matter.

According to Smith, these energies operated directly on those aircraft components where mechanical stress was already distorting the nuclear bonding forces in the material. Usually these components were in portions of the wings or tail assemblies. When an aircraft flew through one of these invisible columns the combination of mechanical stress and the energies reducing the nuclear



binding added up to disaster; portions of wings detached or tail assemblies let go and the aircraft crashed to the earth.

Government air crash investigators have puzzled over these unexplained accidents for years. Almost impossible to explain is the fact that there is never any evidence of metal fatigue in the affected components, and similar components subjected to laboratory tests involving far greater stresses fail to break down or show signs of weakening. As a result, the accidents are classified as "cause undetermined."

To prove his point, Smith investigated some of the sites shortly after the unexplained accidents occurred and carried out tests using an instrument of his own design called a "Binding Meter". With this he was able to determine that the columns were of various sizes, some reaching 1000-foot diameters and stretching thousands of feet into the air. He

also discovered that the columns could be mobile and move from place to place. And he came to the conclusion that the binding forces in matter were stronger in the north and weaker in the south.

Normally, this sort of discovery should have stimulated considerable interest among the scientific community. It seems not. There is no evidence—for the public—to show that research was or is being carried on to prove or disprove Smith's findings. When he died in May, 1962, his claims were still unrecognized.

However, Smith was not alone in his beliefs in invisible columns of energy coming from the earth. Other scientists investigating the seismic forces triggering earthquakes discovered that areas of deep-seated seismic stress were capable of generating and radiating strong electrical fields into the atmosphere. Some of these fields were measured and found to contain electrical potentials ex-

ceeding thousands of volts per meter, sufficient to ionize the atmosphere to a point where a luminous glow could appear in the atmosphere above the site. In most cases this phenomenon lasted only a short period, then vanished as the seismic forces causing the stress subsided without producing an earthquake.

Following this line of reasoning, M. A. Persinger of Ontario's Laurentian University, theorized that these energies could rise in columns directly over the area under stress and he, too, proposed that a visual anomaly would accompany the rising column.

Other scientists, particularly in Europe, have suggested that a visual phenomenon could be created by energies erupting from inside the earth. Some have suggested these as a possible source of the UFO phenomenon. They believe the rising energy could create a glowing "plasmoid" that would float and move

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about as they were trailed along by the mobile forces creating them.

According to Dr. Persinger, the columns and glowing phenomenon occur along or near *geologic faults* or *fracture zones* in the earth, and as the seismic stresses shift along these geologic features, the invisible column and visual anomaly follow. Since only the luminous portion is visible, it would appear as an independent structure radiating a glow as it moves across the sky.

John Keel has proposed a somewhat similar connection. He suggests UFO investigators consult magnetic maps to locate magnetic faults in their areas, and then watch the sky above these areas any Wednesday or Saturday evening, after 9:00 P.M., during a UFO flap. Other UFO investigators have confirmed this connection between UFOs and geologic faults.

Psychics have expressed a belief in invisible energies erupting from inside the earth. Gerard Croiset and Warner Tholen, two Dutch psychics who used their paranormal abilities to probe the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle, claimed they had detected swirling vortices of energy coming from the bottom of the ocean at this location. They described these vortices as electrical in nature and possessing the power to disrupt matter in their path. These could be similar to the forces discovered by Smith.

Researchers and writers investigating telluric (earth) currents and ley lines claim that early societies in Britain and Europe were aware of certain energies in the earth and were able to use the radiations from these for healing and other purposes. Some of them



claim that Stonehenge and other such stone circles, along with the stone alignments at Carnac and the pyramids, were all places where these "rivers of electricity" were tapped for their radiations.

If nothing else, the weight of these huge stone structures could create an artificial stress in the underlying rocks and this, in itself, could provide a radiated field.

Similar stone structures are well known in North America. Archaeologists have studied these but their true purpose still remains a mystery. Even so, there is evidence that the early American inhabitants knew something of energies in the earth. Early Christian missionaries recorded that the Midway priests among these tribes appeared to have the power to invoke "spirits" or energies from the earth. During the Indian shaking tent ceremony it was said that this energy or "spirit" came up out of the earth inside the tent or teepee, and its swirling forces vibrated the structure and shook it violently. One missionary, Father LeJeune, reported in 1634 that he had witnessed this ceremony and had observed brilliant lights above the apex of the teepee. Later, when he questioned the priest about the appearance of this "spirit" he was told that it was larger than a man's fist and that it had a long tapering tail.

Some modern scientific reports can be equally astounding. In their book, *Space-Time transients & Unusual Events*, Michael A. Persinger and Gyslaine Lafreniere propose that the columns of energy coming from the earth are capable of causing stones and other dielectrics (and electrically non-conducting material) to pop from the

ground and rise into the air.

This appears to parallel the Biefeld-Brown effect in which, by slowly raising the electrical potentials in dielectrics to high levels, the dielectric can be caused to levitate. In experiments conducted by Thomas Townsend Brown, effect in which, by slowly raising the electrical potentials in dielectrics to high levels, the dielectric can be caused to levitate. In further experiments, by Thomas Townsend Brown, he was able to levitate small discs, causing them to move at high speeds while emitting a bluish glow and a high-pitched humming sound.

It has been suggested that this sort of levitation is not so much anti-gravity as it is no-gravity. Since the former being "against gravity" this condition would tend to levitate the object to the outer edge of the earth's gravitational field. However, in the no-gravity state the effects of gravity on the object are temporarily suspended and the result would be something like a non-magnetic material in a magnetic field; it would neither be attracted nor repelled by the magnetic force.

Invisible columns of energy capable of levitating rocks, as suggested above, could supply an answer to the mysterious rain of stones that have fallen from the sky throughout history. Chico, California, for instance, was pelted with this sort of weird rain for four months during 1923. If this phenomenon were due to a mobile column, then the rocks could have been levitated at one site while the column was rising and then dropped at another as the energy in the column was depleted or shut off.

Since the driving forces behind

these columns is said to be seismic forces, and since such forces operate throughout the crust of the earth, then these rising columns could conceivably erupt beneath a lake or pond and levitate fish or frogs in exactly the same way and thus produce another weird unexplained rainfall.

This brings us back to the cattle mutilations. Since 1975 the carcasses of an estimated 10,000 cattle have been found with tongues, udders, genitals, rectums, ears or eyeballs removed with what appears to be surgical precision.

Added to this are wild animals that have been similarly mutilated.

The majority of these cases have occurred in the the mid-western states and a few in Canada but cases in England and Puerto Rico and other parts of the world are coming to light. For example: during the fall of 1978, prized specimens of animals and birds at the Newquay Zoo in southwest England were found decapitated and their internal organs removed.

As might be expected, speculation has run wild. Everyone from intergalactic specimen hunters, Satan or devil cultists have been blamed for the senseless slaughter but none have been caught or brought to trial.

Even so, the evidence suggests something far different and some of it opens the possibility that the animals may have been the victims of natural forces.

If that seems less plausible, take a look at the evidence. First, the mutilations occur at night when the animals are less likely to be moving about. Also, the portions of the animal's anatomy most effected are the undersides, and the animals leave no trace to show that they put up a struggle.



Some researchers believe that the mutilation of animals, such as cows, horses and sheep, could be the work of invisible columns of energies. Mutilations have been reported in the mid-western United States, Canada, England, Puerto Rico and some areas of Central and South America.

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A good many Astronomers and scientists have distorted the truth when they state that "all Jovian moons appear to be devoid of any appreciable atmosphere."

EVIDENCE SAYS LIFE EXISTS ON GANYMEDE

BY MICHAEL COHEN

In March 1979 Voyager 1 passed Jupiter's moons and sent back photographs and measurements of their surfaces. The evidence, from past research, on these satellites indicates that NASA is not telling the truth about the actual conditions on these bodies when it is claimed that "Ganymede looks more like Mars, and Callisto looks ancient and cratered like Mercury."

The scientists are also distorting the truth when they state that "all Jovian moons appear to be devoid of an appreciable atmosphere."

There have been previous charges against NASA about the way this government agency has reported the results of the space programs. An article entitled "Did We Really Go To the Moon?" which appeared in the April 1978 edition of *UFO Update* presented evidence indicating that the Apollo Program was a complete fraud. Another article, entitled "Russians Probe the Ancient Astronaut

Theory" which appeared in the Fall 1978 edition of this magazine, proved that the Viking missions to Mars never took place. Now there are indications that the billion dollar Voyager Program is also a fraud. It is entirely possible that the two Voyager satellites never went to Jupiter.

Since Galileo discovered the four large moons of Jupiter in 1610, scientists have studied Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto with great interest. Science fiction writers have written many books describing different types of civilizations which could exist on these satellites. The famous science fiction writer Lin Carter has recently written an entire series of books describing the adventures of an earthman on Callisto. Mr. Carter pictures this moon covered with heavy jungle growth and populated with two types of intelligent beings; human and insect. By studying the latest scientific reports on the largest of Jupiters' satellites, Ganymede, it

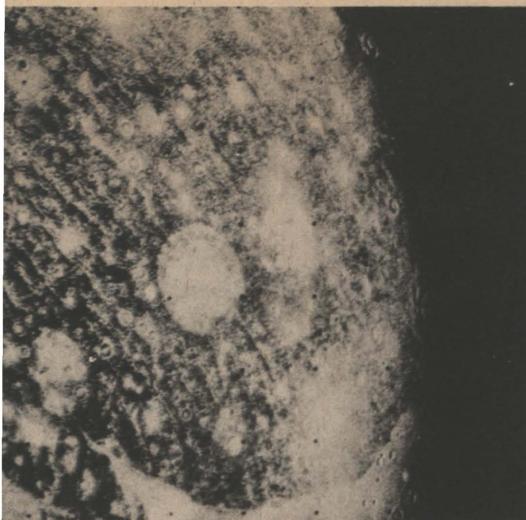
is possible to show that Mr. Carter's books are not completely based on fiction. Indeed, advanced civilizations could exist on these moons, and these worlds could be the source of our present UFO sightings.

Ganymede is one of the most interesting bodies in the solar system. With a diameter of 3,120 miles, it is 20 miles larger in diameter than the smallest planet in the solar system, Mercury. If it was not in orbit around Jupiter, Ganymede would definitely be classified as a planet. The satellite is located at an altitude of 666,000 miles above Jupiter, and it makes one orbit around this giant planet every 7.1 days. Callisto is a little smaller with a diameter of 2,770 miles and it orbits Jupiter at an altitude of 1,170,000 miles. The other two large Galilean satellites (named after Galileo) are also very large for natural satellites: Io's diameter is 2,020 miles and Europa is 1,790 miles.

The size of these satellites alone

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Close-up of Ganymede, largest of Jupiter's 13 moons. This photo was taken by Voyager II from approximately 86,000 miles.



This Voyager II image shows the region of Jupiter extending from the equator to the area of the Great Red Spot.



This photo was taken by Voyager II of Callisto from a range of 675,000 miles. The photo has been enhanced to reveal details.

indicate they could hold sizeable civilizations. Being the largest, Ganymede would logically be the most likely to contain life and perhaps an advanced civilization. Ganymede, which comes from Homer's *Iliad*, was the son of Tros, the founder and king of Troy, and he was considered to be the most beautiful of mortals.

Just as Ganymede in the *Iliad* was considered to be very beautiful, the satellite named after him is also one of the most beautiful objects in the solar system, because, it is mostly colored green, a definite indication that the planet is thriving with life. On the front cover of the March 26, 1976 edition of *Science*, the official magazine of The American Association for The Advancement of Science, three color photographs of Ganymede are shown. In an article entitled "Restored Pictures of Ganymede, Moon of Jupiter, digital restoration of two space pictures of Ganymede has reveal-

ed some interesting surface features which accompanied these pictures. NASA scientists described how they got these unusual pictures. They were originally taken by Pioneers 10 and 11 several years ago, and recent computer restoration of them has revealed that Ganymede is composed of four colors: green, blue, black and white.

The University of Arizona scientists who wrote this article, B. Roy Frieden and William Swindell, had problems interpreting these colors: "Whether the latter are ice, or arise from nearspecular reflection from smooth surface features, is left for future investigation." The scientists seemed afraid to admit that the green color, which in one picture covered at least eighty percent of the satellite, could only come from one source: *a massive amount of vegetation*. If this moon is thriving with vegetation, it is highly possible that Ganymede contains high-

er forms of life. Assuming that this vegetation has existed on the moon for millions of years, a civilization could also be existing on its surface.

The scientists cannot admit that Ganymede is a thriving and living world because it would destroy the basic theoretical foundations of the scientific establishment. All research and scientific thought, in the Western world, is based on Darwinian evolutionary theory, which states that all life is an accident of nature. NASA scientists have stated in the past that there are millions of planets in our galaxy which could contain life and which perhaps have civilizations. However it is statistically impossible for life to arise independently on two different bodies in the solar system at the same time. The only way such a situation could take place is if advance ancient civilizations artificially planted this life thousands of years ago. Therefore, the

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A growing number of astronomers maintain that a recent discovery, a "strangely behaving star" is in reality, an alien extraterrestrial space station which is observing our planet.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL SPACE COLONIES



They say each new age is born when a starting occurrence takes place—one so profound that it literally rocks accustomed thinking to its very foundations.

On the early morning of August 6, 1945, U.S. Army Air Force Colonel Paul Tibbets revved up the engines of his stripped-down Boeing B-17, the *Enola Gay*, and secretly took off for the imperial Japanese city of Hiroshima.

In the bomb rack of the solitary Flying Fortress was a single Atomic Bomb affectionately named "Little Boy." The bomb was ten feet long and weighed 9,000 pounds. When it was dropped on the target its explosive power equalled 20,000 tons of TNT. Its one devastating blast leveled an entire city and literally wiped 141,000 human beings from the face of the earth.

That phenomenal explosion, followed by a second, three days later, on Nagasaki, which brought World War II to a quick—and frightening—conclusion—ushered in, although somewhat violently, the Atomic Age.

Another dawn of a new era began in Soviet Russia 12 years later. The world gasped in disbelieving awe as the U.S.S.R. fired the opening gun of the space race with the launching of Sputnik, a 184-pound spherical satellite less than two feet in diameter, from Baikonur, Russia.

These two occurrences, made possible by man's ingenuity and

resourcefulness, ushered in yet another age—the beginning of the exploration of outer space.

Even as this issue is being prepared for publication, the first U.S. Space Shuttle is being made ready. Scheduled to be launched in the fall of 1979, the Shuttle will take off from Cape Canaveral, remain in orbit for 53 hours, and then land at Edwards Air Force Base, only to take off again.

The Shuttle, which will be equipped to operate in orbit for one month, will carry new communications or scientific satellites into orbit, and while remaining in orbit its crews will be able to make repairs on other satellites and would even be equipped to bring back satellites for repair, or scraping, if useless.

Other missions are now being planned as well for future exploration of deep space. Astronomers throughout the world are pushing for a 1986 study of Haley's Comet. Other projects include automatic lunar rovers, a communications satellite for exploring and studying the backside of the moon, landers on one of Jupiter's moons, and orbiters to study the rings of Saturn and Titan's atmosphere.

Underway for launch next year is Spacelab, an international "workshop" whereby crews can fly back to earth via the Space Shuttle, and fly out into space again, as a permanent earth-moon shuttle system. One of its tasks will be to place huge telescopes in

orbit. Talk has even started about a manned lunar base for the next decade.

Since Sputnik, major probes have revealed startling information about our surrounding universe, proving that man can work, eat, sleep, spend months in a weightless, although protective, environment high above the safety of his own planet, and survive with no permanent ill effects.

When Vanguard I, the Earth-orbiting geodetic survey satellite was launched on March 17, 1958, it brought back the determination that Earth is "slightly pear shaped", a fact not known before.

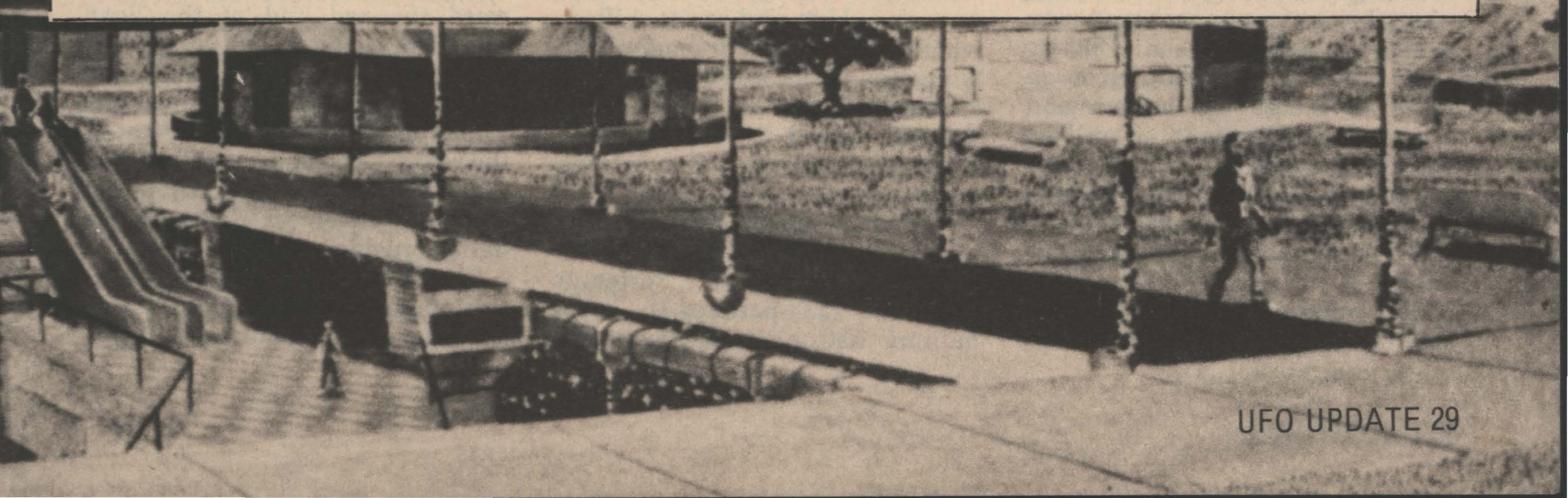
Indeed, we are learning much from probing the universe.

NASA's Tiros I, launched in April of 1960, took more than 22,000 cloud-cover pictures in 78 days and transmitted them to ground station. The research gathered from Tiros today contributes significantly to early detection of hurricanes and other destructive storms, providing weathermen with daily pictures of weather over the entire globe.

Seasat I, a series of satellites, circles the globe 14 times a day. Launched on June 26 1978, its mission is to send back vital data on surface winds and temperatures, currents, wave heights, ice conditions, ocean topography, and coastal storm activity.

When Voyager I and Voyager II were launched in September, 1977, they were specifically de-

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signed to fly by the outer planets of Jupiter (1979—already achieved), Saturn (1981) and Uranus (1986) to measure the atmosphere of these planets and gather as much vital information of a scientific nature as possible.

At this very moment orbiting astronomical observatories and orbiting solar stations are moving through space, their sensitive instrumentation sending back much valuable information about what is out there.

Since October, 1958, several dozen unmanned lunar and interplanetary probes have been launched. Although many have been lost, missed their targets, or have crashed in space, unrecovered, the pattern has been set for what many scientists term "a crowded sky, a sky that is getting more crowded as time progresses."

And yet, with all of our sophistication and immense probings of the outer regions of the solar system, we are not certain as to exactly what lies just beyond the range of our equipment. In fact, many are asking the question, "If we are learning much about our neighboring planets, what are our neighboring planets learning about us?"

It stands to reason that what is implied here are other life forms scanning us just as we are scanning them.

In October, 1976, with space exploration already an active pursuit for less than two decades, NASA Administrator James C. Fletcher brought out, "No man can now say if or when such a dazzling venture (space labs piercing the outer atmosphere) may be formally undertaken. But by their efforts to put numbers on an idea, to assess the human and economic implications as well as technical feasibility, the participants in this effort have provided us with a vision that will engage our imagination and stretch our minds."

Our minds are being "stretched" all the time the more we

probe, and the more we probe the more we come to realize that the new things we find "out there" are still unknown to us.

One such unknown, described as one of the strangest things found in the heavens in years, was depicted by one UCLA astronomer as "a doomed star in some terribly weird kind of trouble." Others maintain this is not a doomed star, or a star at all for that matter, but a space station of alien design and origin.

Astronomer Bruce Margon said the evidence appears to reveal an object that is racing at tremendous speed in two directions at the same time. "It seems to be coming and going at once."

Margon brought out at an interview last April before a Washington meeting of the American Psychical Society, that the mystery was discovered while he and a team of university scientists were studying an inconspicuous star they call SS433, 10,000 light years away from earth and part of the Milky Way galaxy.

The mystery star in question, which is apparently undergoing its death throes, apparently is rotating on a 160-day cycle. As it spins, it's spitting out two great streams of gas, much as a spinning lawn sprinkler shoots water from opposing nozzles.

The object, it is speculated, must have an enormous power supply. It is racing at up to 64,000 kilometres (40,000) miles a second. The sun and other stars move along at a comparatively modest 650,000 miles an hour or less.

Morgan said SS-433 is simultaneously blue-and-red shifted, which means that it is some sort of elongated structure rotating like a twirler's baton, with one end moving toward the astronomer's telescopes and the other moving away.

"We have never seen or heard of anything even remotely like this stellar object," said Professor Margon. "It is perhaps the most baffling astrophysical phenome-

non since discovery of the quasar."

Margon further said, "To be honest, I don't have any convincing idea what this really is, and neither does anyone else. We have no astrophysical parallels in this or any other galaxy that comes even close to this phenomenon; it is something completely different."

Margon explained to the American Psychical Society that he sort of backed into the discovery through his interest in what are called binary star systems. Such systems involve two stars orbiting close to each other in space, locked in gravitational embrace.

The story began actually in June, 1978, when two British astronomers, working Australia, spotted what they thought was a newly discovered binary star system in the galaxy of the Milky Way.

At the time, two groups of radio astronomers elsewhere began work on the same object and found that it emits strong radio signals. It was later discovered that the star had been seen years ago, listed in a catalog of the so-called "peculiar" stars. And it was given the name: SS-43.

Analyzing the light coming from the object, Margon realized that it had been completely different from what had been reported in Australia. Also, it contained signs—or emission lines—which indicated that the object contained some strange new chemicals. "But there were two other puzzles. One of these emission lines, which signal the presence of a certain chemical, was shifted toward the red end of the light spectrum, which indicated that the object that is emitting that light is rushing away from earth. The other emission line indicated the reverse is true—a shift toward the blue end of the spectrum—indicating the object emitting the light is rushing in this direction.

The observances were made in September and ended in December. The observations were termi-

nated when the position of the object was obscured by the sun. In February, 1979, observations resumed once again when the object became visible.

At this time, after a three-month lapse, Margon reported the signs of strange chemical properties had vanished and the emission lines had again returned to the center of the light spectrum, closely resembling what had been recorded in Australia earlier.

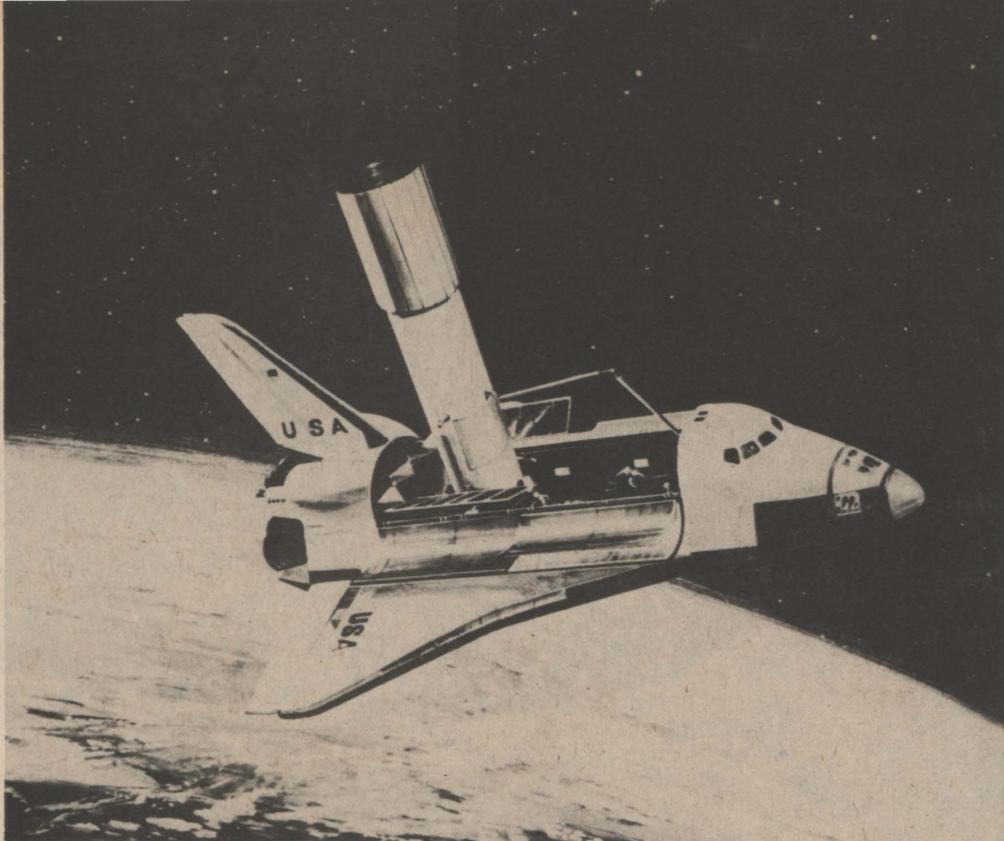
"Now, further observations have indicated that these lines of emission change position on a 160-day schedule through a complete round trip from the center of the spectrum to the outer edge and back again, giving the impression of a pinwheel.

Many scientists interpret the "pinwheel" effect as spokes and a hub attaching to a main body—such as a vehicle, a large space platform or shuttle derivative for transport of people and goods from one planet to a specific point in the solar system where scientific observations and analyses may be made.

To the question, what exactly is this "thing" hovering about in space, the consensus of opinion amongst many Ufologists and space engineers is that it definitely is not a star, least of all a dying star.

Growing numbers in the scientific community maintain what astronomers are viewing is an extraterrestrial satellite, an alien space station patrolling our planet's outer perimeters.

A multitude of astronomers, in agreement as to the extraterrestrial theory, mathematically calculate that the satellite is from Alpha Centauri. Alpha Centauri, the nearest star, seen only in the southern hemisphere of the sky, is



NASA plans to deliver a giant space telescope into orbit using the recoverable Space Shuttle. Amongst its many missions—to seek out the possibility of other life forms in space.

4.3 light years away from earth.

Even if an object could go at the speed of light, it would still take 4.3 years of *our* own time to reach that distance.

Therefore, in any earthly—or extraterrestrial—timetable, it would be a senseless and treacherous operation to send a ship traveling through space for such a length of time even to reach a distant planet in another solar system.

How could this alien satellite then, especially if it is loaded down with tons of scientific probing equipment, make the incredible journey?

One possible means is via hyperspace—a hole through the fabric of space and time. Hyperspace, Ufologists agree, allows instantaneous travel between any

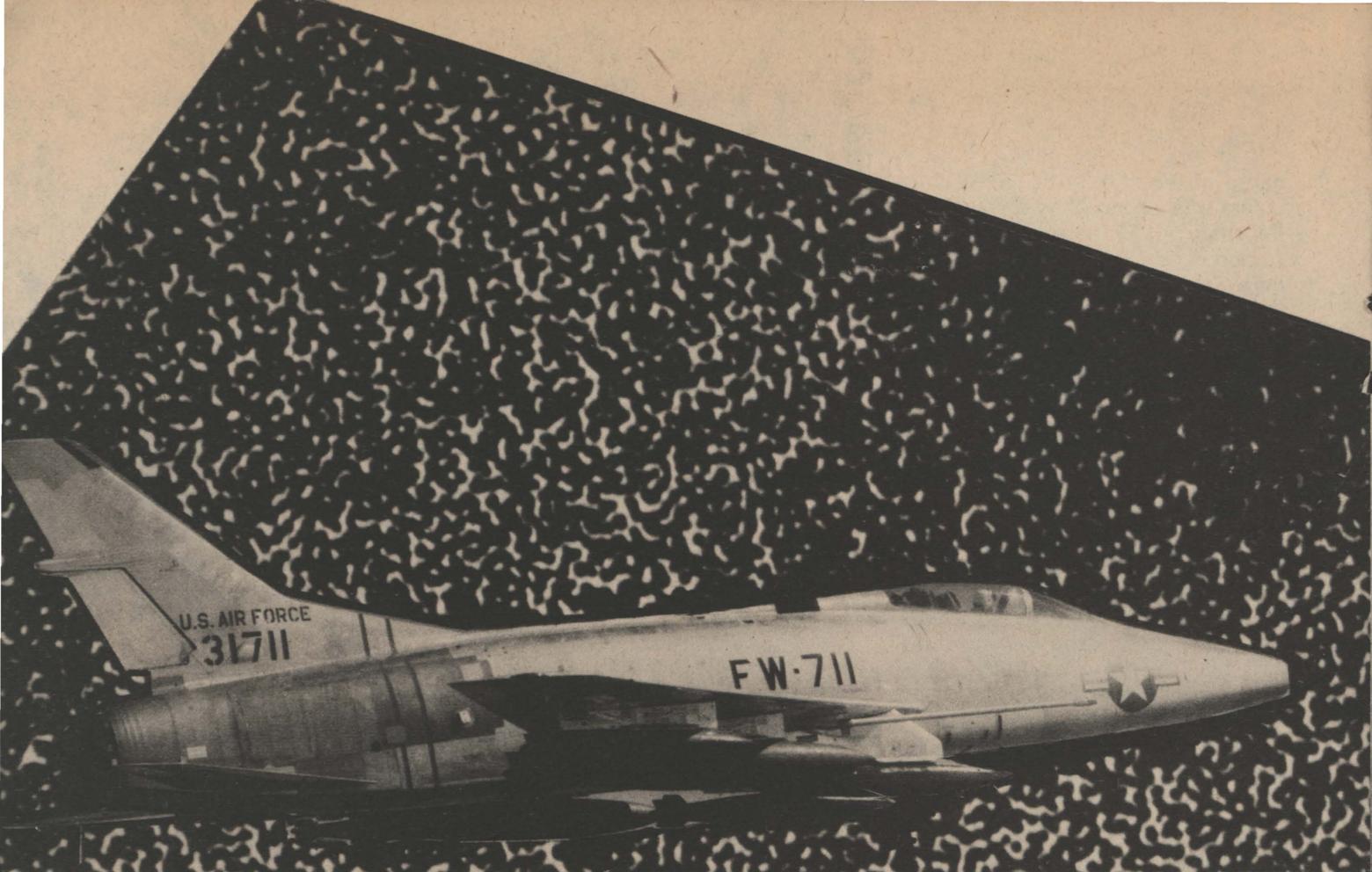
two points in the galaxy. In short, hyperspace is a shortcut between two warps in the space fabric.

Other scientific specialists put their money on "Black holes". A black hole is a dying star, swallowing up everything that gets in its way. A black hole is a star that has imploded (bursting inward). If a ship (UFO, satellite, space station—alien or otherwise) would slip into a black hole, it just might pop out somewhere else in space, our own space included. Like hyperspace, the trip would be instantaneous.

It would seem evident that aliens have already discovered hyperspace and black holes, and what's more have the knowledge to use them as a means of travel between planets in the shortest time possible. □

People start pollution.

People can stop it.



On Sept. 19, 1976, a lengthy report was dispatched to the Pentagon. Sealed in a diplomatic pouch and marked "top secret", it bore the stamp of the American military attache in the Iranian capital of Tehran. So classified was the information contained in this pouch that it wasn't delivered in the usual way. It was taken by special courier traveling under tight security and with the highest of priority orders.

The intelligence document, compiled by American officials and a handful of Iranian military personnel, described how, early on that morning, four Imperial Iranian Air Force pilots flying F-4 Phantom fighters encountered an unknown object with colored, fast-flashing lights.

The object, the size of a Boeing 707 jetliner, was tracked by Iranian ground radar and seen by the crew of a commercial airliner. And now it was being pursued by jet fighters.

When they neared the object,

hovering over Mehrabad airfield, the electronics, navigational and communications equipment on one of the jets suddenly went dead. These precious instruments stopped functioning when its pilot was making ready to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object, that appeared to roar out from the underbelly of the larger unidentified craft.

Another F-4 Phantom jet (Phantoms carry a pilot as well as a back-seat radar operator) got close to the UFO and was preparing to shoot it down with a Sidewinder missile. However, before that could happen, that plane too temporarily lost its navigational and communications power. Both fighters regained use of their knocked-out instruments when they broke away from the UFO. The craft itself veered off at a tremendous rate of speed and vanished, maneuvering straight up and out of sight.

The encounter in the skies of Iran is not an isolated case.

During a two week span in 1975, a string of U.S. Air Force bomber bases, jet fighter installations, nuclear missile launch sites and supersonic weapons storage commands were visited by elusive, low-flying, unidentified flying objects.

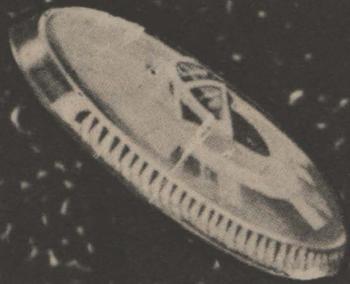
Less than a year before what the Pentagon has termed "The Iran Incident", and half a world away, a strange craft with flashing white, red and orange lights hovered over Loring Air Force Base, Maine, for 90 minutes.

Tracked carefully on radar screens, the craft suddenly veered off from its silent, hovering stance and disappeared into the autumn night.

Military Police patrols said the UFO, which made a whining noise as it maneuvered across the sky, much like a helicopter, dropped to within 300 yards of the field, home of the 42nd Bombardment Wing, and hovered over 15 combat-ready B-52 bombers. Then it rose and skimmed over hangars, barracks,

FLYING SAUCERS SPOTTED OVER MILITARY AIRFIELDS

BY NICK ALCALI



and administration buildings, leisurely making for the northern tip of the base as though the intelligence within the alien craft had already known what was there.

An MP officer on duty at the north end of Loring that night of October 25, 1975, told authorities that the strange airborne vehicle hovered as low as ten feet from the ground, moving slowly over the Strategic Air Command post's missile silos and nuclear bomb sheds. Finally, it shot straight up and vanished, leaving radar operators, intelligence officials and airmen stumped.

That was only the beginning. Three weeks later, Malstrom Air Force Base in Montana was visited by what Captain Thomas W. O'Brien thought was a helicopter that approached the facility's silo area.

O'Brien's deputy then looked through the window and saw the silhouette of a large aircraft hanging about 10-15 feet over the ground, 25 feet from the launch

area fence. The vehicle, O'Brien reportedly said later, resembled a helicopter in full flight.

Although darkness prevented them from seeing markings or personnel insignia on the object, the airmen did witness two red and white lights on its front, a white light on its bottom and yet another on its rear. The UFO remained for a minute or two, they reported, and then it was gone, bulleting straight up into an accumulation of darkened clouds.

At two other nearby launch facilities at Malstrom a handful of on-duty crews reported moving lights in the air. They said they heard no sounds.

And at a third launch facility at about the same time, witnesses said they saw a hovering object, "issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape." Radar surveillance, however, provided no clues as to the presence of anything unusual on the base, or over it, that night.

Malstrom radar picked up seven

separate blips flying between 9,500-15,000 feet at a speed of seven knots which increased to 15 knots, then hovered for three knots.

When Malstrom's NORAD commanders radioed in their sighting, a team of F-106 interceptors were rushed into the air. However, they were unable to get close enough to identify the unknown craft simply because the UFO miraculously outdistanced its pursuers, utilizing aerial maneuvers that would make the navy's aerial circus, the "Blue Angles," blush with shame.

According to a Pentagon memorandum direct from the National Military Command, "Ground witnesses observed lights in the sky and the sound of engines similar to jet fighters." Yet, Federal Aviation Administration officials revealed no jet aircraft within 100 nautical miles of the sightings. Radar tracked the objects over Lewistown, Montana traveling at seven knots before they complete-

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Reliable reports claim that Soviet officials have the corpses of two occupants of an extraterrestrial vehicle. The cause of death of these interstellar travelers is unknown.

SOVIETS CAPTURE A FLYING SAUCER

BY COL. THOMAS J. WARNER, Ret.

Deep in the quiet frozen tundra of the vast Siberian wasteland, hidden from the eyes of the Western world, a group of men and women busily scurry from one end of a giant laboratory to another.

Some of them wear white medical smocks while others are protected by heavier outer clothing stitched with lead fibre. All wear nameplate bars. A three-inch square piece of gauze-like material dangling below each bar, looking much like a military campaign ribbon, is in reality a radiation detection badge.

The laboratory itself is deeply hidden underground. It is heavily fortified on the outside, and within, machinegun-toting Russian sentries, the elite of the Red army, stand guard.

In one corner of the spacious laboratory, standing below the high, curtained window, is a roped-off area. Inside this enclosure stands a silver disc the size of a small two-story building. The disc is unlike anything seen by human eyes. With a smooth, mirror finish, each part seems perfectly engineered, precisely

curved and uniformly angled. The entire design of the disc blends together to form a beautiful, otherworldly form, with not a single rough edge or ungainly protrusion.

The term, "other-worldly" is not an understatement. For as fantastic as it sounds, the disc is a captured UFO, an interstellar space vehicle which crash-landed more than six months ago in Zhigansk along the banks of the Lena River located in northwestern Siberia.

Inside the spotless craft are elaborate instrument panels, as yet unknown mathematical formula on their dials. Charts of the vast reaches of space adorn walls, rooms and entranceways are designed with flawless engineering principles in mind and highly sophisticated touches intended for comfort, ease of movement and precision maintenance are in evidence.

Those in attendance—physicians, space engineers, chemists, nuclear physicists and astronomers—have been summoned secretly, drafted from highly classified dossiers compiled by top-

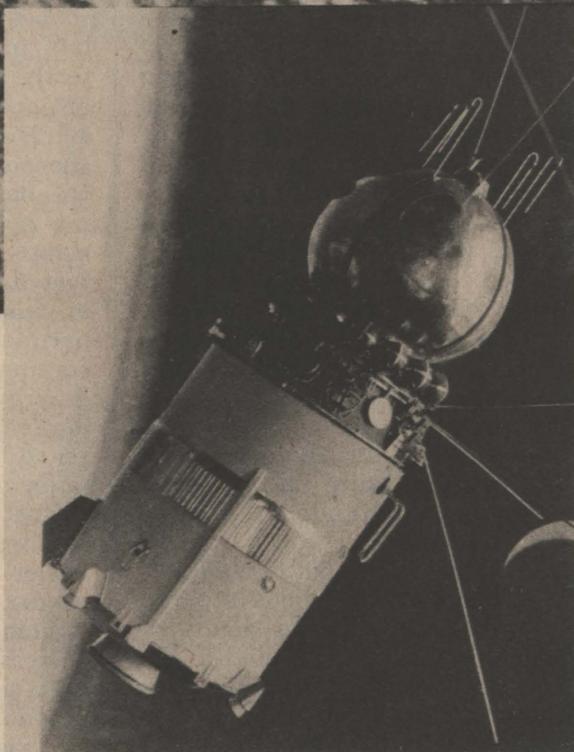
ranking officers of the Soviet Academy of Science in Moscow. They have been flown under cover of darkness to this remote spot not far from the University at Tomsk situated in the south of this Arctic Region. Their assignment, probing the craft and its secrets.

The detailed information concerning this captured space vehicle has been supplied to this publication not by a writer of science fiction stories nor by a member of the press, Soviet or otherwise.

The account was supplied via secret communique from deep behind the Iron Curtain. What is more, our source informs us that Soviet officials have the corpses of two of the occupants of this extraterrestrial vehicle. The cause of death of these interstellar travelers is unknown, or as yet unrevealed. The bodies have been flown by jet to Moscow University for autopsy and further study.

"The bodies are small, almost childlike, with elongated limbs (arms) and very large heads. The skin texture of these extraterrestrial 'creatures' is rough, almost

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Russia's Vostok space capsule. This five-ton vehicle made five manned and six unmanned flights around planet Earth before it was mysteriously destroyed. The Russian's kept it very quiet.

The first man whom the Russians admit had been killed in space was Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov. was he killed by space aliens seeking revenge for the death of their fellow space travelers?

leather-like. Their eyes are large, what one might call 'popping' or 'protruding'. Their mouths are small. When found behind the controls of their ship, they were already deceased. The garments they wore, which have been removed for purposes of study and evaluation, were uniforms of some sort, identical, with the exceptions of shoulder patches—on an embossed triangle and on the other, a square within which was a tiny circle—obviously an insignia of rank of some sort.

"They wore no underclothing beneath this, and their skin is hairless. Aside from that, the outer space astronauts (males) have sexual organs equal to that of their human male counterparts.

The UFO, which as far as is known by our standards, is undamaged, has been in Soviet hands since February 1979. It was spotted via radar over the Ural Mountains and dropped to earth, obviously disabled, on February 17th. It was tracked rapidly losing altitude over Zhigansk, along the banks of the Lena River.

Since November of 1978, a total of 47 unidentified flying objects have been spotted and radar-tracked over Siberia, a frozen area which stretches from the Ural Mountains to the Pacific, and from the Artic Ocean to Mongolia and distant Manchuria.

Early on the morning of December 21, 1978, residents of Krasnoyarsk stood dumbfounded as a jet aircraft suddenly came into view. The rate it was traveling, even for a jet fighter, was extraordinarily rapid, especially for that altitude. Within seconds, it was joined by a second, and then a third and finally a fourth.

Without any apparent loss of speed, they flew from a side-to-side formation, to a formation one behind the other, and in what seemed like a straight line, flew across the clear sky.

One reliable witness reported,

"After pausing for a matter of brief seconds, they suddenly rose together as one and sped into the blue, behind a mass of snow-covered peaks, and disappeared. Just before they vanished, they came to a dead stop in midair. It could be determined then that they were round, shiny and metallic, glinting brightly in the rays of the sun."

Approximately two weeks later, high over the Transatlantic Railroad, in Khabarovsk, a stretch of land situated near the reindeer-raising farms of Vladivostok, the interior of a bus suddenly became unbearably hot. Those in their seats began to sweat, and their ears were shattered by the almost deafening sound which resembled the buzzing of millions of bees.

According to one occupant of the bus, fur trapper Vladimir Petrov, "It (the sound) filled the inside of the bus, bemusing my senses, all the while becoming hotter and hotter. Finally, the driver had to stop and to escape the unbearable heat, all of us had to climb out."

"Gazing upward, we saw a large, white—or more appropriately — silver object spinning about 200 feet overhead. It weaved in a jerky motion from side to side. It banked somewhat, and then went into an upward spiraling motion, did a figure 8, balanced on its rim and then finally rolled twice, all the while climbing for altitude. It hovered for about 40 seconds before darting away and out of sight."

Unlike these previous reports, UFO sightings over Russian territory have not been limited to the icy regions of Siberia. They have occurred over the years throughout the entire Motherland. From Moscow to Leningrad, Rostov and Volgograd, and eastward to the Red satellite countries, UFO's have become an almost normal occurrence.

On June 16, 1978, two round objects hovered for twenty min-

utes high over the city of Petrozavodsk, near Moscow. Although accounts varied as to their size, many witnesses agreed that purple, red and bright green exhaust emanated simultaneously from the twin craft.

Four months later, a UFO skimmed the treetops on the outskirts of the Moscow suburb of Chrebet Cerskogo, causing automobiles to come to a dead stop for 13 minutes on the road below. For that amount of time, television sets lost their power and household electricity went dead.

There have been other—many other—reported flaps throughout the Soviet Union. During the six month period from October 3rd, 1978, to March 6th 1979, sightings have become so numerous that the Russian government ordered a UFO alert in which scientists requested that citizens not hesitate in reporting encounters directly to the Soviet Academy of Sciences. This was the first open admission that a government-sponsored UFO research program was being conducted. The Academy not only requested that all sighting be reported, but urged that a great amount of care be exercised in securing as much pertinent data as possible concerning size, shape, color, general description, and other outstanding features, of the objects. They asked for photographic documentation wherever possible.

That "something major is going on" was revealed by well-known Soviet author and lecturer Aleksander Kazantsev, who told a prominent American newspaper, "Exciting new information has been seeping through from Petrozavodsk concerning a spaceship that visited the area recently."

The Petrozavodsk sighting concerns a ball of light that appeared in the sky over the city on September 24, 1977. Approximately three minutes after the ball of light was spotted, it turned into a silvery disc-shaped saucer that

hung in the sky, zig-zagged over the buildings, hung suspended again and maneuvered gracefully for close to half-an-hour before zooming off, straight up and out of sight.

Russian physicist Dr. Vladimir Azhazha brought out that the Petrozavodsk UFO "seems to indicate that an extraterrestrial civilization is in the final stage prior to direct communication with the earth."

Other scientists agree that a first major landing—a breakthrough between people of different planetary systems is quite possible in the near future.

Many speculate that this breakthrough when it comes, may be more than we bargained for.

Many within the scientific community express alarm at the prospect that the downed alien spacecraft may bring dire repercussions from the planetary system, or society, of its origin.

In fact, a tone of skepticism in the form of a warning has already been expressed by a group of Soviet space experts connected with the Academy.

Nuclear Fission authority Dr. Anitole Petrovich, instrumental in the October 4, 1957, launching of the 188-pound *Sputnik I* satellite, said "If alien intelligence possess the scientific knowledge to send one, or several, of their vehicles into our solar system—close enough for one of their number to come crashing onto our planet—they must also know the fate of its occupants, and what has happened to the celestial vehicle in which they came. It is quite within the realm of possibility that our motives in taking the ship for examination might be misconstrued, and our part in the incident may be deemed as a hostile act. I would not be surprised if one day they would make themselves known to us and demand, 'what have you done with our crew.'

He further stated, "Just as their forefathers may have come

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in their fiery chariots centuries ago to teach and console as well as to instruct and cherish, their motives today may be entirely different."

On the other side of the ocean, author and UFO expert Arthur Shuttlewood brought out in his book *UFO Prophecy*.

"These aerial phenomena could forecast events whose world-wide impact will fully be felt in the course of the next few years. We live in an unsafe and unpredictable period fraught with hidden dangers. Crisis point might easily be reached much sooner than most people expect.

This is an ugly and war-torn age where the threat of physical extinction by misapplied and misused thermo-nuclear device is a frightening possibility lurking around several hostile corners, waiting to pounce on the unprotected. Oil is often poured on troubled waters, tempers mount and opposing political doctrines of major world powers espouse phraesology to pacify public anxiety after each experimental detonation.

"Is it not feasible that members of more enlightened societies from other planets, perhaps far outside of the boundary of our own solar system, are combining on a mission to earth during a worrying, fretful, fear-filled phase of our evolution? Their duty is to assist in the change to a New Age. It is of equal probability that they are concerned over their own self-preservation, if we are in danger of precipitating unretractable folly in nuclear experimentations of inflammable dimensions, aggravating the inner core damage..."

"One can learn much from studying the culture of these aliens. UFOs are an important link between worlds of the spiritual and the material, and will prove to be a significant means of aiding man to understand the spiritual oneness of all creation." □

Although a good number of scientists maintain we Earthlings are quite alone in the vast darkness of the cosmos, many more—and their numbers are growing—are firmly convinced that life exists throughout the universe.

ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE?

BY SAMUEL PERRY



On November 16, 1974, a simple message was radiobroadcast via telescope. It consisted of 1,679 bits of information, and included our enumerating system, listed the atomic numbers of five chemical elements, and ended with a crude sketch of a human being, delving into his average height and how many inhabit this planet.

The message, which also gave the chemical structure of various materials, was directed at *Messier 13*, the globular star cluster in the constellation Hercules—a star family some 25,000 light years away.

At transmission, the effective power utilized to send the three-minute communication, was ten times the total electric power produced on Earth. For those 180

seconds, recalls Frank Drake, director of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center at Cornell University, "we became the brightest star in our galaxy."

The purpose of the message was an attempt at making contact with our extraterrestrial neighbors—wherever they might be—and to tell them of our existence.

For, although a good number of scientists maintain we Earthlings are quite alone in the vast darkness of the universe, many, many more—and their numbers are growing by incredible leaps and bounds—are firmly convinced that intelligent life does exist elsewhere in the vast universe.

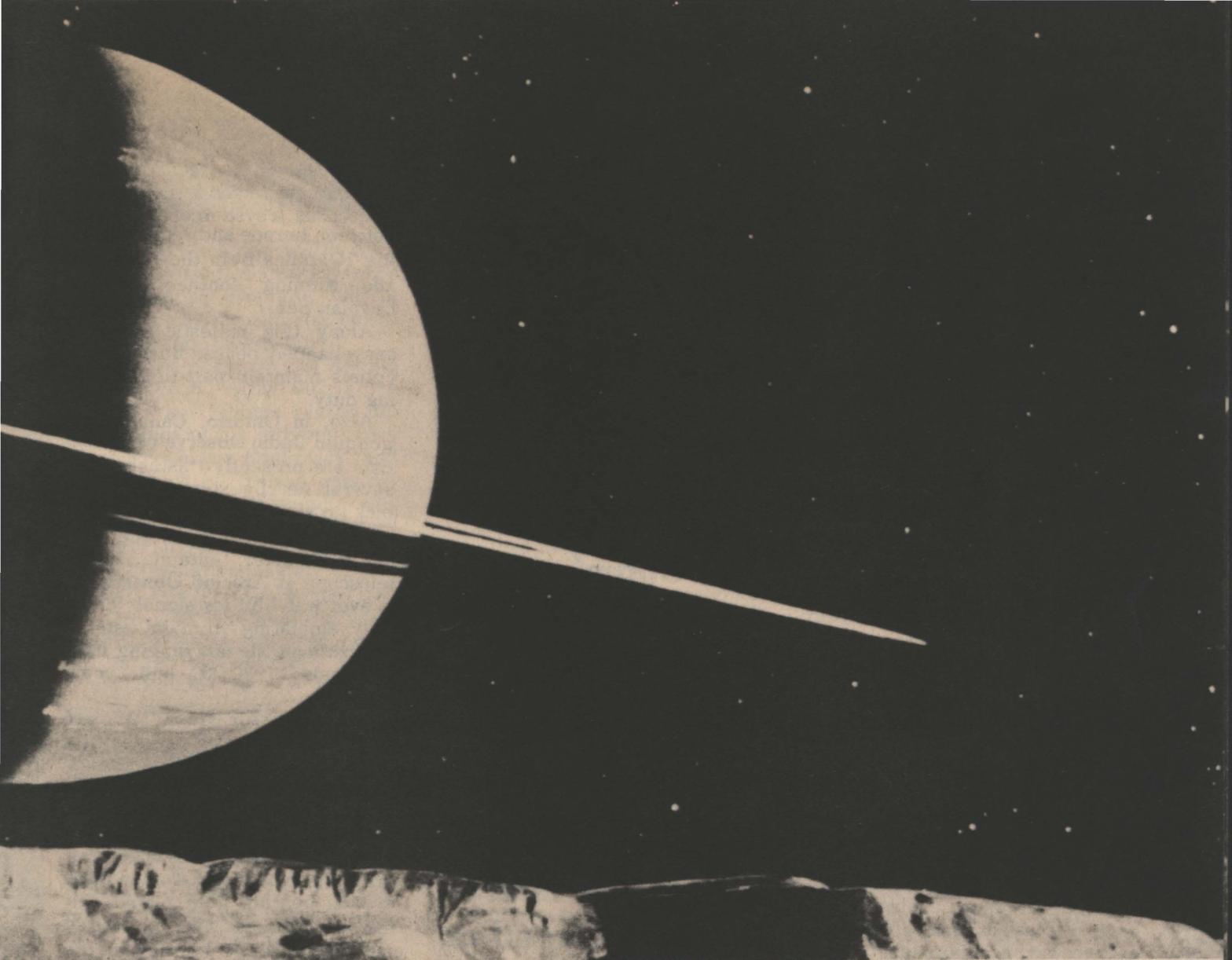
Adherents of the "we-are-not-alone theory" point out that the various chemical processes which have contributed to life on Earth,

have also simultaneously occurred in many places in the universe.

Carl Sagan, director of Cornell's Laboratory for Planetary Studies, ascertains that there may be 100 billion planets suitable for life within the Milky Way galaxy alone.

Also, more than 75,000 UFO reports from 133 countries have been received by the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois. The phenomenon is worldwide, according to J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University. "UFO's keep persisting," he said. "Most reports come from 'highly responsible people', including pilots and radar operators."

"You would think the scientific community would be agog and just dying to learn more. You



would think the Defense Department would want to know what many of its pilots and radar operators have seen. What has happened to human curiosity?"

Unable to understand why the government seems so apathetic about getting to the bottom of the mystery, Hynek said he feels nothing "really significant" about UFOs will be discovered, that is, until the public begins to "demand" some of the answers.

Hynek, who directed the Air Force Project Blue Book for 21 years, brought out that the public is becoming more anxious for definitive information because of the effect of films such as "Close Encounters" and "Stars Wars."

On the other side of the coin, there is a small number of scientists who say the only form of

intelligent life in the universe is the one right here on Earth.

Astronomer Dr. Michael H. Hart maintains, "I think ours is the only advanced civilization in the universe and almost certainly the only one in our galaxy." Hart brought out that his computer analysis of hypothetical planets indicates there just aren't that many areas in the universe from which could be envolved human-like life.

"Fact A: There are no intelligent beings from outer space on Earth now," said the Trinity University physics instructor. "Our descendants might eventually encounter a few advanced civilizations which never chose to engage in interstellar travel. But their number should be small, and could well be zero."

Although he said his theory doesn't get as much press as those which indicate that there is intelligent life on other planets, the physics instructor brings out that if on the thousands of planets in the galaxy there was life, a way would have been found by now to get to Earth.

"I believe the public is more eager to read about the positive side: that, yes, there is intelligent life in the universe and we might meet them and how exciting that would be. That makes a more interesting column or radio program. So I think that side of the question gets most of the play in the media generally."

He specifies that Earth was indeed lucky to become a habitable planet, and added that if the orbit of our planet had been 5 per

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cent nearer the sun, we would certainly be engulfed by 900 degree temperatures; and if Earth had been 1 per cent farther away from the sun, it would have been a barren desert.

Hart, whose teaching curriculum includes astronomy, said, "In recent years several astronomers have suggested that intelligent life in our galaxy is very common.

"These optimistic conclusions have perhaps led many persons to believe that (1) our star-roving descendants are almost certain, sooner or later, to encounter other advanced cultures in our galaxy; and (2) radio contact with other civilizations may be just around the corner.

"These are very exciting prospects indeed; so much so that wishful thinking may lead us to overestimate the chances that the conjecture is correct.

"Unfortunately, though, the idea that thousands of advanced civilizations are scattered all over the galaxy is very implausible in the light of Fact 1. Though it is possible that one or two civilizations have evolved and have destroyed themselves in a nuclear war, it is implausible that every one of 10,000 alien civilizations had done so."

Despite the fact that arguments pro and con emerge on the subject of other forms of life in the vast universe, the search for interstellar intelligence runs continuously high throughout the world, and in fact has been for years.

To illustrate this point, a galactic probe in Green Bank, West Virginia, is being used in an attempt to receive radio signals from space.

Beginning in 1960, with Projects Ozma I and II, scientists from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory have thus far observed well over 640 nearby stars, listening closely for radio signals.

Although none have as yet been detected, the Soviet Union, working in conjunction with this project

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have designed and constructed a 600-antenna radiotelescope in the Caucasus, a system of mountains between Europe and Asia, extending 750 miles from the Black Sea and running southeast to the Caspian Sea.

Along this majestic chain of snow-capped peaks, Russian scientists maintain part-time listening duty.

Also, in Ontario, Canada, Algonquin Radio Observatory scientists are presently "listening" to several nearby stars, hoping to pick up signals.

And in Puerto Rico, the 305-meter-diameter antenna radiotelescope at Arecibo Observatory is ever watchful for signals hopefully emanating from interstellar civilizations, signals ranging from hundreds to 30,000 light years away.

Said Professor Drake: "We are searching for a few needles in a haystack of inconceivable size."

Also on duty in the vast sea of space are Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11. Traveling along at 16 kilometers per second, this spacecraft drifts out into the vast open solar system bearing gold plated aluminum plaques with a precise message: (1) the location of the Earth and the sun with respect to 14 pulsars; (2) a diagram of the solar system; (3) scale drawings of a man and a woman; and, (4) a comprehensive design of the spacecraft itself.

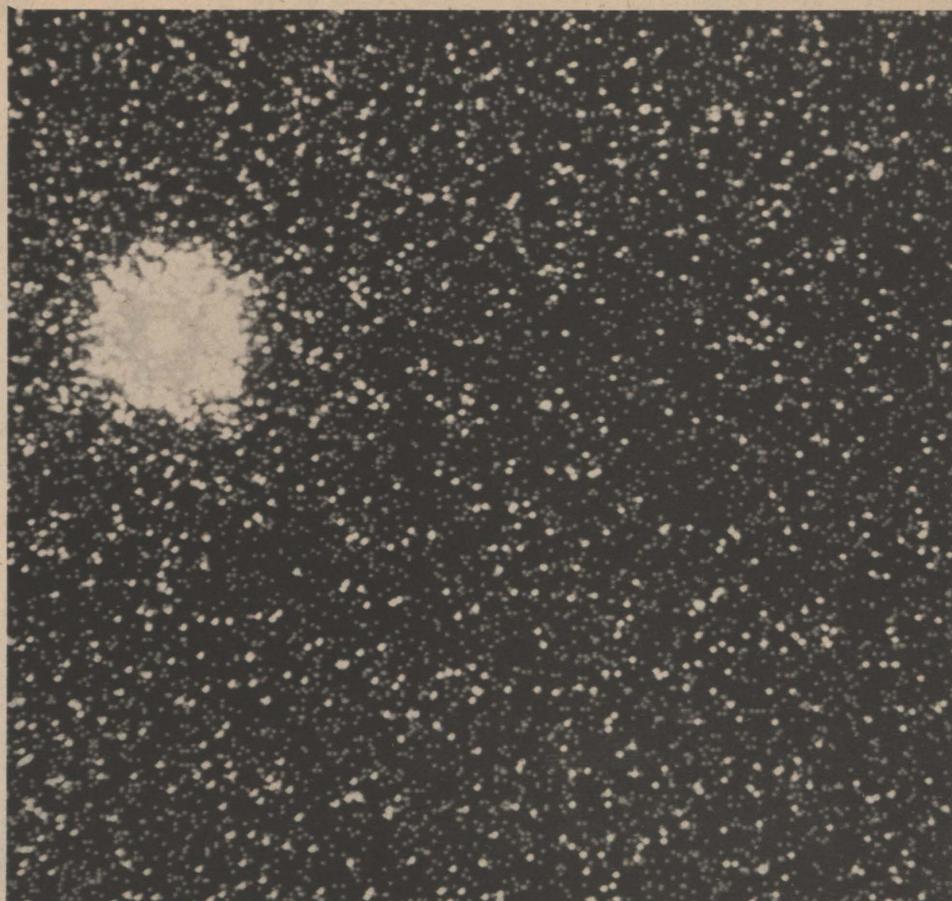
Also, the spacecraft Voyager I and II are presently heading out into the solar system, each with greetings in 60 languages as well as pictures of various scenes of Earth, together with a 12-minute montage depicting Earth sounds.

Tightly secured to Voyagers' sides are a few items for extraterrestrials to examine and use; a porcelain carriage, a diamond stylus and a copper phonograph record which is sprayed with gold and encased in aluminum to assure survival for one billion years.

Engraved on the unit, which is



NASA's High Energy Astronomy Observatory is the latest in space technology. This special space telescope is the heaviest unmanned earth-orbiting satellite ever launched by NASA.



This X-ray photograph taken by the High Energy Astronomy Observatory reveals a newly discovered object (upper left) which appears to be the brightest quasar yet to be discovered.

secured to the hulls of the spacecrafts are operating instructions in design and language wholly scientific.

The records encased therein are Earth's greatest musical hits, music spanning the centuries. It is hoped that this symphonic montage representing music from just about every nation in the world—including three Bach compositions and two by Beethoven—will be discovered by extraterrestrial cultures, and listened to. Science feels that this is one way we can communicate to alien intelligence that we are here, their neighbors in the universe.

Giant scientific satellites such

as Skylab, which has brought home more than 180,000 solar photos taken outside earth's inhibiting atmosphere, as well as her recording of 40 miles of data tape, are aiding NASA officials to determine exactly what is out there beyond the range of human understanding.

Major unmanned probes of outer space are revealing hitherto unknown information. When Mariner 9 orbited Mars in 1971, for example, the craft returned the most startling photographic information of that planet to date and helped pave the way for a Viking landing on that planet in 1976.

Two Pioneer spacecraft have already flown past Jupiter, and are presently headed for Saturn and the outer reaches of the solar system. The Pioneer, an appropriate name, is giving us the first bits of information on the giant outer planets—Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

Among the heaviest of the U.S. scientific satellites, Pegasus, at 3,000 pounds, and with a wing-like structure spanning 96 feet, is designed to determine the frequency and depth of tiny particles of matter speeding through space faster than a fired bullet. Data received from Pegasus aided man to prepare for the Apollo lunar

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UFO ATTACKS SHERIFF'S PATROL

Officials of the Evanston, Illinois office of the Center for UFO Studies, claim: "It is the most dramatic and exciting UFO flap ever reported to us from throughout the United States."

A significant peculiarity of the UFO enigma is that it has been reported many times as radiant balls of light which follow moving vehicles. These glowing celestial orbs have also been known to dance menacingly over the heads of strollers and cut out sharply over the tops of tall buildings. They have pursued airplanes, buzzed both Soviet and American military installations, and in general played havoc with the senses of thousands of people in every corner of the world.

One of these most awesome UFO experiences ever concerning these dancing globs has prompted an official of the Evanston, Illinois office of the Center for UFO Studies to comment: "It was the most dramatic and exciting UFO

flap ever reported to us from throughout the United States."

Allen Hendry, chief investigator for the Center, was referring to the weird incident that befell a 35-year-old Warren, Minnesota deputy sheriff who was attacked by what was called "a brilliant light" while driving along a deserted country road.

The deputy, Val Johnson, said he was on night patrol near Stephen, a remote and winding stretch of Minnesota 220 at approximately 2 AM, on August 27, 1979, when he saw a beam of light descend and hover just above the road.

Johnson's immediate reaction was that the brightness might be the light of a small aircraft trying to make an emergency landing.

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He said, "The light sat there a moment and then boom, it was right on my car. I heard glass breaking, an extremely bright light lit up the inside of the car and that's all I remember."

Unconscious for 39 minutes, Johnson said he awoke to find his squad car sitting sideways on an isolated road. He brought out that the windshield was broken, but broken in an unusual way— one of the headlights was smashed, the red light atop his car was broken and two of his radio antennas were bent— one in the middle and the other at the top, at 90 degrees.

His wristwatch and electric dashboard clock both had stopped for 14 minutes caused by the extremely bright light.

Sheriff Dennis Brekke calculated that the incident occurred at approximately 1:40 AM, and it was at 2:19 AM that Johnson called for help before he passed out.

Deputy Greg Winskowski, who responded to the scene, asked Johnson to describe the vehicle that hit him. "It wasn't a vehicle, Greg," Winskowski reported Johnson as responding. "I don't know what the hell it was." When Winskowski got to the scene he found a small round dent in the hood of the patrol car.

An ambulance was summoned by Winskowski which rushed deputy Johnson to a nearby hospital. Doctors there treated the deputy for "welder burns" to his eyes. Physicians said the eye injury might have been caused by a bright flash of light.

Although Sheriff Brekke said he was at a loss to explain the incident, chief investigator Hendry said his office feels certain the "thing" that attacked Johnson may have been a UFO.

"It's certainly as good a case as any I've seen in the past year," Hendry said after flying to the scene after the incident.

Hendry said he contacted five Federal Aviation Administration organizations in the vicinity. Each

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in turn said there was no indication of aircraft activity in the area on the night of the strange encounter.

Said Hendry, "This case has some clues. Whatever hit the car must have been traveling extremely fast to bend the antenna without moving the springs. Although we have some very good clues, we have to piece them all

together to learn something about what caused this. We're also making further tests."

Hendry added that most UFO reports are suspect. But this one left lasting evidence.

Hendry is equally intrigued by a similar UFO report that came from Vermillion, South Dakota on August 29, only two days after Deputy Johnson's close encounter was reported.

The UFO Center chief said that Russ Johnson (no relation) to Vermillion said he was driving west of town about 2 AM when he saw a light just above the roadway.

Russ Johnson, 33, said he reported to police that the object suddenly sped toward him, engulfing his auto in a bright light. Hendry said that Russ Johnson reported that he shut his eyes, and kept them closed as the light approached, but opened them in time to see the light speed away, then suddenly vanish from sight.

According to Sheriff Brekke, "We're not trying to scare people. We don't know what this was. Maybe it's something that can be explained. But at this point, we don't have an answer to it. Even the gentleman we called in from Chicago (Hendry) doesn't have an answer to it."

In the meanwhile, Val Johnson's encounter has thrust the Sheriff's Deputy into the glaring light of public attention. It has also put an emotional strain on members of his family.

What's more, his home, in Oslo, Minnesota, has been flooded with telephone calls from people around the country— people who are reporting similar incidents.

The father of three young children brought out, "It's a tremendous strain on my family. My wife's run ragged with telephone calls. I hope this drops in a barrel and rests quietly so that we can go back to being parents and I can go back to being a little town deputy sheriff." □

UFO Update

READER SKYWATCH REPORT

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UFO Report No.

Date

Name (person reporting) _____

Address _____

Area of Sighting _____

Date of Sighting _____

Time _____

Weather Conditions

- Clear
- Cloudy
- Overcast
- Raining
-
-

Photo or sketch of object

Please give a brief description of area

Please describe the sighting

Use additional paper if needed

Please give name and addresses of witnesses

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and we stopped for a moment to watch. It never entered into our minds that it might be a UFO.

Anyway, we sat and watched as it hovered over the rice field for a moment or two before it vanished, straight up into space.

We started off to my husband's mother's place, when down the road just a few feet away, was a tall, slim figure walking the same way we were headed. The figure was perhaps six or seven feet tall, wearing everything in white—even the helmet which was the shape of a lightbulb. It had no face at all.

The neck was long, too. My husband was the type of individual who would help out a fellow when in need. And so we stopped, figuring we'd let the figure catch up with us, and perhaps ask if the person needed a ride into the nearby town.

We waited, and waited, and waited for the figure to catch up with us, but when we looked through the window of our car, the figure was gone.

There was no area where he could have walked off or hid. The rice field was filled with mud and water. What's more, when we turned to see where he was, we saw a fuzzy blur, and then nothing at all.

I'll be interested in hearing what your readers have to say about what happened in the rice fields that day.

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Dear Editor:

I recently purchased *UFO UPDATE*#5, and I thought it was great, so great in fact that I'd like some of your back issues.

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—Editor's Note:

A list is in the mail to you, and we hope that you will select several issues. Good reading.

Dear Editor:

I have been a follower of UFOlogy, and especially of your fine publication, *UFO UPDATE* since you published the very first issue. I have recently heard of an abduction case involving a woman by the name of Betty Andreasson, who was taken from her home and forced aboard a UFO. Can you enlighten me on this case?

—Editor's Note:

A team of professional UFOlogists, hardened through long years of pursuing close encounter evidence from frightened witnesses, sat in stunned silence. They listened intently as the woman, under hypnosis, recounted the harrowing details of her recent abduction.

Reliving her weird experience on an alien planet—and the fantastic journey to get there — Mrs. Betty Andreasson spoke of two-headed, monkey-like creatures, humanoids clothed in silver suits, their faces covered with black hoods, an atmosphere which changed from red to blue, domed cities and pyramid structures.

In place of heads, she said the creatures had two large eyeballs protruding at the ends of antenna-like stalks.

Under hypnosis, Mrs. Andreasson spoke about being kidnapped from her home, put on board a UFO and streaking among the stars to an alien planet. Once there, she recounted, she began floating from the spaceship along a track leading through a dark tunnel to a futuristic city with square buildings constructed of stucco or cement.

At the end of the tunnel through which she was escorted by two of her captors who wore silver suits with black hoods covering their heads, was what she described as a red world. "It is beautiful here," she said, under deep trance. "We are gliding across a narrow passage of land."

Next, Mrs. Andreasson described a deep booming voice telling her how she had "been

chosen to show the world." She said the voice did not belong to the two alien captors, but to someone else.

She asked if the voice belonged to God, and said she was deeply religious. According to her testimony, the voice replied, "We know, child, that you are. That is why you have been chosen."

Then, she brought out that the voice said, "I am sending you back now. Fear not, be of comfort. I would never harm you. It is your fear that you draw to your body that causes you to feel these things. You must release yourself of that fear."

According to the investigators, Mrs. Andreasson's face "literally shone with unrestrained joy, and tears streamed down her cheeks." She cried, "Oh praise God. Thank you lord. Thank you."

What followed next was Mrs. Andreasson's account of how she was taken back to the spaceship and returned to her home in Massachusetts, the incident erased from her memory, only to reinstate itself there when a UFO recently landed in her back yard.

At first skeptical of her entire story, scientist Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, had a change of mind after it was thoroughly investigated. He said, "There is not the slightest evidence of hoax or contrivance," and brought out further, "Mrs. Andreasson's story will captivate, bother, intrigue and even frighten as one pursues it and contemplates its implications."

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There are techniques which everyone may use to make contact with the space beings who exist among us in dimensions invisible to the average person, says Francie Steiger, who communicates with such intelligences on a daily basis.

Francie's ability to contact these beings has been evaluated by Forrest L. Erickson, one of the nation's leading examiners of the P.S.E., the Psychological Stress Evaluator, a space-age lie detector. Brad Steiger, Francie's author-researcher husband, first coined the term "Star Maiden" and "Star People" in his book *Gods of Aquarius*. It was in this same book that many of the physical characteristics of the Star People were listed.

Top-ranking American space scientists have come to the remarkable conclusion that invisible aliens from outer space are here and that their descendents, the Star People, are already living among us. Francie has been examined by medical doctors and has been found to have all of the physical characteristics of the Star People, as well as demonstrating astonishing psychic abilities.

"There are many entities of varying descriptions who have been visiting and interacting with humankind for thousands of years, Francie said: "The most advanced of these space beings are concerned with mankind's spiritual advancement.

"These beings have the ability to defy solid matter, coming and going instantaneously, heeding none of our laws of gravity as they enter our homes without means of a door. These beings are most commonly described as "looking like angels." These are the intelligences with whom I am most familiar.

"Great historical figures, such as Socrates, Napoleon, George Washington, Joan of Arc, and Bernadette of Lourdes had contact with these beings. Some of man-

kind's most famous inventors, musicians, writers, poets, scientists, and political leaders have been visited by these beings. Our most influential thinkers and artists have been inspired to do their best work by these intelligences," Francie continued.

"As before, the ministering beings wish to help all of humankind, to enrich our lives with their wisdom, to make us more aware. Such contact is possible for all who sincerely follow techniques of communication, such as those which were given to me by the entities themselves."

Francie stated that in order to prepare oneself for contact, it is important to attempt conscientiously to erase hatred for others. "Filling yourself with unconditional love is the all-important first step," she emphasized. "If properly done, you will actually begin to 'feel' an enveloping warmth surrounding your being."

Next, relax each part of your body, starting with your feet and moving upward toward the face. "Rapidly tighten the muscles, then gradually relax them as you move upward," Francie suggested.

"With your eyes open or closed, picture circles emanating from in front of you and slowly enlarging until they encircle your body. Tell your body that it is going to sleep, but tell your mind that it will stay awake and aware."

Francie said that there are many props which aid in relaxation, such as background music, flickering or revolving lights, and/or luminous stars that adhere to the ceiling.

"In the initial stages, it is very important to focus your conscious mind on an object for a period of time so that you can successfully separate the conscious from the subconscious and learn control of the latter," Francie stated. "You must learn to put your physical body to sleep while awakening your spiritual self."

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SPACE MAID CONTACTS INVISIBLE SPACE BEINGS

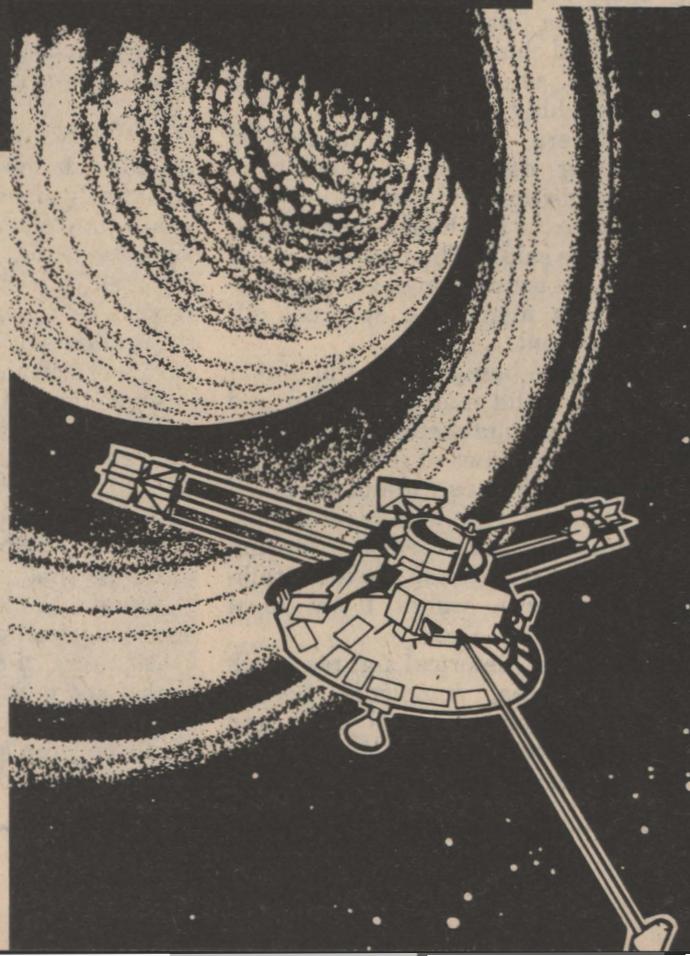
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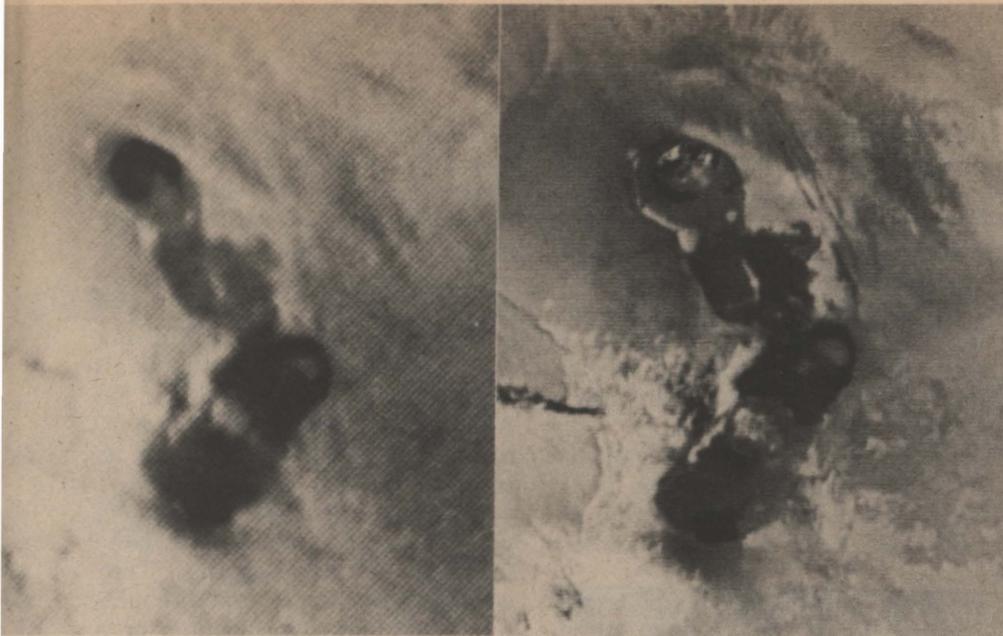
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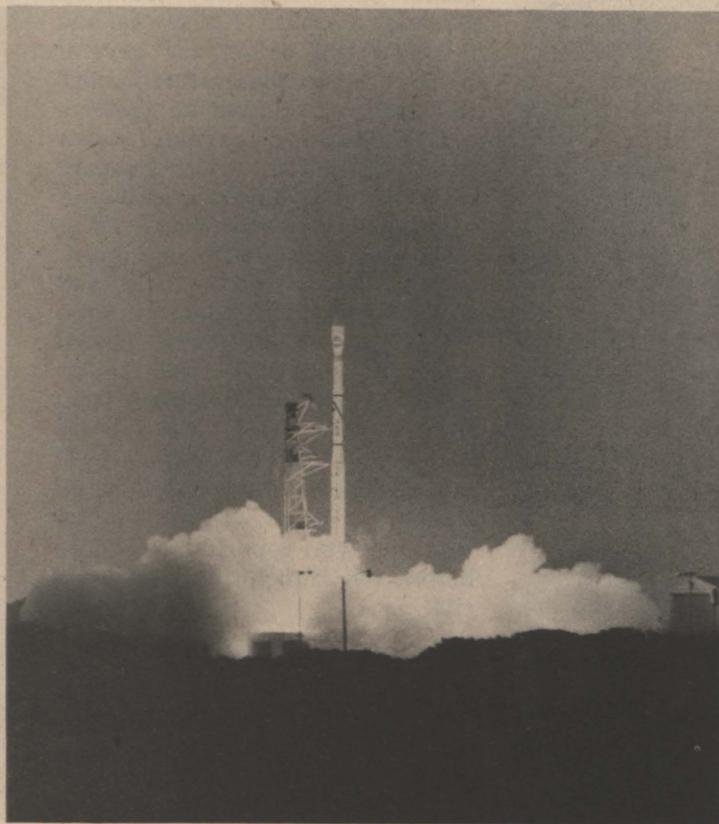
In this artist's conception, Saturn is shown as it might be seen from far below the rings on the lighted side. The angle of sunlight striking the rings in this painting is considerably larger than will be seen on the actual encounter. After a journey of fifty-seven months from its encounter with Jupiter, the Pioneer Saturn spacecraft (Pioneer II) will make the first flyby of the planet Saturn sometime during the end of 1979.

In this artist's concept, the Pioneer II spacecraft is seen passing Saturn. Pioneer II will send back more than 50 photos of the planet and of the moon Titan, probably the largest planetary satellite in the solar system. The Pioneers are managed by NASA's Ames Research Center, Georgia.





These photos of Jupiter's satellite Io show what appears to be a volcanic caldera that is venting gasses. In the center of the left photo is a network of volcanic calderas with dark floors linked by bright red materials. In photo at right, the northernmost caldera has a bright blue patch on the floor—the dark ring along the northern perimeter in left photo.



A British satellite, UK-6, designed to conduct scientific studies in the field of high-energy astrophysics, was launched last May 24. The satellite, weighing 340 pounds, was lofted on board a scout launch vehicle. Information gained from the mission should provide a better understanding of astrophysical phenomena that involve large energy densities and their high-energy products, such as quasars, radio galaxies, supernovae and pulsars.



This high-resolution photo of the surface of Mars was taken by Viking Lander II at its Utopia Planitia landing site on May 18, 1979, and relayed to earth by Orbiter 1 on June 7. It shows a thin coating of water ice on the rocks and soil. The time the frost appeared corresponds almost exactly with the buildup of frost one Martian year ago (23 earth months). The Ice seen in this picture, like that which formed one year ago, is extremely thin.

ened, the pair climbed into the automobile to see if they could drive closer, maneuvering for a better look at the UFOs.

"As we were traveling down the road in the direction of the triangular object, it would move very fast and then stop and hover, repeating that pattern several times."

Within 20 minutes, they told Ms. Jeffers, when they stopped at another house, to get another person to confirm what they had seen, both objects had gone.

—BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

While driving five miles west of Barryton, Joel Vincent, Mecosta County Sheriff's deputy, stopped his car and looked up through the windshield. A very bright white light, getting bigger and brighter, hovered directly over him.

"It seemed to be too big and bright for a helicopter or airplane," he said. "It was 50 feet across and turning different colors—blue, reddish, pink— even green."

On February 16, two months later, Vincent's boss, Mecosta County Sheriff Gerald Weiss, was driving near Horsehead Lake when he saw what he at first thought was a "large, low-flying airplane—with an odd arrangement of lights."

Weiss said the object he viewed was low to the ground and flying relatively slowly. It had five or six lights on a flat plane, and they weren't flashing.

Several officers on duty that night—February 16, 1979—saw it and contacted headquarters. The reports were corroborated by Vincent who said the craft had the appearance of a "tea saucer," and was "at least the size of a football field."

Vincent added the craft had windows, which looked like airplane windows. "They were not square and not completely round, but more like hexagons. At this time the bright white light from

underneath the craft shone approximately one-third from the ground. There were some white lights behind the windows but I could not see inside because they were opaque.

"The craft was about 12 o'clock high in front of my windshield. I was driving approximately 30 miles per hour and the craft was in front of me.

"I definitely could see partitions between the windows but I could not see any creatures or whatever behind the windows



since the windows seemed to be stained.

"The craft had no effect whatever on the performance of my police car. But I can say that I was scared to death and I couldn't explain that."

According to Hans Schmidt of Barryton who collects local UFO data for the Air Force, the Air Force said they had no planes in the area at the time of either Vincent's or Weiss' sighting. He said the sightings could have been private planes, but added that the lights and speeds of the objects indicate that is highly unlikely.

—COMPTON, CALIF.

A UFO with numerous bright lights, making quick, sharp movements 700-800 feet off the streets of this city of 78,547, had passers-by gasping in awe last February 26.

Said police sergeant B. Neilson, who spotted the celestial craft while driving his patrol car on Alondra Boulevard, "I saw something, but I couldn't discern its shape."

Neilson, uncertain as to just what it was he saw, added, "the lights were not flashing. They were steady, very bright. It couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane, because it was changing direction too fast." Neilson said he followed the object for several blocks before it disappeared above the buildings and out of sight.

Rudolf Gaines, Los Angeles data processor and Compton resident described the object as "bigger than a jet but smaller than a 747." Gaines said the UFO came down, hovered about five seconds, and took off at about a 65 degree angle.

Although an Air Force spokesman, Sgt. Lisa Ehrler said that an Atlas missile was launched from the Lompoc base, which was responsible for dozens of UFO reports from Santa Monica to Redondo Beach, the Compton sightings were reported four hours before the launching of the missile.

—PITTSBURGH, PA.

Although radar failed to pick up any strange bogies, two pilots reported following a UFO while flying from Pittsburgh to Cleveland last March 24.

The fliers, Festus Flying Service pilot Hal Sperling and co-pilot Paul Lewis had reportedly spotted a bright star-like object about 50 miles ahead of them and described the UFO as being erratic as well as sporadic.

Although radar air traffic control centers in Pittsburgh reported the absence of any such object on their monitors, the airmen said the UFO

was real enough and disappeared just east of Columbus, Ohio.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Mysterious blasts from space, far stronger than a sonic boom and having none of the characteristics of a nuclear explosion, rocked areas from Connecticut to South Carolina recently.

Described as neither a sonic boom, a meteorite, nor any other natural phenomena, special tape recording instruments which run at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, went "right off scale" when the blasts occurred. Lamont-Doherty atmospheric acoustics scientist William Donn said his instruments are sensitive enough to detect the sound of rocket launches at Cape Canaveral.

The explosions—seven high altitude blasts in all—were pinpointed as to general vicinity—off the coasts of the states previously mentioned, as well as New Jersey.

Said Donn, "The chance of this occurring without being seen is a billion to one." Nevertheless, the tape recordings will be kept on day and night for several weeks on the chance that the blasts will be repeated.

—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A series of mysterious sightings over the skies of Washington, have officials of the National UFO Reporting Center stumped.

Reports, which vary across the Pacific Northwest, as far south as Reno, Nevada, and approximately 185 miles due west of Spokane, indicate an object moving north, high overhead. Witnesses are unable to agree on the direction it seems to be taking, but all who saw it maintain it was extremely large and flashed various colors.

Dr. Robert Gribble, UFO center staffer, maintained that observers so far have agreed upon the absence of any noise as the object passes. In fact, one couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Micka of Merrill,

Washington, compared the final stage of the sighting with a *noiseless firecracker that was exploding.*

Gribble said that at one point, several witnesses had agreed that they saw the object make impact with earth.

Admitting "We don't know" what it was, Gribble speculated, "there is a possibility of a heavy meteor shower that could account for the number of sightings."

The sighting occurred last July, and Gribble's office discounted the possibility of any man-made object causing the disturbance.

—LONDON, ENGLAND

A hovering object, related as a "big silver dish in the sky," was described by a man on his way to work on the morning of January 2, 1979.

The area, Lillyhall, Workington, England, has been called a target four Unidentified Flying Objects.

Peter Wadsworth of Frazer Street, Workington, said it was about 8:30 A.M. "I was near the bridge at Mossbay when I saw it. I seemed to be over Lillyhall. It was stationary and then moved, and then was stationary again, and then it just vanished. I stopped my car to look at it. Where it went I don't know. I have never seen anything move so quickly." Wadsworth said a passenger in his car, Miss Angela Dickinson wasn't the only witness. When he got to work, Wadsworth discovered his colleagues "saw something too." They said it couldn't have been a meteorite because of its behavior.

—ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO

A cigar-shaped object illuminated with yellow or orange light—similar in description to others seen in the area—was reported by an Apache guide who lives on the Jicarilla Indian reservation at Dulce.

Traveling to meet up with some hunters he was to guide through

reservation wilderness areas, Joe Lucero told police, "When I first saw it, I thought it was a star. But then it started moving."

Lucero stopped his car and watched the object through binoculars. He said the UFO flew over Horse Lake and hovered, stationary for a while before it disappeared. Lucero said what he saw was a "sophisticated machine."

State Police Gabe Valdez said there was one other witness to the "machine", and a week before the Lucero sighting, he received a separate report from his Dulce headquarters, also describing the object as a machine.

—VINA, CALIF.

His years working in aircraft maintenance has made Jack Trites aware of the lights a plane must display while flying at night. And so, on the night of October 28, 1978, when Trites noticed a light in the sky at Cobb's hunting camp, located in the foothills east of Vina, he became alarmed. The lights did not conform to the required pattern.

He said what he saw was a bright orange-yellow light traveling from the south to the north. It was never higher than the level of the hunting cabin above the valley floor. "There is just nothing that any airplane carries that has an orange-yellow light", he said.

As the object passed, Trites estimated it as traveling at 60 miles an hour. He could distinguish no shape. Nor did he hear any sound. Within minutes it shot straight up and vanished from view.

—SIMPSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

He spotted what he thought was a pair of automobile headlights—their beams on high—coming straight for him on Highway 308. The twin lights suddenly merged into one, and rising.

Applying his brakes, Roger Shealy skidded to a sharp stop. The object drew nearer. He

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scientists cannot admit that the green colors on Ganymede indicate the presence of life.

For hundreds of years, astronomers saw and photographed the fact that Mars turned green at certain times of the year. The astronomers always considered this green color to be associated with vegetation, and in the 1950's infrared measurements made of these green areas showed them to have the same lengths as vegetation on earth. Since none of the color pictures taken by the Viking probes show any green colors on that planet, it is possible that NASA is deliberately suppressing evidence of Martian life. The possibility that life exists on at least 3 bodies in this solar system would completely discredit the Darwinian evolutionary theory, and thus undermine the scientific establishment.

Assuming NASA is censoring the Viking pictures why would they release these pictures of Ganymede? The scientific establishment sometimes makes mistakes and *accidentally* reveals the truth to the public in the scientific journals. It could be that NASA thinks that the public is so stupid that they would never associate green color with life on one of Jupiter's satellites. The space agency could not show green colors on Mars because the public would immediately then associate these colors with the numerous reports over the past century of a civilization existing on that planet. The only reports of life on Ganymede, or the other moons of Jupiter, have been in the science fiction books.

If life exists on Ganymede, then it would need a sufficient source of heat. Theoretically, life cannot exist on this moon because Jupiter is 484 million miles from the sun and very little of the sun's heat reaches it. This problem was solved in 1973 when Pioneer passed Jupiter it was discovered, to the great shock of the astronomers, that Jupiter was giving off a tremendous amount of heat and



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radiation. Before 1973, the astronomers thought that Jupiter was made of ice; now they have classified it as a miniature sun with a temperature of 54,000 degrees. This may not be the correct temperature of the planet because measurement of radio waves from Jupiter in the 1950's indicated temperatures of over 150,000 degrees. In spite of these readings, scientists still thought that the planet was made of ice because, they refused to believe the information they were getting from their radiotelescopes.

The fact that Jupiter has been classified as a miniature sun presents more problems for the scientists. According to their theory about the solar system's evolution, this huge planet should be ice cold because, it is so far from the sun that it receives very little heat. Since it is burning at high temperatures, the scientists have not been able to come up with an adequate natural explanation for this condition, or for the fact that there are other planets and moons burning at high temperatures. According to the November 11, 1974 edition of *The Astrophysical Journal*, Venus, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Titan, (a satellite of Saturn) are also giving off tremendous amounts of heat.

If the astronomers cannot show that mother nature was responsible for the present state of these bodies, then artificial means must have been employed. Perhaps there was a space war thousands of years ago, and the radioactive elements in these planets were deliberately ignited in order to destroy them. Or perhaps an advanced ancient civilization colonized the solar system thousands of years ago and deliberately ignited Jupiter and Saturn in order to make their moons habitable.

Scientists are in disagreement on how the heat and radiation coming from Jupiter affect its satellites. An article entitled "Galilean Satellites: Anomalous Temperatures Disputed" in the Jan-

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uary 7, 1977 edition of *Science* listed the reports of different scientists on the temperatures of the moons. One scientist, S.H. Gross, wrote in *SCIENCE* in 1975 that Jupiter's heat does affect the moons. David Morrison of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona stated in this article that Dr. Gross was wrong; Jupiter's atmosphere does not have any effect on these satellites. However, he admitted that there were problems with his data and that more research had to be done on the problem. The scientists probably know that a sufficient amount of heat is reaching Ganymede and the other moons in order to maintain life, but cannot admit this to the public.

Other evidence indicate that life could exist on the satellites of Jupiter and Saturn! According to an article entitled "Water Ice Detected on Four Satellites of Saturn" in the October 1976 edition of *Sky and Telescope*, water-ice has been detected on Ganymede, Europa and the four of Saturn's moons: *Tethys*, *Dione*, *Rhea* and *Iapetus*. Scientists claim that "dirty-water-ice" exists on Ganymede, Europa and Iapetus. Unfortunately, no "dirty water-ice" appeared in the color pictures of Ganymede.

The University of Arizona scientists, who conducted this research



assumed that the water found on these moons is in a frozen state. If Jupiter and Saturn are both hotter than officially admitted, then this water would be in a liquid form and could support life such as the lush vegetation found on Ganymede.

Another indication that the water on Ganymede is in both a liquid and partly gaseous state is that one of the restored pictures show the color blue on the outer edge of the satellite. Such a color is a definite indication of water-vapor and oxygen. Although the Viking photographs have shown the Martian sky pinkish-red, high quality color pictures taken in the 1950's showed a blue atmosphere surrounding the planet. The combination of green and blue colors shows that both Mars and Ganymede contain life, and that they could be populated with intelligent beings.

In spite of this evidence, it is very doubtful that the scientists will ever admit that life exists elsewhere in this solar system. As long as the scientific establishment is going to be based on Darwin's "logic", and billions of tax dollars are spent each year to maintain the scientists' "high-living" standards, these so called "professional" people have everything to gain and nothing to lose by not making such revelations.

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described it as "just a big, bright light which hovered above the roadway at treetop level." Shealy said the object drained the power from his jeep battery before it sped straight up and disappeared.

Although he could not get the jeep to move, Shealy said the vehicle's engine remained running while the UFO hovered over him, for 15 minutes. When the object sped off, pulsating but making no sound, he said the jeep began to

function normally again, as though nothing at all had happened to it.

—TORONTO, CANADA

According to astronomer Alan Hynneck of the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, there are more UFO sightings in Canada than anywhere else in the world. Accordingly, 53, per cent of all adult Canadians believe in the existence of UFOs and 10 per cent

claim to have seen one. This last figure is from a recent Gallup Poll.

Yet, committee member Philip J. Klass of Washington, said "I can say without reservation that I have not found a single case of a UFO from outer space. UFOs come from the viewer's imagination." Klass is an engineer and prominent writer in the field of space aviation. He has spent 10 years tracking UFO reports and has also written two books on the subject.

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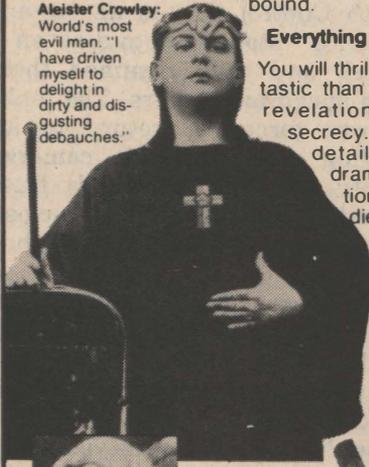
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ly lost their "bogey".

To all intents and purposes, Air Force and Department of Defense records too often explain away these all-too elusive objects as "entities unknown - in which all manner of military pursuit proves negative." Their position is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects ended in 1959, when Project Blue Book, the official title of the UFO investigative arm of the Air Force, was scrapped. As a result, many Air Force personnel close their eyes to reports of UFO sightings with the terse comment, "Well, we're just not into that anymore!"

However, it's hard to ignore a *phenomenon* that keeps turning up - proving over and over again that it is much more than an unreal, imagined hallucination.

Two nights after its mysterious visitation, the Loring Air Force Base UFO returned for a second mysterious call. This was on October 27, 1975. The UFO was flying without lights. Its presence was monitored and reported in by seasoned radar operators on night duty who radioed that the object was headed towards the base's weapons storage area.

A KC-135 refueling tanker on night patrol not far away was ordered to the scene. According to a 42nd Bombardment Wing report: "During this period, the KC-135 was orbiting at 5,000 feet to aid in identification and act as radio relay. All contact was lost. It is our opinion that the unknown 'helicopter' has demonstrated a clear intent in the weapons storage area. A smart and most capable aviator. Local security has been increased. We anticipate further incidents."

A further incident did occur - two nights later. This time, the craft was described as a "suspended helicopter" or "unknown aircraft", being spotted three times, but eluding members of the U.S.A.F. Office of Special Investigations.

Less than a week later, Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michi-



UFOs visited Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, twice. The UFOs were described as large objects with many bright lights. The objects displayed fantastic maneuvers and their movements were followed on radar screens. They flew over the base at 1,000 feet, dipping and rising in perfect flight formation.

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gan, was visited by two UFOs that made what many officials called *brilliant aerial passes* over its weapons storage facilities.

Within minutes after the sighting, an airborne tanker was dispatched into the appropriate airspace and immediately began to pursue the UFO. During the chase, the tanker's pilot reported that the intruders "were flying in 'trail formation' at incredibly high speed." He also radioed to Wurtsmith Control that in an instant the UFO "stopped in mid-air on a dime" and then resumed their high speed maneuvers. The tanker was forced to return to its landing strip, its gun cameras empty, its crew thoroughly frustrated - unable to come close enough to gather any further details.

However, Loring, Malstrom and Wurtsmith were not the only nuclear bases harassed by UFOs. For two nights in 1975 - on October 30-31, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota was visited by noiseless, brightly-lit objects which displayed fantastic maneuvering expertise over her radar stations. The unidentified objects flew over the base at 1,000 feet, dipping and rising in perfect military fashion.

Described as "bright stars, each about the size of a car, they flew over nuclear sheds as though they belonged there. In fact, one U.S.A.F. officer at Minot said, "Whatever they were and from wherever they came, they certainly showed us we have quite a lot to learn about flying."

Too many sightings by sober, reputable witnesses have taken place throughout the years to dismiss UFOs as sunspots, meteors, tricks or mass hallucinations. Why they are here and where they come from is a matter of conjecture, but that they are here on this planet is beyond any reasonable doubt. During the months from July through November of 1957, the Air Force acknowledged 414 reports of sightings and admitted there were probably many more

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Loring Air Force Base, Maine. For over 90 minutes, UFOs were tracked on radar screens. The alien aircraft were seen by ground personnel, military and civilians, who said that they never saw aircraft of this type. Military Police said the UFOs which made a whining noise, dropped to within 300 yards of the field, home of the 42nd Air Wing.



An air view of Minot Air Force Base., North Dakota. Although several planes went after the UFOs, no contact could be made because of their fantastic speeds. Some airmen said that UFOs have appeared over the air base many times.

that were not reported. The figure has climbed steadily through the years.

So, that they are here is already a foregone conclusion. For, in the words of Astronaut John W. Young, "If you bet against UFOs you'd be betting against an almost sure thing. There are so many stars that it's mathematically improbable that there aren't other life sources in the universe."

The question is not *what* flew over our military installations, but *who*. To many the answer is obvious.

In the words of UFO writer and researcher Arthur Shuttlewood, "This is an ugly and war-torn age where the threat of physical extinction by misapplied and mis-used thermo-nuclear devices is a frightening possibility lurking around several hostile corners, waiting to pounce on the unprotected. Oil is often poured on troubled waters, tempers mount and opposing political doctrines of major world powers mouth glib phraseology to placate public anxiety after each experimental detonation.

"If we dare assume that more progressive and enlightened societies flourish elsewhere in an enormous universe, they must surely have learned at least one vital lesson in the Power Game: Working in harmony with Nature brings an end product of peace and plenty; whereas mastery gained by splitting the atom and harnessing solar energy is short-lived and ill-fated if employed in contradiction to wise designing influences of Nature, by recourse to destructive outlets for such powerful forces..."

Keeping an eye on these "destructive outlets" may be just what the extraterrestrial visitations are all about. The same may hold true for building blocks of these world-destroying materials.

Not long ago, two fiery discs were sighted over the southern part of the Belgian Congo in the Elizabethville district, east of the

Luapula River which connects the Meru and Bangweolo lakes.

Located in this area of the Belgian Congo are uranium mines, the production facilities for the heavy white metallic radioactive chemical element used as a source of atomic energy.

One Air Force official said that the lights were described as "large bright stars, each about the size of a car. They flew over sheds, performing aeronautical stunts as though they belonged there. Whatever they were, they certainly showed us we have quite a lot to learn about flying."

Followed by a penetrating hissing and buzzing sound, the disc glided in elegant, precise curves, changing their position many times, appearing to awe onlookers below as plates, ovals, even jagged lines flitting across the sky. The whole weird performance

lasted from 10 to 12 minutes.

Commander Pierre of the small Elizabethville airfield immediately set out in pursuit with a fighter plane. On his first approach, to his estimate, the "saucer" had a diameter of from 12 to 14 meters and was disc-shaped. The inner core and small openings could plainly be seen. The outer rim was completely veiled in fire and must have had an enormous speed of rotation. The color of the metal was similar to that of aluminum.

The discs traveled in a precise manner, both vertically and horizontally. Changes in elevation from 800 to 1,000 meters were accomplished in a few seconds.

Pierre, regarded as a dependable officer and a zealous flyer, reported that the discs often shot down to within 20 meters of the tree tops. The UFOs disappeared in a straight line toward Lake Tanganyika. He estimated their speed at about 1,500 kilometers per hour.

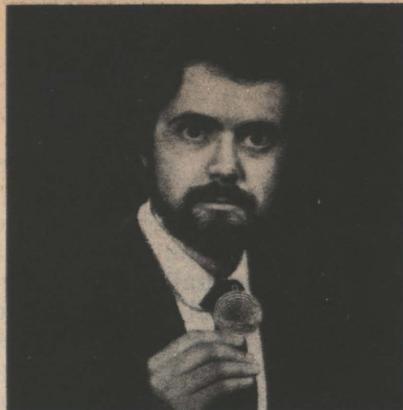
Were the UFOs reported over our missile bases and those over the Belgian Congo's uranium mines one and the same?

Although the military seems to give these mounting incursions of our air space no more than local command concern, what is seen in the skies each year can not be put aside; for it is branching out to encompass all directions of our vast universe.

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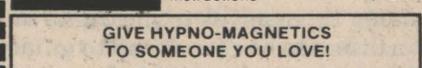
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Francie went on to illustrate how one of her most interesting contacts with the space beings came by staring at a picture of a holy figure.

She seated herself on the floor on a soft cushion. At lower than eye-level she placed a big picture of a hole figure for whom she feels great love. She stared at the area between the eyes, not permitting normal blinking. As her eyes began to water and the room appeared to be darkening, she detected a small movement on the forehead of the figure. A tiny entity appeared and beckoned her to follow. Francie felt that she was truly imagining him, yet she permitted herself to believe that he existed.

"I pretended that I was as small as he, and I followed him in my mind," Francie recalled. "I felt as though I were in two places at once. This realization began to 'break the spell' of the illusion, so I continued to pretend that I was small.

"Suddenly I found myself in outer space. The little man was no more, and I could see the universe clearly all around me. I felt as though I were suspended in space. I watched in awe as a vision began to spread out before me. I saw the incarnations of all humankind throughout the centuries until Earth's fiery end. I became aware of a domain that I was told was occupied by the space beings and which was timeless.

"I was told of a plan whereby the beings had selected a group from among themselves to incarnate on Earth and to live for a time to guide and to teach humankind and to give us knowledge of the Beyond."

On another occasion, Francie remembered seeing circles emanating from the wall opposite the foot of her bed, enlarging as they came toward her, encircling and moving upward over her entire body. A voice, more thought-form

"I found myself in outer space—the alien no longer there. I could see the universe all around me and I felt as though I was suspended in time and space. I watched in awe as a vision spread out before me."

than sound, told her to picture someone of who she was fond and to seat him mentally in a revolving-type chair and to cause him to spin. When she did this, she suddenly found *herself* spinning. A white screen appeared, and she was hurled through it. She found herself on an unfamiliar mountainous countryside, watching a young boy tending sheep.

"I was then brought back to my bed," Francie said. "Twice more I was instructed to repeat this process of spinning my friend in the chair, finding myself projecting through the white screen, watching the same shepherd boy. It was then that I realized that an entity from an invisible realm had given me a new technique on how to project myself into other domains."

Francie maintains that with continued practice anyone may learn to establish an awareness of other dimensions. "Soon you will be able to 'thought-travel,'" she promised.

Thought-travel, she explained, is the means by which one will truly reach the dimension where the invisible space beings dwell. Francie shares many additional techniques of contact in special cassette tape recordings which she produces and in her book of channelled teachings, *reflections from an angel's eye*.

"The space beings insisted that I write the book," Francie said. "And it appears to be helping others as much as it helped me when I received it."

In her consultation work with others, Francie has learned that some cross a bridge before they enter the domain of the space beings. Others speak of a golden temple wherein they are given special teachings. Many tell of a booming voice that inquires: "Are you ready?"

"If you hear that voice," Francie concluded, "say, 'yes,' and you will make contact with space beings just as I have done." □

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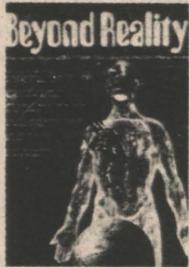
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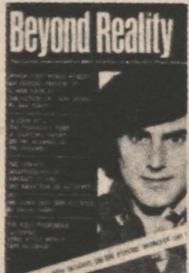
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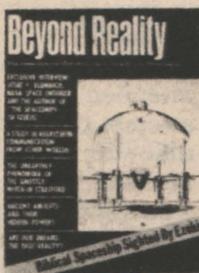
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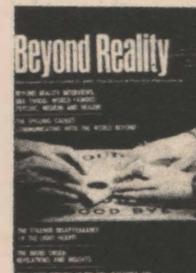
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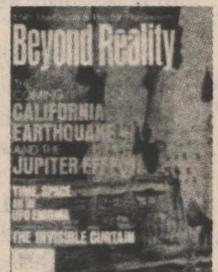
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Evidence from other UFO encounters reveal that the animals involved usually run in fear of a nearby UFO or low flying helicopter. Under such conditions it would be almost impossible to tranquilize or rope the animals from the air.

Natural forces might be different. Allowing, as in the case of Smith's columns, that the energies are capable of destroying the nuclear binding forces causing matter to disintegrate, then a small highly energetic eruption of this sort might, if it erupted directly under the animal, disintegrate any portion of the animal that is happened to touch.

If in the initial stage the energy in the eruption took the form of the so-called "spirit" described by the Miday priest, then the first-sized head of the rising column might blast its way up into the animal's stomach cavity and exit through the rectum or throat, obliterating flesh and muscle along the way. If the eruption struck off target, hitting the animal close to a foreleg or under the neck, then the bones would be stripped clean of flesh and hide. Either way, an almost circular patch of hide and flesh would be disintegrated, blood could be congealed or evaporated, and the residue from the attack converted into basic elements and carried aloft with the rising column.

In an article by Howard Burgess, a New Mexico investigator who did considerable work at a number of these mutilation sites, he reported on the chemical analysis of small flakes and a powdery material found on the roof and hood of a vehicle and on the hair on the backs of some cattle. All had been in the area during a mutilation. The laboratory analysis revealed that the material had a high content of potassium and magnesium along with traces of aluminum, barium, strontium, platinum, and vanadium. Strangely enough, these are the same elements found in organic material and could have

been residue from the disintegration of animal's flesh, hide, and organs.

Often there is evidence of unexplained radiation burns in these mutilation cases. This could be due to the presence of strong ultraviolet energies—invisible to the human eye—in the eruptions. Samples of hair taken from the carcasses reveal evidence of intense heating and the carcasses seldom bloat as is normal with dead cattle.

It could also be these same radiations or others near them



that cause the rapid healing or burns to the eyes or skin or witnesses who get too close to a UFO.

These same ultraviolet radiations can cause minerals and elements to glow in different colors depending on the combinations. According to the types of elements in a mineral the colors can range from red, orange, green, or blue. These fluorescent effects are known to scientists and mineral collectors and are often used as a means of identification. In the case of the samples of flakes and powdery material gathered for analysis, this material fluoresces a bright orange color and this is the color most reported by observers who have witnessed UFOs near mutilation sites.

What appeared to be an uncon-

nected event was a report uncovered by Howard Burgess during his investigations in New Mexico. This was a tombstone said to have been observed glowing intermittently during the night. In this case the minerals in the tombstone may have been fluorescing due to a nearby source of ultraviolet radiation, possibly produced by energy erupting from the earth. This in itself suggests that small pieces of fluorescent material might be used at these mutilation sites to indicate the presence of ultraviolet radiations and thus serve as a warning of an impending eruption or one in progress.

While the evidence offered here suggests that many of the UFOs and related events may be linked to invisible forces erupting from the earth; it by no means explains all UFO phenomena, nor is it intended to. Rather it is an attempt to establish the possibility that the UFO phenomenon is made up of a number of elements which may or may not be linked.

But what is more important, the theories offered here are based on energies generated deep in the earth, and these appear to have their origins in the seismic forces and stresses. If this is the case, then it follows that since the UFO events and mutilations are on the increase, seismic activity must also be on the increase. This seems particularly true in the American mid-west where the cattle mutilations are occurring. If there is any significance to this increase, then the information offered by psychics, pinpointing this part of the century as a time of earth changes, may be relevant. In Edgar Cayce's predictions concerning the central portion of the United States, he said much of this would sink and become inundated. If so, then the stresses in the earth could be signalling that the downward movement of the bedrock in these areas has already begun.

For the answer to that, we shall have to wait and see. □

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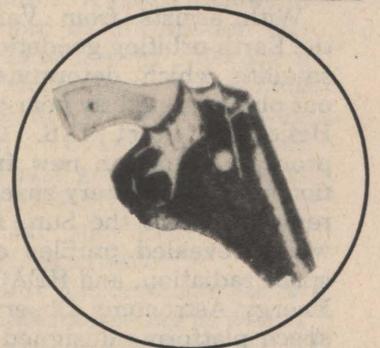
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appeared in her bed.

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window. A gigantic face peered through, and clouds rolled around it.

The manifestations continued without end. Sulphurous smells and sinister shadows added fuel to the belief they were in a battle with demonic creatures.

They *were* in a battle, but there

was no way for them to fight back except with their spiritual and physical strength.

If this were a fiction story, it would have a beginning, a middle and an end. Life is never that simple. Although the beginning is well defined, the middle is hazy but, there is no end in sight. □

IS THERE A UFO BASE IN PUERTO RICO?/continued from page 18

UFOs have been seen throughout the island for many years. However, U.S. media rarely pick up the reports.

One feature writer told me, "Many Latin American nations publicized the many UFOs reported in Puerto Rico, and many Latin American governments have taken a serious look into the nature of these ghostly things.."

I asked him what he personally thought was behind all this. "I have covered quite a few sightings and I assure you, UFOs *are real* and not imaginary. Some of the people I have talked with were almost frightened to death—they saw something."

He also told me that the local news media was told by certain elements of the government to

play down the sightings for fear that it would cause panic. My personal contact with the Puerto Rican people tells me that they are, on the average, as sophisticated as continental Americans, and are well disciplined to cope with anything that mainlanders can. No, I don't think they would panic. It is, in my opinion, just another cover-up. □

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landing mission.

With assists from Vanguard, the Earth-orbiting geodetic survey satellite which determined that our planet is slightly pear-shaped; Helios, a Joint U.S. German program to obtain new information on interplanetary space in the region close to the Sun; Ranger, which revealed profiles of deep space radiation, and HEAO (High Energy Astronomy Observatory), space platforms designed for research in high-energy astrophysics—the domain of peculiar astronomical objects such as quasars, pulsars, and black holes in space—we are learning about the mysteries of space.



Still in the talking stages are communication satellites for exploring the backside of the moon, landing on one of Jupiter's several moons, and orbiters to study Jupiter, the rings of Saturn, and Titan's atmosphere. Indeed to the question, "is there life out there in space?," it is hoped that as we penetrate deeper and deeper into the mysterious void of the universe, mankind will soon receive an invitation by his intergalactic neighbors to break the earthly shackles that bind us and visit the distant stars, not as aliens, but as brothers, one planet to another, in a welcome as yet unsurpassed in the history of our civilization. □

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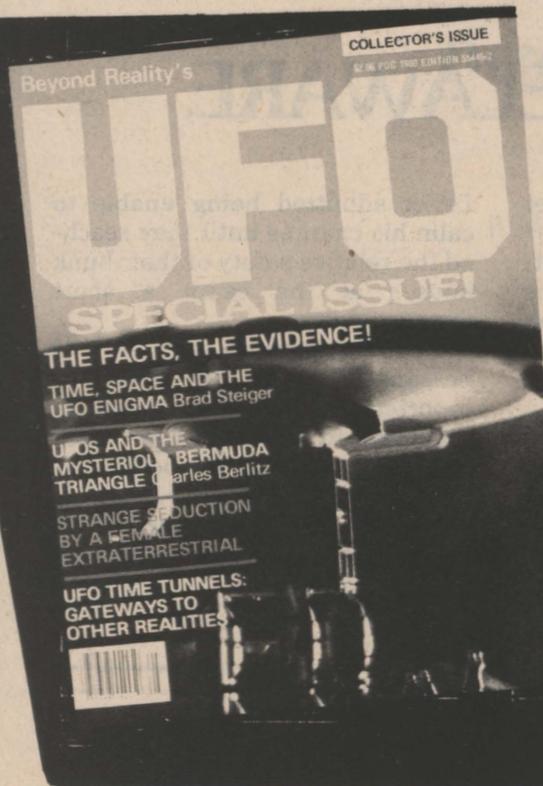
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Although fear of being ridiculed prevented them from speaking up immediately after the incident, four teenage campers reported being terrified by a low flying UFO.

The boys—13 of them, aged 13-15—hiked up into the foothills of Blueberry Hill and were beginning to pitch tents when they heard a high whine coming from above.

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feet in diameter, hovering 50 feet over their encampment.

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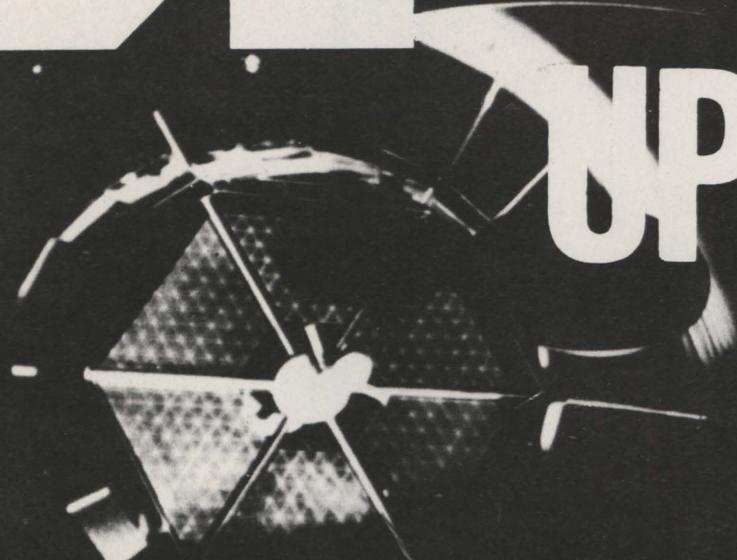
Suddenly, after staring at the object for a full 15 minutes, the saucer began to move, taking off straight up and disappearing towards the sun.

Camp Delaware counselor Ira

Leifer admitted being unable to calm his charges until they reached the relative safety of their bunk houses at the camp a short distance away.

At about the same time, several persons hiking in the area also reported the strange aircraft to the local officials. One hiker said, “My God, I never did believe in UFOs and flying saucers, but this did it...they exist, or the military is holding back on some new invention.” □

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