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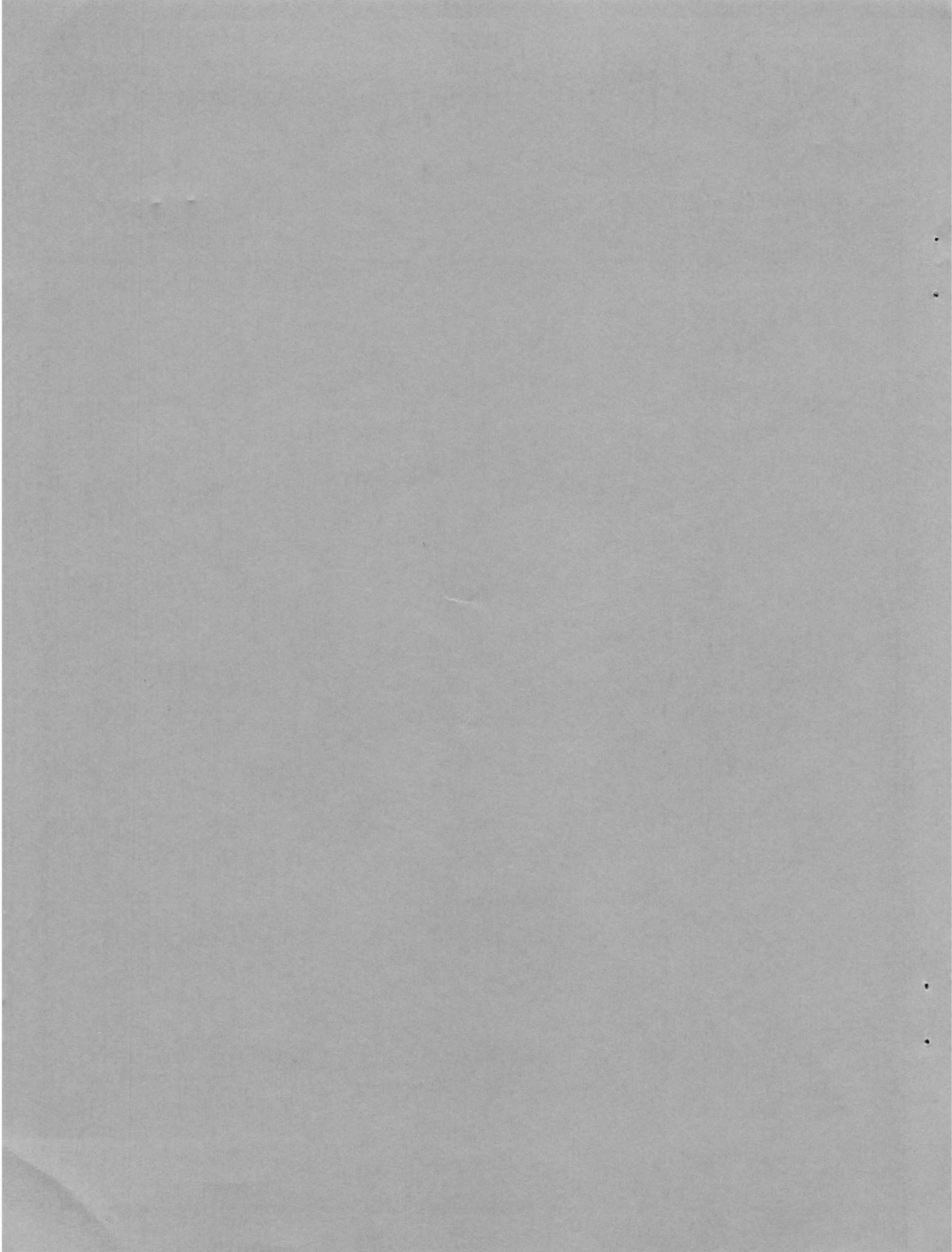
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Did mini-UFO buzz US passenger jet?

DID A tiny UFO buzz a jumbo jet at 29,500 feet, or was it only a weather balloon?

That was the question facing the Federal Aviation Administration recently — and it remains unanswered.

According to the pilot of Delta Flight 1083, the object appeared to be a missile about four feet long, with fins that were each about a foot high. There was no exhaust.

Passengers

The missile seemed headed straight for the Boeing 737 before passing to the side and slightly below. The jet was carrying 60 passengers. It was 31 miles northeast of Charleston, West Virginia.

Said Delta spokesman Bill Berry: "The pilot saw it. It was there. Then it was gone."

FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen believes

... mysterious encounter remains unsolved

By EDWARD REYNOLDS

the object may have been a balloon.

Said Bergen: "Balloons can travel pretty far. We don't acknowledge the existence of UFOs."

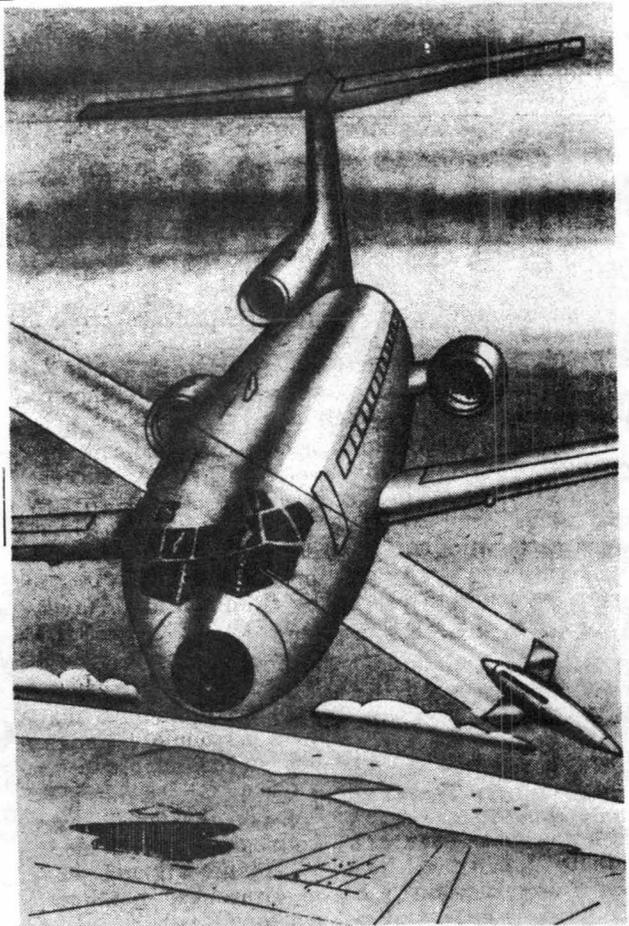
No balloons

But Jim Harrison, a National Weather Service meteorologist at Huntington, West Virginia, said it was virtually certain that the agency had no balloons airborne near the site of the encounter.

Said Harrison: "I can't imagine a pilot not recognizing one. They are pretty easy to identify."

And Major Larry Ice-nogle, a spokesman for the

Pentagon, told reporters that the Defense Department had absolutely nothing to do with the incident.



FOUR-FOOT UFO missile narrowly missed jumbo jet.

Bird? Plane? Refrigerator? Flash in sky a befuddlement

BY JANICE JOHNSTON
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A fireball shot through the sky north of Denton last night, causing no damage but leaving law officers scratching their heads after a flood of calls.

A meteorite probably caused the split-second flash that appeared on the National Weather Service radar screen about 8 p.m., said meteorologist John Jarble at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

Collin County sheriff's dispatcher Tammy Smith said: "We've been getting calls on everything from a refrigerator to a B-52 falling out of the sky. We don't know what it is."

But Jeff Puckett, Denton County sheriff's deputy, said, "We haven't had any fireballs, meteorites, UFOs or anything. It's been a very routine night."

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Jarble couldn't say whether the callers saw the same thing that appeared on the weather service radar screen.

"It may have been unrelated," he said. "We just don't know."

"We saw what appeared to be a bright ball of fire," said Dallas Love Field Tower Supervisor Clyde Ledgerwood. "It lasted half a second to a second. It extinguished, leaving a bright trail."

The blazing object was many miles north or northwest of Love Field, Ledgerwood said. "It did not reach the surface. It extinguished in the sky."

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said there were no plane crashes in that area yesterday evening.

Ledgerwood said a rash of phone calls, "mainly from the media," plagued his office directly after the sighting.

Smith said several sheriff's deputies drove to the Collin-Denton county line, about 35 miles north of Dallas, to check for meteorite fragments or anything else out of the ordinary.

"Apparently it's just falling stars," Smith surmised. //

Richard Parry of 61 Maes Barcer, Caernarfon, convinced he saw a U.F.O. over the estate

CAERNARFON & DENBIGH HERALD

AUG-19 1987

Heavens — it's a UFO! says man with a 'vision'



WHEN Richard Parry saw a blindingly bright light in the sky after getting up in the middle of the night he thought it best not to share his vision with anyone.

So Mr Parry, of 61 Maes Barcer, Caernarfon, kept "the sighting" under his hat — until he discovered that another man, living near Cader Idris, had seen the same light during the same night at the same time.

His conclusion was that he and the other man had witnessed a UFO.

"It happened about two weeks ago. I woke up on a Saturday morning about 3.50 am and saw this pointed light

By Belinda Lewis

that looked like shining glass. I was quite frightened for a while," said Mr Parry, who went to make some tea after seeing the light, which had disappeared when he returned about 15 minutes later.

"It couldn't have been a star because it only had one point on it. The rest was circular. I saw it quite clearly," said Mr Parry, who has seen an inexplicable bright light once before.

"The last one, I saw on October 11, 1967, near Maesincla School. That one was a different light — very beautiful — and I thought it was the star

of Bethlehem because some people believe Christ was born on October 11 and not December 25."

However Mr Parry was convinced that he was "seeing things" and sought treatment from a psychiatrist. "He said there was nothing mentally wrong with me, adding it would probably mean that luck was on its way," he said. "And I have been lucky. I've kept healthy."

Philip Curtis, secretary of Gwynedd Astronomical Society, said Mr Parry may have seen a very bright meteor. "I can't confirm that there was one because I have no record for that date, but it's perfectly possible," he said.

YORKSHIRE POST LEEDS
AUG-18 1987

Strange sightings on the UFO watch

STRANGE objects have been spotted in the skies over North Derbyshire, say Unidentified Flying Object watchers who have set up a 24-hour telephone hotline to receive reports of sightings.

UFO Hotline was established earlier this summer in Batley, and the organisers have received reports of sightings from as far afield as Blackburn and Birmingham.

A couple holidaying near Matlock saw a large, triangular object, covered in small lights, moving slowly and silently above Bonsall Moor. And a couple from Hasland, Chesterfield, saw a bright object behind their house, displaying eight glittering lights. They took three photographs, which are now being analysed in America.

DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH
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UFO hovered over house says mum

STARTLED neighbours watched in amazement last night when what they described as a UFO hovered only feet above their homes.

The round object, said to be about "as big as a car" and covered in bright lights, split apart before flying off, claims housewife Mrs Joyce Potter (24).

She claimed that her three-year-old son, Jason, a neighbour and three other women also witnessed the UFO hovering silently for about 20 minutes late last night.

Mrs Potter, of 6 Devon Close, Chaddesden, said: "We saw these big lights coming over. There were quite a few ladies on the front, they were screaming and shouting.

"I went to see what was happening. It was round with glass windows on it. There were nine or ten lights on it, they were green, red, orange and yellow. It was about as big as a car."

Next door neighbour Mrs Christina Carter (56) said she had heard a commotion and had got up to look out of her bedroom window. She had seen the women in the street and said they were excited about something, but she did not see the UFO.

A spokesman for East Midlands International Airport said air traffic controllers had spotted nothing unusual on radar screens last night.

A spokesman for Derby police said no reports of a UFO had been received.

WORSLEY JOURNAL BOLTON AUG-20 1987

More checks on UFO sightings

TWO readers' letters to the Journal office concerning unidentified flying objects have attracted interest from an authority on the subject.

Stephen Balon, a member of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, has been investigating UFO's for the past 20 years, and

was intrigued to read in the Journal about a recent sighting over Swinton.

Mr Balon, who lives in Leigh, thinks that the sighting in Swinton and a second over Bolton (see Letters page this week) on Aug. 7 may be linked to three sightings of a similar-looking

cylindrical red and orange flying object in the Pennington and Leigh areas on Aug. 9.

Mr Balon, whose organisation is affiliated to the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, would like anyone who has seen a UFO to write to him at 10, Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, Leigh, WN7 3HL.

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●WATCHING: Mrs Sandra Bryan checks the skies for Unidentified Flying Objects.

Probe launched into UFO claims

UFO investigators were today compiling a dossier on the Evening Telegraph's startling revelations about the appearance of a 'strange round object' over a Derby suburb.

Shocked reports from all over the city have now flooded in and investigations will be starting on the various sightings.

A deluge of calls was triggered by accounts of a mystery object, said to be about "as big as a car" and covered in bright lights hovering over Chaddesden before splitting apart.

Pensioners Mr Bill Hislop and his wife Joan, of 122 Weston Park Avenue, Shelton Lock, saw an object hovering over the nearby Rolls-Royce computer centre for about 10 minutes late on Sunday night.

Mr Hislop (67) said: "It was travelling very slowly — at first we thought it was a helicopter because it was about that size. It had green lights as big as a football, flew towards us and then off towards Chaddesden."

Housewife Mrs Sandra

by David Welford

Bryan (37), of 195 Beaufort Street, Chaddesden, said: "Seven of us must have seen this object at about 11pm.

"At first we thought it look something like the star of Bethlehem because it started to glitter. Then it changed shape to an arrow. We watched it for about 20 minutes. Everyone was very scared," she said.

Mr Dennis Harriman, coordinator of the National UFO Investigation Society, said he would be very interested to hear as many detailed reports of the sightings as possible.

'Very scared'

He said: "We'll be investigating the events as soon as we get enough information. Derbyshire is the most active county in the Midlands for sightings and it's not very often we get a hoax — especially when there are so many reports."

A spokesman for Nottingham Weather Centre said there had been some unusual atmospheric conditions over the last few days which could account for the phenomenon.

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH
AUG-17-1987

Motorist spotted a mystery flier

³¹²⁸
A WOMAN on a car journey to Luton Airport hit the brakes in horror when she saw what she believed to be a UFO.

And exactly what she did see is still a mystery, with police unable to shed any light on the sighting — made on the A1 near Wyboston in Bedfordshire.

Gaye Pollard, of Scotts Road, Glington spotted a circular object "with a V-shaped side and three lights flashing" while travelling

with sister Fay to pick up her stepson Martin from Luton Airport.

But police say that they have heard nothing which might explain the sighting.

Said Gaye: "I have always scoffed at the idea of flying saucers but I couldn't make sense of what I saw".

"At first I thought it was a low aeroplane, then a balloon, but both me and my sister are convinced that it couldn't have been either of these."

DAILY EXPRESS, LONDON
AUG-21 1987

TWO POACHED EGGS

³¹²⁸
AN unidentified flying object has snatched two chickens from a farm in Chions, Northern Italy—according to two eye-witnesses. They say the flying saucer zapped the hens with a blue light beam before carrying them off. There have been 20 UFO incidents in the area since August 1.

It can get very hot in Italy in August. . . .

EVENING NEWS LONDON
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Pilot in a close encounter

A BRITISH airline pilot claims he saw an Unidentified Flying Object during a flight from Greece.

The UFO was also seen by pilots of two other aircraft as it crossed the sky above the Italian city of Vicenza, near a U.S. base.

The sightings were confirmed by police.

The Italian defence ministry has refused to comment on the incident, but the country's civil aviation authority has ordered an inquiry into the fast-moving, bright objects.

WIGAN OBSERVER LANCS SEP 12-1987

Couple spotted UFO

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A Winstanley couple say they had an encounter with a UFO this week.

The couple, who refused to be named, say that at just after 10 pm on Monday night they were walking along the road near their home when they saw an orange glow in the sky over Winter Hill.

"It was as if a very large object was stationary in the sky near Winter Hill," they said. "It was there for several minutes before fading away. The object then re-appeared and we watched for some time before it just seemed to race off at a very high speed."

Chorley Police said they had had no similar reports.

US bomber was hurled into space by UFO

A MISSING United States warplane is entombed in ice 6,000 miles above Earth — directly over the Bermuda Triangle, reveals a leading researcher.

The bomber and four others were hurled into space by UFO aliens, contends Ufologist Wesley Bateman, of Po-way, California.

He maintains proof of his mind-boggling revelations can be found in photographs taken by Apollo II astronauts.

Bateman believes the story of the airplanes' strange frozen graveyard in space began when the bombers dropped depth charges that damaged a UFO.

"When the UFO rose out of the water to avoid further damage, its rapid departure created a vortex, sucking up a lot of seawater and the planes along with it," he explains.

Bateman adds he made his discovery while watching a videotape on UFOs. After viewing the tape repeatedly, he says he noticed a strange object allegedly photographed by crewmen of the Apollo II moon mission.

"The heaviest part of the plane — the nose — is pointed toward the earth," Bateman told a top science magazine. "And you can easily recognize the bubble turret and the tail."

He believes the discov-

ery may close history books once and for all on the 42-year mystery.

On December 5, 1945, five Navy torpedo bombers left Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a routine training mission.

Three hours later, the planes and crewmen were missing. A rescue plane was immediately dispatched to the Bermuda Triangle, but the plane and 13 crew members also mysteriously vanished.

Radio transmissions that were recorded by ground control suggest foul play by UFO aliens.

In one chilling message the flight instructor of the bomber group said: "Don't come after me; they look like they're from outer space."

Extraterrestrials may have built a base beneath the sea in the Bermuda Triangle, says researcher Dr J. Manson Valentine of Miami, Florida.

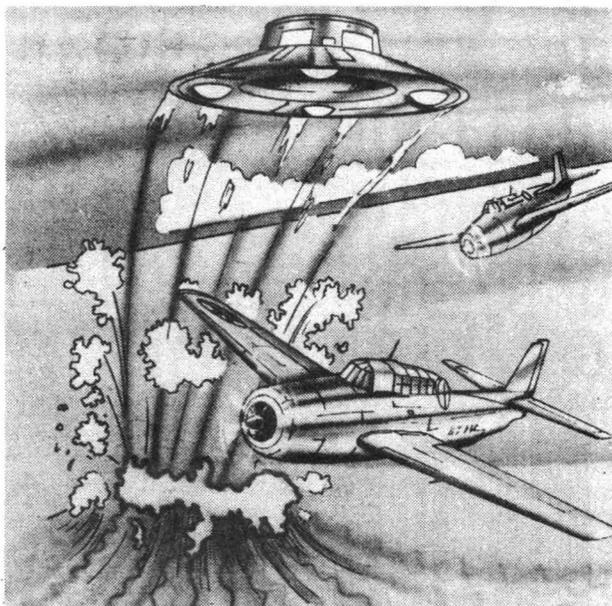
"The ocean floor beneath the Triangle is an ideal place for an alien earth station," he told reporters. "For years, I have said the place is a gold mine of natural resources."

"My research has already proved that there is evidence of lost civilizations under the sea in that part of the world."

A third Ufologist, Japan's Dr Keiji Nakamura, states Bateman's vortex theory is "entirely

credible." Adds Nakamura: "While I haven't seen the photographic evidence that Mr Bateman has seen, my research indicates that such an event could have taken place. It is highly probable that the planes were indeed sucked into space."

"I have been to the Bermuda Triangle on several occasions. I believe an advanced race of space aliens has established a satellite station there."



UFO RISING rapidly out of the water created a vortex, which sucked up the planes into the Bermuda Triangle.

● LIGHT YEARS

Suspend disbelief and read *Light Years* by Gary Kinder (Viking, £10.95). Subtitled 'The Best Documented UFO Case Ever', it tells the story of Eduard Meier, who says he first saw an alien spacecraft when he was five and a half years old. He then began receiving telepathic messages: the first was from Sfath, human but immeasurably old and occupying a spacecraft, and who was

Meier's 'spiritual mentor', preparing him for contact with 'higher life forms'. Next was Asket from the DAL universe, who continued teaching him, and then a visit from Semjase. Semjase was a female from the Pleiades star system, who told Meier that he had been chosen to provide proof to the people of earth of the existence of intelligent extraterrestrials.

LOOK NOW LONDON SEP-1987

The Pleiadians' mission was to guide earth in its 'spiritual evolution'. Why, you might wonder, would ETs bother with us? It seems that the Pleiadians had discovered earth thousands of years ago and some of them had stayed and mated with earth humans. The Pleiadians want to help the earth humans 'avoid the setbacks experienced by their Pleiadian ancestors'. Over the years since his contact with aliens, Meier has amassed hundreds of photos, sound recordings and has written records of his meetings. A metal sample from the 'beam-ship' has baffled experts and scientists at NASA and IBM are intrigued by his films and photos. Is it all an extremely sophisticated hoax by a brilliant fraud? Possibly.

But Meier has had only a primary school education, has been employed only in menial jobs, and lives in a rural Swiss village with his wife and three children. He has very little money and is disabled, having only one arm. He could not have afforded, known how to, or physically have managed to put together such a complex hoax.

It's a fascinating book, and although poorly written, its subject matter is compelling. Read it and decide for yourself if we have really been visited by aliens from outer space.

Seen and Heard in Our Neighborhood

REGARDLESS OF how one feels about UFOs, two recent reports from areas southeast of Muncie are enough to make us wonder.

In each of the reports, there were several similarities — objects with bright white lights and occasional red, green and amber lights moving slowly, sometimes stationary, then moving at incredible speeds across the sky, and never any sounds.

The first report was from a woman living in Modoc. She said her aunt, who lives south of Modoc, has been seeing UFOs almost every night for some time and is frightened by them.

At one time, the aunt reported her sightings to a Winchester newspaper, and a reporter went out one night but saw nothing. She said he believes "they" — those operating the UFOs — knew the reporter was coming and stayed away that night.

The Modoc woman said she spent 4 hours at her aunt's house one night recently and "I saw a dozen things I can't explain."

In the latest report, a young housewife and mother of two young boys who lives south of Parker City said she first saw a UFO on Aug. 9, 1983. "My husband was gone on a business trip, and I was driving home about 11 p.m. with my infant son when I saw this object as I came up over a hill.

"It was in front of me to the right and followed my car. I watched it for about 10 minutes; it frightened me. It was different from the others — round with three red and three green lights in spirals like confetti hanging out of the bottom. It would stop and hover, then it zipped away."

She said she next sighted a UFO in April of this year, again while driving home on Ind. 32 east of Muncie. Her husband recalls that she ran into the house very excited, calling for him to come outside to see the object. "It was across the road about a quarter mile away — a bright white light down low over some trees.



Floyd Creech

"It was a quiet night, but there was no noise — it was really eerie. I got in the back seat of the car, and my wife drove slowly down the road from our house while I watched it. It stayed parallel with the car, and I felt like my hair was standing straight up. I got out of the car to watch it, and it passed over our car with the lights off, but I could make out a faint shape.

"We saw it off and on later that night; it seemed to be cigar-shaped with a white light in the center. It moved around, changing directions,

and made jerky, erratic movements. Then it took off toward Muncie at an incredible speed and disappeared in about two seconds."

Another time, his wife said, an object followed her car on the way home. As she turned a corner, it came down near the road in front of her about 60 feet away and appeared to be about three stories high. "I reacted by blowing my horn and accelerating, and it veered up and away," she said.

On Aug. 23 of this year, an object appeared to be following her car. On arriving home, she and her husband called the sheriff's department and a deputy came to their home. After observing the object for a time, he called in with a report that "there's something out here." She said he turned off his headlights and turned on his red, flashing light, at which time the object reacted violently.

She called an Indiana National Guard office, which reported having no aircraft in the area, then called an Indianapolis radar control office, which reported nothing on scopes in the area. The radar office gave her the telephone number of a UFO Reporting Line in Seattle, Wash., which expressed interest in her report and sent her a questionnaire to fill out and return. She was also contacted by a representative of the UFO center who lives in North Vernon, Ind.

Last week, a friend and I spent 3 hours one clear evening at the couple's home in hopes of witnessing whatever it is that is disturbing them, but we saw nothing unusual. They agreed to call me, regardless of the hour, if they see more of the objects.

Pure logic makes it difficult for me to believe that our planet is being observed by extraterrestrial beings, but it is also difficult to discount reports by seemingly intelligent people of occurrences for which there is no logical explanation.

Floyd Creech is a contributing writer to Our Neighborhood.

SALFORD JOURNAL
LANCS
AUG-13 1987

**'UFO'
SIGHTED**

SIR - Last Friday, about 9.30pm, I saw an object flying very low over Swinton. It seemed to come from Wardley and followed Chorley Road, passed right over Station Road, over B and Q, and the last I saw of it, it was over Swinton Precinct.

The large object was brightly lit, orange lights were glowing and it made no sound. It was NOT an aircraft.

I would be interested to know if anyone else saw this rather strange sight.

**'Interested',
(Name and address supplied).**

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**UFOs remain a mystery,
 Stanford professor says**

By Carol Christ
 Times Tribune staff

Unidentified flying objects remain a mystery to society, despite a history some believe stretches back to Biblical days, a noontime lecture audience heard Tuesday.

"All we have are reports," said Stanford University astrophysics professor Peter Sturrock. "What lies behind the reports we still don't know."

Sturrock was speaking on "The

Evolving UFO Phenomenon" to 40 listeners at the Technology and Society Committee's (TASC) bi-monthly meeting.

Sturrock, a professor at Stanford's Center for Space Science and Astrophysics, was conservative in approaching the topic.

He began the talk by telling the audience that he had "better get his beliefs out of the way" first.

"People ask me if I believe in

Please see UFOs, A-4

ARAB NEWS, RIYADI, SAUDI ARABIA AUG 11 1987

So what is his theory?

Sir,

If Mr. Francis A. Andrew (June 11) chooses to maintain that it is absurd for the UFOs to be from outer space, then what in his opinion are they?

It is, of course, true that we believe in a phenomenon only when we can prove its authenticity scientifically. But there are many phenomena which still remain unexplained. The UFO is one of them.

On the same day Mr. Andrew's letter appeared, *Arab News* published a report on UFOs and the extraterrestrial beings (page 9) with a drawing of a UFO occupant as seen and depicted by some who saw the alien being. This figure with a bubble-shaped humanoid head with large oval slanting eyes (as described in the report) cannot be simply

the uncanny sketch of an idle brain. In the same report we read that Budd Hopkins, the author of *Intruders* told a recent international conference on UFOs that in researching his book he had interviewed more than 140 people who claimed to have been abducted by aliens and taken into space ships. Hopkins was also quoted as saying that drawings of the aliens drawn under hypnosis by various abductees were also quite similar.

Yet, Mr. Andrew dismisses the aliens as a 'funny bunch'. How sad!

The very fact that several respectable international publications are showing interest in UFOs itself proves that 'something fishy', maybe sinister too, is lurking around the corner. Who knows, it maybe a foreboding of an impending catastrophe.

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flying saucers and I say, 'No, I don't believe in flying saucers, but I realize they may exist whether I believe in them or not,' Sturrock said.

His lecture began with the Bible, which some perceive to be the first record of UFO citations.

Sturrock cited a passage mentioning the "host of the Lord: a burning shield by day and a burning tower at night."

He said that many interpreted that to be a UFO sighting.

Sightings increased in the 1940s, Sturrock said.

During World War II, he said, the Germans, the Japanese and the Americans all had accounts of UFOs but each assumed it was a secret weapon on the other side.

In 1947, an air rescue pilot named Kenneth Arnold, who was a deputy sheriff in Washington state, saw something fly through the air that he had never seen before.

In an attempt to explain to the media what he had seen, he said he had seen nine silvery objects that were flying at about 1,700 mph.

He described them as flying disc-shaped saucers.

One audience member asked Sturrock what probability he gave for aliens visiting Earth.

"I'm not going to give my own answer; I'll give another," said Sturrock.

He said that a 1972 survey of astronomers gave estimates ranging from .000000001 percent to 1 percent probability that aliens had visited Earth.

One audience member told the group he had seen a UFO aboard a ship near San Diego as a young sailor. "It was like a fire ball. It stopped when it got here and then took off in a 90 degree angle." He said the UFO was about seven miles from the ship.

He then said the navy debriefed him and told him not to mention the incident to anyone.

They told him it was part of an experiment they were conducting, he said.

We Are Not Alone

Experts Believe UFOs May Have Visited Norristown Area

By JUDY BACA
OF THE TIMES HERALD

It arrived in 1976. But Kathleen Teti remembers the spaceship which hovered over her front lawn in the northeastern end of Norristown as if it were yesterday.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," she recalls. "My husband had just pulled his car out of the driveway and I looked down, thinking about doing my laundry. Then I looked up again and it was there, just hovering at the edge of the drive."

Teti says what she saw on that early spring evening appeared to be a vehicle, "...one whole piece with bubbled out windows from floor to ceiling. From one side, the ship appeared to be cigar-shaped but I think, if I could have seen all the way around, it would have been round. It just hovered and never landed but, if I had had a six-foot ladder, I think I would have been able to climb on board. There was no sound and it had blue and white lights."

Although she watched the craft and its inhabitants for 15 minutes and heard reports of at least two other people in the area seeing a similar sight, she didn't report the incident at the time because her family feared the publicity would bring on "weird phone calls."

Then, about three years ago, Teti read an article written by Philadelphia writer Tom Cleary on unidentified flying objects

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing... I looked up again and it was there, just hovering at the edge of the drive."

KATHLEEN TETI
UFO Witness

(UFOs) and she decided to get in touch with Cleary to tell him her story.

Cleary visited Teti and brought along Dr. David Jacobs, Temple University instructor and UFO expert. The two tape recorded Teti's recollection of the event and asked her if she could make drawings of anything she saw.

"I told them I couldn't draw but I would describe everything," she says. "Then they asked me to look at a book of pictures to see if anything looked familiar. I was so amazed, when I got to about the fourth page and saw the pictures they had in the book because the creatures were what I had seen."

Through the craft's large windows, Teti says she could see two aliens and two earth people occupying the ship's three compartments.

"There were two aliens," she says. "They were about four feet tall with large heads and big round saucer eyes that were dark brown. They had two holes for their noses. They didn't have all the rest of the nose we have.

They had a slit for the mouth but no lips."

Teti says the aliens were wearing silver metallic gowns with rolled collar and cuffs, that both were bald and looked the same so she couldn't tell "if they were he's or she's."

Continuing, she adds, "They had very long fingers, five on each hand, but the third and fourth on each hand were longer than ours. And, they had pointy ears."

Teti did not recognize the earth people on board but remembers that the woman "looked like she was in a trance and kept looking in front of her. She had on a printed dress with no sleeves, had auburn hair and was very light-complected. The man had glasses, a mustache and a cigar. He wore a jacket with tiny checks, a white shirt and tie."

Placing her hand over her eyebrows in a position of searching, Teti says the man was peering through the window in that fashion.

As the ship hovered, tilting from side to side, she says she could clearly see into two of the ship's compartments.

"The first one consisted of white formica-like counter tops with buttons on top," she says. "Each button had hieroglyphics and the buttons were all different colors. They were about 3 inches by two inches in size and were red, blue, purple, orange, green and pink. There were two leather-back chairs with very high backs and there was a red shag rug on the floor and on the wall behind the chairs. (The compartment) had an elevator door that opened to the side and had an arrow on it."

In the second compartment, Teti saw four more chairs placed on a platform, as they are in a van. The woman was sitting, mesmerized, in one of the chairs close to the window and the man was looking out of the windows. The two aliens entered the compartment through another elevator-type door.

"I could see no feet," recalls Teti, "but (the creatures) floated and each had the woman under the arms to lift her up. The man still proceeded to look out the window and the lights were on in all three compartments inside."

It was when she called to her then 9-year-old son, Paul, who was lying on the living room floor, to come and look, that Teti says the UFO suddenly rose in a jerking motion and soared over the water tower which sits back of her family's property.

"I think the sound of my voice did it," she says. "It just went

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Times Herald Photo by Robert Martin

Kathleen Teti shows how she stood in her front doorway in 1976 and watched as a UFO hovered over her front yard.

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whoop, whoop, whoop. I ran to the back of the house but it was gone."

Teti concedes that the story is hard to believe. But, she says, "It's a part of history. It's here and it happened. I don't feel that it was a bad thing. I told Dr. Jacobs if he wanted to give me a lie detector test or some other kind of test, I would be willing."

Jacobs teaches the only regularly scheduled university course on the UFO phenomena, "UFOs in American Society," at Temple University. He is also the author of "The UFO Controversy in America," published in 1975 by Indiana Press, and has been called in to verify numerous UFO sightings.

"The key thing," he says, "is to see, does the report fit into the pattern of other reports? Another issue is the credibility of the witness. (Teti) is not a lunatic or practical joker type. This is not part of her personal-

ity. This is something that happened once in her life. It's not a pattern of events that she sees nightly."

Noting that 99 percent of all hoaxes fit into two categories: those perpetrated for money or told in a bar and passed along, growing as it moves, Jacobs continues, "She did not embellish or elaborate. She is a good, solid, upstanding citizen, not a person who is trying to make a buck off it. She's not

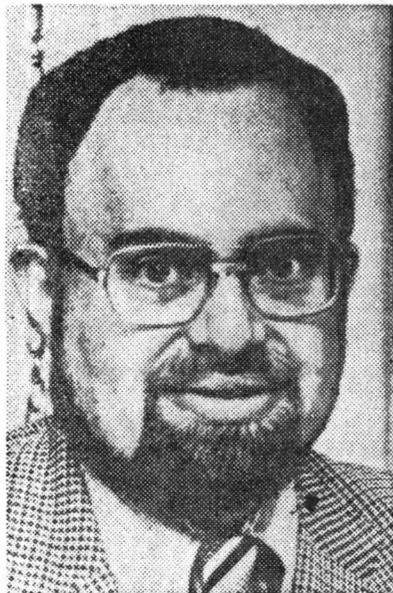
telling it to gain fame or fortune. So, you have to ask why in the world someone would bother to tell the story if it wasn't true?"

The only patterns this fits are what we consider legitimate."

At the time, Teti notes, her oldest son told her a teenager in his crowd of friends had reported seeing something similar and the daughter of another woman in the area told Teti's son her mother had seen the same thing at the same time. But she has never talked to either of them.

Adding that she did not have any fear during the incident and would welcome the opportunity to have another such experience, she laughs and says, "Next time I'll have a camera ready."

Extraterrestrial Visits to Earth Reported for 40 Years



Government Suppressed News of Possible UFO Crash in 1947

... the largest government study of UFOs... "Project Blue Book," "was a cover operation for a much more sophisticated effort" conducted by other major government agencies. . .

STANTON FRIEDMAN

By JUDY BACA
OF THE TIMES HERALD

It's been 40 years since aliens from other planets began regular visits to earth, according to Stanton T. Friedman.

A nuclear physicist who spent some 14 years working on a variety of advanced systems such as nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets and nuclear power plants for space applications, Friedman has spent the last 29 years seriously studying any and all evidence that earth is being visited by intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles.

Friedman recently spoke to a captive audience which filled the auditorium at Immaculata College when he addressed the topic "Flying Saucers ARE Real" and presented his side of the story he calls a "Cosmic Watergate."

A strong proponent of the theory that an unidentified flying object (UFO) crashed in a re-

mote area of New Mexico, about 75 miles northwest of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field), in the summer of 1947 and that the subsequent finding of four bodies in the wreckage have long been covered up by the United States and Canadian governments, Friedman noted that this was his first lecture to discuss "just uncovered documents arising out of the Majestic-12 incident."

According to Friedman, Majestic-12 was the code name given to the top secret group appointed by then President Harry S. Truman to study the crashed craft and aliens. He claims a special scientific team took charge of removing the bodies and wreckage of the craft to several different locations for study.

The scientist explained that he and other UFOlogists have examined thousands of documents obtained under Freedom of Information in the United States

and Access to Information in Canada which show that the United States and Canadian governments have known for more than 40 years that some unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are of extraterrestrial origin.

Friedman also noted a press release was first distributed by the Army air force at Roswell stating that a crashed disc had been recovered. Shortly afterward, the head of the Eighth Air Force announced a mistake had been made and that the crashed object was only a radar reflector from a weather balloon.

A native of New Jersey, Friedman is currently a resident of Fredericton, Canada. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from the University of Chicago.

Between 1970 and 1982, the physicist worked as a full-time speaker making presentations on the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) at more

than 500 colleges and to numerous professional groups in 49 states and eight Canadian provinces. In addition he appeared on radio and TV shows from coast to coast, including two spots on the Merv Griffin show.

While continuing research into UFOs, Friedman has served as a consultant to industry on nuclear and technological projects. He has also authored various articles on such topics as the use of nuclear power in space, nuclear medicine and irradiated food for astronauts.

Friedman began working in 1982 with writer William L. Moore and Los Angeles television producer Jaime H. Shandera on a research project involving anonymous government agents.

In a press release accompanying copies of the recently uncovered documents distributed at his lecture, Friedman wrote that a number of agents have shared tips and dialogue which allege that UFOs are definitely "extraterrestrial spacecraft and that certain elements of the U.S. intelligence community continue to maintain a high-level but covert interest in this phenomenon at a time when official position statements assert that there is no government interest whatsoever."

According to Friedman, the largest government study of UFOs, done in 1954 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, and published under the title "Project Blue Book," "was a cover operation for a much more sophisticated effort" conducted by other major government agencies including the CIA and FBI.

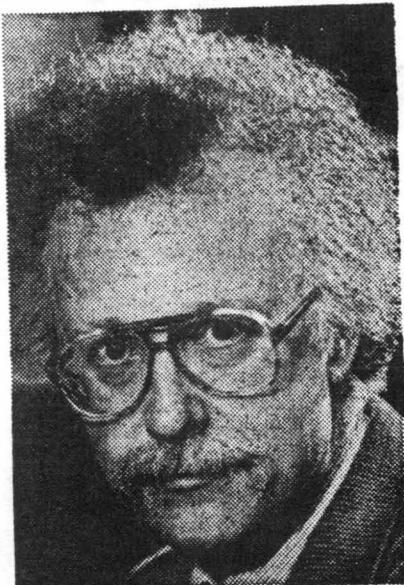
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"More than 3,000 sightings were investigated in that report," Friedman said, adding that, after all the statistics were calculated, three percent of those sightings could be classified as "unknown." Still, he said, "'Project Blue Book' was

Jacobs is a U.S. history instructor at Temple University. For the past 10 years he has also taught "UFOs in American Society," the only regularly scheduled course on UFOs at a university.

Jacobs explains that the 40 years of sightings originally began with the June 24, 1947 observation of Kenneth Arnold, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in Wash-



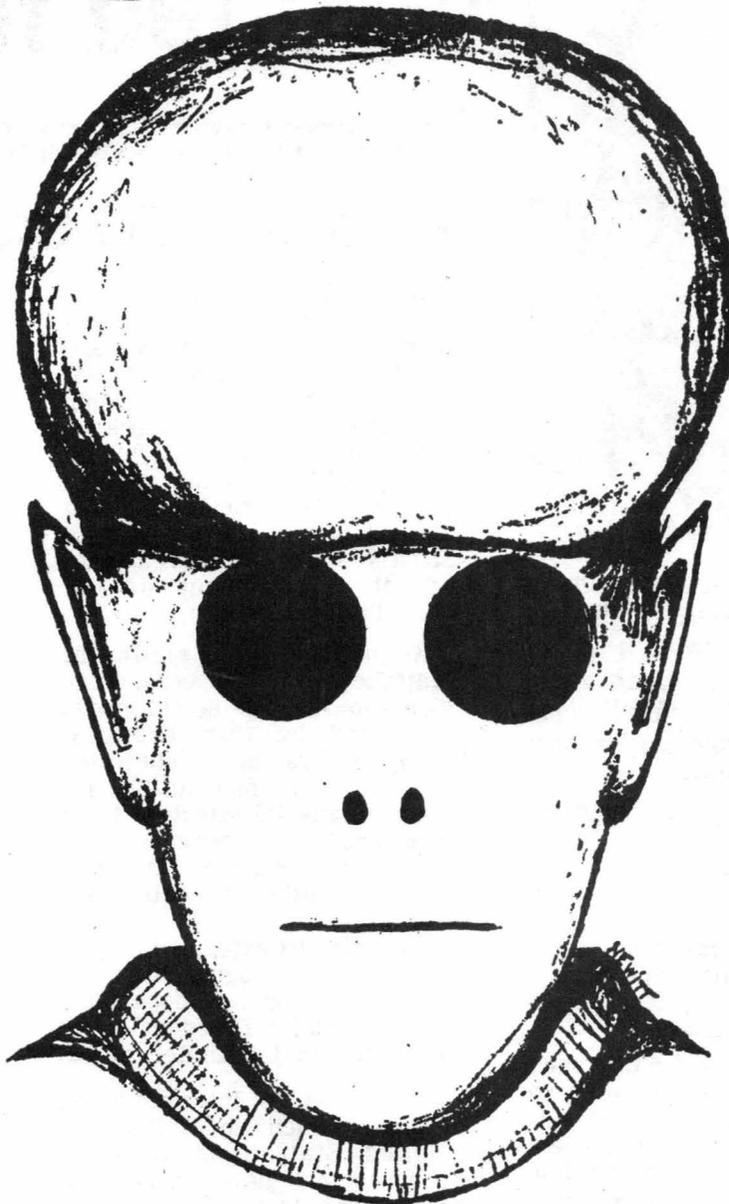
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DR. DAVID JACOBS

never mentioned in nine negativist books published against flying saucers."

Friedman claimed the "government has 160 documents which it refuses to release on UFOs." He reasoned that "big shots have not jumped on the UFO bandwagon" for four reasons: (1) Ignorance of the relevant data available; (2) The fear of ridicule or the "laughter curtain," which keeps people from reporting sightings, editors from assigning stories, and so on; (3) The ego of scientists who believe aliens who visited earth would certainly contact scientists first; and (4) An unwillingness to use technology to investigate observations.

Dr. David Jacobs agrees with much of what Friedman advances.



An artist's rendition of Kathleen Teti's description of the creatures she saw within the craft which visited her front lawn.

Jacobs says he became interested in the subject of UFOs as a student in 1965 and "by 1969 or '70 I had read most of the works on the subject and realized that it was something important."

He completed his doctoral dissertation on the controversy about UFOs in America at the University of Wisconsin in 1973. The dissertation was published by Indiana Press in 1975 under the title "The UFO Controversy in America."

ington State. Arnold observed nine flying disc-shaped aircraft traveling in formation at a high rate of speed.

Following that sighting, says Jacobs, "The UFO phenomena came into being full-blown overnight. Suddenly there it was and everyone began reporting it all at once. We figure UFOs began to appear regularly then."

He says there had been earlier reports of unidentified flying objects, such as mysterious airships in 1896 and 1897 and ghost rockets from Scandinavia in 1746, but with no technology available to study the observations at the time, they could not be verified.

Jacobs now specializes in UFO abductions, working with people who claim to have been taken into alien spaceships, undergone tests and questioning and then released, usually after being given the hypnotic suggestion to forget the incident.

"We have been very, very much involved in what they call the 'abduction phenomenon,'" he says. "Intense research is now focusing on that."

He says he thinks abductions started at the beginning of the UFO sightings but a lot of those abducted were children at the time. They have read of other incidents and have vague memories of something happening to them so have started coming forth.

"We finally have the tools to find out about the incidents," Jacobs says, referring to hypnosis techniques to help the abduction victims recall the incidents, "and we also have had an increase in the number of incidents. Both things are working together."

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Acknowledging that "there is no established route" to becoming an accredited authority on UFOs, Jacobs says, "The problem with this subject is that anybody and his brother or sister can become a self-appointed authority or expert. Actually, there are only about 20 or 30 people in this country who know what they are talking about. It takes a lot of common sense, reading everything in the field, and being able to separate the signal from the noise. And this is not easy to do.

"You must be very skeptical and very open-minded at the same time," he continues.

UFO scholars have discovered certain common characteristics among authenticated stories, known in scientific circles as "the signal."

Jacobs adds, "... the scholars in the field are pretty much in agreement on what the signal is. We feel that there is a certain criteria for legitimacy and, if people meet that criteria, they have a good chance of having their stories put into the hopper of data."

Noting that publicity about sightings, UFO movies or TV shows seem to have little effect on the number of sightings reported, Jacobs adds, "UFOs seem to be unrelated to societal events." He says they are also not related to one country over another, the education of the sighter or any other known common denominator.

"You would be surprised," he

goes on, "we don't have many crazies. The hoaxes and psychotic reports make up a tiny fraction of the events we hear about. ... I have been doing research for 22 years and have personally never come across what I consider to be a hoax."

Well-acquainted with Friedman and his theories, Jacobs claims he has great respect for Friedman and his research. However, he will not go so far as to support Friedman's theories on the government cover-up of the 1947 Roswell, N.M. incident.

"I believe that something crashed in Roswell, N.M.," Jacobs says. "What it was, I'm not sure. I believe that there was an Air Force cover-up but I still don't know what it was. ... I believe the whole history of UFOs makes sense without the UFO crash and I have to wait until those documents are authenticated before I believe there is anything there."

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Poland's army paper reports UFO sightings

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's official army newspaper reported that several military pilots spotted mysterious objects flying silently over the country at high speeds, and it asked readers to report any similar incidents.

"Object Sailed Without Sound — Unidentified Flying Objects Over Poland" read the headline Sunday in the army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* (Soldier of Freedom).

"I saw a plane passing about 60 yards below me with a plume of bright fire trailing it. I was surprised, because I should have heard the roar of a jet engine, while the plane passed by me without a sound," the article quoted the pilot of an AN-2 plane as saying. The Soviet-designed AN-2 is not a jet. It is a single-engine craft capable of carrying 12 passengers.

The newspaper did not say when the incident occurred but said similar reports had been received from other pilots.

The article also gave a report of another military pilot describing a UFO sighting but did not say when.

It quoted him as saying, "That night we were to practice interception. All of a sudden someone cried out to look up.

"Right above us an object was sailing eastwards at an altitude of some 600 yards. ... It was literally sailing by, as no sound could be heard. Physically, it seemed impossible."

A third incident reportedly occurred in July 1983 when two pilots received orders to intercept an airborne object.

"After I got to a distance of 300 yards, I noticed its strange shape," the article quoted a Lt. Marek J. as saying, without giving his last name. "It was something that did not resemble anything flying in the air. The object was an oblong cylinder."

According to the lieutenant's account, the object seemed to toy with his jet fighter until finally, "as if bored," it sped out of sight.

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U.F.O. Stakeout: A Polite Request To Land in Rain

By MICHAEL WINERIP

PINE BUSH, N.Y.

The worst thing about being a U.F.O. photographer is it's a full-time job and you don't make a cent. "It's ridiculous," said Ellen Crystall. "I've got over 500 pictures of U.F.O.'s — I spend thousands on developing — and I get no ending at all."

Ms. Crystall was sitting in her favorite U.F.O. field here, off Searsville Road. It was pouring and she wasn't optimistic. "Hey ships! Come on ships!" she called. "It's pointless — ships don't come out in the rain."

Ms. Crystall doesn't have time to waste. She is studying for her Ph.D. in the highly respected New York University music program. She holds a part-time word-processing job. U.F.O.'s cut into my work time," she said. Oh yeah, and my music." Several days a week she makes the 90-minute drive to this popular U.F.O. spot from her parents' New Jersey home.

She gets no cooperation. "The ships intentionally interfere with the camera," she said. "I've tried to get U.F.O. pictures developed at Automat? The lab guys think there's something in the negative and don't print it. They don't realize the little dots surrounded by black are U.F.O.'s. "You've got to take it to a custom lab," she said.

Ms. Crystall and her U.F.O. associates, who all hold down jobs during the day, know some people think this is crazy. "I don't care," she says. "If a friend isn't interested, I don't impose my views." However, she does feel a duty to complain to newspapers if their U.F.O. coverage is weak. Her letters are well written. The letterhead says, "Ellen Crystall, U.F.O. photographer." The signature says, "Ellen Crystall, Ph.D. candidate."

Some have suggested that she stick to more traditional photo subjects — Ms. Crystall won a 1981 contest in The Bergen Record for a photo of the Capitol in Washington. Her music has been played on radio stations WNYC and WFMU. But Ms. Crystall says that ever since she saw her first alien in 1971, she has believed in U.F.O.'s. "The being had a very large head and a rust-color stretch-knit jump suit," she recalled. "I said, 'Oh my God, they have stretch knit fabric!'"

She estimates she has seen 1,000 U.F.O.'s. "It's ridiculous," she says. "So many!" There are a couple of airports near here, but Ms. Crystall says it's easy to recognize a U.F.O.: "It comes from looking at so many. I can feel them. Even if something looks like an airplane, I'll say, 'wait a minute, that's a ship.' It might have yellow lights — planes don't have yellow lights."

She joined several U.F.O. associates for dinner at the Magic Chef here recently. There was John White, a speechwriter for a Connecticut company who has published 13 books on paranormal phenomena and is running a U.F.O. conference at the Ramada Inn in North Haven Nov. 7 and Nov. 8. Dan Shenefield, a postal worker was there, too, with his wife, Marianne.



Ellen Crystall

"I was 11 when I was first abducted by aliens," Mrs. Shenefield said between bites of the lobster special. "What did I know? I thought he was from the next town. He looked like a Chinese guy in a scuba diving outfit."

"Naïve," said Ms. Crystall. "Naïve." "In '52, what did anyone know?" said Mrs. Shenefield. The Shenefields like to U.F.O. watch near a New Hampshire airport. "A National Enquirer reporter came once," Mrs. Shenefield said. "He was a skeptic and then U.F.O.'s came and it blew his mind."

"Marianne has info there should be something at 8:40 tonight," said Mr. White.

"Eight-twenty," Mrs. Shenefield said, "What we're looking for is a triangle-shaped ship."

"Triangles are a dime a dozen up here," said Ms. Crystall.

After dinner, they stopped by a home owned by a local teacher who is a U.F.O. regular. Over cake and coffee, Ms. Crystall showed photos she had taken. To the untrained eye they looked like dots of light in dark skies, but the more experienced U.F.O. people were impressed. Suddenly the teacher said, "What's that light out the window?!"

"A car," said Ms. Crystall.

"Oh, right," said the teacher.

Later, four of them sat in their cars in the rain for more than an hour. Mr. White stood in the field with his umbrella and tried for a better view, but there was nothing. "When you see one, it's fantastic," Ms. Crystall said. "Makes up for all the wasted nights." She was home early, by 11.

The Stewart Airport fire chief, Arnold Messer, has heard the U.F.O. tales. "There's a group of pilots from the airport near here at Stormville who like to pretend to be U.F.O.'s," he said. "They fly in formation for just that reason." He said they put different color lights on their planes to fake people out. "We see them," he said, "we just say, 'the boys at Stormville are at it again.'"

Asked about this the next day, Ms. Crystall said, "They told you that? That's the old story! Apparently he doesn't know what the heck's going on."

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UFO watcher to be speaker

PLAIN TWP. — Budd Hopkins first became interested in UFOs in 1964 when he sighted a small, circular, metallic craft. Today, Hopkins is recognized nationally as the leading investigator of the phenomenon of human abductions of UFOs. Hopkins will give a lecture-slide presentation in the Science Center Auditorium at Walsh College at 8 p.m. Nov. 22. Titled "The Intruders," the program will deal with the investigations of reported UFO abductions in Copley Woods and Indianapolis. The Copley Woods abductions are the focus of Hopkins' best-selling Random House book "The Intruders." The book is based on in-

vestigations involving psychologists, radiologists, dentists and medical practitioners. "The Intruders" proposes that the earth is under surveillance by an alien system, and that humans are the subjects of genetic experiments.

Hopkins has discussed UFOs on the "Today Show," "Good Morning America" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show." His investigations were the subject of a segment on ABC's "20/20."

Tickets for Hopkins' lecture, priced at \$4 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 and under, will be sold at the door. A reception will follow the program.

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NEW LIGHT ON UFO MYSTERY

CALLING all UFO spotters — Herald Express astronomist Ian Walsh might be able to solve the mystery. 3128

He has a computer which can be especially programmed to display the night sky. Given the height, direction place and time of a UFO sighting he may be able to prove it to be a meteorite or a planet.

But Ian says that did not mean to say sightings over

South Devon recently were not UFOs. "Jupiter and its moons can even be seen with the naked eye at the moment, and perhaps could be mistaken for a spacecraft." But that won't be the case if the UFO moves, said Ian.

"Meteor showers account for some UFOs. Sometimes you do get an exceedingly bright meteorite flashing from horizon to horizon," he said.

UFO aliens save Star Trek

STAR TREK'S William Shatner says UFO aliens saved him from almost certain death in the scorching desert.

Shatner, who played Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship Enterprise on the popular TV series, was on a motorcycle jaunt with some friends in the Mojave desert when the E.T.'s came to his aid.

By EDDIE BEA

The handsome actor stopped to take a drink of water from his canteen to combat the intense heat. His companions roared past and quickly disappeared from sight.

But when Shatner tried to restart the motorcycle, he discovered the engine wouldn't kick over. After a few attempts, he suddenly realized that he had no idea where he was or how to get back to civilization.

At that very instant, Shatner spotted a silvery gleam in the sky. As he tried to identify the mysterious craft, he became aware of a voice inside his head that seemed to be telling him how to get out of his predicament.

The telepathic voice was so insistent that Shatner found himself following its instructions exactly.

Seconds later, he tried to kickstart the motorcycle

skipper's life

again — and succeeded. Shatner then sped off and headed back to the spot where the desert expedition started by closely following the route given to him telepathically.

"I'm convinced it was a UFO that saved my life through ESP," Shatner revealed in the magazine UFO Report.

In an ironic twist on Shatner's experience, in one Star Trek episode the Enterprise traveled through time from the fu-

ture to the Earth's past and was itself identified as a UFO.

And Shatner's co-star Leonard Nimoy, who played the pointy-eared Vulcan, Mr Spock, went on from Star Trek to host In Search Of ..., a show that investigated UFOs and other strange phenomena such as the Bermuda Triangle and the Loch Ness monster.

Even America's real-life astronauts admit they have come in contact with UFOs.

Three days into the Gemini 5 mission in 1965, crew members Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad were informed a UFO was being tracked on radar beside them.

Although neither astronaut saw the spaceship, the officials at mission control in Houston said that radar indicated the object was about the same size as the astronauts' craft.

And astronaut Neil Armstrong acknowledged that a UFO also tailed the historic Apollo II flight to

the moon in 1969, Star Trek's last year on NBC.

He first described the craft as L-shaped, "like an open suitcase," but closer inspection revealed the UFO to be a cylinder, or even "two hollow cylinders."

NASA officials were unable to identify the strange object both Armstrong and crewmate Michael Collins saw. But Collins summed up the encounter in four short words: "It was really weird."

Callers flood the UFO hot-line

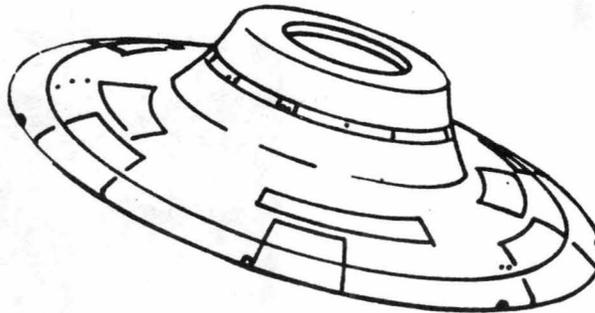
Birmingham's UFO Studies Investigations today reported its telephone had been "red hot" with witnesses anxious to report sightings of the mystery object seen in the sky over the Midlands.

"Since the story of the sightings appeared in the Evening Mail the telephone has never stopped ringing," said chairman Mr John Hurley today.

"Until people saw the story many were obviously reluctant to report what they had seen in case they were laughed at."

Mr Hurley said there had been more than 50 sightings of the mystery object spotted on Monday night.

Witnesses said the UFO was orange with a green light on the top and about the size of a caravan. Most people said it travelled at great speed and then stopped dead.



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Starship

SIR — As a matter of interest to any UFO experts, on the evening of Thursday, September 10, about 9.15 p.m., as I was walking along Chesildene Drive, I spotted a dull star-shaped UFO moving slowly through a starry sky.

I watched it for a few seconds, then it disappeared into nothingness. There were no other lights upon it, it seemed to be among the stars. — MRS. J. SABIN, 21 Broadlands Close, Stourvale Estate, Bournemouth.

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Was choc UFO invaders from Mars?

FACTORY workers had a terrifying close encounter when a sweet-toothed UFO hovered over their chocolate works.

A glowing red square the size of a double-decker bus appeared over Terry's chocolate factory in York before disappearing out of sight.

The unidentified flying object lit up the dawn sky as factory workers

arrived just after 7am.

There were three separate sightings from six people - and all say they were frightened and mystified by the object.

Frightening

Process workers Val Sutcliffe, 47, and her twin daughters Amanda and Louise, of Marston Crescent, were left in no doubt that it was not the sun.

Mrs Sutcliffe, who has driven the

same way to work for 25 years, said: "It was square at the top with a semi-circular base. It was a bit frightening.

"The woman in the car in front of ours nearly veered off the road."

Beautiful

She said it hovered for a few minutes before disappearing behind the factory.

"I was not a believer before yesterday. Now I could be swayed."

Alma Crane, 46, of Chapelfields Road, York, another Terry's process worker, said: "It was quite beautiful. I wish I had had my camera with me."

Two girls cycling across York racecourse also saw the object.

RAF Linton on Ouse reported nothing unusual on radar screens at the time of the sightings.

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Ex-RAF man in 'UFO sighting'

A STAR-LIKE object which zigzagged across the night sky over Abergele could have been an UFO, it was claimed this week.

The object was spotted above Betwsyn-Rhos by a former RAF officer and a Colwyn Borough Council officer who reported the sighting to Mrs Margaret Fry of Llangernyw, official investigator in Wales for Contact International UK - an organisation which investigates UFO sightings.

Mrs Fry who would not name the two people concerned because, she

By Sue Appleton

said, it deters others from coming forward to report UFO sightings, described the alleged object as "bright, yellowy blue in colour turning to red."

With one observer being ex-RAF, he knew it was not an aeroplane or a star, said Mrs Fry.

"It was low on the horizon and shot across the sky," she said. "Then it zigzagged. There was a long low cloud and the object went into it. When the cloud cleared it had gone."

Joggers see 'weird' UFO in the sky

TWO Worthing businessmen have had their scepticism about UFOs jolted by a vivid sighting as they jogged west of the town on Tuesday.

Ian Sheaff, 33, and Tony Whittick, 44, were running over the Downs at Long Furlong at 9 p.m. when they were confronted by a glowing object in the sky.

Said Ian, a salesman for Glover Cars, of High Street, Worthing, "It was hovering, looking at first like a shaft of light right in the middle of the sky.

"It seemed to change shape, from a rugby ball, to a hemisphere, to a triangle then a square, then it gradually shrank into a red dot and disappeared.

"I have always laughed at people who said they saw such things. If it had been around sunset, I might have put it down to atmospheric conditions.

"I have never seen anything like it in my life. There was definitely something up there. It was about the size of a full moon seen quite low. It was very weird."

His friend Tony Whit-

tick, of Unicorn Carriers, Worthing, said the UFO seemed to be above the Angmering-East Preston area.

"It was amorphous - it kept changing shape. I have never experienced anything like it before. We could see it clearly for 20 to 25 minutes.

"I have always been very sceptical about things like this but this has made me think again. I am hoping someone will come up with a scientific explanation."

A 'Bermuda triangle' comprising Long Furlong, the A27 Arundel Road and Cote Street, including Clapham Woods, have long been a source of mysterious phenomena.

Incidents in our files include 'flying saucer' sightings, disappearing dogs, evidence of radioactivity and flattened circles in cornfields suggesting the landing of some alien craft.

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Children see flying saucer . . .

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CLOSE encounter . . . three pupils' drawings of the saucer.

Schoolchildren who spotted a UFO have baffled extra-terrestrial investigators.

In two separate incidents youngsters at St Joseph's primary school in Leigh claim to have seen mysterious objects hovering over their playground.

The 10 and 11-year-olds are so certain of what they saw they have drawn sketches and given detailed accounts to the experts.

Now the sightings, spread over two days, are being checked by UFO investigators from the direct Investigation Group on aerial phenomena.

North West investigator Steve Balon said: "The reports given by the youngsters are very detailed and, despite checking with both airport and Met Office representatives I have been unable to find anything to explain what they saw."

Steve, who lives in Woodlands Avenue, Leigh, added "The first incident was at lunchtime last Tuesday when about 30 youngsters in the yard say they saw a helicopter chasing a circular object which was flashing red and white lights."

"The craft appeared to be dodging the helicopter in the clouds and then it suddenly pulsed very brightly and shot up into the sky."

Excited pupils dashed in to tell dumbfounded staff what they had seen.

Steve said "Two days later several more children, this time attending an early evening youth club at the school, reported seeing an identical object.

**By Evening News
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"I have tried everything I know to identify the helicopter but unfortunately without success. The pilot obviously has a lot to tell."

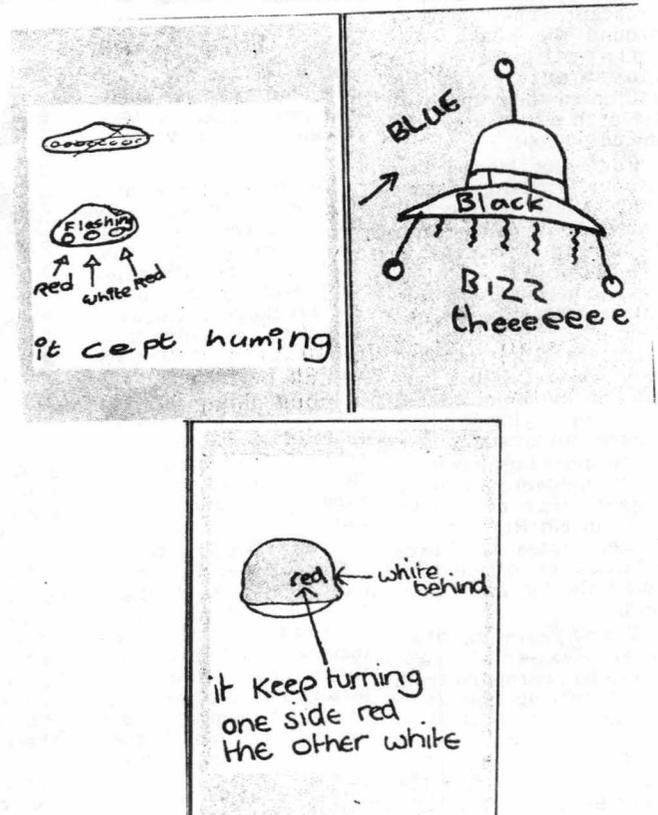
Deputy headmaster Mr Bruce Nutter said: "I can only repeat what the children told me. They were adamant that they had seen some kind of UFO being followed by a helicopter."

"Descriptions vary slightly but most of them describe an object going round and round with red and white flashing lights."

"Several youngsters did sketches of what they had seen."

"There is bound to be some scepticism but the children are convinced that they saw something strange."

Steve said: "For the past 20 years I have been involved in investigating these kind of incidents.



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After 40 years, no easy answers to UFO enigma

FORTY years ago, businessman Kenneth Arnold set off in his private plane searching for the wreckage of a missing aircraft.

Over the Cascade Mountains, near Mt. Rainier, he spotted a string of bright metallic objects flying in single file.

There were nine of these; eight discs and one crescent. They dodged around the peaks with "flipping, erratic movements" and he estimated their speed at 1,700 m.p.h. (later reduced to 1,200).

Following his landing at one airfield, Arnold told a few friends his story. He then took off for a second aerodrome, where he was met by excited newsmen. He told the reporters the objects flew like "pie plates" or "saucers being skipped over water." Hence, via an anonymous journalist, the term "flying saucer" entered our language.

The more familiar term UFO (unidentified flying object) was coined by Captain Ed Ruppelt, the United States Air Force intelligence officer responsible for such matters.

Yet 40 years on, whatever "experts" say, we're no nearer the truth of what flying saucers or UFOs are. The anniversary of Arnold's sighting on June 24, 1947, looks like making 1987 a bumper year for marketing UFO books and heightening the profile of ufological research.

By Paul Screeton



● "UFOs 1947-1987 - THE 40-YEAR SEARCH FOR AN EXPLANATION" compiled by Hilary Evans and John Spencer (Forteon Tomes, £12.50).

Just over a week later one of the newsworthy flying saucers may well have crashed in New Mexico. The authorities supposedly gathered up the wreckage at Roswell, and if the evidence is to be believed, scientists had the beginnings of an answer 40 years ago. If all was bogus, a lot of people - military officers, scientists, government officials and ordinary citizens - were unmitigated liars.

WITNESSES

Researchers of high calibre such as William Moore and Leonard Stringfield have interviewed witnesses and those concerned, collecting sworn affidavits. But right from the start the mill of misinformation was grinding merrily.



● "THE UFO CONSPIRACY - THE FIRST FORTY YEARS" by Jenny Randles (Blandford Press, £10.95).

Then another crashed saucer was recovered in 1953 at Kingman, Arizona. Specialists were taken in blacked-out buses into the desert. There they saw the body of a dead three-foot alien. There are even medical men who claim to have studied bodies of extraterrestrial astronauts. Rumour or reality? Fabricated fairytale or the greatest untold secret of all time?

Then came the contactee craze. George Adamski is still a household name; Cedric Allingham not (he was a hoax by Patrick Moore). Again, as with retrievals stories, serious ufology was faced with an uncomfortable aspect.

UFOs causing vehicle stoppages were the next feature to achieve some prominence and this was taken to the ultimate conclusion when, under hypnosis, Betty and Barney Hill were discovered to have been abducted by aliens. John Fuller's book on the subject - "The Interrupted Journey" - proved one of the biggest sellers in UFO history. Hundreds, if not thousands, of subsequent UFO abductions - close encounters of the fourth kind in ufology jargon - have taken place if we are to believe people's claims. Stranger still is how these vehicle interruptions and whisking away of driver and families never seems to cause a road accident. Could it all really be in the mind?

OFFICIALDOM

A book which not only tells the fascinating story of how ufology developed during the past 40 years, but puts it into the context of official study and debunking is Jenny Randles' "The UFO Conspiracy."

Her insights into cover-ups, particularly with reference to the United States, show a healthy interest in the disturbing secrecy of officialdom.

She suspects that in America surveillance of civilian UFO groups is maintained - even that C.I.A. agents set up their own groups or infiltrate others. This suggests infringement of civil rights by spying.

A recent concept in U.S. law is the Freedom of Information Act, used to release formerly secret UFO files. Since 1977 thousands of documents have been released, but many others are withheld for security reasons.

The Official Secrets Act means that Britain "has the mirror opposite." Or as Randles says: "The conspiracy is so much

easier to maintain, thanks to that."

The book also argues the possibility of an "education programme" whereby the truth about the alien nature of UFOs is being released slowly. The world is being prepared. The idea of friendly and cuddly aliens is fostered by Spielberg films so we will not panic. The same "myth" has entered the American UFO community from leaked sources.

"If you compare this possible move towards enlightenment with the manner in which the UFOs themselves seem to have been trying to educate us," writes Randles, "then it makes even more sense."

This could explain the clear phases of activity through which the UFO story has developed.

Of course, it could also be argued that what we have seen is "cultural tracking" with UFO developments keeping pace with our own scientific and social activities. In other words the phenomenon is psychosociological in nature. The aliens are not from outer space, but exist in our heads - in inner space. And even that sounds too easy an option to encompass all the known facts.

PROOFS

Randles also devotes sections to reports from around the world; "proofs" via types of encounter, physical effects and so on; and other nations' approaches to UFO confidentiality or otherwise. All in all, a well-argued case.

Another book which takes as its reference

point Arnold's sighting, but which has galaxies more space to investigate the UFO enigma is "UFOs 1947-1987."

An international spectrum of researchers has been assembled to show how immensely complex the field is. It is an exercise in showing how much we have learnt from the UFO phenomenon. It is about what the physical and life sciences should be responding to, and if serious inquiry is to be meaningful, to find explanations for thousands of people having experiences which are genuinely puzzling to them and scary.

If you have the slightest interest in the greatest mystery of modern times, then you would be doing yourself a disservice not to buy this book and give it serious attention.

There have been other remarkable works by individual authors on the subject, but here is a distillation of concepts about the subject. "The 40-year search for an explanation" is the subtitle, and the contributors do their best to cover the multifarious options towards explaining the enigma. As editor Hilary Evans puts it: "Though the answers still elude us, we have none the less learnt a great deal in the process. We have learnt, in particular, not to expect easy answers. The fact that our questions are still unanswered suggests that perhaps they are not the right questions."

SPECULATION

If we are not asking the right questions, the contributors to this survey certainly cover a broad spectrum of attitudes and speculation. The book begins with a look at the phenomena - UFOs before 1947, in 1947, worldwide nature, occupants, contactees, abductions and retrievals. The section on assessing the phenomena covers definition and investigation, physical traces and witnesses. As for explanations, sections cover such hypotheses as extraterrestrial origin, natural forms, psychological and parapsychological phenomena, and concepts of reality. The effect UFOs have had on society are examined through such aspects as cults, folklore, scientists and the public's view, the cinema and cover-ups. Cases both for and against scepticism are given. The appendices give current organizations and recommended reading list.

Chunky and well-illustrated, it is a book which can be read either from cover to cover or dipped into. It will certainly find a long life as a reference work for anyone with a keen interest in the subject.

The flying saucer story has been running for 40 years. The question we must now ask is when will it end? For all the speculation, sadly we seem no nearer to finding a solution.

We saw a UFO, say York women

A YORK mother and her two daughters froze in fear as a mysterious oblong object hung shimmering in the dawn sky.

They watched the huge bright red apparition for about four seconds before it disappeared - and all are convinced it was not the sun coming up.

Astronomers in York are treating the incident as a genuine sighting of an unidentified flying object after listening to descriptions given by Mrs Val Sutcliffe and her daughters, Amanda and Louise, of Marston Crescent, Acomb. All three work at Terry's factory, in York.

Knavesmire

Amanda, aged 19, a cake packer, said: "It was frightening, all of us were very scared. It was like a big red semi-circle with a long oblong bit on top. It definitely was not the sun coming up, it was far too big and close for that."

After its brief appearance the UFO dropped down then quickly

disappeared from sight. Amanda said: "I didn't believe in them before - none of us did - but now we all firmly believe we saw a UFO."

The Sutcliffes' sighting occurred at 7.10 on Tuesday in Tadcaster Road, York.

Two other sightings, also by Terry's workers, could confirm the UFO theory. A girl cycling across Knavesmire and a driver in Tadcaster Road also saw something very large in the sky.

The secretary of York Astronomical Society, Mr Martin Taylor, said the description of a cigar shape with a red hemisphere underneath was "unusual."

"The fact that several people saw it at different places makes it more convincing. We are very interested in the sighting," he added.

But officers at RAF Linton-on-Ouse reported blank radar screens at the time of the sightings. A spokesman said: "Yorkshire seems to be becoming the place to see UFOs - but nothing has shown up on our screens yet."

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Kto to jeszcze widział?

UFO nad „Posejdonem”

DZIS rano zadzwonił do nas Czytelnik, który twierdzi, iż wczoraj o godz. 18.07 widział UFO. Obiekt o wydłużonym kształcie emanujący łagodnym błękitno-turkusowym światłem pojawił się nad DT „Posejdon”, a następnie poszybował skręcając w prawo, w kierunku ul. Wyszynskiego. Jak twierdzi Czytelnik poruszał się on bezszelestnie, jego wielkość przekraczała wymiary samolotu. Widac go było przez ok. 2 sek., a oprócz pana który do nas zadzwonił zjawisko to oglądała kobieta stojąca z nim przy przejściu dla pieszych. Obiekt poruszał się na wysokości 50-100 m. (wg)

Kurier Szczeciński
2.03.1987

UFO over "Posejdon" Stores.
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There was a telephone call of one of our reader to-day, morning time. The reader told us he saw an OFU yesterday, at 18.07 hrs. An object appeared over "Posejdon" Stores. Its shape was extended and it was emanating soft, blue-turquoise light. Then, the object glided turning to the right, towards Wyszański Street. According to our reader - it was moving soundless and its dimensions were bigger than that of an airplane. It was visible during 2 seconds about. Apart the man who called us, there was a woman standing with him at the pedestrian crossing. The object was moving at the height of 50 to 100 metres.

From: "Kurier Szczeciński", dated March, the 2nd, 1987.

UFO in the village at the vicinity of Szczecin?

Let's believe to a report to somebody, if he wants...
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There came to us a report of Mr. Lech Galicki, from UFO Research Department "Internol", that there was an extraordinary event in one of the village, in the Province of Szczecin, on March, the 7 th, 20.20 hrs. 22-years old Henryk K., observed a luminous object, hangering at the height of head of a tree. A while later, at the distance of about 25 metres - he had noticed 5 smallish human shapes. Mr. Henryk K. has got a nervous shock.

According to Mr. Lech Galicki statement, this kind of appearance is called - in accordance with ufo-logists' terminology - A Close Encounter of the Third Kind. It is investigated in details by the group of passionates of that kind of phenomenon, which are union members of "Internol" of Szczecin.

From: "Kurier Szczeciński", dated: March, the 17th, 1987

UFO w podszczecińskiej wsi?

Kto chce — niech wierzy...

JAK poinformował nas p. Lech Galicki z istniejącej w Szczecinie sekcji Badań Zjawisk UFO „Internol” 7 marca br. w jednej ze wsi w województwie szczecińskim miało miejsce niezwykle wydarzenie. Wczoraj, o godz. 20.20, 22-letni Henryk K. obserwował utrzymujący się na wysokości korony drzewa wielki obiekt. W chwili później, odległości około 25 metrów, ujrzał niewielkich postaci. Henryk K. miał nerwowego szoku. Jak twierdzi p. Lech Galicki zjawisko to zwane jest zgodnie z nomenklaturą ufologiczną — Bliskim Okazaniem Trzeciego Stopnia. Jest to badane szczegółowo przez zrzeszonych w „Internolu” szczecińskich sjonatów tego rodzaju wydarzeń. (bez)

Kurier Szczeciński 17.03.87

Cop vanishes after taking UFO alien's picture

A TERRIFIED cop was reported missing just weeks after encountering an extraterrestrial and taking its picture.

Jeff Greenhaw, 26, was answering a call from a woman who said a UFO had landed near her home when he was startled by a spaceman on an isolated dirt road.

Said the Falkville, Alabama, police chief: "He was just standing there in the middle of the road. I got out of my patrol car and said, 'Howdy stranger,' but he didn't say a word."

Added Greenhaw: "I reached back and got my camera and started taking pictures of him. I was scared stiff, but he didn't move, so I had a chance to take five pictures.

"Then I flipped on the switch for the blue lights and when they started flashing, he took off running down the road. I jumped in my car and took off after him, but I couldn't even catch up with him in the patrol car. He was running faster than any human I ever saw."

Greenhaw recalled that

the metallic-suited alien didn't have any features on its face and had a point on top of its head. It ran like a robot, but made no noise.

"I want to think it was somebody's idea of a joke, but then again some things about it I just can't understand," he told reporters before his disappearance.

"You'd naturally think it was a joke, but the way the thing moved and the way the suit fit so well is hard to believe. I just wish I could

By ENRIQUE RAMON

forget about it though; I'd be able to get a lot more sleep."

Unfortunately, the encounter did not end there.

A few days later, his wife got a call from someone who claimed to be the "spaceman."

"He told her he was going to get me for taking his picture," Greenhaw said. "I just laughed."

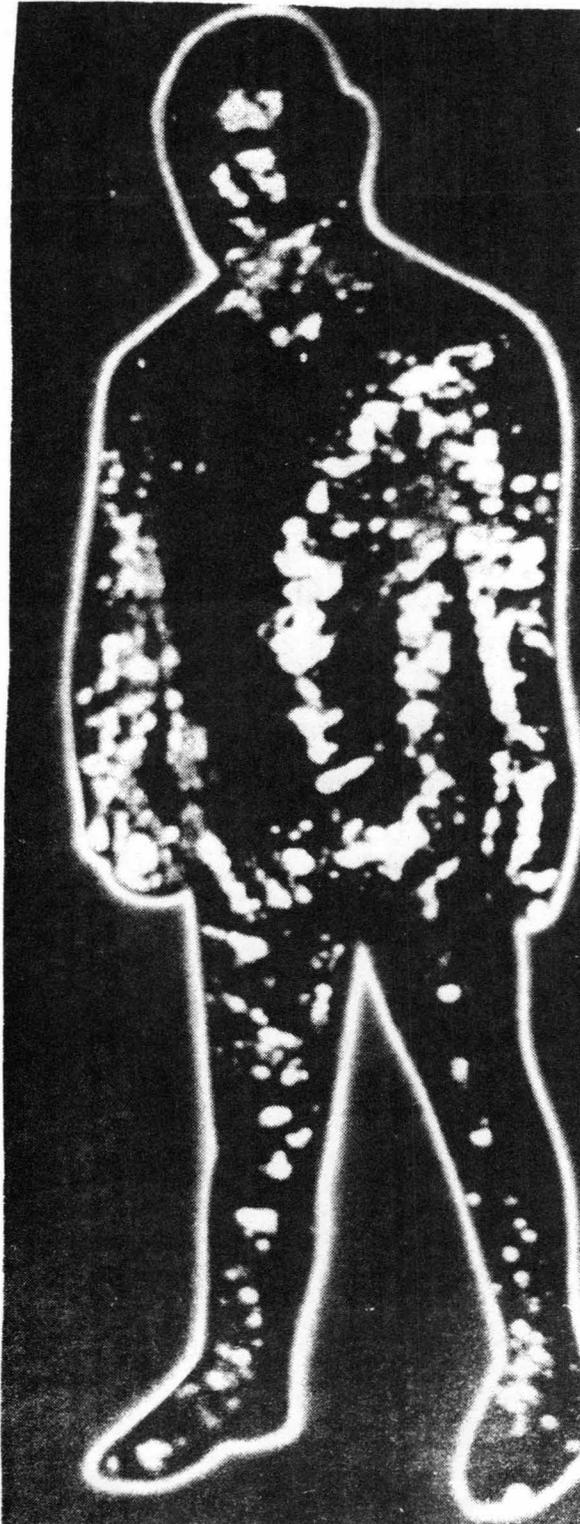
But in the space of only a few weeks:

- His car engine blew up for no apparent reason.
- He got threatening phone calls from individuals claiming to be the notorious men in black, MIB, who wanted him to publicly declare that the photos were fake.
- When he ignored the threats, his mobile home burned to the ground.
- He left the Falkville police department in 1973, and that's when he vanished.

Recently, there have been reports that Greenhaw might be living in Alabama.

And the MIB are preying on others like Greenhaw who have had close encounters, according to top UFOlogists.

Although their origin is unknown, the warning is always the same: Discontinue UFO research, surrender all photographs, and maintain silence — or else!



PHOTOGRAPH taken by Police Chief Jeff Greenhaw

County UFO-mania hots up

AMAZED UFO investigators are reporting their busiest ever time for sightings in Derbyshire.

The rush was triggered by a sighting over Chaddesden, Derby, last weekend, when several startled neighbours saw a mystery object covered in bright lights hovering over the suburb.

Since then scores of reports have flooded in to UFO hotlines with accounts of strange sightings from various parts of the county.

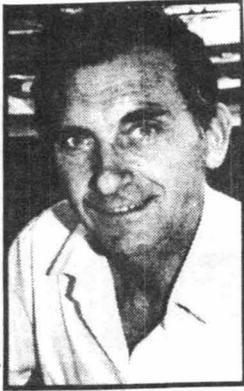
And today Mr Dave Kelly, co-ordinator for the UFO Network on Chesterfield 70924, said: "I've never known anything like it —

we've been inundated."

After last weekend's reports UFO investigators immediately launched a probe into the various claims of unaccountable objects.

The latest report comes from the White House pub at Kegworth where a total of 30 people saw what looked like a shooting star which then stopped dead, glowed yellow, and disappeared at top speed.

Mr Kelly said: "Derbyshire and the immediate area is very active for sightings but the last few days have been incredible. My phone is red hot."



Sid Britten:
Baffled

Sid snaps a mystery

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SID BRITTEN'S summer holiday in Cornwall may have been interrupted by a UFO ... an unidentified photographic object.

Back home in Woodlands Road, Willesborough, carpenter Sid, 55, is still baffled by the strange intruder that crept into his holiday snaps.

"I was taking a picture of my wife Edith at Fowey. She was standing by a wall at the roadside

and the harbour was in the background," he recalls.

When he collected his photographs from the printers in Cornwall, a silver cigar-shaped object had appeared above a distant hilltop.

"I didn't notice it when I took the picture," confesses Sid. "In other pictures in the same place I took a picture of Edith and my mother-in-law Helen Robinson.

There is no UFO in that one."

Kentish Express chief photographer Dave Downey checked the negative and found no foreign body to explain the mystery.

Sid certainly captured something unexpected when he clicked the shutter.

Was it a visitor from space? Just a cloud? Or was it a cheeky seagull that flashed into Sid's camera shot as a memento of his Cornish rhapsody?



Close encounters of the Cornish kind: The mystery photo

RESEARCHING THE UNEXPLAINED

Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of Unexplained (PASU), gives directions to his Greensburg home this way:

"Look for the house with all the antennae," he says.

Inside the house, Gordon leads visitors through a labyrinth of rooms to a U-shaped area, under the garage, containing enough radio equipment to rival a military communications center.

He speaks of an organization composed of 85 technicians and research specialists, including Ph.D.'s, scientists, medical doctors, engineers, and refers to thousands of reports, but provides no member names, nor will he let visitors read from the files he pulls from the steel file cabinets.

"We have to guarantee confidentiality in order to get people to report the incidents to us," Gordon says. "People

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are afraid of being ridiculed if their name is associated with a sighting."

He formed PASU in 1981 to conduct open-minded investigations of strange and unusual occurrences. A previous organization that was open to the public was disbanded when it attracted undesirables, says Gordon.

In Pennsylvania in 1986, the organization reportedly investigated more than 300 cases — more sightings than were reported in any other state. Many — about 90 percent — are due to explainable phenomena or normal objects observed under unusual conditions — planes, weather balloons, bright stars, meteors, rocket launches.

Three as of yet unexplained sightings in the Pittsburgh area in 1986 involved metallic appearing objects. A disc-shaped object was seen hovering over the Birmingham Bridge at 11:20 p.m., on January 7. On

August 12, two daylight sightings of a large, silver elongated object were reported. The first sighting was near Monroeville, and the second near Mount Pleasant.

A major sighting took place near New Stanton on August 31, 1986, when numerous travelers on Route 119 observed an aircraft-like object with multiple yellow-green lights that appeared to crash. Several people climbed the steep embankment to assist only to find no aircraft, just two small circular areas of fire.

The PASU attempts to have a team on-site within 24 hours of a sighting, using its extensive collection of equipment to aid in the investigation.

The PASU provides a 24-hour "hotline" at telephone number 838-7768, or you can contact the PASU by writing to Stan Gordon, 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601.

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Watch the skies: UFO skeptics

By PAUL DELLINGER
Southwest bureau

becoming believers in Wythe

WYTHEVILLE — A Fort Chiswell area couple may have had the closest encounter with unidentified flying objects sighted in the skies over Wythe County in recent weeks.

"I'm a skeptic. I don't really believe in UFOs," Patricia Aker told the Roanoke Times & World-News Friday. "But I know what we saw."

She and her husband, Randell, and their two young boys were driving on a road near the county fish hatchery at Fort Chiswell Oct. 8, Patricia Aker said. "It just seemed like, out of nowhere, we saw these lights coming toward us," she said.

Perhaps 100 sightings have been reported to authorities in Wythe County in the past several weeks, mostly involving distant objects that seem to hover in night skies and have colored lights on them. None of the observers reported hearing any noise from the objects.

That is, until the sighting by the Aker family.

"As it came toward us, we didn't hear any sound whatsoever. We rolled our windows down and, when it got right above us, there was kind of a drone," Aker said. "If you were in your house, you certainly wouldn't hear it."

She assumed they were Army transport airplanes, but they seemed to move too slowly for conventional planes. "I really don't know what it was. They reminded me of that, but it was flatter," she said, like a cross between a transport plane and helicopter.

"It was going about the speed of the Goodyear blimp," she said. "It seemed to be floating . . . We couldn't see how planes that large could stay up and go that slow," she said.

"It was a real large aircraft. I've never seen anything like them before. And then two of them showed up," she said. "If you saw them after dark, I'm sure you would think they were UFOs."

She said the family watched the craft moving generally southwest for five to seven minutes. It was about 7 p.m., and there was just enough light to see that the objects were the olive drab color associat-

ed with U.S. Army vehicles, she said.

They flagged down a car behind them on the same road, with some friends of theirs in it, and they saw the objects, too, she said. So did other members of the family who had been driving on U.S. 52 in Wythe County at about the same time, she said, only they thought they saw three instead of two.

A total of nine people in the three cars saw them, she said. "We all agreed on one thing — nobody had ever seen anything

like this before that."

Aker said none of them reported the sighting to authorities. She reported it here Friday when Danny Gordon, news director at radio station WYVE, asked for people to telephone the station during a specified hour to describe such sightings.

Gordon, somewhat against his will, has become a UFO information clearinghouse for other media since he first mentioned on a news broadcast that UFO sightings had been reported to the Wythe County Sheriff's Department.

The department has not released names of people making the reports and in soliciting the calls, Gordon made it clear that no names were necessary.

"I've seen these things for years," one caller from Ivanhoe said.

"You tell people about 'em, they just say you're crazy, so I quit telling them."

Being unable to interview the actual observers, media from outside the county have focused on Gordon for interviews. In the weeks since he began reporting the sightings, his reports have been on radio stations across the state and the front pages of newspapers as far off as Richmond.

When he was recording the call-ins Friday for future broadcast use, he also was called by The Associated Press, the Virginia News Network and a woman from Lexington who was disappointed to find out she would not be able to pick up the broadcast from Wytheville. Gordon also has been interviewed by television stations from Roanoke, Richmond and North Carolina, and was

kept so busy Friday with inquiries that he was almost unable to get his regular news work done.

A few people who called in gave their names, anyway.

Judy Hall said she wasn't concerned about giving her name. She and her husband, Mike, who is director of the Wythe County Department of Social Services, said they had seen an object from their home in Fairview Thursday night that seemed to be hovering and that had flashing red, green and white lights.

She said they saw the object, which was larger than a star, about 8:30 p.m. and watched it for 20 minutes. "It wasn't like a plane," she said. "But it was interesting."

One of a group of people who had been at the Rural Retreat Lake Wednesday night reported a triangular object with red, blue and white

flashing lights beneath it passing overhead.

The man said he thought at first it was an airplane, but it was not flying like an airplane would.

"I'd heard of people saying things about this and I had just told my friends that was sitting in the truck with me that I'd like to see a UFO," he said, "and I'd no sooner got the words out of my mouth . . ."

"Wednesday night, I found the skies to be more interesting than the television," a Wytheville woman said. She said she lost count of the variously colored lights she watched in the sky from 8 to 9:30 p.m., usually seeming to hover but sometimes moving.

"It was just beautiful, just fascinating," she said. "I'm sure there's an answer to it, but it was a lot more interesting than the TV, I'll tell you that."

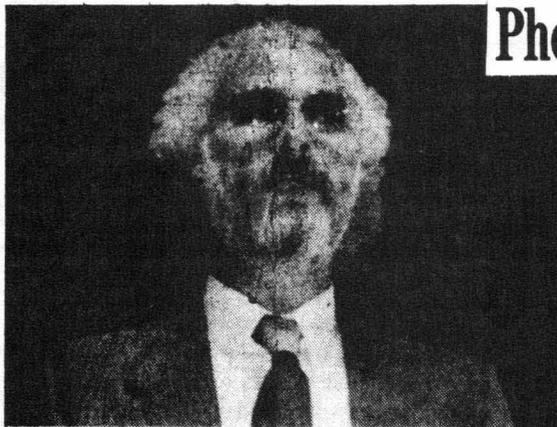
New York City Attorney Breaks New Ground in Study of UFO

Second of two parts.

Peter Gersten is a New York City criminal attorney who many think has done more for UFO research than many so-called professional ufologists. In the late '70s, Gersten used his legal skills as counsel for UFO groups in litigation against the federal government to obtain documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). As a result, thousands of memorandums, reports, correspondence, and other records pertaining to UFOs were eventually declassified by the CIA, the Departments of Defense and State, the FBI, and other government agencies.

The documents convinced Gersten there was a large body of evidence on UFO phenomena. Gersten became further involved when Westchester county where he lives became part of a UFO flap in the Hudson Valley in the mid-'80s. He set up a UFO Hotline and worked closely for a time with investigator Phillip Imbrogno, whose book about the flap, *Night Siege - The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings* (Ballantine), co-authored with the late astronomer and ufologist Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has just been published.

At the height of the flap in the summer of 1984, Gersten organized a public conference at the Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster, NY.; over a thousand people attended. In the late '80s, Gersten evolved still further in his UFO interest. He feels now he has learned



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NYC LAWYER Peter Gersten.

just about everything there is to know in the government files. Although Washington is still withholding UFO-related documents, Gersten thinks these will probably only add more pieces to the puzzle but will not change the general picture researchers already have. Furthermore, barring a total reversal from Washington, Gersten feels pursuing FOIA cases is less productive than trying to unravel other aspects of the phenomenon, such as so-called UFO abductions.

Phenomenon

For this reason, Gersten and an associate, science writer Patrick Huyghe, have just formed a new group called Contact, whose main goal is to deal with abduction reports in the Hudson Valley area. Gersten and Huyghe launched Contact with another major UFO public conference at the same school in Brewster on September 26. Over 500 people showed up to listen to lectures by Imbrogno on the sightings of boomerang-shaped objects; abduction accounts by popular authors Budd Hopkins and Whitley Strieber; anomalous occurrences known as Fortean phenomena by author John Keel; and local testimonies of close encounters and abductions by people from the Hudson Valley area.

Searching for Abductors' Ethics

Hopkins' investigation of the Kathie Davis multiple abduction case in Indianapolis, which is the center of his book *Intruders* (Random House), has been discussed previously in this newspaper. An artist who has investigated abduction cases in the past decade, Hopkins initially hired the services in hypnotic regression provided by Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, the New York

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psychologist who organized the UFO session at the meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA) covered in last week's column. Hopkins at that meeting, addressing the issue briefly from the audience, talked about "three common misconceptions" with regards to UFO abductions:

The first misconception, he said, is that "these abduction accounts are reported only through hypnosis." Out of the 160 abductee cases he has investigated, explained Hopkins, 16 remembered the whole affair *without* hypnosis, and many more required only partial hypnosis to relive their missing time experiences.

"The second misconception," continued Hopkins, "is that it happens only to one person at a time," while the literature in fact shows that there are many cases when two or three people were abducted simultaneously; one case even involved seven people.

The third misconception "is that automatically one gets an abduction scenario when one does hypnosis with someone who thinks he or she has been abducted." Hopkins recalled how in his work with Dr. Clamar they found at least 22 people for whom "eventually mundane explanations surfaced." But the reality of the abduction experience is very real, according to Hopkins. "I believe that in the 160 people I've worked with over the years, I've never seen anybody that I didn't think was rather severely damaged psychologically by their experience initially, no matter what they make of their lives later on."

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In his lecture at the Contact conference in Brewster, Hopkins diverged from his usual format of presenting various abduction accounts to concentrate instead on what he called "the ethical or moral evaluations of our friends up there." He said science-fiction models have always divided aliens into either "selfless angelic space brothers" who are coming here to save the human race, or "evil body snatchers" who are here to enslave us. The problem with the little humanoids reportedly responsible for most abductions, he continued, is that they seem to operate in a "neutral" ground between the sci-fi models of saviors and/or invaders. Hopkins also warned that "when we examine the reports of actual contacts, we must always examine our preconceptions" about aliens.

Hopkins then analyzed briefly some of the emotions experienced by the abductees. Hopkins said there are two common negative and one mixed emotional reactions: fear, anger and awe, which lead respectively to terror, hatred, and affection. He cited the well known "earthly" example of Patty Hearst to illustrate how an abductee can sometimes feel affection for his/her kidnappers.

Although opposed to the idea that the aliens are inherently evil, Hopkins seems equally against the widespread belief among UFO contactees that space beings must be highly evolved ethical entities. "As a moral presence," he said, "the UFO phenomenon seems sublimely indifferent to what we do to ourselves. Amorality is the term that comes quickly to mind." Yet there are times, continued Hopkins, when "amoral behavior becomes immoral behavior."

He illustrated this point by describing the case of a Minnesota farmer who was paralyzed while the humanoids conducted all kinds of painful experiments on his wife right in front of him. The wife later had terrible nightmares, was hospitalized, and really never recovered fully from the ordeal. The abductors, concluded Hopkins, seem "unable to understand our fear, our terrors, our relation to our mates ... they do not

understand what traumas they're inflicting on us."

From Von Neuman Machines to Channeling

Bestselling author Whitley Strieber, whose abduction account *Communion* has sold over 250,000 hardcover copies and remained for some 20 weeks in the bestsellers list, addressed the Contact conference later in the evening. Strieber's experiences with his humanoid-looking "visitors" took place in his cabin in the Catskill Mountains, right in the general Hudson Valley "UFO" area. "I am not claiming that I've had contact with aliens," he said, "what I am claiming is that something strange happened to me."

Strieber did not push any particular theory regarding the origin of the abductors. "Perhaps we're dealing with something like the von Neuman machine," he said, explaining the late mathematician's concept of a self-replicating robotic space-exploring machine.

He talked also about the latest fad of channeling, indicating that this was certainly not a new idea. There is a long history of channel voices, he said, of which the most famous was the oracle of Apollo in Delphi, which "ruled classical civilization. The oracular civilization," he continued, "finally collapsed with the fall of the Roman empire."

Strieber moved quickly through various subjects in a highly entertaining lecture. He explained he was born and raised a Catholic, having been influenced by the German medieval mystic and philosopher Meister Eckhart. He worked later with the Gurdjieff Foundation, which follows the teachings of the Russian mystic G.I. Gurdjieff. "I worked for many years in these two different traditions," continued Strieber, adding that it was perhaps because of this "spiritual quest" that he has "the feeling that this (abductions) has something to do with the soul and the evolution of consciousness."

Yet whether the abductors are after our genetic material, as Hopkins believes, or after our souls, as Strieber believes, there can be little doubt as to the psychological effect of the abduction experience, as noted by the psychologists at the APA session. "I was challenged by this experience on every level of being, moral, intellectual, and emotional," said Strieber. The bestselling author also related his experiences with the media, and indicated he was working on a follow-up book to be titled *Transformation*.

In the end, the abduction phenomenon remains unexplained and very much alive for the time being. Although it certainly appears to be extraterrestrial in nature, other hypotheses are up for the taking.

Author John Keel, for instance, maintained that UFOs in general and abductions in particular are all part of anomalous phenomena that have always existed on earth and whose origin can be ultimately traced to a still unknown natural source of energy. He said UFOs are only one of some 2,000 anomalous occurrences generally known as "Fortean phenomena," after turn-of-the-century author Charles Fort, who spent years collecting weird occurrences from the published literature of the time.

Folklorist Dr. Peter Rojcewicz, Assistant Professor of Humanities at the Julliard School, expressed some reservations about the late vogue on abductions during the APA session. "Because of the excellent work of so many people," he said, UFO abductions have "become so much in popular parlance, so much in the collective imagination, that it is difficult for researchers now to be able to gauge the extent of the mass media influence on the recipients." He suggested researchers concentrate on "analogous discrete but related phenomena."

Riddle of a Concorde-like silent UFO

A large UFO shaped like Concorde has been spotted over the Wombourne and Codsall areas of Wolverhampton.

Airport, airforce and police officials have been unable to provide an explanation for the sighting. 3128

Businessman Jim Dawes of Telford claims he saw the low level UFO just after 7pm as he drove along a lane at Swindon, near Wombourne.

"I thought the lights were small aircraft arriving at Halfpenny Green airfield.

"When it got closer it looked like two planes flying side-by-side. But there were too many different lights in a triangle shape. It looked like the outline of Concorde," he said.

"It just glided overhead. I am not prone to seeing strange things, but this was certainly weird," he added.

Codsall teacher Pat Whitehead also saw the strange flying object at about the same time.

"I saw the lights, but realised it was not an ordinary plane or helicopter.

"I could not see its shape properly, but the lights seemed to be in two groups close together.

"It was rectangular and made no sound and disappeared in clouds going towards the M6," she said. Air Traffic

Control at Birmingham International said there had been no reports of unusual aircraft in the area.

A spokesman at RAF Shawbury said there had been no night flights involving military aircraft on Thursday.

Wombourne police said they had no calls about the UFO, but said there were quite a few small aircraft landing at Halfpenny Green.

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Incredibly, story of the millenium!

Mysteries of Bigfoot, The Devil's Triangle, Atlantis and UFOs—All Solved!" reads the headline of the current issue of Weekly World News, and if this means what I think it means, it could be the end of civilization as we know it.

Short of that, it could be the end of Weekly World News as we know it. How will our most bizarre supermarket tabloid ever top this whopper of a story, based on a "1,500-page hush-hush report signed by a dozen of the Soviet Union's leading researchers?"

"Incredibly," the story says, "the study links UFOs, the Devil's Triangle and Atlantis with extraterrestrial activity on our planet both past and present. Bigfoot does exist . . . as the missing link between modern men and our primitive ancestors, the apes."

After the Soviets located Atlantis, 400 miles off the coast of Portugal, they discovered that the lost city's architecture does not mirror that of ancient Greece but suggests "incredibly advanced technology." They also found a statue depicting "a human being in conversation with an alien life-form."

Although the Soviet Bigfoot team failed to bring one back alive, two Bigfoots were killed and studied. They were 7 feet tall, hairy and manlike, with a "dim intelligence below that of men but higher than that of forest dwelling apes."

The Devil's Triangle, a.k.a. Bermuda Triangle, yielded evidence suggesting that space aliens used the area as a dump for radioactive and magnetic wastes for at least 700 years. Those wastes, it says here, are what play havoc with electronic navigation systems and cause ships, planes and people to disappear.

That UFOs are piloted by space aliens was confirmed in studies of three crashes. In one, six aliens were "horribly burned and injured" but survived long enough to confess that "the only reason they come here in the first place is to dump wastes, extract minerals and study life-forms."

As usual, "world leaders" declined comment. But a "French state department official," speaking in impeccable French, conceded: "The Soviets beat the world on this one. What else can I say?"

Clarence Petersen

OAP encounters a pulsating

UFO

LUTON pensioner is trying to solve the mystery of a UFO she spotted in the night sky at the weekend.

Mrs Win Crawley, 72, of Cowper Street, spent 20 minutes looking at the object through her binoculars in the early hours of Sunday morning. And she contacted the Luton News about the sighting after seeing BBC TV news report on Monday evening on a similar object spotted over North London.

"The report said there had been sightings on Highgate to Enfield and someone took photograph of it," said Mrs Crawley.

"I had just dozed off after going to bed late on Saturday night, when I was woken by a noise in the street outside. I opened the curtains to see what was happening and noticed the sky was beautifully clear.

"The strange object I saw was absolutely fantastic. It resembled a sea anemone and it kept pulsating. It was whitish silver, had a black hole in the middle and what looked like wires running through it. I saw it turn at different angles and I was quite scared after a while."

Mrs Crawley said she became interested in astronomy through her son-in-law, who has a science degree.

She added: "I find it fascinating looking at the stars, but I have never seen anything like this before. There's no way it could have been a 'plane going in or out of Luton Airport. And I can assure you that although I may be getting on a bit, I've still got all my senses."

A Luton police spokesman said they had received no reports of UFO sightings over the weekend.

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