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UFO PHOTOGRAPH EVALUATION

In 1954 a woman took a picture of a B-29 aircraft at her home near Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. When the film was developed, interesting patterns showed on the print. Aside from the airplane, the photograph contained a five sided "object" and streaming light which partially hides the airplane.

In my analysis of the photograph, it is concluded that the pentagon shaped "object" is a lens flare caused by the sun reflecting the diaphragm through the camera lens. This is a common occurrence when a camera is aimed too close to the sun. To further sustain this reasoning, there is a light area in the upper right hand corner of the picture, indicating that the sun was just barely out of view of the camera. With a little checking, I have found that the camera (Kodak Tourist Model) does have this type of diaphragm and is five sided.

The light which seems to be streaming from the five sided lens flare is not so easily explainable, and, therefore, more interesting. This light seems to originate from the lens flare and then diverge towards the lower left hand corner passing through the airplane. The light does not converge to a point on the "object" and does not emit entirely from within the object, but is shifted off center by about 14% of the object's width. It was stated that this 14% shift is caused by the speed of the object. I would have to disagree with this theory because if the object were traveling at a high enough velocity to cause this effect, the object would not have been captured by this camera. Also the edges of the object are well defined, indicating very little or no speed at all. It is noted that the sides of the streaming light converges to a point just outside of the photograph at the point where the sun is believed to be positioned. This is strong indication that the streaming light is also an optical effect caused by the sunlight passing through the lens. At the point where the light streaming is the narrowest, it is most clearly defined as opposed to distortions where it is the widest in the lower corner. The type of distortion is much like that of fluids at high velocity.

Besides the foregoing, there are a couple of interesting aspects of this photo. A close observation reveals several dark spots within the "object". I have no idea what these are. When the picture was taken, the photographer claims that the only thing she saw in the sky was the B-29 aircraft.

If anyone has any other ideas concerning this photo and evaluation, please write to me c/c DATA-NET. Some reprints of this photo are available from DATA-NET CONTROL.

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WB6RPL has inspected his camera, which is a 35mm model, and has found it also contains a five leaf iris. Simulating the angle of shot, we acquired a similar streaming effect when shooting against the sun. DATA-NET is satisfied that the photograph in question is an honest mistake and not a photograph of an unusual flying machine.

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We welcome new member ART KOMPOLT.

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From Art Kompolt:

"It is the writer's opinion that the "hams" of today have opportunities for advancing themselves and their chosen hobby far greater than ever before. Radio amateurs have had a long history of advancing the state of the art in radio communications ever since radio was conceived. Through their insight and interest, new techniques and circuits were developed, tested and proved.

One of the principal problems encountered in ufology is the inability to communicate either directly or indirectly reliably.

Radio amateurs are competent in electro-magnetic communication. Their understanding of r-f transmission patterns, generation and use are second-hand.

Radio receivers using other than l-f, h-f, and s-h frequencies are not so common. For example communication sets using electro-potentials (e-e-t, instead of e-m-f) have been built but development or experimentation by radio amateurs has been negligible.

May I mention another area where I feel fruitful investigations by radio amateurs can be performed - that is the general area of time-compression. I shall give a practical example of what I mean: Take a tape recorder and record the sound of a bird using the fastest speed possible. Now; play back the same sounds at a slow speed. You will discover that what "normally" you would have heard only as "pweek" of the bird (at our hearing speed), during slow playback a complete concert is discernible instead of "pweek". What happens is this: the bird packs more information in the short "pweek" duration than our ears are capable of following.

What is the correlation between animal size and information "packing"? At what rate is it possible to communicate? In waves? In pulses (quanta), or?

Possibly I have raised more questions in this short article than necessary. The point is - Radio Amateurs should be experimenting and exploring these and many other methods of communications.

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Reprinted from "MICROWAVES", May 1968:

DO 'NATURAL LASERS' EXIST AS OUTER-SPACE PHENOMENA?" "Nature itself may use existing power sources in space to produce natural laser light, much as man uses like sources in laboratory and industrial lasers. This is the view of Victor Tomberg of the New York Medical College.

While he can't yet explain reports of little green men in saucers swooping low over country roads to land in pastures, Tomberg believes that a theory of natural laser phenomena in space could increase understanding of many of the UFO sightings reported to date.

Declares Tomberg, "We may now, according to our study, assume that a possibility exists which leads to sporadically appearing favorable conditions of emitting coherent waves directed toward our Earth. Furthermore, such beams may converge or intersect (to) produce high-energy focal areas.

"Due to the high power density, gases will evaporate and form a fire ball."

This, he claims, could explain ball lightning. And it could shed light on "the appearance of high-flying objects moving at speeds in excess of thousands of miles an hour," as reported from UFO sightings of recent years.

In his own work with CO2 lasers, Tomberg has produced, in air and in rarefied air, "fireballs" resembling the brilliant, cigar-shaped or dome-shaped craft spotted by UFO observers.

Why, then, have coherent-light phenomena in the sky not been reported by skilled observers in the past? "Nobody," says Tomberg, "had the idea to look for them."

Discovery of techniques for producing coherent light in a laboratory environment led to "the illusion that the man-made device called a laser could exist only in the laboratory," Tomberg says. The possibility that nature does likewise was "overlooked."

To justify his theory, Tomberg cites several recent findings:

--Radio emissions from quasars can have a very narrow frequency band (less than 1000 cps) of a high-intensity hydrogen radiation (1420 MHz)---suggesting "a coherent, maser-like emission process."

--High-temperature gas clouds (such as the hydrogen layers that surround the Sun and other hot stars) could easily serve as a medium for stimulated emission. Research with very-high-power laser systems indicates that a variety of gases other than CO₂, Ne and He can be excited for stimulated emission. Also the density variations of such gas layers could produce the effect of a "space lens."

But what about mirrors - - do they float about abundantly in outer space, ready to be enlisted in mother nature's laser system? In a sense, they do, according to Tomberg: "Dust in space exists which can act as a mirror-like substance." Tomberg cites spaceborne chlorophyll and ice crystals as typical "space mirrors."

Moreover, the researcher notes, experiments using very long gas tubes and very high power indicate that coherent emission is in some cases possible without any mirrors at all.

Tomberg warns that if efforts are not made soon to observe, study and predict the occurrence of laser bursts in space, high-flying aircraft and space vehicles could be in danger. He urges that new optical instruments equipped with electronic sensors be built to support telescope observation of the phenomena, and that airborne and space-borne sensors be developed to protect future aerospace craft.

A former senior research scientist with Kollsman Instrument Corp., specializing in laser and biomedical instrumentation, Tomberg is currently Associate Professor of Radiation Research and Bio-Medical Electronics at the New York Medical College."

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From our Illinois section WA9THB reports:

"A few notes about those beeps. (Space signals reported in last bulletins. -M.J.) They don't really beep, they sound very much like key clicks. (Bad regulation on Regulus?) Palomar reports that the "sources" of the signals pulse with light twice when each click comes in. The clicks come in at approximately 1.3 seconds and are fantastically broad banded. They cover at least the 500 KC segment of my SB-301 that I was using at the time. I will attempt to tape the signals."

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From our chief investigator, WA5RON, we received the following:

I got #17 today and was surprised at the mention you gave of the "hams" in "INCIDENT AT EXETER." Just a couple of days ago I pulled out my copy of INCIDENT and read it again. I noticed mention of "hams" and thought you might be interested in looking them up. On page 72 (in chapter VI) there is an interesting bit about a "ham radio operator on Hampton Falls Road." I pulled my Callbook (Winter 6-6-67) and looked through every W1 call in the book....twice!

In the Exeter-Hampton area, there was no ham listed on Hampton Falls Road, but he could have a RFD number and no street address. Area hams with RFD numbers are; WLAUW, KLDKC, WLDZH, WLHTR, and WLSN. Maybe one of these is that guy, or maybe they know who he is, or maybe they had their own UFO sightings and would be interested in DATA-NET. Who knows?

On page 86 and 88, there is mention of two "hams"; Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Spinney on Portsmouth Ave., Stratham.

After going through it twice, I realized that there was no such address or people in my Callbook. Maybe John G. Fuller is mixed up with C.B.s! There was a ham, however,

on Portsmouth Ave. in Stratham, WALFDA, with a different name. There are a couple in Hampton Falls also, WLOOB and WLOOH, if you're interested in following up these leads. Also, KIKLA, Stratham.

When you've got nothing else to do, try checking the entries in 43 pages of the Callbook twice. While you're there, look for KLFYP and check him out!!!

Just heard a radio report of a "bright fireball" reported some 50 miles south of here. It apparently set a large grassfire, and officials are rushing to investigate. There are no planes missing, and people said it looked like a large meteor."

WA5RON also states that he is in contact with W4BNE, our representative in Florida.

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From our Norwegian investigator, DATA-NET section, Norway, LA2YE:

"The following is a translation of an article in the (Norwegian) Dagbladet, June 10, 1968.

MYSTERIOUS JOURNEY ENDED IN MEXICO. EXPERTS HAVE NO ANSWER TO THE PHENOMENON. Buenos Aires. (NTB-AFP) "A married couple in Argentina who were out riding in their car one night, suddenly disappeared. 48 hours later the couple and the car showed up again on a country road in Mexico, according to the Buenos Aires paper "La Razon".

Mr. and Mrs. Vidal's strange journey was first known by some of their friends in the town Maipu, Argentina, as they received a telephone call from the Vidal's, saying they were calling from the Argentine Embassy in Mexico City. They said "all is well, and we'll be back in Argentina tomorrow, going by aeroplane". Upon arrival, the Vidal's said that the "journey" began the night before, as they were driving their car into dense fog.

After losing consciousness, they both woke up and found themselves on a dusty, unknown road. Neither knew the area, but by making inquiries they found, to their great surprise, that they were in Mexico.

The car, a Peugeot 403, has been sent to the USA for investigation, as the finish was heavily burned.

Mrs. Vidal has been sent to a hospital in Buenos Aires, suffering from nerve troubles after the strange encounter. Various experts and authorities have been approached for an opinion/statement, but no one is willing to offer any comments.

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We followed up the above report and received the following from one of our most reliable sources:

"Concerning the article enclosed with your last note -- I can tell you that Vidal is not the correct name of the people involved, it being changed for their protection. The story is generally true except 48 hours is the time which elapsed between their disappearance and their making a phone call from the Argentine Embassy in Mexico. I can tell you also that the intelligence communities involved are taking this matter very seriously and are now working on a cover story to explain it away. I expect to have more information as time goes on.

I have had no recent contact with Wayne Green. I have been too busy to write and apparently he has been too busy to inquire about it."

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Several members have written in requesting information on Dell's "FLYING SAUCERS UFO REPORTS." This fine magazine has suddenly stopped. Does anyone have any data on this?

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WA4BNE reports that he is taking care of the problem of ID cards for all DATA-NET investigators.

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From DATA-NET representative in Iowa, WAOKOM:

Des Moines Register, June 5, 1968. "UFO 'SIGHTING' AT ELVIRA LOOKED LIKE 'FOREIGN CAR' - by a Staff Writer. Elvira, IA. - Bill Pokorny, who farms 3½ miles north of here, still believes he saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) in his corn field, despite the

Iowa Highway Patrol's failure to turn up evidence of a landing.

Pokorny, 57, reported that he watched the "object" for a full 10 minutes last Friday morning, but that it disappeared when he went for his binoculars.

Highway Patrolmen at DeWitt, who investigated Pokorny's claim, Tuesday stated there was no "physical evidence" that any object had landed in the cornfield.

But, Pokorny is sticking by his guns.

"It was the real thing," he says. "It's something that a normal mind could hardly comprehend.

"I've seen pictures of flying saucers in the paper. You can't believe it, though, unless you see it."

Pokorny said he was starting his tractor when he spotted an object that looked like a "foreign car" in his field. He wondered how it got there without going through his yard.

Then he looked closer and saw that the object was not a car but a six-foot-square "box-shaped object." He said it looked like weathered tin and was grayish in color.

Pokorny said, "The shine on the inner part was so bright, I called my daughter to look." His daughter, 18-year-old Siena, had been taking care of some ducks in the farm-yard.

The farmer said that two panel-shaped objects slid out of the sides of the UFO and the shape of the over-all object changed from a box to an oval. Then he said the object began "spinning" in a counter-clock-wise direction as it sat on the ground in the cornfield.

Pokorny, who operates a 160-acre farm, viewed the object from about one-half mile away, he said.

He said he went to get his binoculars and his daughter was distracted by the ducks quacking. When Pokorny returned, the object was gone. Neither he nor his daughter saw the object depart.

"We thought we had plenty of time, he related. "We were going to drive out there. I might have captured it or at least got a better look."

The Highway Patrol at DeWitt said the results of their investigation will be turned over to the Air Force."

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From WAKOM: EDN, June 10, 1968. "EDN/NEWS FROM ABROAD. RUSSIANS THINK ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POSSIBLE. Artificial intelligence, with all attributes of human personality can be created, Soviet biocyberneticist, Dr. Nicholai M. Amosov recently stated. He reported that a model automaton was built in Russia, proving his proposition. It had a plan, walked a route and encountered objects in the surrounding world identified as "forest", "beast", and "food". By changing parameters, the automaton's electronic networks, Amosov reproduced behavior of humans with different types of character. By changing parameters of the system of reinforcement and inhibition, changes were seen in the attention mechanism and the "conscious" and "subconscious" were correlated."

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From WAKOM: (Reprinted without permission) ELECTRONICS ILLUSTRATED, July, 1968. The Ham Shack - By Wayne Green W2NSD/1 - "Perhaps amateur radio can solve some of the puzzles raised by UFOs. As conviction grows that UFOs must be spacecraft visiting our planet it obviously behooves us to learn everything we can about them.

Poor communications have been a serious roadblock to UFO investigation. When something is spotted in upper Michigan there's no reasonable, fast way for people there to let those in lower Michigan and Indiana know that something is headed their way. If an amateur radio network were set up, covering the entire United States, it would be possible to pass the word instantly when something is sighted.

Those of you who have been reading books on UFOs know they behave oddly. They seem to defy the laws of inertia. This indicates to some that they may use some sort of gravity propulsion system that would act on every part of the craft and its occupants equally. Some sort of electrostatics or electromagnetics is present too, for radios and other electrical apparatus stop working when UFOs are in the vicinity. Measurable radiation is left behind where they touch down so there seems to be some nuclear action involved. And why are there no contrails or sonic booms from them? With adequate communications, detectors could monitor each of these factors as the UFO is tracked.

And it would be possible to get good pictures of the craft

The U.S. government is one of the few still poo-pooing UFOs. I'm afraid this adds to the old credibility gap. The Soviet government, never one to take up popular enthusiasms lightly, is giving UFOs serious investigation. An article in the February issue of Soviet Life gives details on many sightings by Russian astronomers and other scientists. They have set up the UFO Section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee with Air Force Major General Stolyarov as chairman. They will study UFO reports and set up systems for photographing and recording the radiation and magnetic disturbances UFOs cause.

Amateur radio probably is the only practical communications medium that could provide instant contact between any two spots in the U.S. We can cover both long and short ranges on our bands. Nets on 20 and 80 meters could cover the whole country.

What I propose is that every interested amateur let his police and CD departments know they are to contact him immediately if a UFO is reported in the area. The amateur can then alert the net on either 80 or 20 meters and pass along information about the direction and speed of the UFO. I would suggest using easily remembered frequencies such as 14250 and 3900 kc as net channels. Someone around the middle of the country, with lots of time and an outstanding signal, could serve as net control on each band and send an alerting tone when a report comes in.

With a project like this, amateurs could do more than ever before to be worth their salt. And just think of the possibilities once we're set up to track UFOs around the country. Then we could attempt to communicate with them. We could have lights set up waiting for them, try various radio transmissions and other signaling means. Unless we have a system set up beforehand we can't attempt any of this."

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From WAKOM: THIS WEEK magazine, June 9, 1968. "Music Man: Q. We dearly dig Tommy James and the Shondells and you haven't written much about them. -J.M., Newark. A. Well, they have a nice big hit with "Mony Mony" and it looks like it's going to be a fun year for Tommy. He's been hung up on unidentified flying objects ever since he spotted one on a recent trip to Miami. As a result, he's planning a UFO trip to Brazil next month. Even better, he's just signed with Twentieth Century-Fox for his first feature movie and that will start rolling either next month or in early August."

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From WAKOM: DALLAS MORNING NEWS - June 8, 1968. "ON 'WILBUR SALAD' IN PARADISE TOWN -by Frank X. Tolbert. Aurora, Texas, is a village in Wise County, between Rhome and Bridgeport. I was almost tempted to stop and take a look throught the Aurora cemetery and see if a "space man" is buried there.

This sounds silly. Yet the April 19, 1897 issue of the Dallas News contained a dead pan story with the by-line of a reporter named C. E. Hayden that a space ship had crashed in Aurora and the pilot was to be buried in the local cemetery.

The Dallas News story of April 19, 1897 started off like this:

"Aurora, Texas - About 6 o'clock this morning early risers of Aurora were astonished by the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing through the country..."

The 1897 news story continued: "It (the airship) sailed directly over the public square, and when it reached the north end of town collided with Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrible explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill, and destroying Judge Proctor's flower garden.

"The pilot of the ship is supposed to be the only one aboard. And while his remains are badly disfigured enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world. The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathering specimens of the strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place at noon today..."

This was part of the so-called "Truthful Scully Hoax" mentioned in this space before. A group of railroad telegraphers all over the nation started sending out reports of

sighting a gigantic airship (this being six years before the Wright boys got off the ground at Kitty Hawk). It is identified with Joseph E. (Truthful) Scully, a Fort Worth railroad conductor, because he was chosen as spokesman for the pranksters. Truthful Scully had a reputation for "never telling a lie." His reputation suffered after the hoax was exposed.

Yet there in April, 1897, hundreds of sober, reliable types were reporting that they'd sighted the airship. Were all the citizens of Aurora on some mass binge on that April 19? For the story apparently wasn't written as a joke. Or were bored newspaper reporters of 1897 in on the hoax?"

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From AUTOCALL, June 1968. "HITHER AND THITHER, by Thomas Appleby, W3AX, 5415 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015. PROVACATIVE SCIENCE. In the Dick Tracy cartoon artist Chester Gould often states the "The Nation that controls Magnetism will control the Universe."

It is presumed that he refers to the natural magnetism of space inasmuch as a certain amount of control of magnetism on earth, as we all know, has been accomplished for a long time. On earth we control electromagnetism by means of the size of the coils and the current flowing in them. A certain amount of control of the magnetic field of a permanent magnet has been accomplished by means of another permanent magnet located in the vicinity of the first magnet. Electric motors and generators operate by means of controlled magnetism.

The earth's magnetic field extends with constantly decreasing strength into space; at a certain distance its effect dwindles to such a small force as to be practically useless insofar as power is concerned. Other planets act likewise, although some may have no magnetism at all especially if they contain no iron.

On the other hand, gravity appears to be a more promising source of "universe control" provided some method of controlling it is discovered. To date no method has been found to control gravity.

Scientists of the world have stated that the control of gravity will come in about 50 years, sometime in the early two thousands.

Gravity, rather than magnetism, appears to fill the universe, it apparently is not confined to celestial bodies. The fact that the force of gravity becomes weaker as we recede from the earth may be a false impression. It is quite possible, inasmuch as gravity appears to come in all directions from space, that as we recede from the vicinity of the earth, we become balanced in every direction by gravity coming from all directions and thus become weightless until we approach a celestial body. This would apparently indicate that celestial bodies shield gravity and would easily account for our weight on the surface of the earth where we have the whole diameter of the earth beneath our feet shielding us from gravity coming at us from below while gravity coming from above us is unshielded by the earth.

Of course, such a theory rather upsets the Newtonian theory that gravity is generated in the earth starting at the neutral center to attract everything on the earth's surface and outside of the earth towards its center.

Among some scientists the theory of gravitational attraction is being displaced by the possibility of a "push" by gravity from all directions in space forcing us against the surface of the earth, rather than a "pull" of gravity from the earth keeping us from flying off into space.

Some even say there is no such thing as a "pull" on anything but that everything that appears to be a "pull" is actually a "push".

A simple example sometimes mentioned is the bucket of water whose handle is grasped to raise it from the floor. If you place your finger on top of the handle you cannot exert any force on the handle to "pull" it up, but if you put your fingers under the handle they can readily "push" it up. Practically the same may be said of a locomotive at the head of a train of cars. Perhaps you will say the engine is "pulling"

the cars. But is it? Did you ever examine a coupler such as used between cars in a train? If you have, you will see that the tongue of the coupler of the forward car or engine reaches back of the corresponding part of the coupler of the next car and "pushes" it ahead. The same may be said of a horse ahead of a wagon; have you noticed how the horse wears a collar and "pushes" on it to bring the wagon forward? Now a rope may come to mind and you may believe that you have at last found a "pull." But this is not so. If you examine the fibers of a rope forced together as they are under stress you will see that they are in friction contact "pushing" each other instead of "pulling".

Think hard and try to find a "pull" anywhere in nature, carefully analyzed, you will find that it turns out to be a "push."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY. Does gravity "push" or "pull" us toward the center of the earth?"

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There is no gravity! The earth sucks!!

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From Paul Cerny, NICAP Bay Area Subcommittee Chairman: PETALUMA ARGUS-COURIER-June 1, 1968. "2 POLICE REPORT UFO SEEN HERE - Unidentified flying objects were back on the Petaluma scene early today.

At least two city police officers reported seeing a UFO just before 5 am and observed the object for at least five minutes.

Both said the object appeared to be a large globe shape in the extreme distance that left a broad lighted arc in its wake. The object, said police, moved at a rapid speed across the sky from east to west, stopped, darkened, and then disappeared from sight.

The information office at Hamilton Air Force Base was closed today, and personnel manning radar equipment at the base declined to make any comments on the report. A colonel at NORAD-the North American Defense Agency-said to his knowledge, no UFO sightings had been logged during the night.

This morning's report was the first UFO sighting in Petaluma for several months."

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SAN JOSE NEWS, June 20, 1968. "PLANE IN STORM FALLS; SIX DIE. Reading, Pa.(AP) - Six persons died Wednesday night when a twin-engine plane crashed into a cornfield near Centerport, Pa., during a thunderstorm.

A state police spokesman at the Hamburg, Pa., barracks said today a flight plan had indicated seven were aboard, but that only six bodies were found."

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ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT - May 21, 1968. "ONLY CONGRESS CAN RESOLVE PROBLEM OF UFO's -by Nyla Crone. "Nothing short of an all-out Congressional investigation into 20 years of mishandling of the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects will suffice to bring it into clear public and scientific focus."

This is the view of Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist in the University's Institute of Atmospheric Physics.

"I have been in touch with a number of Congressmen who are becoming concerned about the UFO question and intend to pursue it as energetically as possible," he says.

McDonald's statement follows a May 14 LOOK magazine article that called a half-million dollar study by the University of Colorado the "Flying Saucer Fiasco."

On April 20, Rep. J. Edward Roush, D-Ind., quoting from LOOK magazine, told Congress that grave doubts had arisen "as to the scientific profundity and objectivity" of the project.

Under the direction of Dr. Edward U. Condon, the University of Colorado undertook an 18-month investigation in the fall of 1966 at the request of the Air Force, whose critics accused it of failing to thoroughly examine the UFO reports.

McDonald, who has been in close touch with the Colorado group, said that initially he and other scientists felt that it was based upon Air Force concern for the public relations difficulties caused by the UFO problem rather than scientific concern. But, at its genesis, he praised the program as "an important step in the right direction."

Condon announced last month that field investigations had been completed. A final report will be given to the National Academy of Sciences in September. A physicist and former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physical Society, Condon would not discuss any conclusions that the scientists might have reached.

"My early hopes that the Condon Committee would work vigorously and open-mindedly to unravel the UFO problem have dimmed very considerably as time has gone by," said McDonald, who has devoted the past two years to nearly full-time study of UFOs.

Condon's attitudes were first publicly expressed on January 25, 1967, when he spoke to a New York chapter of Sigma Xi, the honorary scientific fraternity. The Elmira, N.Y., STAR-GAZETTE reported: "Unidentified flying objects 'are not the business of the Air Force,'...Dr. Edward U. Condon said here Wednesday night...Dr. Condon left no doubt as to his personal sentiments on the matter: 'It is my inclination right now to recommend that the Government get out of this business. My attitude right now is that there's nothing to it.' With a smile, he added, 'but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year'..."

"I am shocked," said McDonald, "to think that Condon could have made so blatantly negative a statement at the outset of his investigation."

"I sent more than 100 cases, including the names and telephone numbers of certain witnesses, to the Colorado team," said McDonald. "Most of them have been ignored. For example, almost a year ago, I gave Low the names and addresses of key individuals in a fascinating 1957 sighting at Edwards Air Force Base, in which a number of photographs were taken and subsequently confiscated by Air Force personnel. A recent check showed that the Condon Committee never bothered to contact any of these witnesses."

More than a year ago, Dr. Benjamin Herman, also of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and McDonald told Low of a case in which a UFO was tracked at Mach-3 across much of the southeastern United States by a number of independent Air Force radar stations. An offer to put Low into direct contact with one of the radar officers was ignored.

"This kind of failure to check military sightings, photos and radar cases is particularly disturbing in view of the fact that Air Force has stressed that the Colorado study was given completely free access to any and all kinds of military data," McDonald said.

"The study was undertaken by people whose minds already were made up and who were willing to accommodate the Air Force in proving that point. No conspiracy. No coverup. Just an incredibly non-scientific attitude toward what may in fact be a problem of extraordinarily great scientific importance."

A memo written by Low to University of Colorado officials on August 9, 1966, indeed suggests that "minds already were made up." In it, Low said: "...The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study, but, to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of non-believers trying their best to be objective, but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer..."

Low's memorandum also said that the project would be conducted almost exclusively by "non-believers who, although they couldn't possibly prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive body of evidence that there is no reality to the observations."

After McDonald complained about Low's memo, there were firings and resignations from the Colorado group. "These have reduced the staff to a mere skeleton at the very time that they're supposed to be assembling a \$500,000 report," McDonald stressed.

"There have been a number of misleading press statements indicating that the Condon Committee has 'dozens of investigating scientists.' As a matter of fact, the recent blowup leaves a working staff of three physical scientists - only one at the Ph.D. level.

"Until LOOK's timely disclosure, there was every reason to believe that Condon was about to quietly bury the UFO problem, his report providing a heavy tombstone to keep the corpse from rising to bother the United States Air Force."

McDonald praised the article in LOOK magazine as "very carefully done. But," he added, "unfortunately, a lot less than the whole, sad story has been presented there."

"I would emphasize that the public as well as the scientific world here and abroad will be shocked, incredulous and incensed when they ultimately find out the astonishing truth about the UFO's and the superficial and incompetent way in which evidence has for 20 years been ignored and misrepresented as a lot of nonsense."

"I feel that only Congressional inquiry can now blast this problem out into the open."

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From Jo Clark: "Are hundreds of magnificent UFO reports, possibly complete with pictures, going to be lost forever because people in good faith reported them to Condon's University of Colorado project?"

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Suggestions for DATA-NET motto: "Maybe Chicken Little was right" - or - "UFOs invade fairy tales."

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From Chuck Covert: "A NEW ANGLE ON FLYING SAUCERS -by William Hogan."

"Flying saucers have been reported for several years. Why has no careful theological study been made?" asks the Rev. Barry Downing, assistant pastor of a Presbyterian church in the upstate New York town of Endwell.

"One obvious reason is that the existence of flying saucers is highly suspect," he answers. Then a new high in the history of profundity: "If they do not exist, then they cannot have much of a relationship to the Bible."

On the other hand: "Since thousands of people have reported seeing strange objects in the sky, it seems probable that they are seeing something." And herein lies the Rev. Mr. Downing's grounding for a revolutionary biblical theology in "The Bible and Flying Saucers."

Modern Christians, who have either worried about or demythologized the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Transfiguration and Ascension, are provided new guidance:

"At the Transfiguration, Jesus was making plans concerning the Crucifixion-Resurrection event with persons from another world (Moses and Elijah) who seemed to have arrived by means of a 'bright cloud' type of UFO. I very much suspect that the Ascension cloud (which carried Jesus away - since 'ordinary white, fluffy cumulus clouds do not carry people off into space') was the same UFO which led the Israelites through the Red Sea, gave Moses the Ten Commandments, carried Elijah into heaven...It seems consistent to argue that if Jesus ascended in some sort of UFO, the same vehicle brought him to Paul's company on the Damascus road."

Intelligent Presbyterians will be disturbed to learn that the 29-year-old propounder of the aforementioned was awarded a Ph.D. by their shrine of scholarship, Edinburgh University.

The Rev. Mr. Downing does, however, provide one valuable qualification:

"There are other parts of this book which I believe are less credible, including some of my speculations between Einstein's theory of relativity and the existence of heaven. I am not an authority on Einstein or on heaven, and I hope I can be forgiven where I have misrepresented both."

As patriotism has been called the last refuge of scoundrels, so the Bible has provided grist for the frothing Fundamentalism of everything from announced time tables for the end of the world to its purported beginning (9am, October 16, 4004 B.C.).

This kind of thing is expected from assorted Bibliolatrists, but hardly from Edinburgh Ph.D.s. On the other hand the obvious market for this flying saucer gospel proves that Barnum was right and that Downing might well consider further plowing of

the field, such as a study of the Old Testament's Urim and Thummin. These dice-like objects, (Exodus 28:30) placed in the breastplate of the high priest for purposes of obtaining an oracular response to prayer, provide material for the sure fire title of "The Bible and Ouija Boards."

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FLYING SAUCERS

Editorial -by Jo Clark

The term "UFOs" may sound more sophisticated than "flying saucers", but flying saucers seems to be the only term available to describe the phenomenon or mystery we seek to solve. The term unidentified flying objects has expanded the field to include many mysteries that may or may not have any relation to flying saucers. Flying saucers describes what are believed to be intelligently controlled objects.

In the 20 years since flying saucers have become a subject of world wide attention, we have challenged our minds to explore the universe. Unfortunately, in spite of our increased knowledge and greater vision, we have not answered a single one of the basic questions we asked 20 years ago. Those questions are the -- who, where, why, when, what, and how's -- of flying saucers.

Many people have advanced a single theory as an absolute solution to the UFO mystery. In order to make their conclusion valid however, they have rejected, or ignored, significant evidence.

The following is a collection of various theories, or possibilities, that have come to light during our search for the truth about flying saucers.

1. What are flying saucers?
 - a. Solid, metallic objects.
 - b. Russian or American secret devices.
 - c. Remote controlled, unmanned devices.
 - d. Space animals.
 - e. Natural phenomenon we are unable to identify as yet.
 - f. Space ships carrying passengers.
 - g. Unknown objects that have the ability to change size, shape, color, and form.
2. Where are flying saucers from?
 - a. The Moon, Mars, Venus, or all the planets in our solar system.
 - b. The 4th. dimension, or etheric world.
 - c. Other solar systems or other galaxies; possibly using Mars, Venus, the Moon or dark satellites revolving around the Earth as way-stations or beacons in space.
 - d. Another world inside our planet; assuming it is hollow.
 - e. Caverns below the surface of the Earth's crust.
 - f. Our imagination. Mass hypnosis. People imagining they are seeing things from other worlds, because this is where they want them to be from.
 - g. Our creative minds. Man is a creative being. Thought plus action created all we have produced. The thought alone must be first. Through mass concentration on unknown visitors we have literally created our own saviors - or devastators.
3. Who controls flying saucers?
 - a. Excarnate souls materializing and de-materializing from an etheric world. They are responsible for all our ghost stories, and poltergeist phenomena.
 - b. Human beings from other worlds. Our world contains the giant Watusi and tiny pygmies. Black, white, yellow, and red races exist. (Green may be common somewhere else.)
 - c. Pure intelligence. No physical body as we know it is necessary.
 - d. Intelligent beings that would appear to us as monsters.

- e. Earth's ancestors coming back for a periodic check-up on the progress of a planet colonized centuries ago.
 - f. Previous Atlantis and Lemuria inhabitants returning from their present home to Earth for reasons of their own.
4. When did they first arrive?
- a. In 1947, with Kenneth Arnold's sighting in Washington state.
 - b. In pre-Biblical times.
 - c. They were the first beings on Earth. We are their descendents.
5. How do they operate, or travel?
- a. By atomic power or ion power.
 - b. By electro-static propulsion.
 - c. Solar energy.
 - d. Anti-gravity, anti-magnetic, or electro-magnetic principles.
 - e. Using mental powers alone. "Willing" themselves from place to place.
 - f. There is some unknown rate of vibration, or some force, emanating from a central point in the Universe that can be utilized as a power supply. Once "tuned-in", travel at any speed to any point in the Universe is possible.
6. Why are they here?
- a. To gain knowledge and investigate the planet Earth and it's people; purely in the interest of science. They have evolved to such a high degree of intelligence that we are to them as mysterious and uncommunicable as our insect life is to us.
 - b. To teach us, or guide us as we venture into space.
 - c. To enslave, or control us.
 - d. We are already their slaves, or under their control, through mental processes we are unaware of.
 - e. Our governments are controlled by them; or perhaps are them.
 - f. They are our Gods or Devils - or both. They are good and evil fighting over us; for us.
 - g. To find a way to prevent us from destroying ourselves.
 - h. We threaten them in some way.
 - i. There is a Universal government and the time has come, now that we are on the brink of space travel, for us to learn the rules. First there must be communication. In order to communicate, they - being the more advanced and intelligent - must learn all about us in order to establish communication on our level.
 - j. They are sky-nappers. Their specimen collecting is responsible for all the people, planes, and boats that mysteriously disappear.
 - k. They cause physical death to take place because they desire that soul for reasons of their own.
 - l. They stop here in their travels to dump their garbage which accounts for all the strange things that fall from the sky; such as meat, ice, fish, frogs, blood, Angel hair, gelatin-like substances, and ammonia type fluids. This may be deliberate, accidental, or just necessary.
 - m. They are the builders of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh and other fantastic architectural achievements on the face of the Earth that have baffled man to this day. They are using, or have used, these landmarks as guides in their travels through space.

Which possibilities are correct? Are any? Questions, theories and speculations abound, but where and how do we find the answers? It appears that only the saucers themselves can reveal the solution to the mystery.

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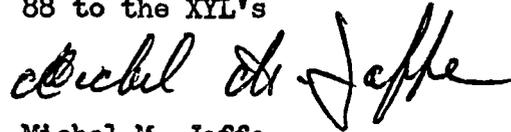
There is a possibility that DATA-NET may go off the air soon. This will be due to a bigger and better UFO reporting group. Several members have monitored Wayne Green's group and find it very well organized. We are glad that someone with better facilities has taken our idea and is apparently successful. This will allow DATA-NET to concentrate more fully on UFO research. Please look forward to a personal letter soon.

All members please remember that we are indeed working on a possible solution.

I wish to personally thank the members for their help, enthusiasm and financial support for this project. It is because of you that DATA-NET lives.

Keep up the work.

73 to the YM's
88 to the XYL's

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michel M. Jaffe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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