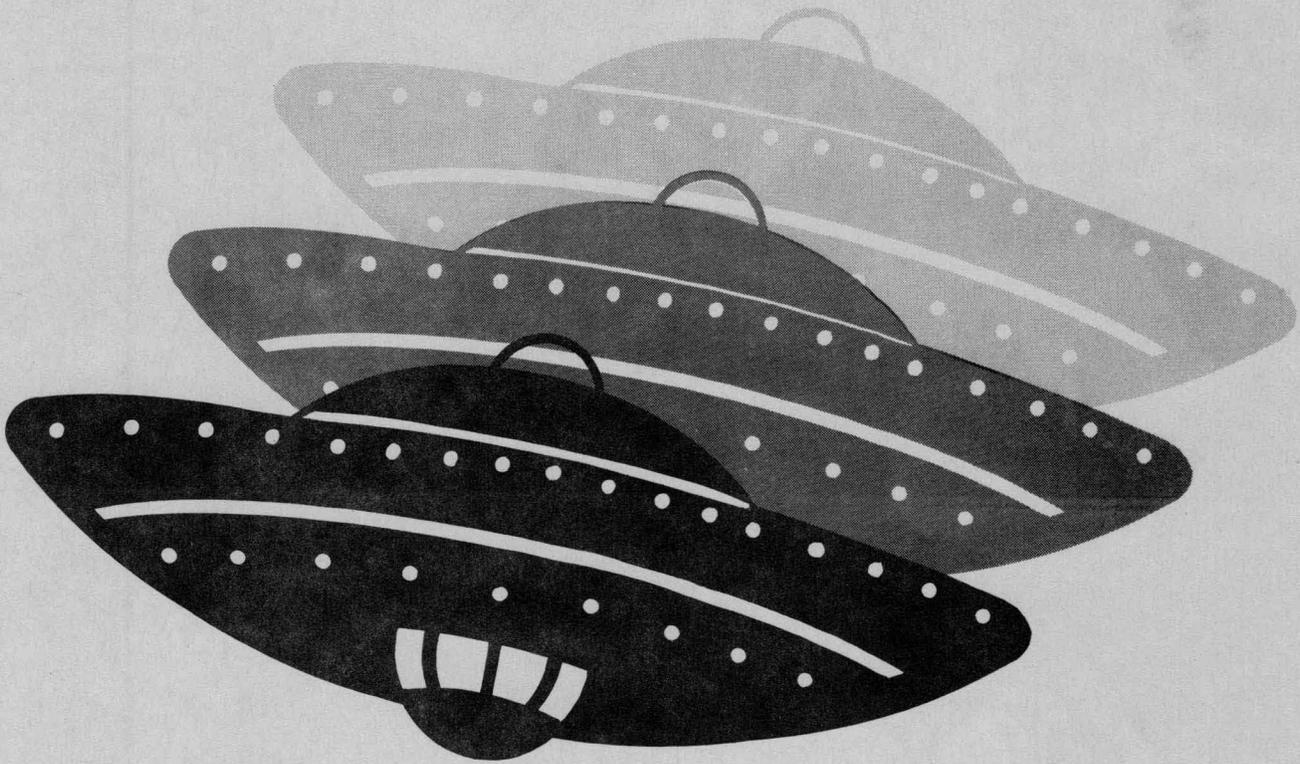


UFO NEWS

April 1987
Volume 12 No. 4



AERIAL PHENOMENON CLIPPING INFORMATION CENTER

P.O. Box 9073 • Cleveland, Ohio 44137

DIRECT REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED

A.P.C.I.C.

CLIPPING SERVICE
P.O. BOX 9073
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44137

★★★

HARRY R. COHEN
editor

S. MAC WILLIAMS
assistant editor

RON SMOTEK
photo analysis

RICHARD SMOTEK
"supplement" research

FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS

G. RONCORONI
Argentina

JEFF BELL
Australia

GEORGE HUME
W. Australia

H.C. PETERSEN
Denmark

JEAN SIDER
France

M. MORI
Japan

CLYPEUS
Italy

S. GERCEKSEVER
Turkey

WERNER WALTER
W. Germany

H. GONTOVNICK
UFO Canada

★★★

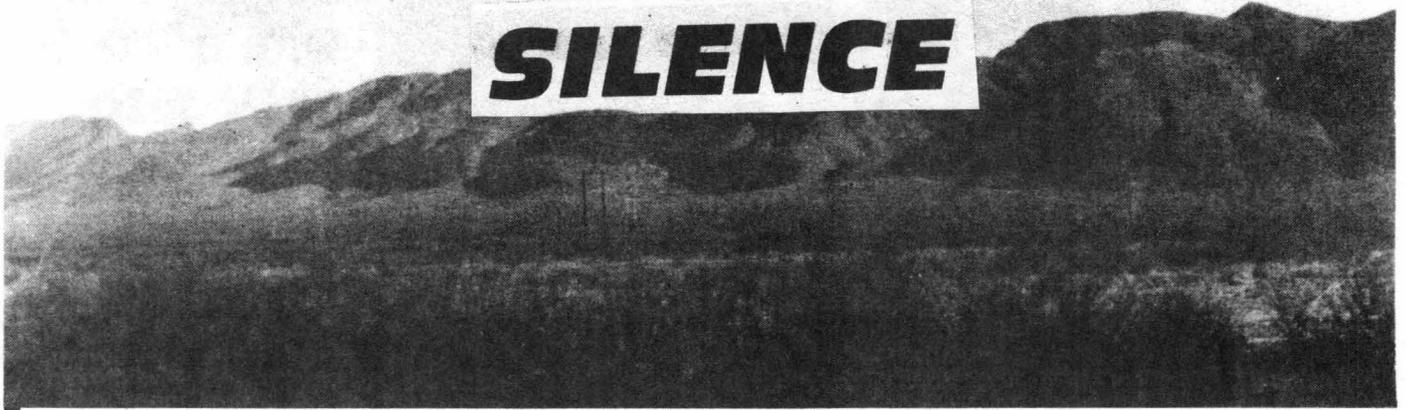
Aerial Phenomenon
Clipping & Information
Center News Releases
are published monthly.

Subscription Rates:
\$5.00 a month (including
our Supplement Section)
in the U.S. and Canada.

\$6.00 a month for foreign
subscriptions, including
AIR MAILING.

Make checks or money
orders payable to:
A.P.C.I.C.

THE BAFFLING ZONE OF SILENCE



It's a nightmare world where strange creatures roam, UFOs are commonplace and radio signals go dead

A "TWILIGHT ZONE" world where bizarre animals and plants thrive, strange lights dance on darkened hills, and a gigantic airship once cast its shadow over a town may hold the secret of aliens from outer space.

Like some monstrous moonscape, the remote wasteland in northern Mexico could even be a mysterious "window" to another planet, a remarkable new book claims.

Author Gerry Hunt reveals in *The Zone Of Silence* (Avon Books) that so many baffling and frightening phenomena have occurred in the 1,500-square-mile area that for several years has been the target of an intensive and highly secret scientific investigation.

Scientists, he says, are struggling to explain why:

- A U.S. Air Force Athena rocket bound for a missile range in New Mexico was drawn 900 miles off course and plunged to earth in the Zone's barren desert. The wayward rocket, which carried radioactive cobalt in its nose cone, ignored radio commands to abort the flight.

Oddly, rocket pioneer Werner von Braun made a mysterious visit to the Zone just two months before the Athena went off-course.

- The desert is constantly bombarded by meteorites. Just a year before the rocket went awry, the largest meteorite ever recorded exploded over the area in an ear-splitting fireworks display that made hundreds of petrified witnesses think the end of the world was at hand.

The meteorite, which showered the desert with tons of fragments, is estimated by some scientists to be a stagger-

ing 4.5 billion years old — possibly as old as our solar system.

- UFO sightings are common. Hundreds of witnesses report seeing a gigantic airship — perhaps 1,000ft. in length — silently hovering above the Zone, casting its huge shadow over the entire main street of the town of Ceballos.

Explorers have discovered six-mile-long rectangular earthen platforms they say could be cosmic "landing strips," as well as an inexplicable man-made hill in the shape of a crumbling pyramid. One possible key to the mystery, says Hunt, is the position

pass readings fluctuate wildly.

Guillermo Silva, a former official of the town of Ceballos, keeps an unofficial exhibit of curiosities found in the Zone. One of them is a two-pound rectangle criss-crossed by lines in reddish-colored stone forming a checkerboard filled with



An ancient man-made hill in the Zone. How thousands of tons of rock were transported to this site remains a mystery

of the Zone. It lies along the 27th Parallel — as do the deadly Bermuda Triangle, the Great Pyramids of Egypt, and other global mysteries.

hardened sandstone.

"We feel this could be a completely rusted piece of metal catwalk, maybe from a UFO from many thousands of years ago," says Silva.

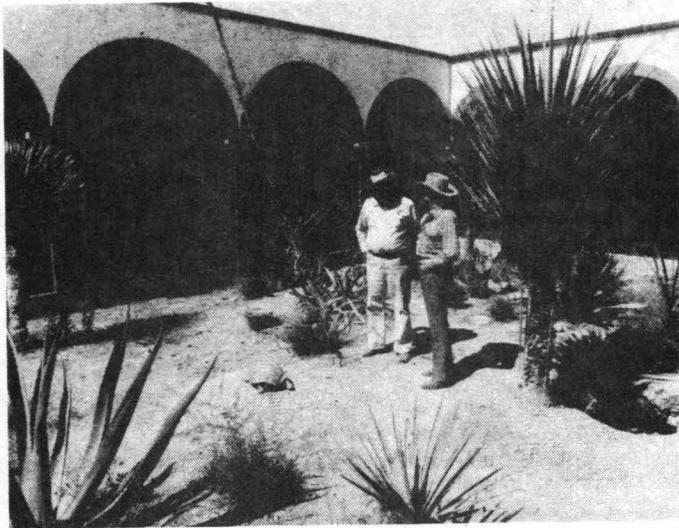
Another fascinating theory holds that visitors from outer space may still be flying their extraterrestrial craft to this remote corner of the earth in order to recharge silent engines that run on magnetic energy.

Rosendo Aguilera, a reliable witness who owns land in the Zone and is a pilot himself, told

AIRLINE pilots shun the area because their radio signals perplexingly go dead and their navigational equipment won't work properly.

Tests have shown that even small rocks from the highly magnetic Zone will make com-

CONT NEXT PAGE



All photographs copyright © 1986 by Gerry Hunt. Courtesy of Avon Books.

Rosendo Aguilera (left), a pilot and landowner in the Zone, observes the strange plant and animal life with Prof. Harry de la Pena

THE PLAIN DEALER
CLEVELAND, OHIO
APRIL 11 1987

Uncle says he rigged UFO landing as a joke

LAKE CITY, Minn. (AP) — Eight years after Curtis Olson found two scorched, flattened circles in his cornfield that he claimed were evidence of a UFO landing, his uncle has confessed to rigging the site as a joke.

David Olson, 44, a chemist, said he lugged a butane torch and a posthole tamper into the field following a family discussion of UFOs. He said he would have confessed, but the site was investigated immediately by the sheriff, the county extension agent and the Center for UFO Studies.

"It developed so fast and people were so intense about it, I thought I'd better shut up," he said. "I thought they might . . . string me up."

But Curtis Olson doesn't believe his uncle's belated confession. "We had experts out there who said it couldn't have been a prank," the nephew insisted.

Hunt that the strange lights that flicker nightly on the deserted hills are nothing new — he has witnessed them since he was a boy.

Scientists also believe that a mysterious gap in the Van Allen radiation belt circling the globe may be permitting cosmic rays to bombard the Zone directly, creating a unique "window" to the energy forces of the outer universe.

WHILE secrecy still clouds the errant 1970 flight of the Athena rocket, it is known that the U.S. military spent millions in a desperate effort to determine how the rocket's fourth stage was apparently ignited by non-human hands.

Engineers even built a railroad spur and an airstrip to haul away hundreds of tons of soil and many samples of the Zone's weird plant and animal life, Hunt says.

Among the strange and totally unique creatures which inhabit the area are oddly-marked land tortoises that have no tails, foot-long centipedes with purple heads and tails, and white snakes with piercing red eyes. Plant life is

Is it another Devil's Triangle with a link to outer space?

equally bizarre. The Zone is the only place in the world where cactus grows in shades of red and purple instead of the usual green and brown.

Though a few humans manage to live on the edges of the parched desert, it is a bleak and forbidding land.

Sizzling daytime temperatures of 120 degrees drop to near freezing at night, and sudden rains can create deadly flash floods.

CURIOUSLY, the people who live near the Zone are a hardy and healthy lot in spite of their extremely limited diet — and unlike most poor Mexicans, they have perfect teeth.

The only people known to be living inside the wasteland are members of the team of scientists investigating its unexplained wonders. They are headquartered in a modern laboratory funded by the Mexican government and UNESCO.

Hunt says the strange creatures which inhabit the Zone may even include an evil humanoid monster reminiscent of the Abominable Snowman.

Aguilera told Hunt that he and three cowboys were camped one night when a powerful, mutant-like creature attacked and tried to strangle him.

With the help of the others, he was able to fight off the huge intruder — which fled into the night, leaping peculiarly instead of running.

Says Aguilera: "To this day I do not know if it was man or animal."

ADAPTED from *The Zone Of Silence*, by Gerry Hunt. Copyright © 1986 by Gerry Hunt, reprinted by permission of Avon Books, New York.

1381

Strange things cavort in Belleville skies

By Ron Seely
Regional reporter

A little weird music, please.

In Belleville these days, when the farmers gather at the local cafe for coffee or stop by Bill's Barbershop for a trim, they're not talking about the weather or the price of pigs or even spring planting.

Instead, they're talking about much stranger stuff. Like what Harvey Funseth saw out on Frenchtown Road Friday night. Or what Lavonne Freidig saw at dusk on Sunday. Or what village policeman Glen Kazmar saw in the sky over Quarry Road in January.

Belleville is buzzing with talk about UFOs. Judging by recent news reports, the darn things are thick as gnats in the skies out there.

And if you think the people in Belleville are suffering a new and unusual form of March madness, think again. Don Schmitt, co-director for the Center for

UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., said Thursday that Belleville is part of a "mini-flap" of UFO sightings in southern Wisconsin.

A "mini-flap" is UFO-researcher talk for a high concentration of UFO sightings in one area. Schmitt said that since Kazmar's sighting on Jan. 15, reports of UFOs have been coming in regularly from all over southern Wisconsin — New Glarus, Verona, Monroe and Monticello.

"There hasn't been a week gone by since that we haven't had additional sightings," said Schmitt.

All of the sightings — at least a dozen — are being investigated by the Center for UFO Studies. The center, a private research organization, was started several years ago by astronomer J. Alan Hynek, a former Northwestern University astronomy department chairman.

Schmitt, 32, of Hubertus, describes the organization as a "reliable, scholarly source on legitimate UFO sightings."

So far, Schmitt said, the center has come up with no earthly explanation for

what Kazmar saw over Quarry Road on Jan. 15. Kazmar first saw the object at 9 p.m. on Jan. 15 and watched it with a friend until about 3 a.m. the following morning. He described what he saw as red, white and blue lights wavering close together and forming a straight line. There was no sound.

Schmitt said the most impressive thing about Kazmar's sighting was that the object was picked up by a radar tracking station operated by the Federal Aviation Administration in Aurora, Ill. So far in his investigation, Schmitt said, he has eliminated conventional air traffic, weather balloons, stars, planets and military aircraft as explanations for what Kazmar saw.

This is unusual, Schmitt says. In at least 90 percent of the cases he investigates, a reasonable explanation for the UFO is uncovered.

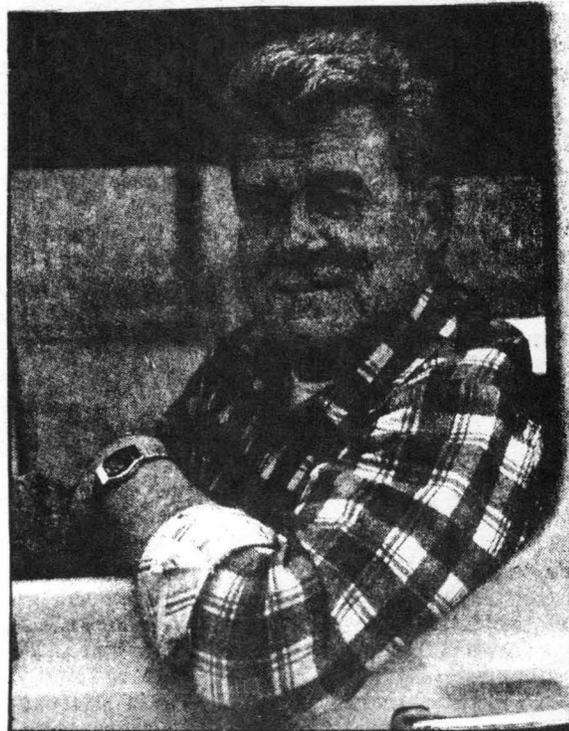
Several other residents in the area since have reported seeing what Schmitt described as a silver-gray object shaped like an airplane fuselage or a blimp with

no wings and with red, white and blue flashing lights on top. Belleville resident Lavonne Freidig reported such an object Sunday night.

And last Friday, Funseth, also of Belleville, reported the strangest encounter of all. He's a surveyor for the state Dept. of Transportation and was driving home from Madison. It was between 5 and 5:30 p.m., he said, that he first noticed four oblong objects in a formation in the sky. He drove as close as an eighth of a mile to the objects before one of them seemed to rotate and drop out of the formation. He said he could see that it was an oblong object with no wings or tail and a flashing light on top. It moved silently across the sky leaving a vapor trail in its wake.

The strangest thing was that Funseth had a camera along and snapped seven frames of the object. Tuesday night he picked up the processed film.

Those seven frames, he said, were blank. The rest of the photos on the roll were fine.



UFOs? Harvey Funseth says he has seen them.
—State Journal photo by Carolyn Pflasterer

Cloud formations may provide key to UFO sightings

Although the few cases remain unexplained, the overwhelming majority of "unidentified flying objects" (UFOs) are in fact identified rather quickly. Weather balloons, high-altitude research balloons, the planets Venus and Mercury, and certain clouds have all produced UFO reports. (My own "UFO" turned out to be the reflection of a street light on a telephone wire.) The clouds most likely to produce flying-saucer reports are lenticular clouds, which are common in Alaska in the winter.

Lenticular clouds, also known as wave clouds, are the most common member of an unusual class of clouds that remain stationary while the wind blows through them. They are normally generated by mountains, and almost

Diggings

every place in Alaska has enough mountains to allow wave clouds to be observed.

They form because of two fundamental properties of air and water. First, when air is lifted and expanded, it cools. This is why temperature normally decreases with height.

Second, as air cools, the amount of water it can hold decreases. If air that is already holding almost as much water vapor as it can hold is lifted and thus cooled, the water will condense out fairly promptly onto any particles that may be in the air, forming a cloud.

If the air is dry to start with, the air has to be lifted much farther before a cloud forms. When the air descends again, it is warmed, and the cloud droplets evaporate.

Now, suppose a wind is blowing over a mountain, being lifted on the upwind side, descending and warming on the downwind side, and flowing in a smooth arc over the top of the mountain. If the humidity is high to start with, a solid ceiling of clouds will form, hiding the mountain. If the air is very dry, it may not be cooled enough to produce a cloud at all.

But if most of the air is dry, with one or two thin layers that are wetter, clouds will form only in the wet layers. As the air rises, droplets form in the moist layer a little upwind of the

mountain peak. These droplets are carried along in the wind as the air arcs over the mountain; as the air descends and warms on the lee side, the droplets evaporate.

Individual droplets move through the cloud with the wind, while the cloud as a whole stays fixed over the mountain. If the air is flowing over the mountain in a smooth arc, the cloud will follow the shape of the air flow and resemble an upside-down saucer.

If there are several wet layers in the air, with drier layers between them, a wave cloud may form in each layer. The technical name for such a cloud formation, pile d'assiettes, actually translates as "pile of plates." Given that these plates in the sky are upside down, it is a very good description of

their appearance.

Sometimes the waves started by a mountain range continue to occur downwind of the range. When this happens, wave clouds may occur at regular intervals for a considerable distance to the lee of a mountain range. These lee waves are often visible on satellite photographs, and occur over large areas of Alaska when the winds are favorable.

When the ground is warm, heating of the lower air may destroy the smooth shapes of wave clouds. During winter and early spring, they occur fairly often. Keep your eyes open for flying saucer clouds this spring.

Sue Ann Bowling prepares this column as part of her work at the University of Alaska Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks.

1381 Close encounters of the literary kind

Whitley Strieber's story is a solid read, believe it or not

By Chuck Moss

With the New Age dawning, I've read about crystal power, channeling and Shirley MacLaine. But nothing could prepare me for this: Whitley Strieber, author of such occult horror as *Wolfen* and co-author of Chicken Little fiction like *Warday*, has produced a new book that details what he calls his encounter with aliens.

No kidding. He says that on the night of Dec. 26, 1985, he and his family were picked up and examined by nonhuman beings. *Communion* is the story of that encounter and the author's subsequent attempts to come to terms with an incident that is, to say the least, fantastic.

That evening, Strieber was awakened in his New England cottage by odd lights and odd feelings. His testimony indicates he was "disabled" and taken to a place where he was medically and psychologically examined by small people with elfin features. This done, he awoke in his house with unusual markings on his skin and a feeling of acute disorientation.

TROUBLED BY an experience that seemed insane and a lingering emotional "hangover," Strieber began to investigate UFO phenomena— and his own mental state. Both he and his wife underwent hypnosis, with the transcripts confirming

Strieber's hypothesis of alien visitation. Finally, Strieber pulls available UFO/alien data and testimony by other "contactees" into a comprehensive scenario, one that involves other beings monkeying around on Earth.

There it is: Now, what shall we make of it all? There are several responses to *Communion*, one of which is to laugh it off as Shirley MacLaine-type nuttiness. The UFO fraternity will undoubtedly acclaim it. But for a nice, normal book reviewer who tries to keep an open mind, the reaction is one of frank bafflement.

Can this outlandish tale be true? I have no doubt Strieber believes it, but what about Strieber? Certainly the author's previous works show a sensitivity to "paranormal" happenings, and his recent fiction shows deep anxiety about the direction of society. On the other hand, that attitude is hardly unreasonable, and the book contains a certificate by a psychiatrist certifying that Strieber is sane; that's more than I've got.

MOST CONVINCING is the book's tone. Strieber writes with dignity and seriousness; his approach to this matter is precisely the one most of us would take had we undergone such an experience. His speculation is sober; his reasoning logical. He even details his own emotional response in an understandable way.

REVIEW

The book: *Communion: A True Story* (Beech Tree/Morrow, \$18.95) is the fantastic story of the author's encounter with aliens.

The author: Whitley Strieber's previous books include *Wolfen* and *Warday*.

The reviewer: Moss last reviewed Stephen King's *The Eyes of the Dragon* for The News.

Frankly, he doesn't sound like a nut.

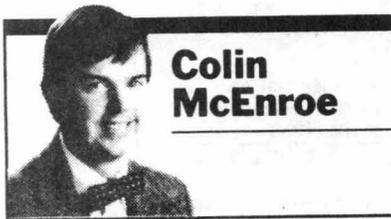
So are there flying saucers? Was Whitley Strieber contacted by aliens? Cripes, I don't know; ask me an easy one. I do know that *Communion* is one of the best books on the UFO phenomenon I've read (and I've been reading plenty for this review). What it lacks in emotional distance it makes up in scope of inquiry and personal commitment.

It's a fascinating story whether you believe it or not. And certainly it could be true. Why not? Anything not conclusively disproven is possible, and there are limits to our knowledge. To say otherwise would be unscientific.



Whitley Strieber: Writes about his encounter with aliens.

UFOs always sniff out the significant



Colin McEnroe

According to what I read these days, UFOs are back. I am not exactly sure where they went, but until recently, one didn't read much about them, except in those supermarket tabloids, which routinely allege that UFOs are about to take away or bring back some or all of Elvis.

In fact, it's entirely possible, judging from these publications, that there is a whole line of UFOs that do nothing but ship Elvis to various locales around the galaxy. "FORX☆☆Z IX+PRK — When Elvis absoutely, positively has to be there at light speed."

The other sorts of UFOs, however, were scarcely heard from during the last few years. UFO enthusiasts offer differing explanations for the absence:

- Bad word-of-mouth. "You know how it is in the universe," said Dokie Chiropter of Project Whoosh. "A couple of aliens from Orion show up, have a crummy time, and pretty soon we get this bad rep: The service stinks; you can't get a decent dish of bauxite; the temperature never gets over 100 degrees; a little xenon costs an eye and a feeler. These things go in cycles. A lot of them were summering in the Pleiades the last few seasons; now they're coming back."

- Pia Zadora is no longer available.

Certainly the most highly publicized sighting was the one made last August by a pilot for Discount Hemisphere Airlines as his jumbo jet passed over Greenland or Alaska — he wasn't exactly sure. A transcription from his radio transmission tape tells the whole story:

"We'll be turning off the *who!* Criminy, what was... a cloud? Really? Because it looked like *Waaaaaargh. Helphelphelpherethey-come. WATCH OUT FOR THE TRACTOR BEAMS! Mmmmm?* What do you mean, Jupiter? Jupiter? No kidding. I didn't think it ever looked that big and *maydaymayday. THIS IS IT! UNDER ATTACK! Prepare for powerdive so...* How can that be my own wing? Why don't they mark it in some way? Geez, Louise. We'll be turning off the *Aaaaaaaieeee!...*"

U.S. government agencies have been accused of hushing up even legitimate UFO sightings ever since 1952, when the Air Force, responding to reports of a crash landing near Chimichanga, N.M., released an initial statement concerning "a huge twisted tortellini-shaped fuselage apparently capable of flying at supersonic speeds on a tank of a simple bechamel sauce, piloted by little slimy orange peapods who are running all around right now, chirping angrily and kicking in the panels and trying to reach their insurance company."

That statement was swiftly followed by a second one, amending the description of the finding to read "a hubcap from a 1951 Bonneville."

Such cover-ups notwithstanding, it is difficult to ignore the growing mass of evidence — most of it anecdotal, some of it physical. One of the newest and most compelling stories is that of Mel Fetlock of Borborgygra, Wis., who alleges that he was kidnapped by aliens who shot him with a tranquilizer gun for an episode of their planet's equivalent of "Wild Kingdom."

Fetlock claims that time moves more slowly on other planets and that just the lead-in to a Mutual of Omaha commercial took 9½ years. Yet, when he was returned to Earth, his order from L.L. Bean still had not arrived.

It remains a crushing disappointment for Fetlock that his tale is widely ridiculed and that nobody wants to see his slides.

Other abductees have brought back more compelling artifacts. Dr. Gorgo Moonwort of the Institute for Swell Metallurgy used high sophisticated spectroscopic analysis on an ashtray and two towels taken from an extraterrestrial hotel by a captured Midwestern family.

"They are absolutely unlike anything I have ever seen," Moonwort professed. "Of course, I don't get out much."

Why have UFOs chosen this particular time to return to our skies? Although some point to an intercepted coded transmission in which the phrase "Bring back the Cup" was repeated, most experts believe space aliens have been lured back to investigate mankind's most important recent cultural advance:

Cable home shopping networks.

JAN. 18 1987

1381
**Researcher
 Believes
 In UFOs**

By RICK MURRAY
 Press Staff Writer

It is UFO season here in Southern New Jersey. But then, to Robert Barry, every season is UFO season, everywhere in the world.

Barry, 64, is a television personality in south-central Pennsylvania, lecturer and writer on UFO phenomena, and founder and director of the now defunct 20th-Century UFO Bureau, a "public education" foundation formerly based in southern New Jersey.

According to Barry, who claims inside government sources and possession of partially supportive documentation, the recent, much-publicized UFO sighting over Anchorage, Alaska, was only one of several during the same time frame in the United States.

In fact, as late as three years ago, he says, the United States government had "something like 24 to 37 (extraterrestrial) carriers in the deep freeze."

And since 1978, says the veteran broadcaster, earth has "been averaging one close encounter of the third kind daily worldwide."

Barry's non-profit bureau headquartered in Collingswood once sponsored annual conferences at the Christian Admiral Hotel, Cape May, offering lectures to update the public on the latest in UFO sightings, close encounters, and official government acknowledgements.

But as moderator of a television program on space/extraterrestrial visitations — broadcast each Saturday at midnight over Channel 49 in Red Lion, Pa. — Barry says he became so busy that a few years ago he had to discontinue the bureau and the Cape May conferences.

UFO

(Continued From Page B1)

To some people, Barry's lectures were about as credible as supermarket tabloids, anyway. But to others, his message still has meaning. Consider the case of Ollie Freeman, a McKee City mother of two.

"My friend Cheryl Brown of Atlantic City and I were on the west side of Atlantic City around Indiana Avenue. We were going to a party at a club and had just gotten out of the car. This was in September, I think, about seven years ago.

"We were walking to the club and I heard like a wooshing sound. It was a clear night. I looked up in the sky and saw flickering lights, lights like you'd see in a strobe light flashing red, blue and green.

"It was too close to us to be an airplane, and it was cone-shaped, standing straight up," she recalled. "It was just hovering there about as high as a tall building. We noticed it wasn't making any noise. My friend was scared. She said, 'Get out of there, Ollie, before you get beamed up.'"

As suddenly as it materialized, she said, the craft vanished. "I never saw anything move so fast. The next day in the paper, and for like a week after, there were all kinds of sightings reported in the news."

UFOs have lately found their way into the news again in the wake of two recent sightings, one Nov. 17 last year, the other Jan. 11, by the same Japanese pilot and crew flying a cargo plane over Alaska.

The latest incident was explained by federal authorities as village lights reflecting off ice crystals formed in the atmosphere, but the first one was bizarre enough to warrant further investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"The FAA is not in the business of investigating UFOs," said a spokesman for the FAA's regional headquarters in Anchorage. "But we are looking into the November incident because the object was reported to have violated our air space."

An FAA flight controller observed a radar blip that seemed to be moving parallel with the cargo plane for about 400 miles, and Air Force officials say their radar detected a similar reading, although they later explained it as a product of "electronic clutter."

In neither case did any UFO register on taped radar recordings. But the pilot, deemed both sane and sober, gave an account after the first sighting that is not easy to explain away.

He described the craft as being the shape of a walnut and the size of two aircraft carriers. The FAA believed him well enough during the flight to give him permission to take evasive action.

"A few days prior to this, and also in late October, there were several other sightings across the United States and Canada and in England," said Barry in a phone interview Saturday. "One occurred over Lake Erie near a suburb of Cleveland. People in the neighborhood sighted it. It was at nighttime, but the resident reported that there was a brilliant light over the lake that kept coming down and then exploded while still in air and fragments fell into the lake."

Officials at the nearby Coast Guard base reported picking up nothing unusual on their radar at the time of the alleged explosion Barry said, but they agreed to check into it, anyway.

"I don't know what the followup on that was," he said. "But one of the sightings in October involved people in three or four states out in the Southwest. They saw a big fireball streaking across the sky."

Initially, observers thought they were seeing a meteor, but UFO enthusiasts pointed out that a meteor's brilliance would fade after a few seconds. According to Barry's sources, this glowing green sphere remained visible in some places for as long as 15 minutes.

"There was a landing in Brazil in October," said Barry. "There were four circular objects that landed in an open field about 10 to 12 miles from a populated area. This information was related to a radio station and, after a broadcast about it, about 100 peo-

ple showed up there in minutes.

"The station sent out a news team, and they found them, and while the newscaster was doing a remote (broadcast), one of the objects lifted from the ground and started to approach the people; then it stopped and started hovering in the air. They got quite shook up over that."

Barry said the other three then rose slowly upward; an instant later, they were gone.

"They moved up just like a helicopter," said Barry. "It looked like two inverted plates, one on top of the other, with a rim and a dome structure on top center. It was about 35 to 40 feet in diameter."

Since the rash of UFO sightings in the late '40s and early '50s, several alien ships have reportedly crash-landed in the United States, the Soviet Union, China, and Argentina, according to Barry, who says he is quoting government sources.

"The first one crashed in the United States in 1947 in the state of New Mexico," he said. "The craft were recovered by the military in each case. And, yes, bodies were found."

"One of my sources, a friend affiliated with the government in past years who was involved in the investigation of it in 1962, says the ship tried to cross the United States and our radar indicated it was having flight trouble," said Barry. "By the time it reached the New Mexico area it was losing altitude and they sent up interceptor jets that just followed it."

The object, he said, crashed in the desert about 80 miles south of Holloman Air Force base at about 90 mph. The wreckage was intact enough to indicate a circular object 56 feet in diameter.

"There were two corpses inside, each 3½ feet tall. Their bodies were removed and taken to a major medical research hospital, where they were kept in a deep freeze," he said. "These two cadavers had a head structure that was disproportionately large for their bodies — bigger than ours in fact."

Their eye sockets wrapped around the sides of their heads, Barry said, apparently giving them "the ability to see things

sideways without turning their heads." He said they had four fingers per hand, no thumbs, and their arms extended to their knees.

The "bulk" of the cadavers worldwide possess similar anatomical characteristics, but other specimens of human-like physiology have been either sighted or recovered, according to Barry.

Although several lived through their crash-landings, he said, none survived after a few days.

Some reports indicate that aliens have reported being from a planetary system in the Andromata galaxy, one of the closest to our own at a distance of approximately two million lightyears, Barry said.

"From the different data, they now think there are perhaps as many as seven different civiliza-

tions that have visited us, not all from the same planet or even galaxy," he said. "All indications are, though, that they all have been able to cancel the gravitational pull. They have craft that apparently can travel at speeds of between 5,600 to 14,300 mph and can make 90-degree turns."

Barry related a report of a close encounter in which a radio technician from Southern California supposedly met aliens aboard their ship and then prayed with their leader.

"Were they speaking English? It seemed so. No matter what country they land in, there has never been a communications problem," said Barry. "Anyway, this technician was returning home one night late about 15 miles out of San Diego, when he saw the thing coming down. After it landed he eventually went up to it there on the beach."

"A ladder came down from its center bottom and, being braver than you or me, he climbed in and met the crew leader and saw some of the crew," he went on. "They were about 4 feet tall, and several were women. He could tell by their busts. The leader was showing him around the craft and he noted that one of the rooms reminded him of a church altar. It was beautifully lit up in a way that was indescribable, with colors not part of our color spectrum."

"He asked the leader about the room and was told it was their 'consultation room,'" Barry said. "During the course of the conversation, the leader said the entities believed in a creator like our own, and he asked the technician if he wanted to kneel down and pray. When it was over, the technician reported feeling a profound sense of the presence of God."

AK-D2 ANCHORAGE TIMES JAN 29 1987

Shooting down a UFO

WELL, shucks.

That darn UFO, says a fellow who apparently is one of the nation's most respected investigators of unidentified flying objects, was just the planet Jupiter hanging low on the horizon.

That's what confused the Japan Air Lines pilot as he flew south across the dark Alaskan sky last November.

Adding further to the illusion of something odd in the sky was the fact that Mars was just below and to the right of Jupiter at the time, says the UFO expert. And that led to Capt. Kenjyu Terauchi's report that he initially saw two strange lights.

THERE'S no reason for Capt. Terauchi to be embar-

rassed, if indeed he mixed up a couple of planets for a UFO.

He's not the first to do so. And he won't be the last.

And he certainly was correct that, if this is the case, that what he saw was something from outer space. Those particular celestial bodies are 'way out there.

And he's more right than we were.

We suggested that the lights were simply from Santa Claus' sleigh, as he warmed up for Christmas Eve with a practice flight over Fairbanks and North Pole.

Jupiter, huh? Well, okay. But UFO's have a lot more pizzaz.

UFO aliens wiped out crew of doomed ship

THE EERIE tragedy of a mysterious shipwreck may have been solved at last.

Top paranormal investigators believe UFO aliens are responsible for the sinking of the Dutch freighter Ourang Medan — and the merciless execution of her officers and crew.

The drama began on a calm afternoon when the ship's operator sent a chilling SOS: "Captain and all officers dead. Entire crew dead or dying."

Minutes later the operator whispered: "Now, I'm also near death." Then the radio fell silent.

A dozen ships in the area picked up the message from the stricken ship,

By **GEORGE GLIDDEN**

They were scared to death!

which had been bound for Jakarta, Indonesia, by way of the Malacca Straits.

Approximately three hours later, a rescue team arrived. There were more

than 50 sharks swarming around the freighter's hull. The ship appeared to be abandoned.

Rescuers armed themselves in anticipation of bloodthirsty pirates lurking below decks. What they found turned their stomachs inside out.

The ship's dog was dead. It was locked in a gruesome pose, snarling, with paws above its head.

Further on was the navigator's chartroom. A rescuer slowly opened the door, looked inside, and promptly fainted. The ship's officers were dead,

their eyes wide open, staring in horror as if they had seen a ghost.

The same terrified expression was on the faces of dead crew members scattered around the ship. The operator was slumped over his radio instruments.

Incredibly, doctors could find no signs of poisoning, disease, or wounds.

As rescuers attached a towline to the freighter, smoke streamed from the hold. They managed to flee before the Ourang Medan exploded and sank. That was in February, 1948.

Frightened investigators eager to end their inquiry ruled the tragedy "death by misadventure."

Now leading UFOlogists in Japan believe the doomed freighter was attacked by a ruthless gang of extraterrestrials.

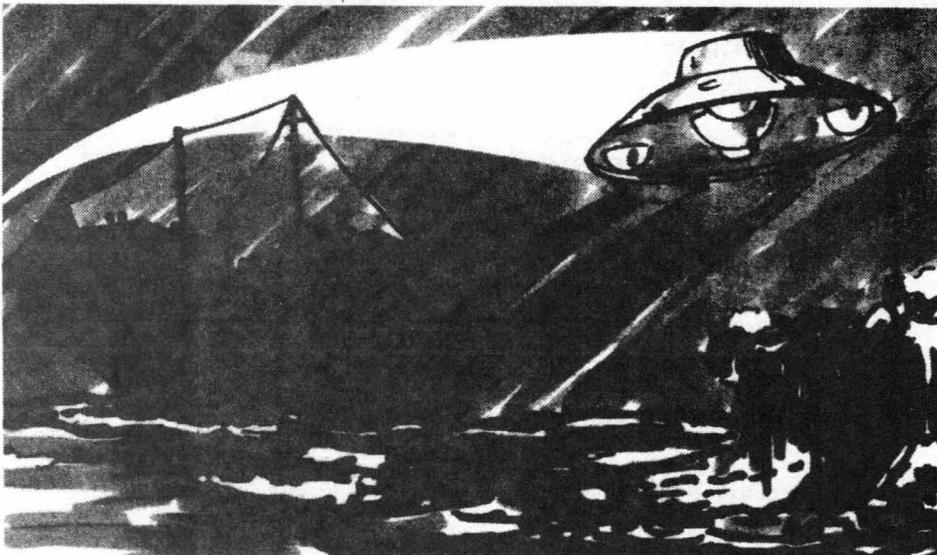
Says Dr. Keiji Nakamura: "Testimony by members of the rescue party indicates victims were under tremendous emotional strain shortly before they died. In the simplest of terms, we be-

lieve they were literally scared to death."

He adds: "That the officers died inside the chartroom suggests they had been summoned to a meeting."

"Captains don't call meetings when their ships are in immediate distress. It doesn't take 20 officers to chart a course."

"We believe the UFO aliens ordered them into that room, obtained the necessary information and ruthlessly executed them with intense fear."



WAS SHIP'S CREW ruthlessly executed by extraterrestrials?

Bright Light in Sky Puzzles LI

By William Bunch

Experts said the bright light that whizzed across the Eastern Seaboard on Thursday night was probably a visitor from outer space — a meteor.

"It may have been an extremely bright meteor," said Clint Hatchett, an astronomer with the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan.

Switchboards at police station houses and television stations from New York City to Boston were jammed between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Thursday with calls about an orange and green light streaking across the sky from west to east near the horizon.

Roger Knacke, a professor of astronomy at the State University at Stony Brook, said he did not

see the object but that a caller "described what looked like a meteor — a very large meteor."

Knacke said that usually several small meteors can be spotted every hour on a clear night but that the one reported Thursday drew more attention because it was in the sky for 10 to 15 seconds and had a long tail.

Hatchett said more people than usual may have been watching the skies Thursday night because of publicity over the most dramatic stellar explosion, or supernova, in the last 400 years. However, the supernova is not visible in the Northeast.

Experts said the only other plausible explanation for the bright light would be a falling satellite or "space junk," but the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs reported that no such debris entered the atmosphere Thursday.

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE LONDON+PARIS MAR 10 1987

Saucer-Season Tales Explore Not-So-Alien Territory

By Curt Suplee

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Heads up. They're here. Again.

After a 10-year lull in public interest about UFOs, 1987 appears to be the Year of the Saucer.

Three reputable publishers — Random House, Morrow and Atlantic Monthly Press — are releasing major nonfiction accounts of humans contacted, abducted or tortured by extraterrestrials.

Popular infatuation with the unidentified flying object sighted by a Japan Air Lines pilot in November has grown, putting the Federal Aviation Administration into the mail-order business.

To meet the demand, the agency is selling information packages at \$194.30 each that

contain tapes of the crew, statements by air controllers, the pilot's drawings and color photographs of radar images.

"Our membership has gone up 10 percent in the past two months," said Walt Andrus, international director of the 1,500-member Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas. "And our mail has doubled. People are realizing that there is something to this after all."

"It has been building for quite a while," said Bruce Maccabee, a navy research physicist and chairman of the Washington-based Fund for UFO Research.

The new books, he said, will provoke "an outcry for more information" from a the public. "The negativists haven't realized what's going on yet."

In the 1950s, when saucers had fins like Edsels and space folks acted like intergalactic Jaycees, a self-proclaimed abductee

named Buck Nelson sold packets of fur at \$5 each. He said they came from a Venusian Saint Bernard weighing 385 pounds (175 kilograms).

Another self-styled contactee, Howard Menger, explained on television how easy it was to breathe on the moon and subsequently cut a record entitled "The Song From Saturn." It was, he said, "actual music that came from another planet."

But that was 30 years ago. The new books provide a more lugubrious forecast.

Whitley Strieber, the novelist who wrote "Warday," "The Hunger" and "The Wolfen," came out last month with "Communion," a gruesome "true story" of how he and his family were repeatedly tormented by creatures he calls The Visitors.

It includes such interludes as needles stuck into the brain, a thin probe shoved through

the nostril to the temporal lobe and other manifestations of what Mr. Strieber assumes is a form of interspecies research.

With his son haunted by night terrors and his marriage crumbling, Mr. Strieber turned to neurology, psychiatry and hypnosis. Still the horrors persisted, forcing him finally to regard The Visitors as somehow real, even to find a grudging empathy for their purposes.

He says he was not keen to write the book until he saw the "human suffering" after meeting several similarly afflicted persons through Budd Hopkins, a leading investigator of abduction claims and the author of another saucer-season volume.

Publishers were equally reluctant. Of the 13 houses to which he submitted the manuscript, five, he said, "turned it down with

contempt and a number rejected it as a favor to me, with the recommendation that I never ever publish it" lest his reputation be ruined.

But four houses decided otherwise, and the bidding reached \$1 million for hard-cover, soft-cover and other rights.

Mr. Hopkins, author of "Intruders," is a successful New York artist with works in the Corcoran and Hirshhorn museums in Washington. He has spent the past 12 years studying 132 persons who claim to have been abducted by aliens, employing psychiatrists, psychologists and lie-detector experts to screen his subjects.

In "Intruders," he recounts the experiences, often revealed through hypnosis, of more than a dozen victims and their relatives. Despite wide divergence in region, age, sex and social class, the subjects share

an alarming similarity: Members of the same family "seem to have been systematically abducted, at varying times and locations" for anatomical examination.

CON'T
NEXT
PAGE

SAUCER SEASON

CON'T

There are accounts of sperm and ova ripped from their donors, tubes inserted and withdrawn while victims lie there like laboratory specimens, babies artificially birthed and stolen. The stories are so alike in pattern and detail, writes Mr. Hopkins, that they reveal "a central purpose behind" the abduction phenomenon, namely, "a genetically focused study of particular bloodlines." A hideous notion, "but I have the case material and I'm stuck with it," he said.

The book's credibility chiefly depends on the assumption that so many people could not be lying in such eerily identical ways when they have nothing to gain except public humiliation.

Without physical evidence, he conceded, "there's no smoking gun. But we're gonna find it one of these days."

In "Light Years," Gary Kinder re-examines the case of Eduard Meier, a Swiss laborer who in the late 1970s convinced thousands

that he was in constant contact with an amiable outfit from the Pleiades, a group of stars.

Mr. Meier amassed hundreds of photographs of the aliens' saucers, thousands of pages of notes on their science and moral lore and yards of film of UFO maneuvers.

For months, fans, reporters and film crews flocked to hear Mr. Meier sermonize. But no one actually saw his men'ors. Then, in 1980, it all came apart. Several UFO researchers declared his photos bogus, his story a fraud.

Mr. Andrus and several other UFO researchers, without reading Mr. Kinder's book, were worried that a resurrection of the Meier case would open their pursuit to ridicule. They implored the publisher to dump it.

Carl Sagan, an astronomer who regards the search for intelligent life in the universe as "exceedingly important," puts astronomical odds against a landing on Earth. Even assuming that our galaxy contains a million advanced civilizations, each one would have to send 10,000 missions a year just to find us among the billions of possible venues.

BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL

MAR 9 1987

Search widens for life on other planets

By CHRISTOPHER
HANSON

Wisdom

That has not shaken the scepticism among scientists like University of Virginia physicist, James Trefil, who says "there has never been an unambiguous case" in all these sightings.

Even so, Mr Trefil told a recent conference at Washington's Smithsonian Institution, the conventional wisdom among scientists also holds that "we are not alone."

Given the millions of stars in the Milky Way, the probability that many of them have planets with environments suitable to life, and the billions of years in which civilisations could have evolved, these scientists say it is likely the galaxy has many advanced forms of life.

The theory behind SETI is that if advanced alien civilisations exist, they may be trying to communicate with other worlds by beaming radio signals into space — and radio telescopes on Earth could pick up such signals.

US scientists pioneered SETI, starting in 1960 with physicist Frank Drake's Ozma project, named for a *Wizard of Oz* character and using a radio telescope in West Virginia.

Now the Soviet Union, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, and Canada, are funding Seti radio telescope projects.

No alien signals have yet been detected, scientists say.

But NASA, with an annual SETI budget of some £1½ million, is developing the technology for a vast expansion in the number of frequencies that could be scanned for messages — a jump from thousands of frequencies to many millions.

Reports of a huge flying saucer over Alaska not long ago underline a space-age paradox within the scientific community.

Many scientists are sceptical about supposed sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), but many of these same scholars believe the galaxy is teeming with intelligent life, and support projects for the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence, dubbed SETI.

Scientists with the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have embarked on an official mission to vastly expand the scope of the search.

The Alaska incident was reported last November by Japan Air Lines pilot Kenji Terauchi, who said his plane was trailed for an hour by a walnut-shaped craft twice as big as an aircraft carrier, with a broad brim at its centre and bright running lights.

He said the UFO stayed with him as he descended 4,000 feet and circled, and that his plane's weather radar picked it up. The Federal Aviation Administration initially reported that it, too, had detected a craft on radar, but later said a malfunction may have created a duplicate radar image of the cargo plane itself.

The Alaska incident was widely dismissed by space experts as just another inconclusive episode.

Thousands of people, including former President Jimmy Carter, have reported seeing UFOs.

HERALD EXPRESS TORQUAY, DEVON

FEB 27 1987



UFO sightings

3128

I WAS interested to read about the UFO spotted by Hugh Merrick and Bob McCaig (Herald Express — February 24) as this is one sighting I can vouch for myself.

I followed this UFO through binoculars for about two minutes on the evening of Tuesday, February 17, at 7.20pm. It was flying in an easterly direction over Teignmouth.

Although my description of the object is fairly similar to that reported, I saw far fewer lights and am quite prepared to accept that it was a low flying aircraft (it certainly sounded like one), albeit unusually well lit.

What it certainly wasn't was a spacecraft from another world — such a discovery would probably be the most important event of the 20th century.

Although there have been literally thousands of UFO sightings since the 1939-45 War, not one of them has turned out to be an alien spacecraft. Such things can safely be consigned to the world of science fiction along with green Martians and plans to turn base metal into gold.

R. JONES
Secretary

Torbay Astronomical Society.

South Devon UFO pops up again

3128

SPACESHIP suspense is hovering over South Devon after a second UFO sighting within a week.

On Tuesday the Herald Express reported that two Paignton men saw a mysterious object floating across the night sky of the resort.

The story prompted Joe Burrows, of Newton Abbot, to ring in about the strange craft he saw exactly 24 hours after the Paignton sighting.

Joe, secretary of Newton Abbot Athletic Club, says he's totally baffled by what he saw.

"It passed very slowly across the sky without making a sound. I thought it could be some sort of airship. There were two disc-

shaped objects with vaguely coloured lights. They were very bright. I've never seen anything like it before," said Joe, who lives at Mile End Road.

He first saw the object as he was driving in his car towards his home.

The phenomenon was also witnessed by his son and daughter before it disappeared in a northerly direction.

Hugh Merrick, one of the Paignton witnesses, said the object looked like a cruise liner illuminated at night.

"There were about ten rows of parallel lights with about 80 lights in each row. It was much bigger than any aircraft could possibly have been," said Hugh, of Penwill Way.

FEB 25 1987

Demons in devilish UFOs

3128

A WELSH-BORN Baptist minister has uncovered a new theory linking UFOs with demonic activity in the "last days." All is revealed in Dr I.D.E. Thomas's latest book *The Omega Conspiracy*. Apparently 8,000 copies have been spoken for even before publication - by Americans, ever receptive to such weird and wonderful things.

Dr Thomas, a native of Rhandirmwyn in Dyfed, has lived in the US for some years and is senior minister of the First Baptist Church of Maywood, California. Until 1968 he travelled throughout the United States and Canada as a mission preacher and went on to become a part-time minister at Los Angeles Welsh Presbyterian Church.

He has been interested in demonology and Ufology for years and says, "The impetus for writing *The Omega Conspiracy* was the result of my finding a key verse in the book of *Genesis*."

OXFORD MAIL
FEB 21 1987
Riddle of Muriel's fiery ball of light

AN OXFORDSHIRE pensioner is mystified after seeing a strange bright light in the sky near her home.

Mrs Muriel Woodward, 70, was looking out of her living room in Hawthorn Close, Elms Rise, Botley, when she spotted a fiery tennis ball-like shape.

The object went across the sky and was followed by a bright tail. She watched it for about half a minute until it disappeared behind Wytham Woods.

Bright

The sighting happened at about 6.15 pm on Wednesday and Mrs Woodward, a widow, said the tail was about 50 ft long.

She said: "I just don't know what it was. I have never seen anything like it before. It was the colour of a bright electric light bulb and when it went out of sight it was as if someone has turned the light out."

She added: "It definitely wasn't a plane."

Did you see a UFO on Tuesday?

ALTRINCHAM & SALE GUARDIAN FEB 19 1987

MYSTERY surrounds reports of a UFO sighting over Dunham Massey this week.

A 37-year-old Altrincham resident telephoned the Guardian to say he had seen a large pulsating light hovering in the sky for about 20 minutes at around 1.00am on Tuesday.

The man - who asked not to be named - said it changed colour from red to green to silver before shooting off at right angles and disappearing.

But Manchester Airport and local police say they have heard nothing of the unidentified flying object.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority said: "We've had no reports of any unidentified sightings. I've no idea what this may have been."

"We usually get these reports just after 11.00 at night - this is unusually late."

A police spokesman said: "We've had no reports - I've been waiting for 35 years to see one of these things."

BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL
MAR. 11 1987

Woman is 'terrified by UFO'

Experts are investigating the reported sighting of a UFO in a field in the Birmingham area.

A large dome-shaped object was reported at Barr Beacon early on Sunday morning and a woman civilian working for the police got within 100 yards of it.

UFO-Studies Investigations, the Midland-based group which is backed by British Aerospace, is investigating the incident - and taking it seriously.

Mr John Hurley, chairman of the organisation, said he had received a number of reports via Birmingham Airport from people who saw the object.

"One woman who works for the police in a civilian capacity was on her way home when she saw a bright light in the field," he said.

She started to pull a hedge back to get a better look but it took off, terrifying her.

Devil speaks through man after UFO abduction

A NEWSPAPER editor was startled by the eerie voice of the devil screaming from his radio.

The devil in this case was talk show guest Brian Scott who claimed he had been abducted by UFO aliens on several occasions.

So intrigued was editor Jim Frazier, he decided to find Scott and interview him.

But little did he know that he was about to embark with Scott on a mind-boggling, six-year journey to hell and back.

Frazier, 39, of Greeley, Colorado, tells the EXAMINER: "The scientists who were involved with Brian at that time in 1976 were scared to death. The voice that was coming out of him said its name was Beelzebub. It did a lot of growling in a bloodcurd-

By EDWARD MANZI

ling way," Frazier says. He adds: "Under hypnosis Brian said the aliens were bear-like, had very



BRIAN SCOTT makes contact in Incan temple.

thick, grey skin, and long, flat ears."

Frazier says that Scott was possessed by demons and other spirits, some of which were aliens. Scott exhibited several personalities.

The newsman believes there is a link between aliens and the spirit world. He says many people who have had contact with UFOs are suffering from multiple personality disorders.

Charges Frazier: "The investigators involved with UFO abductees are afraid to talk about the multiple personalities because they don't understand."

He adds: "As Brian went along, there were certain events which restored his memory. A complete explanation was given by the entities.

President Jimmy Carter acknowledged the gift and sent a letter of congratulation. The video-tape and a package of research materials were placed in the National Archives.

"A few months later, Brian donated to a major medical facility a revolutionary psychocybernetic educational tool, a neural-optical-responder (NOR)," Frazier says.

The device is being used in biofeedback studies on handicapped children and victims of major head injuries, he adds.

The editor says the aliens and gods gave Scott an incredible understanding of mathematics, drafting and physics.

Scott currently lives on the east coast and works as an engineer in the aerospace industry, according to Frazier.

"I think Brian will be judged a hero by future generations," Frazier explains. "He descended into hell and conquered demons. He found knowledge of the past. He completed tasks for mankind."

Frazier has cataloged the complete story of Brian Scott, including more than 250 hours of tape recordings that feature dated interviews with witnesses.

Impressive

Also, the editor has compiled an impressive body of police and court reports, as well as testimony from doctors and scientists.

The height of Frazier's investigation was accompanying Scott to Tiahuanco, Bolivia, where Scott stood at an ancient temple and was incarnated by the Incan god Ticci Viracocha.

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS
YORK FEB 18 1987

UFO in York?

DENNIS Chapman, of Walney Road, Heworth, York couldn't believe his eyes when he spotted bright lights in the sky on Saturday night.

3128
He was out walking the dog in Wolfe Avenue when an unidentified object passed overhead in the direction of York.

"It was a pure white light, too fast for an aeroplane, with a long tail," said Dennis.

He's always been interested in UFOs, but now is convinced that he's had an experience from another world.

He asks anyone who saw the same strange sight, just before midnight, to contact him.

Amazing link
found between
aliens & the
spirit world

"And when he understood the whole process, there were gifts given and projects that he was asked to complete — which he did."

Project

One project was to bring the voice of "common man" to the President.

Scott interviewed citizens, politicians and community leaders across the nation and delivered a video-tape to the White House on February, 7, 1980.

Saucer-Season Tales Explore Not-So-Alien Territory

By Curt Suplee
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Heads up. They're here. Again.

After a 10-year lull in public interest about UFOs, 1987 appears to be the Year of the Saucer.

Three reputable publishers — Random House, Morrow and Atlantic Monthly Press — are releasing major nonfiction accounts of humans contacted, abducted or tortured by extraterrestrials.

Popular infatuation with the unidentified flying object sighted by a Japan Air Lines pilot in November has grown, putting the Federal Aviation Administration into the mail-order business.

To meet the demand, the agency is selling information packages at \$194.30 each that

contain tapes of the crew, statements by air controllers, the pilot's drawings and color photographs of radar images.

"Our membership has gone up 10 percent in the past two months," said Walt Andrus, international director of the 1,500-member Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas. "And our mail has doubled. People are realizing that there is something to this after all."

"It has been building for quite a while," said Bruce Maccabee, a navy research physicist and chairman of the Washington-based Fund for UFO Research.

The new books, he said, will provoke "an outcry for more information" from a the public. "The negativists haven't realized what's going on yet."

In the 1950s, when saucers had fins like Edsels and space folks acted like intergalactic Jaycees, a self-proclaimed abductee

named Buck Nelson sold packets of fur at \$5 each. He said they came from a Venusian Saint Bernard weighing 385 pounds (175 kilograms).

Another self-styled contactee, Howard Menger, explained on television how easy it was to breathe on the moon and subsequently cut a record entitled "The Song From Saturn." It was, he said, "actual music that came from another planet."

But that was 30 years ago. The new books provide a more lugubrious forecast.

Whitley Strieber, the novelist who wrote "Warday," "The Hunger" and "The Wolfen," came out last month with "Communion," a gruesome "true story" of how he and his family were repeatedly tormented by creatures he calls The Visitors.

It includes such interludes as needles stuck into the brain, a thin probe shoved through

the nostril to the temporal lobe and other manifestations of what Mr. Strieber assumes is a form of interspecies research.

With his son haunted by night terrors and his marriage crumbling, Mr. Strieber turned to neurology, psychiatry and hypnosis. Still the horrors persisted, forcing him finally to regard The Visitors as somehow real, even to find a grudging empathy for their purposes.

He says he was not keen to write the book until he saw the "human suffering" after meeting several similarly afflicted persons through Budd Hopkins, a leading investigator of abduction claims and the author of another saucer-season volume.

Publishers were equally reluctant. Of the 13 houses to which he submitted the manuscript, five, he said, "turned it down with

contempt and a number rejected it as a favor to me, with the recommendation that I never ever publish it" lest his reputation be ruined.

But four houses decided otherwise, and the bidding reached \$1 million for hard-cover, soft-cover and other rights.

Mr. Hopkins, author of "Intruders," is a successful New York artist with works in the Corcoran and Hirshhorn museums in Washington. He has spent the past 12 years studying 132 persons who claim to have been abducted by aliens, employing psychiatrists, psychologists and lie-detector experts to screen his subjects.

In "Intruders," he recounts the experiences, often revealed through hypnosis, of more than a dozen victims and their relatives. Despite wide divergence in region, age, sex and social class, the subjects share

an alarming similarity: Members of the same family "seem to have been systematically abducted, at varying times and locations" for anatomical examination.

There are accounts of sperm and ova ripped from their donors, tubes inserted and withdrawn while victims lie there like laboratory specimens, babies artificially birthed and stolen. The stories are so alike in pattern and detail, writes Mr. Hopkins, that they reveal "a central purpose behind" the abduction phenomenon, namely, "a genetically focused study of particular bloodlines." A hideous notion, "but I have the case material and I'm stuck with it," he said.

The book's credibility chiefly depends on the assumption that so many people could not be lying in such eerily identical ways when they have nothing to gain except public humiliation.

Without physical evidence, he conceded, "there's no smoking gun. But we're gonna find it one of these days."

In "Light Years," Gary Kinder re-examines the case of Eduard Meier, a Swiss laborer who in the late 1970s convinced thousands

that he was in constant contact with an amiable outfit from the Pleiades, a group of stars.

Mr. Meier amassed hundreds of photographs of the aliens' saucers, thousands of pages of notes on their science and moral lore and yards of film of UFO maneuvers.

For months, fans, reporters and film crews flocked to hear Mr. Meier sermonize. But no one actually saw his mentors. Then, in 1980, it all came apart. Several UFO researchers declared his photos bogus, his story a fraud.

Mr. Andrus and several other UFO researchers, without reading Mr. Kinder's book, were worried that a resurrection of the Meier case would open their pursuit to ridicule. They implored the publisher to dump it.

Carl Sagan, an astronomer who regards the search for intelligent life in the universe as "exceedingly important," puts astronomical odds against a landing on Earth. Even assuming that our galaxy contains a million advanced civilizations, each one would have to send 10,000 missions a year just to find us among the billions of possible venues.

The perturbing hypothesis of an investigator from Grodzisk

The Murderous Fourteen of UFO

=====

Teras and Heliet Radiation
Minerias and Filiarias - the most dangerous
What is to be done in this contingency later on?

There is 14 unidentified objects orbiting at 240 kilometres over the ground. They are emitting the murderous Heliet radiation towards the surface of our planet - which is the source of neoplasms processes initiation in human organisms.

This shocking hypothesis have been presented to us by "Kurier" reader from Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Mr. Czesław Terkiewicz. He have presented himself as an investigator - "of radiations and matter relations ", since more then 20 years. He says that Heliet radiation comes into existence in the Sun corona where its intensity equals to 10.000 units called - teras. This radiation does not reach the Earth surface but creates in its interior - by the right of resonance - the secondary radiation, to which everybody of us is exposed. The second source, are the mentioned unidentified objects. Mr. Terkiewicz calculated even intensity of the radiation emitted by them. It oscilates from 180 to 570 teras. Intensity - which can provoke physical ponderosity and drowsiness. The intensity of 2.500 teras and more, causes death within couple of hours.

Our reader explains also the influence of these phenomena on cancer formation. The Heliet radiation stimulates and activates the microorganisms called minerias

CON'T

and filarias to live. Their sizes are of thousandth and millionths parts of micrometer. The minerias and the filarias, when being stimulated to live, cause the creation of neoplasm process in the organism.

The fatal effects of Heliet radiation touches mostly the people inhabiting the areas lying under the UFO trajectories.

Mr. Terkiewicz suggest that the problem is well known to the scientists and to the authorities as well but the existence of the mentioned phenomena and their disastrous influence, is hidden from the public opinion and passed over in silence. Then, he proposes to create the independent and strictly public institution in order to observe the orbiting objects, to qualificate the radiation emitted by them and to warn the people of any danger coming therefrom.

From: "MURIER POLSKI", dated February 19th, 1987.
WARSAW

HERALD EXPRESS TORQUAY DEVON

UFO sightings

3128

RE the letter from R. Jones on UFO sightings (Herald Express, February 27).

For some 60 years I have collected newspaper reports and a considerable number of books published on UFO sightings. According to one book the first UFO sighting was made in the 7th century.

Numerous reports have been made by fighter pilots.

On one day an American fighter pilot reported a UFO flying beside him. Several hours later a Canadian fighter pilot some thousands of miles away similarly reported a UFO flying nearby. When the descriptions of these two sightings were checked it was found that they tallied in every detail.

MAR. 6 1987

In the books I have collected I have some 30 excellent photos of UFOs and some 300 sightings by groups of people varying between half a dozen and several thousand.

Obviously most sightings have a simple explanation but there is a hard core that has baffled every person who has made a long-term study on this subject. Once upon a time people scoffed at the thought of heavier than air machines flying.

A. W. SMITH

Cliff Park House,
Cliff Park Avenue,
Goodrington,
Paignton.

MAR-15 1987

1381 More Opinions

Flying saucers in comeback

Flying saucers are back.

What a relief. For a while I thought they might have buzzed off with some inter-galactic convoy. The latest one showed up last week over Belleville. It was a somber reminder of unidentified flying objects people in Eau Claire, Durand and Elmwood are certain they saw at one time or another. How do I know? Because I talked to some of them. That's how.

The Belleville sighting in Dane County was of an object "shaped like an airplane fuselage with no wings." Lavonne Freidig told authorities. "It just hung there. I watched it and watched it." So did her son, Bill. Another onlooker tried to take a picture of it at dusk last Sunday. After several minutes, the hitherto motionless object took off without a sound, leaving a vapor trail and several smaller objects behind it.

It's easy to scoff at things like that when they take place as far away as Belleville to people we never heard of before. But it is less easy when you are a reporter talking to the people. In my experience two of the reports described saucers. One had been seen by a former Air Force navigator and a friend at the Eau Claire County Airport. The other touched down between apple trees in a farm orchard near Durand, leaving a saucer-shaped impression in the ground. That is what the witnesses told the sheriff at the time.

The third report described a cigar-shaped fuselage without wings that appeared to have lighted windows in the body. It hovered over Highway 128 between Spring Valley and Elmwood long enough one night for the witness to stop his car, climb out on the shoulder and



Fred Steffen

observe it for a while. The observer was so entranced by the pre-dawn display that he followed it when it ducked over a hill to the next valley. It hovered briefly there before speeding up and out of sight into the atmosphere shortly after his car lights broke over the top of the intervening hill.

He never talked about it much. He didn't want his friends and neighbors to think he'd fallen off the deep end. But his was not the only sighting of UFOs in the Elmwood area.

The late George Wheeler made a similar sighting one night while he was chief of police there. It drew statewide attention. Wheeler told a Leader reporter that the electrical wiring on his squad car short-circuited while he was observing a sky object from a hilltop south of town.

The Durand area sighting was interesting because it included sound and color plus an opportunity to estimate the size of the vehicle. Two boys and their mother told the Pepin sheriff they had seen a saucer-shaped object touch down briefly between two trees in an orchard behind their farm home.

It appeared to be rotating steadily, with blue lights on the outer

rim, and made a whining noise like an electrical motor while they watched it. Naturally, they kept their distance but reported the incident after the saucer zipped up, up and away.

Some sightings can be explained away as atmospheric phenomena, weather balloons or sky junk from satellites wandering out of control in distant sunlight. But others just will not be sloughed off so easily.

At an APME Convention in Orlando, Fla., an astronomer on site to explain Kahoutek's comet was pinned down by inquisitive editors on the subject of UFOs. There had just been an exotic sighting from nearby Pascagoula of a space ship that landed and was boarded by a pair of stunned shipyard workers. They claimed the other-than-human occupants had subjected them to some kind of testing or sensing devices. Weird.

The astronomer was highly skeptical. His scientific mind, using existing knowledge, rejected the more romantic suggestions that UFOs might be piloted by superior beings from another planet.

He told us he was convinced that if UFOs are ever identified, they will prove not to be extra-terrestrial. In other words, Earth-bound.

But then, science doesn't have all the answers or we would know more about electricity, dolphin intelligence, water-witching, bird and animal migrations, including the swallows at Capistrano, and the common cold.

What do I think? That the people who told me their stories had no axes to grind, were not seeking attention and were certain they saw something they couldn't explain.

Much like Lavonne Freidig in Belleville a week ago.

Bring back UFOs to keep spies busy

Allow me to make a very modest proposal.

In any social and political setting, nothing exists in a vacuum. Whatever happens, whether for good or ill, is the result of a cause, and this in itself has an effect upon something else. Nothing happens "of itself."

If there is a link, or a cause, to the problems that have befallen the presidency since at least the end of the Vietnam War, it is the intelligence community — that agglomeration of super sleuths who, working primarily through the CIA, the FBI and the military, are tripping upon each other to make a name for themselves and their agencies.

More than other governmental bodies, it has been these agencies that have clouded the presidencies of Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. Their mischief — snooping out of legal bounds and creating unmanageable and embarrassing entanglements — not only has dampened political careers and soiled historical legacies but has destroyed the credibility of an office that must thrive on confidence.

In a way, the transgressions of the intelligence community are understandable. With all the array of sophisticated technology these agencies possess, nothing really remains secret or hidden for long. There no longer is a need for dreary, time-consuming legwork or for exhaustive surveillance. Everything one wanted



Fernando Piñon

to know about anything, but was afraid it couldn't be done legally, is acquired instantly — and with impunity.

The problem is there really isn't that much for the members of the intelligence community — an ever-growing bunch — to do, which is why they create work for themselves, why they play games with their data and why they cause such general mayhem.

And this forms the basis for my proposal.

It may not have been too surprising that the intelligence community started getting into difficulties toward the end of the 1960s, at about the time when the U.S. government stopped its investigations of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). This left the intelligence community with too much idle time, as UFO investigations had kept them

hopping since at least after World War II.

How did this come about? *Ex nihilo nihil fit*: nothing becomes out of nothing — except perhaps trouble. With UFO, high-tech probes ending abruptly, how could the intelligence community make something of itself by doing nothing? Enter Castro and the Bay of Pigs, the White House Plumbers and Watergate, "moderate" Iranians and the National Security Council.

To keep members of the intelligence community busy and out of trouble, Congress ought to reopen its investigations into the existence of UFOs. For all practical purposes, the government closed its files on UFOs in 1969, when the Condon Report concluded UFOs were not "a threat to our national security." It urged the U.S. Air Force to terminate its Project Blue Book which, after 21 years of investigations, had concluded that "whatever" was up there was "non-hostile" and "non-alien."

This is not, mind you, an irresponsible attempt to create jobs but an honest effort to rechannel the energy that the intelligence community obviously has misdirected for years. It is, in fact, desirable. After 40 years of governmental investigations, experts today still cannot agree on what really inhabits our skies, and many of the 12,000 UFO sightings reported to the Air Force remain unidentified.

Not because it's my idea, but this proposal could cure many of our social and political ills. It not only would keep members of our intelligence community out of trouble by taking them off international embroilments such as the Iran-Nicaragua affair, but it also would keep Americans who see conspiracies everywhere (also an ever-growing bunch) from meddling too much into public affairs. It is these Americans who are the biggest boosters of an unbridled intelligence community.

These Americans, many of whom today swear there is a national conspiracy to obliterate the English language and who feel liberals are mere fronts for communist aggression, will find an ideal environment in the UFO resurrection. They would be natural friends of those people who for years have charged that the U.S. government is withholding information that proves conclusively that UFOs really exist and that they have visited the planet.

And if one should be so lucky, they might even rededicate their lives to doing what others have failed to do — obtain the bodies of UFO extraterrestrial pilots who these groups claim are being hidden by the government in a secret place at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

UFOs, where are you?

Fernando Piñon is the editor of *El Visitante* Dominical. He also teaches a government class at San Antonio College.

MARCH 29 1987

UFO skeptic can't explain — or deny — dancing lights

By BILL WERONKA
Staff Writer

CORYDON, Ind. — The paperback caught my eye as I stood in the grocery checkout line: National Enquirer's UFO Reports.

I suppressed a scream, but some violent mumbling about being a serious journalist did shake up the cashier.

Although I've read my share of science fiction, I never envisioned myself standing in a field waiting for mysterious objects to appear in the night sky.

Nevertheless, that was my plan last Monday, right after I paid the cashier and left that book far behind.

Mickey Shawler had assured me the unidentified flying objects had appeared near her house, which is just outside Corydon, for 14 consecutive nights.

"No reason they shouldn't come tonight," she said.

"Right," I said, "no reason at all."

I decided that my wife, Carolynne, the most credible person I know, should come along as an extra observer. If something appeared, a friendly face nearby would be nice.

We arrived at Shawler's house about 9:15 p.m. Shawler, a waitress with two children, told us "they" had been there already.

"Right," I thought. "Just missed 'em."

"I'm sure they'll be back, though," she said.

We sat at Shawler's dining-room table and talked about her experiences with whatever it was that had been visiting her.

She had first spotted them a couple of months ago, but they had been appearing regularly for the past two weeks.

There had been several types of objects, she said. One had been a glowing orange ball; others had been green, red and white blinking lights.

Shawler said she wasn't afraid of the objects anymore. But there had been the day she was carrying some wood into the house and spotted one of the huge glowing objects

over the trees within 100 yards of her house.

"I screamed, dropped the wood and ran in the house," she said. "It scared me so bad I wet my pants."

But the objects, or whatever they are, had not come so close again, Shawler said. One has appeared over a tree about 200 yards away, and they have chased cars, including a police car, from 200 or 300 yards away, she said.

They were going to hurt someone, they have had plenty of opportunities, Shawler said.

"I tell you what, though; if it does land, then somebody around here will do something stupid and somebody's going to get hurt. That's what I'm afraid of. If they land, I don't want anybody messing with them," she said.

After an hour of such talk, Steve Hamm and Dale Pullen of the Harrison County Police Department drove up to the house. Hamm's first words were, "It's out there."

We moved outside. It was a moonless night and thick clouds hid the stars.

"Right over there," Hamm said, pointing.

I strained and picked out a small blinking light moving just above the trees. It moved higher and crossed the night sky, blinking with a greenish glow and making occasional zigzags.

"Is that it?" I asked, breaking the silence.

"That's one of them," Shawler replied. "And there's another."

She pointed to a stand of trees about 400 yards away, just to the right of where the blinking object had disappeared. A larger light, glowing bright orange, had appeared above the trees. It hovered momentarily, appearing to be the size of a helicopter. No shape or object was discernible.

I turned to my wife and calmly asked, "Do you see that?"

"If you're hallucinating, so am I," she replied.

In the distance a cow screamed for her calf and the hair on my neck attacked my collar. Only the wind rushing through the trees interrupted the silence. ✓

The orange glow began moving slowly, first back and forth along a horizontal plane, then up and down. It began dimming as it moved south, and suddenly a companion orange glow appeared.

The companion would glow brighter for a moment and the original glow would dim. They alternated this pattern four times. The small blinking light joined the dance briefly and disappeared.

I searched for clues of a ruse but found none. No one could be shining a light because the beam would show, and it was not a reflective light. It was neither an airplane nor a helicopter. There were no signs of people or objects that might have caused it.

The Standiford Field control tower in Louisville reported nothing unusual on radar, and there had been no night activity at Fort Knox, Ky.

I returned the next night when James Delehanty, a field operative with the Mutual UFO Network, was there. We stood in the rain and hail and watched the lightning, but there were no strange lights.

Delehanty agreed to return another night to see what he has yet to see in nine years with the Mutual UFO Network.

As for me, I'm a skeptic. I have never seen anything that was not eventually explained.

But I may have to wait a while for this explanation.

1381 cf

Eerie lights elude investigators, radar and rational explanation

By BILL WERONKA
Staff Writer

CORYDON, Ind. — Strange lights in the sky. UFOs.

Such phenomena have been reported near Corydon by several eyewitnesses over the last few weeks.

The UFOs, described as glowing and blinking lights, reportedly appeared almost nightly for more than two weeks near Mickey Shawler's house just outside Corydon. They were seen by Shawler, journalists and police officers at varying times between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

No one has an explanation.

Russell Hailey, a supervisor at the Standiford Field control tower in Louisville, said nothing has been seen on radar and there has been no night military activity at Fort Knox, Ky., that would cause such phenomena.

At the request of The Courier-Journal, Hailey kept a special watch on the radar Wednesday night but saw nothing unusual.

James Delehanty, a field operative for the Mutual UFO Network, visited Shawler last Tuesday during



James Delehanty
Investigated UFO sightings in Corydon

a thunderstorm. Nothing appeared.

He returned Thursday night and stayed until 11:30 p.m., along with several observers. They saw several airplanes but nothing resembling the lights that had been reported.

Shawler said, however, that the lights reappeared around midnight, after the observers left.

"It's so frustrating," she said. "It's almost like they didn't want to come with all the people around."

But the lights have been seen by enough observers to generate an investigation by the Mutual UFO Network. The network, based in Seguin, Texas, near San Antonio, is an international organization with 4,000 members.

The UFO center, a clearinghouse for such information since 1974, covers North America and uses the Mutual UFO Network as its investigating arm, Gribble said.

Burt Monroe, a professor of biology at the University of Louisville and an expert in UFOs, said the network is "about the best there is" for documenting and debunking UFO sightings.

Shawler said she first saw the lights several months ago. Steve Hamm and Dale Pullen of the Harrison County Police; a Courier-Journal reporter; Jackie Carpenter of the Corydon Democrat; and other residents of Corydon and Louisville have seen the phenomena.

As many as six lights or objects have been seen at once. They are described as blinking lights in the sky or glowing orange balls.

Carpenter said that what she saw on March 16 "hovered, rose, lowered, went sideways, disappeared and came back."

Delehanty initially classified the sightings as "nocturnal lights" but said that classification could change to a "close encounter I."

There are several such classifications for sightings, Delehanty said:

■ Nocturnal lights — Unexplained lights in the sky at night that do not have a fixed movement and are more than 500 yards away.

■ Daylight disks — Unexplained objects more than 500 yards away seen during daylight.

■ Radar visuals — Any unexplained sighting on radar.

■ Close encounter I — Unexplained lights or objects within 300 yards.

■ Close encounter II — A sighting that leaves physical evidence such as broken tree limbs or scorched earth.

■ Close encounter III — Physical contact with aliens.

■ Close encounter IV — Abduction by aliens.

Delehanty, a traffic manager with the Kentucky Air National Guard, plans to continue his investigation. He said there also have been sightings in Indiana near Indianapolis and Spencer.

Monroe said there has not been any such activity in the Louisville area since 1977, when eight sightings were reported in one night.

1301 Coast men among earliest claiming UFO kidnapping

By JOHN MAINES
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

When Charles Hickson hears of UFOs, he has more reason to listen than the average terrestrial.

"I probably get thousands of letters over the years. People sit down and write me a long letter about something they've seen. They're afraid to tell people they know, but willing to write a stranger," Hickson said.

On Oct. 11, 1973, Hickson and fishing buddy Calvin Parker walked into the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and told the kind of story nobody wants to believe — the stuff that makes good headline ravings for sensational tabloids.

It made news around the world: The two Mississippi men claimed to have been briefly abducted by floating creatures from a strange spaceship.

More than 13 years later, Hickson, now 55 and living in Gautier, is as unwavering as ever in his story about what happened that night. Parker, 33, of Gulfport has only recently begun to retell the story but was not available for comment last week.

The two men were "pioneers" in what is becoming an increasing phenomenon: Claims of human abductions by strange space creatures, who, the victims often claim, seem only interested in taking them into a spaceship for the purpose of conducting some sort of physical examination.

The unearthly doctors have their fans. Last year in Manhattan, a diverse group of some 50 people, including lawyers, police officers, doctors, a stockbroker and a composer, held an "abductee party," sharing bizarre and emotional stories about having been taken on board spaceships by tiny creatures with large heads and huge black eyes.

In many of the cases, the victims claim to have had hairlike probes inserted into their brains, but subsequent CAT scans and other tests taken by some have found no evidence of foreign objects in their heads. Often they claim to suffer temporary amnesia about the

incidents, and do not recall details until days or weeks afterward.

Only 10 years ago, there were perhaps a dozen reported UFO-abduction cases, including the Hickson and Parker incident. Now there are about 300, according to Walter H. Andrus Jr., director of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, a group of volunteers that records UFO reports.

Mississippi's most notorious abduction case began early in the evening on Oct. 11, 1973, a year when numerous UFO sightings were reported across the nation and in other countries — an event observers call a UFO "flap." In November of that year, two Pascagoula fishermen, later joined by the Coast Guard, reported seeing an Underwater Submerged Object — USO — a strange dome-shaped object that emitted a strange light that seemed to go straight through any objects it illuminated, like an X-ray.

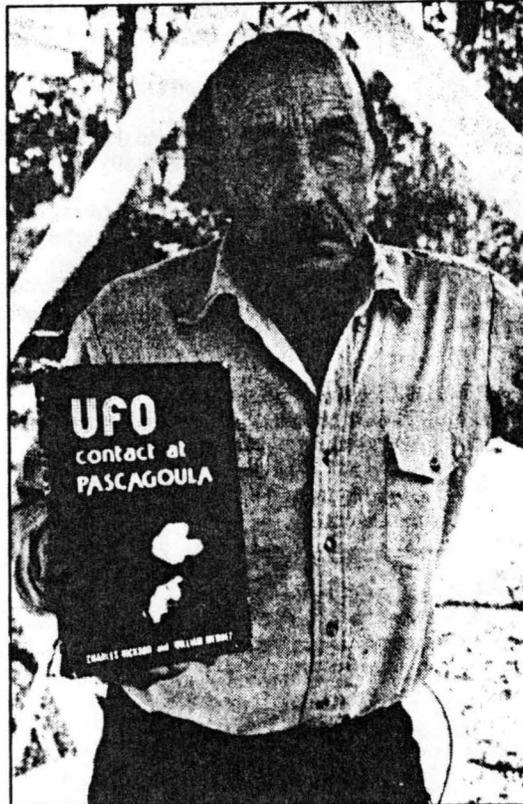
That year, Hickson and Parker worked together at Wagner Shipyard in Pascagoula, and on Oct. 11 the two decided to go fishing on the East Pascagoula River near U.S. 90. Shortly after dusk, Hickson had gotten a nibble and was reeling in his line when he heard a strange noise behind him.

"It was like a hissing sound," he said. "I turned around and there was some sort of craft hovering about a foot above the ground."

"It had flashing blue lights, like a police car," he said. "A door opened, and there was a bright light coming from inside."

Three creatures floated down from inside — Hickson says they were some sort of robots, making no noise or effort to communicate and going about their task as if routine.

"I couldn't move. I don't know if it's because I was so frightened, or what," Hickson said. He said the creatures had no neck and had skin that was very coarse and wrinkled, like an elephant's. "I couldn't see



PAT SULLIVAN/The Clarion-Ledger Jackson Daily News

Charles Hickson of Pascagoula made headlines around the world in 1973 when he and a fishing buddy claimed they had been abducted and examined by creatures in a spaceship. Hickson's book chronicling the experience, *UFO Contact at Pascagoula*, is now in its second printing.

UFO—

Coast, from 1B

if they had eyes, their skin was so wrinkled," he said. They had pointed projections where a person's ears would be, and hands shaped like mittens with no fingers, Hickson said.

Hickson said the creatures floated him into the spaceship, where he was examined by a football-shaped probe that emerged from the wall and moved around him. "I don't know how long it was, a half hour or an hour and a half. I didn't have a watch," he said. "There was light everywhere, from the ceiling, the walls, the floor," he said.

When he was finally released, he found Parker standing in what seemed like a trance at the river's edge, his arms stretched out in front of him. "He was in shock," Hickson said.

"We got out of there and decided we had to report it to someone," he said.

"We called Keesler Air Force Base, but they said they didn't handle that sort of thing, to call the sheriff," he said. They did, and a squad car came out to get them.

Hickson said he told Sheriff Fred Diamond not to publicize the incident. But word leaked out anyway, and the next day Wagner Shipyard was flooded with telephone calls from the media. One of his five children, Eddie, was serving with the Marines in Okinawa, where he read about his father in the local newspaper.

Today, Hickson continues to tell his story to anyone who will listen. He visits local schools and talks about the abduction. Children are fascinated.

"I don't tell 'em in a way to scare 'em," Hickson said. "You can't scare these kids now, with what they watch on TV."

This week, he is expecting to receive from the printers the second printing of *UFO Contact at Pascagoula*, a book he wrote a few years ago about the incident. In the meantime, for the past few weeks he has appeared on public access television in Pascagoula, and on Monday other guests will include Betty Hill, a New Hampshire woman who claimed to have been abducted with her husband, Barney, in 1961 by aliens who also released them after an examination.

Hickson and Betty Hill have become friends.

"There's no doubt in my mind. What she says actually happened," Hickson said.

Most of the letters Hickson receives are from people who saw something they couldn't explain, but a few are from the "new wave" of abduction reports by people who describe the crea-

tures as being only three-feet tall with large heads and bulbous black eyes.

"I've found some I don't believe," Hickson said. "But when it sounds real sincere, I'll contact them." He said he won't identify the people, to prevent putting them through the media ordeal he and Parker faced.

Among the recent recruits to those who believe is best-selling author William Strieber, author of several horror novels, including *Wolfen* and *The Hunger*. Strieber, after claiming to have been abducted, chronicled the incident in his recently published book, *Communion*.

David Jacobs, a history professor at Temple University in Philadelphia who wrote a book on the history of UFOs, said he's convinced that, due to the number of reports by "sane people," something is happening.

"The amazing thing about this is that it's absolutely impossible to explain what's happening to these people," he said. "There is no explanation in science. No explanation in psychology. These are desperate individuals who are telling stories in great detail without any knowledge of the subject."

Mere sightings of UFOs, such as the November sighting by a Japanese airline pilot, are "throwbacks to the '50s" that pale in comparison, Jacobs said.

Hickson is not worried about the visits. He believes the aliens are superior beings who are waiting for the right time to make contact — and, possibly, keeping a caring eye on the human race.

"There's always the threat that we are going to blow the world all to pieces," he said. "I'd like to think they're watching out for us, to see that we don't."