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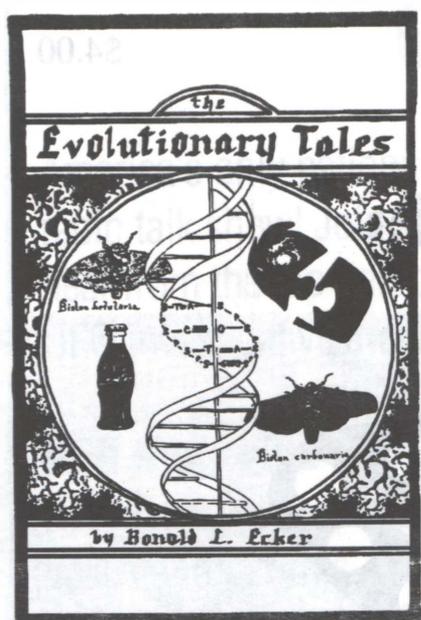


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One of the popular misconceptions that plague the UFO field is that there is a lot of money to be made from it. As long as a significant number of persons believe that, charlatans will be attracted to the field in the hope of making some of that money.

Fortunately, these types seldom avoid exposure, and they learn the hard way that there isn't much money to be made. A few ufologists do appear to do well financially, and another fortunate handful are able to cover some or most of their expenses by publishing the results of their research. But for most it is an expensive and time consuming avocation with personal satisfaction the only real payoff.

Maybe the pettiness and intensity of some of the personal disputes that develop in this field are an unfortunate side effect of that fact of life. As our

power is small, so are our power struggles. And as our rewards are small, so are the petty jealousies they too often seem to inspire.

Now comes an organization calling itself the "Associated Investigators Group" (AIG) which recently has distributed an abominable document entitled "Associated Investigators Report AIR #1", dated July 1993. This anonymous document purports to be an exposé of Dr. Bruce Maccabee's double dealing as both a co-founder and high-ranking member of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) and a CIA informant on the current status of civilian UFO research and researchers.

Now, it may surprise some that a physicist employed by the U.S. Navy and simultaneously involved in civilian UFO research would converse with the

CIA, but we find this breathless revelation underwhelming. Furthermore, we find Dr. Maccabee's response, and the response of FUFOR chairman Richard Hall, credible.

So what is this all about?

Exactly who or what is this anonymous "Associated Investigators Group"? According to the document:

"Membership is by invitation only. Although at present the members wish to be known only by pseudonyms, please be assured that they will become identified when a number of investigations are completed. . . We hope you'll continue to allow us to move forward and not waste your time or energy attempting to impede our investigations by attempting to guess our identities. . ."

Well, gee, we wouldn't dream of attempting to guess these guys' identities, much less impede their investigations. But their work is so amateurish that it's impossible not to recognize some of them.

As a citable source of information the document is worthless. It is also libelous and malicious, in our opinion, and we would not consider printing it or any part of it. We are, however, printing Dr. Maccabee's response in this issue, and are willing to print responses from other victims in future issues.

We haven't received an invitation to join the AIG but wouldn't anyway. All the good pseudonyms appear to have been taken, and we understand that members have to provide their own sheets.

— Terry Ecker

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Readers' Forum

FUFOR Chairman Richard Hall condemns anonymous "report"

I have read the so-called AIR#1 report and Bruce Maccabee's reply entitled *Hot Air*. Although W. Todd Zechel told me on the telephone that he had no control over some of the content of AIR#1, and that there is primarily one other person responsible for it, I agree that the paper bears all the earmarks of Zechel's work and clearly is a reiteration of his past writings. If there is another primary author, aside from being a total coward he or she apparently doesn't have an original thought in his or her head. I shall call him or her "Air-Head".

It must be emphasized that, other than Zechel's obvious role in it, the paper is totally anonymous and the list of alleged AIG members is totally fictitious. None of the persons attacked in the paper or (like the Fund for UFO Research) smeared by it were afforded any opportunity to reply to the allegations in advance, nor is there an official author or address to which a rebuttal can be sent. The paper is full of half-truths, innuendo, and totally false statements. Nevertheless, it has been widely circulated with obvious intent to do harm to Bruce Maccabee and/or the Fund and so we must reply.

The Fund is preparing its own separate statement, but I wish to go on record as stating that I have known Bruce Maccabee for more than twenty five years and have no reason to doubt his personal integrity. We disagree about the merits of some UFO



Bruce Maccabee

cases that he has worked on, but disagreement and dialogue among colleagues is part of the scientific method. There is nothing devious or "evil" about the position Bruce takes on a given case, despite insinuations by Air-Head. His position may be mistaken in some respects or even wrong, but who among us is perfect? He also may be right. That is for scientific research to determine.

Bruce is absolutely correct in stating that the Fund never has had a clandestine or any other relationship with the CIA, and it never will as long as I am chairman. There is at worst "an appearance of impropriety" for Bruce, as past chairman, to have given talks or information to parties in the CIA, which he did as a private individual. When he mentioned some of his meetings with CIA people to us over the years, we cautioned him that it could cause a problem. However, I find his explanation of what his relationships were

with some CIA personnel to be entirely credible and they had nothing to do with the Fund.

At no time did the CIA have any influence over any decisions made by the Executive Committee or the National Board of the Fund. Suggestions by Air-Head to the contrary border on paranoia. As he points out, Bruce had only one vote and in fact some of his ideas were voted down (some of mine have been voted down, too). For any decision by the Fund to support any given project or to take any particular action, there is joint responsibility by the Executive Committee and, for major funding decisions or other fundamentally important matters, by the full fifteen-member National Board. The board members are independent-minded persons whose names and track records are known, not "tools of the CIA".

Finally, Bruce Maccabee served honorably as chairman for thirteen years providing important leadership to the Fund, and remains a respected member of the National Board. Whatever "mistakes" he may have made during that period may be attributable to human failings, but not to sinister plotting or devious behavior.

— **Richard Hall**, Chairman
Fund for UFO Research

Editor's note: Dr. Bruce Maccabee's response to Air-Head's anonymous document begins on page 18.

Similar object seen across the Suncoast

Deputy sheriff startled by flying boomerang

By Fearon Hicks

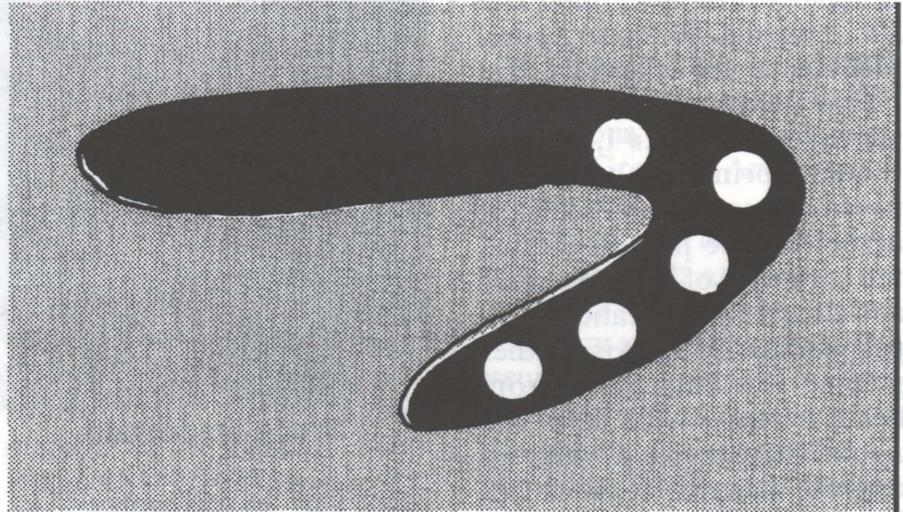
On the evening of Friday, April 16, 1993, Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff's deputy Ron Chancey was driving along his patrol route when he caught a glimpse of something out of the ordinary.

Chancey, a veteran law enforcement officer with over fifteen years' service, permitted me to conduct the interview in his patrol car as we re-traced his route that night.

"I was assigned to a special patrol of the Pine Island and South Bay area because this area bore the brunt of the Storm of the Century," Chancy said as we rode over the route he had taken that night.

"There is no electricity to the homes on the island and only about six out of fifty families that live here are actually in their homes at present."

Chaney said the night was clear and cloudless. It was around 9:20 p.m. when the lights in the sky attracted his attention.



"I was traveling north on Pine Island Drive when I noticed some blue light through the trees, and I thought to myself, I don't recall being able to see the Crystal River Power Plant from this distance. I then rounded a curve heading east and the lights were now pacing me."

Chancey said he believed he was traveling at roughly twenty miles per hour.

"I turned down the police radio and the FM radio in the

unit to ascertain if I could hear any noise from the object. When I determined that I could not hear anything, I stopped the cruiser, turned off the ignition, stepped out and looked up at the object.

"There was no moon, I only had the stars in the background as a reference. As I stood there watching the object, I reached into my car and turned the spotlight on and shined it on the underside of the object. There was no reflected light coming back. It was as if the object was painted flat black. I noticed on the underside that there were five neon blue type lights, although they did not fit the configuration of the craft which seemed to be boomerang shaped with one side slightly longer than the other. I would estimate its size to be approximately 200 to 300 feet. As I stood there, looking up, I said to myself 'Anything that big can take care of itself, it's time for



Ol' Ron to take a 10 -8."

And depart he did, turning off the spotlight and leaving as fast as he could.

"I was making sharp turns, and the object stayed with me making the turns as I was now almost in a panic. As I began traveling south on Pine Island Drive with the object still on my left and pacing me, I again turned on the spotlight and shined it at the thing. It was at this time that it cut in front of my patrol unit and across the roadway, still at 300 feet. It proceeded west-southwest at an incredible rate of speed. I decided that I would not make a report, and I resumed my special patrol."

Curious about the object, Deputy Chaney headed South on County Road 550 which dead ends at South Bay Park. There were six people in the park when Chaney arrived.

"I said, 'I'm going to ask you a strange question, but I don't know how to ask it.' One of the witnesses said 'Yeah, we saw it, too, that thing up in the sky!'"

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Dortch of Brooksville and their two children had come to the park to crab. When they discovered that the pier had been blown down by the storm they decided to leave. It was then that Dortch noticed the lights.

"We both said 'That's no airplane,'" Mrs. Dortch remembered, "It was way too big. It didn't make a sound. It just hung there. We looked away, and when we looked back it was gone."

Garth and Sandra Curtis saw the object over Tarpon Springs at 9:30 the same night.

"We sat and watched it a good



Crystal River Nuclear Plant cooling towers

five minutes. It was moving slowly to the west," Curtis said. "I don't know what to believe. I've never seen anything like it," he added.

New Port Richey resident Mary McCracken saw something similar the night before deputy Chancey encounter. She sets the time at between ten and eleven o'clock, because she knows *L.A. Law* was on television. It was raining when her attention was drawn to some bright lights over the treetops outside her bedroom window.

"I kept watching. It was really big. I opened the window all the way and listened. It didn't make a sound," she said.

The object passed over a nearby street light, causing it to turn off. McCracken said it turned back on after the object had passed.

The boomerang has been seen in daylight, too. Lisa Curran of New Port Richey saw the object hovering high in the sunny sky Sunday afternoon following the Bayport sighting. It slowly rose out of sight as she watched.

Friday, April 16, proved to be

a busy night for the flying boomerang. In Zellwood, south of the Bayport, a group of amateur astronomers were in Raymond Strickland's yard looking at stars. It was an exceptionally clear night, Strickland recalls. He and his guests were planning on viewing Saturn through his Celestron telescope.

"I was attempting to see where Saturn was to rise at a later hour when, Damn! Here that thing come! I yelled to the group to look here," Strickland said.

The object looked like "a flying city," according to Strickland, and rapidly transited a large arc of sky and went out of sight behind some trees.

"I'm 48 years old and never have I seen anything I couldn't explain up there. I have never believed in UFOs, either, but I am a believer now," he concluded.

Officials at McDill AFB in Tampa said they had no aircraft flying after 9 pm on April 16. The U.S. Coast Guard station in St. Petersburg and the Tampa International Airport reported nothing unusual over the Suncoast that night.

Newly released document details Cobra Mist woes

Earlier this year Jim Klotz, Sysop for Computer UFO Network (CUFON), and Dale Goudie, Information Director of the UFO Reporting and Information Service, submitted a FOIA request regarding the Cobra Mist radar project. The information about this project had been declassified in December, 1991, but the paperwork apparently had not been downgraded until March 23, 1993, following Klotz and Goudie's request.

Cobra Mist is of interest to UFO researchers for a variety of reasons. It was mentioned briefly in Jenny Randles' book on the Bentwaters case, *From Out of The Blue*. In the book Randles surmises that the radar project at Orford Ness near Bentwaters may have been responsible for green fireballs and other strange lights that plagued residents of the area.

Over the horizon radar also is alleged to play a role in electronically enhanced psi experiments that go under the heading psychotronics. Although the cobra Mist project has not been specifically connected with psi experiments, the documents about the project give a look at the workings of an OT radar facility.

The bulk of the FOIA material relating to Cobra Mist is an article by E.N. Fowle, E.L. Key, R.I. Millar and R.H. Sear, The MITRE Corporation, Bedford, Mass. Dated as received May 22, 1979.

Cobra Mist was an AN/FPS-95 over the horizon back scat-

ter radar project at Orford Ness on the North Sea coast of England. It was designed to make observations through beam steering within a 91 degree azimuth sector from 19.5 to 110.5 degrees clockwise from true north.

The project operated from the late 1960s to 1973. During this time it encountered severe problems with clutter and ground return that have never been adequately explained.

Long range high frequency radar seemed in the early 1960s to be a productive way of keeping an eye on enemy airspace. The paradigm of OT radar at this time was the Madre facility operated by the Naval Research Laboratory on Chesapeake Bay. Madre was able to detect aircraft targets at ranges of 1,500 to 2000 nautical miles and missiles from Cape Canaveral just after liftoff.

In 1964 the U.S. Air Force awarded a contract to RCA to build an OTH radar similar to the Madre radar. The planned facility was to be in Turkey, but this could not be realized. After some delay the British government offered use of the existing site at Orford Ness, where during WWII radar experiments were conducted.

Program management for this system was assigned to Electronic Systems Division of the Air Force Systems command at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. Engineering responsibility was carried out by Rome Air Development Center, Griffiss AFB, NY. Scientific support

was furnished by Naval Research Laboratory. Again, the contract to build the radar was awarded to RCA.

Construction began in mid-1967. The AN/FPS-95, while paralleling the Madre radar in design, was sufficiently complex that its initial operation was by civilian scientists. In 1969 the scientific program, called Design Verification System Testing, was put together by the Cobra Mist Working Group, which included experts from UK and US over the horizon radar projects.

In 1970 the MITRE Corporation of Bedford, Mass. and the Naval Research Laboratory conducted the DVST program. In mid-1970 the DVST Technical Advisory Committee was formed by the Air Force to provide technical direction.

Cobra Mist appears to have been born under a particularly disagreeable star.

On 10 July, 1971 the eighteenth and final antenna string was installed. Phasing at high power began around a week later. A little over a month later the upper catenary nuplaglass rod between mast #38 and string #18 failed, causing most of masts 38 and 39 to break off at the 120 foot level. According to documents, the failed rod had been rejected by RCA due to a deep cut, and had been installed by mistake. Rather than replace the masts, RCA repaired them. A few weeks later in December another upper catenary nuplaglass break was repaired, using a

hook and ladder fire truck RCA bought under what are described only as "fortuitous circumstances" – apparently an Argentine distress sale of some sort. It was one of the few times fortuitous could be used to describe anything about Cobra Mist.

The system was plagued by computer problems and transmit/receive switch failures. The difficulties "did not appear major when considered individually, but the system did not perform in the sense that meaningful data could be retrieved." Another case of the whole being more dismal than the sum of its parts.

On February 9, 1972, the radar was accepted from the contractor. The following day DVST began, only to be suspended four days later due to a power shortage caused by a British coal miners' strike.

On June 30, 1972, the noise problem appeared.

The main problem was a "mysterious noise which occurred in all Doppler filters corresponding to range inter-

vals in which returns from the earth's surface (that is, 'clutter' returns) were received." The level of clutter returns was sufficient to hamper the system's ability to detect missile and aircraft returns.

Much of the work at was directed to trying to isolate the cause of the noise and eliminate it. Interestingly, one of the explanations put forth for the noise was signal modulation from the "vibrating telephone wires, fences and power lines, rotating wheels, and moving vehicles" in Eastern Europe, as well as stationary reflecting objects such as metal frameworks of buildings and "railroad tracks whose sections are connected by impedances that could vary rapidly during the passage of a train across the joints."

In December, 1972, the DVST Technical Advisory Committee recommended that control of operations at Cobra Mist be moved from Air Force to a civilian scientific director.

In 1973 DVST was suspended and a scientific director from

Stanford Research Institute was named to head a new Scientific Assessment Committee. This committee, with both UK and US radar experts, designed a new series of experiments to help identify and eliminate the noise.

In May of 1973 after five months of experimenting the Committee released a report stating that the cause of the noise had not been found.

On June 19, 1973, the US advised the UK that as of June 30 Cobra Mist would be shut down.

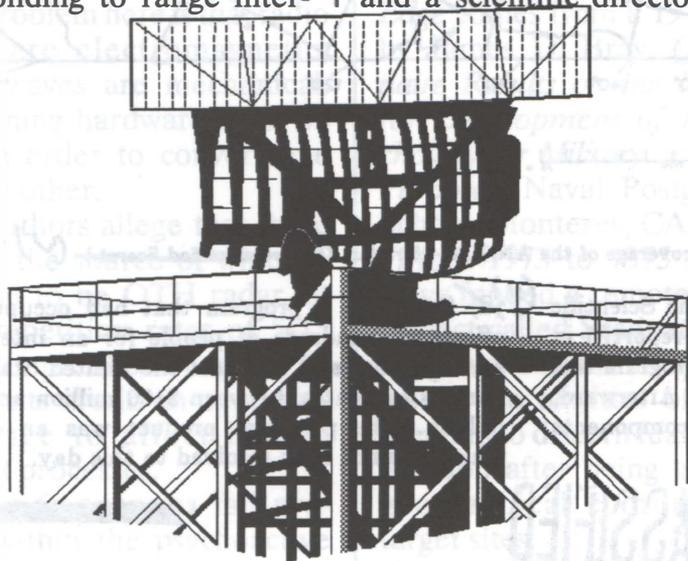
The project's demise came so rapidly and unexpectedly that according to Randles the displaced workers made a public petition of their grievances at being dumped on the pavement.

The radar was dismantled and the components removed from Orford Ness.

Cobra Mist, which cost between \$100 and \$150 million, vanished into paperwork and warehouses. In the words of the 1979 MITRE Corporation report, its "principal product was an enigma which has not been resolved to this day."

Though mention is made in the MITRE report of corona and arcing involving the ground screen, antenna and RF hardware as possible causes of the clutter-related noise, there is nothing to suggest anything as dramatic as green fireball production.

In short, it appears that Cobra Mist's sole relevance to the UFO field is as an allegoric analogue: both experience a debilitating signal to noise ratio.



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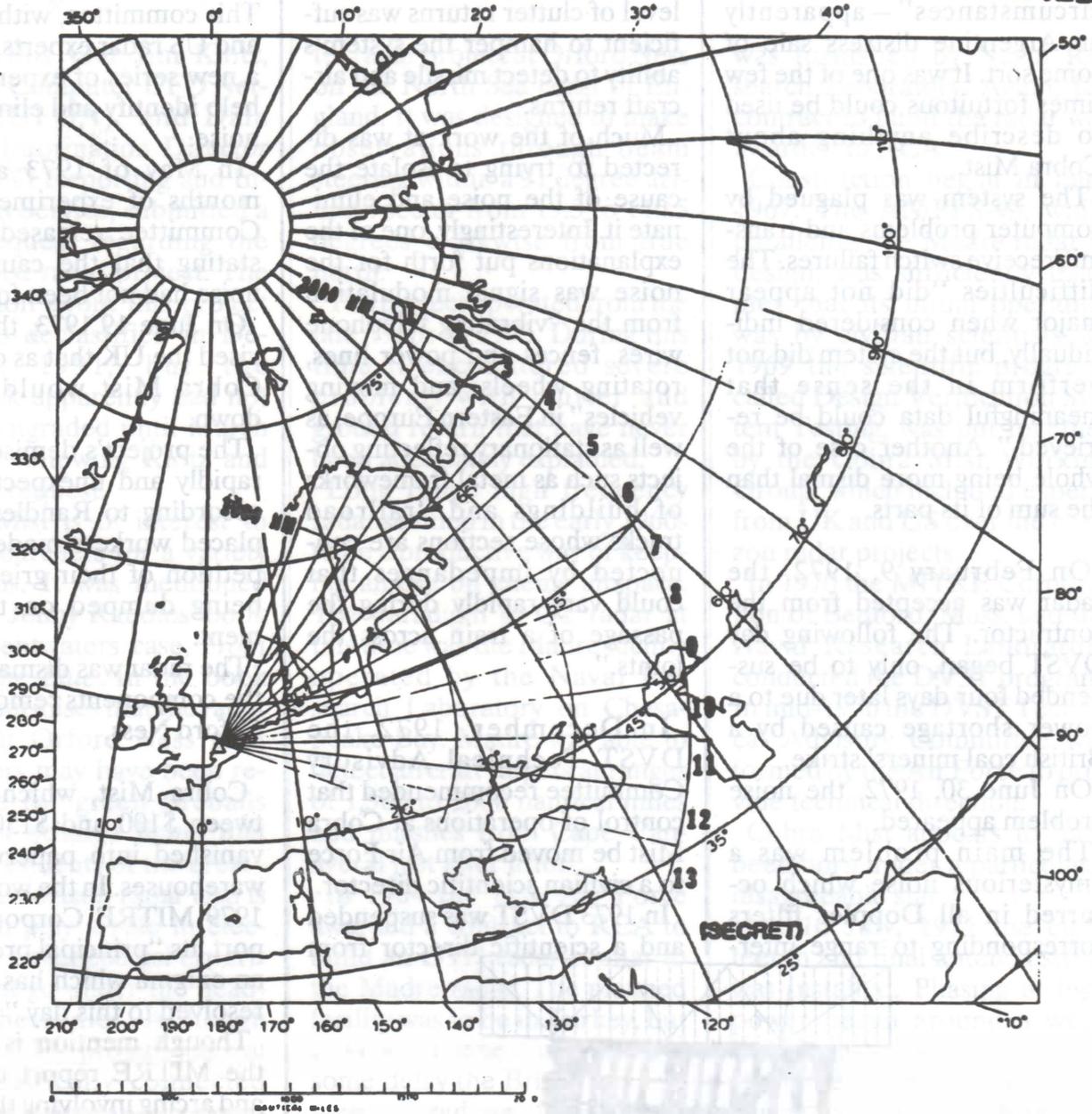


Figure 2. The geographical coverage of the AN/FPS-95 radar. (Figure classified Secret)

had not been conclusively located. The Scientific Assessment Committee submitted its report(?) in May 1973 and the Cobra Mist radar program was terminated abruptly on June 30, 1973. Afterward, the radar was dismantled, and the components were removed from the site.

(u) So ended a program that had occupied the efforts of hundreds of people for an interval of several years and had cost the United States, by various estimates, between \$100 million and \$150 million. The principal product was an enigma which has not been resolved to this day.

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A psychotronic application for OTH radar?

Does over the horizon radar have an application as a psychotronic tool? There are suggestions in the literature that the possibility has been explored experimentally.

A 1990 book *The Warrior's Edge*, co-authored by Col. John B. Alexander, coordinator of the non-lethal weapons laboratory at Los Alamos and psychotronics expert, hints at a connection.

The book, a how-to on what the authors call "techno-shamanism", quotes Robert C. Beck, director of the Bio-Medical Research Associates of Los Angeles on Soviet use of extreme low frequency (ELF) radio signals as a psychotronic weapon.

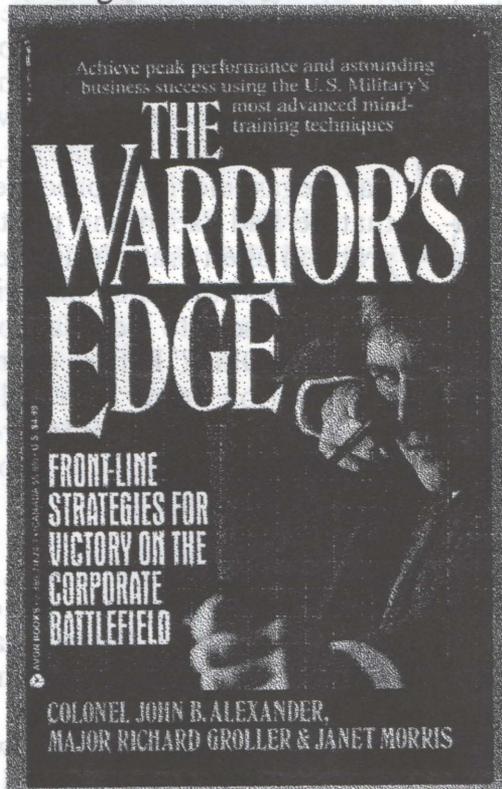
According to Alexander, Groller and Morris, "radio waves (with frequencies) under 3 KHz are considered ELF; ELF frequencies under 20 Hz are below the range of human hearing and are termed infrasound."

The problem here is that radio waves are electromagnetic; sound waves are mechanical. Intervening hardware must be used in order to convert one into the other.

The authors allege that these signals, the source of which is believed to be OTH radar, at pulse repetition rates of 5-15 Hz at amplitudes of up to 40 megawatts are in an appropriate range to affect human thought processes.

"These frequencies fall precisely within the psychoactive range of neuronal synchroniza-

tion or brainwave entrainment, where subjects experience states from increased anxiety to extreme disorientation and even unconsciousness," according to Beck.



Beck's quote in *The Warrior's Edge* comes from a 1978 paper by James D. Bray, *Questionnaire Results on the Prospects for Development of Parapsychology for Military or Political Purposes*, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

From 1973 to 1975 the U.S. Navy funded a remote viewing project called Scannate (Scanning by Coordinate), which tested the abilities of experimenters to discern features of a location after being given the geographical coordinates of target sites.

The book cites a 1980 experi-

ment in which Jack Houck, an aerospace engineer and organizer of PK parties at which guests learn to bend spoons, was conducting a remote viewing test in which the target was Cobra Dane, an OTH radar facility on the tiny Aleutian Island of Shemya. The viewer, it is alleged, was able to discern the radar grid and several land features of the site. Was the Navy Scannate program targeting sites it believed would be "easy to see" psychically?

It is of interest that some of the papers on remote viewing were published in the proceedings of the IEEE.

Looking at the recently declassified specifications for the Cobra Mist facility one finds that it was designed to operate at 6-40 megaHertz, a frequency far in excess of Beck's neuronal synchronization range.

Cobra Mist's amplitude was designed for 10 Megawatts peak and 600 Kilowatts average operation. It never was used at full capacity. In actuality it operated during its brief life at 3.5 megawatts peak and 300 kilowatts average amplitude. Cobra Mist's specified pulse repetition rate was 40-160 pulses/second, but on Table 1 of the *Journal of Defense Research* article referenced above a pulse repetition rate of 10 pulses/second is noted, with a star indicating this pulse rate repetition was "for special non-operational use."

MUFON proclaims the "Emergence of a New Science"

The 1993 MUFON Symposium was held July 2, 3, and 4 in Richmond, VA.

Despite the sweltering heat and air quality warnings, several hundred people turned out to hear UFO luminaries such as **George Knapp**, **Budd Hopkins**, **Linda Howe**, **Jorge Martín** and **John Mack** talk about new happenings in the field.

For many, Knapp's presentation on Area 51 and Bob Lazar was a highlight of the weekend. Knapp, after assuring the audience that his suit and white tennis shoe combination was not the new Las Vegas sartorial statement but merely the result of a packing oversight, went on to bludgeon MUFON with its symposium slogan "UFOL-OGY: The Emergence of a New Science".

Referring to the recent *UFO Journal* article on Lazar which describes his "Hollywood haircut", his ubiquitous white turtle neck, and his Corvette, Knapp sneered at the lack of scientific method in the article's evaluation of Lazar's claims.

Lazar himself was featured in a brief film clip explaining that he doesn't really give a damn what the UFO community thinks about him.

Knapp recounted the trails he had followed to establish Lazar's story through other sources and, in a pleasant departure from many such investigations, named names.

Names such as Roy Byrum, a tax preparer who allegedly plied his trade among the em-

ployees of Area 51 from 1976 to 1979 and who claims, according to Knapp, that he was told "in no uncertain terms" that recovered alien discs were stored at the site. E.G.&G. electrical engineer Doug Schroeder, whom Knapp said "died in somewhat mysterious circumstances two years ago," told Bob Patrick, a Las Vegas television producer, that he had "seen and photographed alien craft during test flights" and that the "material had been sent to Nevada from a base in Ohio." Patrick claims information from Schroeder enabled him to sneak into Area 51 wearing a wet suit "to avoid ammonia detectors."

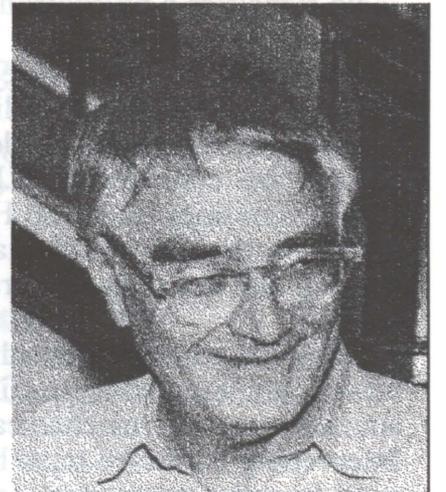
Knapp said Jim Tagliani, a "Las Vegas computer troubleshooter" who had worked at Tonopah said that the presence of alien craft at the site was common knowledge among personnel involved in the Stealth aircraft program. Other sources, both named and unnamed, were cited to bolster Knapp's point that the Area 51 story does not rely on Bob Lazar for viability.

Linda Moulton Howe's presentation on the Alabama cattle mutilations dwelt on the connections between reports of anomalous lights in the sky, particularly during the "Storm of the Century" last February, and the reported cattle mutilations. She said that the most recent report of an cattle death the farmers see as mysterious was on June 16, 1993.



Linda Moulton Howe

As the Linda Napolitano case is still being argued about, **Budd Hopkins** has once again startled many with a new case



Budd Hopkins

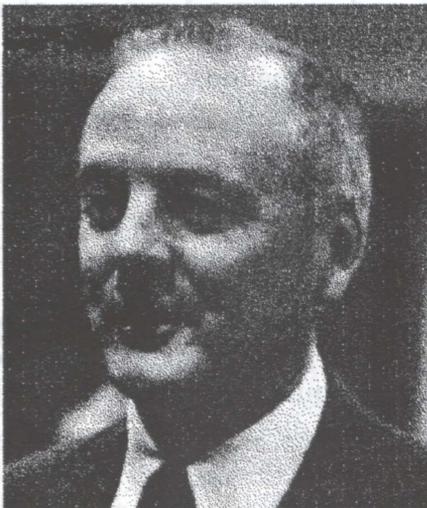
involving sensational claims, this one from Australia.

The encounter involves a family consisting of husband, wife, and two young sons Hopkins has given the pseudonym Washburn. One afternoon in 1978 the four went to a well travelled public park so the parents could visit while the sons played. During the after-

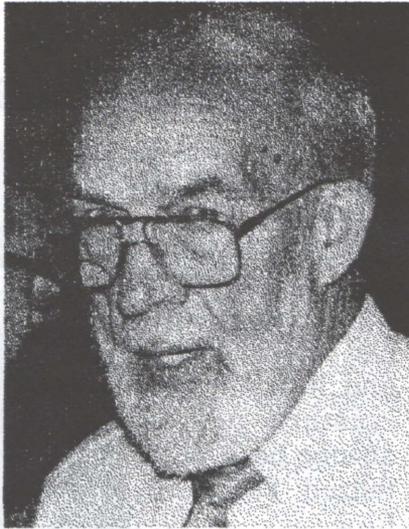
noon, the father decided to take a photo of the mother and boys. As he did, the mother and sons were allegedly rendered invisible and abducted. The father, too, suspects he was also invisible, since the episode lasted a good part of the afternoon and passers-by in the crowded park did not note a man standing with a camera glued to his face, taking a picture of nothing. Though the family professed no conscious recall of the abduction, they were intrigued by the appearance of four red-tinted photographs from the roll of otherwise normal film. Two of the photographs showed the children: the other two showed nothing but the scenery. The Washburns were intrigued not only by the color of the prints, but that these were pictures of themselves in which they do not appear.

Under hypnosis the adult Washburns recalled the UFO encounter. Hopkins reports the negatives of the four pictures have been lost during household moves.

As is usual with MUFON



Donald Ware



George Coyne

Symposia, unscheduled events played an important role. Prominent among hallway lecturers this year was former MUFON Board member and Eastern Regional Director **Don Ware**, now a field investi-



Len Stringfield

gator. He could be found between sessions holding forth about his title change and how it was he happened to invite well known channeler Norma Milanovich (*We The Arcturians*) to present channelled material from a "Master Kuthumi" at the closed "Face to Face" session at the 1992 MUFON Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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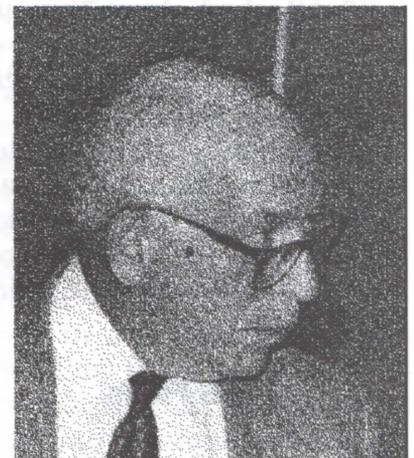
Richmond of a man free to speak his mind and enjoying the experience, causing some to speculate that being relieved of his MUFON Board membership may truly have been a relief to all concerned.

Other lobby attractions were the **George and Shirley Coyne**, who claim a huge upswing in UFO abductions in Michigan recently, **Len Stringfield** and



Debbie Tomey

his briefcase of crash retrieval material, **Debbie Tomey** (the "Kathie Davis" of Budd Hopkins's *Intruders*, who says she is writing her own book about her case) and the irrepressible **Phil Klass**.



Phil Klass

Extraterrestrial, or something else?

What was the “Little Green Man” of Miñi-Miñi?

by Jorge Martín

Translated from Spanish by Ron Ecker with permission from *Enigma!* Magazine

On Thursday, May 16, 1991, Tita Mercado and Eduardo Bencourt learned of a UFO crash that happened two days earlier in the Mediania sector of Loiza. They were told that a strange, small being had been captured as he tried to run from the wreckage. They immediately contacted me, and soon the five of us, Tita, Eduardo, their three children and a friend went out in search of further information.

By asking neighbors in the area of the crash we learned that some local children had been setting traps when they saw the strange little man, whom they tried to nab. The creature was said to have struggled with the children and had hurt one of them with his clawlike nails. The child had supposedly been taken to a hospital.

When asked about this, the guards at the Department of Natural Resources denied that such a thing had happened.

It was getting late, so we left further investigation for another day. Despite the denials we felt confident that something had happened in Miñi-Miñi sector.

The Facts

When we returned and interviewed witnesses we were able

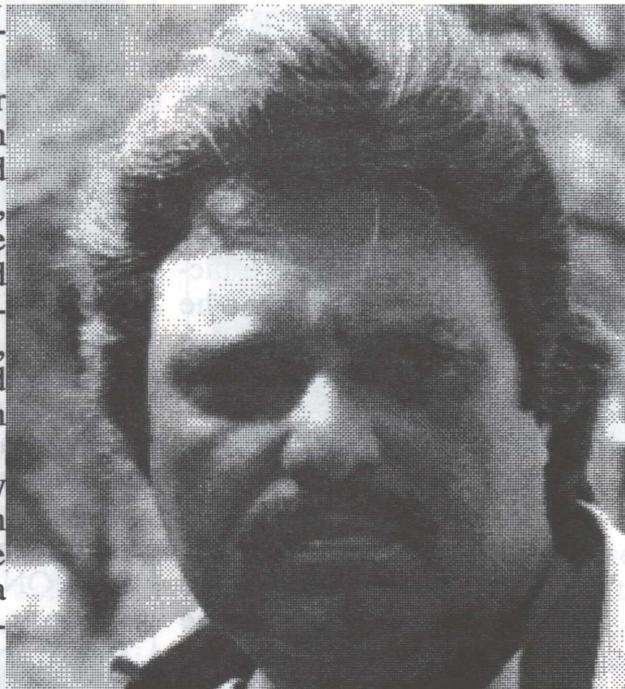
to piece the story together.

No flying saucer had crashed in Miñi-Miñi. No child had been attacked, and hurt by some creature, nor had anyone been hospitalized. The reality, however, proved more exciting than the rumors.

There apparently was a creature seen by several people over a period of a few days in mid-May.

The first to see the being were Alex Pérez Fuentes, 12 years old, and his friend Wilfrin, residents of the Miñi-Miñi community. On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 14, 1991, they were playing near a refuse dump when their attention was drawn to an object in a nearby thicket.

“It was a roundlike thing. It looked like a real silvery lid, quite bright,” Alex told us, “and had a little round thing on top of coppery color, another little round thing. It was like from here to there (indicating an area of some 15 feet in diameter). Wilfri and I saw it and went to check it. It was like a dome. We went over to it and began to touch it. At once something opened on the bottom and out came a long, thin hand! It grabbed me by the ankle, and I couldn’t escape. I wanted to get away, and used



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my hand to get loose but couldn’t.

“Then came another hand and grabbed my hand and I—whew!—I was even more scared and grabbed a stick that was thrown in the thicket and began to give it to that hand. I hit it real hard several times and one time I cut one of its fingers and the finger fell off. It turned me loose... and gave off some stuff, not blood, but something green... Ugh! it made me sick to see that green stuff. I grabbed the finger and we ran away but I fell and dropped it and couldn’t find it. I was too afraid to stay and look, so we left the finger and ran for my house. Later we looked for it, but didn’t find it.”

Alex’s mother, Mrs. Mercedes Pérez, said, “They saw something there, because they arrived like they wanted to die,

real nervous, afraid. And later that day Alex didn't want to leave here, and that's unusual in him, he's not like that. Something happened to them. I don't know if it happened the way they say, but something did happen."

Alex added "What Wilfri and I saw was only the arm. It was a large thin arm and it was green. It had a hand with four long and thin fingers, bony and on the tips of the fingers it had like some little balls with long nails, like claws. When the hand grabbed me by the foot it left me wet with a greenish slimy thing and the hand was cold. I ran home and washed that off me. Later we returned to the place, but that silver dome wasn't there."

And we don't just have to take Alex's word for the events. This was only the beginning of this latest Puerto Rican mystery.

We next spoke with two more children, Wilhem Alejandro Cordero, and his friend Jeffrey A. Calderón. These boys, along with other playmates met a strange creature in the same garbage dump. Wilhem's mother, María Cordero, told us "He and Jeffrey arrived here real scared. Crying and extremely nervous. Wilhem told me, 'Mommy, we saw a Martian!', that they had seen a little green man, a strange thing, and that the thing wanted to catch him. Now that I've listened to the other kids and other persons, I don't know what to think, because we didn't believe him, and he cried because we didn't want to believe him. 'See? I tell you that we saw him and you don't believe me. It's true, it was there,' he told us,

crying."

Description of the Being

Wilhem and Jeffrey, like Alex Pérez, assured us that what they saw was a creature whose skin was a strong green color. "It was Wednesday the 15th about three-thirty in the afternoon. Jeffrey and I were with some other kids by the little bridge there where the sewer is, and we saw it," said Wilhem, 11, who dominated the conversation throughout.

"We were putting traps for the jueyes and all at once it came out of the thicket and looked at us and spoke to us strange, like a noise... like when you hear a real fast record, something like that. It was tiny, like this (gesture that indicated some three feet in height), and real thin. The head was like corn."

Why was it like corn, we asked.

"Well, like elongated, small below, fatter in the middle and little on top and at the point. It had long pointed ears, and the eyes were big and red. Big and terrifying and goggly. On the nose I only saw two little breaks and the mouth was real tiny. It was green and thin. It had thin little arms with three fingers, I saw three fingers, and the fingers had some little balls on the tips with some long claws. The feet had no more than two or three toes, I don't remember well. The little man spoke to us with that sound, like 'weeo, weeeaaoo, wee, wioooo...' real fast, and we grabbed that fruit there's a lot of there, cayul, and threw one at him. He moved his hand and nailed the cayul with the claw of a finger and bit it

and ate it with pleasure, as if he liked the cayuls. He eats them."

"What about what the people say, that it scratched and cut you?" we asked.

Wilhem was glad to elaborate.

"I said, 'Let's catch him!' and we jumped to grab him, but he ran real fast into the bushes. He's real fast and runs like from side to side. Later we returned and saw him again and I wanted to catch him, but he ran and got into a drainage pipe that's there under the bridge and we went behind it to catch him, but he's fast, and came out the other side and went into the thicket. There I got careless and he came back and caught me by the ankle, and in trying to escape I fell and cut myself on a piece of junk that was there. But he did nothing to me, didn't scratch or attack me, only caught me by the foot."

Jeffrey, who seemed to still be affected by the experience, corroborated what Wilhem said. Retelling the adventure made him sick, causing him to vomit on the floor during our interview.

"It was mighty ugly," he told us with scared face and teary eyes. "It had red eyes and was green... green. It was ugly, real ugly... and that big head..."

Through these and other children of the area, among them Carlitos Rodríguez, we know that the little mystery man had tried to communicate with the children on a couple more occasions. In one of the encounters the creature ran and took cover in a hole in the brush when they threw cayul fruit at him. When he left running, they went into the hole and found there a number of green eggs.

“Pedro (Calderón) picked up one of the eggs and carried it away,” said Wilhem. “Later, he threw it against a tree. When we returned the eggs weren’t in the hole. I guess it had moved them. We think those eggs were his and he hid them.”

For his part, Carlitos Rodríguez assured us that he was the only one who saw what had happened to Wilhem.

“It was the hand and the green arm of the thing when it grabbed Wilhem. I looked from the top of the pipe and saw that green thin arm and the hand grabbing his foot. I went running from there, we all ran, because it scared us.”

More Reports

The little man was seen by others, including residents of the area who did not want to be identified and a friend of Wilhem’s family. In the night of May 14, the day after Alex had his encounter with the creature, this person looked out his window and saw a similar being.

On the night of the original encounter a woman who lived in the community was alarmed to see a strange object, oval and full of bright lights, stationary in the air at low altitude over the houses. As she watched it descended, appearing to come down in the area where the little man was later sighted.

The night of May 14 was a busy one for Miñi-Miñi. There were reports that a little girl was illuminated for several minutes by a ray of bright light that came from the sky. No object was seen.

On the afternoon of Wednes-

day, May 15, a group of children from Medianía Elementary School in Miñi-Miñi saw another little creature on the school patio. It was speaking in a high pitched jabber to a kindergarten girl. The other children ran over to where the girl and the being were. As they approached, the being fled, running at great speed into a nearby wood.

During this time Mrs. Angelina López and a neighbor saw strange round objects with colored lights flying over the community and weaving among the palms.

“A plane doesn’t do that,” said Mrs. Lopez, “They were like little saucers.”

Final Comments

The creatures described by the Miñi-Miñi witnesses seem to be different from humanoids previously seen in Puerto Rico, particularly with respect to its elongated head and its intense green color.

Circumstances seem to connect these events to the UFO phenomenon. Before and during several encounters witnesses reported seeing what appeared to be UFOs. These include:

1. The silvery, domed “lid” some 15 feet in diameter, seen in the thicket where Alex claims to have been grabbed.

2. The strange, luminous flying objects seen on the nights of May 13 and 14, 1991 over the sector.

3. The beings in these cases spoke in the same rapid sing-song style that seems characteristic of beings reported near in association with UFOs in

Puerto Rico.

4. The fact that the strange beings had not been seen before in the area. They only appeared after UFOs were sighted.

It is important to note that the widely reported story that the little man of Miñi-Miñi was aggressive and attacked the children is baseless.

The creature, rather than attacking, appeared to be trying to communicate with people and, when advanced upon, it fled.

All who have seen it assure that it seems friendly, but very distrustful and flighty. Indeed the creature seems to have a certain amount of intelligence, which it has shown in its behavior with the children.

The reported coldness of its skin raises the suspicion that it may be some sort of reptile. The watery green “blood,” a detail reminiscent of other UFO cases, is suggestive of plant sap.

Most puzzling is the case of the green eggs. Is the strange creature perhaps reproducing in our atmosphere?

On the other hand, the presence of these beings could be some type of experiment. Perhaps this creature was left here to see its adaptability to our medium, and who knows, perhaps also to study the reactions of people to its presence.

This certainly fits the theory that the island possibly is being utilized as a place of experimentation leading to direct contact with alien beings.

That is a possibility with which we must be prepared to deal.

Shedding some coherent light on mutilations

by Frances Anne Ecker

"The outer edges of the cut skin were firm, almost as if they had been cauterized with a modern day laser."

"Photomicrograph 2 shows dark pinkish blue parallel bundles of cells at the cut edge of the tissue. These changes are referred to as the 'string bean' sign indicating tissue exposure to high heat as in laser or hot needle surgery."

"The incisions a lot of times look like some type of burn or laser."

"Dr. Altschuler states that all six tissue samples he examined from David McClendon's calf had been exposed to high heat, the tissue had been cooked."

The top two quotes are from Dr. John Altschuler, pathologist and hematologist. He was speaking, in the first instance, about the famous 1967 Lady/Snipppy Colorado horse mutilation case. The second quote is a subscript to a photograph of a hematin and eosin stained section of tissue from an allegedly mutilated animal which appeared in Linda Moulton Howe's book *An Alien Harvest*.

The third quote is from Drexel Lawson, owner of a livestock removal service in Colorado. He made the statement in an interview with Howe for her video *A Strange Harvest*.

The fourth quote is from



Anne Ecker

Fyffe, Alabama, police officer Ted Oliphant's April 1993 press conference on mutilations in the Fyffe and Albertville areas.

Clearly, a connection has been made between lasers and mutilated animals, and the public is being given an impression that the very evidence of this laser surgery points to the involvement of a higher technology than is currently available on earth.

The purpose of this article is to discuss the state of the art as regards dental and medical lasers and explore the tissue changes one should expect to see from laser cut tissue.

Lasers were theoretically predicted by Einstein in 1916. The actual technology came into being in July, 1960, when Theodore H. Maiman demonstrated the first pulse of coherent light from a ruby laser. The name, an acronym, stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Stimulated emission occurs when light exposure causes an

atom's electrons to drop to a lower energy state and emit additional light. The emitted light will have the same wavelength and characteristics of the stimulating light.

Laser light is coherent. It is all of the same wavelength and the same phase. Ordinary white light, like sunlight, is made up of many different wavelengths (which can be resolved with a prism into separate colors) and phases. The wavelength is the linear measure from the peak of a wave to its next peak; the phase is a measure of where on the repeating curve of the wave a given particle of the wave is. Anyone who has watched the intersecting wakes of speedboats has seen wave interference. Where a peak and a trough meet, the water calms. Where two peaks meet, or two troughs, the amplitude of the wave is great. The serious student is advised to take a flimsy canoe to a busy reservoir on a Sunday afternoon for a demonstration he will never forget.

A beam of laser light does not spread as much as ordinary light, and can be used to focus its energy in a small area.

Lasers have been used in medical and dental surgery over the past thirty years, with the applications increasing as the technology becomes more sophisticated.

There are several wavelengths acceptable for medical and dental use, many of which do not require patient anesthesia for comfort. This would seem to be an attractive feature for a mutilator working on an alive,

non-anesthetized animal.

When laser light interacts with tissue, four things happen: some of the light is reflected; some is transmitted; some is absorbed and some is scattered. The penetration depth of the transmitted energy is a function of the absorption and scattering coefficients of a given wavelength. Coagulation depth refers to the tissue depth at which microscopic tissue change due to the laser ceases.

These changes come about from the rapid heating of the tissues due to the absorbed energy. The type of changes wrought by the laser depend on several factors such as the exposure time, the type of tissue and the wavelength of the light. The schematic below shows tissue changes expected for various temperature ranges.

Kit Kutch, D.M.D., writing in the February, 1993, *Journal of the American Dental Association* listed the following types of

lasers in widespread clinical use in the United States.

CO2 Laser

Wavelength: 10,600 nanometers (infrared)

Distinguishing features: Fluids in muscle and flesh coagulate at 200 microns after exposure to 4-6 watt continuous beam. Will leave a char layer. Cannot be delivered fiber-optically. Small area applications are possible through use of hollow wave guide and articulated arm technology.

Nd:YAG Lasers

Wavelength 1,064 nanometers (infrared)

Distinguishing features: Poorly absorbed in water, partly absorbed by hemoglobin and melanin, making it better absorbed in deeply pigmented tissues than in pale tissues. Well absorbed by nonprecious

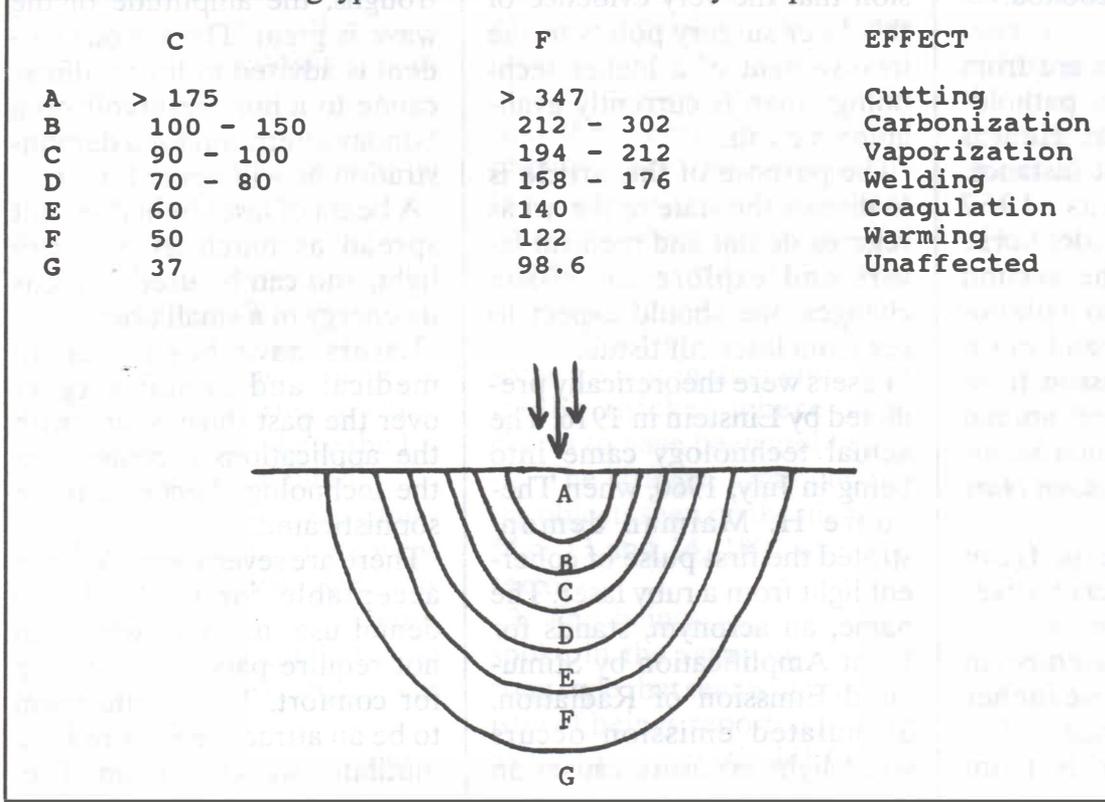
metals. Can be delivered fiberoptically.

ARGON Laser

Wavelength: Two primary wavelengths, 488 and 514.5 nanometers (blue and green visible light)

Distinguishing features: Poorly absorbed by water, well absorbed by hemoglobin and melanin. Poorly absorbed by hard tissues. Can be delivered fiberoptically. Can be used for rapid cutting, to "boil" tissue away from bone.

Laser effects on tissue are far from being completely catalogued, and the studies that have been done focus on long term damage to surrounding tissues, healing effects, and other issues related to the use of lasers as medical tools and not as invasive agents of destruction. Still, because different



types of lasers leave different tissue signatures grossly and microscopically, the usual methods of forensic pathology should be able to determine the presence of laser damage, and provide information about the type of laser likely to have inflicted the damage.

The *Ufologist* had hoped to interview Dr. Altschuler for this article, but his office indicated he was unavailable for interview.

Some mutilations we never hear about

It's 1993. Do you know where your last car is?

A reader who requests anonymity has called our attention to a mutilation mystery that no one seems to talk about and that he thinks should be addressed: automobile mutilations.

In every town across the country huge heaps of cars sit rusting in auto graveyards, yet the public seldom thinks about them. Many are surrounded by high fences topped with barbed wire and guarded by vicious dogs. Why the high security to guard a pile of junk? Who's behind these places, and what are they hiding in that tall grass? And does this really look like a human enterprise, or is something more alien at work here?

Close examination of the car bodies reveals that virtually all have been drained of gasoline; the batteries are missing, stereos cored out, and other sensitive parts have been removed with mechanical precision. In some cases there is evidence that high heat has been used to remove certain exposed parts such as catalytic converters.

And, though the actual carcasses are the most visible part of the phenomenon, they represent only the hood ornament on this elaborate, late model conspiracy.

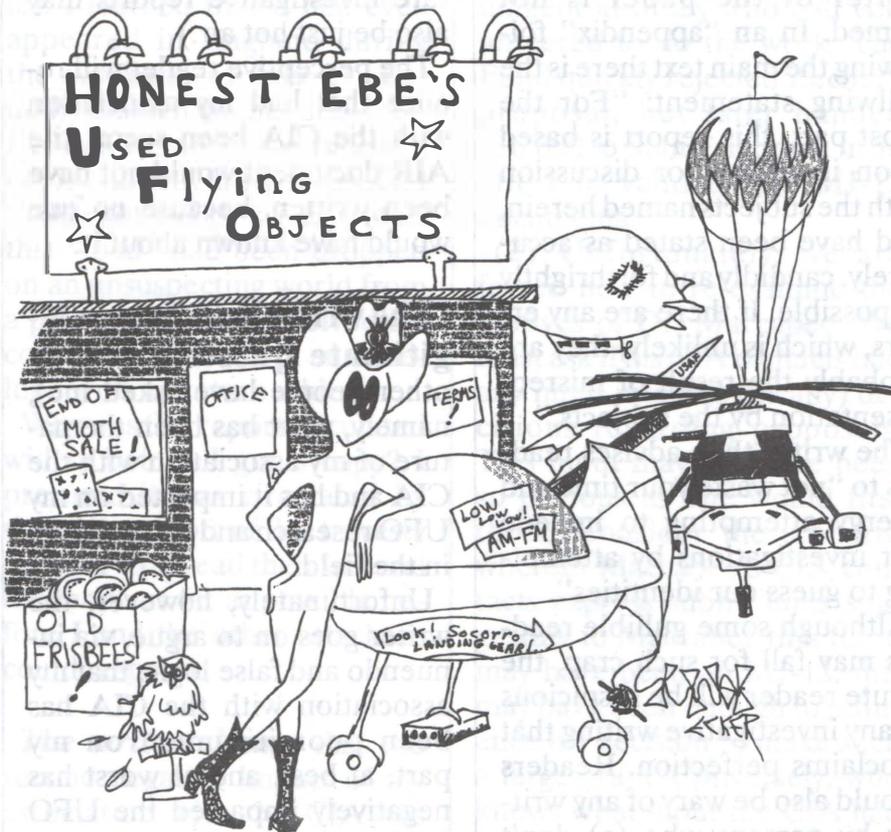
Every year thousands of cars vanish. Some are abducted from the streets. Others vanish after being traded in, only to wind up mutilated in auto

graveyards. There are far more cars traded in than used cars sold, a fact you can prove to your satisfaction simply by noting that no matter how small a town we live in, most of us never see our former cars once we've traded them in. This invites suspicion that the car dealers are heavily involved in providing cars to the mutilators.

We invite you to see for yourselves. Go to one of these allegedly public places. Look around, staying alert for suspicious activity. Ask the beings

behind the counter a question about human culture, such as the year the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. You will garner hard looks as they try to figure out exactly how much you know.

Car dealers have clear ties to car manufacturers, and car manufacturers don't just make cars, they make tanks and HumVees and other military hardware, often under contract from the Defense Department. Are our tax dollars underwriting the alien savaging of thousands of helpless cars?



Bruce Maccabee responds to "hot AIR" Report

by Bruce Maccabee

The UFO community has recently been "rocked" by an anonymous but widely circulated paper entitled Associated Investigators Report #1 (AIR) which purport to reveal, "for the first time anywhere", my "secret" association with the CIA.

This anonymous "report" also levels charges of incompetence and/or outright fraud against several other UFO investigators.

The "Associated Investigators Group" members are not named, although fourteen pseudonyms are given at the end of the paper. Even the writer of the paper is not named. In an "appendix" following the main text there is the following statement: "For the most part, this report is based upon interviews or discussion with the subjects named herein, and have been stated as accurately, candidly and forthrightly as possible. If there are any errors, which is unlikely, they are probably the result of misrepresentation by the subjects."

The writer then advises readers to "not waste your time and energy attempting to impede our investigations by attempting to guess our identities".

Although some gullible readers may fall for such crap, the astute reader will be suspicious of any investigative writing that proclaims perfection. Readers should also be wary of any writing by persons who (a) don't have the guts to identify them-

selves and (b) have the gall to advise readers not to try to identify them.

Finally, there is a promise of more of this "good" research to follow, and that is the reason for this paper. Although there is no need for me to defend my association with the CIA, since it is based on continuing professional activities related to my job as a Navy physicist, I feel that I must alert ufologists to the evidence of poor research, use of inference and innuendo, errors of fact and just plain mudslinging in this paper so that readers will be better able to judge the level of accuracy of any future hot AIR. (On the other hand, the promise of future investigative reports may also be just hot air.)

The perceptive reader will realize that had my association with the CIA been secret the AIR document would not have been written, because no one would have known about it.

The writer does pose a legitimate question (which other people have asked me), namely, what has been the nature of my association with the CIA and has it impacted on my UFO research and my activities in the field.

Unfortunately, however, the writer goes on to argue, via innuendo and false logic, that my association with the CIA has been poor judgment on my part, at best, and at worst has negatively impacted the UFO field. I will answer the legitimate question, and will identify

and respond to the false logic and innuendo.

The writer charges that my support for UFO cases which, in the mind of the writer at least, are "obviously" poor cases or frauds (New Zealand, Kirtland Landing Case, Gulf Breeze, Guardian) has caused other researchers to waste time and money carrying out their own investigations. (How horrible!) But more germane to the subject of this paper, my CIA association, is the writer's allegation that my support of these cases has been "CIA inspired". According to the writer, "This certainly would have served the CIA's interest in keeping serious investigation of the UFO phenomena out of the public domain".

Also, according to the writer my support of these cases is evidence of poor judgment on my part, and no one with such poor judgment should be a leader in the UFO field. I guess the writer does not think much of the average ufologist's ability to discern fact from fiction in UFO investigation.

The writer implies, without evidence, that a general policy of the CIA — the "CIA's interest" — is to suppress serious UFO investigation. That implication runs counter to my impression gained over the last nine years or so which is that, at least the part of the CIA with which I have had contact, has no policy or "interest" regarding UFO investigation, although several employees have expressed an interest and nu-

merous employees have attended the several UFO lectures (the term "briefings" is too formal) I have presented there.

The writer implies that my support for these cases has been "CIA inspired". The fact is that my CIA acquaintances have never indicated that I should support any particular sighting. In fact, the comments they make tend to be skeptical or just plain negative regarding sightings and the reality of UFO phenomena in general. My support for these cases has nothing to do with the CIA and has everything to do with my own investigations of them.

The astute reader will realize that the opinions of these cases offered by the writer are just that: opinions, unsupported by any evidence in the hot AIR report. If the writer or any of the AIG group are intelligent enough to have good arguments against these cases they can send me their arguments directly or argue them in public if they want to.

The writer accuses me of poor judgment in supporting these cases. It's hard to defend one's self against accusations of "poor judgment". It is like being accused of "poor taste". People will have differing opinions about the same subject. At any rate, I will stand by my past investigations and publications. I have rejected many alleged UFO sightings, but the particular ones held in disfavor by the hot AIR writer are cases I did not reject for reasons I considered to be good at the time and I still consider them to be good. If others wish to disagree publicly with my conclu-

sions they should be willing to state their arguments under their own names.

On the other hand, these charges of poor judgment can be reversed. I suspect the AIG members can be charged with poor judgment for having circulated this paper widely in spite of the numerous errors, ad hominem attacks and argument by illogic and innuendo. They can also be charged with "unkind conduct" for not even having the courtesy to send me a copy first, although I am the main target of their attacks.

I first learned that the paper existed during the late evening of July 24 when Jim Moseley called to ask me questions about its allegations. Over the next week I heard from other persons who had received copies. I learned that it had even appeared in England during the weekend of July 24. But oddly enough, of the "subjects" I talked to, none had received copies directly from the AIG. I finally got a copy six days after this "load" had been dropped on an unsuspecting world from a person who had received his copy from the AIG in an envelope with no return address.

Why was this report circulated widely before I got a copy? I presume it was circulated by the perpetrators of this travesty in order to spread their lies and innuendo as far as possible before I and the other attackees could respond.

The writer claims that the second negative impact of my association with the CIA has been its effect on the policy of the Fund for UFO Research. In particular, the writer suggests

that my CIA association affected the Fund's decision to reject a proposal by Walter Todd Zechel to sue the CIA a second time. The writer further charges that my CIA association also caused the Fund to support MJ-12 research in spite of "knowing" that the MJ-12 papers are fakes. The pertinent part of the hot AIR paper (page 8, last paragraph) reads as follows:

(1) "It must be pointed out that the Fund rejected a detailed proposal to re-sue the CIA under the FOIA submitted by Todd Zechel a few years ago. Zechel had outlined a plan to go after the 15,000 documents described by Maccabee's friend, Kit Green, and had asked for a paltry \$500 to get the effort rolling, using a diligent attorney who had volunteered to do the work. The Fund quickly rejected Zechel's proposal, but later handed \$16,000 to Stan Friedman in an effort to validate the MJ-12 documents.

(2) "Unfortunately, we are forced now to re-examine the motives of Dr. Maccabee. We must ask if his CIA contacts had any input into this (or any) decisions regarding proposals. This input may not have been so obvious as one would first think. Consider the scenario wherein Maccabee's CIA contacts express subtle hints suggesting to Maccabee that there may have been an MJ-12, this may have been enough to influence his decision to make such a large grant. Conversely, who knows what input the CIA had in Maccabee's rejection of Zechel's modest proposal."

I would like to answer the last

question immediately: *the CIA had exactly no input to the rejection of Zechel's proposal, nor did it have any input to any decisions of the Fund for UFO Research. Period.*

Referring now to section (1) of the hot Air paragraph quoted above, why did the Fund reject Zechel's proposal? The short answer is that it was submitted at the wrong time and by the wrong person.

More specifically, there were four basic reasons, three of them Zechel's own fault, one just "bad timing". To understand these reasons the reader needs to know some history that is not generally available (See *Clear Intent* by Greenwood and Fawcett for more information on the CIA lawsuit).

The original 1977-78 CIA lawsuit was prosecuted under the rights granted by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPA). The suit was filed on behalf of a now defunct UFO group called Ground Saucer Watch (GSW). The success of the suit came about largely as a result of Zechel's own effort in conjunction with New York attorney Peter Gersten and with considerable help from Brad Sparks. The lawsuit was carried through to a surprising (to most of the world) conclusion: in December 1978 the CIA released hundreds of pages of UFO related material spanning some thirty years after claiming for months that it was involved only a short time in late 1952 and early 1953 (the time leading up to the Robertson panel fiasco and the subsequent panel report which proposed "debunking" as the solution to the UFO problem).

The fact that the CIA had lots of pages of material was not surprising to those involved with the suit, however, because they had been led to believe by the CIA's legal counsel (according to Zechel) that the number of documents to be accounted for would be in the area of 10,000.

The release of a mere 900 pages dismayed Zechel and the others and they began planning, in the spring of 1979, for another lawsuit. (This planning was going on when I met a CIA employee who suggested that there could be many more pages of material. Although this incident plays a large role in the AIR reconstruction of the events, it played no role in the Fund decision. My contact with the CIA is discussed more fully below.)

However, for various reasons there was no second suit of the CIA in 1979 and Zechel subsequently dropped out of UFO research leaving a trail of unpaid bills and "a few pissed off people in my wake" (Quote from his proposal).

Move ahead now to December 1986. The Fund received a proposal from Zechel to re-sue the CIA for the presumed thousands of documents that hadn't been released. The Fund's Executive Committee reviewed his proposal and made its decision based on the following factors:

(a) Zechel did not present a strong case that more pages would be released under a new lawsuit. First, his "evidence" that there were more documents was largely a speculation based on hearsay or on information from confidential

sources about which he would say nothing. Second, the previous suit had been successful only in retrieving documents of Secret classification and below.

Both the CIA and the later National Security Agency (NSA) lawsuits showed that the government could appeal to "national security" to withhold documents. There was no reason to believe that the same excuses wouldn't be used again to protect the "really good stuff" we wanted. Hence the Executive Committee did not see much hope that a new lawsuit would produce hundreds or thousands, or any, more documents than we already had.

(b) Had this proposal been sent by someone else we might have been more favorably disposed toward it. Although proposals to the Fund are evaluated more in terms of the capability of an investigator than his personality and personal history, in this case we could not overlook Zechel's actions in the past. The Executive Committee felt that the Fund would be condemned by many or most other researchers if it supported Zechel in any activity.

(c) Zechel shot himself in the foot by indicating that big money — that's BIG money — was soon to follow. He wrote in his proposal that he was writing two books, one of which would be a hardcover with a "six figure advance . . . currently being negotiated". There would also be a feature film budgeted at another six figure number. He was expecting to submit part of the book to a publisher in three months. The Executive Committee members read this and

asked, "If there are megabucks only a few months away, why does he need us?"

(d) The fourth and final "killer" reason was bad timing. The Fund was sponsoring the 1987 MUFON Symposium as a "Fortieth Birthday Party", marking the fortieth anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's June 24, 1947 sighting. We had invited speakers from all over the world, and were biting our fingernails over the need to raise an additional \$15,000 beyond what could be expected "at the door" from attendees.

It was in this context that we evaluated Zechel's proposal to re-sue the CIA for "a paltry \$500 to get the effort rolling", as it says in the AIR. Wrong. Had it only been \$500, and if it had been someone other than Zechel, we just might have been interested.

However, it wasn't just \$500. The suit would require an "initial contribution of \$500" to "cover basic expenses in preparing the suit" and "once the suit was ready to file . . . an additional contribution of about \$2,000 as a retainer for the attorney(s)". There was no mention of a "diligent attorney who had volunteered to do the legal work".

Again, the committee members wondered why he needed a "paltry" \$2,500 from us when, if he waited a few months, he would be rolling in dough. (Evidently his book and movie proposals also fell through.)

As you may well imagine, the combination of these reasons was enough to cause the Executive Committee vote against the proposal. My "CIA connection" had nothing to do

with the rejection. In fact, I never discussed this or any other proposal with my CIA contacts. Furthermore, I had no "protective feelings" for the CIA, and I still don't. I still think they're holding onto something we want and if someone should propose another lawsuit, then *have at it*.

Referring now to paragraph (1) above and the research into the MJ-12 documents, the hot AIR paper says that the Fund "quickly rejected Zechel's proposal, but later handed \$16,000 to Friedman." It does not point out that Friedman received support to MJ-12 research two and a half years later, under conditions that were considerably different from the conditions under which Zechel's proposal was rejected.

The MJ-12 papers, more precisely referred to as the "Eisenhower Briefing Document", were released in the late spring of 1987, just before the 1987 MUFON Symposium. Charges and countercharges began flying around immediately and continued into 1988.

In the summer of 1988 the Fund took a poll of contributors to determine what interested them the most. MJ-12 came out on top. The Fund then made a public appeal for a \$16,000 proposal by Stan Friedman to try to prove or disprove the validity of the documents. We all knew it was a shot in the dark, but only by diligent searching of old records could we hope to learn anything. Everyone who contributed to the special MJ-12 effort knew exactly what the money was going for. The Fund did not use general funds over which the com-

munity had no control.

Referring to paragraph (2) above, the writer questions whether my "CIA contacts had any input to this" and suggests that they may have hinted the MJ-12 documents were real, thus influencing me to "make a large grant". As I have stated, the CIA contacts never advised me one way or the other and never influenced Fund decisions one way or another. I'll go further and say that they never hinted that the MJ-12 documents were real. They were as puzzled and skeptical as everyone.

The writer alleges that I supported MJ-12 research while knowing that they were fake. Wrong. I still don't know whether they are fake, or partially so. Numerous investigators have provided circumstantial evidence on both sides of the question. Many of the "conclusive" arguments against the documents have been shown to be ill conceived. But we have yet to find conclusive proof of reality.

What is important now is not this widely circulated paper. The "cat is out of the bag" regarding my "CIA association" and from now on I'll probably be viewed with suspicion by the more paranoid members of the UFO community. The important question for the community is how to view the next AIR paper which may report on items for which there are no independent checks. As this paper shows, the AIG members are far from infallible. Hence readers should be prepared to view very skeptically any further hot AIR reports.

But no one has learned the words

Taos, New Mexico area — and others — go on humming

The mystery hum that is rattling residents in the Taos New Mexico area (see *Ufologist*, Vol. 1, Nos. 3 & 4, p. 2) is in the news again. Those who hear the noise, described as a “low throbbing, a sputtering generator, and a great, big American car engine that’s on idle,” have been labeled “hearers” by a New Mexico scientist.

The noise first attracted media attention a year ago when a Taos couple, Bob and Catanya Saltzman, spoke publicly of the irritating sound. The Saltzmans have heard the noise since the summer of 1991 and see it as a serious problem. “It’s not something to make light of,” Saltzman told the Knight-Tribune News Service.

So far the most sophisticated effort to locate the cause of the hum has come from a volunteer team of scientists and engineers from the University of New Mexico who have measured acoustical and electromagnetic signals around Taos. They found the hum to be between 33 to 80 Hertz. As a rule, humans cannot hear sounds below 20 Hertz.

James Kelly, a University of New Mexico hearing specialist, has tested some of the local Hearers and is planning to examine their inner ears to discern the physiologic component of the problem.

For the most part, though, the search for an explanation for the noise has largely been the provenance of volunteers and people advancing pet theories. Following a June 24, 1993,

Washington Post article on the sound, letters to the editor appeared suggesting solutions from the ubiquitous 60 Hertz hum of electrical appliances to human suggestibility.

While he does not hear the hum, Representative Bill Richardson (D-N.M.) was alert to the sound of a grumbling constituency. In 1991 he asked the Environmental Protection agency to look into the matter and learned that cutbacks had forced the agency to close its Office of Noise Abatement and Control.

In February Richardson tried another tack. Having heard rumors that the noise might be related to secret government projects at one of New Mexico’s many military installations, he asked the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to investigate.

The committee is studying Department of Defense papers to determine whether a government connection exists.

Saltzman, however, suspects foot dragging or worse on the part of the government. In an article in the Jacksonville, *Florida Times-Union* he pointed out that a scientist on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee who had been vocal on the subject of the Taos hum had recently been fired. And, as further evidence of a cover up in progress, Saltzman reports that Richardson is not returning his calls on the subject, an allegation which Richardson disputes.

This level of official interest is a first in hum history. Early reports of the hum were met with skepticism. However, after the Saltzmans complaint Hearers from Florida, Alabama, Washington state and Vermont chimed in to say they, too, were bothered by hums.

Nor is the problem confined to the United States. Hearers in the south of England have formed a support group, The Low Frequency Noise Sufferers Association, to help them cope with a mystery hum that has been going on since the 1940s.

Perhaps the most famous hum, apart from Taos, emanates from Hueytown, Alabama, a suburb of Bessemer. Like the Taos noise, the Hueytown hum began in 1991. And, like Northern New Mexico, the ground under Hueytown is honeycombed with caves and mining tunnels and the ground around it is thick with military installations.

Hueytown residents have blamed a new ventilation fan at the Jim Walter mining company for the noise. The seven million dollar, 3,500 HP fan with twelve foot blades was installed at the mine in December of 1991, around the time people began to hear the hum. Dennis Hall, director of public relations at Jim Walter Resources, Inc., denied the charge. Hall told the *Birmingham Post-Herald* that there was no evidence that the new fan was noisier than the old one.

The ventilation fan theory re-

mains popular, with residents who suspect the hum comes from a harmonic created by all the ventilation fans in the mines around the town.

Hall, perhaps concerned that something unseemly was about to hit his fans, took a swipe at the existence of the hum.

"The funny thing is that when reporters come, the hum stops," he told the *Post-Herald*.

Local hearers remain unconvinced. For them, Hueytown hums on. In the words of one woman,

"Listening to it just makes me really ticked off at the world."

In Marfa, Texas, home of the Marfa Lights, Edson Hendricks looks for a connection between anomalous noises he calls "Whistlers" and Very Low Frequency noise. Hendricks, an electrical engineer and computer systems designer with VlaSat in San Diego, California, suspects that VLF noise may be related to geologic fault patterns.

The fact that some sufferers have experienced a time distortion during the humming is of interest to ufologists. One Taos woman claims the hum caused her to cut sandwiches she was slicing into tiny pieces.

"I lost time in that moment," she said.

Research into the physiologic effects of VLF sound has been going on for several years in both private and government laboratories. One of the reported effects of long term exposure to VLF is disorientation, presumably of the kind that could cause one to mince a sandwich.

Short of moving, the only

Food for thought?

More mutilation musings

Reports of cattle mutilations continue, from Colorado to Minnesota to Fyffe, Alabama.

In June a Greely, Colorado horse belonging to a former Weld County commissioner was found with parts of its facial skin removed in what appeared to be smooth cuts. The carcass was taken to Colorado State University to be examined by veterinary pathologists. The CSU laboratory has investigated other alleged mutilations in the area and in one case has found evidence of cutting with a sharp instrument.

In the 1970s the San Luis Valley was the site of many reported cattle mutilations and strange lights in the sky. Now it appears the phenomenon is at work again in the area. Since November, 1992, several reports of UFOs and allegedly mutilated cattle have come from residents of the area.

Also in June, an Independence, Minnesota a yearling show horse was found dead with a missing eye and cuts on its legs and genitals. The carcass was taken to the University of Minnesota school of Veterinary Medicine for a necropsy. As in the case of the Greely horse, the results have not been released.

When the subject of cattle mutilation crops up talk often turns to the possibility the government is engaged in selective cow-napping as part of a secret testing program. Critics of this view point out that the government keeps its own herds. But what's in the USDA inspected beef that ends up on our tables?

According to *Beyond Beef* by Jeremy Rifkin, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences ranks beef second only to tomatoes as the "food posing the greatest cancer risk due to pesticide contamination." The council finds beef the most dangerous in herbicide contamination and third most dangerous in insecticide contamination. In addition, beef cattle are given anabolic steroids to promote growth and heavy doses of antibiotics to ward off diseases that plague their unhealthy, overcrowded existences.

Rifkin goes on to list various things added to cattle feed in order to provide cheap roughage and increase the animals' weight. Among these additives are cement dust, cardboard, sawdust and industrial wastes. The use of cardboard and industrial waste in cattle feed calls to mind the paper filler-like dust found on the carcass of the Dawson, Alabama animal earlier this year (*The Ufologist*, Vol. 2 No. 2) and makes it all the more plausible that the material sharing the refuse dump with the body of the dead animal was normal farmyard garbage.

course for the hearers of Taos is to wait and hope that the con-

gressional investigation yields an answer. Hmm?

Sitchin tells about the good ol' Sumer time

When Time Began

Zecharia Sitchin

Avon Paperback 1993, 410 pages

Zecharia Sitchin, Russian born economist, ancient astronaut apologist and archaeo-anthropology maven, has added another book to his Earth Chronicles. His first five works, *The Twelfth Planet*, *The Stairway to Heaven*, *The Wars of Gods and Men*, *The Lost Realms*, and the companion piece *Genesis Revisited*, explore the history of humankind through the lens of the legends of earth's oldest known civilization, Sumer. *When Time Began* takes a look at connections between early astronomy, time measurement, and megalithic monuments.

On page eight of the book Sitchin tells us that, for Earth, time began at the moment of the Celestial Battle described in the Sumerian cosmology story the Enuma Elish.

Sitchin's interpretation of the Celestial Battle, readers of the Chronicles will recall, is that it is an allegorical description of a real cosmologic event: the disruption of the early solar system by the capture of an alien planet. During the capture, satellites of the invader collided with an existing planet, Tiamet, breaking it into pieces. Some of these pieces became the asteroid belt; others became the Earth and moon. According to Sitchin, this event not only created Earth, it seeded it with life.

Sitchin spends the remainder of the book demonstrating how

the ancient astronomical temples such as Stonehenge, the ziggurats of Mesopotamia and the New World Pyramids bespeak a level of mathematical and astronomical competence modern man is only beginning to appreciate.

The book's subtitle, *The First New Age*, refers not to early crystal scrying or a time when humankind's collective karma was just rolling off the assembly line, but to a measure of celestial time, an "age" being the roughly 2,160 years during which the sun seen from earth on the day of the vernal equinox appears to rise in a specific 30 degrees of the constellation belt of the Zodiac.

The thesis of the book is that the ancients put great importance in the measurement of earthly time, celestial time, and divine time; they took pains to understand the measurements of these times; and they constructed monumental computer-clocks to measure and predict the passing of these times.

Sitchin postulates the origins of man's knowledge and interest in time measurement rest with the ancient gods of Sumer, the Annunaki from the planet Nibiru.

Sitchin's view of Sumerian cosmology as a literal recounting of the physical and intellectual creation of humankind at the hands of extraterrestrials is a position guaranteed to call up disquieting memories of Von Daniken and his thoroughly discredited Chariots of the

Gods. Sitchin, though, is more than an intellectual Von Daniken.

While his cosmology appears flawed and inconsistent with current thinking about planetary mechanics, his research into man's societal development offers intriguing solutions to some of those long standing mysteries that mainstream archaeologists and historians tend to shy away from.

Though Sitchin's interpretations of ancient texts depart from the traditional, his scholarship is exhaustive. As with the other books in the Earth Chronicles series, *When Time Began* ends with a long list of scholarly works from which the author drew his information.

It is difficult for a non-expert in ancient languages and cultures to evaluate or even recognize Sitchin's departures from accepted beliefs. It is not difficult, however, to find accepted authorities musing over the same mysteries. Investigating the astronomical-calendrical-archaeological connection has been going on for a long time, with increasingly fruitful results.

Echoes of Sitchin's claims can be found in mainstream literature. Historian Graham Hancock, in his book *The Sign and The Seal*, spends two chapters offering arguments for his suspicion that an unknown ancient culture with a level of technology perhaps comparable to our own, met with watery disaster in the area of the Persian Gulf scattering refugees to Sumer

and Egypt where they deported themselves as gods and founded secret societies to pass on their knowledge.

Compared with other offerings in the paranormal genre Sitchin's work is didactic, even pedantic, and may have a sedative effect on the reader. When the name Eninnu starts to look like ennui it's time to get a cup of coffee and go for a brisk walk.

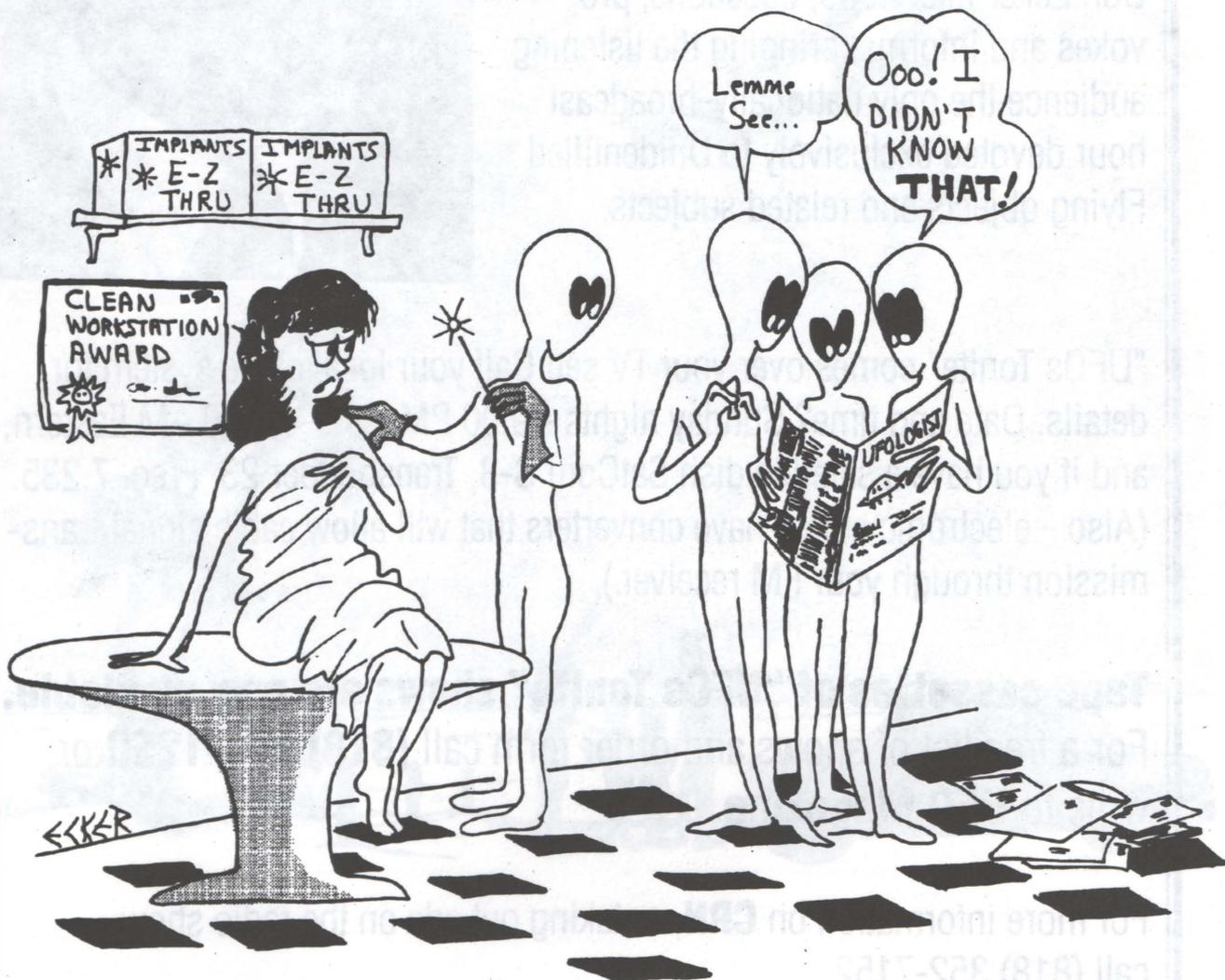
There are also times during the protracted, involved recitations of the soap operas of the gods that the reader may suspect he has dropped into a story from Woody Allen's *Hasadic Tales*—specifically the one where the rabbi “leaps on top of the man in a frenzy and carves the story of Ruth on his nose with a stylus.”

Brush up on your study habits. This is a book to be read while

sitting at a desk, with a good light over your left shoulder and a copy of Pritchard's *The Ancient Near East* nearby.

This latest addition to the Earth Chronicles deserves a place on the bookshelf of everyone interested in the history of the humanity's involvement in time measurement and the evidence for ancient extraterrestrial contact.

—Anne Ecker



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