

# DATA-NET REPORT

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Due to circumstances beyond his Control, WB6RPL has lost access to the photocopy machine. I have taken the job of printing and mailing this issue of the REPORT, so that it will not be delayed while Mike is looking for a Printer. Please continue to send all gripes, complaints, etc. to the "Ole Controller, WB6RPL.

De WASRON  
224 Roberts Hall  
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The "UFO INVESTIGATOR" Feb. - March 1969 issue, published by NICAP, Washington, D. C. reports: "MADRID 'UFO' EXPLAINED." NICAP reports that the pyramid-shaped UFO over Madrid, Spain in September of 1968 was in fact a French meteorological balloon.

DATA-NET, November, 1968 issue advised it's members that "a triangular-shaped balloon belonging to the French was shot down by the Spanish Air Force." Thus D-N members received this information 3 to 4 months before NICAP members were notified. (Ref: D-N Report No. 22, p. 3)

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EDITORIAL

Those who are UFO "non-believers" appear as hung-up with their point of view as the unqualified "believers."

Unfortunately too many from both groups make up their minds which side they will champion without regard for the facts. It is easy to amass enough facts to support a specific point of view, but very difficult to objectively consider all the facts and arrive at an impartial conclusion.

Many people, depending on the judgement of others, are deluded by degrees listed behind a signature. They ignore the fact that degrees signify the completion of a certain number of required courses, and are not a guarantee of objective intellect. Actually, the man who studies on his own for the sheer pleasure of the knowledge and information he can obtain is far more intelligent and informed than the one who is forced to study a specific program of miscellaneous subjects in order to obtain a degree.

Entering the field of science, we find the greatest number of opinionated individuals. Operating on the basis of past experimental conclusions, they evaluate their present experiments. They do not seem to challenge the validity of past conclusions in light of current information as readily as would a businessman or a doctor of medicine.

There is widespread criticism of "THE CONDON REPORT." A flagrant waste of time and money, it also is a total failure as an objective UFO study. It is wordy, and scientifically presented, but factually anemic.

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Dr. James E. McDonald comments that while the Condon Report errs "bias" to the serious UFO researcher, they exhibit bias in the report by presenting incomplete evidence, if not actual misrepresentation of evidence.

Roscoe Drummond in the Christian Science Monitor states that the Condon report is "inconclusive at significant points," and that he is skeptical of those who flatly doubt the whole UFO problem.

Of all our assets, an open mind is probably the most valuable. To believe or not believe is not nearly as important as becoming convinced by considering all available evidence.

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WBZVFF reports: There has not been much UFO activity around here. Maybe later on in the year.

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From WASSON, Assistant Controller:

It seems that when the small UFO clubs run out of sighting reports and UNAP versus humanity gossip, they revert to printing the theories of individual members in their newsletters. The rantings and run-of-the-pen theories of amateur "ufologists" are usually either a wash of that which has been said before, or any imaginable sort of meaningless rubbish, comprised of any kind of esoteric or occult contrivances that may be concocted to explain some aspect of the behavior of the UFO's.

Therefore I hesitate to embark on the writing of my idea for fear that, during a disastrous dearth of meaty UFO data, the Ole Control might print this in the REPORT. I do feel, however, that the following recorded thoughts may cause someone to stop and consider a logical possibility that may never have entered his mind before. I must emphasize that this is a theory, and only a theory. I cannot say that this theory is proved by any observed data, any more than I could tell you that this information was confided to me by a beautiful Venusian princess. It is the best hypothesis that I have yet come up with, or seen anywhere (anyone having a better idea on the subject, or anyone who has seen the same theory previously presented by a UFO author please let me know.) So consider the following, to be accepted or rejected as you see fit.

The question that has bothered me for the five years since I began an avid interest in unidentified flying objects has been: why are extraterrestrials watching us so carefully without making any attempt to communicate over all these years?

Many have attempted to advance reasonable answers to this important question. I shall endeavor to list some of these possible explanations, giving my comments as to their strength and weakness, and then presenting an idea that I do not believe has been considered before.

If extraterrestrials are visiting our planet in great numbers, why then do they not make the overt contact, land on the White House lawn? Some authors feel that the UFO occupants are scientifically curious about our civilization here on earth, and wish to study us without in any way disturbing our behavior. Anyone with any idea of the number of UFO's reported per week over the last twenty years must be struck with the magnitude of the expense for some civilization to send such a vast amount of men and equipment through the unknown distance of space to study the earth year after year. Such expenditure, no matter how advanced technologically this civilization may be, seems extreme for a purely scientific-curiosity-motivated venture. I must also point out that UFOs, although actively avoiding any direct and meaningful contact, have not in the least been shy about letting themselves be observed by millions of people.

We are also told by some that the visitors from space may be so advanced mentally that they could no more hold conversation with stupid earthlings than a human could communicate with an insect. This idea is pure rubbish. The reason humans do not have intellectual contact with lower forms of life is not because of the advanced state of human mentality; but because of the incapacity of the lower form. Humans are advanced mentally enough to recognize a superior intelligence, and curious enough to attempt communication. Any other intelligent beings should be able to recognize us as intelligent beings, and would surely attempt communication, unless they had a good reason for not doing so.

Another suggestion, promoted considerably by Frank Edwards, is that these visitors do plan to make contact, but are taking their time and studying us for any adverse effects, the overt contact may cause. To this suggestion I can only point to the long history of UFO sightings. The UFOs have been visiting our planet sporadically for centuries. There was a great concentration of sightings in the late 1890s, then the almost continuous flurry of massive UFO activity in our skies since World War II. Such patience and careful observation in preparation for contact seems absurd. It is more and more apparent that the careful surveillance from a safe distance is the whole reason for their being here, rather than a preparation for more intimate contact.

What about the suggestion that these extraterrestrials may be preparing to invade and take over our planet? Once again I point to the long time period during which nothing of the sort has happened. Any beings with an interest in our planet and plans for takeover should have done so years ago when our military defenses were much weaker.

Why then would superior beings be so interested in man and his planet, yet make no effort toward, in fact carefully avoid any, contact on a large scale with humans? Superior beings should have nothing to hide from us, and no fear. Why then do the UFOs and their occupants behave in the manner that they do?

Thoughts along these lines led me to the recognition of a new possibility (I'll bet you were beginning to wonder when I would get around to this!) Why then do we always picture beings from another planet flying in obviously advanced spacecraft as necessarily being mentally superior to ourselves? Consider the possibility that UFO occupants may be mentally inferior to us humans. Would this tend to explain the odd aspects of UFO behavior?

Let us imagine a planet where intelligent beings developed who look somewhat like us but do not possess the I.Q. and mental potential of humans here on earth. Slowly and painfully, over many centuries, these people develop a technology that produces a practical method of space travel. They range through space, exploring planets, and generally feeling that they are the most advanced beings in the universe. They find the earth. Scientific expeditions to earth during the Roman Empire or the Middle Ages show that humans are interesting but very backward. Little attention is paid to earth except for some scientific studies and possibly some large scale mapping work done around the turn of the Twentieth Century.

Then our space explorers receive the greatest shock of their culture's history. Aircraft, nuclear bombs, liquid rockets, TV stations! The backward earthlings have developed a technology in a scant fifty years that our space visitors required centuries to perfect! They see instantly that the earthmen will also have practical spacecraft within the next twenty-five years. What will happen then? The UFO occupants will no longer be kings of the universe. Will the superior earthlings have respect for the older civilization's achievements, or will we enslave those who had for so long been masters of many worlds?

What would a civilization faced with such a problem do? It seems that they would likely drop everything, pouring all resources into the study of the earth. Nearby stations on the Moon or Mars

would be constructed, and constant flyovers would be made to determine how soon earthmen would be capable of practical space flight. The UFO occupants would need to know how the people of our planet are likely to accept them before making any sort of contact. The UFO craft would have to be disguised, and kept from landing anywhere where scientists and engineers may be able to get a good look at the advanced but basically simple propulsion system.

I think that intelligent beings in this situation would be lost for knowing what to do. They would not want to take over our planet by force, even though they may make some studies to see if this could be easily accomplished. They would not know whether they might be able to buy time by resisting our efforts to perfect space travel or not. They probably know by now that telling earthmen not to venture out into space would only make us more eager to do so.

The only thing left for the visitors to do is watch and wait; that is what they seem to be doing. They may be wondering whether we will make the universe a better place, or spread destruction wherever we go. Whatever be the case, they must realize that their whole future depends on us.

This little fantasy is by no means presented as being likely true, but I see no reason why it could not be. Anyhow, the next time you see a UFO, wave at them. Wave, and wonder why they are afraid to wave back!

WASRON - Monitoring 14.3, Wednesday nights.

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From Philip J. Klass:

"UFOs ARE HOSTILE," was written by Brad Steiger, a pseudonym for a college professor named Olson who teaches at a small college in Iowa. One should expect a college professor would check his facts first.

According to Steiger, three men were mysteriously cremated to death at three widely separated locations at the same moment in time on April 7, 1938, and Steiger suggests that their deaths may have been the work of extraterrestrial visitors.

The first incident reportedly occurred at 1:14 p.m. on April 7, 1938, when (according to Steiger) the second mate of a ship the S. S. ULRICH, sailing west of Ireland, noted that the ship was yawing badly. When he went to the wheelhouse, he found that the helmsman "had been transformed into a human cinder." But strangely, there was no other sign of fire inside the wheelhouse and the dead man's shoes were "unmarked by flame."

At 2:14 p.m., one time-zone east, at Upton-by-Chester in England, a truck crashed and when the police arrived at the scene they found that the driver, a man supposedly named George Turner, had been burned to death. But there was no other evidence of fire within the truck, according to Steiger. The clock on the truck's dashboard was stopped at 2:14 p.m.

At 3:14 p.m. in Nijmegen, Holland, a young man was "burned beyond recognition while seated in his Volkswagen." The automobile showed "no evidence of fire," according to Steiger. ALL

OF THESE EVENTS TOOK, PLACE AT THE SAME INSTANT IN TIME, EACH IN AN ADJOINING TIME ZONE, according to Steiger's account

I decided to run a brief check on this story which sounded a bit too fantastic to be true. I asked the U. S. Maritime Administration to check their records and tell me the Registry of the ship the S. S. ULRICH. I told them that if such a ship ever existed, it was afloat on April 7, 1938. In a few hours the Maritime Commission spokesman called to say that he had checked the Lloyd's of London Register, the most complete listing of the world's shipping, from the year 1929 to 1941, and he could not find any ship there named the S. S. ULRICH. He said he had then checked their next best reference, the Bureau of American Shipping Register; again, no S. S. ULRICH. Finally he had called the U. S. Coast Guard and they had checked their records, but found no S. S. ULRICH.

If a ship named the S. S. ULRICH ever existed, it somehow was overlooked by all of those who make it their business to know the name of every ship afloat.

I then wrote to the chief of police at Chester-By-Upton and at Nijmegen to ask them to examine their records to see if the incidents Steiger described had indeed occurred. The chief of police at Nijmegen wrote back to say that it would not be possible to check their records for 1938 because these had been destroyed during World War II. However, he noted that the young man allegedly had been found burned to death in a Volkswagon, and he pointed out that the first Volkswagons did not come into Holland until 1947, some nine years later. (More recently I have learned that Adolph Hitler himself laid the cornerstone for the first Volkswagon factory, and this event did not occur until late May of 1938, some six weeks after the young man allegedly was burned to death in a Volkswagon in Nijmegen!)

The chief of police at Upton-By-Chester replied and his letter told me that there had indeed been a truck crash in which the driver had been burned to death. He enclosed a photostatic copy of the account of the accident which had appeared at the time in the local newspaper, so I could get the full details. It turned out that Steiger had made a few errors: First, the truck driver's name was not George Turner, but was really Edgar Beattie. Second, the accident had occurred at around 5:00 p.m., not at 2:14 p.m. Third, the accident had occurred NOT on April 7, 1938, but on April 4. But the most important discrepancy was that the whole truck was consumed by fire. The first man to arrive at the scene had attempted to rescue the driver, but reported that the handle of the door was red-hot, preventing him from opening it.

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From WA4RON, Jerry Johnson, Assistant Controller:

I would like to advance a theory on the propulsion system utilized by the unidentified aircraft in our skies which account for a considerable percentage of unexplainable UFO sightings. (I am a believer you know, consider me a kook and read no farther.) This theory, based on the observational data acquired from UFO reports, would give the entire UFO subject more respectability by considering UFOs as mechanical craft motivated by processes adhering to the laws of physics, and having predictable characteristics. This may effectively remove the mysticism that has grown up around the UFO

subject due to the craft's unusual appearance and performance, and lead to better study and understanding of the UFO, and the intelligence behind the UFO phenomena.

In the early years of UFO interest, a Frenchman named Plantier advanced a theory on UFO propulsion (see "THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS" - Aimee Michel) that would explain such things as super-high speeds, bright colored lights, and lack of sonic shock waves in relation to UFO reports and sightings, this theory assumed some "gravity field" or method of holding, or moving, the molecules of air in a controlled fashion. Although I am not aware of any method of producing gravity fields, I do know that air can be moved by a magnetic field if it is first ionized. Apparently it is now within our technological power to build propulsion systems of this nature. As an example of this, I refer you to "POPULAR SCIENCE MAGAZINE," April 1967, and an article "Giant Submarine Propelled by Magnetism." It discusses propelling ocean craft by forcing ionized sea water backwards with a strong magnetic field. Can the same be done in air? Back to POPULAR SCIENCE and an article by Wernher von Braun, "Will Mighty Magnets Protect Voyagers To Planets?" Where it is said that a strong magnetic field "could exert a substantial braking force against an atmosphere made electrically conductive by the shock wave of entry" (of a vehicle from space.) Could a similar method of propelling (instead of braking) a craft be employed if the air was made electrically conductive by some other means?

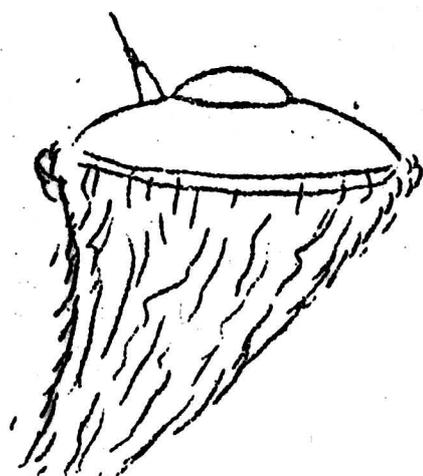
Considering actual UFO cases, I find that many witnesses report fuzzy light or "electrical fire" surrounding the UFO craft. One of the most important UFO cases, the Ravenna, Ohio police chase of a large UFO (not Venus, balloon, etc.) for 86 miles give a detailed account of a UFO sighting and clues as to its method of propulsion. I quote from Dale Spurr, police officer and one of the chief figures in the case: "It seemed to be propelled by a stream of light that came out behind the craft, although the only sound we heard was that of a steady humming, like an electrical installation might make." This stream of "light" (see sketch based on descriptions of the sighters) comes to a point rather than diverging as light beams always do. Many viewers of this phenomena describe it as a cloud of light or glowing gas.

Ionization produced around rim by RF energy, electrostatics, or some other means.

Glowing plasma (ionized air) forced downward and to the rear.



Direction of motion



Plasma directed by magnetic field produced by cryogenic magnets or other devices; possibly powered by magnetohydrodynamic generation or nuclear fusion produced within the moving plasma itself.

It is my belief that a disk (or other shaped) craft can be lifted by ionizing air molecules and forcing the air downward with a sufficient magnetic field. By changing the field and forcing the air back a little, the craft would move in a horizontal direction. This is similar to the propulsion of the helicopters which can often lift great loads by forcing air downward. This propulsion system would not work in space, but it would operate in any sufficiently dense atmosphere, regardless of its chemical makeup.

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The CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGISTS will hold their sixth annual convention at the Hotel Daniel Boone, Charleston, West Virginia on June 20th, and 21st, 1959. For more information, write to Gray Barker, Box 2226, Clarisburg, West Virginia, 26301.

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From NP4CH:

Bridgeport Post, 1-7-69, FLYING SAUCER PROBE PROVIDES NO EVIDENCE, by Frank Carey, AP Science Writer, Washington (AP) - A secret report on an Air Force financed investigation of flying saucers will say there is no scientific evidence to indicate that these unidentified flying objects are spaceships from another world.

Informed sources told the Associated Press that this will be the primary thrust of the closely-guarded report on a two-year study by a team of nongovernment scientists.

The sources said the report will not claim that the study produced proof that UFOs are not manned surveillance craft from outer space. "You can't prove a negative," the sources said.

Neither, they said, will it question the possibility that intelligent life exists beyond the earth. Instead, it will emphasize that the investigation uncovered no scientific evidence to support contentions by various individual scientists and private organizations that flying saucers are visitors from a distant planet.

The study, financed by a \$500,000 grant from the Air Force, was made by a team of scientists under the direction of Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado.

Tight security has been imposed on the project from the start, and authorities are still working hard to guard against leaks.

The 1,000-page report has been turned over, at the Air Force's request, to a special appraisal committee of the National Academy of Sciences, which refuses to divulge any information, even the names of committee members.

Findings of the academy committee are to be attached to the report for simultaneous release by the Air Force, now tentatively scheduled for Friday.

It was learned that the only other copies of the report are locked in a basement at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Condon, 65, a physicist and a former chief of the U. S. National Bureau of Standards, has repeatedly refused to talk about the findings of the project.

Asked in an interview last February whether the study had made him a believer or disbeliever in the theory that flying saucers are spacecraft from other planets, he replied:

"I'm not getting to be more one way than the other, but I'm not going to tell you what that way is."

Condon's project staff included a dozen astronomers, physicists and psychologists. He also enlisted the aid of outside consultants, and contracted with private agencies for some research.

The Air Force commissioned Condon's study in the face of persistent criticism of its own UFO investigations, begun 20 years ago and still continuing.

Critics of the Air Force claim its studies are biased against the possibility that UFOs are manned surveillance craft from outer space, and accuse it of withholding information that might prove the contention. The Air Force has vigorously denied both accusations.

The upcoming report appears certain to prompt renewed controversy.

Last May, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena—a private group that gathers information on flying saucers—charged that the Condon study lacked impartiality. The organization said it had broken relations with the Condon group after what it called 17 months of cooperation.

That same month, Rep. J. Edward Roush, D-Ind., called for a congressional investigation of flying saucers, saying the Condon study was floundering in disension.

He apparently referred to Condon's firing of two project scientists, Dr. David R. Saunders and Dr. Norman Levine. Condon accused the two of "incompetence."

The House Space and Astronautics Committee held a "seminar" on the UFOs last July. Ground rules prohibited specific discussion of the Condon project, but Rep. William P. Ryan, D-N.Y., asked Dr. James H. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, whether more study than the Colorado project was needed.

"Emphatically yes," the witness replied. "We need a broader base. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration or the National Science Foundation ought to support some universities to make studies of UFOs."

In announcing the Condon project in October, 1966, Air Force Secretary Harold Brown said the University of Colorado had been commissioned "to analyze phenomena associated with UFO sightings," and make recommendations on the Air Force's methods of investigation and evaluation. He added that to the National Academy of Sciences review "will not be part of the investigation team, but will provide a further independent check on the scientific validity of the method of investigation."

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Dallas Times Herald, 1-7-69. UFO QUESTIONS STILL UNANSWERED.

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From WA5RCW. The Dallas Morning News, 2-2-69. **TEXANS' STAR DISCOVERY OPENS SCIENTIFIC PROMISE.** (Austin Bureau of the News) Austin--An important breakthrough in astronomy--the optical sighting of mysterious pulsars--was announced here Saturday at the University of Texas.

"This is one of the most exciting things in astronomy during the last decade," said Dr. Harlan Smith, director of the University's McDonald observatory in West Texas.

The sighting was done jointly by astronomers of the University of Texas and the University of Arizona during January.

"Optical sighting of a pulsar opens a new realm concerning the state of collapse of stars," explained Dr. Smith. "It also opens a new realm in physics where general relativity rather than Newtonian physics is the appropriate descriptive method.

Pulsars, first detected by radio astronomers at Cambridge, England in 1967, stirred scientific interest because of the extreme regularity of the radio signal they emitted.

There was speculation that the radio signals were being sent by intelligent beings, but this later was ruled out on the basis of scientific evidence.

"We are practically certain now that pulsars are neutron stars," Dr. Smith said.

Neutron stars are stars in the final stages of dying. With a diameter of only 10 miles, they are composed of matter a million billion times denser than ordinary matter.

"Objects of such density can be compared to a single, giant atomic nucleus," said Dr. Smith.

He explained that astronomers have theorized about neutron stars for more than 30 years. However, they had not expected to sight one because such stars were presumed to be at least a million times fainter than any object that can be seen with ordinary optical telescopes.

Then on the night of Jan. 15 astronomers W. John Cooke, Michael J. Disney and Donald J. Taylor of the University of Arizona, using a 36-in. telescope at Kitt Peak, spotted a flashing star in the Crab Nebula in the same position as a previously reported pulsar.

To get confirmation of their results, they contacted R. E. Nather and Dr. Brian Warner at UP's McDonald observatory on Mount Locke.

Nather and Dr. Warner, in anticipation of an optical sighting of a pulsar, had been working feverishly for more than a year to perfect a sophisticated electronic viewing instrument attached to the 82-inch telescope at McDonald.

"Thanks to Nather and Dr. Warner, we had the best equipped observatory in the world to look for optical pulsars," said Dr. Smith.

The official confirmation of the sighting was made the night of Jan. 19.

News of the discovery spread quickly through the world's astronomical community. Nather and Dr. Warner already have written a technical article about their results which will be published this month in the British scientific journal, Nature.

Their results also have been the subject of a scientific conference, held for a group of astronomers at Kitt Peak observatory in Arizona.

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From WB6RPL. San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle, 3-16-69.  
**BE KIND BEFORE YOU KILL CHICKEN.** By Gobind Behari Lal, Science Writer. - Here's a scientific cooking tip that'll make your Coq au vin really scrumptious. Be nice to your chicken before you chop its head off.

That's the conclusion of Canadian biologist Dr. A. W. Khan after in depth research on the subject. He's quite serious about it and believes maybe beef would be tenderer, too.

Dr. Kahn, working in the food technology section of the Canadian National Research Council, learned that anxiety and stress-- along with muscular activity -- just before chickens are killed makes their meat tough.

Anxiety causes an increase in the production of lactic acid in the muscles, as does muscle activity. And the lactic acid causes toughness of the muscles.

Dr. Kahn said the key to tender chicken meat "is the prevention of stress and muscular activity just before and during death.... This means more humane slaughtering methods."

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The DATA-NET reward for an authentic photograph of a flying saucer is \$25.00. Please enclose as much pertinent information as possible.

Books in the DATA-NET library are available to members free of charge on a loan basis.

Anyone interested in obtaining the lunar photos from our surveyors and/or the Martian photos by our Mariner please contact me.

I will try to work harder,

73 & 88,

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