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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Larry Byrd

A new year is here, bringing with it a host of new opportunities. I'm hoping that everyone involved in this field of interest/research will take full advantage of those opportunities, and that some solid ground will be taken and held in the unravelling of the UFO mystery.

There are certainly plenty of areas in which work needs to be done, and far too few folks seriously involved. I know that not everyone has the time and/or resources, not to mention the drive to become actively involved, but this is, after all, the greatest mystery to confront the human animal since he began to walk on two legs.

It is also quite probably the most important mystery affecting the future of the human race since Eve was visited by a strange, alien looking creature in the garden. So let's take advantage of the fresh new year ahead of us.


We're not going to sit on our backsides twiddling thumbs here at *HUFON Report*. We are at work already on a few fascinating breakthrough articles for upcoming issues and fully expect to become more widely recognized as one of the classier acts in this field.

So even if the most you can do is keep your membership current and thus help fund this ongoing work, please don't procrastinate. The few dollars your membership dues cost really do go a long way, and all of us in *HUFON* and here at *HUFON Report* sincerely appreciate your

valuable support.

This month's cover was created entirely on the Macintosh computer specifically for *HUFON Report* by well-known photographer and artist, Richard Hartman. He hasn't titled it, but I like to think of the piece as "Observation;" as it seems to me this hauntingly lovely art depicts their craft watching us, while the temple-like building on the mountain reminds me of one of our observatories trying to watch for them.

There is an article by yours truly, compiled from various sources, on the Long Island UFO crash, another great original cartoon from Bill Hughes, plus all of the regular features and items.

Coming in future months we hope to present an amazing piece on little-known *human* mutilations and another on the almost daily sightings taking place in Brazil, with *exclusive* photos! 

ACTOR'S POETRY SELLS

The following small item appeared in the Houston Chronicle one day. Make of it what you will, but it sounds to us like abduction poetry.

Mickey Rourke, actor turned boxer turned actor again, may have yet another career. Call him poet, call him huckster - he managed to sell eight of ten framed verses for \$2,000. each at a Los Angeles exhibit last weekend. The exhibit/sale was titled "Psychotic Renderings." A sample:

*I once saw a vision.
I once saw the light.
Now I just travel
With strangers in the Night*

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Train field investigators for the purpose of ensuring accuracy in the investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects, and;

Expose hoaxes and frauds in the reports of unidentified flying objects for the benefit of the public, and;

Provide information to the public regarding the results of investigations of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, and;

Provide members of the media with trained investigators capable of answering various questions for publication, and;

Exchange information related to unidentified flying objects with other groups having the same or similar interests.

MEMORY LOSS OF ABDUCTEES

By **Ginna Meyer**

[Note: Ginna is an Oklahoma State Section Director and Investigator. She is presently in her last year of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ginna's interest in ufology and abductions stem from her own experience as a seven year old child in the company of five other children presently under investigation.]

Recently, I attended a workshop with a panel of recovering burn patients. While listening to their stories, I noted how each one had coped with the traumatic experience. The degree of their injuries was severe, yet varied. The way in which each individual coped with the situation was also dissimilar. Each had developed a form of amnesia, some for a longer time span than others.

One individual responded with great concern for her business and those who depended on her. She gave specific details to her assistant on how to close down the business and how to finish her responsibilities to her clients. She stated that she was totally unaware of the severity of her situation and did not realize that she had almost died.

Another burn victim was able to speak of what had happened to him as witnesses, family and friends had related details to him. Unfortunately, or fortunately, as he puts it, he had no recollection from approximately twenty-four hours prior to the incident until one week before he was

discharged from the hospital. He was a patient in the hospital for about three months. At the time of the narration, he was still unable to recall anything of that time period.

After listening to the panel, I started to think about how abductees cope with their experiences. Some claim to recall eighty to ninety percent of the incident without hypnosis, while others are walking around not realizing that they have had an encounter.

I, myself am frustrated by the fact that I can remember only five to ten percent of my experience without hypnosis. I am sure that some of you can relate to my situation.

As a result of this, I have done some research. I initially thought this form of coping mechanism might be called Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which includes certain behavioral symptoms, such as:

1. **Recurrent dreams and night mares.**
2. **Acting as if one is reliving the traumatic event.**
3. **Social numbness, withdrawal, or both.**
4. **Sleep disturbance.**
5. **Avoidance of activities perceived to arouse recollection of the event.**
6. **Hyperalertness or "startle response."**

It affects the thought process, resulting in recurrent intrusive memories, memory impairment, and trouble concentrating (Haber et al. 1987, p. 547). Haber and her colleagues define PTSD as, "...a reliving of a very stressful experience, with accompanying guilt and personal dysfunction."

As I continued to do some light research on the subject, I discovered

another disorder that may be more appropriate: Dissociative Disorder. This, according to Haber et al, refers to those reactions in which there is a sudden, temporary alteration in the normally integrated functions of consciousness, identity, or motor behavior. Such individuals block off part of their lives from conscious recognition because of the threat of overwhelming anxiety (possibly related to a traumatic experience).

One symptom of the dissociative disorder is amnesia. The forgotten material is still present beneath the level of consciousness though, and is accessible to recall at a later time (Haber et al, 1987, p. 566).

My thoughts now are this: There are three theories for the inability of abductees to completely recall their experiences. As some of you know, abductees are allegedly given "hypnotic suggestions" by their abductors, so as not to remember the encounter. This, in itself, may be the only reason why a good many abductees need professional hypnosis to assist them in recalling their event. Personally, I doubt it. It may be more likely that it is a combination of the abductor's hypnotic suggestion and the above described coping mechanism of dissociative disorder, resulting in varying amounts of amnesia. \Or, could it be that we are blaming the "little guys" for our inability to cope with their "alien presence" and that we respond with the acquired amnesia and that they are really not giving us strong hypnotic suggestions? I doubt that the latter is true.

d. Haber, P.P. Hoskins, A.M. Leach, and B.F. Sideleau, "Comprehensive Psychiatric Nursing", 3rd edition., and McGraw Hill, new York, 1987.

Contributed by Oklahoma MUFON

LONG ISLAND CRASH: Son of Roswell?

By Larry Byrd

The Winter 1994 issue of UFO Universe magazine carried an article on the South Haven Park UFO crash which took place on November 24, 1992. It has been a little over a year now since the initial incident occurred, and the Long Island UFO Network (LIUFON), after intensive investigation, released some rather startling details. The television show, Unsolved Mysteries, is scheduled to feature the event in the near future. This incident seems to be just about the hottest topic these days, so it seems appropriate that we take a look at what is known at this time.

It was not the first such occurrence in the area. John Ford, of LIUFON, has indicated that he believes a boomerang-shaped UFO was shot down in the same general vicinity on September 28, 1989. He has further stated that he believes there is an adversarial relationship between extraterrestrials and humans. He indicated that perhaps the nearby Brookhaven National Laboratory possesses the means to accomplish such a feat.

A BNL scientist, whose identity has been withheld, reportedly told Mr. Ford that we have been in an "adversarial condition" with an extraterrestrial civilization for the past 5 years. The earlier confrontation occurred when the forementioned boomerang craft was intercepted and brought down in Moriches Bay. One family reported witnessing a

blue-white light pulsating in the dunes. LIUFON believes that this was a plasma field, generated by the charging of an electronic weapon using superconductors and carried by the Stealth bomber.

Helicopters apparently engaged the object, bringing it into the narrow range of the weapon, while a "fake air-sea rescue operation" was staged by the Coast Guard to cover up the covert activity. We are told that this unique weapon was used because conventional weapons cannot penetrate the intense plasma field that the aliens surround themselves with. The device supposedly "scrambled the propulsion drive" of the object, causing it to crash into the shallow water, killing 18 alien beings. William Floyd Parkway was closed down at that time so that a military convoy of flatbed trucks could transport the wreckage and bodies to BNL where, it has been said, it is still undergoing testing.

Mona Rowe, a spokesperson for BNL, after reading Mr. Ford's report, said, "We didn't shoot down a UFO on the night of September 28th," and added that their Star Wars expert stated that BNL does not have the equipment to connect a superconductor to a high intensity laser as described by Ford. She also said that she did see the lights in the sky on that date while returning home from an amateur orchestra rehearsal in Shoreham. "I think it's amazing that I had actually seen this myself," she said. "To me they looked like flares, but maybe my perception is colored by the fact that I work in a very scientifically-minded environment. Basically, people believe what they would like to believe."

An individual we will call Ellis says, "I moved to Long Island just prior to the first sighting and lived a few

blocks from the water where supposedly a UFO crashed into the bay. I didn't see it but was experiencing an enormous amount of weirdness at the time. I contacted the LI UFO Net . . . He said many had witnessed the crash, but even more had noted that the object had been retrieved. The authorities had closed down the William Floyd Parkway for its entire length (this 4 lane highway is the main highway for the middle section of the island to go from one side to the other. Additionally, it leads directly to the only ferry off the island from the mid-section, leaving the only alternatives to get off the island being either end). They transported the crash remains across the island and then loaded it onto either a train or a boat. Employees of Brookhaven National Lab (Its main gate is also on the parkway) were quoted in the paper as saying the only thing they saw that night were deer. Contrary to the paper, I quizzed a few of my fellow workers and neighbors who were out that night and sure enough the road did get closed with no reasons given. Additionally, I managed to run into a few lab employees who also grumbled about not only the road being closed but of a rather strange convoy going by. It was strange in that it was extremely lit up but everything was covered. This in itself is not necessarily unusual, but the convoy did not go either to or from the lab."

Moving forward in time, we have an abundance of eye-witness reports and information gleaned through the investigative efforts of LIUFON investigators, who were harassed and intimidated by authorities. On Saturday, January 9, 1993, John Ford, Brian Levins and Andrew Cerceoni were stopped and detained by Suffolk County Police, fifth precinct car #522. The officers refused to identify themselves, but

one of them wore shield number 3453. The investigators were questioned about the distribution of flyers concerning the South Haven Park UFO incident. Ford said, "The officer told us point blank, 'I'm here because you people are handing out this garbage. Because you're scaring people and causing panic.' The police said if they continued to do so they would be back to harass us." The incident has been reported on Suffolk County Police blotter number 93-13373 at Suffolk County Police Headquarters at Yaphank, New York. LIUFON does plan to continue their investigations.

At 7 p.m. on November 23rd, 17 year-old Mike P. witnessed a formation of four very bright white lights making a triangular movement over the park at high altitude. He could determine no visible structure behind the lights and no engine sounds as the objects passed over his car which was parked on Gerard Avenue.

On the night of November 24th, a man was driving through South Haven Park, adjoining North Shirley, Long Island, which covers several thousand acres and is bordered by two communities of approximately 12,000 people each. A large, blue-white object began to pace his auto at about fifty feet above the ground. Suddenly the object increased velocity and made a right-angle turn in front of his vehicle, crossing the highway. Shortly afterward the object hit the ground in the wooded area of the park. The man stopped his car and observed a glowing light coming from the wooded area which appeared similar to a fire. There was also a bright beam of light shining skyward. Another vehicle stopped and the driver asked the first man if he saw the object go down. He replied "yes," and the second man

said it was a UFO. The first man indicated he thought it might have been some type of test aircraft, and the exchange ended. He went home, picked up a friend and returned to the park to find it entirely sealed off by Military and State Police officers. Undaunted, he tried to find a back entrance, but every possible access was sealed, blocked and guarded.

Drivers were diverted around the park, some being required to go considerable distances out of their way. There were many witnesses telling their own versions of the event. There were reports of fire trucks and large flatbed trucks in the park, but when contacted the fire department maintained that there hadn't been a fire in the park for over 10 years. Nonetheless, the LIUFON team found fire tape and orange cones clearly belonging to the fire department. The road into the park had been widened and showed deep tracks, as if something heavy had been carried over the soft ground. A mile's length of the fence surrounding the park near where the object supposedly impacted was found to be degaussed.

A female witness has stated that on the night of the UFO crash she was stopped at the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Gerard Ave., while proceeding in an easterly direction on Victory, due to the presence of a Suffolk County Police roadblock. She was offered the explanation that there had been an accident in the park and it was closed. On her return from her shopping trip, she attempted to travel north on William Ford Parkway by making a left-hand turn onto Victory Blvd., also finding it blocked at the intersection of William Ford Parkway.

A teenage witness reported that on the day after the event he and a

group of friends were denied access to the park by Suffolk County Police, prohibiting them from riding their bicycles in the park due to an accident on the park grounds. The police officers at the gate offered no further explanation. Another 16 year old witness who lives on Gerard Avenue tells of two close schoolmates who were traveling westbound on Sunrise Highway the night of the incident and saw the object impact in the park.

Additional witnesses in the area of Gerard Ave. have reported bizarre electromagnetic pulses affecting digital clock readouts and VCRs for two to three days following the incident. Video tapes have been rendered blank, power surges along the lines, a blackout for an hour in the Gerard Ave. area the night of the occurrence, telephones ringing with nobody at the other end and ringing even though the receiver was off the hook.


The Reverend K.S. reported that at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29th, his 1990 Mercury Marquis sedan burst into flames in his driveway while the car was trying to start itself. Yaphank Fire Department was called as was the Suffolk County Police, both of which reported the incident as an accidental electrical fire. The Reverend is convinced it was a case of arson. LIUFON investigators do not concur with either theory, as the reports indicate there may have been latent electromagnetic pulse effect damage to the car's electronic ignition or computer.

There have been abundant reports of frequent unmarked helicopter overflights for days following the event.

An anonymous defense department analyst has provided segments of a government video tape which report

edly show the retrieval of some of the wreckage from this crash site. Investigators have carefully examined the tape and have concluded that in some segments the presence of extraterrestrial bodies can be seen. Furthermore, two of them appear to be standing upright and turning their heads, which would

indicate that there were alien survivors of the crash. This film will be undergoing technical analysis, and we will report the results when and if they are made available. The analyst who provided the film is reportedly an abductee, known to Budd Hopkins. The government apparently made quite a mistake in allowing

this individual access to the film. Is Hopkins working on this case as well? 


Thanks are gratefully offered to Jeff Brewi, Mark Butler, Mike Christol, Jeff Miller, and Mike Sullivan for their input.

INVESTIGATORS: SOME ARE O.K., SOME NOT

Anonymous

With all the noise about investigators and their non-clinical approach I decided to add this little thread. I was regressed once by Dr. John Mack at his home in Mass. We were investigating a particular incident that seemed a bit odd, but where I had no conscious memory of anything unusual happening, except that there was a time anomaly, ie: it appeared that I had lost a couple hours of time. My closest friend who was there at the time felt my behavior was bizarre and inconsistent with my normal behavior both immediately before and after the incident, however he cannot discuss the subject for any length of time without becoming violently ill. I find this to be a bit odd in itself. There were other details that are consistent with other abduction experiences which I have been asked to keep private as some of these details are used in an attempt to validate other potential experiencers' stories. I have a cassette tape of the regression and I can say that he did not lead me to any conclusion; in fact we found nothing at all. This is a very normal occurrence. Hopkins and others have all


done countless regressions where there was no "memory" of an abduction or any other out of the ordinary experience. (the missing time has not been explained though) Skeptics and critics of these investigators ignore this fact as it is inconsistent with their preconceptions of amateurs leading hypnotized victims to outrageous conclusions. The reason you don't hear more about the failures is because they aren't of any value whatsoever in the continuing investigations. There are a number of trained professionals like Dr. Mack who are working in this field now who are not charlatans or amateurs and they get similar results as Hopkins and others without leading their subject in any way. There are unfortunately a number of hangers-on like Strieber (who ripped Budd Hopkins off to write his books) who only add to the noise level. (an interesting aside here about Strieber: All of the abductees that I know personally

believe that Strieber is lying in his books, the same feeling I got when I read them. I've since heard rumors that Strieber has admitted making it up but I don't know if that's true). As to what Dr. Mack believes, he's pretty hard to pin down on the subject. I take that to be positive since he's not saying that aliens abducted these people, he does say that all of the abductees have a remarkably consistent story to tell and they have all been subjected to some major trauma in their lives, the source of which seems to be the same. To quote Dr Mack "30 crazy people could not have thought up stories this consistent independently of each other." If there is a terrestrial explanation I'd love to hear one I can believe. Spare me the child sexual trauma explanations though they don't pan out in most of these cases, and where they do the investigation is dropped, at least by the people who I've been exposed to. 

The Shelby Daily Star in Shelby, N.C. ran the following: A woman's body was found in Cleveland County over near PPG (a fiberglass making plant). According to official sources her throat was cut. Her body was partially clothed, she had on a watch, and three rings, a diamond on each hand. The body was estimated to be no more than eight hours old. And the cuts were said to be "smooth." An autopsy was performed at Chapel Hill, N.C. and the cause of death was

said to be "unknown."

Now a person who works at the hospital where the body was taken has said: "her tongue was cut out, and the skin around her chin and partially up her left cheek was missing. There was no blood on the body and no bruises."

This happened sometime late the night of October 29th or early the morning of the 30th. 

CRYSTAL JACKSON PLANTS NEW IDEAS ON IMPLANTS

The following item is reprinted from the Newsletter of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.

Crystal Jackson, an artist and ufologist, has launched into statistics about implants. Her report states that her research showed about 6% of UFO abductee cases include some kind of implant situation.

She also went on to say that in view of the progress we have made in the field of implants for health purposes, it is not surprising that aliens would use this technology. Implants small enough to travel through the bloodstream for diagnosis and treatment of diseases were being developed. Pacemakers are being refined and made smaller. In the future, implants may be available to re-program symptoms of many neuromuscular diseases. Presently, scientists are working with applications of electrical current to help wheel chair patients walk again.

Jackson said she was one of those people who never wanted to discuss outer space things or aliens. She would smirk when others talked about those things. When a series of events occurred in her life, she did a complete turnaround.

Jackson was born in England in 1923. She states she is a Christian scientist, and, as such, never went to doctors, yet was always petrified of a needle near her stomach. She said that when she was six years old, she decided to meet her piano teacher half-way on the route to her home and bicycled on her way. Later, Jackson was found unconscious with

a broken nose. She was not taken to the doctor, but it was at that time she became aware of her fear of needles near her stomach. Though she's often had nose bleeds, she's not seen any evidence of a nasal implant. She was six years old when her family moved from England to "the States."

Jackson stated that an embarrassment she felt during her younger years concerning showing her legs in gymnastics class is attributable to the scoop marks on the back of her legs found by Budd Hopkins during a UFO convention. Jackson questioned her mother about the marks but got no answers as to their appearance or cause. Jackson has spoken to others with these mysterious scoop marks. During a time of UFO sightings in the Ozarks, a woman in charge of a camp area discovered scoop marks on the back of her legs. A friend of Jackson's named Jack used to be a dive master in the Bermuda Triangle area. He, too, has scoop marks of unknown origin on his arm. His scoop marks have no tie to UFOs that she knows of.

Jackson went deeper in her discussion by saying she feels she has met two or more aliens. We were shown a picture of an attractive, reportedly tall young man, who Jackson believes may be an alien she met in Phoenix, Arizona. The man is reported to be seven feet tall and is in the electronics business. He wears an interesting pendant and purports to be from Reticuli.

Jackson explained that an experience in Wisconsin is what ultimately pushed her into ufology. During a drive in Wisconsin, Jackson experienced a UFO following her car for about 10 miles. Her vehicle finally began exhibiting classic vehicle interference symptoms. Her headlights

and tail lights went out and her engine stopped. Afterwards, she went to newspaper offices to find many people in Wisconsin had reported seeing a UFO that evening. She also found out that some people reporting the UFO sightings had scoop marks on their legs. Jackson began photographing both people in Wisconsin and others with scoop marks. She noted that often there is a straight line of scar tissue near the scoop.

Many years after her car experience, Budd Hopkins tried to regress her and failed, yet Budd felt that her whole family had been under surveillance in an ongoing fashion.

Marjorie Sherrill added to the talk by reading an article to the group concerning the recovery of implants.

One involved a woman with UFO experiences since age five or six. One evening a BB-type object came from her nose. She put it in a Kleenex tissue, but when she went for it to show a friend she had told about the object, it was gone without a trace.

The other report involved a man named "Al" who experienced "missing time." On his arrival home, his wife noticed what appeared to be dried blood as well as a wound to his temple. A month later, the man was picking at the sore when a crystalline object fell from it. He said it was egg-shaped and looked like quartz crystal. Additionally, it was mentioned that the MUFON Deputy Director John Schuessler had sent Sherrill some information regarding four types of implants: cochlear implants (in the ear); implants for epilepsy; implants of drugs to relieve cramps in muscles of paralysis victims and programmable devices to shock the heart back into beating. ♣

MOORE IS LESS OR IS LESS... MOORE?

by William S. English

First of all, before I begin, I would like to state that this years' MUFON conference was, to say the least, one for the record books. I was honored to be asked to speak at the non-conference part of the event. I had waited ten years for the opportunity to be able to speak at such a gathering. Unfortunately, I was unable to give the speech that I had planned due to the machinations of Mr. William Moore. Notwithstanding my own personal prejudices (for which I make no apologies), it would seem that Mr. Moore has finally out done himself in the area of dirty tricks and low blows. That is to say, Moore sure did piss off a lot of people at this one. For those of you who were unable to attend this years' Conference and Symposium I will try to cover the highlights of Bill Moore's saturday night speech as accurately as possible.

Aside from the fact that Moore attacked several members of the UFO Investigative community, among them Linda Moulton-Howe, and beside the fact that he overran his allotted time by better than an hour, causing the cancelation of the panel that was scheduled to take place after his speech, he skated around the question and answer period that was also scheduled by stating that there would be such a period, however he would ask the questions, then provide the answers....you figure it out.

During the course of his speech, , he put the icing on the cake in such a manner as to cause me to personally throw out the speech that I had ini-

tially written in order to respond to Moore's blatant lies.

Moore basically stated that he was in fact working for the government as a disinformation agent. IT'S TRUE. In point of fact, it was during this particular part of his diatribe that he admitted to having taken part in the discrediting and eventual involuntary committal of Paul Bennewitz to the New Mexico State Mental Hospital.

As a side note, I also have it on good authority that Moore was instrumental, along with Corral Lorenzen, in the arrest and conviction of Wendelle Stevens on trumped up charges of child molestation. If ever there was a martyr to the cause. . .

Moore continued with his speech by stating that he felt that the information that was released by his two buzzards, Falcon and Condor, was information that the government allowed them to state, and that in point of fact Moore felt he was being used by the government.

At this point there are a number of issues that must be clarified in order to give you the opportunity to form your own opinions about what I am stating here.

During the later part of October of 1988, very shortly after my re-emergence into the public eye,It was reported to me that Moore had spoken to two engineers from Aerojet Corporation. Moore told them that I had admitted to him that I and Gerry Schultz were taking LSD when we initially wrote my report on Blue Book Report #13. I did in fact confirm this fact with one of the engineers while at the MUFON conference this year in Las Vegas.

In point of fact this is a blatant lie. No such admission ever took place.

Additionally, I never wrote a report concerning Blue Book #13 with Gerry Schultz. Whatever material is out there is the work of Gerry Schultz and not myself. The only authorized information that I have released is that which is published in Bill Steinman's book "UFO Crash at Aztec," and even then the supposed handwritten notes that are credited to me are in fact the notes Schultz made while talking to me at the APRO Offices in Tucson. I will state that the notes are accurate, but they were not written by me.

With regard to Moore's comments about Falcon and Condor; Moore failed to make mention of the fact that all the while he was calling me a drug addict, his two birds were parroting everything that I had told Moore during the later part of 1978. Allen Benz, then-Chief Librarian for APRO, had arranged for me to meet with Moore shortly after his arrival in Arizona. It was at this meeting that I repeated everything for him that I had initially told Allen Benz, Stanton Friedman, and Jim Lorenzen at the APRO Offices in July of 1977, shortly after my return from Security Services Command at RAF Chicksands, England. If you would care to contact Mr. Allen Benz at the Foundation For UFO Research to confirm this, please do so. Don't just take my word for it.

Moore's statements concerning Paul Bennewitz require comment at this point. Moore said that he was in constant contact with Bennewitz since the later part of 1979, shortly after his arrival in Arizona. He also stated that he was in fact passing information received from Bennewitz to government agents. His explanation was "because Bennewitz had inadvertently begun to pick-up top secret radio transmissions from the government on his home computer".

I haven't quite figured out what Moore hoped to accomplish by making this statement, but it is an absolute, utter falsehood! In point of fact I was viewing the original reports Bennewitz was filing almost a full year before Moore ever entered the scene. Additionally I would point out that as recently as six weeks prior to the writing of this, New Mexico State Police Officer Gabe Valdez, stated to researchers of the Southwestern UFO Research Organization that with the possible exception of the exact location of the Dulce sight, everything Bennewitz had said was true.

I doubt seriously that a person in the position of Gabe Valdez is going to jeopardize his job by lying about something as touchy as this. What was Moore's reasoning for making these statements?

In closing: It has become apparent to many in the UFO Investigative fields that Moore's credibility has suffered greatly. My own personal opinion is that Moore has effectively removed himself from active investigations, and that anything that he might release in the future will be looked upon with a great deal of malice. . . you form your own opinions. 🐾

Mars Observer Concludes Operations

By Diane Ainsworth

With no results from the last set of commands sent to the Mars

Observer spacecraft on Oct. 29, flight controllers concluded scheduled operations.

"The flight team has sent all of the commands that support recovery from the plausible failure modes we have been able to put together," said Project Manager Glenn Cunningham. "Since there is little more to do, the majority of the flight team has been reassigned to other projects. A small staff has been retained for the Mars Recovery Study Team effort, which is currently under way." JPL dissolved the Mars Observer flight team as a technical review board concluded an investigation into the probable causes of the apparent loss of the spacecraft.

Meanwhile, the Deep Space Network will continue to listen for the spacecraft through mid-February 1994.

"We have put forth our best estimates about what might have happened to the Mars Observer spacecraft, but without data to work with, we will never be able to say definitively what happened," said Dr. R. Rhoads Stephenson, chairman of the JPL technical review board.

"It's time to move on to possible return missions to Mars and use our best instincts to come up with alternatives that can recover the Mars Observer science in the very near future." Flight controllers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft at approximately 6 p.m. on Aug. 21, three days before the spacecraft was set to fire its main rocket engines and decelerate into orbit around Mars. The spacecraft was about to begin pressurizing its fuel tanks in preparation for the Aug. 24 orbit-insertion maneuver when its transmitters were turned off and the spacecraft was never heard from again. Flight controllers attempted the most critical and probable commanding strategies to try to restore

communications before the spacecraft was to be captured in orbit around Mars at about 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Commanding strategies during the weeks following the orbit-insertion maneuver addressed more unlikely anomalies that could have occurred onboard the spacecraft. The last realistic chance to validate that the spacecraft still existed and was properly operating--except for its telemetry transmitter-- occurred in late September, during a search for a beacon from a radio relay system on board the spacecraft by radio astronomy antennas at Jodrell Bank in England, at Stanford University, and at the Goldstone tracking facility near Barstow. "Had the spacecraft been in either of its predicted locations--in orbit around Mars or in a flyby orbit around the sun--and had it been able to receive and process commands from the ground, we fully expected that a signal from its independent radio transmitter would have been detected," said Dr. Sam Dallas, Mars Observer mission manager. While minimal support for ground-tracking of Mars Observer will continue through mid-February, JPL has begun a Mars Recovery Study Team effort to explore the most cost-effective, low-risk ways of recovering the Mars Observer science during the next Mars launch opportunities in 1996, 1998 and 2000.

The study team, chaired by Dr. Charles Elachi, assistant Laboratory director for the Office of Space Science and Instruments, will evaluate all of the possible options, including those that would involve international cooperation, and hear proposals from U.S. industry in November. Formal recommendations are expected to be presented to NASA Headquarters on Nov. 18. 🐾

Crop Circle Update

By Bill Eatwell

In the September '93 issue of *The Circular*, Volume 4:2 Issue 14, is part one of an interesting article by Omar Fowler titled, "Crop Circles: The Final Solution," written in 1991. The second part, written in 1992, will appear in the next issue of the *Circular*.

Fowler has been collecting and analyzing plant stems from crop circle incidents since 1985. His research has uncovered an unusual common denominator - "single standing stems with the top section bent over at a height of 55cm (22") in an otherwise flattened circle of wheat or barley." See accompanying chart for details. Other features common to a number

of the stems are small creases and burn marks at similar points on the stems. Fowler believes that the 55cm stem measurement is indicative of H/F (high frequency) wavelength activity. The crease marks and small bent areas which appear at regular intervals on the stems could be consistent with microwave activity during the formation of a crop circle. He also believes that the burn, or scorch marks, are the result of H/F radiation heating water concentrated at the node points. The result is a brown scorch mark at each node point, while the stem itself retains its normal color. Warping, splitting, and even twisting of some stems may be the result of the heat. Fowler writes that "the possibility that crop circles are being formed by a high frequency beam could answer a number of questions that have been puzzling researchers for some time."

Some of the more puzzling questions asked in the article were:

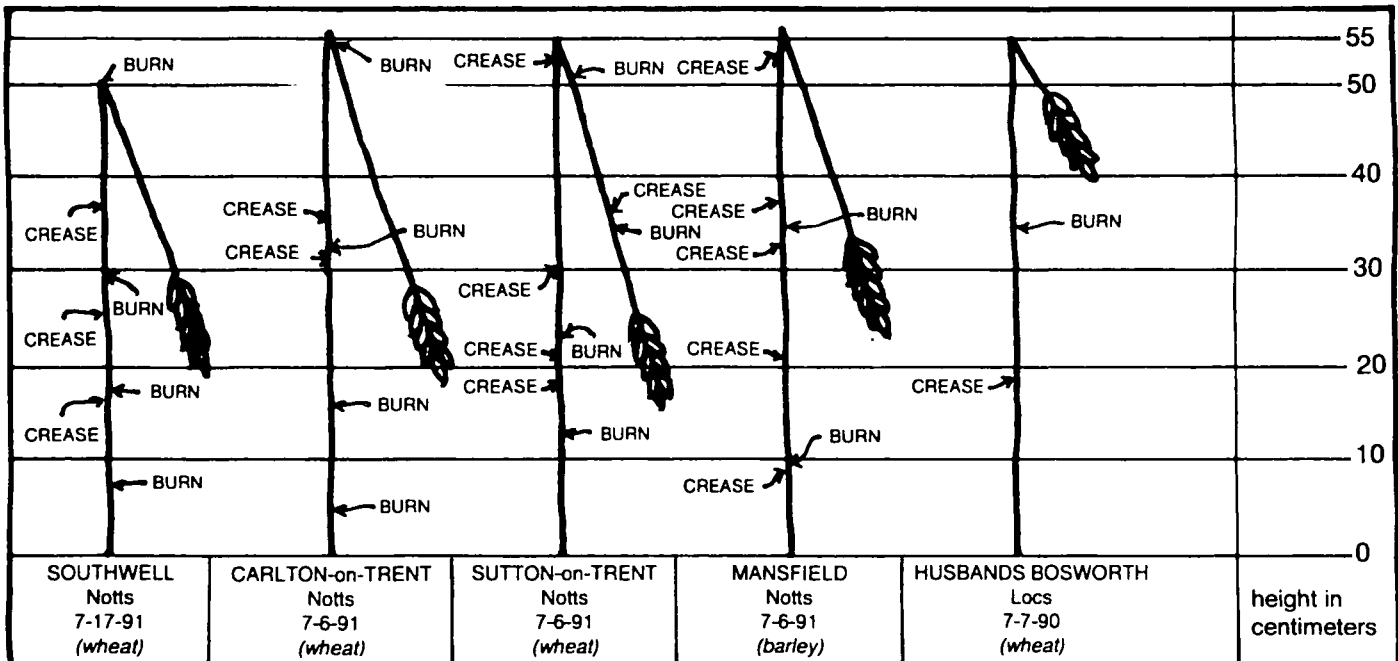
- What invisible short duration force is capable of such action?
- What causes the plasma balls photographed by the Japanese and British scientists in locations where crop circles would be discovered later?
- How can circles form without detection by radar or night vision cameras?
- What causes the mist often seen shortly after the formation of a crop circle?
- What causes the chirping and tweeting sounds recorded in crop circles?

Fowler's 'bent stems' research is a fascinating study of the crop circle phenomenon which may eventually produce some important answers in unravelling this mystery. If a microwave beam is responsible for the genuine crop circle, the question then becomes-is it a natural phenomenon or is it transmitted? Fowler asks, "If it is not (natural), then who or what is transmitting the beam, and for what purpose?"

Stay tuned. . .



Single Standing Stems found in crop circles, 1990-1991



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Patrice Eldridge

Not a lot to say this time, but felt it might be thought-provoking to share the following letter with all of you. . .

November 21, 1993

To: HUFON (Houston UFO Network)

We attended our first HUFON meeting in May or June 1993, and joined after seeing first hand that it was a well run and informative organization. We have attended every subsequent meeting. After completing some questionnaires, we were asked

by Saber Enterprises, Inc. to participate in their abductee research program. Since then we have had an opportunity to get to know several of the investigators and have the highest regard for their professionalism and scientific approach.

At the last HUFON meeting (Friday, November 5, 1993) we were outraged at the behavior of three members. They continually disrupted the meeting, successfully aborting all attempts at constructive, creative thought. It was sickening to have to listen to them conduct a seemingly well-rehearsed character assassination of Mr. Derrel Sims, who is president of Saber Enterprises, Inc. I am not sure I could have been as patient as Mr. Sims, if my professional reputation and ethics had been slandered as his were that night. At one point I (Clayton Lee) spoke and asked these

three individuals to, "shut up and let someone else speak," since the three had dominated most of the meeting with their repeated attacks on Mr. Sims and how the abductee research was being handled, about which they seem to have no firsthand knowledge.

We will continue our membership in HUFON despite November's disturbing meeting and hope that we don't ever have to experience such behavior in the future. We joined HUFON to study the UFO phenomenon. It was never our intention to become embroiled in the politics of the organization, or to have to listen to public insult and slander of one of its members.

Sincerely,

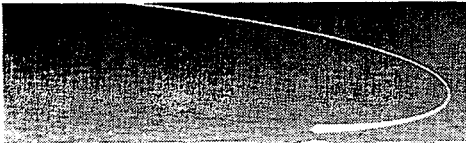
Clayton and Donna Lee

Laffs in Space by Bill Hughes



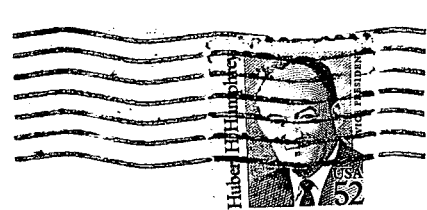
EVENT CALENDAR

- January 7th -** H.U.F.O.N. meeting, 7:30 P.M.. Holiday Inn, I-10 at Silber. Dale Musser will be discussing his life-long abduction experiences, illustrated with slides and diagrams. Learn what it's really like to be an abductee!
- January 20th -** (Thursday) V.I.S.I.T. meeting, 6:30 P.M., Freeman Memorial Library, 16602 Diana Lane, Clear Lake City.
- February 4th -** Surprise Guest! Watch for announcement!
- March 4th -** H.U.F.O.N. meeting, 7:30 P.M., Holiday Inn, I-10 at Silber. Bill Eatwell's informative presentation on recent happenings in the eerie world of crop formations.
- February 17th -** (Thursday) V.I.S.I.T. meeting, 6:30 P.M., Freeman Memorial Library, 16602 Diana Lane, Clear Lake City.



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