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A new wave of UFO mania

By CHRISTOPHER HANSON

They are four feet tall with huge eyes and large, bubble-shaped craniums. They come from across the galaxy — and they may be planning to kidnap you.

Forty years after the first wave of "flying saucer" sightings, the subject of visitors from outer space is heating up again in the United States. Saucer buffs are sure that creatures like these are the advance guard of an alien civilisation which has come to study mankind.

Although their claims are branded absurd by many in the scientific community, three respected publishing houses have aired them in Budd Hopkins's *Intruders* (Random House), *Light Years* by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press), and *Communion* by Whitley Strieber (Morrow).

"This isn't a kook book — it's serious and responsible," said Elisabeth Scharlatt, editor of *Intruders*.

Supposedly, official documents citing mysterious "unidentified flying objects" have also been circulated in support of the believers' case in recent months.

Sceptics say these documents are hoaxes, but UFO researchers insist they are evidence of a "cosmic Watergate" in which the US government, seeking to avoid panic, has concealed visits by space aliens.

Mr Hopkins, the author of *Intruders*, told a recent international conference on UFOs that he had interviewed more than 140 people who claimed to have been abducted by aliens and taken into space ships.

They say they had been subjected to medical experiments and returned to Earth after hours of being studied and prodded.

However, science writer Philip Klass said that months ago he had offered 10,000 dollars to any "victim" who reported his kidnapping to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, provided the FBI confirmed the claim. No one accepted.

Ms Scharlatt of Random House said the alleged abductees were not publicity seekers and most felt stigmatised by the experience and refused to let their names be used.

She said she was a UFO sceptic herself, but was convinced that "something is happening... these people are not crazy. If their accounts are true, it is the biggest story of all time."

Mr Hopkins said that, before publishing, he compiled details from stories of supposed abductees, who had never met except for cases involving families.

County hotbed of UFO sightings

By Jeff Mayers

Of The State Journal

First Belleville; now Waunakee. The Madison area is experiencing a spate of UFO sightings — enough to make Dane County the current UFO capital of the country.

"It's the highest concentration of activity in the country at the moment," declared Don Schmitt, co-director of the Chicago-based J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, a 13-year-old volunteer group that collects and investigates reports of unidentified flying objects around the country.

Schmitt, a free-lance technical illustrator in Milwaukee, said Wednesday he plans to travel to Waunakee this weekend to investigate the latest UFO sighting early Tuesday morning. Of the 30 Wisconsin sightings this year, about two dozen have been reported in Dane County since mid-January, when an off-duty Belleville police officer saw something weird in the sky.

Of those Madison-area sightings, only six have been explained, Schmitt said. About 90 percent of all investigated sightings eventually are explained, he added.

Schmitt didn't have an explanation for the rash of sightings, and he didn't discount the notion that some unidentified flying objects are operated by alien beings.

Mark Slovak, a research astronomer at UW-Madison, doesn't buy the alien visitor theory even though he says other life is sure to exist somewhere in the vast universe.

"Why would they (visit)? Unless

they're lost, bored or whatever," said Slovak, an unpaid scientific consultant to a Buffalo, N.Y., group called Committee for the Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, which makes a practice of exploding myths surrounding unusual happenings. "Why would you look at ants on the sidewalk?"

Slovak also argued that plausible explanations exist for nearly all UFO reports. He said the initial Belleville sighting probably was a bright yellow-reddish star named Betelgeuse distorted by clouds near the horizon. He said the Waunakee sighting could have been a high-altitude weather balloon, and suggests reports of a projectile breaking away from the main object was the instrument payload falling from a burst balloon.

Slovak attributed increased UFO reports to fallout from the highly publicized incidents in Belleville.

"Sort of a herd effect," he said. "I would be willing to bet (those who sighted the object in Waunakee) were not trained observers of the sky. Most people aren't astronomers. They have seen a natural phenomenon they didn't recognize."

Witnesses to an unusually bright object well above the eastern horizon early Tuesday morning included two Waunakee police officers and Thea Hefty, who reported the incident. Hefty doesn't know what she saw, but she knows it wasn't an airplane, a helicopter or a star.

"I didn't follow the Belleville thing. I'm not a science fiction person," said Hefty, who will cooperate with Schmitt's organization. "There's credible people seeing things."

Most said their captors had inserted a large needle with a metal ball on the end into their noses — not a detail dozens of people were likely to fabricate independently, he said.

Drawings of the aliens done after hypnosis were also quite similar, he said. Several sketches each depicted a bubble-shaped humanoid head with large, oval slanting eyes, a tiny nose, and thin, delicate lips — uncannily like the "aliens" millions saw in the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

He said his subjects reported sperm and ovum samples had been taken from them by the pale, four-foot tall aliens, apparently for interbreeding experiments.

Asked why a race that had mastered interstellar travel would want to interbreed with humans, Mr Hopkins said he could not speak for aliens, but added: "They have their reasons."

UFO Sightings Set County Folk Abuzz With Speculation

Many Report Seeing 'Real Big Object'

By Clint Williams
Atlanta Bureau

SYLVANIA, Ga. — When the local Rotary Club met here Thursday it wasn't farming, or football, or even the heat, that folks were talking about. It was UFOs, unidentified flying objects, strange lights in the summer sky.

"It was THE tonic of conversation," said Mark Hillis, general manager of "The Sylvania Telephone," "for over one hundred years the favorite newspaper of Screven Countians everywhere."

The Rotarians aren't a cynical bunch. "Nobody doubts they saw something," Hillis said. But the Rotarians aren't gullible, either.

"There is a lot of conjecture about what they saw, naturally," Hillis said. "One person even suggested they saw a ball of lightning bugs that were flying together."

But fireflies don't glow bright, fire-engine red, cluster in groups the size of a railroad boxcar or accelerate to the speed of light in the blink of an eye. And that's how more than a dozen people in Screven County have described what they saw.

The Alcorn family was returning from a family cookout about 9:45 p.m. July 13. As they came to a stop in front of the two-story farmhouse they are renovating, they saw the lights.

"The lights hit out by the barn and there it was," recalled Wanda Alcorn.

At first, Mrs. Alcorn said, "it looked like a boxcar." At each end, and on the top, was a red light. A cluster of white lights glowed steadily at the bottom of the craft, which appeared to be hovering behind a decaying barn less than 100 yards from the house.

The craft rose and moved slowly, noiselessly 10 feet above the overgrown soybean field for about 150 yards until it reached the county-maintained blacktop. Then one end raised slightly and there was a brief, brilliant "flash-bulb-type light," Mrs. Alcorn said.

"It made a zzzziitt sound and it was gone."

The Alcorns said the craft resembled an 80-100-foot long propane gas tank and was metallic black.

"I could tell it was a real big object because of the lights at one end and the other," said Frank Alcorn, a deputy sheriff for the Effingham County Sheriff's Department.

Alcorn said he first thought the lights were those of an airplane about to slam into the ground, an impression shared by others.

Emerson Scott, Mrs. Alcorn's brother,

his wife, Julie, and their two children were returning from the same cookout when they saw the bright red and white lights dip behind the trees separating their country home from the Alcorns'.

"We thought it was a jet about to crash," Mrs. Scott is reported as saying. "But then we realized that it made no sound."

The next morning the Alcorns found three impressions in the thigh-high grass of the field. Two were 9-by-9 feet, one was 9-by-12 feet. The indentations, still visible after nearly two weeks, are spaced along a line 69 feet long.

A report on local radio station WSYL "Country 149" Tuesday morning brought dozens of curious UFO seekers to the sparsely-populated part of the county about 10 miles east of town. Among those hoping for a close encounter were Shirley and Mac Mahaffey, owners of WSYL.

Frank Alcorn was sitting outside on the breezeway at the rear of the farmhouse when, again at about 9:45 p.m., lights silently cleared the treetops behind the house.

"I told Wanda, 'Here it comes again,'" Alcorn said. The craft flew low, perhaps as low as 10 feet, across the field, one time dipping down as low as 5 feet. And, like the night before, it moved soundlessly, effortlessly.

"I don't think a Cadillac could move that smooth," Alcorn said.

When it reached the end of the field, the craft tilted up and disappeared into the night with a sound Mrs. Alcorn likens to the sound of fishing line being stripped from a reel by a big fish.

The Mahaffeys were UFO-searching east of the Alcorn place, along a sandy road that parallels a large clear-cut area about half a mile from the Savannah River. About 9:45 p.m., apparently minutes after it flew by the Alcorns, the red lights of the craft appeared just above the treetops at the western edge of the clearing, Mrs. Mahaffey said. The craft, its lights "the reddest red you can imagine," flew "horizon to horizon in 30 seconds or less," she said.

The craft was also spotted by Margie Scott, Mrs. Alcorn's mother, as she drove home from church.

Other people, driving up and down the road in front of the Alcorn's house, also saw the UFO, Mrs. Alcorn said. "I don't know how many car loads, and I mean car LOADS, of people drove by hollering 'Did you see it? Did you see that?'"

The skeptic might dismiss the Tuesday night sightings as the excessive imagination of people who knew what to expect, but

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By Clint Williams/Ledger-Enquirer

Shirley Mahaffey (left) and Wanda Alcorn recall seeing UFO recently in Screven County.

Sharon Sheppard was still unaware of the sightings when she saw what she saw.

The music class at Camp Jackson, a Baptist summer camp just a few miles from the Alcorn place, was to start at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16. At 11 a.m. Mrs. Sheppard was pulling into the parking lot and she was a bit flustered. She was the music teacher.

As she crossed the parking lot with her son Richard in tow, the boy pointed skyward and said, "Mama, what's that?"

"If it hadn't been for him, I wouldn't have seen it," Mrs. Sheppard said Saturday.

"It was too low in the sky for a plane to fly," she said, estimating the craft was about 500 feet above the camp playground. "It was just sitting there in the sky. It was real bright and shiny. I saw a lot of lights on it."

The bright lights on a bright day struck her as odd, but, because she was late, she simply went on with her business.

"I'm sort of a one-track person," she said.

The magnitude of what she saw didn't strike her until Friday when she heard of the strange sightings earlier in the week.

"I'd like to see it again and this time I'd really study it," Mrs. Sheppard said.

One group is studying the sightings now.

Two investigators visited Sylvania last Tuesday, another made the trip Sunday. All three investigators are looking into the incident on the behalf of MUFON, the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network.

"Eighty to 90 percent of reports of this nature turn out to be something mundane," said Walt Andus, national director of MUFON.

"After the investigation, if it defies any earthly explanation it becomes part of that 20 percent," he said.

The MUFON team has already concluded the craft didn't land.

"The marks left in the grass

were a nothing," Andus said. There was no damaged vegetation, no dehydrated soil.

"If it had been that close the grass would have dried up and wilted away," he said.

And Andus is skeptical about sightings reported after July 14.

"Shirley Mahaffey runs a radio station and she just loves the publicity," Andus said. "She has influenced a lot of people."

"Generally, these kind of things have a snowball effect," said Julis Benton, a Savannah astronomer investigating the sightings.

The interest in the sightings has snowballed as well. Mrs. Mahaffey and Mrs. Alcorn have spent the past two weeks talking with reporters from across the country.

"I got a call from World Weekly News in Palm Beach, Fla., to go out and take a picture of them," newspaper man Hillis said.

And there have been telephone calls from others who have seen UFOs. And the incessant telling and re-telling of the story to people in town.

"That's what has made us so hoarse," Mrs. Mahaffey said.

Those who have seen the craft have answered many, many questions. They'd like a few answers.

"If it is a government deal they go, 'I don't appreciate them testing it this close to my property,'" Mr. Alcorn said, adding "If it is a government thing, I'm sure glad it's in our hands and not somebody else's."

"If that thing can zip around anywhere, why Screven County?" asked Mrs. Sheppard.

The prospect that the craft comes from another planet, another galaxy doesn't frighten anyone.

"It was not a fearful event," Mrs. Alcorn said. "You get peaceful vibes from it."

"I don't care where it came from," Mr. Alcorn said. "It's exciting."

"Personally, it beats the hell out of television."

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TORQUAY DEVON
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UFOs sighted

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Two people have reported seeing UFOs over South Devon this week

One man says he saw a long flying object with lights over Ogwell on Tuesday night and on the same evening a Torquay man saw a brightly lit object "performing extraordinary manoeuvres" about 200ft above Torquay harbour.

1 visit makes man UFO believer

Pascagoula resident is plugging his book about meeting with elephant-skinned aliens

By KATHY JUMPER
Press Register Reporter

All it took was one visit aboard a silver spaceship with three robot-like creatures and Charles Hickson became a believer — in UFOs.

It's been 13 years since Hickson and a fishing buddy said they had a close encounter of the strangest kind along the west bank of the East Pascagoula River in Pascagoula, Miss.

Today he's plugging his book about his meeting with those elephant-skinned aliens, "The UFO Contact in Pascagoula." He also gives lectures on UFOs and hosts a call-in TV show in Pascagoula called "In Contact."

"It doesn't bother me that people think I'm crazy," said the 56-year-old Gautier, Miss., native, who was this past week hospitalized at a Mobile hospital after surgery. "Just let them wait and see. It's beginning to come out in the open."

He just returned from an international symposium in Washington, D.C., on UFOs which was sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network. He said 12 foreign countries were represented

at the June conference and people who had UFO sightings told about their space encounters.

"I've had many experiences related to my experience in 1973," Hickson said. "I'm not prepared to go into it. I plan to write another book next year. I've had good reaction to my first book. It's in a second printing."

Hickson and Calvin Parker, now 33 and living in Gulfport, Miss., were fishing off a pier when the spaceship "just appeared," he recalled. "There was a hissing sound like air escaping from a hose. It just hovered about 10 feet off the ground and there was a pulsating light at the top of it. An eye opened up in the center of it and we could see a strange light within.

"Three creatures appeared in the doorway and they floated toward us. Calvin was screaming and I couldn't move."

He said the five-foot tall creatures had wrinkled skin, no neck, hands shaped like mittens with no fingers. Two of the creatures took

Hickson by the arms and the other went toward Parker.

"That was the last time I saw Calvin until after I was taken out of the craft. I don't know if they took him inside. He doesn't remember. I actually think he died and they brought him back to life."

Hickson said the aliens floated him into the spacecraft and examined him with a foot-ball-shaped instrument. Later the creatures took him back to the pier where he found Parker, who "was in shock."

The men were hesitant to report their space trip. "We had two choices," Hickson said. "We could report it and let people think we were crazy or not report it and go crazy. We didn't know that the world



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was not being invaded from space."

After telling Jackson County sheriff's deputies, Pascagoula was invaded — with media from around the world. For 10 days the sheriff's switchboard was jammed with callers who claimed they saw UFOs. When the men reported to work at F.B. Walker Shipyard, reporters were waiting at the gate and the boatyard's schedule was soon disrupted.

Hickson took and passed a lie detector test and both men were hypnotized and relived their story. While Parker shied from publicity, Hickson made guest appearances on TV and radio shows.

A shipyard construction worker until injuring his hand last year, Hickson admitted, "I never gave those things (UFOs) a thought until it happened to me. I've tried my very best to get away from it. I get thou-

sands of letters and my telephone is constantly ringing. People have written to me in detail about UFO sightings. It's impossible to get away from it."

"There are many scientists who believe in UFOs," he added.

But Dr. Neil P. Rowell, a professor of physics at the University of South Alabama who teaches astronomy said of UFOs: "I put them in the category of astrology and wrestling matches. It's a game.

"There are close to 150,000 reports of UFO sightings and none of them have proven any good."

Rowell said of the Pascagoula case, "there is no truth to it. It's a big country and all kinds of people imagine things." He said most of the things people see in the sky can be explained.

"I've gone driving at night

and seen strange things in the sky. When I rolled down my windows it disappeared."

"We know there is no life on other planets. With the fastest rockets it takes 30,000 years to get to the nearest star. If they came from another star, it could be possible, but it takes them 30,000 years to get here."

Is Rowell skeptical? "Oh gosh, yes. If something happened and 200 or 300 people saw it at different angles," he may believe it. "But usually just one or two people have seen it."

Rowell said the government has a very active program that scans the skies for any kind of signal or noise. He said there are a lot of UFO sightings reported when Venus is close to Jupiter or one of the bright planets is rising or setting.

Hickson said, "I was raised a hard-shell Baptist up in George County. I never thought about these things. It gave me a dif-

ferent outlook on life."

He said Parker has been on his TV show a few times. "He's a little hesitant to talk about it," Hickson said. "He had a couple of nervous breakdowns" after the incident. "He spent some time in the hospital."

Hickson added, "I have had flashbacks many times." The aliens have contacted him through his mind and the revelations have helped him cope with the ordeal, he said.

Hickson said his wife of 34 years and his five children have been supportive of him and his continued interest in UFOs. "It has affected them and it has changed our lifestyle," he said. "But they know I'm sane.

"I'll be honest with you, we have never received any prank calls and never been ridiculed. I know that it's real. I know there are other worlds out there."

HERALD EXPRESS TORQUAY DEVON SEP 28 1987 UFO MYSTERY DEEPENS

SIGHTINGS of the UFO seen in the Torbay area on Tuesday night have now spread as far afield as Chudleigh, Dawlish Warren and the Wincanton by-pass!

The puzzling phenomenon was seen by Torquay rest home manager Brian Lee as he made his way home from a holiday in Wiltshire.

He and his wife Mary were travelling along the Wincanton by-pass when they saw what looked like two strange stars in the sky.

The stars then became half-a dozen lights — all of them changing colour.

They formed an H-shape before splitting in two!

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life," said a shocked Brian, who runs the Haven Court Rest Home in Babbacombe.

He added: "The thing didn't make a noise. It wasn't a jet. And how it split in two I just don't know."

He reported seeing the mystery object at about 8.15pm — a time which coincides with similar sightings in South Devon.

Another observer, a housewife in Ellacombe declared: "It was something that certainly wasn't normal. There were all these bright lights. It didn't make a sound."

A sales co-ordinator from Chudleigh was walking her dog in Dawlish Warren when she saw the UFO.

"Everyone thinks your nutty if you say you've seen a UFO. I saw it later as I drove into Chudleigh," she told the Herald Express.

We join our heroes spaced out in Ohio

Action! Adventure! Safe sex! The stories of Cuyahoga Jones and his partner, Nikon Dave, explode before you like in a movie, only it's not a movie because it's the Sunday paper. But that's not important now.

Anyway, thrill with us as we present exclusively the daring exploits of that Roving Rogue of the Rust Belt, Cuyahoga Jones, renowned peregrinator (Ha! Ha! Look it up!) and alter-ego of a quiet, bespectacled Plain Dealer reporter. CJ loves danger, the unknown and those little free mints they keep in bowls near cash registers in restaurants.

Jones and partner/photographer Nikon Dave — a man of few words but many company-supplied cameras — traveled 1,200 miles throughout Ohio and the Lake Erie coastal towns of New York to bring you, the deserving reader, three stories about Startling But True Phenomena, which will appear in this space on consecutive Sundays.

In our first chapter, Cuyahoga goes in search of aliens. For years, Ohio has played a significant UFO role. The Air Force's primary investigation of UFOs was centered at a Dayton air base. And several people have said the Air Force has stored alien bodies there.

Sound like fun? Well, let's get rolling, as Cuyahoga Jones travels to southwestern Ohio to find the aliens. His report follows.

By **ALFRED LUBRANO**
STAFF WRITER

ON THE ROAD SOMEWHERE IN OHIO

Nikon Dave wheels the blue Adventure-Mobile south on Interstate 71, toward the Ohio River and a date with aliens from outer space.

Supposedly, 12 alien crafts have crashed to earth over the last 40 years. UFO mavens insist that the bodies of the aliens were taken to an Ohio air base, where they were kept on ice.

"Aliens on ice." I say to no one in particular. My overworked imagination provides an ugly picture: a Dorothy Hamill extravaganza with 250 European and Central American immigrants on skates.

I look out the window. Ohio south of Cleveland is as flat as the electronic curve measuring brain-wave activity among the spectators at a tractor pull. Great green acres of horizon-bumping farmland blur on each side of Nikon's stylish, whizzing vehicle.

Perhaps that is why the aliens come, I decide. Maybe the state looks like a big runway from the sky.

Ohio — specifically central and southern Ohio — has long been associated with UFOs and aliens. Among UFO cognoscenti, it's known as a UFO corridor, through which numerous unidentified objects have flown.

As Nikon pulls in yuppie rock on the radio, I check my notebook to review the Ohio-UFO connection:

■ Around 20 years ago, Cincinnati reported more UFO sightings than any other American city at the time, with person after person saying they saw strange crafts diving toward the Ohio River. Some even thought there was an alien base underwater.

■ Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton was the center of Project Blue Book, the Air Force's 20-year study of UFOs between the 1940s and the '60s, which concluded that no extraterrestrials ever have been to a Cincinnati Reds game, or anywhere else on Earth, for that matter. Several UFO experts call Project BB a sham and say the U.S. intelligence community is covering up important UFO information. Why? Don't ask us.

■ Columbus-based Battelle Memorial Institute, one of the largest private research firms in the world, did a UFO investigation for the Air Force in 1953. It reportedly concluded that nearly 50% of UFO sightings then filed could not be explained.

The controversial report was sent to the National Archives in Washington. Archivist Ed Reese told me recently the report was "missing." Battelle isn't talking, at least not to me. Maybe the aliens have it.

Reese also casually mentioned that the CIA holds 900 pages of UFO info that it won't release to the Archives or anyone else "for reasons of national security."

■ The Ohio State University Radio Observatory in Delaware, O., conducts the only continuous, long-term search for cosmic life — the only one by Earth creatures, anyway. In 1974, the lab received what astronomer Bob Dixon calls a signal "of truly intelligent origin, truly from outside the Earth." The beam lasted only a minute and never repeated. Nicholas Sanduleak, an astronomy researcher at Case Western Reserve University and an avowed UFO debunker, says scientists classified the mystery signal as a "Wow" event.

■ Finally, UFO researchers claim that clumsy aliens crashed into the Earth, and their bodies have been taken to Wright-Patterson.

Nikon's most fervent wish is to high-five an alien. I'd like to help him attain that goal.

Our first stop is the suburban Cincinnati home of Leonard Stringfield, a former Air Force intelligence officer who has devoted much of his life to UFO research.

He greets us warily. People still believe UFO "experts" are foot-sucking chuckleheads with tile grout for brains, although Air Force pilots, astronomers and even a U.S. president (Jimmy Carter) have claimed to have seen UFOs. I assure Stringfield we'll keep an open mind.

At 67, he's a distinguished presence, with a white beard and formal air. While Nikon shoots the man, I listen.

He tells us he saw UFOs in the service; they made enough of an impression to fuel his lifelong fire on the subject.

Stringfield gets up from his chair and walks Nikon and me into his indoor garden, a humid

glass box filled with tropical plants, lizards and toads. He chooses this strange setting to continue his odd tale.

"This is the biggest story since Jesus," he says as a thunderstorm rages. Jesus was a pretty big story, I concede.

"I'm not just a kook talking about UFOs," Stringfield continues. "I've spoken with 28 firsthand witnesses who have seen alien crafts and bodies. I don't have proof, but my sources are good.

"All witnesses say the same thing: Wright-Pat has been involved with investigating the aliens, and bodies were sent there. I talked to many guards who've seen them. By 1966, there were 30 bodies there."

Nikon and I exchange puzzled glances. Stringfield goes on to explain the so-called Roswell incident, in which several witnesses saw a disc-shaped object crash into the desert in New Mexico in July 1947.

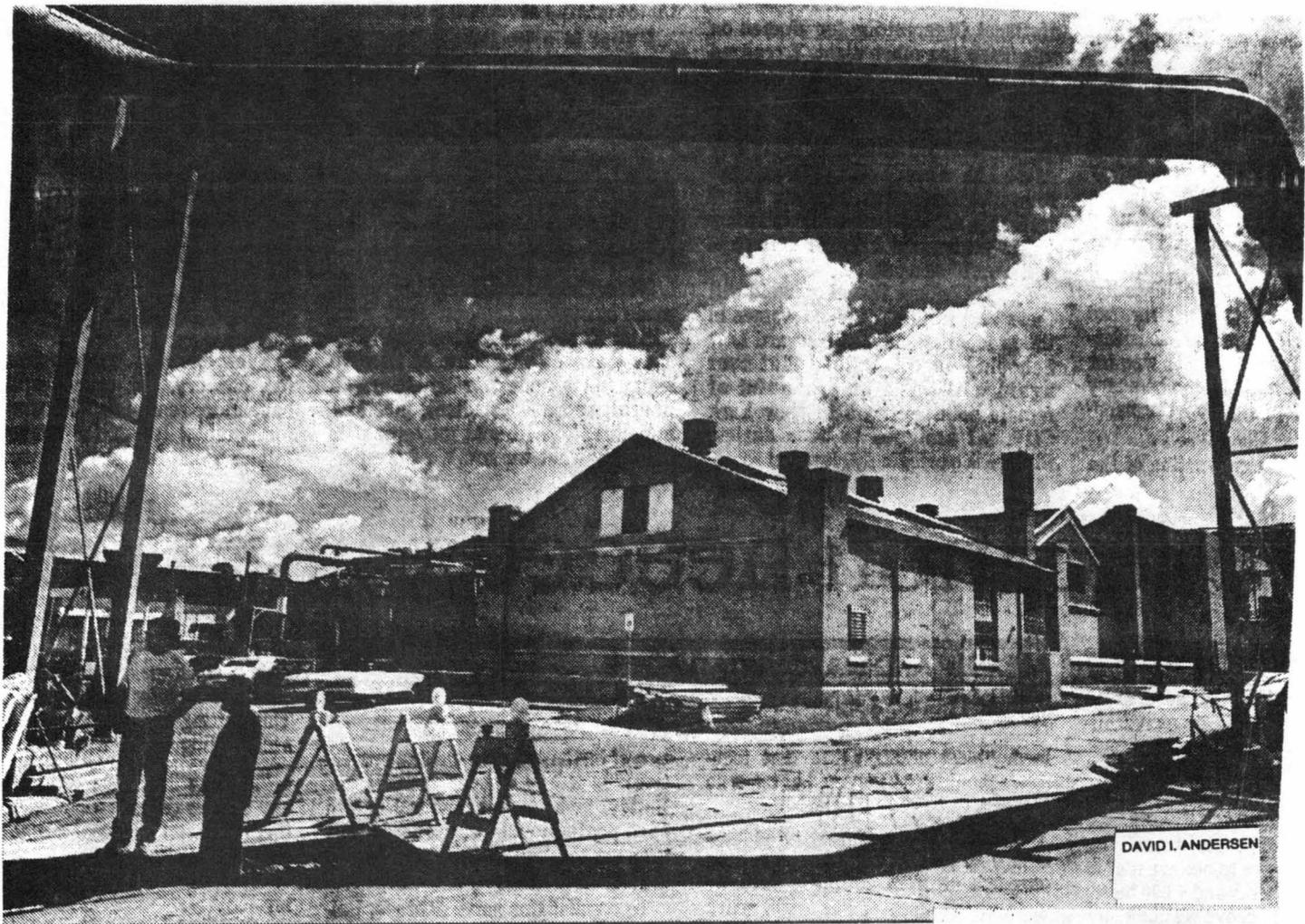
Authors Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore wrote a book about the occurrence, in which the Air Force and an independent radio reporter initially corroborated the crash scenario.

The next day the Air Force said, heck

no, fellas, that was no alien craft, that was a weather balloon. Sorry about that.

Military disinformation notwithstanding, the aliens on board didn't survive the crash, so they and their craft were brought to Building 18 at Wright-Pat, Stringfield says.

After delivering this information, he lets fly another bombshell: He says he's interviewed a doctor who's done an autopsy on the aliens. The findings:



DAVID I. ANDERSEN

Building 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The alleged dudes are 4 feet tall, with large heads, webbed hands, no digestive tract, no voicebox, gray iguana-like skin and long arms

reaching their knees. They also are emaciated and their sexual organs are atrophied. Nikon begins to have second thoughts about that high-five thing.

Could we maybe talk to the doctor, I ask Stringfield. No, he's sworn never to reveal his sources, most of whom have "disappeared."

Oh great, I tell him. We ask for the witnesses, and he says they're gone.

If it's all a hoax, Nikon and I determine, it's pretty elaborate. About three years ago, Jaime Shandera, a California television news producer working with author Moore, received a copy of a purported memo from a mysterious government group known as Majestic 12 — MJ 12 for short.

The memo, which was a briefing on UFOs directed to then-President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, refers to the Roswell incident and the transfer of aliens to Wright-Pat.

"All dates on the document check out," Shandera has told me from his Los Angeles home. "All individuals listed tie in with one another."

'We investigated for 22 years. It's ridiculous to say the government possesses flying saucers. We can't hide the Iran-contra thing; you think we could hide this?'

Lt. Tim Cothrel

Is this MJ 12 business baloney? The CIA told ABC's "Nightline" it was just that in a broadcast June 24. But Shandera is sure he's onto something.

Nikon and I say goodbye to Stringfield. We plan to travel to Wright-Pat the next day.

At dinner that night, we meet a waitress who admits to having dated aliens (I'm not kidding). We leave her a big tip.

In the morning, Nikon glides the Adventure-Mobile to a visitors' gate at Wright-Patterson. We demand to see Building 18, where the aliens allegedly

were kept iced down like the day's catch. We are sure we'll be thrown out.

Instead, a crewcut public relations officer pulls up in a 1966 drop-top, white Bonneville with fuzzy dice on the rear-view mirror and empty Mountain Dew cans in the front seat, and he says the strangest thing Nikon and I have heard during this adventure:

"Follow me."

Well, all right, let's go boogie with spacemen! We drive behind Lt. Tim Cothrel along air base roadways. Nice golf course Nikon notices. We imagine aliens and officers lounging in a 19th hole clubhouse. Perhaps we've been at this too long.

We reach the building. "If we were gonna collect UFOs," Cothrel tells me, "this would be the place. We do high-tech research and development here. There are some parts of the building almost no one allowed into."

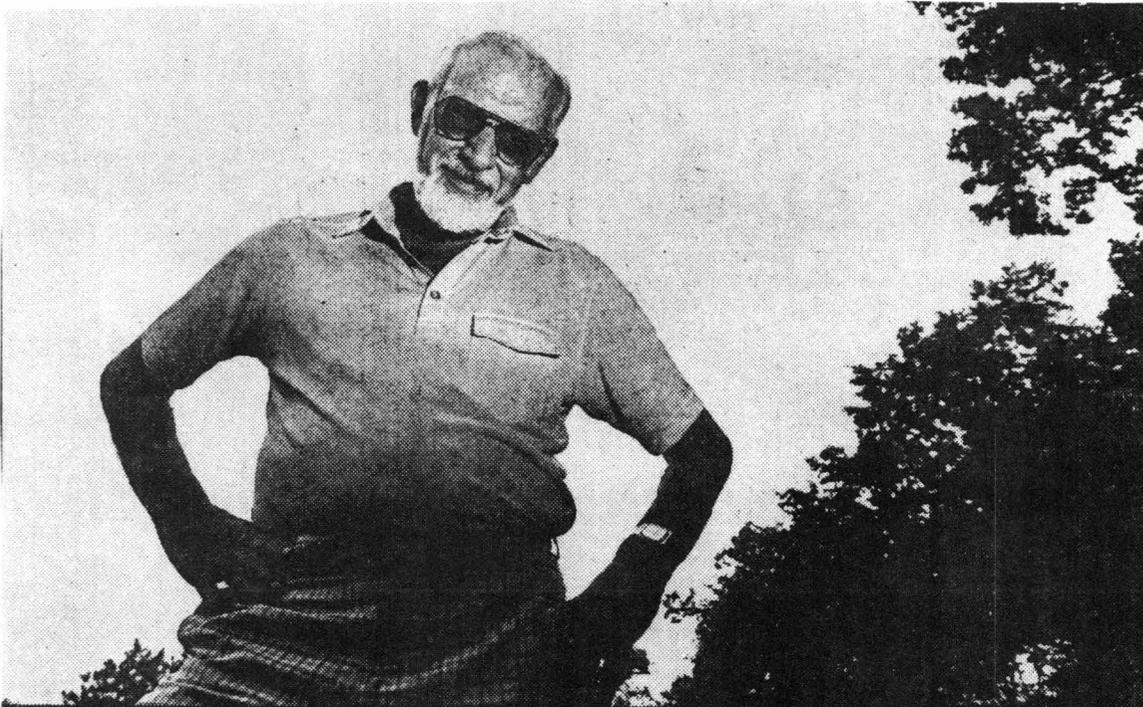
So, where are the little guys, huh? Nikon readies his camera for the moment of revelation.

"Oh, no," Cothrel laughs. "We investigated for 22 years. It's ridiculous to say the government possesses flying saucers. We can't hide the Iran-contra thing; you think we could hide this?"

Of course, you wouldn't know about what happened here 40 years ago, Lieutenant,

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LEONARD STRINGFIELD: "I'm not just a kook talking about UFOs. I've spoken with 28 firsthand witnesses who have seen alien crafts and bodies."

when the first aliens supposedly were brought in.

"True," he answers. "I just pray we're correct. Otherwise, I've been lying to a lot of people. Actually, it is a fun story. I'd love to believe it's true. And we have 8,000 acres and 4,000 buildings, so there's no way to prove we don't have aliens here. So this story'll go on forever. It's got legs."

We ask to enter the building. UFO lore holds that former Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona once tried the same thing, but the base commander prevented him. The place is off limits to civilians.

Besides, Cothrel gives us a look that says the armed guards would Swiss-cheese us in a heartbeat if we so much as open Building 18's front door. Nikon and I instantly decide it makes little sense to die for The Plain Dealer. We leave Wright-Pat and head back north.

As we ride, Nikon and I realize something significant: We have discovered nothing.

Sure, we talked to some interesting people and heard a bunch of swell stories, but where's the cosmic beef, you know?

That's precisely the problem with this UFO stuff. You learn all these titillating details that *might be* plausible, then you ask for proof and the UFO-logists say, well, the government's got it. Go to the government, and bureaucrats laugh in your face.

That's why Nikon and I decided to cut out the middlemen and make a straight pitch: If there are any aliens around who managed not to die in a fiery collision with Earth, give us a jingle at The PD.

We'd be happy to print your message to world leaders in the Living section, then maybe take you out for beers in the Flats. It's not Miami, but it beats getting dissected by internists.

Next week: In Search of Bigfoot.

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What was it they saw, anyway?

By Sara Lamb
Journal Times

UNION GROVE — A Waunakee policeman's description of a UFO sighting struck a familiar chord with a 13-year-old boy here.

Nicholas Trudeau, of 1777 Mill-drum St., said what the Waunakee officer described in news accounts this week as a moon-shaped object with red and blue lights sounds a lot like what he saw on June 27.

Nicholas said he was standing in his parent's back yard about 4:30 p.m. when a "brilliant red" object "popped" into the sky above a grove of trees about 60 feet from him.

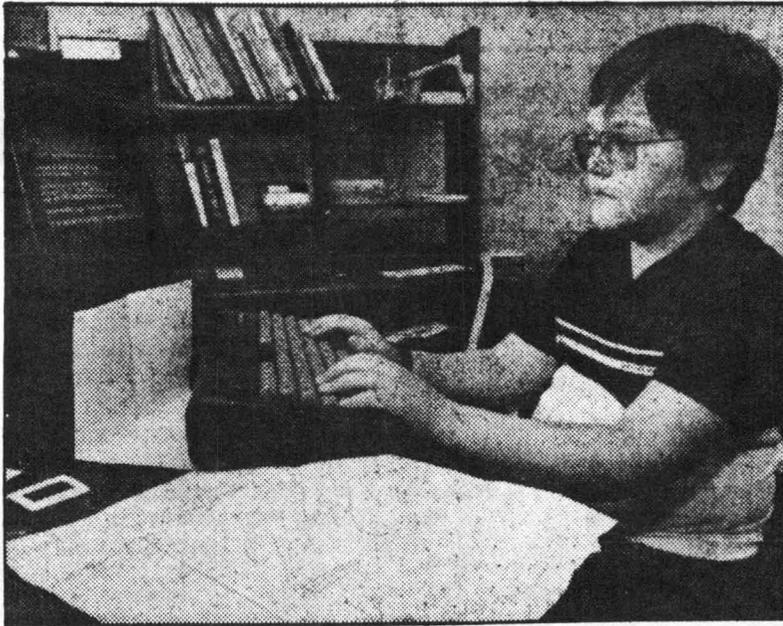
He described the object as a perfect sphere — "the size of a giant beach ball" — that glowed in the middle.

"It had something like an antenna coming off the bottom," he said.

Nicholas said he watched the object for about two minutes before it darted into a cloud.

"It gradually gained speed until it was traveling really fast," he said.

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Paul Roberts, Journal Times

Nicholas Trudeau with notes about his sighting.

The object also changed colors, from red to blue to black, Nicholas said.

There was something strange about the cloud, too, he said. "It was just a nice breezy day,"

but the cloud the object dodged into resembled a thunderhead, Nicholas said.

The cloud was the only one of its kind in the sky, he said.

Nicholas said the object, black inside the cloud, was visible for about 20 seconds before suddenly disappearing.

What happened next was just as surprising as the first appearance of the object, he said.

"The cloud just sort of folded up on itself," Nicholas said. After five minutes, the cloud had completely disintegrated, he said.

"I was just awed by how fast it went," he added.

His brother, Andy, 12, saw the same thing happen to the cloud, but did not look up in time to see the object, Nicholas said.

"I've studied a lot about UFOs," Nicholas said. He added that what he saw didn't look like a balloon or airplane exhaust, or any of the things that are commonly mistaken for UFOs.

Nicholas took notes of what he saw and is sending for an application from the Center for UFO Investigation to report his sighting.

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TRAVEL NEWS AND NOTES

CAROL MARTINEZ

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Travelers interested in UFOs will get a chance to search for the elusive objects on a trip to places in Peru and Brazil where UFO sightings have taken place.

The tour participants will go to Rio, Angra dos Reis and remote areas in and near northern coastal towns and beaches in Brazil. In Peru, Lima, Pisco, Ica, Nazca and

Chilca are on the itinerary.

The group will meet with UFO organizations and individuals who have had UFO experiences in both countries.

The trip is scheduled from April 15 to May 5, 1988. The price is \$2,600 per person (double occupancy). The price includes round-trip air fare from Los Angeles, domestic air fares in Brazil and Peru, transfers to and from the airports and hotels, hotel accommodations, motorcoaches to and from sight locations and some breakfasts in Brazil.

For more information, contact Bill Matthias, 5236-A Cleon Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. 91601; or call (818) 985-9991.

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On Saturday, air fares from Los Angeles to Mexico will be increased by \$16 round trip, or \$8 one way. Any passenger who buys a ticket before Aug. 15 may travel at the current fare levels if no changes are made in the ticket.

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Schoolboy 'pictures' UFO

SCHOOLBOY Clifford Doney of Torquay is the latest to report a sighting of a UFO over South Devon — and has even drawn a picture of the mysterious "spaceship."

Clifford, 11, depicts a circular brightly coloured object, but says it made no sound.

"I was coming home from St. Johns, almost outside Lower Westlands School when I looked up in the sky and saw a circular object, surrounded with very bright coloured lights which lit up all the area around it.

Odd spots

ALMOST a week after sightings of UFOs were reported in South Devon comes a tale of a cone-shaped oddity hovering over Paignton.

Mrs Millie Swann of Kinlacey Court in Museum Road, Torquay, said she and her husband, Jim, spotted the UFO from their window at about 8.25pm on Monday.

"It was red with a sort of grooving around it, the shape of a tilted cone. We watched it for about six minutes before it disappeared."

A tale out of this world

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LIGHT YEARS: The Best Documented UFO Case ever by Gary Kinder (Viking £10.95)

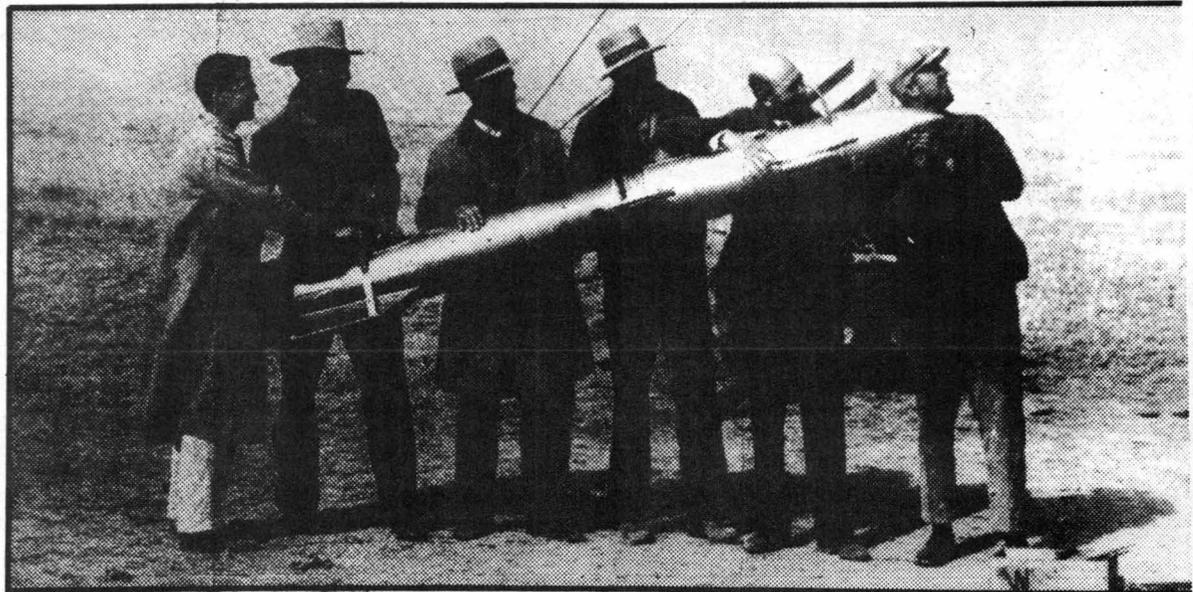
In 1942 a little Swiss boy saw a space ship. His father dismissed it as one of Hitler's secret weapons, but the boy was not convinced. He began to hear voices in his head, accompanied by tinkling laughter.

Two years later the boy was walking in a field when he saw something "like a metallic pear" falling down from the sky. It turned out to be another space craft. He was whisked aboard and met a wonderful white-haired old patriarch called Sath who introduced himself as a spiritual guide and mentor.

Throughout adolescence and early adulthood, the young Eduard Meier had regular contact with Sath (a father figure?) and his successor, the svelte Asket. They came, he was told, from the DAL Universe which lies "in time planes and spaces completely unknown to you". For some reason they had selected Meier as a "truth offerer", so would become "greater knowledge than every other earthly human being".

This education took an eccentric course. He wandered about the world selling jewellery, picking up sheep, raising chickens, going to Buddhist monks, catching snakes, selling tortoises, escaping from the British Legion and doing so on. At length, he settled down in a tumbledown farmhouse in Switzerland where he met his latest mentor, a man named Sath. He would disappear into the woods for days and even days, returning with a happy smile and a bundle of photographs.

The photographs, naturally enough, showed flying saucers in various poses. There were no pictures of lovely white-skinned aliens, or of her extraterrestrial accoutrements. There were pictures of space ships on the



Earthmen send out a UFO of their own... Illustration from the Hutchinson Encyclopedia of Modern Technology, edited by David Blackburn and Geoffrey Holister (Hutchinson £16.95).

ground, either just hovering in the air like tubby frisbees.

The increasingly bearded Meier became a celebrity in the ufological world. Fanatics of all nationalities began descending on his farmhouse without warning, sifting through his photographs and looking for signs of fakery. They accompanied him on "contact" journeys and stared reverently as he pattered off into the trees.

The most consistent feature of these hangers-on is how much they drink. Early on in Gary Kinder's book we meet Herbert and Harold, drinking Coke from cans. Next, they are at Meier's farm, sipping hot coffee. They go on knocking back coffee at all hours of day and night. The nonconformists sip hot tea and the kids "love chocolate drinks". Caffeine vibrates in every vein. At last, one of them admits to her diary: "feel waterlogged from coffee". This seems to me an important clue, which the author neglects at his peril. Caffeine is a stimulant

both to the nerves and to the bowels. Might there not have been more pressing reasons for Meier to go off into the privacy of the forest?

But Mr Kinder has his mind on higher things, like writing a best seller. He goes into enormous detail to demonstrate how Meier's photographs and tape recordings have been analysed and examined by experts. None of these experts, despite initial scepticism, has been able to prove that they are fakes. Kinder also runs briefly through the great UFO-spotting boom since the 1950s before concluding that "the truth of the Meier contacts will never be known".

That is as may be, but **Light Years** confirms something deeply depressing about flying saucers, real or imagined. They are always manned by prigs. Aliens, for all their advanced cultures, mind-boggling technologies and natty suiting, sound a pretty dull crowd. They are all serene, clean, orderly, wise, efficient and peaceable.

If only they would occasionally prove themselves to be prey to the same passions as ourselves, we might accept them more wholeheartedly. Why do they never spit or belch or trip over tree roots? Why do they never leave extra-terrestrial crisp packets about the place or vandalise our phone boxes? Why do they never laugh or cry or bang their bright blue fists on the table?

If anything was needed to make one doubt Herr Meier's story, it would be the dreary predictability of the other-world he has conjured up. The Pleiadians (his contacts) all live to be one thousand years old. Their globe is much like Earth, except that nasty dirty things like mining are done on other planets. Most physical labour is done by (you've guessed it) androids who behave and look very like humans. There is no central government, and everyone is exceedingly sage and pious.

This is just the sort of claptrap which people are desperate to believe in what is called a post-Christian era. Our own world, they say, is in such a mess that there must surely be a better one somewhere in the Universe. Let's keep our eyes open for some of those nice, well-behaved, all-knowing aliens we hear so much about, and they will solve all our problems.

Andrew Langley

Some claim UFO crashed near Corona 41 years ago

By JACK HARTSFIELD
Avalanche-Journal

Rancher "Mac" Brazel was checking his fence line near Corona, N.M., on July 7, 1947, when he came across the puzzling assortment of shiny metallic debris.

Perhaps he was frightened by what he saw.

He drove 75 miles to Roswell and dropped into his favorite watering hole, a local bar, and began talking to several acquaintances about the



Mystery site

Map locates area where a group claims a UFO crashed in 1947. M

mysterious wreckage he had found on his ranch.

Somebody went to get the sheriff; the sheriff took Brazel to Roswell Army Air Force Base to talk with officials; and government investigators, Brazel and the sheriff all returned to the site on the isolated flatlands of the ranch.

Government trucks soon traversed the dirt roads to the site and began collecting debris.

Brazel didn't return to his ranch house for eight days. He was forced to remain at Roswell Army Air Force Base where he apparently was questioned and debriefed time and time again.

After his released, "Mac" Brazel never again discussed the incident. Two years later, he moved to Alamogordo where he operated a meat-packing plant. He died, carrying his silence to the grave.

Thus was born the following story: An alien spacecraft crashed at the Brazel ranch with the bodies of four small aliens found inside an emergency ejection pod two miles from the crash site. The debris and the bodies were secreted away for research and the federal government covered up the episode for 33 years.

Part of it is chronicled in the book, "The Roswell Incident," written by Charles Berlitz in 1980, but there are other believers who claim many more details and some revealing documents have surfaced in the last seven years.

Fact or fiction?

The federal government contends it is fiction, but the Mutual UFO Network counters that all of it is fact, and accuses the government of a massive and unnecessary coverup.

The UFO network also charges that the Air Force's Project Bluebook was little more than a coverup of UFO activities around the country, but that Project Aquarius, ostensibly run by the nation's intelligence agencies, shows that alien beings and alien spacecraft have visited Earth.

Ralph Heick, 40, a Roswell native who describes himself as a UFO researcher, told The Avalanche-Journal that he believes the Brazel story and is absolutely convinced that the federal government has intentionally withheld the truth.

"Project Bluebook was a farce," Heick said, adding that the congressional investigation into UFO reports in the 1960s turned up virtually nothing. "The truth to the public by our government should be free."

Heick said he and the Mutual UFO Network have never set out to jeopardize "national security" - if that was the reason the government kept its secret to prevent panic. Heick claims that's what government investigators decided after mulling the fright caused by the celebrated H.G. Wells spoof broadcast about an alien invasion.

Brazel's youngest son, William Brazel of Capitan, N.M., did not return telephone calls from The Avalanche-Journal although the woman who answered immediately inquired if the caller was asking about the Roswell incident.

The UFO network claims the coverup began with the Roswell incident and when a group called MJ-12 was formed in September 1947 under secret intelligence covers.

The so-called Roswell incident, Heick said, was the first clear debris evidence the federal government had found that gave credence to the existence of alien spacecraft and alien beings on Earth.

"There has been a lot more since," Heick said. He contends that aliens have been visiting Earth for more than 2,000 years, monitoring the progress of its human species.

Heick said research and perusal of some documents indicate the alien craft actually crashed July 2, 1947, five days before Brazel discovered it.

Heick, who talks matter-of-factly about aliens in the same tone some might discuss the fortunes of the Boston Celtics, said the Mutual UFO Network and the aliens themselves intend to force disclosure that UFOs are not figments of the imagination.

"They (the aliens) are becoming increasingly concerned about Earth's environment, about nuclear weapons, about pollution," he said. "They've let it be known to the government that if it isn't made public, they'll show themselves in three years, in a sense of revolt."

The aliens, he said, likely are befuddled about the human species on Earth continuing to make the same mistakes over and over again. "We keep fighting wars, but we've never gained a thing through war."

"It's hard to comprehend," Heick said. "You know, we've always been

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Group says government covered up UFO crash

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taught that the Earth is the center of the universe."

Heick claims the Mutual UFO Network has documentation to back up its assertion that the federal government, for whatever reasons, chose to try and debunk the idea of alien spacecraft and beings visiting Earth.

He also asserts that there is evidence that at least six species of intelligent beings from other planets, the furthest from 37 light years, have made stopovers and stayed on Earth over the last 2,000 years.

Frank Joyce, a former Lubbock radio newsman, was a young reporter at the time of the Roswell incident and broke the first stories about the reports from the Corona desert. He is a television commentator today at KOB-TV in Albuquerque.

Joyce, when contacted by The Avalanche-Journal to relive his experience, said there was no way he would discuss the incident again by taking a handful of questions.

"It's not the kind of thing that you are asked a question and you answer you went out somewhere and found 3,000 little green men," he said. "It can't be understood unless you have all the documents before you."

He declined comment when asked directly whether there was wreckage of an alien spacecraft at the Brazel ranch in 1947.

"I'm not prepared to tell the whole story," he said.

Heick, however, calmly said, independent investigations have taken the Roswell incident out of the realm of fantasy and will eventually force the federal government to admit alien beings have visited Earth.

"The government didn't get everything (in debris) they thought they did," Heick said, claiming that certain individuals, whom he would not identify, still have chunks of the wreckage from 40 years ago.

"They said it was a weather balloon, but pieces of it still exist," Heick said, adding that there was no way it could have been what the government said it was.

"We're at the tip of the iceberg ... and they (the federal government) know it," Heick said. "Yes, there is proof."

"There were other ranchers who saw things, but after what happened to 'Mac' Brazel, they didn't speak up back then," he said.

Heick said he wasn't surprised that Joyce declined to discuss details of the Roswell incident. "He's declined to talk about it before," Heick said. "What did the government do to keep Joyce and Brazel from talking? Brazel is dead and Joyce isn't talking...."

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UFO comments lacked basis

To the editor:

In the July 17 AP article about the UFO report in Waunakee, Mark Slovak of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) was quoted. Slovak put down the Waunakee sighting without having spoken with the witnesses. (As of two weeks later he still hasn't spoken with them. I know, because I did.)

The purpose of this letter is not to engage in a public debate about Slovak's armchair analysis of UFO's. Rather, it is to inform your readers about the organization for which he serves as "unpaid scientific consultant."

In May 1976, as soon as I heard about the founding of CSICOP (pronounced sigh-cop), I eagerly wrote in to subscribe to its planned magazine. A couple of years later I cancelled the subscription, as I could no longer stomach its unscientific prejudices. CSICOP is rabidly anti-

paranormal, and instead of responsibly investigating claims of the paranormal, CSICOP debunks and scoffs at them.

In 1981, a scandal in CSICOP was revealed. CSICOP had attempted to disprove a certain study by two prominent French neoastronomers, Michel and Françoise Gauquelin, but failed miserably. So it fell back on its own results, and then covering them up. The story eventually came out, however, and has been documented in *Fate* magazine (October 1981) and the *Zetetic Scholar* (No. 9, 1982). The scandal prompted the resignation of some members of CSICOP in protest of its very unscientific behavior (which belied the outfit's name!).

If Slovak is still a member, either he is unaware of the affair, or he simply doesn't care.

Richard W. Heiden
Milwaukee

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More say 'We saw UFO'

MORE sightings of a UFO seen over South Devon in the last few days have been reported — one in Torquay and the other in Newton Abbot.

A woman who lives in East Street, Newton Abbot, said she spotted the mysterious object on Sunday and Tuesday nights in the early hours of the morning.

It has six lights more or less in a circle around it and was stationary for ages in the sky above her house before suddenly moving off.

Another woman said she saw the UFO at Torquay on Tuesday, when the other sightings reported yesterday took place.

Area Group Probes 'Flashes

In The Sky'

By DAVE LESTER
Of The Tribune-Review

It was one year ago this week that Westmoreland County residents searching the heavens for the Perseid meteor shower caught a glimpse of something altogether different.

A mysterious spectral display described as a bright light suddenly appeared. Observers said a spiraling cloud formed around the light which began moving across the sky.

Stan Gordon, of the Greensburg-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, remembers that it appeared about 10 p.m. the evening of Aug. 12.

"Our phone lines were swamped with reports within minutes of the sighting," says Gordon.

While scientific authorities suggested it could have been a fireball or bolide, others speculated that it may have been a rocket experiment that resulted in the release of a barium cloud. But NASA's nearest launch site at Wallups Island, Va., said it didn't come from there.

Gordon says he discounted the theory of a meteor quite early. "We felt because of the long period of time, the fact that it was seen over such a large area and because it matched other reports

from South America that it was not a piece of space junk or a meteor," he says.

But NASA, NORAD and other government agencies could offer no explanation. Then Gordon says he saw an Associated Press story mentioning a Japanese rocket launch. It was three days before NASA was able to establish that the mysterious cloud in fact caused by a Japanese-launched rocket using a new type of fuel to propel a laser-reflecting geodetic satellite into space.

Observers now know that the cloud was caused by a release of vaporizing fuel from the rock booster. At a very high altitude — almost 1,000 miles up by Gordon's reckoning — the gas created a spectral display that could be seen throughout much of the Northeast.

While most of the reports turned into association investigators can be explained as natural phenomenon — everything from weather balloons to meteors — other reported occurrences are not so easy to identify. The center serves as a repository for hundreds of reports of strange happenings.

Gordon says he regards many of witnesses as highly credible sources, including police officers, lawyers, doctors and trained scientific observers. Gordon stresses

that identities of witnesses are kept confidential to prevent possible ridicule.

Gordon has been investigating UFO sightings for almost 28 years but says he has yet to see one. While he doesn't draw conclusions about the unexplained cases, the investigator says hundreds of reports and physical evidence recovered from various sites convinces him that there's something behind the strange phenomena that merits serious study.

Gordon says there has been an upsurge of UFO sightings worldwide and after an unusually quiet July, a wave of UFO and Bigfoot sightings have been reported across western Pennsylvania this month.

In Fayette County, two people observed an unidentified craft hovering low for several minutes before it accelerated at high speed.

Last Saturday in Clarion County, another UFO was reported seen in an isolated area, according to Gordon.

"They noticed an object very close to the ground, rising slowly," says Gordon. Observers say it appeared to change from an elongated rod into an egg-shaped one, bright orange in color with small orange lights around the perime-

ter and the center of the object.

The object ascended to tree-top level, zigzagged before hovering over a field, then suddenly shot straight up and was out of sight in a matter of seconds, according to Gordon.

Gordon has received numerous reports of nocturnal lights making similar zig-zag motions, quick stops and sudden turns not associated with conventional aircraft, and the association has dispatched a team to examine two large circular areas in an isolated section of Allegheny County believed to be connected to a UFO sighting.

"We're not saying this is a landing site, but we're investigating the possibilities," says Gordon.

Big Foot reports started last Oct. 30 in Unity Township after a newly installed electrical fence was broken down. Plaster casts were taken of a large arched footprint — 13 inches long and 8 inches wide, similar to a footprint discovered during a rash of Big-foot sightings in the vicinity of Greengate Mall in 1973.

There have been at least 250 reported sightings of Big Foot creatures across the state. Many of the witnesses describe the creatures as anthropoidal, with characteristics of man and ape often with long hair and arms extending below the knees.

UFO believers

Flushing Township couple investigate sightings of aliens

By MARIO H. HURTADO
Journal staff writer

You are on your way home one night, when all of a sudden you see an oval-shaped craft levitating above your car. As you drive away, the 90-foot long craft follows you. It is completely silent and emits an orange-red glow.

It may sound like science fiction, but to George and Shirley Coyne of Flushing Township, this incident and many like it are documented realities.

The Coynes are state co-directors of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), a national organization that investigates reported sightings of UFOs.

This week the group is trying to educate the public as part of National UFO Awareness Week.

The Coynes hope area libraries will display books on UFOs. They also will speak to groups.

THE COYNES say they are not science fiction buffs, and they do not believe in the occult. George is a retired supervisor at AC Spark Plug, and Shirley is a retired real estate agent.

There are no charts of the stars on the walls of their home, and there are no flying-saucer models dangling from the ceilings.

They only became interested in UFOs, they say, because of the many sightings they witnessed.

They say they believe alien spacecrafts have visited them eight times since August 1983.

THEY KNOW that most will automatically label them as "kooks," but MUFON, the Coynes say, takes a scientific approach to UFO watching.

Now they work as a team, routinely investigating cases such as the one described earlier to see if they qualify as legitimate UFO sightings.

"The first thing we try to do when we get a case," George said, "is discredit it."

"EVEN THOUGH we have seen these things, we're skeptics because we're not sure what we have really seen," Shirley said.

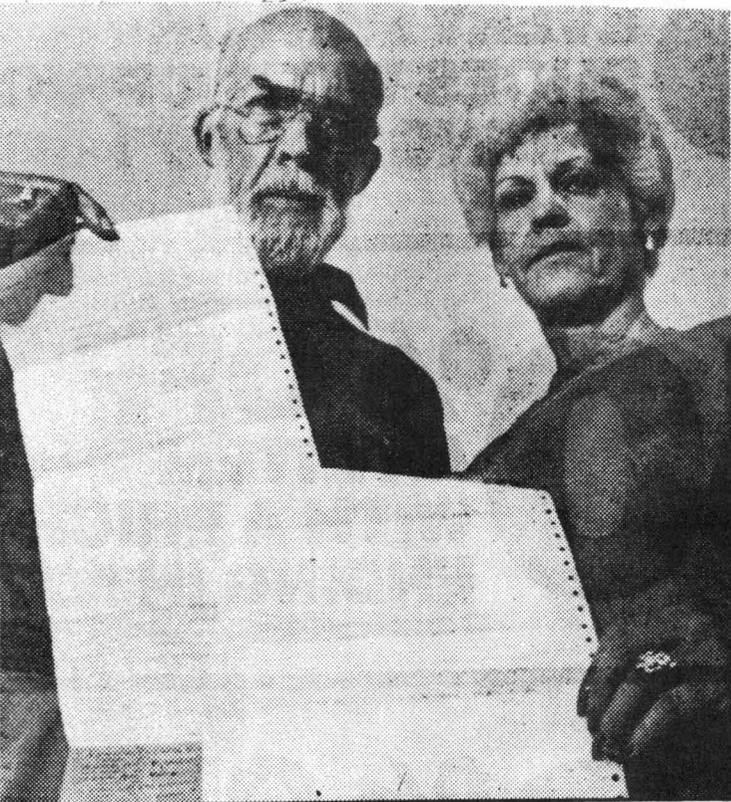
They acknowledge that the thought that extraterrestrial creatures in spacecraft visit our planet is hard to accept. But, although there are many hoaxes and red-herring sightings, they maintain many UFO sightings are legitimate.

"These (people who see UFOs) are all credible," Shirley said.

"You shouldn't be ridiculed because you've had an experience," George said.

"MANY PEOPLE who've had an experience are afraid to talk about it. We want to make the public aware. We want them to know

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George and Shirley Coyne with printouts of UFO sightings.

what is going on around the world and that there is an organization that brings a nuts and bolts attitude to these things."

According to the Coynes, the network has 62 members in Michigan and 2,000 investigators across the country. It also has members in South America and Europe.

The organization, with headquarters in Seguin, Texas, was founded in 1969.

THE NETWORK publishes a monthly magazine and the Coynes put out a monthly newsletter.

In addition to investigating UFO sightings, the network also tracks down claims by people of being abducted by aliens.

Human beings are taken by aliens, the Coynes say, and examined. Extraterrestrials sometimes take skin and blood samples from their subjects, they said.

Those who are abducted usually cannot remember the experience because they were "frozen" in time, the Coynes say.

However, they say, abductees can recall their experiences through hypnosis.

Shirley says the network will try to help any who believes they may have been abducted.

"It's an awful, awful thing to go through and we're just trying to help these people," she said. "And who knows how many thousands of people this has happened to."

Eerie lights spark UFO

hunt

Mysterious lights spotted outside town last week have residents talking about unidentified flying objects, northern lights and satellites.

Lt. Don Williams of the Glenwood Springs Police Department said dozens of residents — including four police officers — spotted the bright, multicolored lights in the sky northwest of town last Monday and Wednesday nights.

No new sightings were reported over the weekend, according to police.

"We've had a number of people calling in, including several police officers, reporting seeing strange

lights about the size and brightness of a star," Williams said Friday.

He said the lights — spotted above Storm King Mountain — varied in color from green to red to blue. They appeared about 11 p.m. and vanished within 30 minutes.

"Everybody is going out at that time of night so they can see for themselves," Williams said.

Officials at the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder said they've heard reports, but had no explanation.

"We don't have the mission or

means of investigating that sort of thing," said Del Kindschi, a public affairs officer at NORAD. He said an Air Force study on UFOs ended in 1969, and there is no ongoing research.

Joe Allen, chief of the solar terrestrial physics division at NOAA, said the descriptions didn't match characteristics of the aurora borealis or solar reflections.

"I don't know of anything that could explain points of light hanging above the horizon in western Colorado," he said.

Williams said a police officer who studied the lights through a small telescope said the phenomenon could

be solar reflections from stationary satellites. However, another officer using the same telescope said the lights looked more like headlights than stars.

Williams discounted speculations about the aurora borealis, the curtain of multicolored lights that is rarely visible in Colorado. He said the lights spotted were dots, not a sheet.

"We're not really speculating about what it is," said Williams, a UFO buff. "There's nothing I'd like more than to see a UFO, but I don't have a real strong feeling about this."

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Resident recalls sighting of an UFO

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By DAVID CAMPBELL
Tribune Staff Writer

UFOs may not exist, but you will have a hard time convincing Roy L. Norman of Mount Pleasant.

In a recent interview, Norman recalled his sighting of a UFO in the mid 1970's.

"It was hot, mid-summer, I don't remember the exact year." He recalled the sighting was during the year a number of Titus County cattle, drained of blood, were found east of Mount Pleasant.

"I was returning home from work at Red River Depot and I had just turned onto E. Ninth Street." It must have been somewhere between

6:30 and 7 p.m., Norman believed. The sun had gone down, but it wasn't dark yet, just dusk dark.

"I had turned the radio on to hear the news, but all I could get was a beeping sound," Norman said, giving a demonstration.

"I tried a couple of other channels, but the sound was on all of them. At first I thought the kids must have tore it up.

Through the trees, Norman said, he saw the UFO slowly descending over the McKellar Ranch near a place called the railroad pool.

Norman, who viewed the UFO from a distance of about two or three miles, said, it had a flat base,

probably as big as the Titus County Courthouse and a raised dome.

A light came from underneath the craft, bathing the countryside in red. "The lower it descended the brighter it became."

Norman described a belt of smaller white lights, like lights from windows, which was visible above the base.

When he turned south toward E. Eighth Street, the beeping on the radio stopped. After arriving at his home, he was joined by several other people viewing the craft. He identified his wife, daughter, Rose, another of his eight daughters, and members of the Roney and Capps

families as spectators.

"The saucer stopped its descent about 100 feet above the ground and hovered there for several minutes.

"Suddenly, it took off. It seemed to rise straight up and to the east."

Norman said the craft was out of sight within a couple of minutes, but it left a trail of smoke which remained in the sky for several hours.

"I had never seen anything like it before or since," Norman said. "I told some people about it then, but they thought it was a joke."

He described his sighting as similar to a sighting reported on the channel three news Wednesday night.

Residents report UFO near Ocala

OCALA, Florida (UPI)— An unidentified flying object distinguished by a maze of lights hovered at about treetop level before disappearing from view in a matter of seconds, police said Thursday.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office received four calls from residents in the Citra area, about 15 miles north of Ocala, late Wednesday

day about a UFO.

A deputy who was dispatched also saw the object, said department spokesman Ken Ergle.

"He saw it hovering over the top of the trees, like it was following the railroad tracks," he said.

"It had a red light on one side, a green light on the other, a white light in the front and a white light

beaming down with sparks coming out of the back."

Ergle said the UFO made no noise and the deputy said it did not have the shape of any aircraft known to him.

"He said he couldn't really tell a shape other than where the lights were, and when it took off it was gone in a matter of seconds," Ergle said.

"It took off at a high rate of speed toward the northwest, toward Gainesville."

Nearby military installations were contacted but all reported they did not have aircraft in the area.

Police have discontinued the investigation and simply classified the sighting as a UFO.

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Kidnappings, policy occupy 'UFOlogists'

WASHINGTON (AP) ⁵¹⁷ Researchers, trying to document that the government recognizes the existence of unidentified flying objects, believe that Washington has tried to keep UFO information under wraps.

"We've been dealing with a kind of cosmic Watergate," said UFO researcher Stanton T. Friedman at a briefing Friday on this weekend's "International Symposium on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, 1947-1987."

Friedman is one of the scheduled participants in the weekend session at American University coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the first reported UFO sighting on June 24, 1947.

A later incident that summer was the alleged crash in July of an alien craft outside Roswell, N.M. The so-called "UFOlogists" contend that the government retrieved the crashed object and covered up all traces of it.

Friedman said that the government has been able to keep the lid on its UFO program, which began with the so-called Majestic 12 group under the Eisenhower administration, because only a few people keep the information.

The only reference to the group in official government documents is a declassified July 14, 1954 letter from Robert Cutler, special assistant to the president, to Gen. Nathan Twining, with a reference to an "MJ-12" briefing.

The "Majestic" group, however, is identified in a "briefing document" on UFO research that a UFO researcher learned about when he received an unsolicited package of film copies of the documents in the mail 2½ years ago.

The researchers won't say they are certain the copies are of authentic documents, but they say they have no reason to believe they are phony.

The more than 350 people attending the weekend session will be dealing mostly with two key issues, said conference spokesman Fred Whiting.

One is the government response to the UFO question. The other focus will be reports of people being abducted by aliens.

Extraterrestrial reports raise earthly questions

By ABE AAMIDOR
The Indianapolis News

Nobody at the Indianapolis convenience store where she works evenings recognizes her.

But 28-year-old "Kathie Davis" (not her real name) is the subject of a book, "Intruders," which chronicles three generations of alleged UFO abductions in the Davis family.

The purpose of the abductions, according to author Budd Hopkins? An ongoing genetic study of the human species, including perhaps artificially inseminating Davis with alien sperm in 1977 and later confiscating her fetus.

If these and other incidents reported in the book seem hard to believe, you are not alone. Even Kathie Davis doesn't know what to believe.

"I feel that even if none of what is in the book could possibly be true, there still is something that warrants being checked into," said Davis, a short, stocky woman with flowing brown hair. "Maybe it's a new form of psychological problem, but there are thousands of people like me around the world."

That is a fact. R. Leo Sprinkle, a psychology professor at the University of Wyoming and UFO

buff, counted 83 people in one study "who have reported facts that could place them in an ongoing experiment" conducted by extraterrestrials, he says.

Douglas Curran, a Canadian journalist who says *he* doesn't believe in the phenomena, after a seven-year study, nevertheless reports meeting hundreds of ordinary people who believe they have been abducted, studied and returned to Earth.

Author Hopkins, who is a successful New York painter and sculptor as well, says he has worked with 145 abductees over a 12-year period, including 15 people who were re-abducted as part of ongoing experiments.

"They are taking something from us that they need, which I believe is genetic material," said Hopkins, whose previous book on UFO phenomena, "Missing Time," explained lapses in memory as evidence of abductions. The current book seeks to explain why people should be grabbed in the first place.

Kathie Davis may have been abducted up to nine times.

She didn't recall the events at the time, but

under hypnotic regression, a technique used to take people back to an earlier age, Davis remembered a dream about two short figures with large heads and gray skin who had probed her with a thin, pencil-like device. That may have been an insemination.

In another possible abduction, on June 30, 1983, a space ship apparently landed at her parents' Marion County home, scorching the earth in the yard and frightening Kathie's mother, who witnessed a free-standing globular light near a pump house in back.

Author Hopkins says he was amazed when he first saw the Davis backyard in the aftermath of the alleged landing. "The soil has been baked to an almost rock-like density down to six or eight inches," he said. Soil samples from the affected area wouldn't dissolve in water, he claimed.

During a later abduction, Kathie remembers confronting the child she believes may have been taken early in 1978.

It was in a large room, perhaps inside a spaceship, and Kathie recalls an "air of excitement" as she waited to meet a girl aged 7 or 8.

Again, recollections are sketchy. The girl appeared small and frail, with snatches of white hair on an otherwise bald pate. Kathie says she had "arresting blue eyes" and a small mouth and ears. "You could have put a dress on her and a pair of taps and she would have blended in," said Kathie. "She would have looked kind of sickly, though."

During the meeting, the little girl presented Kathie with a baby boy to hold. "The way I understood it, the little girl was supposed to learn from me, how I held it and loved on it," said Kathie.

Many questions remain, however. Budd Hopkins' book claims that "positive blood and urinalysis tests confirmed" that Kathie was pregnant before her fetus was possibly abducted, yet the author, the publisher (Random House) and Kathie have produced no documentation.

Hopkins says it was Kathie who made the claim of proof. "I completely accepted her word on it," he said.

Hopkins says he interviewed Kathie's first

Kathie: Soil test condensed

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husband as part of his research for the book, but that neither he nor the husband raised the question of a 1977 or 1978 pregnancy.

A spokesman for Random House said the publisher did not and could not demand documentation for every claim made in the book, but had the author sign a standard form that what he wrote was true.

Kathie says her former doctor has the lab results, but does not want to get involved. She has declined to reveal his name so that he could be questioned confidentially.

Her mother, however, says she had enough proof early in 1978 when Kathie's boyfriend apparently implied he had gotten her daughter pregnant. "I know Kathie was pregnant because the boy came to the door with his mom, and they said they were going to get married."

Both Hopkins and Kathie took soil samples from the Davis family backyard, but only soil provided by Kathie was analyzed, Hopkins says.

The analysis reported in the book was done by Vernon Grebe at a Baltimore lab. Grebe still works for Mobay Chemical Corp.

"Appearance-wise, one soil sample looked like soil and the other sample looked like dried clay," said Grebe, who did not know at the time that he was dealing with an alleged UFO landing site sample. The "affected" area was also low in nitrogen, he reports.

However, there was no sign of hydrophobic soil behavior, or inability to hold water, which is one of the most significant claims made by Hopkins. "It did absorb water very readily," Grebe said.

According to Grebe, this fact was duly reported to his superiors, but does not appear on a copy of a Mobay lab report reproduced in the book.

That may be because the analysis reproduced in the book is not the original one, but is a condensed version produced at a later date at the request of a superior, said Grebe.

Ted Phillips, a research associate with the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago and an expert on physical trace evidence, has seen color pictures of the soil sample, but did not do a laboratory analysis. He says "hydrophobia" is a standard characteristic reported in UFO landing cases, but could be caused by other conditions, such as a fungus. (In another context, hydrophobia also serves as a name for rabies.)

The main tool Hopkins and other researchers cited in the book employed to probe Kathie Davis' experiences was "hypnotic regression." The University of Wyoming's Sprinkle says the technique has its uses, but is limited.

"Use of hypnosis can be helpful but it is not a valid way of proving what happened," said Sprinkle. "I went through hypnosis in 1980 when I was 50 years old, and I believe that I had an abduction experience when I was 10 . . . but most investigators would not consider that evidence unless there was corroboration."

The problem, according to Sprinkle, is that a subject could confuse images from a movie or book with live experiences and merge them unconsciously. Also, people can lie successfully under hypnosis.

Kathie Davis and several other local sources cited in "Intruders" say author Budd Hopkins quoted them accurately and fairly, but that the theory of an ongoing genetic study is all his. Kathie says she is neutral about the aliens.

"All I can say is that I really feel something is going on. I believe that in my lifetime we will find something, yes. There are just too many people affected by this." //

'Aliens have

Author lifts lid on UFO 'cover-up'

FOR 40 years the United States has had an alien spacecraft, complete with bodies, hidden away in the most extensive US Government cover-up of modern times

And the wreckage, recovered from the New Mexico desert in 1947, is only one of several such craft which have crashed around the world and then been kept under wraps, claims Timothy Good, the author of a startling new book*, who has researched the UFO syndrome around the world for the past 30 years.

Although down the years there have been thousands of sightings by highly qualified observers whose statements on any other subject would have been accepted without question official denials and ridicule, helped by much publicised exposure of hoaxes, have helped Governments with their screen of secrecy.

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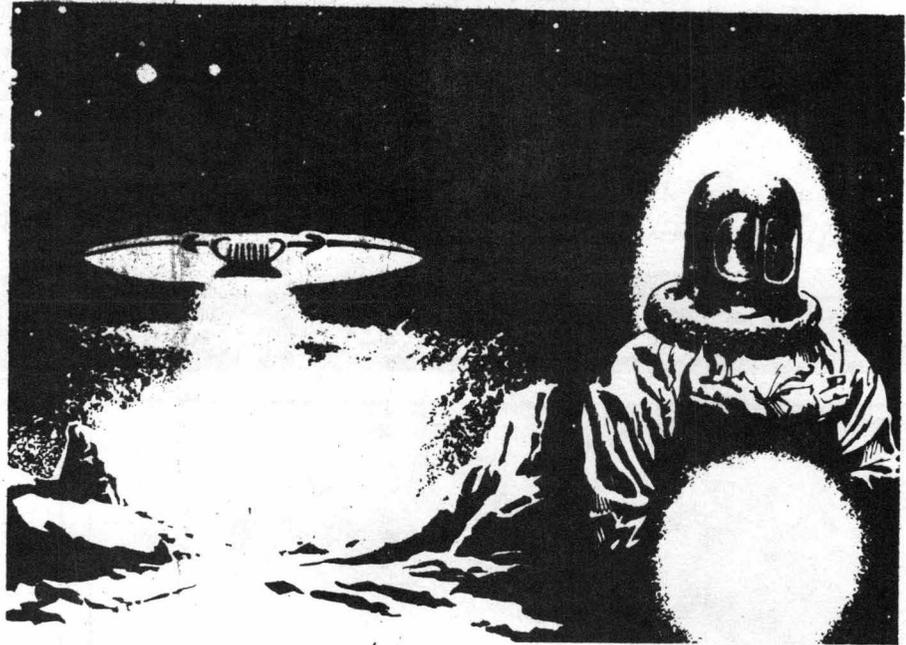
Lord Hill-Norton, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff (1971-73) having sifted through Mr Good's mass of evidence, often backed by documentation and tapes, is very clear on the matter: "While I cannot prove there is a UFO cover-up I believe that Tim Good's book does so," he says.

He adds: "There have been thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of sightings and encounters by people all over the world whose evidence on any other subject would be accepted without question.

"There have been major investigations lasting 30 or 40 years by the Governments of America, Russia and France for certain and probably Britain and other countries.

"At the end of it all today we have no hard official information to weigh against some hundreds of books on the subject by private individuals or groups.

"I claim the charge that there is a cover-up is thereby proved. What I admit defeats me is a plausible reason for it"



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Mr Good says that official investigations into what were then termed "ghost aircraft" began in 1933 when mystery aircraft began to appear in Scandinavia, America and Britain.

Since that time there have been sightings all over the world, often involving thousands of witnesses and ranging from president to peasant. In hundreds of cases the witnesses have been astronomers, scientists, police officers and airline and military personnel.

For most people flying saucers are either fact or fiction but while authority continues to debunk them the evidence continues to mount that there is something strange up there.

A new book reveals amazing evidence including the capture of "saucers" and alien bodies. DEREK NAYLOR reports.

No explanation was ever forthcoming from the authorities.

According to the British authorities records of all the sightings in their possession and made before 1962 have been destroyed, and UFO reports to them have been given pretty cavalier treatment.

Yet Mr Good says that rumours of secret Ministry of Defence research into UFO's have surfaced now and then over the years.

Now he says that he has learned that there is a secret UFO research centre at RAF Rudloe Manor, in Wiltshire, which has some 30 personnel and is permanently manned.

Persistent stories down the years that alien spacecraft have been found wrecked in America and bodies taken from them

are well known to followers of the UFO story but now Mr Good has documented several instances together with the evidence available on them.

Mr Good retells, as just one of very many incidents all over the globe, the story of the UFO encountered by three police officers around Cononley, near Skipton, in 1978, and which hovered only 100 yards from them, a story told here some time ago. In 1980 another police officer got within 20 yards of what he described as a UFO at Todmorden.

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In contact

He says that in 1951 the late General George C. Marshall, US Army Chief of Staff in the Second World War, spoke with a Dr Rolf Alexander and revealed that the UFO's were from another planet and were friendly and he further admitted that there had actually been contact with the men in the UFOs and that on three occasions there had been landings.

In his fascinating 590-page book Mr Good reproduces many documents from various agencies regarding UFO sightings and the procedures for dealing with them. His most sensational come in the last chapter.

Here he reproduces seven pages from a briefing document prepared for President-elect Eisenhower in 1952 which he says were made available to him this year.

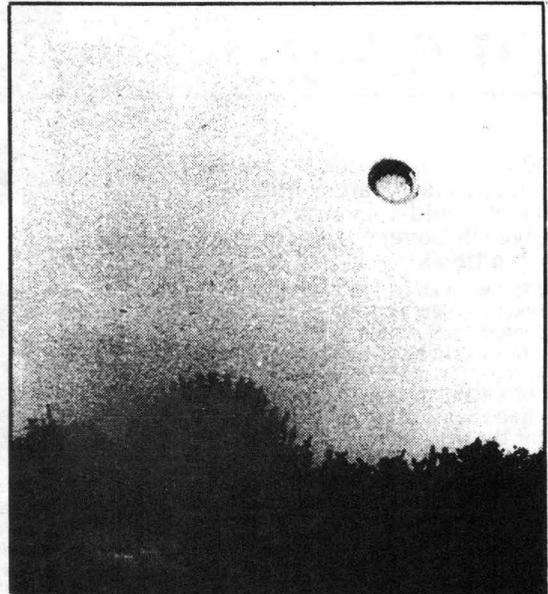
The documents confirm that actual alien bodies were found following the retrieval of UFO wreckage in New Mexico in July, 1947.

"What now seems indisputable is the fact that the United States authorities have actual alien bodies — as well as UFO wreckage — in their possession. It remains to be seen whether further details, including photographs or — dare I hope? — actual exhibits from the recovery as well as others alleged to have taken place will be made available. . ."

If you have doubts, prepare to shed them now. ★ *Above Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO Cover-up*, by Timothy Good (Sidgwick and Jackson, £14.95). Published on July 13.

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New book asks — are we told the truth?



● Famous pictures of past UFO's... cover up or clever trick?

UFO — FACT OR SCIENCE FICTION?

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A FLYING saucer crashes outside a Suffolk airbase and three small silver-suited aliens carry out emergency repairs suspended in a shaft of light. Fact or science fiction?

Another Suffolk airbase is buzzed by a UFO — and fighter planes are scrambled to investigate, but it gets away. Fact or science fiction? Those are just two of the well-known Suffolk episodes catalogued in a sensational soon-to-be-published investigation into UFOs. Author Timothy Good has spent more than 30 years researching the out-of-this-world stories of spaceships and men from Mars . . . and his detailed new book alleges a world-wide cover-up. But the most earth (or

perhaps it should be universe) shattering revelation is Mr. Good's discovery of hitherto classified United States Defense Department documents. It's all top secret cloak and dagger stuff. Operation Majestic 12 was set up to investigate the crash of an alien spacecraft in the New Mexico desert in 1947, Mr. Good claims. Now he has uncovered the secret "For Majic eyes only" memoranda, confirming that alien bodies were recovered from the wreckage. This amazing tale, is of course, disputed by the US authorities, who say the documents are not genuine. Mr. Good, on the other hand, lives in hope that actual exhibits will one day go on display — but he fears they will remain classified "above Top Secret". It is not difficult for officialdom to ridicule UFO researchers as they

By ANDREW CULF

attempt to debunk their somewhat far-fetched theories. But Mr. Good's inescapable point is why the need for cover-up if it's all the work of a feverish over-excited imagination? What have Governments got to hide — and why are they so worried? The two major Suffolk UFO sightings are well known:

BENTWATERS/LAKENHEATH. 1956

At least three different ground-based radar stations at Bentwaters and Lakenheath tracked at least one UFO across the Suffolk sky. Fighter planes were scrambled . . . but the events are now shrouded in the mists of time. Back

in 1972 a defence spokesman revealed that important papers had been destroyed, but Mr. Good says film of the incident exists, although it does not shed much light on what happened.

WOODBRIDGE, 1980

The "landing" in Rendlesham Forest near the Woodbridge base has been the subject of a series of investigations, but Mr. Good provides a comprehensive and ordered account of what may have happened. His treatment is certainly more circumspect than the banner headlines provided in one of the more lurid Sunday newspapers: "UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK — AND THAT'S OFFICIAL".

Well, not quite, but Mr. Good — who gives a mention to the investigations carried out by Star reporter John Grant — certainly makes out the case that something happened in December 1980. The main evidence comes in a written report by Lt. Col. Charles Halt, deputy base commander. With the deadpan title, "unexplained lights" the document explained how nearby farm

animals were in a frenzy as a "strange glowing object" was spotted in the forest. Later the "Halt tape" surfaced, strengthening the theory that something really did happen.

Once again the story is couched in terms of cover-up. Mr. Good writes that former Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton "personally affirmed to me that there has been a cover-up on this extraordinary case". He accused a junior Defence Minister of delay — and says there must have been some significance in the "uproar", unless Lt. Col. Halt was "out of his mind".

The sad — and only — conclusion to be drawn from all these fascinating tales is that the truth may never be known.

People like Mr. Good may help to break down the inexplicable barriers of secrecy, but the final word should be left to a former CIA Director, Vice-Admiral Hillenkoetter.

"It is time for the truth to be brought out . . .

Behind the scenes high-ranking air force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs.

"But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense."

• "Above Top Secret — The Worldwide UFO Cover-Up" by Timothy Good, is published by Sidgwick and Jackson on July 13, price £14.95.



• Making the national headlines

WESTERN EVENING HERALD PLYMOUTH

UFOs spate baffles Polish forces

MEMBERS of Poland's armed forces have sighted several unidentified flying objects.

A newspaper reported that an air force pilot flying near the south-eastern city of Mielec spotted what appeared to be a mysterious aircraft

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"I saw the aircraft passing 60 yards below me and with a plume of bright flames trailing behind, but I was surprised I didn't hear the roar of a jet engine," the pilot was quoted as saying. "The aircraft gave off no sound whatsoever."

Similar sightings have been reported in other parts of Poland including Warsaw, where a group of air force pilots saw an object gliding silently past at an altitude of about 600 yards and trailing two jets of bright orange flame. "It is difficult to suspect that a whole group of people could have suffered a hallucination," the paper commented.

UFO Network emphasizes we're not alone

By Paulette Haddix
For the Post-Tribune

HIGHLAND — The caller said, "I want to report a UFO sighting at 3:52 p.m. on May 1. It was a cylindrical object seen by two witnesses from the Lakeside subdivision in Highland in the southwest sky. It traveled at a high rate of speed from west to west-southwest, moved up, spun in a counter-clockwise direction and vanished. It was silverish, of medium size and was two to three miles from where it was seen."

Then, he took a breath and identified himself as James Hartman from CUFON, the Computer UFO Network.

Our readers keep us informed of all sorts of aerial activities, particularly the releasing of helium balloons, but a UFO sighting isn't the sort of call a newspaper receives every day.

For those of you who don't know, a UFO is an acronym for an unidentified flying object, but CUFON's national director, Dale Goudie, said a more correct name would be UAO, unauthorized aerial object.

From CUFON headquarters in Seattle, Goudie explained he prefers the term UAO because, "They are objects in our air space without FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) numbers and doing maneuvers we couldn't compete with. They are very real."

As far as Goudie and others in CUFON are concerned, there is no doubt about the reality of UFOs. Or, as someone once said, "We are not alone."

CUFON has 1,750 members worldwide and was organized in 1982 by Goudie and others, who split with another UFO watch-group over a difference of opinion.

"We aren't just recording sightings and asking people to believe. Now, we are getting ready to prove the existence of UFOs," said Goudie, 45, who makes his living in advertising.

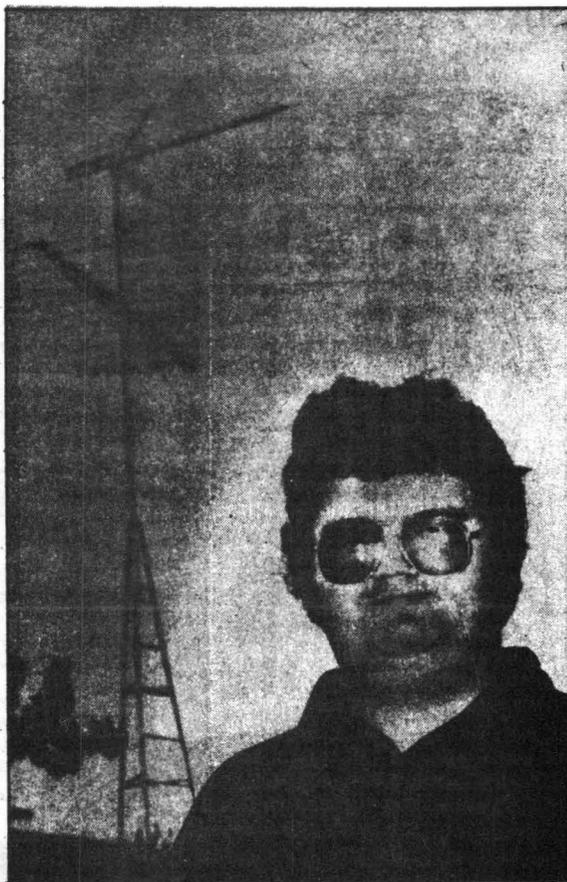
Toward assembling proof, CUFON doggedly pursues tips on sightings that have been documented by governmental agencies, obtaining the documentation through the Freedom of Information Act.

Goudie said copies of those documents are available to people who tap into CUFON's free computer bulletin board service (206-722-5738; 7 data bits/even parity/1 stop bit.) CUFON's regular telephone number is 206-721-5035.

With the bulletin board, people can also submit their own UFO sightings.

"We have 300 UFO cases on-line from the end of 1985 to the present. And from 1947 to the present, we have 60,000 cases off-line, which we use for analysis and research," said Goudie.

But Goudie said CUFON's higher purpose is to disseminate information obtained from government agencies through the Freedom of Information Act. He said that while the government's official stance doesn't acknowledge the reality of UFOs, government correspondence indicates otherwise.



Post-Tribune photo

James Hartman

Hartman, a 22-year-old Highland resident, is CUFON's director of information for Indiana and provided the Post-Tribune with some bulletin-board print-outs. He pointed out that one purported copy of Federal Bureau of Investigation correspondence from 1947 states, in part, "The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your (Army Air Force) inquiries." While in 1966, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wrote a Texan that "the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects is not and never has been a matter that is within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI."

"The cover-up is still going on," Goudie said.

"I think this is one of the most important things going on today. The military is shooting at UFOs, yet says there is no threat to national security. That's like throwing a rock at a bees' nest. They may not sting today, but they may sting tomorrow," Goudie said, noting that whoever or whatever responsible for a UFO may some day take offense to being shot at.

"Maybe this is a threat more serious than the Russians. The American people need to know about UFO activity and should tell the government and the Army what to do about it. We shouldn't leave it up to Army policy."

UFO or UAO, what are they? That's a question Goudie declined to answer. "There has been too much hypotheses already and not enough facts."

But he did say, "A lot of us want to know why they are here."

Goudie doesn't have a friendly curiosity about UFOs. Frankly, he's scared. Because abduction onto a UFO by the too-curious is a possibility, he said people should be warned to stay away from any unusual object on the ground.

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'Dancing Lights' Have Some Believing in 'Flying Saucer'

Statesboro Bureau

NEWINGTON - Wanda Alcorn and dozens of her neighbors along the Savannah River don't care if anybody scoffs at this. They saw what they saw, she said.

For the past 10 days much of the talk around this south Screven County town has been of a UFO - an unidentified flying object; in particular, a giant, oblong, brightly lighted object that hovers and flies noiselessly and once, the night of July 13, landed in a field 100 feet from the Alcorn residence.

"I know I'm not crazy because 50 of us can't be wrong," a raspy voiced Mrs. Alcorn said. "You're talking to a person who had a ... mind closed to this kind of stuff before this happened."

Since the initial sighting, the same object reportedly has been spotted several other times in the vicinity. The most recent sighting was reported Monday night.

Additionally, sightings of "dancing lights" - smaller saucer-shaped objects - have been made, she said.

Thus far, the sightings seem to have been made only by private citizens. No police officers that patrol the area have reported any sightings.

But the sightings have caught the interest of the National UFO Center in Chicago, which is reportedly planning to send an investigator to

the area this week to look for evidence of the UFO.

An unconfirmed report of a similar UFO - spotted before news of the Screven County sightings leaked out and cited by Mrs. Alcorn - came from North Augusta, S.C.

Mrs. Alcorn, her husband Frank, who is a deputy sheriff in Effingham County, and their two children were returning from a family gathering around 9:45 the night of July 13. When they pulled into the driveway, Mrs. Alcorn said, the car headlights flashed across the object sitting in a nearby field near a barn.

"We cut the car off and watched and my husband said 'What the hell is that?'" she recalled.

The next day, the Alcorns measured three apparent "pod" tracks - some type of impression in the grassy field - set in a straight line that measured 69 feet from first to last. Grass in the impression areas is beginning to spring back upright but is turning a yellowish color, she said.

The object rose, moved silently across the field, nosed up over the treeline and some power lines and disappeared in a flash, according to Mrs. Alcorn.

The next night, about the same time, the object returned again, she said. This time, several dozen people lined the road to see the object fly along a nearly identical path. This time, it did not land.

DANE COUNTY CONT

Tuesday - the day two Waunakee police officers reported seeing a round thing with red and blue lights up in the sky - fell right in the middle of the bureau's "Madison in Motion" campaign. The promotion, offering hotel discounts and "10 days of non-stop fun" on and around the Capitol Square, according to Yttri, was aimed largely at Milwaukee and

Chicago. 3

Could it, perhaps, have attracted visitors from way, way beyond its target area?

"Maybe they saw our ad," Yttri says.

Unlike Belleville, where merchants were still selling UFO buttons, bumper stickers and T-shirts months after separate January and March sightings, Waunakee has yet to hitch its wagon to a star ship. Maybe you need two incidents to capitalize on the idea, suggests Waunakee Village Clerk Bob Ohlsen.

"I'll let you know after the next one," he promises.

But Pat O'Malley, proprietor of O'Malley's Farm Cafe in Waunakee, notes that the village's proud "Welcome to the Only Waunakee in the World" sign already has grown a hand-lettered addition: "Land of Milk and Martians."

No, O'Malley says, he hasn't noticed any peculiar new customers. He points out, however, that his restaurant's ad slogan is: "Only 10 Minutes Away from Anywhere."

It all depends on how fast you travel, he explains. From Times Square, for instance, you'd have to clock 6,000 miles an hour.

From Neptune? O'Malley isn't sure, but he's working on it. //

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UFO sighting reported in Tier

A handful of Windsor residents reported a close encounter with an unidentified round object with blinking lights about 10 p.m. Wednesday night.

Windsor Police Chief John Grey said he received two calls about a dark object that moved slowly across the sky. One witness described the object as dark green and saucer-shaped.

"I didn't see it myself, but I wish I was invited to some of these backyard parties," Grey said.

Air traffic controllers at Edwin A. Link Field reported no unusual activity Wednesday night. Balloons are normally prohibited to fly at night, they said.

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Can Dane County cash in on its UFOs?

By JOANNE WEINTRAUB

Journal Madison bureau

Madison, Wis. - With Dane County's emergence as the UFO capital of the US - a position it achieved last week with sightings in Waunakee, following several earlier reports in and around Belleville - a question begins to take shape amid the flashing of lights and the whooshing of strange cigar-shaped objects:

What are the economic development implications?

If, as the people at Chicago's Center for UFO Studies said the other day, the skies over Madison's exurbs are now denser with inexplicable phenomena than any other air space in America, aren't there some promotional possibilities here?

"The thought is kind of exciting," admits Diane Yttri, marketing director for the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Photographic evidence

American's search leads to Meier's pictures

By GARY KINDER

Second in a Series

Wendelle Stevens had retired from the Air Force in 1963 after 23 years of active duty. UFOs (unidentified flying objects) had piqued Stevens' interest even before the term "flying saucer" was coined in June 1947.

Stevens' first involvement with a UFO came after World War II during a debriefing in which one of his crews claimed it had spotted a "bogy" flying at an altitude much higher than they were capable. Later, Stevens himself clocked one of these "bogeys" on radar. It was traveling 7,000 miles an hour.

"Based on my previous experience in the Air Intelligence Center," Stevens said, "I was convinced that there was no Earth technology capable of producing air vehicles that could fly at thousands of miles per hour and make sharp angled turns at such high speeds, stop and even reverse instantly, stand still in the air, descend and ascend vertically at low and high speeds, land on the ice and water, and submerge underwater and emerge again and fly away."

Stevens began collecting articles and books on the UFO phenomenon. In a short while he had acquired some of the first UFO photographs ever published and began to exchange copies of these photos for new ones taken by amateurs as sightings became more prevalent.

LIGHT YEARS

By 1976, Stevens' library on UFOs included 700 books and nearly 3,000 photographs, probably the largest private collection in the world, and one that was used extensively by documentary filmmakers.

Letter to Stevens

Lou Zinsstag, the grande dame of European ufology, and Wendelle Stevens had never met, but Zinsstag knew of Stevens' reputation for analyzing photographs. In the summer of 1976 she had written to Stevens, telling him briefly about the Eduard Meier case and mentioning the photographs taken by this one-armed, unemployed security guard.

Prior to her letter, Stevens had heard nothing of the Meier case, but he knew Zinsstag by reputation as well as through correspondence, and he doubted her fascination with the case was unfounded. Though she was vague about their content, Zinsstag had 12 photographs she wanted Stevens to see, and instead of sending them by mail as she had often done in the past, she wanted to bring them herself from Switzerland to Stevens' home in Tucson.

Stevens examined each print carefully, holding it up to the light and tilting it. In 30 years of collect-

ing and analyzing photographs of UFOs, Meier's photos were the most spectacular he had ever seen.

Stevens decided the case was worth an on-site investigation, and he made arrangements to fly to Switzerland to meet Meier.

"I'm just going to go over real quick and take a look," he told his friends Lee and Brit Elders. He hoped to get prints of some of the Meier photographs for his collection, and mainly "to look the man in the eye to see if he's telling the truth."

During his four days in Switzerland, Stevens accompanied Meier on several long walks into the forest behind the farm, and when the weather turned bad he sat with Meier in the kitchen for hours poring over photo albums and talking.

Unexplained stories

Stevens had investigated more than 100 cases in a dozen countries. He had walked landing sites, handled evidence and talked to witnesses. But the Meier case was different. Too many seemingly honest people had too many stories about Meier that couldn't be explained — people who had watched him closely, had waited for him to slip and had never seen anything suspicious.

One of the most common stories Stevens heard was about the time the Pleiadians had teleported Meier out of his office. The office had one window and one door, both locked



American Wendelle Stevens was astonished at UFO pictures like this one taken by Eduard Meier.

from the inside with a key. One afternoon at least two people saw Meier enter the office, but no one saw him leave. Yet later in the afternoon, when everyone thought he was working in his office, he suddenly showed up on the road in front of the farm, briefly disoriented, and three men had to break down the office door to get back in.

Stevens returned to Tucson with 130 new color photographs, several hundred roughly translated pages of the contact notes, and many statements from witnesses who described seeing things unimaginable.

"He came back shaking his head," remembered Brit. "He didn't

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know what to do. He spent three days at our house saying, 'You're not going to believe it. You've got to go. You're not going to believe it.'"

London trip

In April 1978 the Elders had to travel to London on business. When Stevens heard about the trip he immediately suggested it was a perfect opportunity.

At the end of March Stevens flew to London with the Elders, and after a two-day sweep of their client's offices, the three of them reserved berths on the night train from London to Zurich and departed the evening of April 1.

Because of Stevens' prior visit and continuing long-distance relationship with Meier, the man and his family accepted the Elders immediately. During the day Meier accompanied them on drives to give them a feel for the countryside. At night they ate with the family at the farmhouse and listened to Meier's stories of the contacts.

They had been taking place now for over three years. In all, Meier

claimed to have met face-to-face with the Pleiadian Semjase or one of the other Pleiadians more than 100 times. The notes had grown to nearly 3,000 pages of conversation on interstellar travel, life on the planet Erra, universal law, advanced physics, archaeology, astronomy, creation, the fate of other human races, the destiny of planet Earth, and spiritual societies obscuring even that of the Pleiadians. Only 14 days before their visit Meier had had another contact.

Melted metal spoon

One evening the Elders and Stevens sat in the kitchen listening to stories from people who had seen Meier do things no one could explain. Among the favorite stories told by witnesses who had seen Meier do unexplainable things was the time during a discussion he had melted a thick metal spoon in his bare hands. Meier had been stirring his coffee when, to emphasize a point, he raised the spoon out of the coffee and shook it. The raised spoon suddenly had turned to a silver liquid in his hand and dripped onto the table. Several people had seen this.

“I asked them to give me a piece of the beamship.”

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— Eduard Meier

As he listened to the story, Stevens said, "Man, why didn't you save the liquid?" Nobody had thought to do that. With the liquid in small puddles on the table, someone had simply wiped it up with a damp cloth. But the story got Stevens thinking out loud. "God," he said, "what we could do with a piece of metal."

When Stevens said that, Meier stood up from the table and said, "Just a minute."

He walked out of the kitchen and they heard his footsteps heading out to the barn.

Returned with samples

"He came back with this dilapidated, dirty, filthy cardboard

box," remembered Lee.

"I asked them to give me a piece of the beamship," said Meier, "but all they brought me were some metal samples."

Meier started to unwrap the little packages and one after another out came a small rock specimen or a crystal or a shiny fragment of metal.

"They told me that the metal is in four states," said Meier. "Here are the notes I made."

Had kept specimens

In each cubicle, brown and somewhat faded, lay small pieces of paper, Meier's handwritten notes on each of the specimens, describing briefly what each was and from where it came. According to the notes, one of the samples he unwrapped represented the next-to-final stage in a seven-step process the Pleiadians used to make the metal substance that comprised the hull of the beamships. On the table glistened a half-inch triangle appearing to be an alloy containing silver and gold.

Stevens had always told the Elders that pictures could be faked, but one thing that could never be

faked was a piece of metal exhibiting unusual, possibly unearthly properties. However, this solid kind of evidence rarely accompanied UFO cases. In all of Stevens' experience such an intriguing piece of evidence had arisen perhaps twice. Yet Meier had been sitting on these specimens for more than three years and he had made no attempt whatsoever to use them to sell his story to Stevens, to "prove" he was telling the truth.

Meier gave several metal and crystal samples to Stevens and the Elders to have them analyzed back in the United States if they desired. Now nearing the end of their five days in Switzerland, they had many signed witness statements and several items that could be tested in a laboratory by a scientist — photographs, metal samples, sound recordings and movie footage.

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Accusations fly as 'ufologists' air concerns

By Billy Cox
FLORIDA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Two million people watched two mammoth unidentified flying objects cruising at low altitudes between Argentina and Chile on the afternoon of Aug. 17, 1985.

Soil and vegetation samples underwent significant biochemical changes following a UFO landing at Trans en Provence, France, on Feb. 8, 1981.

After cataloguing nearly 6,000 UFOs over 40 years, the Italian government in 1984 directed its

air force to keep a lid on the investigations.

Such claims were made here Saturday by UFO investigators from around the planet as the International Symposium on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena entered its second day.

The meeting, at American University, drew more than 400 people, along with representatives of an assortment of media, including Penthouse magazine, the Voice of America, Strange Magazine, Omni magazine, the

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Soviet news agency Tass, WKSG-FM in Detroit and the People's Daily newspaper of China.

They registered to hear international speakers from as far away as Australia and Great Britain accuse their respective governments of UFO cover-ups.

Dale Goudie of Seattle, displaying documents that report on an Air Force investigation of a purported UFO landing at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico in 1980, asserted he was getting support from a handful of congressional leaders to conduct hearings on the phenomenon.

“We are not going after these things as UFOs,” Goudie said, distributing documents that he obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and that were compiled by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

“We're going after it as a national security problem,” he said. “If these bases were indeed penetrated — as they apparently were — then the NSA (National Security Agency) should have interpreted that as an aggressive act, as an act of war.”

“This information is available to anyone who knows what to ask for,” Goudie said. “I think the records are compelling, and yet most Americans aren't even informed about it. For some reason, the mass media is reluctant to pursue this thing and I don't understand why.”

Tom Dooley of San Antonio, who said he worked for the NSA from 1978 to 1982, also voiced concern over the alleged UFO penetrations of Kirtland

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“Yes, it does disturb me,” he said. “Not because there were necessarily these UFOs that got in, but because it means that anything could get away with something like that.”

Dooley said the NSA isn't involved with collecting UFO data.

“I'm sure if they were so concerned about flying saucers, they would've said something to me about it,” he said. “I was a founding secretary for the Fund For UFO Research back in 1978. I made no secrets about it. I even had bumper stickers pasted on my locker.”

The premise at the symposium this weekend has been that UFOs do exist. In paying homage to the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a former Air Force investigator and UFO skeptic-turned-believer, Temple University historian David Jacobs said Hynek's death last year marked the end of an era.

If a new era is emerging in “ufology” — the study of UFOs — it is concerned with the recent and prevalent accounts of people having been abducted for short periods by alien beings, some say.

“Now, we're in a situation of looking back at the external characteristics of the phenomenon we've compiled over 40 years, and looking ahead to the motivations of the intelligence behind the phenomenon,” Jacobs said. “We are on the verge of an intellectual breakthrough of incalculable ... importance.”

Attendance figures at the conference exceeded expectations. “We thought maybe we'd get a couple of hundred people,” said Dooley. “But we hit the 400 mark ... and we had to start turning them away.”

In the auditorium lobby, the audience pondered a universe of unusual souvenirs, from a \$2 poster of a face-like rock formation on Mars photographed by the Viking spacecraft, to \$55 worth of photocopied UFO-related documents acquired through Freedom of Information channels.

For Zhang Yunwen, a Washington correspondent for China's People's Daily, the UFO symposium was too good a story to pass up.

“No, I have no information on attitudes of our government on the UFOs,” Zhang said. “I don't think our government is involved. But I do believe readers in China are interested in this.”

“It's not religious, it's not superstitious — it's a mystery. You can be skeptical about this, but I think there are quite a few good sightings which need some kind of research.”