

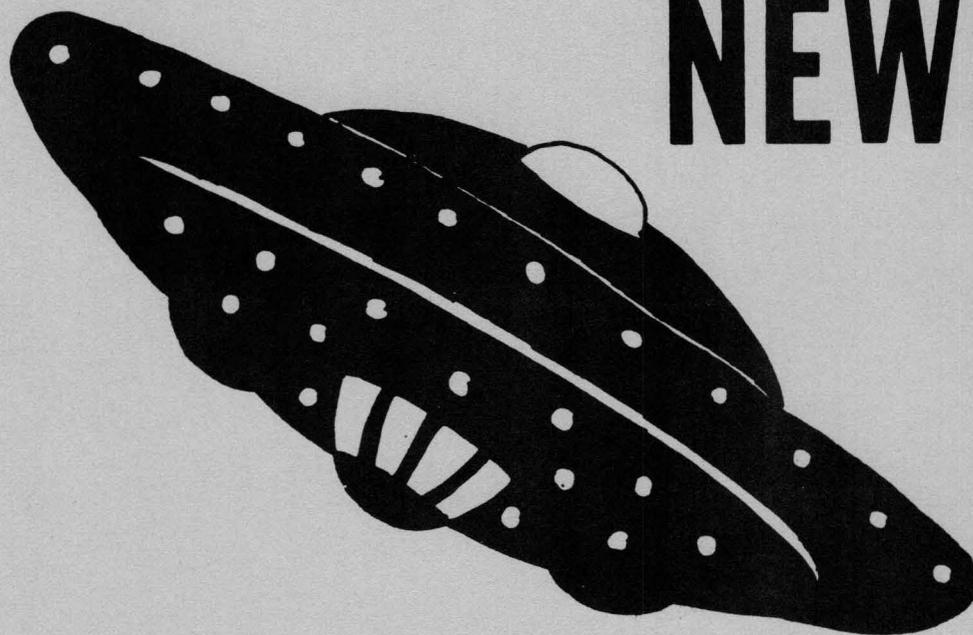
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CLEAR INTENT



**THE GOVERNMENT COVERUP
OF THE UFO EXPERIENCE**

**What does the government know
about UFOs and why won't it tell us?**

With a foreword by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

What are UFOs? Gov't

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Media and public should act to end 'cosmic Watergate'

Do you believe in UFOs? Your government does. This is obvious from thousands of documents released under the Freedom of Information Act which show U.S. military and intelligence agencies deeply involved in the examination of UFO sightings and artifacts dating back to 1947 and continuing into the '80s, belying the official government stance that it ceased to study UFOs since the close of the Air Force's "Project Bluebook" enquiry 15 years ago.

Actually, *belief* has nothing to do with it, as exasperated UFO researchers are forever reminding the public. The *phenomenon* of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is real. The *nature* of the phenomena — whether extraterrestrial spacecraft, misidentified earthly craft or natural phenomena, mass hallucinations or whatever — is still unclear. But thousands of people who had no particular interest in UFOs or even harbored skepticism toward them have seen strange objects in the sky and even experienced "close encounters," as testified to by thousands of upstate New York residents recently. As one mystified housewife exclaimed on TV news, "I just want to know what it is I saw."

One would naturally search for the answer through examination of hard evidence. But here another mystery presents itself, perhaps the greatest mystery of all: American armed forces and intelligence services, through their combined vast ability to monitor the earth's atmosphere, have amassed evidence which could, if not solve the mystery, at least shed a great deal of light on it. But they aren't letting us, the general public, in on it. Why?

Closing files

The Air Force, in closing the Bluebook file and in its standard response to private queries, states it has no "proof" that UFOs are extraterrestrial craft or anything other than misidentifications of natural phenomena, nor that they are a threat to national security. The newsmedia, departing from their usual skepticism toward government pronouncements, swallowed this explanation whole. Consequently the media have tended to treat UFO reports with ridicule or skepticism. Now only the disreputable supermarket tabloids deal with UFOs, making responsible UFO research disreputable by association and discouraging the more "respectable" media from investigating what some UFO researchers have called a "cosmic Watergate." For most people, the common stance is variations of, "I won't believe they exist until one lands on the White House lawn." As with the Loch Ness Monster or Big Foot, no less than an actual UFO put on public display would convince most people.

That may be already within the government's power. Rumors persist of actual crashed UFOs and even the bodies of their occupants in military custody. Evidence for this, based on sworn affidavits by

knows but isn't telling

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dozens of witnesses, is contained in *The Roswell Incident* by Charles Berlitz and William Moore (Grosset & Dunlap, New York).

The public is thus presented with a "Catch-22" situation: Proof of what UFOs are could be established from the data held by the government, yet it denies it has such proof, despite evidence to the contrary. This bogus "lack of proof" is then used to justify dismissing the evidence accumulated from private sources and sightings by the general public.

Such government coverups are not without precedent. For example, soon after the fall of Vietnam to the communists, thousands of refugees making their way to freedom from Laos and Cambodia told the same story: Communist planes would fly over villages spewing a yellow substance. Upon touching this "yellow rain," as it came to be called, people and animals would die a horrible death.

Toxic weapons

Westerners working with the refugees came to the obvious conclusion that the communists were using some kind of toxic weapon against these tribesmen. Some private researchers accumulated more damning evidence and even identified the toxic agent — myco-

toxins manufactured in the Soviet Union.

When concerned citizens went to the State Department to mobilize government action against this atrocity, however, they met with a stone wall. The government at that time said it could not give credence to the refugee stories and accuse the Soviet Union until it had "proof." And what was the proof required? A body, and a fresh one at that, for autopsy!

Obviously, obtaining such proof was nearly impossible, since the chemical attacks occurred in remote areas and the refugees could barely get out with their

lives, much less lugging a dead body. What was worse, the bureaucrats who demanded this requirement were in effect calling thousands of people liars or victims of hallucinations, dismissing their heart-rending stories because of alleged insufficient "proof."

But proof, really, was not the issue. It just so happened that under the Carter administration, detente with the Soviet Union was government policy. Accusing the Soviets of using chemical-

biological warfare would embarrass the Kremlin and undermine detente. No doubt U.S. intelligence knew all along that Soviet client states were using mycotoxins against dissident tribes, but official policy dictated that such evi-

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dence be suppressed. Politics, not the need for proof, was the motivation for refusing to acknowledge and act upon the yellow rain issue when it first broke.

When Ronald Reagan took office, the situation changed dramatically. Since his policy was to take a harder line against the Soviets, the yellow rain evidence was publicized and used at the United

'Cosmic Watergate' must yield to public

Nations and other forums to condemn the Soviets. Thus, politics brought to light what politics had previously kept hidden.

So it is with UFOs. When the UFO era began in the late '40s, the decision was made, no doubt at the highest government level, to keep the evidence secret. The public was becoming increasingly concerned about UFO sightings, however, so Bluebook and other official studies were made to placate public opinion. The "conclusions" of these government studies, however, were simply disinformation used against the American public — disinformation which the major U.S. media accepted uncritically.

In short, UFOs are primarily a political issue. Private UFO groups can continue amassing scientific evidence until doomsday, but it won't change public policy until the original political decision to impose UFO secrecy is changed. That which politics has hidden only politics can reveal.

This being the case, various UFO groups across the country had best quit chasing nocturnal lights, publishing obscure newsletters and begging for funds. They would

do far more by banding together into a political force to get the present government to change its position, or change the government into one that will.

Unlike the yellow rain coverup, however, UFO secrecy as a policy has remained in force through several changes of administration and political philosophies. Even though both Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican Gerald Ford expressed an interest in UFOs before becoming president, neither could break that policy after they took office. Clearly, the motivation for maintaining UFO secrecy is a powerful one.

From fiction to fact

There has been much speculation among UFO writers as to the reason for this unprecedented consistency. A commonly accepted explanation is that the government feared such knowledge would cause "panic" among the general population. With the popularization of such movies as *E.T.* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and UFOs showing up in Pepsi commercials, however, it is highly unlikely that the public would

panic to hear that what they have come to accept as fiction is fact.

William Moore suggested to this writer that only national security could provide a motivation powerful enough to maintain secrecy for so long. This could mean either that UFOs constitute a threat to national security so serious that it would cause panic if the truth were revealed, or that U.S. scientists have been secretly trying to unravel the secret of UFO propulsion to gain a military edge over the Soviets and secrecy must be imposed to keep the Soviets from knowing what we know.

Indeed, before pushing for an end to government UFO secrecy, a responsible person must consider the possibility that the truth is too dangerous — that maybe the government is concerned for our best interests by keeping the facts under wraps.

On further consideration, however, this won't wash. Either America is ruled by a government of the people, by the people and for the people; or it is ruled by military men and bureaucrats who can impose their own ideas about what is best for us while keeping us in the dark about the real world. If the former condition is to hold true, Americans should act to end this 37-year-old policy of government secrecy on a topic of such cosmic importance.

J. ANTONIO HUNEEUS

It's high time gov't opened Pandora's Box on UFO data

One of the highlights of the well-attended UFO Conference in Brewster, N.Y. on Aug. 25 was the participation of Larry Fawcett, co-author of *Clear Intent* (Prentice Hall, 1984), an expose of "the government coverup of the UFO experience." Fittingly enough, Peter Gersten, a Tarrytown, N.Y., criminal attorney, who has spearheaded the grassroot movement in four upstate New York counties and western Connecticut to investigate the UFO wave that has swept this area for the past two years, is the director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) and a recognized leader in the retrieval of government UFO records under the Freedom of Information Act.

The release in recent years of more than 4,000 previously classified UFO reports and memoranda from the Department of Defense, CIA, FBI, State Department and other federal agencies is slowly changing the public perception of the long controversial issue of UFOs. If there is nothing to flying saucers, as governmental officials have implied over and over again for the past 37 years, why have our military and intelligence agencies spent thousands of man-hours pursuing "phantoms," "unknown tracks," "unidentified helicopters" and various other kinds of anomalous aerial objects? And why, 15 years after the government officially dropped out of the UFO business, some agencies still refuse to declassify certain records on national security grounds?

Acceptable evidence

To the packed audience in the auditorium of the Henry H. Welles Middle School, Fawcett indicated that "there is now a new case for the UFO and the

Like Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the Bentwaters incident is also on film, but this one is hushed up in some secret government vault.

evidence for it is in the government's own documents." He added, "I know what evidence is and how evidence must be presented in a court of law" after serving as a police officer in Connecticut for 14 years.

For the next hour he presented nine "high strangeness" cases from the government files, cases which included the classic "dogfight" between a UFO and two F-4 Phantom jets over Teheran in 1976, and the "invasion" of several SAC nuclear bases in the fall of 1975, when unknown objects were seen hovering over "weapons storage areas" for several nights at Loring, Malmstrom, Wurtsmith and other sensitive air force bases along our border with Canada.

The story of the secret UFO files and the intricate love/hate relationship between the government and the "saucers" is not new. For 22 years, the public relations branch of the Air Force showered the public and media with contradictory statements, some say trumped-up statistics and other contrived arguments to minimize the impact of UFOs. Though the field has been plagued with leaks and rumors of hidden government films, crashed discs in military custody and other various kinds of hard evidence, until recently proof was elusive and difficult to find. Certainly, the job is not finished; the government still appears to hold its cards close to its chest.

I have been involved in this matter since 1979, when I first visited Gersten's office in front of the Federal Court House in The Bronx to read the UFO papers as they were released through various court cases and FOIA requests. The following examples, drawn from my research and *Clear Intent*, cover a period between the late '40s and the present. I believe they clearly illustrate how grossly the government has misled the public.

Hoaxes and hysteria

• After some expectation was raised with the establishment of Project Saucer (sic), the Air Force's first official probe, they announced in December 1949 that it was discontinuing the project "on the basis that there is no evidence the reports are not the results of natural phenomena." Furthermore, they announced that all UFOs could be reduced to "misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, or hoaxes."

The real story was quite different, however, as UFO researchers now know. Mysterious "unidentified aircraft," "flying discs" and "balls of fire" were then pestering sensitive government installations such as the Los Alamos atomic facilities and the White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. In a January 1949 secret memo, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover indicated that an "Intelligence Conference" was held to discuss these objects, and that "this matter is considered top secret by intel-

ligence officers of both the Army and the Air Force."

• A July 1970 internal CIA memorandum with regards to a query by a certain Mr. Vartorella, indicates that "the only formal CIA involvement [with UFOs] was in the one conducted by the Robertson Panel in 1953. Yet hundreds of declassified CIA papers on UFOs are dated after 1953, and a heavily (see HUNEEUS, page 4B)

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censored April 1976 document on "UFO Research" confirmed that "there are offices and personnel within the agency who are monitoring the UFO phenomena," although not "on an official basis."

• The Air Force allegedly ended its UFO investigation after the release of the University of Colorado's Condon Report in 1969, yet the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) maintains form sheets entitled "Unidentified Flying Object Report" and "Unknown Track Report." Likewise, several military and intelligence agencies have investigated dozens of sensitive UFO incidents in the United States and abroad since 1969.

• Since day one of the UFO controversy, in press release after press release, the Air Force and its scientific panels and ad hoc committees have maintained that UFOs do not pose a threat to our national security, yet the National Security Agency (NSA) refused to declassify 135 UFO documents in the early '80s, winning a legal battle against CAUS in Federal Court, on grounds of "national security" and "to protect intelligence sources and methods."

• DOD officials have dismissed the existence of UFOs over the years. In 1966 Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara stated that "there is no indication that UFOs are anything other than illusion... We categorically deny there is anything to them." If this is the case, then why has Sen. Barry Goldwater, an Air Force reserve general and currently chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, been repeatedly denied access to secret UFO records in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base? In a 1981 letter on Senate stationery, Goldwater admitted that "I have had one long string of denials from chief after chief, so I have given up."

The claim that the final word on UFOs, evidence that has eluded civilian researchers for more than 30 years, appears to be securely held by the government, is becoming less hearsay as time goes by. One aspect of the Brewster conference was to air, in public, the local flap of flying "Boomerangs" and "V"-shaped arrays of lights repeatedly seen in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties and western Connecticut since 1982.

There was one account, however, which had nothing to do with the Westchester flap and was quite more sensational. What former air force security policeman Larry Warren saw in the Rendlesham Forest next to the NATO Air Force Base at Bentwaters, England, where the 81st Combat Support Group is located, almost seems to be drawn from a Steven Spielberg scenario. Like *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the Bentwaters incident is also on film, but this one is hushed up in some secret government vault.

Shortly after midnight on Dec. 30, 1980, Warren and other security personnel were ordered to jump on a jeep, leave the base and go to the nearby Rendlesham Forest. They were told to turn over their weapons when they arrived at the parking area. Warren noticed immediately that a lot of activity was going on, but they were just told to start walking.

When they reached a clearing, they saw "this brown circular thing on the ground like a big, round, clear aspirin stage or platform," said Warren, who also remembers movie cameras and people taking pictures.

A red light appeared first in the distance and then became bigger until, he said, "This red ball came down and just blew up, that quick. It was silent, there was no noise, and all dropped down on top of this aspirin or whatever... as this happened it was like fantasy land, really, this ship was there."

Famed UFO Researcher Reveals . . .

Incredible Encounters With Space Aliens

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Soldiers shot at a 10-foot-tall space alien . . . an engineer was invited aboard a UFO . . . a young woman was terrified by an encounter with two aliens . . . and an amateur photographer snapped astounding photos of two spaceships.

These are among the most amazing of the many reported cases investigated by world-renowned UFO researcher Juan Jose Benitez of Lejona, Spain, author of 20 books on the subject.

"Alien beings have frequently been seen by witnesses from all walks of life. The extraterrestrials vary in appearance — which leads many people to think UFOs come from more than one source," Benitez declared.

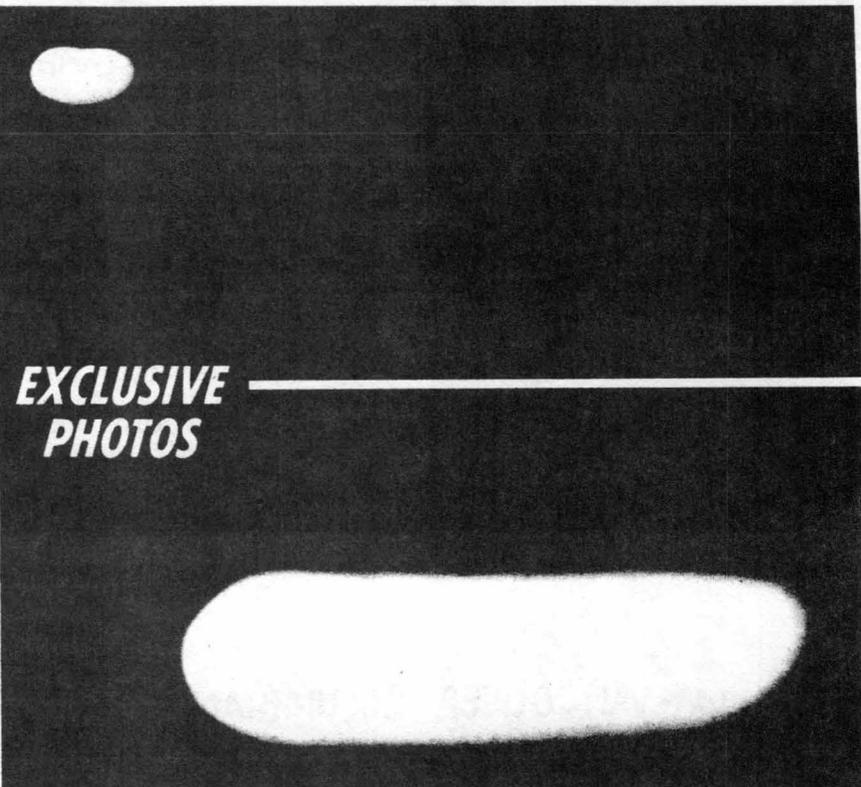
Here, exclusively for ENQUIRER readers, are details of incredible cases straight from Benitez' own files:

The shoot-out with the huge extraterrestrial occurred outside a Spanish Air Force base, said Benitez. Three guards at the base heard a whistling noise, so high-pitched it hurt their ears, then saw an enormous burst of light in the sky.

Suspecting sabotage, the guards went searching for the source of the weird noise. In a small clump of trees near the base, the men came face-to-face with a 10-foot-tall creature bathed in a bright green light.

One soldier who tried to fire his automatic weapon at the terrifying creature said he suddenly lost control of his body and fell to the ground, blind and unable to move.

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ASTRONOMER'S PHOTOS show small brightly lit UFO approaching darker spaceship (top), then merging with it.

His two companions opened fire and got off about 50 shots between them before the alien vanished into thin air. But investigators who later went over the site couldn't find a single bullet or bullet hole.

The soldier who was blinded got his sight back, but later suffered recurring periods of blindness, which finally went away. Medical experts were unable to find the cause of the problem.

Another alien encounter that Benitez investigated in-

involved a Spanish woman, 20, who said she came across two bizarre beings as she walked along a mountain path to her grandmother's house.

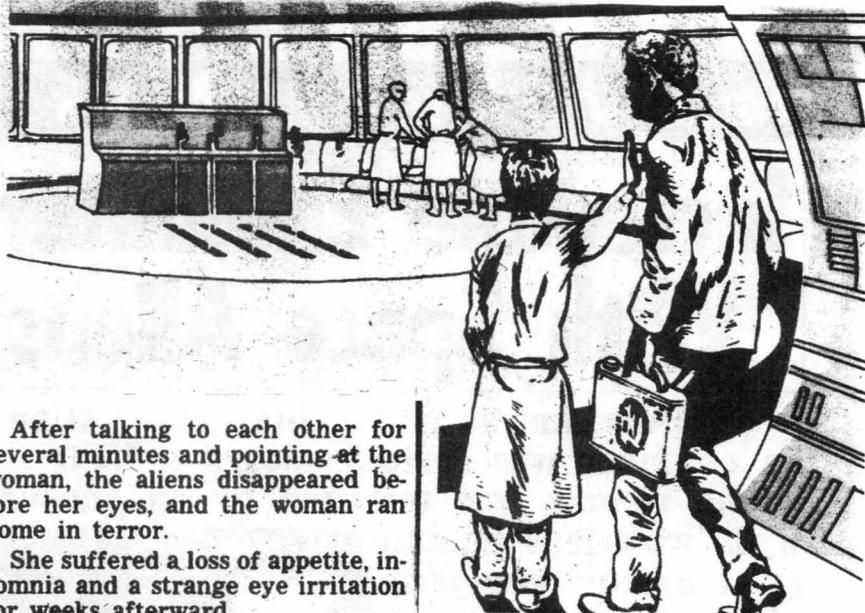
Suddenly she couldn't walk and sat down on a rock beside the trail. She closed her eyes, hoping her paralysis was only a bad dream, but when she opened them she saw that two very tall beings had appeared right in front of her.

They were dressed in strange shapeless tunics. The beings didn't have lips — only a straight line for a mouth which moved and uttered unintelligible sounds, the woman said. They had two slits instead of a nose, large eyes and slanted brows.

INCREDIBLE ENCOUNTERS CONT



RENOWNED UFO RESEARCHER: J.J. Benitez, author of 20 books on the subject, stands in front of painting of spaceship in his home in Spain.



After talking to each other for several minutes and pointing at the woman, the aliens disappeared before her eyes, and the woman ran home in terror.

She suffered a loss of appetite, insomnia and a strange eye irritation for weeks afterward.

Another meeting with aliens described by Benitez began when a British engineer identified only by the initials HM was flagged down one night as he drove along a lonely road in South Africa.

"I need water," said the man who stopped him. HM drove the man to a stream, then brought him back to the spot where he'd picked him up.

The engineer then noticed a strange object about 300 feet from the road. It was circular, about 30 to 45 feet in diameter, and stood on legs. Invited in by the man he'd

INVITED ABOARD UFO: Engineer, carrying can of water, said that he saw three space aliens tending a fourth.

helped, HM entered a large circular room where he saw four beings — one lying down, and the other three standing over him.

The engineer's escort explained that the "man" who was lying down had suffered a small accident and burned himself.

The escort took the can of water from HM and carried it over to the other aliens. The beings HM saw in the room were wearing beige laboratory jackets, slacks and shoes. They had pronounced foreheads; soft, feminine hands and no whiskers, the engineer recalled.

HM asked where they came from and one of the beings pointed out a window at the stars.

After 20 minutes or so, HM was asked to leave. He returned to the site the next morning and found only some strange marks on the ground where the UFO had been.

Benitez also reports that amateur astronomer and photographer Ricardo Rodrigo Lora snapped four amazing shots of two UFOs as he was photographing the moon from a site in Spain. Using a telephoto lens, he photographed a large red UFO with a smaller one at its side. In two shots, the smaller UFO apparently merged with the larger one, which then changed color to white with a reddish halo.

After four or five seconds the UFOs disappeared.

— GARY RICHMAN

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SHE PREFERS NOT to have her identity disclosed, but a La Center-area woman has told INK she saw a UFO hovering over her home Sunday night.

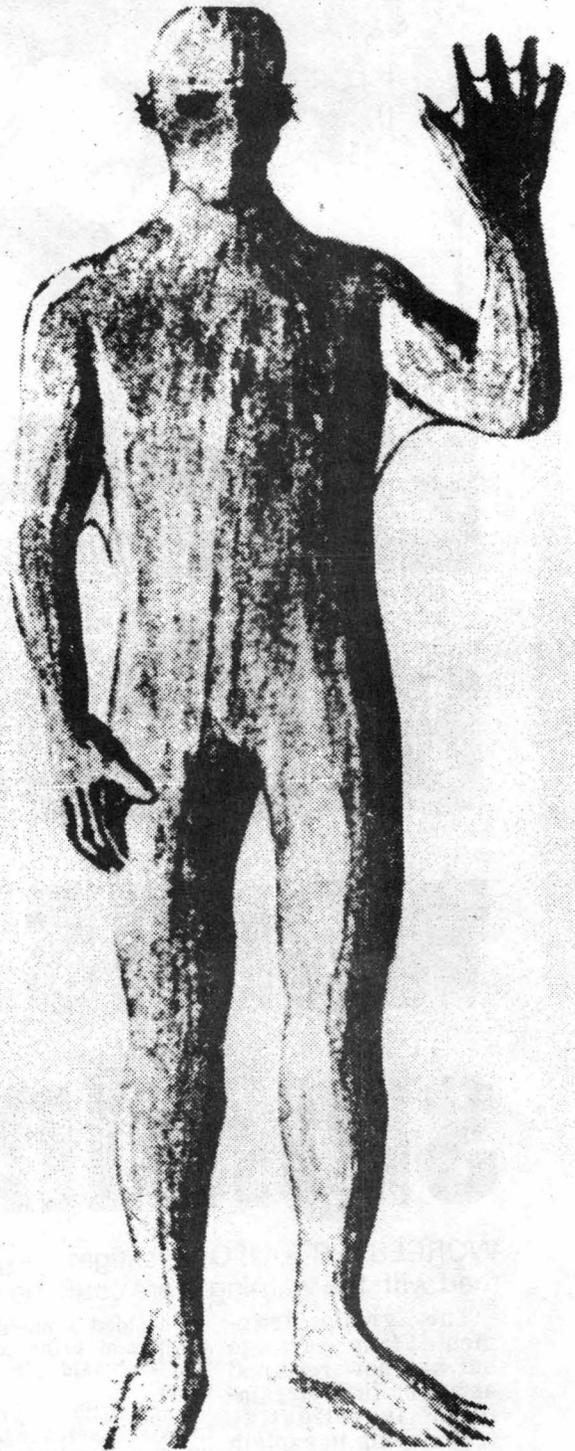
The woman said the object lingered for more than an hour, from 10:30 to 11:35 p.m., then zipped away with such speed that it was out of sight in about 10 seconds.

She described it as a circular white light with flashing blue lights around it. She said the light was intense it shown into her bedroom window. //

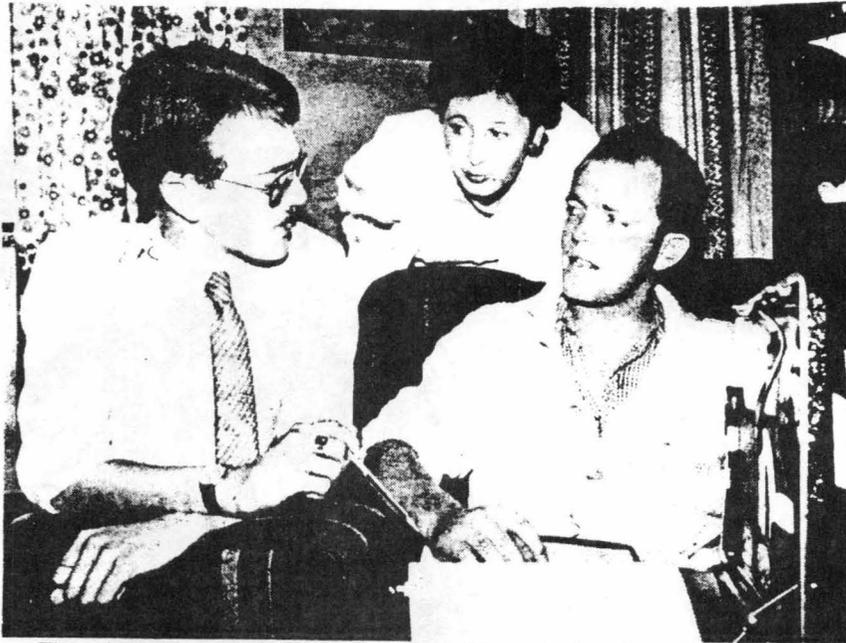
A close encounter

BELOW: Fuzzy, long-distance — and utterly baffling. This UFO was snapped by accident in a promotional shot of an American bomber. A UFO investigator said it appeared to be streamlined with ports on its lower side.

RIGHT: In a hypnotic trance a Californian recalled meeting humanoids with webbed features, one night in the early 1970s. This is an artist's impression.



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The skyscan group: Tony Green (left) with Derek and Christine Lawrence.

UFO team warns of sightings

WORCESTER'S UFO investigation group, Skyscan, has reformed with the warning there could be a spate of sightings soon.

The group fragmented four years ago but has now returned as a modified, streamlined investigative team trying to explain the unexplained.

"Skyscan Two" chairman, Derek Lawrence said that although the group had not been officially together, a caucus had remained, monitoring sightings and retraining itself.

"The whole UFO subject started to change drastically — they way sightings are investigated for instance — so

we decided to modify the group and bring it into the 80s" said Mr Lawrence.

Part of the semi-professional approach by the group is seen in its use of computers which store the 110 cases currently on the books.

Skyscan spends a lot of its time trying to counter the popular myth that UFOs are extra-terrestrial "flying saucers" with little green men inside them.

"Once you mention UFOs, people start to think about flying saucers, little green men etc.

— but there's no evidence at the moment that they are extra-terrestrial," he said.

"We take a case and try to explain it as a man-made phenomena — like a plane — but if we cannot, then the work really starts."

Skyscan contracts aviation authorities; weather stations and even astronomical and space project specialists to try and explain sightings.

After taking a confidential report about potential UFOs — categorised as low, medium, and high strangeness — it can usually rule out 90 to 95 per cent.

That leaves a hard core of mystery sightings which take up to six months to investigate — though no solution is guaranteed.

"One common fallacy is that people think they are the only ones who have experienced a sighting," said Derek. "We keep people informed about our investigation and even put them in touch with people who have had similar experiences."

One sighting currently under investigation involves a possible landing in the county.

In this case the paranormal happenings, such as apparitions and poltergeist activity, are still occurring.

This has led the group to branch out in its training schedule and gain experience in such diverse subjects as lay lines and standing stones.

Now, the Skyscan team has reformed in time for what Derek considers will be the next cycle of unexplained sightings.

"There seems to be a 10-year cycle and based on that theory it should be in 1984-85 that sightings start to flood in again."

Anyone who would like help explaining something they have seen are asked to ring Worcester 427408 or 24432.

Gov't keeps lid on UFO Pandora's box

J. ANTONIO HUNEEUS

The craft, characterized as "beyond description," was described by Warren as triangular in shape, 15 feet high and 25 feet across the base, "probably the size of an A-10," and with "a red light on top, a little bank of lights under that, a very rough surface like pipes or boxes on it, no doors, windows or anything like that. It had legs and it left landing marks."

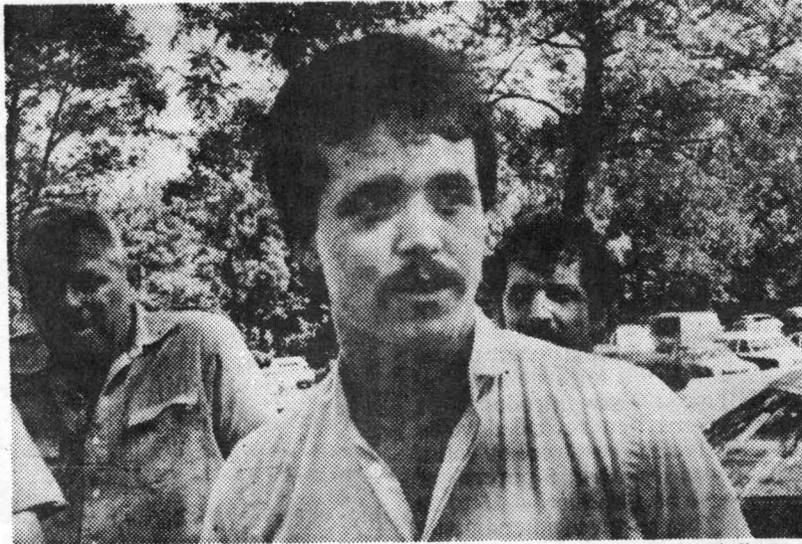
Three small beings about 3 feet tall, dressed in silvery suits and with a kind of light surrounding them appeared outside the ship and, incredible as it may seem, a fourth being seemed to be levitating over people's heads, Warren said. As this was taking place, more than 200 on-duty personnel and a large number of high-ranking officers assembled in the area, including Base Commander Gen. Gordon Williams, Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt and high-ranking British Air Force or Army officers. At one point, said Warren, the beings "all just buzzed like SHOOO! right down to him (the Base Commander) and they stood and their arms went up and their heads went down, and that's when I think they communicated."

Science fiction or an unconfirmed sensationalized story fit only for the supermarket press? Not really. Working closely in the

past months with CAUS, Warren supplied Fawcett and Gersten with enough information to initiate a new round of petitions under the FOIA.

To their surprise, after the usual stalling period, the 513th Combat Support Group released a document from the 81st CSG at Bentwaters, signed by Halt, then Deputy Base Commander. Dated Jan. 13, 1981, the Halt letter is probably just one item out of a thick dossier, both British and American, concerning this particular case and a series of similar events which preceded the one described by Warren. Now that you've heard Warren's account, compare it with the one described in the official Air Force report:

"... The object was described



Antonio Huneus

BREWSTER, N.Y.: Former Air Force security policeman Larry Warren, outside the UFO conference here Aug. 25, describes the sensational close encounter he experienced in Rendlesham Forest next to the NATO Air Force Base at Bentwaters, England.

as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two or three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on top with a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs..."

"... The next day, three depressions 1½ inches deep and 7 inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (Dec. 31, '80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions..."

Since the document does not mention the face-to-face encounter with the small beings, nor acknowledges the existence of motion pictures, tape recordings and photographs, it is clear that the government is still keeping the bulk of the incident under wraps. However, other military witnesses have confirmed to CAUS investigators Warren's account, although they are not yet ready to go public like him.

In all fairness, and to give it the correct perspective, it must be stressed that the U.S. government is far from being alone in its treatment and formulation of UFO-related policies. Practically all the

other governments of the world, both small and large, have followed that same policy of hushed-up military probe with a public disclaimer. Whether it is Canada or the Soviet Union, Brazil or France, Australia or China, a number of countries have released a limited amount of official documents, scientific studies or statements concerning UFOs. With its FOIA the United States has become the world leader in releasing this kind of far-out data — and it must continue to do so.

While I can rationalize the need for secrecy in the early, Cold War-ridden years of flying saucers, I think it's high time for the government to open up fully, perhaps by stages, its Pandora's Box of UFO data. Who knows? With the increasing international tension, the UFO phenomenon should open people's horizons and contribute to a complete reassessment of what is mankind and where it is going. News of the existence and contact with nonhuman intelligent entities from elsewhere is something that should be shared with all the people of the earth and not kept away in some underground secret vault. If ET exists we have, as citizens of a free society, a right to know.

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'Blazing arrow' from UFO set cathedral afire

— SAY ASTONISHED WITNESSES

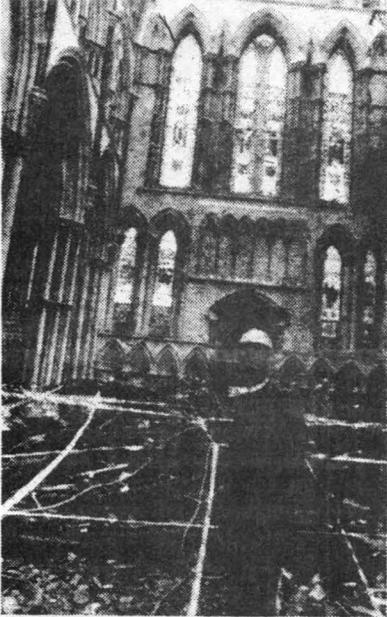
THE fire that nearly destroyed one of England's most famous cathedrals last month was caused by a UFO attack, say astonished witnesses.

The great Cathedral of St. Peter, often known as Yorkminster, dates to the seventh century. The fire was at first attributed to a bolt of lightning, or arson.

However, two independent witnesses have testified that they saw a fast-moving zeppelin-shaped object in the sky over the cathedral seconds before the blaze.

They said the UFO sent down a flame-colored charge aimed directly at the roof, then disappeared in a strangely shaped cloud.

Bill Whitehead, 44, a taxi driver, and truckdriver Eddie Acaster, 55, said they had remained silent, fearing ridicule, but decided to speak up in the hope other witnesses might come forward.



AFTER the fire: "Like something out of Buck Rogers"

Acaster said he was outside his home in Huntington, a suburb of York, when he saw the UFO. "It was shaped like a zeppelin, but without an undercarriage or propellers," he says.

"It was glowing molten orange, and leaving a white vapor trail as it traveled very fast across the sky. I watched it for about 20 seconds, then there was a short but severe electrical disturbance.

"I have never seen lightning like that before. Lightning is jagged — but this was straight, like a rocket aimed at a target, and there was no noise at all.

"The more I think about it, the more frightened I am. When those things attack a church, it raises a lot of questions in my mind."

Whitehead says he was at a taxi parking area when he saw the UFO over the cathedral at about 2 a.m. "At first I thought it was a large balloon," he says.

"It was silent, but moving very fast. Suddenly, it looked as if there was a straight line of orange-colored flames coming out of its underside.

"It looked like an arrow of fire. I don't know what it was, but it zapped the cathedral like something out of Buck Rogers."

Since Acaster and Whitehead spoke up, 18 others have told authorities they, too, saw a strange orange bolt hit the cathedral.

Says York fire chief Alan Stow: "We can't afford to rule anything out in this investigation."

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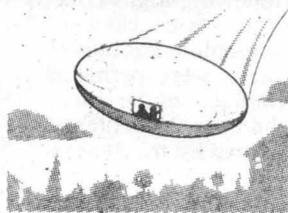
Devastation blamed on crash of alien craft

AN ALIEN spaceship crashing to earth is the probable cause of a mighty explosion that devastated thousands of square miles of Russia.

That's the conclusion of a leading scientist who carried out an investigation in the barren area — and could find no support at all for the long-held theory that the big bang was caused by a comet or meteorite.

Nikolai Vassilev, who headed an expedition from the University of Tomsk, said the angle and speed of impact were not consistent with the explosion having been caused by a comet — the most common explanation over the years.

And a recent meeting of the Siberian branch of the



U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences concluded that the explosion "cannot be considered within the concepts accepted so far."

Vassilev said there is proof that just before the object exploded, it changed from an east-to-west direction to move toward the north.

"Therefore, we have to conclude that the object changed its height and azimuth in the atmosphere, and made a sharp turn to the west over the Angara River," he added.

"Phenomena produced by

it may testify to the existence in space of matter unknown to us, a meeting with an extraterrestrial space vehicle or probe.

"There are many scientists who consider that objective data now available does not exclude this possibility."

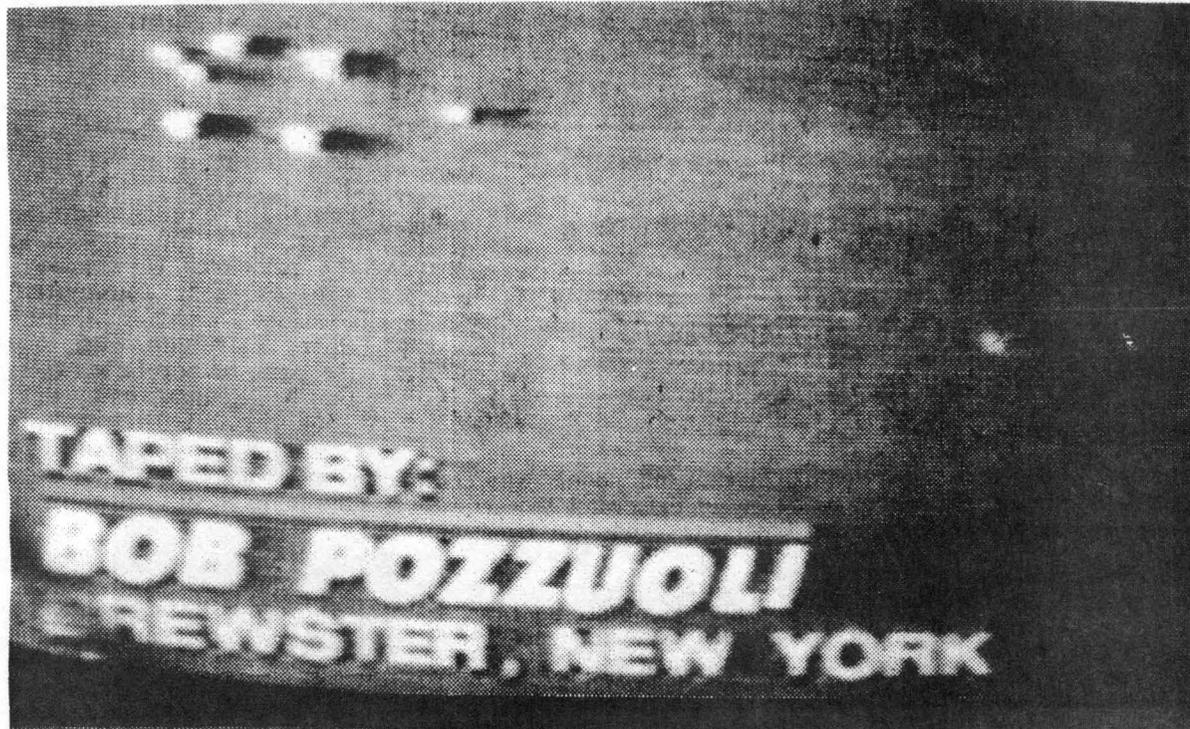
Vassilev's investigation was into the Great Tunguska explosion that occurred on June 30, 1908.

The object that exploded did so with such a force that it flattened trees over 830 square miles, ignited forests over a much larger region and produced an earthquake.

The blast was estimated as being equal to a 35-megaton bomb and was felt 600 miles away. About 1,500 square miles were devastated.

— FRANK KENDAL

Researching UFOs: a 31-year pursuit



Fairfield Police Lt. George Lesnick, right, has interviewed thousands of people who claim they saw the flying, boomerang-shaped objects and huge V-shaped ships the size of a football field as taped above by Bob Pozzuoli of Brewster, N. Y. At left is a saucer-shaped unidentified flying object (UFO) photographed Oct. 10, 1956 over Twin Peaks in San Francisco.

By RICHARD WEIZEL
Sunday Post staff writer

When Fairfield Police Lt. George Lesnick became interested in UFOs 31 years ago he never dreamed he would someday play an intricate role in investigating a multiple sighting that has been seen by more people than any other UFO case ever reported.

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But Lesnick, who in his spare time works as a field investigator for the International Center For UFO Studies (based in Evanston, Ill.), has interviewed thousands of people in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties in New York and others here in Fairfield County, who claim they have seen flying, boomerang-shaped objects and huge V-shaped ships the size of a football field.

The sightings, which began in March of 1983, have reoccurred this past summer as a rash of new UFO reports flooded in during June and July. The sightings are being probed from a variety of directions under the collective heading of The Westchester Boomerang Mystery.

Lesnick, 56, works with 33-year-old science teacher Philip Imbrogno of Greenwich when he investigates "serious, multiple UFO sightings."

"We feel like pioneers," Lesnick says. "People want the answer to UFOs and we're doing our part in what will hopefully help solve the mystery."

Lesnick calls himself "a romantic," and admits he loves the adventure and excitement of being a "UFO buster," a name he coined (in deference to the current, popular movie) while appearing on a New York news show.

By tracing the path and pattern of a wave of UFO sightings that have exceeded 5,000 the past 18 months, "we feel like we're helping lay the foundation for new frontiers in science," Lesnick says.

Lesnick and Imbrogno have worked together now for eight years and appeared along with "ufologists" from around the world at an Aug. 25 UFO conference in Brewster, N.Y., that drew nearly 1,500 people.

The conference included the presentation of slides, sketches and photographs of area sightings and descriptions of those sightings by hundreds of witnesses.

Lesnick, a 28-year veteran of the Fairfield Police Department, says he's interviewed thousands of witnesses and claims that most people are sincere.

"These people are not kooks and those who laugh at these accounts are ignorant. The ridicule some people get scares them from admitting they saw a UFO," he says.

"We're trained investigators and we take this very seriously," Lesnick says, sitting at his kitchen table that is covered with thousands of pages of interviews and tape recordings of witnesses giving vivid, detailed descriptions of peculiarly shaped objects that "dash and dart across the sky."

So massive is the amount of paperwork Lesnick has gathered he's been forced to start computerizing his material.

"I've talked to more than 2,000 people in 30 years," Lesnick said, "and 500 of the sightings cannot be explained."

He says, however, that 90 percent of all UFO sightings can be explained.

"But what about that 10 percent?" he asks. "I don't know what they are, but I think we should keep trying to find out."

Lesnick leans toward belief in the extra-terrestrial theory, though he's very cautious about accepting that just yet. He thinks, however, that the

government knows more than it has revealed about UFOs and hopes it will someday reverse its "closed attitude" on the subject.

Much of Lesnick's work has come during the past 18 months because of the upstate New York case, nicknamed the Westchester Boomerang Mystery, that has drawn international attention from both believers

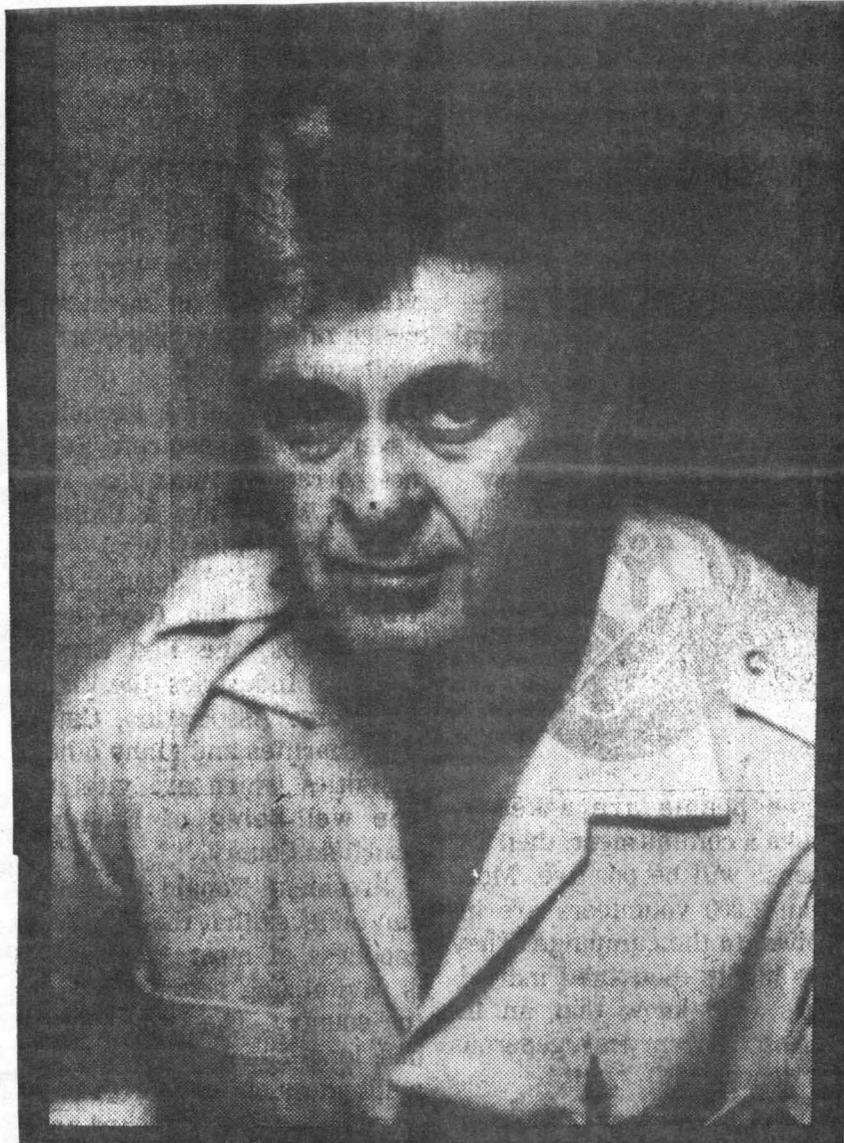
and debunkers.

Lesnick has in his possession a videotape of a multiple sighting made by a Brewster, N.Y., man, Robert Pozzuoli, on July 24, in which half a dozen red and white objects can be seen hovering in a circular formation, at times changing colors and moving "very rapidly."

The same sighting was also photographed by another man several miles away, and both men appeared on New York and Connecticut news shows along with their tapes and still photos. Lesnick says hundreds of other people also reported the sighting that same night.

"That's what we look for," Lesnick says, "multiple sightings from credible witnesses who don't know each other."

"This series of sightings in New York and Fairfield has involved the most credible witnesses I've ever spoken to," Lesnick said. "These are judges, doctors, scientists, lawyers, teachers, business people, police officers and aerospace engineers and meteorologists who are absolutely convinced they are seeing something strange up there." M



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Included in those Lesnick has interviewed are Danbury police and fire officials, whom he says have seen UFOs this summer.

Still, New York State Police and renowned UFO skeptics insist the sightings are nothing more than an aerial plane show being put on by pilots.

The state police call the whole episode a hoax and one night even proved that several reported sightings were actually just a group of planes when they tracked the planes to an area airport.

Lesnick admits that some of the sightings can be explained, but claims there are too many unusual aspects to the boomerang case to dismiss it as a hoax.

"The fast way the objects are reported to have moved, the large patterns of moving lights, the apparent changing of colors, the boomerang shape and the noiselessness of the sightings, all prove they weren't planes," Lesnick says. "Too many of these credible witnesses also swear the object they saw was the size of a football field."

Lesnick says the case represents "the most historical series of UFOs that have ever occurred in the modern study of UFOs.

"Unless you've seen one it's hard to understand and you may want to think it doesn't exist," Lesnick says, explaining the persistence of some skeptics. "But once you have seen a UFO you take an entirely different attitude."

And Lesnick did see one, eight years ago, along with four other local police officers in Fairfield.

It happened on March 5, 1976, when Lesnick was working as a road patrol sergeant.

Patrolman Frank Nolfi reported that six objects were hovering, stopping, reversing and bobbing up and down above his hilltop home at 686 Eleven O'Clock Road.

At the time Nolfi, who was off-duty, and his wife observed the objects for about an hour before phoning police headquarters with the report: "You're not going to believe this, but...."

Lesnick was one of the officers who responded to the call.

"I couldn't believe it, we were mesmerized," he says, recalling the incident. "There were six patterns of brilliant lights and one larger orange object that looked like a mother ship."

"They did aerial displays that I can't even describe," Lesnick says. "It was as if they were playing games."

Lesnick says that more than 100 UFO sightings from Fairfield to Hartford were reported that night and "were never explained."

Having a personal UFO experience, Lesnick says, "has helped me to be more sensitive to others that I interview. I know how they feel."

When he retires from the police department in about two years Lesnick hopes to make UFO investigation "a full-time job, something I can devote myself to the rest of my life."

UFOs Are Back; A Nice Diversion

REMEMBER THE UFO'S? Back a number of years ago the whole nation was seeing and talking about unidentified flying objects in the night sky. Everyone seemed to get into the act with reports of UFO sightings coming from all parts of the country. Organizations were formed to keep track of the sightings and even the U.S. Air Force and other government agencies investigated the UFOs.

Some persons swore they had personal encounters with these flying objects which landed and in certain instances there were reports of creatures from outer-space disembarking from these strange space ships.

Just as suddenly as the UFOs arrived on the scene, they seemed to disappear. Hardly anyone talked about them anymore and the press, once fascinated with the unidentified flying objects, lost interest.

But now we read where the UFOs are back and causing excitement over the Eastern United States. A symposium was held recently in Brewster, N.Y., to discuss a phenomenon that has fascinated wide stretches of southeastern New York state and western Connecticut for the past couple of years.

Thousands of people have reported seeing strange objects in the night-sky. Usually described as V-shaped and about the size of a football field, this new UFO is said to be absolutely noiseless and outlined in brilliant lights of white, green or amber.

Switchboard operators at police agencies complain of being constantly inundated with calls. A hot-line has been set up in Westchester County to field inquiries.

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At the symposium, which attracted about 700 persons, witnesses insisted that "The Thing" they observed could not have been a plane, because of its ability to hover motionless and shoot straight up in the sky, and because of its eerie silence.

Despite the advances that have been made in space travel, we never did believe that visitors from other planets were responsible for the earlier UFO sightings. And we're sure there is a rational explanation for these latest reports that have excited the northeast but for the moment, at least, the UFOs are a nice diversion from politics.

Strange tales

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Globe of light

YOU REPORTED that a Mr Nigel Crist saw a strange object in the sky. (Did a UFO land here? — August 16).

On July 25 at 1.30 am, a hot night when I couldn't sleep, I got up and was standing at my bedroom window getting some fresh air when a globe of light, brilliant white with a pale green edge to it, shot along the sky from south to north horizontally at a tremendous speed. It had no noise or tail and disappeared behind a large tree.

Of course no-one believed me, so I was very pleased to see your report. I would like to meet Mr Crist and compare notes. Please don't publish my name or address as my neighbours will make fun of me. I hope other people have seen this strange sight — perhaps they will believe Mr Crist and I aren't idiots.

(Name and address supplied)

SEVERAL sightings of possible unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been reported in the Stobs area near Hawick this month.

The phenomenon has so intrigued locals that they have joined forces to carry out vigils on the hillsides, in the hope of sighting more of these 'hovering lights.'

Unfortunately, all those concerned prefer to remain anonymous for fear of being regarded as cranks.

One lady, in her fifties, told us: "I was up the Moor with friends when I first saw the lights. The first was a white light that appeared to be hovering up in the Stobs area, but it was difficult to estimate its size."

"You'll think me daft, but the light then turned red and above it we saw a number of small pinpoint twinkling lights coloured blue, red and white."

She continued: "It then moved in the Ashkirk direction, and we heard a sound like that of a plane. It didn't sound like a helicopter, more like a small plane, but it definitely seemed to hover in the sky."

The sighting, which took

coming to light . . .

Earlier this month a number of people in the Hawick area reported seeing strange lights in the sky near Stobs. The Southern's JOHN ROSS SCOTT went to investigate.

place on Thursday, August 9, was also witnessed by her companion, and a group of fishermen about a mile away on a nearby loch.

They also mentioned having seen two hovering white lights, and added that their movement gave the impression that the horizon itself was moving.

As the evening wore on from 9 p.m. to midnight the lady and her friend on the Moor were joined by others who witnessed what one described as a "spectacular show."

During my inquiries into the incident I contacted several people in the Stobs area itself with little success, until one farmer admitted he had seen something "strange" in the sky on August 11.

"It was as if there were two pairs of bright white lights in the shape of a square.

They were hanging above the trees, but I could only see them through the trees.

"At first I thought to myself it was just the moon that

was bright. Then I looked and saw the moon was shining in the other direction. It was a really bright static light, and didn't appear to be a searchlight or anything like that. It was really strange."

He added: "Obviously I didn't want to tell many people what I saw — it's not the type of thing you tell people about. I only saw it once, and I haven't seen it since."

At R.A.F. Pitreavie, Mr Alex Steedman checked with the Controller to find out whether there were any R.A.F. operations taking place in the Stobs area to the west of Hawick on either August 9 or 11. No such operation had taken place.

On the evening of Wednesday, August 15, I visited the site in question, accompanied by a group of four people who had originally witnessed the strange lights. The spot was only yards from where the farmer's sighting had taken place near a small forest of trees.

Each of the previous sightings appear to have taken place on clear nights. But on August 15, dark clouds hung in the sky, and no strange objects were to be seen.

At 10.30 p.m. we left the group on the barren hillside, within the area once established at Stobs Army Camp, supping hot coffee and still looking skyward.

Since then, despite carrying out lonely vigils on several occasions, no member of the group has seen the lights again.

Does anyone out there have any logical explanation?

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Cinema boss spots U.F.O.

CINEMA boss Steve Parry has one up on thousands of North Staffs. television viewers who saw an "alien craft" bring the Olympics to a finale.

While they were glued to their sets, Steve was watching his very own U.F.O. — hovering near his Chell Heath home.

The unusual sighting has left him completely baffled.

"I have done observation training and also keep well up on aircraft recognition, but this was like nothing I have ever seen," he said.

Steve described the object as orange, with no navigational lights and no solid outline.

It was static, although it appeared to keep changing

shape. I called my wife down and she watched it with me."

He said that after about 30 seconds the shape disappeared.

Steve, assistant manager at Hanley's A.B.C., added "I'm not saying it was an alien craft or anything like that, but it was certainly an unidentified flying object."

In N.Y. state, ordinary folks report a craft 'parked in the sky'

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Monique O'Driscoll visits the scene of her first sighting as her painting of the UFO seems to 'hover' over the reservoir The Philadelphia Inquirer / MICHAEL MALLY

Unearthly sightings by some

By Dick Polman
Inquirer Staff Writer

solid citizens

BREWSTER, N.Y. — Mere nouns cannot define how she felt on that cold winter night when the heavens parted and the implausible appeared. Monique O'Driscoll puffed a cigarette and rummaged in vain through her vocabulary. *Excitement, euphoria, exultation* ... she spurned them all, for they conveyed too little. She is a stranger to imprecision. A county bureaucrat for nearly 15 years, she prefers to deal with data that yield truth through rigorous checks and balances.

She finally shrugged and said, "I can understand how people might not believe me when I talk about seeing that UFO. It's just like me telling you what the feeling is like having a baby when you've never had one. Because you don't know what the experience is all about. I know it's not fair to compare having a baby with seeing a UFO, but I'm talking about the feeling inside, the whole total exuberant feeling."

Irene Lunn, mother of two and wife of a policeman,

doesn't know O'Driscoll, but she echoes her thoughts. "I can't explain it," she said, "but it's a very peaceful, hopeful kind of feeling you get when this thing is around." And Dennis Sant, deputy clerk of rustic Putnam County and a church-going Republican, said, "It's the type of wonderful movement you feel deep within your own being."

When hundreds of solid citizens begin to sound like meditation gurus, something odd is obviously afoot. This, after all, is a place where the Methodist church chimes play "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Yet, in recent weeks, people here have put their credibility on the line — risking derision and caring not a whit. Said Bob Pozzuoli of Brewster, vice president of an electronics firm, "People can ridicule, but I know I saw something that I can't explain. If it's not of this world, then I'd just like to know where they come from."

For 18 months, astronomer Philip Imbrogno has spent long hours in the steep hills and scenic valleys of Putnam County, 40 miles north of New York City, quizzing credible people who recount the incredible.

"Never before have this many people been willing to step forward and talk about these objects," said Imbrogno, a field investigator for the Illinois-based Center for UFO Studies. "It's changed the consciousness of many of the people there. People with 9-to-5 routines have been taken out of their everyday existence. These are people who, 10 years ago, wouldn't have dared to come forward."

Initially, Dennis Sant had remained mum. The Putnam County Republicans were embroiled in a hot campaign last year, and voters might not have been charmed by a party spokesman who sounded like Jules Verne. Besides, he was a political appointee with four mouths to feed. But once lawyers and judges and police officers began to go public — not to mention pilots and airport meteorologists — he figured it was safe to recount the nocturnal events of March 17, 1983.

"I was bringing my children home from their youth group at our local church," he recalled last week. "My property abuts Interstate 84 in Brewster. I noticed above my back yard a large, almost L-shaped object. It looked like a tractor-trailer parked in the sky. It hovered there

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UFOs, from 1-E

for about five minutes. From tip to tip it was at least 50 yards, and it didn't make a sound.

"This area is the holding pattern for three New York airports, and it's in the path of five small local airports, so we in this community are very aware of what flies over our heads. But this object looked nothing like planes. It looked like nothing I've ever seen." It floated slowly over I-84, he said, where gaping truck drivers began pulling off the highway; then it moved back to an open field across the road from Sant's home.

"I wanted to be underneath it," he said. "As I got out to the road, all the lights on the object suddenly intensified, illuminating the road as if it was a night football game in a stadium. As it hovered, I could make out dark, smoky-colored, metallic beams underneath — huge, huge beams. I guess I always anticipated being scared by a UFO, but I wasn't. It was a very warm, very emotional type thing. You almost felt like you were in communication with it. And many nights after that, I'd go out with a cigarette and look at the sky."

Before the incident, Sant was a skeptic. But now, he says, "you walk up and down these streets and very few people scoff. They know something unusual is happening. I'd like to know what it is. We have a wonderful community here — Putnam County, northern Westchester County. It's a well-educated community, a money community. The people who've seen it are not wackos. We're professionals. And we have a right to know what's going on."

On that night in February 1983, she said, "we were coming to a stop sign in a woody area. I looked up, and there were these bright lights, almost like strobe lights. This thing was moving very slowly; it was almost the size of a football field. We followed it to a reservoir. It was right over me. It was boomerang-shaped, and the lights were going in sequence, like on a computer, back and forth. It was just floating in the air, this big, humongous thing. My daughter was trying to get people on the CB radio, but all we could get was static.

"And not one sound from this thing. Something that size, if it had an airplane engine, it would shake your windows out. I could see the underbelly part. It's solid. It had metal-type work, like crossbeams. And tubular things hanging down here and there. I was so close, I could've thrown a ball and hit it ... I followed it, and then it just went pfffft, and it was gone. That fast."

She saw it again last March, hovering over a lake near her mother's home. She managed to snap four shots with her Minolta, but the prints came out black. She shrugs it off: "I just tell it like it is. If that's what people interpret, that I'm a crackpot, then that's their problem. And, as crazy as it sounds, I would've loved to go aboard that thing. Get the 25-cent tour, and get back down again. You just can't take away what I saw. Because I know what I saw. And I know I'll see it again, I just know I will."

What she doesn't know is that 15 other witnesses have given striking-

CRAFT PARKED IN THE SKY CONT

Strange visions from ordinary people

ly similar accounts to that of Phil Imbrogno concerning the events of that winter night.

Irene Lunn is not happy with her sketches, made at 2 in the morning just four weeks ago. She says they don't do justice to what she saw floating above her house in the town of Mahopac on the night of Aug. 20.

"It was totally silent," she said, sipping coffee in her spacious kitchen as her 2-year-old child snoozed upstairs. "And it was triangular-shaped, with a huge spotlight in front. It was wider than my house. Underneath, it was like a metallic dull gray. Definitely solid. There were no wings. And there was not even a tiny hum, nothing. You could hear the crickets in the yard. I would take a lie-detector test, that's how positive I am."

At one time, she would have kept quiet, but not anymore. "I'm educated," she said. "I have a family, I'm a responsible person, I pay my taxes, I work. I don't sit home watching soap operas all day, and fabricating things. . . . And I don't feel afraid of this thing at all. It just feels reassuring, for some reason. Maybe they're going to save us, who knows? The world is a mess, and maybe they've got some answers."

Ten miles east in Brewster, Bob Pozzuoli studied the object he captured on videotape. His wife normally aims the camera at their new baby, but on July 24, he stood on their patio and tracked the brilliant lights skimming across the sky. On the videotape, the object flies in silence, lights rotating counterclockwise; the only sound is Bob whispering to his wife: "Good God, I'll tell ya some-

thing, honey, I don't know what the hell it is."

Pozzuoli has since developed some bad driving habits. As his wife, Laurie, said, "He's constantly looking up at the sky while he's driving. I'm afraid he's going to end up on the critical list." But Pozzuoli said, "I'm not a hero. I'm just interested in finding out what it is. If they wanted to do us harm, they could've done it a long time ago."

Phil Imbrogno knows how strange this all sounds. "I can't hardly believe it myself," he said. "But this field of science is at the point right now where it's ready to be accepted in the scientific community. It's where astronomy was in the 17th century. You've still got the kooks and wackos. But then there are the responsible citizens who can't be denied."

Dennis Sant has talked it over with his children. "After the sighting," he said, "I asked them how they felt about what they saw. The thing is, my wife had passed away four months earlier. And my children know that Mommy's in heaven; they've had this good feeling that we're all going to see each other some day. Anyway, each one of them said that, deep inside, they had the same feeling that they had when believing Mommy was home and safe and well in heaven. It was a good feeling. A marvelous feeling."

While Monique O'Driscoll pursues her quest for the perfect painting, Irene Dunn is pondering the purchase of modeling clay. "I can't stop thinking about that thing," she sighed. "I want to get it right. I want it to come out just right."

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Could it be a UFO?

A circle of dead vegetation 30 feet in diameter has appeared mysteriously on a North Carolina farm for the past two years. The field where the circle appears belongs to farmer Wallace Cope of Davies County, who is puzzled by the occurrence.

"It's a curiosity to me," he says. "The grass and weeds were grown up with the rest of the field on either side of the circle, but there, all the way around it, it was — as dead as wintertime. It's just not something natural."

Cope summoned two state environmental workers, who suggested the circle could be caused by a burrowing rodent, lightning or a prankster with gasoline or herbicide. But Cope isn't buying their explanations. "I said 'baloney' to them, and I'm saying it now."

The Department of Agriculture plans to analyze site samples to see if there's another explanation. But Cope has one of his own.

"You hear of UFOs," he says. "Now I've never seen one, and I've never met anybody who has, but after seeing something like this, you can't help but wonder."

PAPERBACKS



By
JOHN BENNETT

UFOs . . .

they're not all just old hat!

THE trouble with flying saucers is that when they are photographed they look like nothing at all. Not photogenic.

Usually, they look like a scratch on the negative, a seagull in a power dive or, more often, a mark that could be your granny's old hat at 2000 yards.

Indeed, one enterprising gentleman in Ohio took a number of Polaroid pictures of an unidentified flying object over his house in 1966.

Investigation showed that the story he told did not quite tie up with the proof he had in the pictures. And his flying saucer certainly looks like an old hat. But why was it flying over his house?

Pictures apart, the story of UFOs is an intriguing one. There is a mystery. The phenomenon cannot be passed off as the work of a few cranks.

Jung saw them as a result of the "collective unconscious" that we all carry about with us. The power we have to see visions. He even wrote a book about it — "Flying Saucers: a modern myth of things in the sky."

Well, he has his view.

There are others, including those of people who claim that the United States Government has aliens in custody from a crashed UFO and that they have the remains of the flying saucer. And there is compelling evidence to support this claim.

Are governments hiding something?

In June 1953 Norwegian aircraft spotted wreckage near Spitzbergen.

In 1955 Colonel Ger-nod Darnby said: "The crashing of the Spitz-bergen disc was highly important . . . we wish to state categorically that it was not built by any country on earth. . . ."

Since then, nothing has been said.

In "The Age of the UFO," edited by Peter Brookesmith (Orbis, £6.99), the whole problem is examined and brought up to date. It is a superb book which asks more questions than it answers. The problem is:

Sometimes the reports are by cranks . . .

There probably is some kind of cover-up of certain sightings . . .

And there are probably logical answers to a great many sightings.

But there are still many reports for which there is no explanation. You will be engrossed.

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continent and its most influential members. He sees the ideal situation of a "United States of Europe" in partnership with the United States of America — who are honorary Europeans anyway — consolidating peace and the defence of the West.

But of Britain's influence in Europe, fear not.

Mr Barzini points out that some continental railways keep to the left today because the first were built by the British . . .

That sailors wear variations of the British Victorian uniform which in some cases includes the black neckerchief worn to mourn the death of Nelson . . .

That continental plumbers still use pipes and valves calculated in inches . . .

That corduroy is still called "Manchester" in Germany.

Along with the "Imperturbable British," the book looks at "The Mutable Germans," "The Flexible Italians," "The Careful Dutch," and "The Baffling Americans."

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Peter Edmunds, who has formed the East of England UFO Society — prepared for the unexpected at his home at Mundford.

UFO club ready for take-off

THE East of England UFO Society has come back down to earth in Swaffham Road, Mundford, after a period of hibernation.

Mr. Peter Edmunds, 21, has restarted the three-year-old club since moving to Swaffham Road, and it has embarked on a project about Stonehenge.

He thinks the ancient site

was used as a building base for UFOs after aliens had telepathically communicated with primitive man.

His interest in extra-terrestrials has grown since childhood, and he claims to have photographed a UFO outside his bedroom window about a year ago. The object in the sky was level with the house and then moved above it, he said.

The society carries out research about UFOs. The seven members' investigations are collected by Mr. Edmunds, who hopes to put the information on a computer.

Mr. Edmunds, who works for the Forestry Commission at Lynford Cross, does not mind if people think he is a crank. "It is something I have to do. People laugh at you, but I could not care less," he said.

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Experts Reveal How . . .

People's Lives Have Been Improved by Contact With UFOs

Encounters with UFOs have changed many people's lives for the better, say UFO experts.

"People have had illnesses cured, been given incredible powers of knowledge and had their religious faith renewed," declared internationally known UFO expert Brad Steiger.

"There are countless examples of people who reported UFO sightings and said their experiences eventually made them better people."

From his massive personal files, Steiger — author of scores of books on UFOs and psychic phenomena — provided two accounts of people whose lives were bettered by contacts with UFOs.

One case involved a middle-aged Danish man ravaged by hepatitis, a potentially fatal disease that swelled his liver and left him so weak he had to quit work, Steiger said.

The man was out walking in the woods one afternoon when he spotted two large, yellow globe-shaped UFOs about 300 feet from him.

He walked toward the ob-

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jects as if being guided in a trance, and found himself locked in a telepathic conversation in which he was told: "You will soon be cured!"

The man told Steiger:

"I went in for a medical examination. To the surprise of the doctors, my liver was now normal size — and a blood test showed it functioned as a normal liver.

"The doctor told me: 'You're cured — there is no more hepatitis. It's a miracle.'"

Steiger also told of an illiterate 73-year-old Argentine farmer who had contact with a UFO and a member of its crew, and came away with an amazing storehouse of knowledge.

The man said he spotted the glowing saucer-shaped

craft hovering near his home, and when he took a closer look an alien appeared. He was about three feet tall and spoke in a high-pitched male voice, the man said.

"He told me: 'Don't fear. I've come to help you and mankind. You are to speak of our coming. You will soon be rejuvenated and have more powers than you ever realized.'" Then the alien and his craft disappeared.

For days afterward, the man suffered severe headaches.

"But after that agony came a kind of ecstasy," said Steiger.

In his conversations with investigators, the farmer, who was never able to read, began talking about philosophy, theology and astronomy, one investigator reported. "We have checked his theories and found them correct. His knowledge is far advanced.

"Incredibly, he has no

idea how he knows what he does. He also developed a profound religious feeling."

Henry Morton, another veteran UFO investigator, told of a North Carolina businessman who was taken aboard a UFO, examined and then released.

The man told Morton, "It was the greatest experience of my life. It made me a bet-

ter person and a more understanding human being."

Added Morton, "Many people who come in contact with UFOs get a whole new insight into life."

About 5 a.m. she called the dispatcher at the sheriff's office and told her what she had seen, she said.

Johnson said she couldn't estimate how high, how large or how far away the object was. It hovered above a large stand of trees beyond a 3- to 4-acre clearing in her farmyard and didn't move, she said.

She said she has never seen a UFO before.

Other people in the area told her Thursday that they have seen unusual objects in the sky, too, but that they were afraid people would think they were crazy if they said anything. Some members of her family are skeptical, she said.

Johnson said she had gotten up to let her dog out. The dog and some coyotes started howling, she said, and she thought the coyotes seemed to be closer to the house than usual.

Johnson, 52, has been a sheriff's dispatcher for more than five years.

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Woman reports seeing UFO in north of state

Evelyn Johnson looked out her bathroom window at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after letting her howling dog into the house.

She was startled to see a lighted orange-white saucer-shaped object hovering in the sky to the west of her farmyard near Pitt, in northern Minnesota, she said.

Johnson, a dispatcher for the Lake of the Woods County sheriff's office in Baudette about 9 miles to the northeast, said she stared at the object for about a minute, then ran upstairs to wake her daughter.

"I was screaming so loud she thought I was crazy," she said. By the time her daughter came downstairs, the object was gone.

'Alien watchers will stop nuclear war'

EVIDENCE that aliens are camped out on the moon is put forward in a new series of articles being prepared by retired diplomat Gordon Creighton, of Cedars Avenue, Rickmansworth.

Mr Creighton believes aliens are on the moon to watch our planet and says the intentions of some of them may not be friendly.

He is to publish this and other freshly obtained information on unidentified flying objects in *Flying Saucer Review*, an international journal devoted to UFO study, of which he is the editor.

Some of the new evidence became available when students of UFO phenomena took US government agencies to court and obtained orders forcing them to release between 3,000 and 4,000 pages of documents under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents show that missiles on Earth were immobilised when their electricity supply went inexplicably dead and their computer controls were interfered with.

Mr Creighton's theory is that the aliens are able to immobilise our missiles and that they will do so if there is a danger of global nuclear war—because they wish to preserve this planet for their own purposes.

Other documents which have recently become available include photographs from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA), which Mr Creighton says prove alien activity on the moon.

Dr James A. Harder, professor of civil engineering at Berkeley University, California, believes that about 30 different types of aliens, possibly including some from different dimensions, are studying Earth, and that the U.S. authorities are concealing the information.

Mr Creighton also has a photocopy of a document which he says is an FBI statement that three alien spacecraft have crashed in New Mexico. UFO-watchers have maintained

for many years that the Americans are keeping many crashed spacecraft and their dead alien crews under heavy guard.

Mr Creighton says: "The documents released show that the authorities, far from pooh-poohing the subject of UFOs, have for years been studying it with the same intensity as we have. Yet they have been doing their best to make us look fools."

He is sure there is an official order banning him from putting his views on British television. However, he has recently given two interviews to Japanese

television discussing UFO evidence and declaring that the authorities are hushing it up.

One of the interviews deals with a reported alien landing near a US Air Force base in Suffolk in December, 1980.

At the same time Mr Creighton has translated the first book on UFOs to be published in China and will use the relevant parts in his articles in *Flying Saucer Review*.

He says: "The Chinese book shows that the phenomenon is the same worldwide."

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UFO sighting drives dogs into a frenzy

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UFOs spotted

SIGHTINGS of UFOs in the Eastwood area earlier this week remain unconfirmed.

But a spokesman at the Watnall Weather Centre said that sightings could be of meteorological balloons high in the atmosphere. The wind had been blowing in the right direction to carry the balloons from the nearest releasing centre at Liverpool, he added.

INCREDIBLE EVENTS accompanied the recent sighting of a UFO in Italy.

Normally quiet and docile dogs barked and growled ferociously and attempted to attack two young people at a radio station.

And when the couple jumped into their car in the parking lot they found it would not start.

"I'll never forget that night," said Marco Marzi, 20, who works at Radio Orizzonte in Fermo. "I didn't believe in UFOs — but now I do."

Marzi had just left the station with Maria Grazia Borracini, 17.

The two youngsters cautiously approached the guard dogs to release them and let them roam around —

but the dogs attempted to attack them and they decided to leave the area.

Then, when Marco lifted the hood of his car to find out why it would not start, he

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spotted a strange, bright light in the sky.

"Maria saw it at the same time," he said. "We were

terrified. It was white and dazzling and we had no idea what it was.

"After a few moments it moved very swiftly in a zig-zagging motion and took off

toward the hills."

Astonishingly, the dogs calmed down then and remained quiet and the couple's car started immediately.