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CONTACT UFO is your best source for accurate, reliable information on the budding science of "ufology"—a strange, unpredictable, bitterly competitive discipline that is just now on the verge of major technological breakthroughs. Like the alchemist who tried to turn lead into gold and ended up inventing the science of chemistry, the ufologist is engaged in a similar pursuit—to prove the hypothesis that extraterrestrial life is visiting the planet Earth. That hypothesis may prove true or false, or it may lead to something even more profound. But in the end, the engaging work of today's ufologists will challenge forever the ways in which we view the universe. That's a fact, and CONTACT UFO will prove it in every issue of this newsletter.

We have gathered the top academicians, witnesses, and investigators to properly gauge and deliver the world of ufology to you. In this issue, you will find compelling voices of ufology like John Mack, professor of psychiatry at Harvard University who is actively engaged in the study of alien abduction theories; Larry Thurman, a deputy sheriff in Knoxville, Tennessee who videotaped a UFO while engaged in a drug sting; and like SOBEPS, a Belgian ufological organization that has recently completed a major study on the mass UFO sightings that have been recorded in their country during the past few years. Hundreds of individuals, organizations, and world-wide authorities have been consulted during the past two years to bring you this newsletter—the most up-to-date, comprehensive UFO source in the world.

Every issue, you will be witness to the most compelling information gathered from five very different sources:

WITNESSES. Eyewitnesses are the primary source for ufological information, and as such CONTACT UFO will diligently pursue all such witnesses and report their findings to you. Whether it is Ed Walters shooting photos in Gulf Breeze or Betty Hill recalling the specific details of her abduction some three decades ago, we will continue to gauge credibility, reliability, and motive.

SCIENTISTS. Implants that have been expelled from the bodies of abduction victims are now being studied at MIT and The University of Michigan. Soil samples from Roswell, New Mexico to Stonehenge in the United Kingdom are continually being revised and re-analyzed as new forensic methods are developed. CONTACT UFO won't miss a scientific beat as these academics probe the mysteries of the physical evidence.

INVESTIGATORS. There is serious police work being done to ferret out the narratives behind every ufological encounter, and CONTACT UFO is in touch with the best investigative minds. Witnesses are interviewed; sites are visited; and information is persistently requested from government agencies. This newsletter will explore the methods of inquiry and the intricacies of government coverups, be they fact, mystery, or obvious hoax.

ORGANIZATIONS. We don't do all of this on our own, but instead work closely with individuals from all UFO organizations, including The Center for UFO Studies, The Fund for UFO Research, The Mutual UFO Network, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, The Ancient Astronauts Society, and other world-wide groups.

THERAPISTS. Much is being revealed by the therapists of UFO "victims" or "experiencers". We are being provided, on a continuing basis, with information as detailed in private therapy sessions of alien abductees and others who have had close encounters with alleged alien craft or beings.

In short, CONTACT UFO is committed to providing you with the most thoughtful, precise, thoroughly researched material in ufology. This issue officially launches a program that has been years in the making, and is dedicated to getting at the truth.

ON LOCATION

DATELINE:
ALAMAGORDO,
NEW MEXICO

In November of 1990, Contact UFO sent two investigators and a camera crew to Alamagordo, New Mexico. Interviews with a couple of local UFOphiles, 50's contactee "guru" Daniel Fry, and an excursion to White Sands National Monument were on the agenda. A side trip to Roswell was also planned, time permitting. Following are some of the journal entries recorded by Lou Zucaro on that trip:

November 23...WE ARRIVE

6:15 PM

Phone rang...it was Peter Kavel. Peter and Bill English said they have a lot of important UFO information. Peter brought a VCR to hook up in one of our rooms, and a stack of about 15 VHS tapes. UFINET is the name of their group. Bill invited us to dinner at his house.

11:08 PM

I've been told that I should probably take a lot of what Bill English says with a grain of salt. I can see why. His story: he saw *Bluebook Report 13*, "proving" the government was hiding the truth about flying saucers and extraterrestrials. He wouldn't keep his mouth closed about it, so they shipped him back to the U.S. (he had been stationed in Europe). He says he's had something like 18 attempts on his life because of what he knows about UFOs. Tomorrow we'll get him on tape talking about those attempts. It will be good material for the Conspiracies and Cover-Ups tape.

Bill drives a school bus - not sure what his wife does. He's been involved in all of this UFO stuff for probably at least ten or twelve years. It's kind of funny that a lot of skeptics say people who talk about UFOs are only in it for the money. In most cases, that's not true. Need to start early in the morning. Hope to make Roswell on the 25th.

November 24...NUCLEAR TESTING

12:11, Just after midnight

Long day today. Ate breakfast, then woke up Frank and Louie, our camera guys. They're from CBS in El Paso. Bill English came to Holiday Inn about 9:00 this morning. We set up a makeshift dolly shot: Louie held the camera while sitting in the back of the Eyewitness News van. Frank drove and I kept the microphone cables out of everybody's way.

Bill told the story of the most recent attempt on his life. Somebody apparently sliced a piece of one of his tires off so that he'd have a blowout as he was driving down the mountain road from his home. I don't know if somebody tried to kill him, but it was a pretty unusual slice. It didn't look like it wore out naturally.

Next we went to White Sands National Monument. Wild experience. White gypsum sand for miles and miles. The old White Sands proving grounds are at one

and I don't believe a word of what he said. I've got no problem with that. But if somebody says 'Bill English told me this story and he's lying,' then I get mad. If it's somebody's opinion that my story is not true, and they say it's their opinion that's one thing, but if somebody calls me a liar, I get pissed off." It's a good attitude to have. Maybe aliens came here when they saw the first nuclear explosions on earth from across the galaxy.

We drove up to Holloman to see if they'd let us do some shooting on the base. We can get in, but we can't shoot. We set up the camera on the median of the highway and got some shots of the Holloman sign and the cracked, dry earth.

On to the Alamagordo space museum / missile graveyard. That was really interesting too. Old missile graveyard was eerie. Missiles were just laying there in the dirt and weeds, with big chunks of metal gone. Some were all rusty - missing a tail fin or a nose cone, and some seemed like they had just been forgotten about. Very cool.

After lunch we dropped Bill off at Peter's house. Peter lives across the street from Daniel Fry. As we walked up the porch to Mr. Fry's house, I noticed a box full of UFO books sitting inside one of the windows. I could tell that it was going to be weird.

4:30 PM IT WAS WEIRD

Mr. Fry, looks about 70. Striped suit - straw hat. He wanted to do the interview outside because his house was messy. We grabbed a couple of lawn chairs off the porch and put them on the lawn, where they belonged. He kept saying that he couldn't stand the sunlight in his eyes, so Frank and I got some bounce cards out of the van and held them up to shade him from the sun.

The real reason we were there: to see how



A Contact UFO Investigative Team in Alamagordo, New Mexico

end, Holloman Air Force Base in the middle, White Sands Missile Range at the north end. Somebody once saw films of UFOs and aliens at Holloman. Films disappeared later. Bill told another story of an attempt on his life - took place at White Sands years ago. Resulted in the death of two friends of his. Many holes in the story. How does he expect me to believe it? I ask him and he says "I don't care if people don't believe me, as long as they say 'Bill English told me this story

much film he had on UFOs. Most people will say that his films of UFOs were faked, but he has some incredible footage of people in the 50's and 60's telling of contact experiences. Great footage from the Giant Rock UFO conferences, too. It's all the great stuff that UFO history is made of. These people believed that space brothers from Venus were here to save us from nuclear war. A friend of mine said, "How do you know that in 40 years people won't think the same thing of abductees that you're saying about the old contactees." That's different. The old contactees thought that the visitors were here to save us from this or from that. To give us medicine and peace. The abductees today just want to know what the hell has happened to them.

I wanted to get an idea of how much information he had on UFOs - books and magazines from back then. Went to the back of his house, in a narrow hallway he called his library. Hallway packed floor to ceiling with boxes full of books and papers. Started to look through them and noticed something moving against the wall. I looked more carefully, only to see the most hideous insects I have ever seen. Huge bugs - maybe a half dozen of them - about two inches long. They looked like a cross between a grasshopper and a centipede. I pulled my hand back as fast as I could and walked toward the only exit. I just remember looking in every direction as fast as I could as I was on my way out. I hate big insects. Especially when they've never been recorded by science before. When I got back into the kitchen, I noticed for the first time why those bugs were there. Open cans of beans and vegetables were all over one counter. Dirty dishes were in the sink. I got depressed just then. I hoped that he'd use the money we were paying him for his films to have his house cleaned and fumigated and to buy some good food. I had to get out of there.

**November 25...SHOOTING THE STRIP
12:19 PM**

After breakfast this morning we drove up and down the Alamogordo strip. Shot out the side of the van to get some of the atmosphere of the town. A lot of great little places here call attention to the history of missile testing in the area. The Rocket Lounge, the Galaxy Motel, Space-Age Cleaners. Chamber of commerce had murals of historical space events painted on it's walls.

On our way to Roswell. I'm excited. It won't be anything like what it was back in 1947, but it will be cool just to see where some of the events of the crash supposedly took place. Frank is driving,

and everybody but me is asleep. More to come.

6:46 PM ROSWELL

Stopped to get shots of the Roswell sign. Stopped to get gas in town - some curious people wanted to know if they were going to be on TV. No. Did they know the Roswell crash story? They looked at each other and laughed. "Everyone knows about that around here," one of them said. Did they believe it? One said yes. The other wasn't sure.

Went to what used to be Roswell Army Air Base. It's now a municipal airfield. Air Force uses it for training applications. Got a strange feeling knowing that somewhere in one of those buildings or on some auxilliary part of a runway, there could be a scrap of metal or a piece of I-beam that had eluded the soldiers and the years. Wishful thinking.

Found a section of the airport that was home to some older aircraft. They looked incomplete - missing a rotor or a panel from the fuselage or something. Got some good shots looking at these old planes through the fence which kept us out.

After the airport we drove by the Sheriff's office. Was closed today. Got some shots of the outside, but nothing exciting happened. No ghosts. Lunch at a Black Angus. Good steaks. On the way back we taped a cattle stampede and a sheep which was mutilated. Part of an alien harvest? Probably not. It looked like it had been hit by a semi and then some. No clean incisions. No missing genitalia. Not that I looked.

I didn't get to see a UFO. Not even a scrap of a UFO. I never really expected to. I'm not sure I know exactly what I want. I don't know if I just want proof that they're here. Or maybe I just want the government to admit it. Maybe I want to see where it is that they come from. I just want to know. Some times it doesn't cross my mind at all; other times it drives me crazy. Reports are everywhere, but the tangible element is still elusive after all these years.

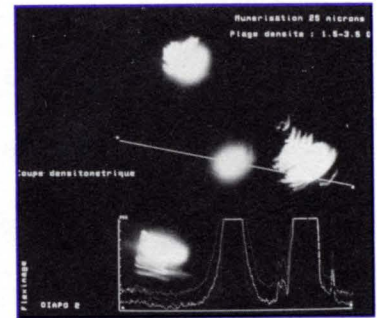


CONTACT UFO GOES TO BELGIUM

Brussels, Belgium...The Societe Belge d'Etude des Phenomenes Spatiaux (SOBEPS) is working in tandem with the Belgian military to accelerate the on-going investigation into mass UFO sightings in the German- and French-speaking parts of the country. Analyzing radar echoes that were recorded by F-16 fighter planes, Professor Auguste Meessen from the Universite Catholique de Louvain has concluded that a real object is performing "stunts" that are beyond the capability of any known aircraft. Without crediting the object to extraterrestrial origin, Professor Meessen did state that the object poses "a major scientific problem."

Over 2000 people have reported sightings of a UFO object with a consistent shape since the first witness came forward in the town of Eupen in 1989. SOBEPS has investigated over 1000 of the reports, and CONTACT UFO recently commissioned a film crew to interview several of the most fascinating cases (which will be profiled in the videocassette, MASS SIGHTINGS). Among these witnesses is noted European professional soccer player Gaetano Rotalo, who was interviewed in his hometown of Rebecq.

Patrick Ferrin, a director of SOBEPS, revealed the results to their extensive photographic analysis project at the International Press Center in Brussels. Taking a clear UFO photograph that was provided by an eyewitness, SOBEPS attempted to debunk the image by creating models, using spectrometers, and engaging in various methods of superimposition. They were unable to duplicate the image to any satisfaction and have determined that this and the other photographs and videos are of unknown origin.



UNQUESTIONABLE

Contact UFO encourages you to write in with any UFO-related questions you may have. We'll ask the experts what they think. Although we cannot answer every question we receive, we'll try to answer the most commonly asked or most unusual.

Q Tony Incopero, Ontario, CA: Do people who report seeing extraterrestrials always see the same creature?

A Ann Druffel: The term extraterrestrial implies that the creatures witnesses report are from outer space. There is as yet no proof of this. But rational, honest individuals are reporting unidentified entities who are usually associated with some kind of strange craft. These entities are of many types and many sizes and seem to have differing motives. These creatures which appear outdoors often are reported to wear helmets, as if to protect themselves from our atmosphere. As a general rule, all types or entities reported are humanoid in shape.

Q Benny Tarantini, Whitestone, NY: When did abductees first start to report missing time?

A John Carpenter: Basically, a few accounts came out in the late 50's or early 60's, but most were not believed or publicized. Betty and Barney Hill was the first case that really caught the attention of the public. You might think that their case would've opened the floodgates as it were, but that was not so. It wasn't really until, again, Budd Hopkins entered the scene with his book *Missing Time* that a lot of people began to report missing time episodes.

Q Melisa Vara, Chicago, IL: How much money is spent on a yearly basis on UFO research?

A Don Berliner: It differs from year to year. I would say on the average, \$25,000 a year is spent by the Fund for UFO Research. Mainly, this money comes from individual contributions, although the Fund does see some money from sales of reports and the like. There are occasions when larger amounts of money are spent to research UFOs. Recently, two anonymous donors awarded a grant of \$200,000 to several researchers to try to come up with some answers to the abduction mystery.

Ann Druffel is the author of The Tujunga Canyon Contacts. John Carpenter is a Psychologist practicing in St. Louis. Don Berliner is the Director of the Fund For UFO Research.

THE MINDS OF SCIENCE

When we approached Dr. John E. Mack, professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, to discuss with us his work to date dealing with abductions, we weren't sure what to expect from him. What we ended up with was the first recorded interview with Dr. Mack concerning this most important topic. Here we present to you an excerpt from that interview, in which Dr. Mack discusses the various aspects of trauma which he has found that abductees go through.

"These individuals undergo what I call a fourfold trauma. If you have a, say, a post-war trauma, somebody who has been in Vietnam, for instance, or who has been exposed to or taken part in actions which are deeply disturbing to their values or their sense of self, the trauma has happened, and it's disturbing, and they can meet with a support group, maybe, of people who have undergone similar traumas. But it's in the past and there can be no surprises in the future; they're not going to have it happen again. In the case of the so-called 'abductees', the trauma is

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different because it has four dimensions to it. One dimension is the experience itself. The experience itself is traumatic in the sense that they are taken from their rooms, from a car, from a school yard in the case of children, from a playground, they have no volition in it; it's against their wills, they're paralyzed. They're taken onto a vehicle, they're in terror, things are done to them against their will in the case of a woman having an experience of a pregnancy taken or a man having a sperm sample forcibly removed by some sort of cold, not intimate sexuality. It's a traumatic, overwhelming experience—the first and most obvious aspect of the trauma.

"The second is that they've been undergoing these experiences since they were children, and they've felt isolated in it because almost all of them have had the experience of trying to tell somebody: mother, father. Even if the mother has had the experience herself, because of the way the repression of the experience works, the parent may not want to be



Dr. John E. Mack

reminded of the experience. It's not like two people together who have survived a war...well, you see that even with Holocaust survivors. They don't want to talk to each other because each is isolated in their own trauma. So when they've tried to tell somebody, even a relative who has undergone something similar, what they get is, "Oh, you're too imaginative. You're making up stories. I don't want to hear about that." So they learn at an early age that you don't talk about this. This is my private problem, my private craziness.' They may even define themselves—'There's something wrong with me for having these memories and dreams. So there's that isolation, that inability to be able to communicate with anyone else about what happened. In fact one of the most therapeutic things that can happen, and I've been running a support group for experiencers, is to find other people that they can talk to, who have had similar experiences, who can say, 'Yes, and then there was the little guy on the left, right? And the room had this kind of fluorescent luminosity about it and you remember the hatch and the door up there and the curve to the balcony and wasn't it terrible that there were no bathrooms so you feel like you can't urinate?' And as I said one of the most powerfully therapeutic aspects is when you bring these people together and they can begin to talk to each other and find another person that lives in the world with this and resonates with it and has undergone the same kind of experience. That's the second part of the trauma: the isolation and you can't talk to anyone about it.

"The third part of the trauma is that it doesn't fit our Western, materialist world view. It's not logical, it's not real, how can this be? You can't be taken out of your bed, out of a car, and brought up on a beam of light and into a spaceship and have experiments done, I mean, that's science fiction stuff. That just doesn't fit

with people's view of reality: 'I must be crazy to be having that kind of perception,' that's the third part of the trauma. Actually, that part of it may get worse when they begin to find validation from other abductees or gone to someone like Budd Hopkins or me or some other mental health professional who says, 'I'm sorry to tell you this is not a dream but what you've experienced is something...we don't understand it, we don't know what it is, but a lot of other people are having these experiences too—they're real.' What's real, we don't know. But it's real in the sense that it's not dream, fantasy, made-up. And then they discover it's happening to their children, which is very disturbing, and they find it runs in their families and they discover that rather than a dream which you can make with waking go away, this doesn't go away if it's real. So in that sense when you begin to validate the power and reality of the experience there is a temporary worsening of their experiences: 'Oh, my God, it's really going on, it isn't just a story,' so that's the third part of the trauma, that kind of exploding of our sense of reality that happens.

"The fourth part of the trauma, and this has been under-stressed in this whole literature, and which I find very important for the people that I work with, is that it can recur again at any time. Most traumas, you have it once—someone's been in a war, they've been raped, attacked, whatever, and it happened and you do things to protect yourself. You're helpless, and you don't know which night it's going to happen again, and against their better judgement I've heard many people talking about, 'I board up my windows, I close my curtains so the light can't come in,' and they know it doesn't have any real power to stop it, that any moment, at any time, the experience can occur. So people are living always in fear

"..we don't understand it, we don't know what it is, but a lot of other people are having these experiences too - and they're real."

of its happening again, which creates a great dilemma for them and also a great dilemma for me as a clinician: How do you then approach it? And we have a lot of discussion in the community that works with these individuals about: is it better to fight it, to stay angry and raged and be outraged, 'How dare you invade my life and do this to me?'; or is it better to say, 'Well, there's nothing I can do about it, I don't understand it, but somehow surrender to the experience and try to somehow learn what it's about. And that's, I

think, one of the cutting-edge controversies at this point among the professionals who work with the experiencers: what attitude is the healthiest one to take toward the experience? But one thing seems perfectly clear: you cannot keep the experience from happening if the being, or whatever this is...if it's going to happen, it's going to happen."

FREEDOM NOT AVAILABLE

The Freedom of Information Act was allegedly written up to grant U.S. citizens the right to access government documents and files. As many people already know, Ufologists have tried to take advantage of the FOIA to gain access to documents which would prove the existence of UFOs, or at least prove the government had been working on something having to do with UFOs when it said it hadn't.

Contact UFO has filed numerous FOIA requests with various government agencies, and the results have been both frustrating and hopeful. While we haven't uncovered any heretofore unknown secret documents, we also haven't had the door slammed in our faces. On several occasions we've been informed that searches had already begun on some of the subjects we filed requests for, and that upon completion of those searches, we would be sent copies of any and all pertinent information.

Cross-referencing is key here. Requests which yielded no results under one name have proved fruitful under another, so Contact UFO continues to be aggressive in this matter. If there are documents to be found, you can bet we'll find them and report them to you here.

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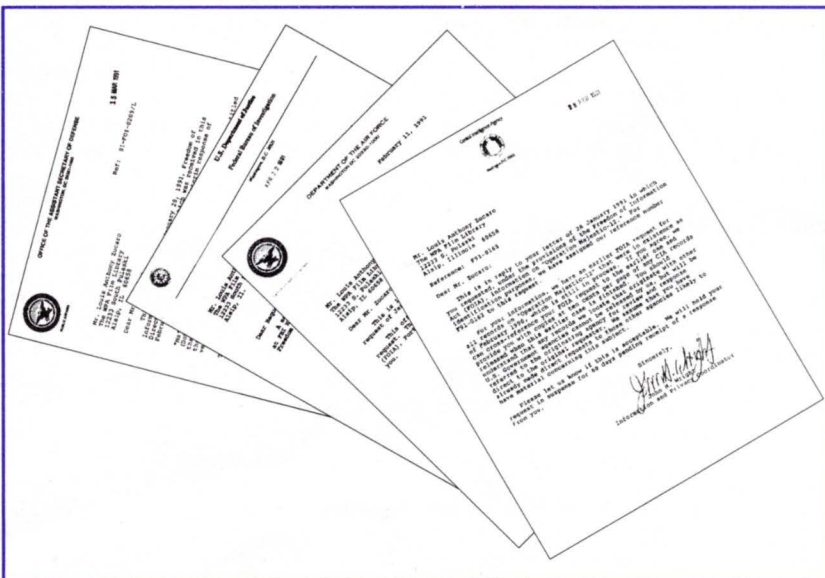
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IF WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE...

It's not difficult to believe that something bizarre is behind the crop circle phenomenon - UFO related or not. The pictures of these wonderous patterns need no help convincing people of that. All things, however, are not so easy to believe. I recently received a letter from a Mr. Kim Mikules of AI-TRAD (Alien Information - Technology, Research and Development). The letter stated, among other things, that a UFO had crashed outside of Colorado Springs and that the military swept in, cleaned up the mess, shot some video tape, and retrieved the severed hand of one of the UFO occupants. Not only did the letter tell the story, but a color photo of the severed hand was also included. I decided to ask Mr. Mikules some questions about the hand and about the event in general.



Lou Zucaro: Mr. Mikules, you're the head of AI-TRAD Association. Could you please tell me why you started AI-TRAD and what you hope to accomplish in the long term?

Kim Mikules: AI-TRAD was started to provide research, discrete and confidential investigations for individuals who have experienced UFO sightings, Alien encounters and abductions. Seminars will be held for groups of 30 or more, schools and related industries. The focus is on SOLID EVIDENCE, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. AI-TRAD is a CLOSED association. All members have been selected due to their special and technical disciplines, expertise, contacts, financial ability, and uniqueness to the UFO and Alien phenomenon. Several of AI-TRADs members held high level positions within the Government "Awareness Program" and have been associated with the UFO-ALIEN - Governmental - association involving direct contact and communication with Aliens and the inter-

gration (sic) of human technology and alien technology. The long term accomplishment is to provide a "liaison" between alien and human contact, negotiation, technology exchange and to provide for the betterment of mankind through a gradual social awareness and acceptance of alien contact.

LZ: Recently, somebody came to you with video tape and pictures visualizing elements of a UFO crash in Colorado Springs. Can you give a summary of what happened as you know it? Please include the date, time of day, location, reason for the crash, and the first people on the scene.

KM: The alien UFO crash was not in Colorado Springs. It was 43 miles west of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The video shows in very clear and in a detailed manner, the alien craft, the aliens, the military forces combing the area, military vehicles, personnel and other equipment including helicopters used to transport pieces of the UFO wreckage. The rest of this question cannot be answered to your satisfaction. This information is not available for release outside of the association. It is "classified" information.

LZ: Who shot the video tape? What were their names, and why were they there?

KM: This is restricted information.

LZ: Another visual item you have is a picture of what is said to be an alien hand. Was this photograph taken by the same people who shot the video tape?

KM: Yes.

LZ: The hand seems to be severed quite cleanly. Was it dismembered in the course of the crash, or was it removed by somebody afterwards?

KM: The hand was dismembered during the crash.

LZ: AI-TRAD has a standing offer of \$500,000 for solid proof of alien existence. Where does the money for this offer come from?

KM: The money comes from the association members. Five of the members are

multi-millionaires. Two members are Billionaires. The money is all Personal money set aside for people that can provide solid proof of aliens/UFOs. More than one reward will be paid.

LZ: Are you going to award the \$500,000 to the people who shot the video and took the picture of the hand?

KM: This is confidential between AI-TRAD and the individual that submitted the information. It is our standard agreement with anyone who supplies us with SOLID EVIDENCE.

LZ: Would you be willing to let us show the video tape to the public?

KM: AI-TRAD maintains full and complete control of the original video tape and any copies. No outside showing of the tape to the public or others are allowed at this time.

LZ: Could I see the tape myself?

KM: The association will look with favor on this request depending on the current and future cooperation of you and WPA.

LZ: Is there a set date when you'll be able to release this footage publicly?

KM: There is no set or specific date to release this video or any of our other videos on the alien/UFO situation. Much of our information and video footage would effect the social and economic structure of the Western World. This is why we must be careful, responsible and selective in the systematic release of this information. To do otherwise would be very counterproductive and have negative outcome for all of us. Some of the clear and detailed video footage we have is very graphic in manner. Many Americans as well as the rest of the World could not handle the gravity of the alien/UFO/Governmental involvement and activities currently in operation.

This interview was conducted through the mail, and I was unsatisfied with many of the vague or restricted answers. When I asked Mr. Mikules for some additional information, I was told that he couldn't tell me anything he hadn't told me already. I'm not saying the story is true, and I'm not saying it's been made up - you can decide for yourself. If you want to try to find out more on your own, the address for AI-TRAD is P.O. Box 5125, Security, CO, 80931. Just make sure you send any video tapes of UFO crashes to the offices of Contact UFO first!

CAUGHT ON CAMCORDER



At the 1991 MUFON Symposium, we learned from Colin Andrews of the video tape shot in England by Steven Alexander. According to Andrews, this video showed an object, at that time believed to be about six inches in diameter, hovering close to the ground over some crops in England. This was about three or four hundred yards away from a crop circle.

Andrews also told us that a Deputy Sheriff near Knoxville, Tennessee had shot some footage of what he believed was a UFO. A day or two later, a nearby resident found an area of crops in her small farm matted down in a circle.

Apparently, Thurman was video taping a low-flying aircraft which he suspected of being part of a drug running operation. This plane was not following a standard flight path, and it's markings were illegible. It was dark at the time, so only the lights from the aircraft could be seen. As he followed the plane with his camera, another light entered into the frame. It was moving in a different direction than the plane, and it didn't make any sound (the propellers from the other aircraft were fading as it got farther away). This second object hovered for a while, changing altitude several times, then flew off into the distance, only to return shortly thereafter.

Later, when Thurman presented the video tape of the airplane to co-workers, he also told them about the unknown craft. He told them he thought it was a UFO, but they all thought he was crazy. But in the days following his telling of the sighting, his home was plagued by low-flying helicopters. Although some of these were obviously news, traffic or some other type of normal craft, at least one piece of video Thurman shot depicts a military-type black helicopter. This tape was shot in daylight, and is quite easy to see.

A couple living in a trailer home with a few acres of land found an area of matted down crops on their small farm. Two

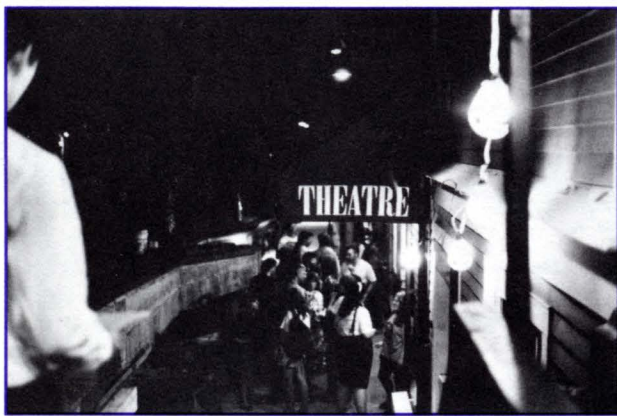
weeks after the incident, the couple was gone, and two new pickup trucks with new RVs attached to them were parked in the yard.

This is the story that Thurman told us. We decided to send Lou Zucaro down to Knoxville. First, he needed to see if he thought the story had any validity to it. Second, he needed to view the tape and decide if it showed enough to warrant licensing a copy.

So what about that story? "I'm convinced that Thurman believes that what he saw was something out of the ordinary," Lou said. When he told me the story in person he got very excited. He'd show me exactly where he was standing, and talk about what he was feeling at the time. We know it actually happened because it's on tape, but what we don't know for sure is whether or not it was a UFO."

When we asked Lou what he thought after he had seen the video tape, he said this: "Well, it's hard to say. It's definitely not spectacular enough to prove to the world that UFOs are real and they're here, but it did have some interesting aspects to it." He continued, "For instance, the engine of the airplane could easily be heard. Once that plane was gone and the unknown was the only object in the frame, no sound could be heard. And the unknown was fairly close to the camera - I'd say probably 1/3 of a mile away at most. Also, there was a point in the tape when the object sort of resembles some of the craft seen over Belgium in recent years."

At this time there are other people looking into Thurman's case, trying to figure out exactly what he did get on video tape. Was it a UFO? Were those helicopters checking up on Thurman and his home? Who are the people who suddenly moved into the trailer home? With the information we have, it's impossible to say, but you can bet Contact UFO will keep you up to date.



Contact UFO: *Allen Abductions* premiered theatrically at the Brattle Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Among the sellout crowds were active members of the Massachusetts chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). The President of the Chapter, Diane De Simone, was impressed with the film and called it "...sensitive, creative and intelligent."

GALLUP'S BELIEF CURVE

The Gallup Poll News Service recently conducted a nation-wide survey entitled: *Belief in Psychic and Paranormal Phenomena Widespread Among Americans*. While the idea was to probe America's paranormal belief system, the most interesting results concerned something more tangible: the actual percentage of UFO sightings among average Americans. Here are some of the tabulations:

Have you heard or read about unidentified flying objects - UFOs?

90% yes

10% no



Have you, yourself, ever seen anything you thought was a UFO?

14% yes

85% no

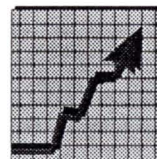
1% no opinion

In your opinion, are UFOs something real, or just people's imagination?

47% real

31% imagination

22% no opinion



Do you think there are people somewhat like ourselves living on other planets in the universe or not?

46% yes

36% no

18% no opinion

THE REVIEWS ARE IN!

(Excerpted from Paul Sherman's review of Contact UFO: Allen Abductions in the Boston Herald)

"The video presents the early days of UFO-sightings as a cultural phenomenon, with the alien-sighters as an amusing subculture. But 'Contact UFO' does a skillful turn into more serious matters, when these sighting and encounters took on a more scientific tone...the tape's interview with Betty Hill will make even the most serious doubters think twice about UFOs."

CONTACT UFO'S TEN MOST IMPORTANT CASES IN UFOLOGY

CONTACT UFO investigates hundreds of individual cases, and is involved with others who independently study tens of thousands of photographs, documents, sites, and witnesses. There are ten specific cases, however, that continue to baffle everyone involved in this new science of ufology. We will continue to examine new evidence concerning these cases in future issues of **CONTACT UFO**.

ROSWELL - In 1947, the United States military issued a press release claiming the recovery of a "flying disc". A second counter release was quickly issued, stating that the disc was instead a "weather balloon." Within hours of this second release, the contaminated area within Roswell, New Mexico was quarantined, and military personnel guarded the area, preventing any outside investigation. Now, nearly 50 years later, hundreds of credible witnesses have come forward with new information regarding the reported "crash" of an alien spaceship and the recovery of alien bodies.

BETTY & BARNEY HILL - In 1964, a married couple from Portsmouth, New Hampshire were both reporting medical and memory problems and were ultimately assigned to a Boston psychologist named Benjamin Simon. During separate hypnotherapy sessions, he learned that both of them had repressed memories of being abducted by alien beings. He used both hypnosis and traditional psychotherapy to bring the memories to the conscious mind. This amazing story is still told with great credibility by Betty Hill (most recently in the videocassette **CONTACT UFO: ALIEN ABDUCTIONS**).

PROJECT GEPAN - In the southern regions of France during the 1970s, a farmer reported witnessing the arrival and departure of a miniature flying saucer in his back yard. What made his story exceptionally curious was that this saucer left a strange mark on his grass. Good scientists working within a short time period were quick to make some of the first ufological soil samples, and their results were stunning: the molecular component of the grass had been fundamentally altered. After numerous attempts to change the molecular structure, the scientists eventually gave up, scratched their heads, and admitted that this was a mystery beyond their comprehension.

CROP CIRCLES - Since 1977, odd, geometrically accurate symmetrical circles have been appearing without warning in the farm fields of eastern England, very close to Stonehenge. As the shapes became more elaborate, the theories became more confused and delirious—from rodent-eating patterns to bizarre weather blips to extraterrestrial attempts at contact. The entire phenomenon was claimed to be a hoax by two aging artists after the harvest of 1991. **CONTACT UFO** will be investigating the fields throughout 1992 to see if more investigative activities are warranted.



BELGIAN LIGHTS - In 1989, within the German- and French- speaking provinces of Belgium, a strange vehicle was spotted in the sky. Since the first sighting, over 2000 witnesses have come forward. And in 1991, military aircraft were sent to investigate the UFO, and were able to make both visual and radar contact with the very real object. The investigation of the Belgian UFOs represents the first work effort between government forces and private organizations of ufologists. The lights are still appearing, and as yet there is no known cause.

BUFF LEDGE - The best abduction cases for study are those with multiple witnesses. Buff Ledge is the most fascinating of such cases because the individuals who were simultaneously abducted did not come in contact with each other for over a decade after the abduction experience. The two abductees were counselors at a summer camp in New Hampshire. They were each abducted on the final day of summer camp and subsequently went on with their lives. Through the diligent work of researcher Walt Webb, this fascinating tale has now been reconstructed.

IMPLANTS - Leading laboratory scientists from MIT and The University of Michigan are engaged in the study of small objects that have been expelled from the bodies of alleged abductee "victims." These "implants" are made of known organic materials, but they react in odd ways: one of them, for example, is not detectable with x-rays. Considered the leading edge of abduction research, results are expected in the near future. **CONTACT UFO** will be there.

HUDSON VALLEY - Possibly the most consistent geographic area for UFO sightings is Hudson Valley, New York, where thousands of individuals have seen the same flying object for well over ten years. Shaped usually like a boomerang, the craft has been photographed, videotaped, and studied meticulously ever since the first sightings. There has been a call by ufologists to involve the US military in the investigation, much like the F-16s that were employed in the Belgian light mysteries. To date, the government is uninterested—or so they claim.

MJ-12 - Recovered through Freedom of Information Requests, the MJ-12 documents are undoubtedly the most controversial issue in ufology. Apparently, the documents reveal the actual recovery of bodies in UFOs, and deals with the issues surrounding the recovery of those bodies. The signature of President Truman appears on the documents. The government denies the existence of these documents and will not speculate on their source or credibility. Many believe the government itself is involved in a disinformation campaign, and the details are revealed in our video investigation **COVERUPS & CONSPIRACIES**.

KATHY DAVIS - Budd Hopkins wrote about the Kathy Davis abduction in his book, *Intruders*. Davis has recalled an incredibly detailed and bizarre abduction that is repeated systematically and has resulted in the creation of a "space baby" (which she has actually seen and can illustrate). The case is made substantially credible by the scorched soil patterns that have appeared at the abduction site: nothing can grow in that small patch of soil, and lab reports confirm the confusion. This case has singlehandedly changed the nature of abduction research by bringing the "genetic" components to the forefront of study.

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