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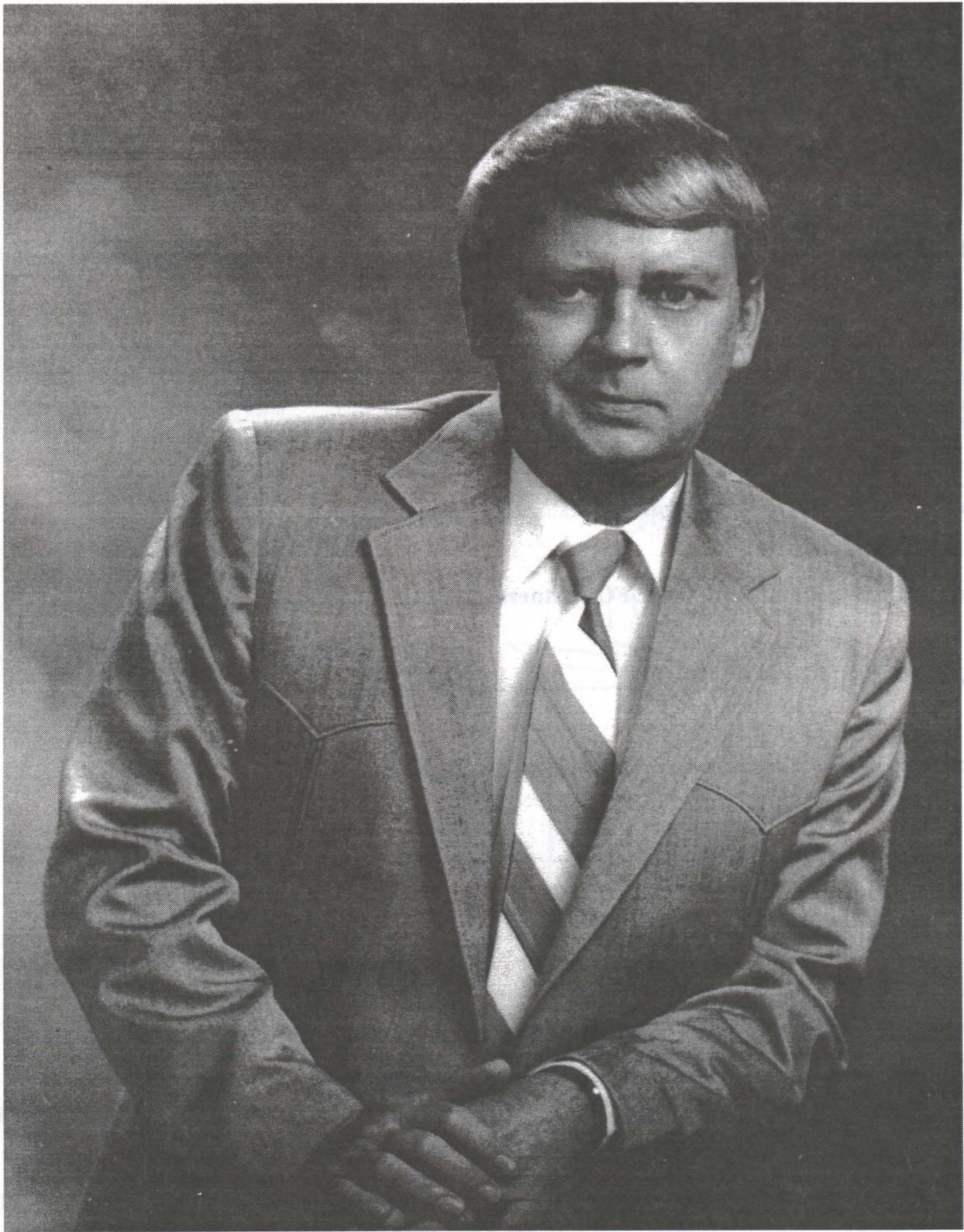
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Terrell W. Ecker
1936-1993

Editorial

Terrell W. Ecker, editor and publisher of the *Ufologist*, died November 21, 1993. He had been in poor health for some time, but he had faced death so many times before and come away laughing that those close to him had come to hope he was immortal. He wasn't.

To paraphrase Gene Fowler, Terry was a man of many facets, all turned on. He was an Air Force veteran and 1964 graduate of Atlanta Law School. In his 57 years he had been a commercial pilot, a Nashville songwriter, policeman, newspaper reporter and later freelance crime writer, union organizer, ironworker, UFO investigator, and publisher.

The loss for me is multiple; he was my husband, friend, mentor and with respect to the *Ufologist*, my editor. He hoped I would continue publishing the magazine, and that is my intention. The time of his death made it impossible to put out a final 1993 issue of the quality he would have wanted. Subscribers will have their subscription terms extended by one issue.

As most of you know, Terry and I were the *Ufologist*. I have no plans to take on more staff now. This brings me to the second subject of this editorial, one as distasteful as Terry's death is sad. It had come to our attention over the last few months that persons not associated with the magazine have

been making public claims to represent it.

While the *Ufologist* gladly accepts submissions and has on occasion asked a freelance writer to submit a particular article Terry and I have always borne sole responsibility for policy and editorial content of the magazine. If that ever changes, you'll read about it here.

The *Ufologist* isn't going political, but we can't help noticing that in the last few months a lot has happened having to do with the nature of our government and the direction it is taking in dealing with its citizens.

In December the GAO revealed that civilians were used as unwitting participants in radiation experiments: a New Mexico congressman is urging the GAO to investigate the possibility that a cover up occurred in connection with the 1947 Roswell crash; the present administration has launched an all out attack on the second amendment.

Since the UFO field has long been entangled with rumors and accusations of government wrongdoing, it behooves us to be aware of the political climate. To that end I'd like to recommend a nice, middle of the road book by a respected journalist.

In 1989 Bill Moyers wrote a short book covering his analysis of the Iran-Contra scandal. The

book, *The Secret Government* (Seven Locks Press) delves into the disintegration of Constitutional government in America and the ongoing breach of faith between the government and the governed that began with Harry Truman's signing of the National Security Act in July of 1947.

While you're reading it, keep in mind what else happened in July, 1947. And once you get your dudgeon in high gear, ask yourself why the first agency NORAD notified when they thought there was a fire in a remote region of Colorado was the Federal Emergency Relief Agency.

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Satellite Spots A Hot Mystery

On January 12 at 2:55 p.m. the North American Aerospace Defense Command at Colorado Springs registered a thermal source of the intensity of a three acre fire in the forest area eight miles southwest of Monte Vista, Colorado.

The heat source was found by satellites designed to detect missile launches. Its size and appearance was deemed consistent with a fire or explosion.

NORAD responded by contacting the Federal Emergency Management Agency at Cheyenne Mountain. FEMA passed the word to local sheriffs' departments that they had "a possible fire" in their jurisdiction.

Local authorities engaged in two days of ground and air searches of the area along Rock Creek in southwestern Colorado but found nothing.

According to the Rocky Mountain News of January 25, 1994, NORAD representative Maj. Nelson McCouch dismissed the notion that the report may have been an error.

"Something was there," he said, "but the radar doesn't do an analysis of what it was."

Residents of the area began reporting unusual lights a few nights later. Sheriffs deputies investigated three reports of blue flares in the sky but found nothing. Deputy Mike James reported seeing three helicop-

ters flying in patterns the next night, as if searching the area. Two of the helicopters had blue strobe lights, but it was too dark for James to see color or identifying marks.

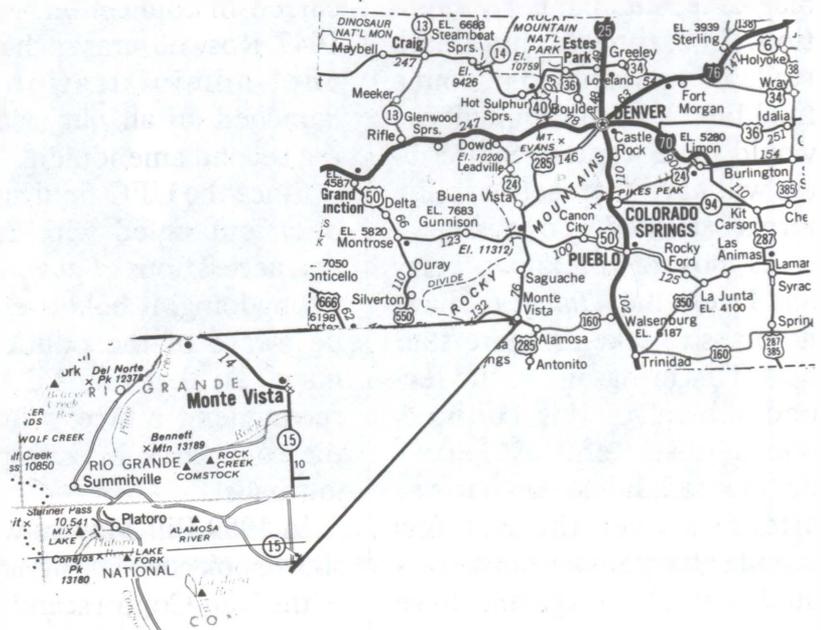
"This valley is not known for choppers," Rio Grande County Undersheriff Brian Norton said, "We don't have any in the valley, and I'd like to know where these are coming from and what they're doing here."

Area Army and National Guard spokesmen denied having any helicopters in the area.

On January 26 WGN radio out of Chicago telephoned local police authorities in Colorado regarding the unusual activity in the area. The police confirmed that NORAD had alerted them to the possibility that they might have had a large

explosion or a missile detonation in the area. NORAD provided the coordinates of the heat source, and the police set about searching for its origin. After several days of fruitless search they abandoned the effort. The police spokesman said the searchers had seen several unidentified rotary and fixed wing aircraft, including a B52 bomber, in the area, and speculated that the fire was a result of a military missile that got out of control and the aircraft were military cleanup crews. The official underscored that this was pure guesswork, unconfirmed by the military.

Cindy Simpson of the UFO Institute, Colorado Springs, has done an on site investigation. On the Prodigy computer information network's Science



and Environment board she reported that "between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. a fireball was sighted to have crashed into Greeney Mountain in Rock Creek Canyon southwest of Monte Vista."

While Simpson found no evidence of a UFO crash, she said "there was UFO activity in the area in the week previous to the crash and therefore the crash may have been associated." She said the possibility of a missile or meteor had been ruled out.

"It does make one think that it wasn't a satellite since we did not find a crater. If it was extraterrestrial, it may have been able to maneuver enough to this area of trees. Some speculation here was that it was a

missile. We ruled that out, because of the fireball sighting and the way it descended. There were no pieces exploding, just a fireball."

By the time Simpson got to the area there was no evidence of a crash of any kind.

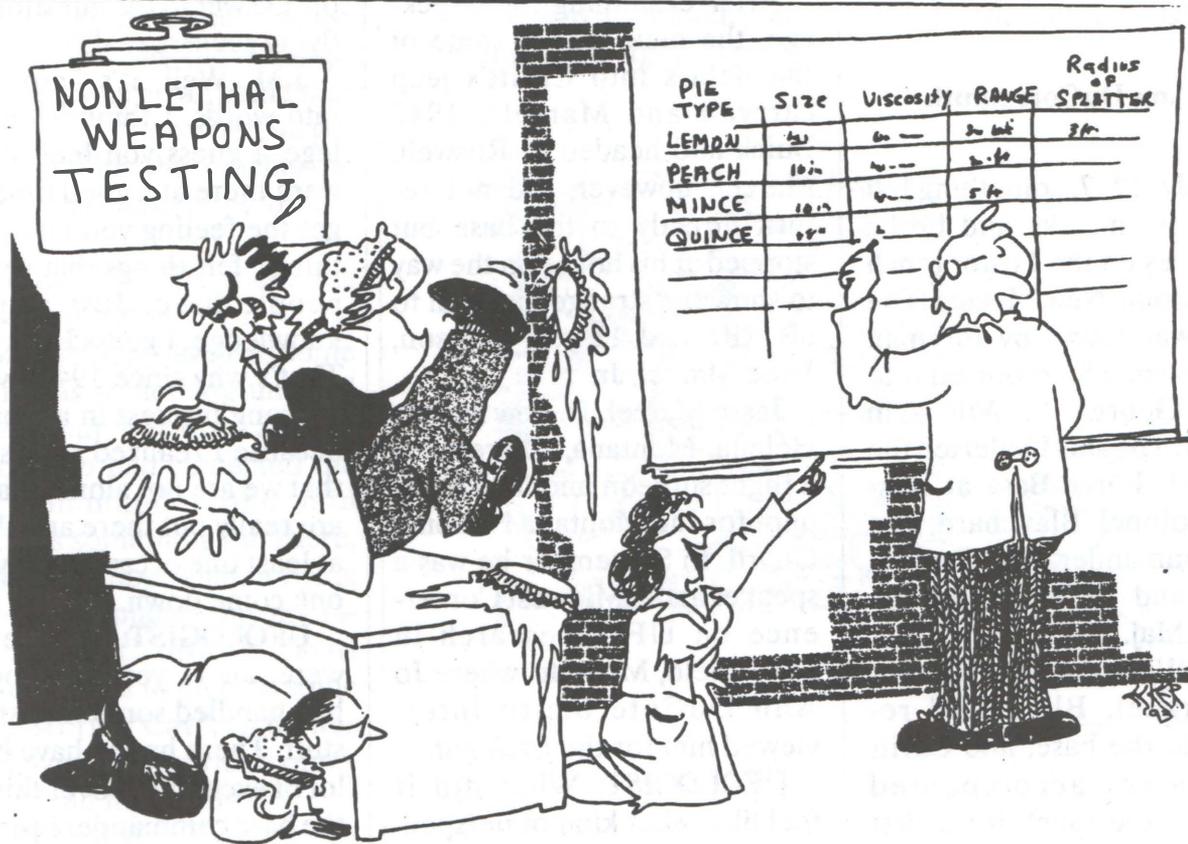
"It (Greeney Mountain) is extremely rough terrain and a very large mountain covered with pine trees. When we got there, we scouted the entire area. All we found was evidence of large machinery, all terrain vehicles, and lots of snowshoe tracks. Some of the area is unreachable this time of year due to snow. There were trees down in some areas. Other than that the place had been completely cleaned out."

More Great Balls Of Fire

On the evening of January 17, 1994, residents of King, Kitsap and Jefferson counties in Washington were startled when a fiery object with an orange tail fell through the southeastern sky.

"We don't know what it was," said a Jefferson county sheriff's official, "but we did get several calls saying it had a blue flame center and an orange tail."

A Seattle FAA spokesman said witness reports suggested the object was to the south of Seattle.



Jesse Marcel, Jr. Talks About Roswell



Jo Ann DuCote Smith

In July, 1947, something fell from a stormy sky and broke into pieces on the Foster ranch near Corona, New Mexico. The debris was found by foreman Mac Brazel, who reported it to Sheriff George A. Wilcox in Roswell. The sheriff alerted the Army Air Force Base at Roswell. Colonel Blanchard, the base commander, CIC Captain Cavitt, and Base Intelligence Officer Maj. Jesse Marcel, Sr., went to Wilcox's office to question Brazel. Blanchard returned to the base, and Cavitt and Marcel accompanied Brazel to the ranch for a first hand look at the debris field.

After examining the wreckage, the men loaded some of the debris into Cavitt's jeep carryall and Marcel's 1942 Buick and headed to Roswell. Marcel, however, did not return directly to the base but stopped at his house on the way to show the strange material to his wife and 12 year old son, Jesse Marcel, Jr.

Jesse Marcel, Jr. now lives in Helena, Montana, where he is a flight surgeon and helicopter pilot for the Montana National Guard. In September he was a speaker at the Midwest Conference on UFO Research in Springfield, Missouri where Jo Ann DuCote Smith interviewed him for the *Ufologist*.

UFOLOGIST: What did it feel like, what kind of perspective has it given you to have known for almost all of your life

the answer to the question "Are flying saucers real"?

J.M. Well, it's hard to put into words. I think it's a privilege. I guess you feel like you were there at a good time. You get the feeling you know some things, felt things that very few people have. Just a special knowledge. I guess I was lucky. That's why since 1947 I've had a strong interest in astronomy, because I realized at this point that we are not alone, that they are really out there and that on at least one occasion we've had one come down.

UFOLOGIST: There you were, an 11 year old boy who had handled some very strange stuff. There had to have been a lot of excitement over this after the base commander instructed your father to fly the crash material to Carswell and ordered

Walter Haut to release the story of the recovery of a "flying saucer" to the world. How did you resist bragging to your peers about the hottest story in town. Or did you?

J.M.: The thing of it was, I wasn't aware of all this stuff. It was vacation time, it was July, and we were told to drop the subject, forget about it, so I did. After the night my father brought home some of the debris he said it was a dead issue, we were not to talk about it. And for years, we didn't.

UFOLOGIST: What exactly was your father's role in this?

J.M.: Well, since he was base intelligence officer, it was his job to assess what this crashed object was, so when he and Mac Brazel got out there he said hey, this is not an airplane, this is something different. I guess at first there was the assumption that it was an airplane that had crashed. Then when he got out there with the rancher he knew it was something different.

UFOLOGIST: He made his assessment right there?

J.M.: He may have had some idea it was something unusual before that because Sheriff Wilcox who had contacted the base commander had said there was something out there, they didn't know what, a flying saucer or airplane. But my father and CIC officer Cavitt went out there to pick up some of the debris. "Cav", as he was called, was a close friend of my father's and my family.

UFOLOGIST: You were hypnotically regressed to help

you remember handling the crash debris in 1947. Were you looking for any specific information?

J.M.: We were trying to glean a little more accuracy regarding the symbols that were on the material. Basically we wanted more of what the symbols looked like.

UFOLOGIST: How long ago was that?

J.M.: About three years ago.

UFOLOGIST: You've said the symbols were on the inside of the I-beam and that they were lavender colored and did not appear to be raised or embossed. Is that right?

J.M.: Yes, that's correct, they were just part of the metal.

UFOLOGIST: You mentioned that the debris felt strange. In what way?

J.M.: It was just metal, pieces of metal very light. Again, I

don't recall trying to bend it or tear it or do anything like that.

UFOLOGIST: You mentioned something about the I-beam having ragged edges. Were they sharp to the touch?

J.M.: You know, I don't recall touching the edges. I basically just picked it up to look at it.

UFOLOGIST: Did you notice any odor?

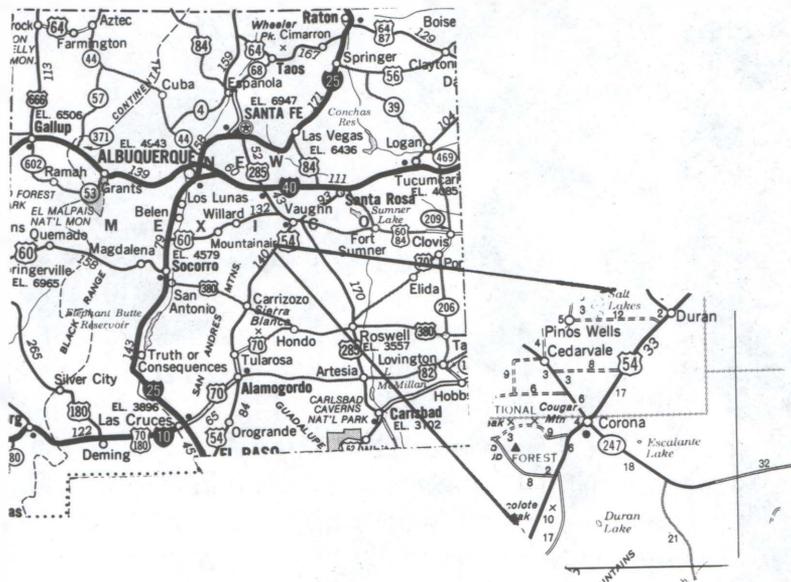
J.M.: No.

UFOLOGIST: Did it reflect light?

J.M.: No. It was not polished. Take some aluminum wrap like you might have in your kitchen; one side's polished, one side's dull. Well, this looked like the dull surface.

UFOLOGIST: You had it on your kitchen table trying to piece it together, is that right?

J.M.: Well, we couldn't do it, we tried, but (shrugs shoulders).



UFOLOGIST: Did the I-beams have holes? How did it appear to have been attached to the other pieces?

J.M.: It was just an independent piece of metal. It didn't have any holes or anything. Actually, my impression later is that this might have been stuff from the inside of the craft and it got blown out through the hole; an in-flight explosion of some kind, and it was just some debris that was blown out the side but still hit the ground very hard. Some of the reports had it that the sand was turned to glass by the impact.

UFOLOGIST: Apart from the foil-like material and the I-beam pieces, what else was there?

J.M.: Nothing except the Bakelite.

UFOLOGIST: A brown sort of plastic?

J.M.: Yes. You remember Bakelite, don't you. That's what it reminded me of. It was breakable.

UFOLOGIST: Did your father say where in the debris field he had gathered this material?

J.M.: No, he didn't. He did say there was an impact point and then the debris fanned out just like you'd expect it to.

UFOLOGIST: Randle and Schmitt claim there was debris strewn three quarters of a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. That's a lot of bits and pieces. To your knowledge has there been an estimate of the object's size?

J.M.: Some of the things I've read say there were three fully loaded C54 aircraft carrying debris. Maybe somebody has estimated the size, but I haven't heard of it. Bear in mind there

were probably two more crash sites. The site my father was associated with probably didn't have as much debris or intact pieces as the other sites.

UFOLOGIST: Like the site where bodies were supposed to have been recovered?

J.M.: That's right. The part that he saw had a lot of debris but probably most of it was at other sites. And because of compartmentalization of information, if you did not need to know, you didn't know.

UFOLOGIST: That facilitates cover-ups, doesn't it?

J.M.: Beautifully; it's a great way to do it, a great way.

UFOLOGIST: You mentioned in your presentation that you had recently been contacted by someone in Washington regarding the Roswell crash. Would you elaborate on that?

J.M.: Yes, he called and was very insistent that I come by when I got to Washington. I was going up the steps of the senate building along with a lot of other people in the rain. I had an umbrella over my head. Some men spotted me and said, "You're Dr. Marcel, come with us; and with that escorted me to Senate room 228. The man shook my hand, introduced himself and pointed to a book of the Roswell crash that was lying on the table and said, "This is not fiction." Those were his words. I cannot divulge the rest of the conversation."

UFOLOGIST: Did you get the impression this comment represented personal confes-



sion of knowledge or was it more in the nature of official comment?

J.M.: He was straightforward, but I don't think he was doing this entirely on his own. I think he was directed to do it, but I'm not privy to that information.

UFOLOGIST: But he had read the book..

J.M.: Yes, he was very matter of fact, just like you and I are sitting here right now, just discussing the issues.

UFOLOGIST: Yes, except you knew all those people were waiting on the other side of the door. I find it fascinating that they met you outside.

J.M.: (Smiling) They obviously knew I was going to be there. Yeah, they keep up with me.

UFOLOGIST: Do you want to say anything more about the

man in Senate room 228 and what direction you think his interest is likely to go?

J.M. I just wish I knew. I don't know that much about..I was just a source of information. I don't know what they're doing with it.

UFOLOGIST: Did he say he'd get back to you?

J.M.: Well, he asked me to get back to him if I thought of anything different or if I received any telephone calls or had any other knowledge I hadn't conveyed. He didn't say who wanted the information, he just called me knowing I was going to be in Washington and wanting to take the opportunity to talk to me.

UFOLOGIST: And you being in the military lent significance to this?

J.M.: Well sure, I was very interested. I knew if the U.S.

government ever contacted me about this thing then that would add credence to the whole thing.

UFOLOGIST: Why do you think he chose to contact you now?

J.M.: I guess basically, people were coming to me. I don't go out broadcasting this information.

UFOLOGIST: During this conference, when the panel of abductees were asked how many of them felt they had been abducted with the help of our military, all of them raised their hands. What do you think of this?

J.M.: Actually, I'm still part of the military myself, but if that's what they feel is going on if they (the abductors) have military uniforms, military arms and military helicopters, I just don't know.

MOVIE, GAO INVESTIGATION COMING UP

The July, 1947, recovery of something by Roswell AAFB is garnering attention from several quarters. A made for tv movie, "Roswell", starring Kyle MacLachlan, Kim Greist, Dwight Yoakam and Martin Sheen, is scheduled to air on Showtime between May and July, 1994. The movie is based on the 1991 book *UFO Crash At Roswell* by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt.

The subject is being given the once over in real life, also. In March, 1993, **Congressman Steven H. Schiff (R, NM)** of Albuquerque requested that Les Aspin, then Secretary of Defense, investigate claims of a military coverup surrounding the recovery of unusual debris at Roswell in July, 1947. Schiff was given what appears to have been a run around, and in October of last year he requested that the General Accounting Office begin an investigation of the Roswell crash.

PERCEPTION, SENSATION, AND THE UFO WITNESS

Two recent books, one a collection of thoughts on the UFO phenomenon by British researchers and the other a short volume on human consciousness by a British scientist, offer insights on the nature of perception and, by extension, the reliability of eyewitness reports.

The importance of the first-hand witness in UFO investigation cannot be overstated. Often, the witness' testimony as to what was seen is all that remains after the UFO event. It's not that it's the best evidence we have, in most cases it's the only evidence. Indeed, this is one of the many embarrassing features of the phenomenon.

In *UFOs The Final Answer?* (Blandford, 1993. Therese Marie and David Barclay, eds.) long time BUFORA investigator K.W.C. Phillips addresses the witness problem in his chapter on "The Psycho-Sociology of Ufology".

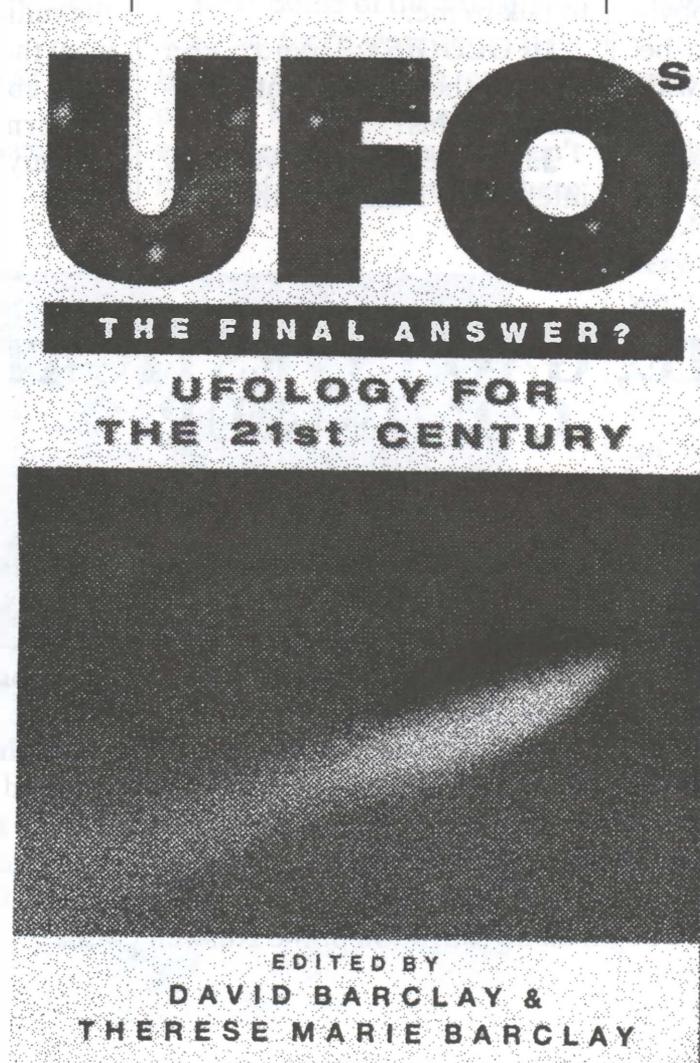
Phillips acknowledges that, because of the paradoxical nature of most UFO reports, there is a re-

ductionist tendency to believe that UFO witnesses are mentally unbalanced. He underscores this by citing the work of an Austrian, Dr. Alex Keul, whose research led him to realize there was something about UFO witnesses that distinguished them from non-witnesses. In 1981 Keul began an in depth witness study called the Anamnesis Protocol. Both a research tool and a counseling method, the Protocol gath-

ered data on the personal lives of UFO witnesses and on a control group of similarly situated non-witnesses. Such seemingly irrelevant data as house ownership, job satisfaction, and marital status were collected as well as information relating to past UFO dreams, psychic experiences and insomnia. The results of the study pointed to an unexpected pattern. UFO witnesses tended to be what Keul came to call "status inconsistent". That is, they expressed dissatisfaction with major parts of their lives and often felt apart from the rest of human society.

A more recent study by Patricia Cross of Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario found UFO experiencers to be "very normal" when compared to non-experiencers. However, Cross' study, which she did for her master's thesis, was far more superficial than Keul's work and consisted primarily of giving batteries of psychological tests to a small group of 49 experiencers, 39 members of the public and 74 beginning psychology students.

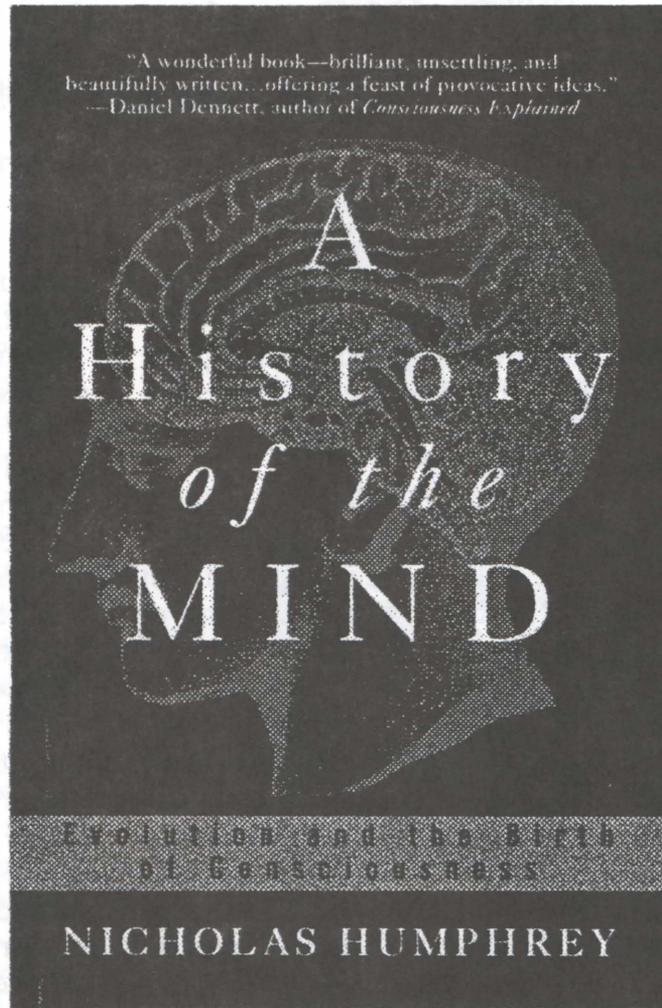
Keul's data suggests that an experiencer's world view is likely different from that of a non-experiencer,



not a surprising conclusion. The possible significance of this becomes clear when some new thoughts on the nature of perception, consciousness and sensation are factored in.

Dr. Nicholas Humphrey, a senior research fellow at Darwin College, Cambridge, details the nature and evolution of human consciousness in his new book *A History of the Mind* (HarperPerennial, 1993). In dealing with the complex nature of imagery, Humphrey delineates the differences between

perceptual representation of an object, i.e., what the eye sees, with its sensory representation, the story the mind constructs to go with the object. We learn to check our conclusions about what the object is by "echoing back to the source", or undoing the perceptual representation, reconstructing it, and seeing if it indeed matches the sensory representation our eyes see. This is the act performed when one looks analytically at an illusion. According to Humphrey's theory of imagery, this comparison takes place not at the sense organ but



at what he calls the "sensory center" in the brain, the place where the original sensory perception was stored.

Studies in perceptual constancy that suggest there is a tendency for visually acquired sensory information to be pulled toward an "ideal" view of the object. Humphrey cites a paper by Robert Thouless on this "law of phenomenal regression" which says "when a stimulus which by itself would give rise to a certain phenomenal [i.e. sensory] character is presented together with perceptual cues which indicate a "real" character of the object, the resulting phenome-

nal character is neither that indicated by the stimulus alone nor that indicated by the perceptual cues, but is a compromise between them."

We validate what we see by comparing it to an 'ideal' image stored in our memory. What's more, if what our eyes see doesn't square with the ideal, we're not shy about making changes to clean up the differences.

Taken together, this propensity for the human mind to edit what the senses perceive and the empirical observation that

UFO witnesses tend to have a different reality view from non UFO witnesses may prove significant in analyzing and weighing witness reports.

The proliferation of UFO images in technological cultures in the last 50 years has undoubtedly provided society with a template for UFO behavior and appearance. Should earlier UFO reports be taken more seriously than more recent ones? And what about the person who believes life has raped him at every turn? When he feels himself dragged from his bed and raped by nonhu-

man assailants how much of his perception of the experience springs from the literalist, symbolic language of dreams and visions?

UFO and abduction phenomena occasionally leave hard evidence that may be analyzed by traditional forensic methods. It should not be ignored that they also have an aspect that seems to operate in the areas of human consciousness where dreams and reality mix, where seeing is not necessarily believing but believing might be seeing.

The temptation to shy away from such epistemological musings may be costly. All witness experience passes through and is colored by personal and cultural perception. Clearly the problem is intrinsic in the observer/event system. Dr. Keul's method of establishing a database of witness profiles is an excellent first step toward an understanding of second order relationships between UFO events and witness observation.

Helitech '93

The Sounds of Silence

Helicopters, unmarked, silent, disappearing and otherwise extraordinary hold a place in UFO lore. But what are the capabilities of modern helicopters?

Helitech, the international helicopter exhibition held in Redhill, Surrey, England last fall offered a look at some of tomorrow's technology, such as:

McDonnell Douglas's MD 520N NOTAR, one of the quietest helicopters, capable of high speed backwards and sideways flight. This aircraft has no tail rotor, enabling it to land in a more confined area than would otherwise be possible. It is reportedly used for covert applications. Its slightly assymetric football shaped, sleek cabin and large curved windows give it an

appearance suggestive of even less prosaic flying objects.

A four-foot long Hover-Cam remote controlled surveillance craft capable of carrying a 33mm camera or 3CCD color camera with radio transmitter.

The Ultrasport 254, also known as the flying motorcycle. This amazing and expensive helicopter weighs 350 pounds, can be towed on a trailer, and its rotors fold up for garage storage. It can fly at 104 miles/hr with a 1000 foot/minute rate of climb. Its range on 70 pounds of fuel is 150 miles. Its tail rotor is shrouded, making the body of the aircraft resemble two vertical circles. It is reportedly being eyed as a low cost tool for everything from urban surveillance to special forces applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11-13 New Orleans UFO Convention. For information call Project Awareness, (904) 432-8888.

March 26, 27 "Is There Evidence For Extraterrestrial Visitation?" San Diego, CA. TRIAD Research Conference Foundation, 4033 So. Belvedere, Springfield, MO 65807.

April 1-3 The Ozark UFO Conference. Write for information to Rt. 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AR 72127.

May 11-13 Tampa UFO Convention. Project Awareness, (904) 432-8888.

June 11, 12 UFO Expo West. Los Angeles, CA. For information write to P.O. Box 1011, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

July 8-10 MUFON International Symposium, Austin, TX. Write MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155-4099.

Shooting The Breeze

UFO Abductions In Gulf Breeze

Ed and Frances Walters
Avon paperback, 1994
294 pages, \$4.99

In 1987-88 Gulf Breeze, Florida builder Ed Walters took a series of photographs he claims were of a UFO that dogged him and generally made his life miserable. The celebrated sightings and subsequent related events such as the ongoing red UFO activities touched off controversies that have divided UFO watchers far beyond the borders of Santa Rosa County.

The Walters' first book, *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, detailed their experiences following Walters' initial photograph session with the object.

The case was investigated by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and judged to be an authentic unknown. During the MUFON investigation, Walters was encouraged by the organization to undergo several sessions of regressive hypnosis in hope of recovering memories relevant to his UFO experiences.

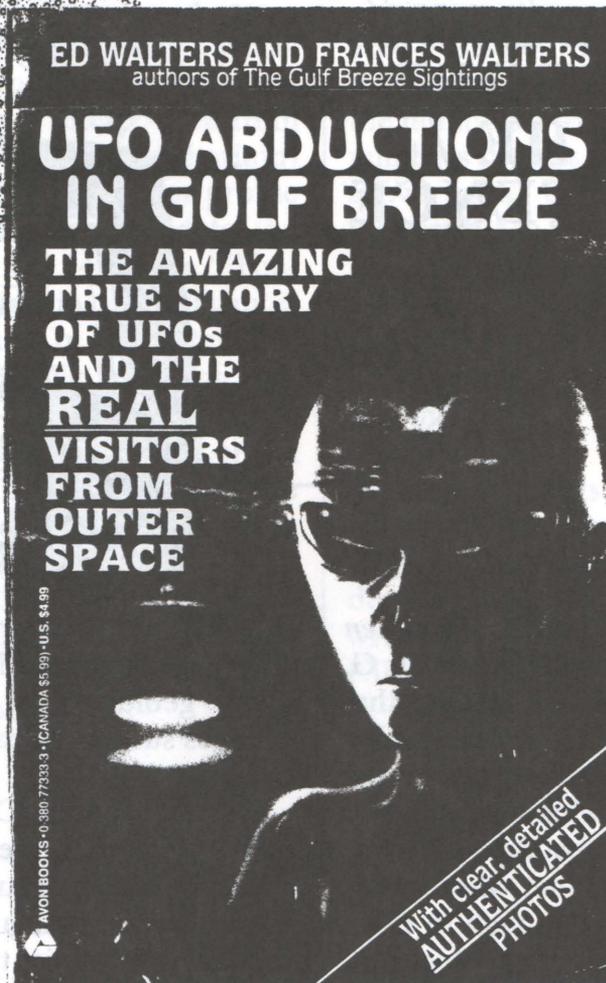
The late Dr. Dan Overlade, to whom the book is dedicated, conducted these hypnotic sessions during which Walters recalled multiple abductions by nonhuman entities extending back into his childhood. The recalled material ranges from the horrific, when Walters is put through an encounter in which he must sacrifice himself to

save two children from giant lizards, to the amusing, such as his report that his captors communicated by telepathy while making vocalizations which sounded like "biddle-liddle, lip."

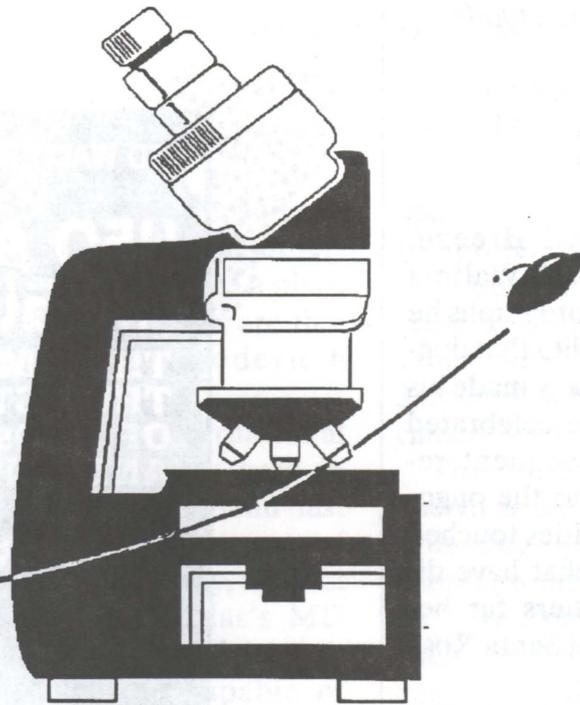
The book touches on tangential subjects such as the pan-handle sky quakes, the flattened grass circles, and the adventures of the Gulf Breeze Six, US Army cryptographers who deserted their posts in Germany to come to Gulf

Breeze possibly because of its UFO connection.

As a forum for Walters' claims, the book naturally does not present an even handed look at the substantial criticism the case has garnered. Those who are inclined to believe Walters will probably find the book fascinating; those who are not so inclined won't. You probably knew that without my telling you. Biddle-liddle, lip.



DO CORE SAMPLE FINDINGS SUPPORT THE EXISTENCE OF NIBIRU?



In his 1990 book *When Men Are Gods*, retired professor G. Cope Schellhorn reports that the new methods of examining the geologic record support the claims of Zecharia Sitchin and others who postulate the existence of a planet whose orbit brings it near enough to earth to cause periodic geologic catastrophes.

Specifically, Schellhorn cites ice core samples from the Camp Century and Dye 3 sites in Greenland and the Byrd Station, Dome C, Vostok and Mizuho Station sites in Antarctica. The Greenland samples and the Byrd Station sample are the only ones to penetrate to bedrock, according to Schellhorn.

Glaciologists use the presence of O18, a stable isotope of oxygen to date the ice layers. Dramatic swings in the O18 readings, the presence of sulfu-

ric acid, free hydrogen ions, and chloride salts are indicative of major geologic and climactic changes such as volcanic activity.

Danish scientists C.U. Hammer, H.B. Clausen, W.L. Fredrich, and H. Tauber, writing in *Nature* (August, 1987) used ice core studies to date the eruption of Santorini to 1645 B.C.

Schellhorn believes the most likely date for the last transit of Nibiru through the asteroid belt is around 1600 B.C. Using this as a starting point he checks the ice core record for evidence of major earth changes in 5200 B.C., the penultimate passage of Nibiru. He contends "the microparticle concentration and electrical conductivity profile are both raised in the Mizhuo Station data" at 5200 B.C., although the O18 level was "about normal". he cites

the appearance of a "visible volcanic dirt band" at 500.7 meters.

Pushing back another 3600 years, he finds indication in the O18 variations and elevated levels of sodium and sulfuric acid of certain vulcanism and possibly a rise in the sea level; i.e., a deluge.

The samples marking the end of the Wisconsin Ice Age, at 12400 B.C., again show evidence of much volcanic activity, according to Schellhorn.

There are some significant problems with this interpretation of the ice core data, however. Core samples, whether ice or sediment, are dated by measuring the target isotope as a function of position on the core rod. Then they must find some way to correlate those positions to years. In some cases they use pollen counts in the same cores specimens, with the

assumption that pollen deposits vary on a one year cycle. In other cases they use radioactive dating methods which are in themselves subject to error.

Also, most of the core sample work is focused on longer periods of time, and the sampling interval is usually at least 1000 years. On such a scale a 3600 year period would only show as noise.

The paper *Century-Scale Events In Monsoonal Climate Over the Past 24,000 Years* by F. Sirocko, M. Sarnthein, H. Erlenkeuser, H. Lange, M. Arnold, and J.C. Duplessy, (*Nature*, vol. 234, 22 July 1993, p. 322-324) is a good example of how core measurements are taken. The core was drilled from ocean sediments in the western Arabian Sea and sampled at intervals of 2.5 centimeters, which the authors say

corresponds to intervals of 300 years. The centimeter to year calibration is based on carbon 14 dating of a surface dwelling planktonic foraminifera called *G. ruber*. The carbon 14 data is then fudged with a 400 year correction "for the age of the sea water" and "interpolated from the U(uranium)/Th(Thorium) corrected 14C AMS age profile and then reconverted to the conventional 14C scale." Thorium is a radioactive daughter of uranium. In sea water thorium is rapidly taken into the sediment while uranium tends to stay in solution. The thorium in strata in the sediment can be used to date sediments from the last 150,000 years.

What this means is that correlating the depth of the sediment to timescale is neither obvious nor trivial.

The authors list all climate events they think happened based on the oxygen isotope ratios. These are shown in the accompanying table.

It's true, there is a peak at 3632 years before present, and if one takes the difference of all the numbers from all the other numbers it turns out that 3600 shows up 12 times. However, it's possible to pick any number between 1000 and 20,000 and allow plus or minus 360 years, and find that it shows up approximately 6 to 12 times in that interval.

Given that, it would seem that the findings Schellhorn cites are less persuasive than they first appear as hard evidence of the earth changes wrought by close passages of Nibiru.

Years Before Present at which Sirocko, et.al. found significant climate events in the oxygen isotope record

1,170	8,600	11,450	17,700
3,632	8,625	11,880	17,800
5,500	9,550	13,780	19,380
6,320	9,700	16,060	19,760
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MYSTERY BOOMS OVER CENTRAL FLORIDA

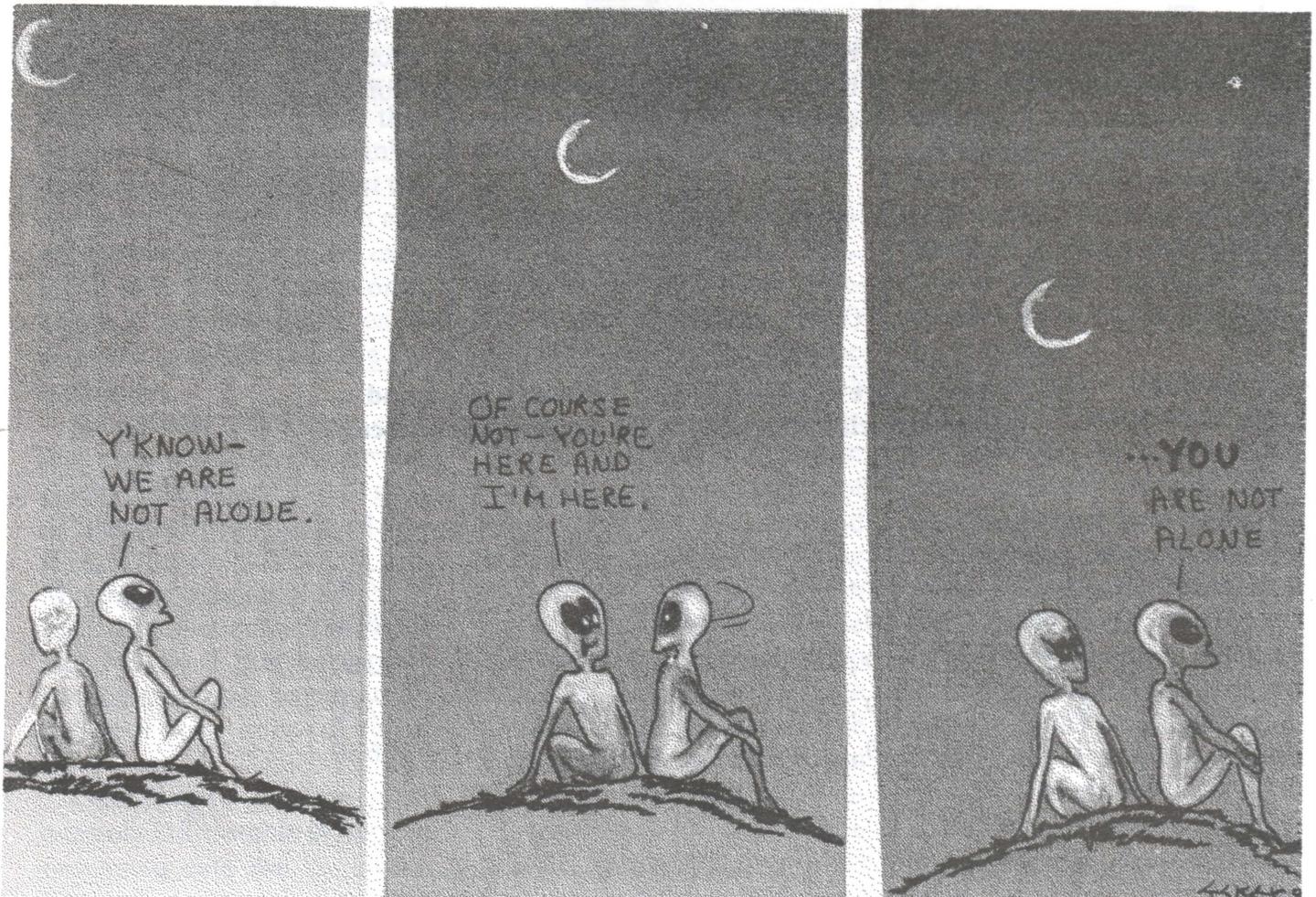
In the days following last month's Los Angeles earthquake central Florida residents were startled by a series of earthshaking booms reminiscent of the sonic booms generated by incoming space shuttles. No immediate cause could be found, and Florida's many military installations de-

nied that any of their planes were responsible for the noises.

There was speculation that the booms could have been sonic booms generated far away and somehow transmitted to central Florida by unusual atmospheric conditions.

The area has a long history of mystery noises from coastal mistpouffers related to natural gas detonations in the Gulf of

Mexico to noises most likely of seismic origin, like the gouffre heard in the West Indies. Florida does have seismically active areas (Jacksonville's last earthquake was around a hundred years ago) and, given that the other end of the North American plate just shuddered it would be reasonable to suspect the noises were seismic.



THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS PLAYS TO A FULL HOUSE IN 'VEGAS

by Donald Ware

November 28 through December 5, 1993 was a week filled to overflowing with learning and fellowship at the Third Annual International UFO Congress, held at the Showboat Hotel in Las Vegas. Thirty one speakers addressed audiences on a wide range of UFO related subjects. In the evenings films vied for EBE awards.

The opening lecturer was Dr. Richard Thompson, mathematician, philosopher and author, who shared his extensive knowledge of how Vedic cosmology relates to modern UFO phenomena. Later, Tricia McCannon presented a slide lecture entitled "UFOs and Ancient Civilizations".

Dr. Patric Bailey, MIT educated nuclear engineer and project manager for the Electric Power Research Institute at Los Alamos National Laboratory, spoke on free energy research.

I spoke on "Telepathic Communications and UFO Phenomena", and gave examples of six types of telepathic processes used by higher intelligence to interact with us, shared several messages that influenced my life in the past few years. I also

discussed several classic books acquired through telepathic processes, such as the *Koran*, *OAH SPE*, *The Urantia Book*, portions of the *Bible*, *A Course In Miracles*, and *The Keys of Enoch*.

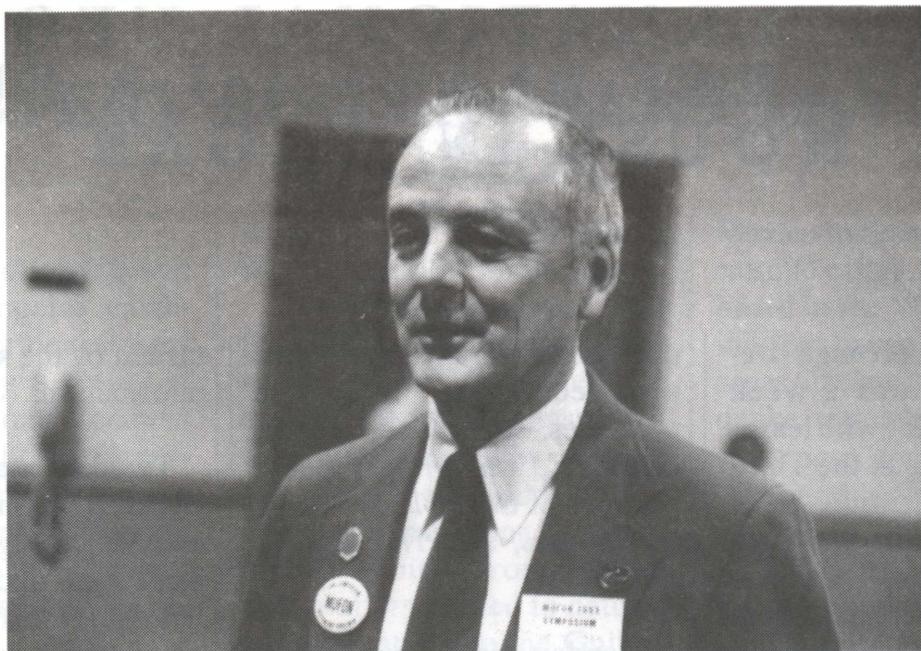
Monday night Tom Dongo showed a 70 minute film, "Alien Abductions." It appeared to be a 1983 home video where a young girl's birthday party as interrupted by a power failure, UFO landing, small "Gray" getting shot, and finally three others entering the home as the humans appeared to be immobilized. After pooling knowledge of this video, it seems to have been available in some stores from Atlanta to Sacramento for several years. The markings seem to vary, indicating either a docudrama or a home video. Some videos apparently have labels indicating both origins on the same cassette. There were differing opinions as to whether these were real aliens that entered the home and stared at the operating but unattended camera to make it inoperative. Perhaps it is a home video that has had docudrama information at-

tached by the spreaders of disinformation.

Tuesday started with Michael Hesseman sharing a number of significant stories from East and West Europe. His collection of slides and videos is quite impressive, such as the picture of a 4 foot tall alien in a valley near a landed vehicle taken by British policeman Phillip Spencer on 1 December 1987.

Mark Davenport spoke on "Visitors from Time", the subject of his book by that title. Ted Oliphant and George Knapp presented information on the Fyffe, Alabama cattle mutilations and Russian ufology, respectively.

Wednesday was dedicated to channeling. The lead speaker was Dr. Joh Kilm, former Rutgers University professor and author of the 1987 book *Channeling: Investigations on Receiving Information from Paranormal Sources*. He is currently associate dean and director of research at Rosebridge Graduate School of Integrative Psychology in Concord, California.



Donald Ware at July, 1993 MUFON Symposium in Richmond, VA

Other presenters were **Darryl Anka**, **Jon Fox**, **Lyssa Royal** and **Norma Milanovich**.

Thursday was devoted to cases involving on-board experiences. **Dr. James Harder**, Professor of Civil Engineering at UC Berkely and long time researcher spoke about members of a galactic federation, here to assist us. He was followed by former CIA man **Derryl Sims**, **Irene Granchi**, **Robin Quail**, and **Dr. Karla Turner**, author of *Into the Fringe*.

Dr. Richard Boylan joined the other researchers for a question and answer panel.

Friday's session continued the theme of on board experiences, focusing on the recollec-

tions of people who had their own encounters. **Charles Hickson** spoke on his 1973 abduction in Pascagoula, Mississippi and the continuing contacts since. **Leah Haley** (pseudonym), author of *Lost Was The Key*, told of her experiences with a friendly alien she calls CETO and others she calls OMAGS, for Obnoxious Military And Government Scoundrels.

Kathy Davis (pseudonym) of *Intruders* fame was the next speak. She presented results of a recent MENSA entry test in which her IQ was assessed to be 141, considerably higher than the 111 she scored in high school.

Friday evening participants were treated to a showing of a

crystal skull called *The Presence*.

Saturday lectures led off with **Bill Hamilton**, seasoned California researcher, UFO experiencer, and author of five books including *Cosmic Top Secret*. He described his early contacts with **George Hunt Williamson** and **George Van Tassel**. He has had many sightings, including a recent on board experience near Area 51. He said, "The beings on UFOs are highly telepathic. If you think a thought they have apprehended it."

George Wingfield, named as a director for the International Congress, gave an update on crop circle phenomena and its increasing association with small disks and strange lights.

Social analyst and author Michael Lindemann discussed the alien presence, concluding that aliens are inextricably tied to the secret government.

The last talk was my presentation on the long term government covert educational program. I described a number of efforts apparently designed to teach us about our alien visitors. These efforts seem to be directed by a secretive group that operates globally. Two recent items coming out of this educational program are the chapter The UFO Threat - A

Fact, from the *Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control* and the 'UFO' Briefing/Bibliography produced by the Human Potential Foundation.

During the Saturday night banquet film festival awards were presented. Michael Hesemann took the lion's share, including the People's Choice Award for "UFOs: The Secret Evidence".

The Congress is drawing more participants each year. While the 1991 Congress was a financial disaster this year's

event is expected to break even despite significant city taxes on concession tables. The directors have decided to make the International UFO Congress a membership organization and produce a quarterly newsletter. They will organize investigative video teams to document significant events around the world and disseminate a video with the newsletter as funds permit.

Application for membership can be made to International UFO Congress, 4266 Broadway, Oakland, CA USA 94611.



A UFO INVESTIGATOR
STUDYING AN EGG-SHAPED
OBJECT IN HIS SALAD.

Guardian Angles, Vanishing Hitchikers on Florida's I-10

The following report was sent to the *Ufologist* by Don Ware.

On December 9, 1993, between 1 and 2 a.m. Joe Syrop of New York City was driving on Interstate 10 in the Florida panhandle.

There was no moon, and the night was exceptionally dark. His headlights provided the only light, and he had not seen another car for some time.

He had just noted the names *Bristol* and *Quincy* on the green highway information signs when he noticed a purple light to the right front of his car at hood level. It was between 1 and 2 feet wide and 7 to 8 inches tall, shaped like a cocoon with a curl at the top. The color faded in intensity at the edges.

The light drifted slightly to the right, moved up to Joe's eye level and took on the appearance of a triangle within a triangle. In doing this its color faded further.

As he watched, the triangles disappeared and the cocoon shape appeared again, this time by the outside rearview mirror on the passenger's side of the car.

Fascinated, Joe checked the driver's rearview mirror. In it he saw an attractive female face. It had the appearance of a black and white photograph. The eyes were closed and the face was expressionless.

Joe averted his eyes and then looked into the mirror again. This time the apparition's eyes were open and looking at him. There was a rectangular patch that reminded him of a bandage on the forehead and a white strip of material on her brow that had the appearance of a bandanna or the edge of a nurses' cap. The face appeared to be smiling slightly.

Suddenly Joe had the overwhelming need to relieve himself, so he stopped the car to do so. He resumed driving, only to discover after about ten minutes the need for a rest stop had returned. Once again he stopped the car.

He estimates the entire encounter from the time he first saw the purple glow to the time of his second rest stop to be about 15 minutes.

He had not gone far down the highway when he came upon a five car accident with injuries.

Startled, he realized that had he not stopped twice he would likely have been involved in the pileup.

Shaken and musing over what he had experienced, he drove on. Twenty minutes later he was east of Tallahassee when he saw what appeared to be a comet to the east, directly in front of the car. It descended and at what he estimated to be 500-1000 feet above the ground it fizzled out in a smoke trail that zigzagged through the sky.

About two minutes later a second "comet" did the same thing, also directly toward the east.

Despite the unusual nature of his experience, Joe has said he was not afraid. He believes the face in the mirror was some sort of "guardian angel" to warn him of the accident ahead.

Ed. Note: Don Ware has also provided a report of a motorist also travelling on I-10 who encountered a Christlike figure. The events of this encounter echo the hoary urban legend of the Vanishing Hitchhiker.

Gordon disbands PASU

Veteran Paranormalist Opts For Quieter Life

Stan Gordon, perennial investigator of the paranormal and founder of Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, has announced the disbanding of that group and his return to private life.

Gordon, whose work has been featured on NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries*, founded PASU in 1981. It grew out of two earlier groups Gordon had organized in Pennsylvania. PASU was notable among such

organizations for its ability to field investigative teams around the clock. Because of this they often were on site shortly after an unusual event was reported, and were able to significantly expand the data base regarding UFO and cryptozoologic sightings.

One of the precursors to PASU, the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, was one of the first to make the connection between certain types

of bigfoot sightings and UFO activity based on information gathered during the period of intense UFO activity in southwestern Pennsylvania in 1973.

Though he is dissolving PASU, Gordon is not retiring from the paranormal field altogether. He will continue to take cases as an independent investigator. Gordon can be reached by writing to 6 Oakhill Lane, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

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