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# LET THE AMAZING PROSPERITY PYRAMID

fill your life with Riches, Money, Cash, Gifts, Favors, Rewards or anything else you want—EASILY—

says Al G. Manning, Director, E.S.P. Lab.

Believe it or not, dear friend, all around you is a vast Invisible World, pulsing with power! You cannot see, hear, feel, taste or smell this world—but if you could tap its power right now, all your dreams would come true, all your problems would melt away, all your desires would be fulfilled...

My name is Al G. Manning. I'd like to prove this to you right now! I'd like to show how you may call upon the Invisible World—to change your life into a honeymoon of wealth, love, and power—with my discovery of the amazing PROSPERITY PYRAMID!

Make no mistake, the PROSPERITY PYRAMID is real—and it will bring you anything you want out of life—through the miracle of universal psychic power! Yes, whether you want large sums of money, glowing good health, dozens of devoted friends, a more satisfying love life, or anything else, the PROSPERITY PYRAMID will help you get them!

## NOW! LOVE, MONEY, POWER CAN BE YOURS THROUGH AMAZING PYRAMID POWER!

With the amazing PROSPERITY PYRAMID, you need only whisper your wishes to your servants in the Invisible World, and they will come true. With their help, you will live a life piled high with the golden riches, the luxurious possessions, the personal honors, and all else you have longed for these many years.

Here are some typical examples of its amazing results:

• Almost immediately after using this secret, D.J. reports finding ten crisp \$100 bills in her kitchen drawer! T.A. used the secret of the PROSPERITY PYRAMID for money. In little more than 48 hours, he received a check for \$1,000 from an unexpected source! S.W. needed \$300,000 for his failing business—but the banks just laughed at him. THE NEXT MORNING, after using this secret, he got the full amount!

• "I was in Tijuana at the dog races," says M.Y. "Just before the last race, I used this secret. IN THAT INSTANT, the numbers 7 and 8 kept flashing in my head. I took the hint, hurried to the window and bet \$2, using these numbers. It won and paid me \$162!"

• R.H. happily reports winning \$75, \$500 and \$500 in three successive weeks playing Bingo, after using the secret of the PROSPERITY PYRAMID! "Now I'm out of debt and have a savings account for the first time in years! It's a wonderful new life!" she enthuses.

• "Two days after using this secret, my ex-husband voluntarily gave me an extra \$300," reports M.H. "I collected some money long owed... my prosperity is growing, and things are looking up for the first time in years!"

• E.G. reports that one week after using the PROSPERITY PYRAMID secret, she sold her property for \$15,000 profit, after months of waiting!

• "I am amazed at the immediacy of positive results," writes Mrs. N.L. "My husband had been out of work again, this time for almost six months. THE MORNING AFTER using this secret, he got the best job offer he ever had... A host of minor aches and pains in the family disappeared, and for a copper I won \$300 in a contest—the first thing I have ever won in my life!"

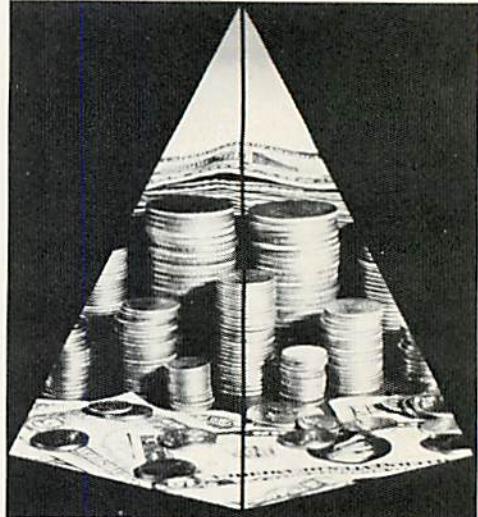
For 8 years, we have been experimenting with this PYRAMID power at the E.S.P. Lab. Thousands have tried it. Magnificent healings, settlement of "impossible" problems, new jobs, windfalls of money, and meetings of "perfect mates" are commonly reported.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

AL G. MANNING discovered, early in life, the basis of UNIVERSAL PSYCHIC POWER. With it, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from U.C.L.A., where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Further use of this amazing power boosted him into the highest levels of business success. Starting at a low salary, he rose to the presidency of a vigorous and growing corporation. At that point, struck by personal tragedy, he left his business career and turned to the study of religious science and became a Doctor of Divinity.

Through these later studies, Al G. Manning began to ascertain the laws of UNIVERSAL PSYCHIC POWER, and formulated a system that could use this power to draw contact with the vast energy source within us. In this book, he presents the culmination of his work for the first time.



"And God said, Let there be Light!

And there was Light."

(GENESIS 1:1)

It works every time—and swift results are guaranteed—when properly applied!

## THE SECRET OF PYRAMID POWER!

The secret of the PROSPERITY PYRAMID is that it magnifies the power of prayer—through a mysterious, as yet unidentified form of energy—an invisible "psychic" substance, which the Bible calls the Light. Furthermore, it has been scientifically proven that this Astral Light does exist. The Pyramid captures it! Lassos it for the first time—and makes it work for you!

Just like Aladdin's Lamp—the genie of the Pyramid serves its master without the slightest hesitation, to bring about whatever message is placed inside it!

With this secret, all the power of the universe is ready and eager to work through you... and your heart's desires can be yours in the twinkling of an eye! You don't need any special education or equipment to use the PROSPERITY PYRAMID. All you need are a few ordinary household items—my book gives complete, easy-to-follow directions.

## WHAT SORT OF HELP CAN YOU EXPECT?

Now, with the amazing PROSPERITY PYRAMID, you can expect very real help, indeed! Are you having trouble with your marriage, your love life? Is there someone you long for, but cannot approach? Are money problems plaguing you? Or problems of poor health?

If so, the PROSPERITY PYRAMID can help you! How? Any way you can imagine, and a few ways known only to the Spirit world. Little things—like the phone call from a loved one you crave—in as little as 10 minutes! Also bigger things, like a house, a perfect spouse, a business of your own, or a big promotion...even a million dollars!

It has worked for others! What riches, what rewards, what amazing results will it bring for you! Here are some actual examples—

• Janet S. was the impatient lover type, and had found the secret of PYRAMID power quite effective in getting her boyfriend, Jimmy, to call her on the telephone; it usually took less than 10 minutes!

But he was still the "shy" type. Using the method on page 62, she sent a powerful blast of Pyramid energy, with the words, "Jimmy, you must have Janet now!" Almost before she stood up, her phone rang—and an excited Jimmy begged to see her! Today they are happily married!

• A.F. reports that, since using PYRAMID power, "Every day there are signs of Infinite Love protecting my life!" She tells how, after a narrowly avoided accident with her car...

She noticed something gleaming in the beam of her headlights. "I got out of the car to look, and found a lovely silver necklace full of old Egyptian hieroglyphics etched on charms," she says. "There was absolutely no mud or dirt on the necklace, even though it had been raining. I treasure it as a very special gift from Spirit."

No task is too great or too small for the Light of the Pyramid. Let it flow through you to solve every problem and achieve your every goal. With this mysterious force, you can enjoy a fresh flow of riches, money and personal power into your life greater than you have ever dared dream possible!

## HEALING PYRAMID ENERGY!

I truly believe the Infinite Power that works through you can heal anything, and insure your perfect health. The existence of the

cosmic Light, used in healing Pyramid energy has been scientifically proven (scientists call it the Kirlian Effect)—and I believe, from what I've seen, that it can heal anything from a hangnail to even more serious conditions, when used correctly.

At the E.S.P. Laboratory, our results have often been immediate and spectacular! I am not a doctor, nor do I claim this as a cure-all. Not even a doctor can do that. All you or I—or anyone—can do is provide conditions that will help the body heal itself. That is the secret of healing Pyramid power! Just look at the results...

• "I was having excruciating pains in my back," a Georgia lady reports. "I couldn't go to the doctor, as he wasn't in his office." So she tried the secret of Pyramid Power, asking for help. "During the ritual I felt a spirit hovering over me... When I got up... the pains were gone. I had a good rest... and have felt wonderful ever since."

• R.F. reports that he asked for relief from bad migraine headaches with the secret of PYRAMID power. Instantly, the headache was relieved. "That one time would be miracle enough," he says, "but it was six months ago, and I haven't had a single attack since!"

• Mr. A.E. reports results in 60 seconds! "My throat was absolutely raw from a strep condition. The soreness was almost unbearable... Now it feels normal; there is no pain at all." It STAYED completely normal!

## PYRAMID POWER OVER GREAT DISTANCES!

My files are brimming with similar positive reports! Perhaps you'd like to help a person who is far away. Excellent results have been reported over a distance, in both healing and the communication of desires!

H.Y. reports: "I used this secret to send healing energy to my mother in a distant city. The whole family had been quite worried. But now the doctor reports a 'miraculous' healing of her heart condition... she is in wonderfully good health now."

Miss J.V. hadn't had a date in three months, and there seemed to be no prospects. Once she discovered PYRAMID power, however, in just minutes she was ready to use it for the very first time! In three days, FIVE eligible men called her for dates!

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Al G. Manning, D.D.

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I am greatly surprised at how easy it is to import. The products I have handled sell themselves." Paul Crockett, Indiana

#### 51 ORDERS IN FIRST 2 DAYS

"First two days sold 28 beaded sweaters, 15 perfume orders, 8 jewelry orders. Profit \$389.70." Theodore Weld, Oregon

#### DISABLED VETERAN FINDS SUCCESS

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Elbert Hale, IL

#### FINDS IMPORTING EASY

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#### \$7000.00 IN BANK AFTER 6 MONTHS

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# How to make others secretly DO YOUR BIDDING with the astonishing power of **AUTOMATIC MIND COMMAND!**

Here's how to get started in just 3 minutes...

Dear Friend:

New power is about to leap into your life... an astonishing way to control the thoughts and actions of others without their knowing it... no matter how much they may *not* want to follow your instructions, they carry them out to a "T" every time!

With "Automatic Mind-Command" you'll be running the show. Make a wish, turn on The Power, and watch those around you drop everything and do what they're told.

And nobody will even have the faintest idea that you're behind it all. That's the beauty of "Automatic Mind-Command"—you are the only one who knows what's going on—you alone decide when things should start... stop... change around.

## CONTROL YOUR FRIENDS OR STRANGERS!

You can use it to control your friends or strangers, one at a time or in large numbers, at any time, and ANY WAY YOU LIKE.

For example: You go into a bank for a loan. The credit man smiles but says "Sorry. You don't qualify for a loan right now; however, if there's anything else I can do for you, I'd be glad to..." Then in a flash, his tune changes when you let loose your "Automatic Mind-Command." He continues, "In fact, we'll be glad to give you \$1,000 more than you asked for. And any time you want more, just see me personally! Thank you so much for coming by!"

Impossible? You'll be doing things like that every day without even thinking about it. As soon as you need something done, it's done! The people who do these things for you will remember what they did, but not *why*!

## FUN POWER—TOO!

You can have a lot of fun with this power, too. Look how Evelyn C. used it at work... One day, while sorting papers, her boss angrily inquired why she had to make so much noise—and scolded her in front of everybody. Evelyn said nothing, but smiled to herself—for she had just turned on the "Automatic Mind-Command" . . ." Suddenly the boss apologized for being a scoundrel. "Please... I'm sorry," he said, in front of everybody. "I'd like to make it up to you!" And he told her what a wonderful person she was! When Evelyn turned the power off, the boss just stood there with an open mouth, wondering what made him say all those things.

Think what this power can mean in your life. You need money... and it's there! You want some affection... you'll be smothered! You want peace and quiet... the world stands still!

## NO MORE SECRETS WILL BE KEPT FROM YOU!

People who think they can hold back the facts will meet their master in you! You just fire a little "Automatic Mind-Command" at them, and they'll sing like meadowlarks... Nona J. was at her wits end when she tried to find the money she'd put aside to pay the rent—it was gone. A frantic search through the house turned up nothing. There was only one possibility left... she asked Billy. A look of surprise crossed his face. No—he hadn't seen any money. But Nona didn't believe him, and started using "Automatic Mind-Command" to find out if he was telling the truth. Suddenly Billy reached into his pocket and took out a roll of money. After giving her the money, he acted as if nothing had happened!

Think how many secrets must be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell...

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Scott Reed** is one of the nation's leading mind-power experts. Presently engaged as a writer on developments in the behavioral sciences, his revelations about the unseen world of the mind have been read by millions. A graduate of the City University of New York, his own life is living proof of "Automatic Mind-Command."

A Master Researcher, Metaphysician, and Psychic Advisor, he has helped countless men and women find true happiness. He has the rare ability of writing clearly and simply so that even the most profound Truths can be plainly understood by anyone.

your neighbors won't say... your boss keeps quiet about... ALL BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN JUST FOR YOU!! They'll tell you all their secrets, but they won't know why.

Hold on now, because I haven't told you yet about the best part of "Automatic Mind-Command."

You may have to bolt your door to keep people from overwhelming you with love, gifts, favors, rewards! Perfect strangers will be walking up to you and asking, "How are you? Can I do anything for you?" They will never suspect that "Automatic Mind-Command" is impelling them to like you, please you... and automatically want to help you.

## INSTANTLY YOUR LIFE IS CHANGED!

At first, I couldn't believe it. And yet I know this to be true from my own personal experience... time after time. For example...

**A STRANGER HANDS HIM \$500**—Harry G., a low-paid factory worker, wanted to start a business of his own. All he needed was cash to get started, but no one would give him the money. Finally someone told him how to use "Automatic Mind-Command"—and Harry laughingly tried it. A short time later, a perfect stranger handed him \$500—saying he'd heard about Harry's plan, and was eager to help him get started!

Unusual? Not at all... things happen every day with "Automatic Mind-Command."

## RECEIVES NEEDED CASH QUICKLY!

Mrs. Thelma J. reports, "I needed money badly." Her husband hadn't worked in months, and their savings were running out. Then she discovered "Automatic Mind-Command"—and turned on the power immediately! The next morning she received a package containing several hundred dollars from friends and well-wishers she never knew existed!

In all history, few indeed are the ones who have recognized "Automatic Mind-Command." The rest, who do not use it, pay the penalty in suffering, wishing, hoping, dreaming... Now I say to you: Wish no more!

## HOW TO GET STARTED IN JUST 3 MINUTES!

Minute #1—Fill out the No-Risk Coupon and mail it to us.

Minute #2—When you receive a package in the mail from us, open it.

Minute #3—Lift the front cover, and let the secret feed itself in to your mind automatically.

After that, sit back, relax—and see how this power can work for you. It's as simple as that! It won't cost you one penny unless it works!

**IN THAT INSTANT, YOU WILL ALREADY BE ABLE TO USE "AUTOMATIC MIND-COMMAND" FOR THE FIRST TIME...** for money, love, healing, protection, and much more!

Imagine the thrill—after a lifetime of "scrimping" and "penny-pinching"—to see a tidal wave of riches rolling into your life from every direction—pay raises, bonuses, gifts, legacies... a rising tide of good fortune!

## MORE AMAZING CASE HISTORIES!

And it's all just *minutes* away!

Larry S. wanted to see his girlfriend—although he had no idea where she was—and no way of

## SOME OUTSTANDING FEATURES THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

- The amazing power you now possess
- How to get something for nothing
- Why this method must work for you
- Your "instant" fortune maker
- You can get rich quickly and easily
- "Instant" money can be yours
- A magic spell that works living miracles
- How this secret can bring you anything you desire
- Help from the invisible world
- How to "Tune In" on the secret thoughts of others
- The greatest love spell of all
- Formula for a happy marriage
- How to dissolve all kinds of evil
- How to win the future of your choice



contacting her by letter or phone. From far away... he began using "Automatic Mind-Command!" In that instant, his girlfriend knew what she had to do. She dropped what she was doing, excused herself and hurried to visit him. Arriving in record time—she hugged and kissed him, explaining that "something" told her he wanted and needed her, and what could she do for him!

Now here's a most fantastic use of "Automatic Mind-Command"—one I'm sure you'll agree proves that here is a power which staggers the imagination!

For example, cases of health-symptoms relieved with "Automatic Mind-Command!" John C. reports that his hearing now seems normal again! Warren W.'s blurred eyesight cleared, sharpened, and now seems normal! Lydia E. says her arthritic symptoms of soreness and stiffness in the fingers were relieved when nothing else seemed to help, and Mrs. M. S. was surprised when her leg pain disappeared. Bella S., who complained of "ulcerative colitis" with stomach cramps and diarrhea, obtained fast relief... And others report relief from complaints of high blood pressure, heart symptoms, "migraine" headaches, weakness, dizziness, fatigue, and more.

It's simple, easy, and automatic to apply!

## YOURS TO PROVE—AT OUR RISK!

So you see, life can be beautiful with "Automatic Mind-Command." To discover its amazing power let it put you on the road to a NEW LIFE... filled to the brim with riches, love, pleasure and all the wonderful luxuries of the world... and more! You owe it to yourself to try it! Why not send in the No-Risk Coupon—TODAY!

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# EDITORIAL



By Dennis William Hauck



■ Lately there has been much comment as to where readers might obtain reliable UFO information. The continuing sensationalism and outright fraud in many of the UFO periodicals have caused a widening credibility gap. Where can one obtain authentic UFO material?

There are a number of interesting subscription publications dealing with the UFO subject. The most reliable of these are put out by the major UFO organizations. The Mutual UFO Network, under the direction of Walt Andrus, publishes a monthly, 20-page magazine called the **MUFON UFO**

**Journal.** The rates are \$8 per year (\$9 foreign), and membership in MUFON is an additional \$4 per year. Write: MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Texas 78155. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, directed by Jim Lorenzen, publishes the **APRO Bulletin** on a monthly basis. Subscription is \$6 per year (\$7 foreign) from APRO, 3910 E. Kleindale Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85716.

Allan Hendry of the Center for UFO Studies has done a fine job in editing the new **International UFO Reporter**. This monthly journal summarizes the most important cases and

is under the editorial direction of Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Cost is \$12 (\$15 foreign) from: IUR, 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60202.

Bruce Schaffenberger has created an entertaining biweekly magazine under the direction of the International UFO Registry. **Ufology** usually covers the whole spectrum of data and opinions and is available for \$12 per year (\$15 foreign) from: Ufology, P.O. Box 1004, Hammond, Indiana 46325.

Other sources of good UFO information are the UFO organizations themselves. If you wish to report a sighting or have questions on a specific case contact one of the following: Center for UFO Studies, 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, IL 60201; MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155; APRO, 3910 E. Kleindale Rd., Tucson, AZ 85716; IUFOR, P.O. Box 1004, Hammond, IN 46325. Two organizations which have specialized services are Ground Saucer Watch (computer photo analysis), 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85029, and Project Starlight International (instrumented UFO research), P.O. Box 5310, Austin, TX 78763.

All these organizations are doing highly credible work towards a solution to the UFO problem and publish material that has been investigated and authenticated. They deserve your support!

The collage includes several magazine covers:

- the apro bulletin**: Headlines include "ANOTHER KENTUCKY ABDUCTION" and "Boys Frightened By UFOs".
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Articles by or about Gavin and Yvonne Frost have appeared in such national publications as *Midnight* and the *National Enquirer*.

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# CONTACT

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

Regarding the story on the 1908 Siberian explosion, published in the May 1977 edition of this magazine, there are a number of comments I would like to bring to the notice of your readers.

1.) Study of the devastation suggests that the object exploded above the ground. This explains the lack of a crater and is consistent with the object having been an icy conglomerate such as the nucleus of a comet.

2.) Meteoric material was recovered from the site, in the form of meteoric dust down-wind from the explosion. This dust was similar to that found during meteor showers of cometary origin.

3.) The size of the object is consistent with the sizes of a number of small comets which pass near the earth.

4.) Haze was noted around the world following the fall, consistent with dust formed by atmospheric ablation of a meteoritic body and/or cosmic dust accompanying the object. Both are consistent with a cometary explanation, but not with the spaceship hypothesis.

5.) Radiation levels in the area were consistent with fallout from recent nuclear tests but contradicted an atomic explanation for the 1908 explosion.

6.) The flight of the object suggested that it moved in a retrograde solar orbit — again consistent with the cometary explanation.

7.) The areas affected by the "bright nights" following the fall were the ones which would be expected to experience the comet's tail; pointing (as always) away from the sun.

8.) The colour of the sky illumination would have probably been determined by the small size of the dust particles in the dust tail and the gases of the gas tail. Typically, cometary dust tails are yellow-pink and gas tails are blue-green. This is consistent with the reported colour of the illumination.

The evidence for a comet is, I believe, very strong and that for a spaceship non-existent unless a lot of "information" is read into the evidence.

However, even if the spaceship hypothesis were not as weak as it seems, it would remain difficult to believe, in this post Viking age, that Mars is capable of supporting an indigenous race of intelligent beings able to construct such a craft and fly it to Earth.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

Have read the article "UFO Propulsion: The Effects of Magnetic Stardrive" by Dennis Anthony, a trained UCLA physicist. I am thrilled with the contents of this article; however, some of us are wondering about the statement "The square of light speed is inversely proportional to electromagnetic permeability."

According to one member of our staff, Maxwell's equations are valid for quantities determined by their average values in volumes that contain a very great number of molecules (macroscopic electromagnetism) and his reference is J. E. Hill, "Maxwell's Four Basic Equations" **Westinghouse Engineer** Volume 6, Page 135, September 1946.

What our illustrious staff member is indicating is that Maxwell's equations cannot work in space where it has been proved that there are very few molecules.

Respectfully Yours,  
Al Olson  
Allgeier, Martin & Associates  
Consulting Engineers  
Joplin, Missouri

In the interest of improved communications and expression of the beliefs of everyone interested in ufology, we ask that your readers take part in a survey. Please answer the following questions and send your replies to: IUFOR, P.O. Box 1004, Hammond, Indiana 46327.

Thank you,  
Kevin Rentner  
Assistant Director  
American UFO Studiers  
Tacoma, Washington

1. Who are the five best UFO authors? Ufologists?
2. What are the ten best books on the topic of UFOs? Periodicals? (Only five requested of the latter.)
3. Do you support any theories on UFOs? If yes, what are they?
4. What do you feel are the ten most significant UFO cases ever? What cases are they? Explain why for each?
5. List five potentially significant cases. Why do you feel they are significant cases?
6. What is your reaction to occupants? Contactees? NOTE: Occupants refer to the UFO operators while contactees refer to those who claim to have been abducted or even have reportedly talked with occupants.
7. Do you belong to any UFO organizations? If yes, which ones?
8. Have you ever seen what you believe to have been a UFO? Explain.
9. General information: Your city, state/province, etc., country, age, sex, occupation, education and name and address. If you wish for your name to be held confidential, please mention it in your reply. Please underline any such requests.
10. What is your opinion concerning a centralized UFO organization?  
NOTE: If you know any investigator or researcher involved in the UFO phenomena please pass on a copy of this survey. Your cooperation in this project will be most appreciated. Results of this opinionair will be published in several UFO publications.



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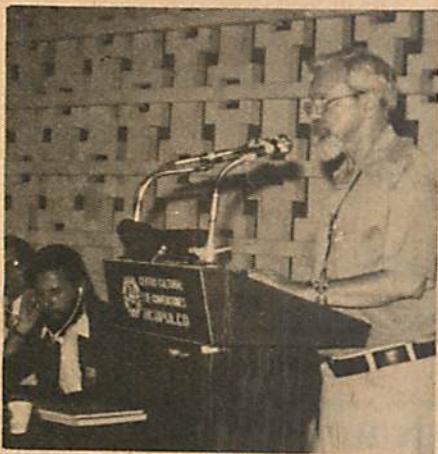
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Contradictory feelings of chaos and progress marked the First International UFOlogy Conference. The complicated logistics of bringing together the world's most prominent ufologists for a week of interlingual debate took their toll as personal inconveniences and organizational delays mounted through the week. Nonetheless, the Conference succeeded in bringing together the world's leading UFO researchers and real progress was made on a number of points. For this, kudos are in order for Conference organizer Guillermo Bravo and the staff of the Mexican Center for Information and Investigation of Paranormal Phenomena (CIIFOP).

**OFFICIAL UFO** editor Dennis William Hauck presented a view of the problems in publishing UFO information with some pointed examples of how it can be mishandled, while Allan Hendry, editor of the **International UFO Reporter**, talked about the problems of sorting out genuine UFOs from misinterpreted natural and artificial objects. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of

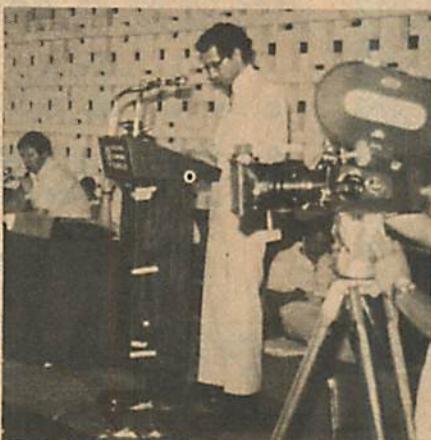


Dr. J. Allen Hynek addresses the International UFOlogy Conference held in Acapulco April 17-24.

the Center for UFO Studies, presented an overview of the very significant problem of disseminating UFO information and stressed the importance of educating schoolchildren and youth with an unprejudiced and authentic view of the UFO problem, such as presented in the Center's publication.

Walt Andrus summarized some recent UFO cases as investigated by MUFON and presented in the national

news media, and Jim Lorenzen talked about APRO's interest in the significance of abduction and entity cases. William Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) presented a number of



Ray Stanford of Project Starlight addresses the International UFOlogy Conference.

photographic cases that have been analyzed by computer and caused a good deal of controversy with his statement that the Adamski pictures were frauds. This position was backed up by Project Starlight director Ray Stanford, who also presented an excellent slide lecture on computer assisted UFO research and other instrumented approaches to the UFO problem. During the proceedings there was also a two-hour public debate on the Travis Walton abduction case between Jim Lorenzen and William Spaulding, which brought more important information about this case to light.

Sir Eric Gairy of Grenada called on the governments of the world to work together in a common search for a solution to the UFO problem. He declared his "irrevocable intention to secure and harness the support of all the member nations of the United Nations, some of whom have already expressed deep interest in the support for the initiative already taken there." All the participants of the Conference signed a resolution supporting the Prime Minister's efforts and pledging their future assistance.

John Keel made a rare appearance at the Conference and presented the results of his extensive investiga-

tions into ufology and parapsychology.

Mr. Keel is presently working on a book to be called "The Gods Who Walk Among Us." James Hurtak spoke on the search for a definitive extraterrestrial model, and Colman von Kevicsky pointed out some cases of hostile UFO activity. This theme was further developed by Hans Peterson of Denmark and Karl Veit of Germany.

Charles Huffer of the MUFON Central European Section presented material on government UFO cover-up activity, as did Henry McKay of the UFO Research Center in Ontario, Canada. Fabio Zerpa of Argentina also presented some material he secured from government sources about UFO activity previously kept secret.

Antonio Ribera of Spain offered new material on the UMMO case near Madrid, and Andreas Faber Kaiser, also of Spain, showed new UFO photographs and information released by the Spanish government. Other speakers included Pedro Ferriz, head of the Mexican Information Agency; Salvador Freixedo of Puerto Rico; Enrique Castillo of Colombia; Eduardo Mendoza of Guatemala; Ian Norrie of England; and Carlos Paz Garcia of Peru.



MUFON's director Walt Andrus (left) and APRO's director Jim Lorenzen (right) listen attentively to simultaneous translations of foreign delegates' presentations.

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**SECRET #9:** This secret removes all obstacles in your path to the achievement of your goals!

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## WHO IS THIS AUTHOR?

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George Earley

■ By the time this column sees print, the 1977 Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Symposium will be history. Judging by their past track record, the next best thing to attending a MUFON Symposium is to read the published proceedings. At hand in the 1976 **MUFON Symposium Proceedings** (\$5 from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155).

There were seven speakers at the 1976 symposium and I couldn't help wondering as I read the various papers if the attendees might not have felt a bit let down. Far and away the most interesting paper was Ray Sanford's "The Operation ARGUS Concept" with its inside look at Project Starlight, its equipment and *modus operandi*. Stanford has clearly tapped into a nice money source down there in Texas and set up a rather comprehensive collection of equipment—the illustrations show radar and laser gear, computers, telescopes, cameras, and miscellaneous other pieces of sophisticated and expensive hardware. He also described the Argus volunteer spotting network. Now if only the ufonauts will cooperate and fly within his range....

The remaining papers are a mixed bag. Ted Peters' "Heavenly Chariots and Flying Saucers" is another knock of von Daniken and similar writers; David Webb's "Analysis of Humanoid Reports" stresses not only the need for better formalization of UFO reporting procedures but the need for a proper forum to present and argue UFO reports. (This isn't a new idea, of course, but as it hasn't come to pass yet—though the Center for UFO Studies is trying hard—reminders of what is needed are welcome.) Hynek's "Swamp Gas Plus Ten... And Counting" is a reprise of how that term got into the UFO lexicon—frankly, I had hoped for something more up-to-date from him. Bill Spaulding has a report on the use of computer analysis of UFO photos, but he doesn't give us a clear opinion of the sample used in his paper

(the Trent photo from McMinnville, Oregon). Ron Westrum discusses "Social Reaction to UFO Reports" and warns us that "The most dangerous reaction to UFOs is passivity." Henry McKay gets the "lemon award" for the most unsatisfactory paper, one scarcely more than a page long. It touches (all too lightly) on the fascinating aspect of ufology: physical traces that might be caused by ball lightning or, perhaps, by electromagnetic side effects from UFO propulsion systems. But for some reason, McKay seems totally unaware of a NICAP Special Report, "Strange Effects From UFOs." Released in 1969, the report documents a number of apparent electromagnetic (EM) cases where individual witnesses and/or machines were affected by the close approach of a UFO. For McKay to be unaware of this publication raises serious questions not only about his alleged expertise but about MUFON's criteria for choosing its speakers.

If we are to have meaningful symposia on UFOs, it is not enough to get a group of enthusiasts together to tell other enthusiasts what they already know. MUFON has, I think, done excellent work with their symposia but success is going to be their undoing if they do not, in 1977, substantially raise the level of papers presented over those of 1976. Prior years were better, given the level of knowledge at that time. But the level of knowledge is rising. Therefore, the level of excellence of papers must also rise. If this cannot be done, there is no excuse for having a symposium *per se*. Have a picnic, have a convention, have a bull session—but make it clear that the purpose is basically fun and fellowship, not the meaningful exchange of information.

Now, be it noted that MUFON, whatever my views of the failings of the 1976 proceedings, deserves kudos for its steadfast work to raise the level of symposia over the years. The other

groups have done far less. NICAP has persistently eschewed participation in symposia arranged by others and has declined member suggestions to sponsor its own. APRO has been erratic—it has sponsored a few symposia on an irregular basis and the level of excellence has been irregular, too. But with the trend, if 1977 is any indication, towards more conferences, the sponsors of each are going to have to hump a bit to avoid presenting the same speakers and the same topics, with minor variations, over and over and over again. Needless to say, we here at **OFFICIAL UFO** will be keeping an eye on these affairs and reporting to you either through this column, when proceedings are published, or as straight conference reports.

And before I forget it, MUFON still has copies of the proceedings of two earlier symposia. If you lack the proceedings for 1973 (\$3.50) or 1975 (\$4), they can be ordered from MUFON at the address previously given. Prices include postage.

Matthew H. Adams is an 83-year-old, midwestern minister of fundamentalist learnings. **UFO: Earth Invaded from Outer Space** (Vantage Press, NYC; 1976, 80 pp.; \$4.95) is basically concerned with his apocalyptic vision of the coming years. Said vision is derived from the Bible, especially from the Book of Revelations, but given an outer space twist in that he expects the Army of God to arrive in "thousands of great space ships similar to the one that flew over France in January 1974, estimated by the police to be 900 feet long and 300 feet wide." This is a subsidy press book, which means that the author paid the publisher to print it. It also means that the book is grossly overpriced in terms of value of content and length of book. And while Rev. Adams may be happy over the way he has spent his money, I would suggest that you will be happier if you do not spend yours on his book!



# Can One Dollar Really Change Your Life?

At last, the secret of the Morgana Candle revealed.

## Some People Have It All

Ever notice how some people seem to have their days filled with life's riches? They travel, have money, are healthy, own big homes, have good jobs, family happiness. Ever been surprised that these people often are no smarter, harder working or better educated than you?

## The Secret

The secret is something that we call "luck." The Indians call it "Karma," the tribes of South America call it "Ritpla." But what is this...and can it be changed?

## My Story

A few years ago my life was average...or a little worse. I had a low paying job, lots of bills, and frequent unexplained stomach pains. I spent a good deal of time wondering how I could really make my life work well. How I too could experience the joys of life. I tried study, magic amulets, changing jobs. But the more I "tried" the more things stayed the same.

## Then A Strange Happening

One bleak night I was walking in downtown New York. The snow was a foot deep and I was feeling depressed. I suddenly tripped, fell face down in the snow. The next thing I knew a slim old man was helping me up. The gentleness of his face overwhelmed me; yet the strength of his hand was fabulous.

## Very Strange

As I got up he greeted me by name. I asked how he knew my name, he only smiled. Then he handed me a brown paper bag. He said there is something inside for me. We walked together for a few blocks without saying anything. It all seemed strange to me. As we turned a corner suddenly my new "friend" wasn't there. I looked around. As mysteriously as he arrived he was gone.

## Then a Miracle

When I got home I opened the paper bag and I found a small candle with a note. The note advised me to burn the candle and repeat a two sentence prayer. At first I was going to throw it away. Somehow I was overcome with a strong desire to follow the instructions. I burnt the candle, repeated the prayer and promptly fell asleep. When I awoke I felt great...In fact better than I ever felt in my life.

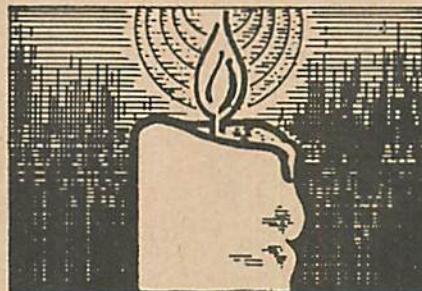
## Instant Success

My life, from that night on just seemed to get better and better. That day I got a huge raise, a total surprise. My health seemed perfect. I was in absolute tune with the Universe.

## One Lucky Thing After Another

Day after day things seemed to get better. Income tax refunds, family harmony, big job offers. It was like a dream.

The strange true story of  
Jeffrey Prescott



An invitation to Joy,  
Health and untold  
Wealth.

## My Friend Reappears

About a month later I was sitting in a movie theatre enjoying my new found joy. Suddenly I turned to my right and he was there again. This time clutching a slightly larger bag. He told me a story so amazing I'm frightened to repeat it. As he softly smiled he talked in almost a whisper, "Jeffrey, I want to share the secret of the Morgana Candle...and I want you to share it with the world." On a piece of yellowing paper was the place to buy candles. He said to say nothing when I went to buy candles and sell it to anyone that was sincere in improving their life. He told me *Never* charge more than *A Dollar* for a candle and be sure to give each buyer the secret prayer. Then he smiled gently and added "Burn a Candle when you feel the need. For some a candle will last a lifetime for others one a month is perfect...they will know."

## My Sales Begin

We both sat quietly for the rest of the movie. I got up and left. The next day I went to the address on the slip of papers and got a supply of candles. Most of my friends scoffed but a few had seen my new life begin.

## One Startling Event After Another

The first buyer called me the next morning and told me of his cured arthritis. Here are some actual other stories over the last years

- A school teacher finds money for a new house.
- A businessman's company increases 10 fold in one year.
- An elderly woman finds love the first time.
- A young housewife has new joy from her husband.
- A "C" student starts getting "A" grades.
- A senior citizen finds his debts disappear.
- A married couple find their marriage start to work.

## For You

And now here's the opportunity for you to share in this blessed flame of happiness.

## A Simple Offer

Send me two dollars and I'll send you two Morgana Candles...And the prayer.

## Absolute Guarantee

Burn one candle. If your life isn't noticeably better just return the other one. I'll refund the money you paid for *BOTH* candles even though you've returned only one. What could be fairer? Of course, no one can guarantee you love, health and wealth but you have nothing to lose!

## About Me

I don't know why I was chosen but let me tell you a few interesting facts. Since discovering the Morgana Candle my life is perfect. I have all the money I need. Money, love, good health seem strangely attracted to me. I want you to know I'd like to share it all with you, on a no risk offer. But if you don't want it it's really okay with me. I love everyone and I love you just as you are regardless of whether or not you'd like a Morgana Candle.

## Why It Works?

Many ask why the Morgana Candle works and who the old man was. Frankly I don't know. I only know that it works.

## Buy More Than Two

If you'd like more than two (For your own life or for gifts) the same guarantee applies. Burn the first one...if it doesn't work return the other candles for a full refund including the first.

## You Have Nothing To Lose

Order today...a new world may be waiting for you.

JEFFREY PRESCOTT

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New York, N.Y. 10036

Yes, I want to try the Morgana Candle on your absolute money-back guarantee.

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Please do **Not** order more than six candles.

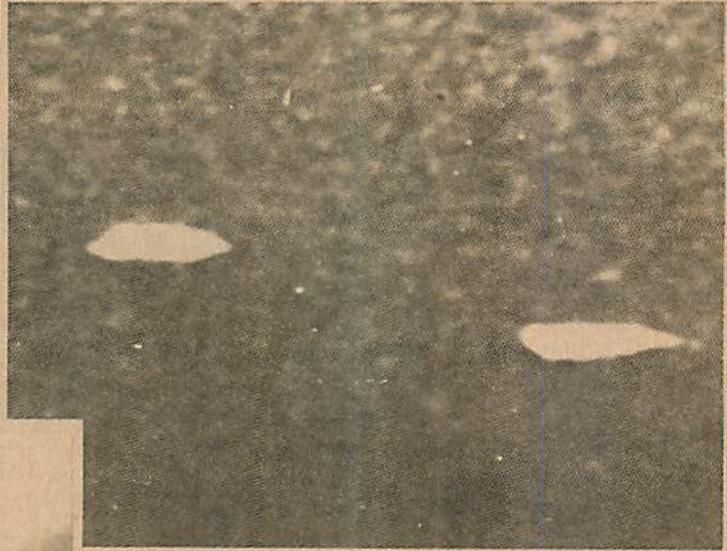
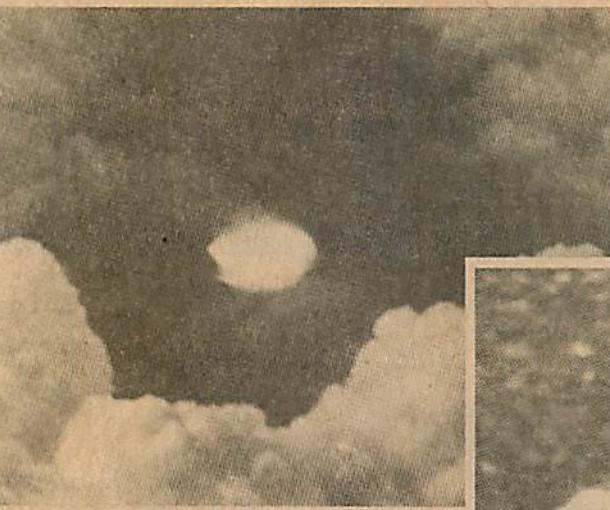
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# CLOUDS AND THE UFO ENIGMA

By Joann Scapier



**Strange-looking clouds and vapors have been reported so often in conjunction with UFO sightings that researchers are beginning to suspect they are part of the phenomenon.**

■ Whether the reader belongs to that majority who are on the fence concerning the subject of UFOs, or to that increasing minority who accept the evidence, he can hardly resist the temptation to contemplate another clue, a mystery within the mystery. And this is where clouds come in. . . .

Mysterious "clouds," mists and vapors have so frequently coincided with UFO activity that there is no longer any doubt that "clouds" are a

clue, perhaps even a solution, to the UFO enigma. UFOs vanish into clouds, shine through gaps in the clouds and masquerade as clouds. They may appear as featureless balls resembling puffs of smoke or as turbulent clouds of strange form. Many people say UFOs don't look like solid geometrical bodies from which light could emanate; rather the form seems due to the presence of the cloud. There are mysterious shapes

like condensation trails appearing with UFOs.

Brinsley Le Poer Trench, the Chairman of Contact, one of the world's largest UFO-watching organizations, writes, "Modern ufology teems with references to cloud cigars. The distinguished French author Aime Michel cites many cases of cloud cigars seen over France. Michael states that these reports 'lend color to the idea that the great cloud cigar may be a mothership to which are attached, in some way that we do not understand, smaller and more mobile craft, which come and go within certain limits around the large ship.'" Such a ship was seen



in France in 1954. . . "a large luminous object which he described as circular, red and surrounded by a sort of luminous vapor, the same color as that emanating from the object. He states the constant feature which accompanies the 'cigar' in vertical position: it appears only in a cloud." Trench witnessed such an object — surrounded by a "luminous vapor or eerie off-white appearance."

What is meant by the word "cloud" in ancient manuscripts and the Bible? It's quite certain that to the ancients the word "cloud" had the same meaning as our modern word "UFO". . . especially a powerful chariot (flying saucer); the place where God resides (a powerful leader within a mothership); and/or an instrument used to take orders from God (an intergalactic telephone.)

The cloud that led the Jews out of Egypt to the promised land was no ordinary cloud. . . "And the Lord went before them day by day in a pil-

lar of cloud to lead the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light." There was something or someone in the cloud: "And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door; and all the people rose up and worshiped, every man in his tent door. And the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. . . "(Exodus 33:9-11).

Ezekiel had a famous contact with a cloud, too. . . "And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the

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# ON THE TRACK OF ULTRA-TERRESTRIALS



Ultra-terrestrials are the super-beings from Earth that some researchers believe responsible for UFOs. Now Colorado police are looking for the same culprits in connection with a wave of animal mutilations in that state.

By Dorothy Aldridge

■ Continued mysterious circumstances which are out of the realm of humans and predators and are connected with unexplained deaths and mutilation of cattle may one day prod Colorado law enforcement officials into considering the possibility that ultra-terrestrials are responsible for the scourge.

More than adequate on-the-ground evidence has existed to indicate that an advanced means of killing cattle and a superior knowledge of surgery is being employed in the disfigurements. Only the use of a super aircraft can explain the access to locations where some of the animals have been found, as well as



Many mutilated animals in Colorado have been found in this unusual "death position." (courtesy Logan County Sheriff's Dept.)



Large circular pieces of hide were cut from this cow without even puncturing the good meat underneath. They also took the udders in this case. (courtesy Don Richmond, Esthetic Sciences Organization)

the lack of evidence such as blood, signs of a struggle, footprints and marks of the vehicle that transported the butchers of dumb animals.

A few Colorado sheriffs who lack perseverance and a real desire to apprehend those responsible for destroying thousands of dollars worth of beef in their counties find it easier to blame the situation on predators, thus siding with the School of Veterinary Medicine at Fort Collins and personnel of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. They assume that this handy explanation solves the problem in the public mind.

However, since the first mutilations were made public in the state in late 1974, the majority of law enforcement officials have directed their investigations toward catching members of a cult, pranksters or medical students in the act of killing and mutilating cattle. There is also the possibility of ranchers doing it for the insurance government gathering animal parts for research into the effects of newly developed drugs and bacteria.

Some Colorado lawmen have read and disagree in part with the official report of the Arizona-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) Inc., published in the organization's March 1975 bulletin, completely vindicating beings (if any) who pilot UFOs in the cattle deaths and grizzly mutilations. Their disagreement arises with the opinion of APRO investigators that cult members responsible for cattle deaths and mutilations use pieces of "pasteboard" (in order to leave no footprints) to approach an animal that may have been on the range for months. They say that a strange sight like this would spook an entire herd, that nobody could get close enough to shoot a tranquilizer dart into a cow, as APRO investigators claimed the cult members do.

They contend, in addition, that the investigators weren't familiar with cattle nor the habits of "small scavenging animals" which they claimed were responsible for some incidences of mutilation. It's also their opinion that if the investigators had seen some of the classic cattle mutilations that have occurred in some 21 states across the nation, they would have at least blamed *large* predators for the dirty work.

Logan County Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves, for example, would like to see a predator that can cut perfect circles in a critter's hide without damaging the meat under it.

"This particular breed of predator that goes far into a cow and reams out certain parts must have an 18-inch snout, 20-inch razor sharp teeth and carry a knife!" he commented.

With their thinking still centered on cult members and pranksters, Colorado lawmen haven't swung around to the possibility of inter-terrestrials in space ships in connection with cattle deaths and mutilations. They're still hung up on the thought that helicopters are the explanation for lack of evidence at mutilation sites and the reason some carcasses are found in ponds and areas remote to predator and human access. Keeping them in this thinking pattern is the fact that county residents have reported sightings and sounds of helicopters, not unidentified flying objects.

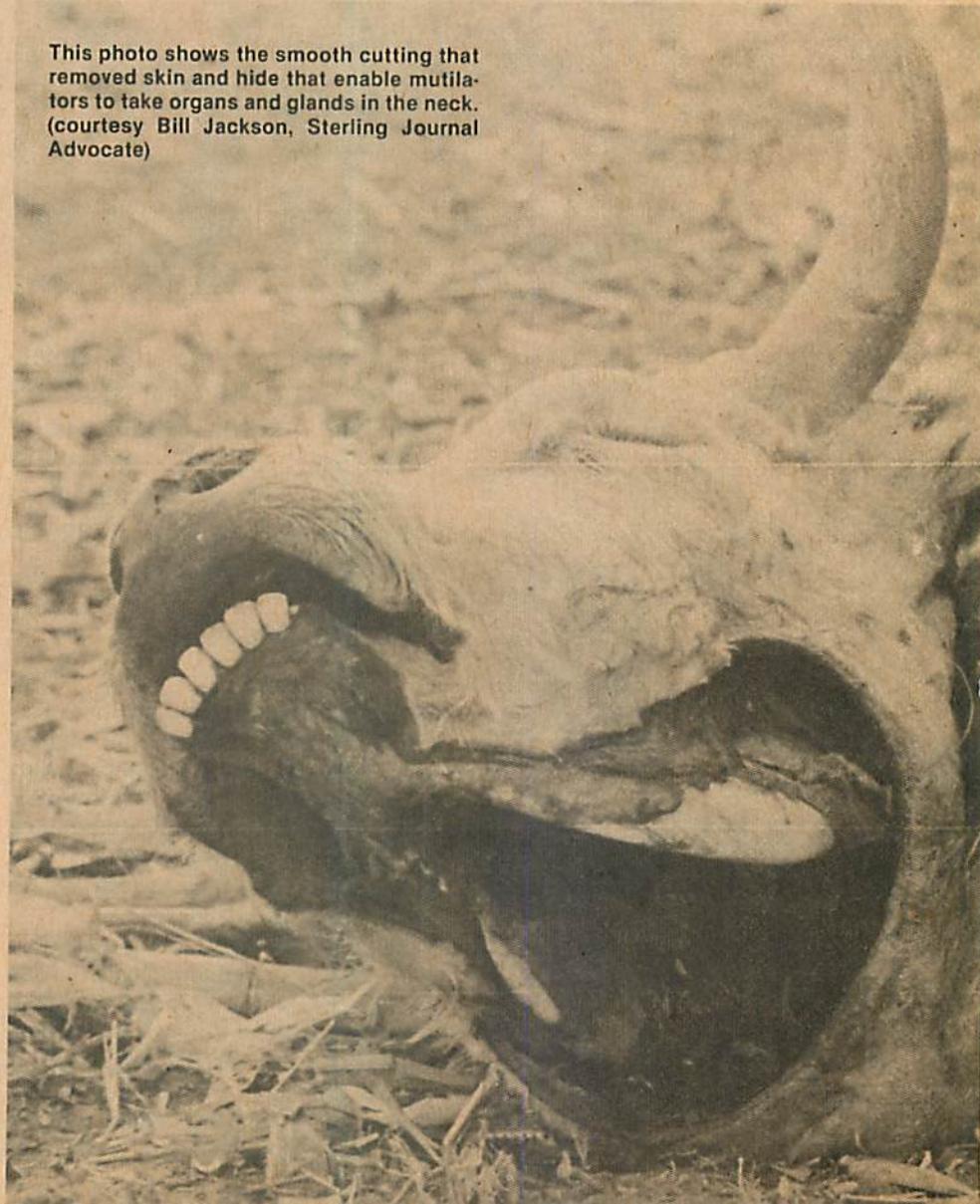
If the sheriffs and authorities in other areas ever begin thinking in terms of ultra-terrestrials in super craft in conjunction with cattle deaths

and mutilations, which have occurred in the same classic manner at high altitudes in the Rocky Mountains as well as on the lower plains of eastern Colorado, some of the mystery may disappear from incidences like the following:

In November 1975, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo near Colorado Springs "closed the books" on the cases of three buffalo whose deaths had overtones of mystery, with official explanations leaving much to be desired. The deaths occurred within one week, an unusual death rate, since this is equivalent to losses of American bison for an entire year at the facility. The first buffalo, an adult female, was found mutilated and dead in timber.

Dan Davis, director of the zoo, told the news media: "Although we don't know the exact cause of death at this time, there's no doubt the animal was mutilated with some sort of sharp instrument handled by man."

This photo shows the smooth cutting that removed skin and hide that enable mutilators to take organs and glands in the neck.  
(courtesy Bill Jackson, Sterling Journal Advocate)



Attesting to this at the scene, he said, were Dr. Rodney C. Walker, zoo veterinarian, who said it was the most unusual case he had ever seen; Dr. Raoul W. Urich, El Paso County coroner, to whom tissues from the animal were submitted for analysis; and E.J. Prenzlow, regional manager for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, who confirmed the mutilation hadn't been performed by wild predators.

The animal, dead approximately 24 hours, looked as though it was lying down sleeping in an area of the buffalo pen that was isolated, dark and dusty, with about 50 bison and 10 American elk, Davis said. Only their tracks were visible.

The right ear of the buffalo had been severed along with the udder and nipples, constituting about six pounds of tissue. Also removed was a section of hide approximately 24 by 24 inches in front of the udder.

"The hide had been removed in an



Some cattle have had their tongues and other organs removed with skillful surgical techniques. (courtesy Stanley Ingram)

almost perfect circle, but the underlying tissue was not damaged and had not been punctured," Davis said.

There was some evidence that the animal's vagina had been cut out, he said. Blood had soaked into the ground from it and the anus and there was blood on the buffalo's left inner thigh. Blood had also seeped into the soil from the mouth.

"It would be ridiculous of me to speculate as to what sort of warped mind conceived this type of action," Davis commented. "There were signs of massive hemorrhaging. It was difficult to get pure blood samples. The blood had broken down and formed serosanguous fluids. There were excessive amounts, about three to four gallons, of the fluid in the abdominal and thorasic cavities."

He said that the buffalo was skinned in a search for bruises to indicate a wound of some kind, but none was found.

The carcass was fresh enough that a "gross" autopsy was performed by Dr. Walker. In addition to the tissues submitted to Dr. Urich, fluid samples were sent to the School of Veterinary Medicine at Fort Collins for comparison with other specimens of mutilated animals that lab technicians had examined.

In a later interview, Davis said that a second buffalo was observed to be

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# VISITORS FROM THE STARS

By Ian Ridpath

■ Few scientists today would deny the possibility that there is life elsewhere in space. Project Viking was a billion-dollar commitment to the possibility that life has arisen on Mars. The discovery of even primitive organisms on another planet would, as one scientist put it, turn the origin of life from a miracle into a statistic. As of now, we do not know that there is life anywhere else in the universe; the scientific belief rests on the assumption that we are nothing special, and that what has happened on earth can, given the right conditions, happen over again elsewhere.

Estimates made by scientists at the joint Soviet-American conference on communication with extraterrestrial intelligence in 1971 suggest that there may be one million civilizations like ourselves or more advanced throughout the galaxy — that is, one civilization per 100,000 stars, on average. With this in mind, both NASA and the Soviet Academy of Sciences have announced long-term plans to search for possible extraterrestrial radio messages that even now may be winging towards us through space. Pilot listening projects have so far surveyed nearly 1000 of the nearer stars plus some nearby galaxies, but without success.

In England, an 11-man study group of the British Interplanetary Society is designing a nuclear powered spacecraft that could fly to examine the planets around Barnard's star inside a human lifetime, using technology likely to be available around the year 2000. If we can already look forward to interstellar flight in the near future, other more advanced civilizations must have had the capability long ago. So what are

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A noted scientist and author takes a comprehensive look at the promises and probability of alien contact with Earth.

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British author and scientist Ian Ridpath.



the chances that we have been, or are being, visited?

Even for a highly advanced civilization, interstellar flight is going to be a difficult undertaking — certainly more difficult than interstellar communication by radio. These difficulties may limit the range of interstellar craft to a certain distance from their home star, so we may only be visited by aliens from relatively nearby in the galaxy. But that does not matter because there is a natural mixing of stars in the galaxy over the millions of years that a civilization is likely to exist which ensures that one's closest stellar neighbors are continuously changing.

Within a 50 light year radius of the sun, there are an average of 1000 stars present at any one time, most of which will have moved away again after a million years to be replaced by others. Although there are only about 10 stars within 10 light years of the sun at present, a total of nearly 200,000 will have come within this distance during the earth's history, some closing to less than one light year. Within a 50 light year radius, over four million stars will have passed during the history of the solar system. Any advanced civilization that passed this close to us would easily be able to identify that the sun is a favorable star for supporting life, using the same knowledge as possessed by astronomers today, and they would probably also be able to detect the existence of planets around the sun.

The earth is 4600 million years old, about half the age of the galaxy. There was therefore plenty of time for advanced civilizations to develop before the earth was born. The number of visits we may have had depends directly on the number of starfaring communities in the galaxy.

Let us assume that one million civilizations existed at the time the earth was born. Of course, some of these may have since died out or given up interstellar travel, but they will have been replaced by newly emerging civilizations to keep the one-million total approximately constant. Let us further imagine that each civilization set up a number of colonies on planets around the nearest habitable stars to home. If each of these colonies were also a starfarer, then the number of potential jumping-off places for interstellar travelers rises to perhaps 10 million.





HERE MEN FROM THE PLANET EARTH  
FIRST SET FOOT UPON THE MOON  
JULY 1969, A. D.  
WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND

The signature of Neil A. Armstrong.

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG  
ASTRONAUT

The signature of Michael Collins.

MICHAEL COLLINS  
ASTRONAUT

The signature of Edwin E. Aldrin Jr.

EDWIN E. ALDRIN, JR.  
ASTRONAUT

The signature of Richard Nixon.

RICHARD NIXON  
PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The plaque left on the moon by Apollo 11.

On the basis of these figures, it is probable that the solar system has been visited 20 times by starfarers from within 10 light years during its lifetime. Of course, if the average travel distance of the starfaring civilizations is greater than this, the number of visits goes up accordingly. For a 50 light year travel radius the likely number of visits rises to 420.

These estimates have been worked out by a British space scientist, G.V. Foster, who says: "Conceivably the solar system could be a well-documented and even a well-trampled place." Details of our solar system could be held in somebody's computer data bank. Perhaps they took some specimens home with them. As Arthur C. Clarke speculated in his essay "Beyond Centaurus," there may at this very moment be a family of our Cro-Magnon ancestors on display in some celestial zoo.

Assuming that alien expeditions have come winging their way among the planets, we might expect them to have left some kind of visiting card, perhaps in the form of a small commemorative marker as we have attached to the Pioneer probes. Erosion would long ago have worn away any traces of a visit on certain planets, such as Earth. But on virtually airless and erosion-free bodies such as the moon, Mercury, the satellites of the major planets, and perhaps Mars, we may find startling evidence of extraterrestrial life.

One of the bodies in the solar system may bear the footprints of an alien space crew, or the discarded equipment of a landing party. The satellites of the planet Jupiter provide the largest surface area on which such artifacts would remain uneroded for long periods.

The innermost or the largest planet in the solar system may be tagged in some way. Such a marker might contain a dating system to reveal when it was left, and an inscription like the one on the Pioneer plaques to show where its makers came from. "The planet Mercury or one of Jupiter's moons may harbor one or more such objects," says scientist Foster. Certainly, we should be prepared for events like those in the film 2001 in which earth astronauts find artifacts of another civilization as they explore the solar system. Such artifacts may well embody the techniques and principles of superhuman knowledge.

A mathematician from the University of California at Berkeley, Claude Anderson, has suggested that visitors from space might leave a reflecting device in orbit around a planet of our solar system or one of its moons to give a brilliant and unmistakably artificial reflection to radar beams pointed its way, and he recommended an examination of the outer planets for just such radar-bright spots.

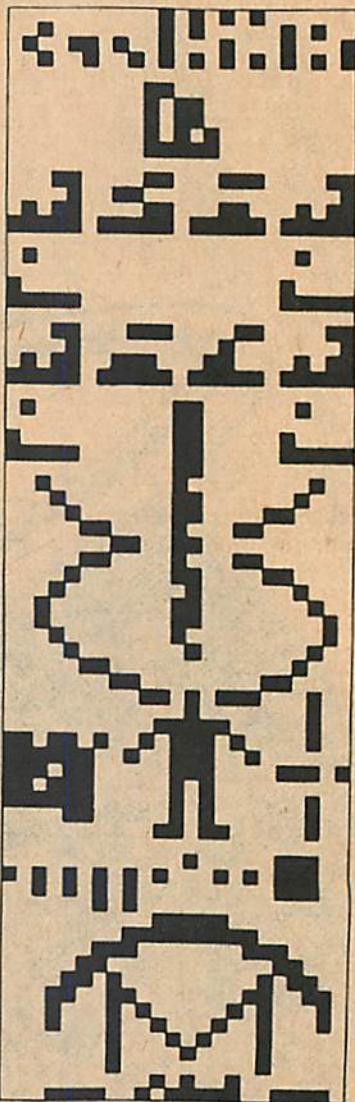
But let us ponder the implications of that remarkable figure of 420 visitations. Even if it is correct — and

some may consider it far too optimistic — it still means an average of only one alien expedition about every 10 million years. This brings up a crucial but often overlooked point: There are simply too many UFOs being seen to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis!

Every year, thousands of UFO sightings are reported. UFO researchers are agreed that at least 90 percent of these sightings are straightforward misidentifications of natural or man-made objects, and can thus easily be transferred from the category of unidentified flying objects to become identified flying objects (IFOs). Of the remainder, at least 90 percent can also, with some investigation, be explained in terms of known phenomena, leaving a fractional "residue" of apparently baf-

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This is the Arecibo message transmitted into deep space on November 16, 1974.



# UFOs OVER NEW MEXICO

By Tommy Roy Blann

The news media plays a very significant and interactive part in the UFO phenomena, which generally is not recognized, even by many of the journalists involved. It generally starts out with one report stimulating other reports in a specific geographical location; this in turn is picked up by the news wires before any actual investigations by qualified investigators are made, and is then distributed to other areas. The journalists are not aware that through spreading this type of information, other reports in other areas are stimulated, often through misidentification of natural and man-made phenomena, making it that much more difficult to ascertain the true identity of the originally observed phenomenon.

If the news media, at that particular point in time, feels that the public needs to be "enlightened" once again as to the subject of UFOs, there is a good chance that there will occur a

"flap" of UFO activity throughout the "stimulated" areas. Although, this does not necessarily hold true in all cases that have been reported and documented, it can be labeled a major factor in the number of observations made throughout an area that is suspected high in activity.

The second interactive effect and the most effective of the UFO phenomena is the misidentification of natural and man-made stimuli that can become UFOs when observers believe that they are in the vicinity of the reported events. There are numerous examples of this happening throughout many of the reported "flap" areas of UFO activity. This interactive effect has become "old hat" to many UFO phenomena and should not be dismissed because of its simplicity in nature. One must realize that the public of today is not the same public of tomorrow, but is an ever-changing collection of people. What may be "old hat" to you is completely new to many. And thus, the

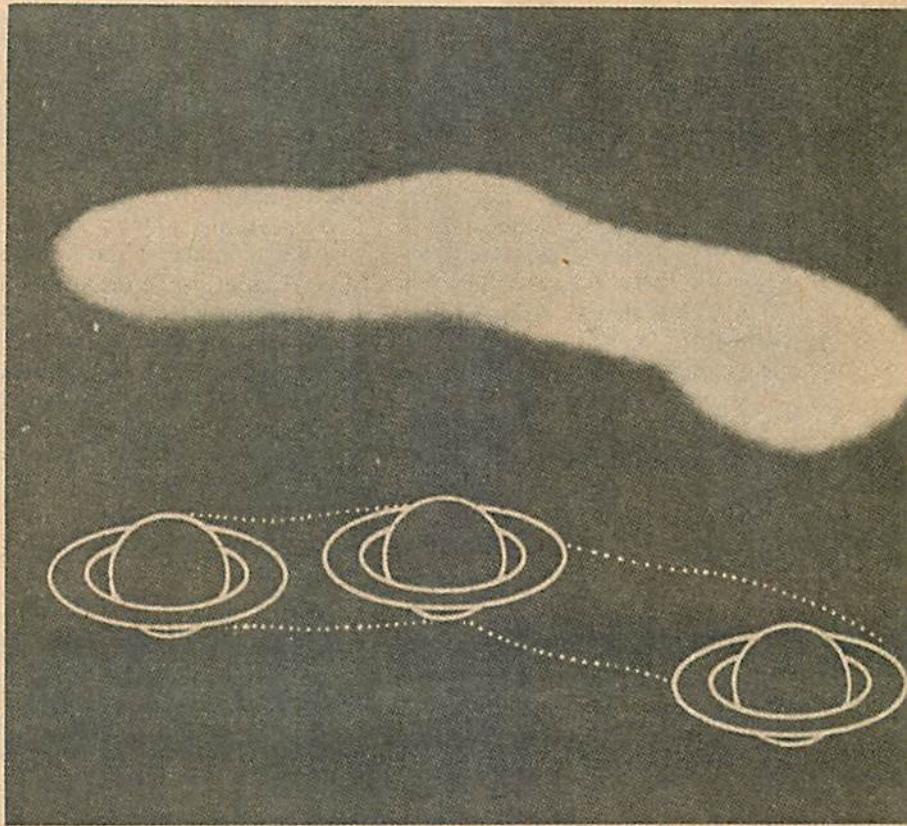
same mistakes are made again and again.

We must consider these interactive effects in our scientific approach to this perplexing phenomena, and we must not let our own prejudices interfere with our evaluation of the facts.

These interactive effects were well-displayed when the sightings and photos were reported by the news media concerning the "wave of activity" over the small community of Clovis, New Mexico.

Let us now take an in-depth look behind the scenes as to what actually took place at Clovis, New Mexico. And hopefully, we can learn a lesson from this particular case, whether we be long-time researchers or relatively new to the field of Ufology.

On three consecutive nights, January 21st through the 23rd, 1976, reports of multi-colored, flashing objects, landings and photos obtained of these mysterious objects in the night skies over Clovis, hit the news-wires across the U.S. And throughout the



Photographic overlay shows how the planet Saturn was misconstrued as a UFO.

The effect of the news media on the whole field of ufology is profound and no better example of this can be found than the recent UFO sightings over Clovis, New Mexico.

U.S., UFO investigators came to this small community of 28,000 in hopes of finding evidence that would confirm once and for all that UFOs are not natural or man-made phenomena. The majority of the citizens of this small community didn't care if "they" were up there or not; instead, they carried on their daily business and social activities with little to say about that which supposedly was taking place above them.

Before the author and his team of investigators had arrived on the scene, one "UFO investigator" from the UFO Educational Center in Appleton, Wisconsin had already arrived in

Clovis and had displayed some of George Adamski's material, including the faked Adamski photos of "Venusian spaceships." He claimed that these photos were authentic and this was what they were observing in the night skies over Clovis.

A statement was released by another member of the UFO Educational Center, while the author and his investigators were trying to get some facts, which appeared in the Sunday morning edition of the *Albuquerque Journal* dated January 25, that stated:

"It's been confirmed. They are spacecraft. We're advised the objects are not from this planet. And the

lights, we're advised, are remote-controlled devices. They are scout craft. The occupants are friendly."

A similar message was broadcast over the police radio to all units by the dispatcher there early that Saturday morning.

When the author arrived early Saturday morning at the Clovis Police Station, the first thing that he and his investigators noticed was brochures laying on a table which displayed information about the UFO Educational Center in Appleton, Wisconsin. This same material also displayed the "famous" Adamski photos, along with other UFO photos



that have been proved to be genuine hoaxes. Nevertheless, they were there and the picture started to form as to the reason all the radio stations around the country were calling this police station about the sightings.

By this time, calls had come into the Clovis Police Dept. from radio stations scattered throughout the U.S., all of which wanted to know more about the reported objects and photos that had been taken, plus the statements that had been made by this "UFO investigator."

One radio station in Louisiana had called up the Clovis Police Dept. wanting to know more about the two

UFOs that had landed near the town. The report had it that "three people had witnessed the landing of two UFOs in a vacant lot near their home, and that the ground had caught on fire where they had landed!"

This is just an example of the many calls that came into the police offices by excited news announcers, and with each call, the story got bigger and better.

Right before our eyes, the relatively few reports of nocturnal light activity had now grown into a full-scale invasion of "giant motherships" and landings of "scoutcraft" with friendly occupants on board. At this point, we

decided to get some facts and fast before they got buried beneath the confusion.

It was learned by talking to the police dispatcher, Raymond Atchley, that the first sighting of the strange objects was reported early Wednesday morning by Randy Johnson, one of the officers for the Clovis Police Dept.

A UPI wire release, dated 01-23 09:54 ACS, stated: "(Clovis, New Mexico) — Clovis Police say several tan, cigar-shaped flying objects, some with red, white and blue lights, were photographed over eastern New Mexico early today. Officer Randy

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This large burnt area in New Mexico was interpreted as a USO landing trace, or "UFO ring."

# ALIEN EARTH

# SPACESHIPS FIVE YEARS

By William A. Retoff

■ Rumor had it that they were out there — two of them — orbiting the earth at the equator. Their peak altitudes varied, ranging between 400 and 600 miles. At times they seemed to shift orbits drastically, dropping down to as low as 15 miles above the ground. Sometimes they vanished completely from the radar screens tracking them.

Travelling too fast to be photographed and reflecting little if any light, they were next to impossible to detect visually. Indeed, they had been discovered quite by accident during experimental tests of new long-range radar equipment developed by the Air Force.

The year was 1953, fully two years before the United States and Russia would announce plans to construct artificial satellites. Yet apparently, two unknowns were already circling our planet.

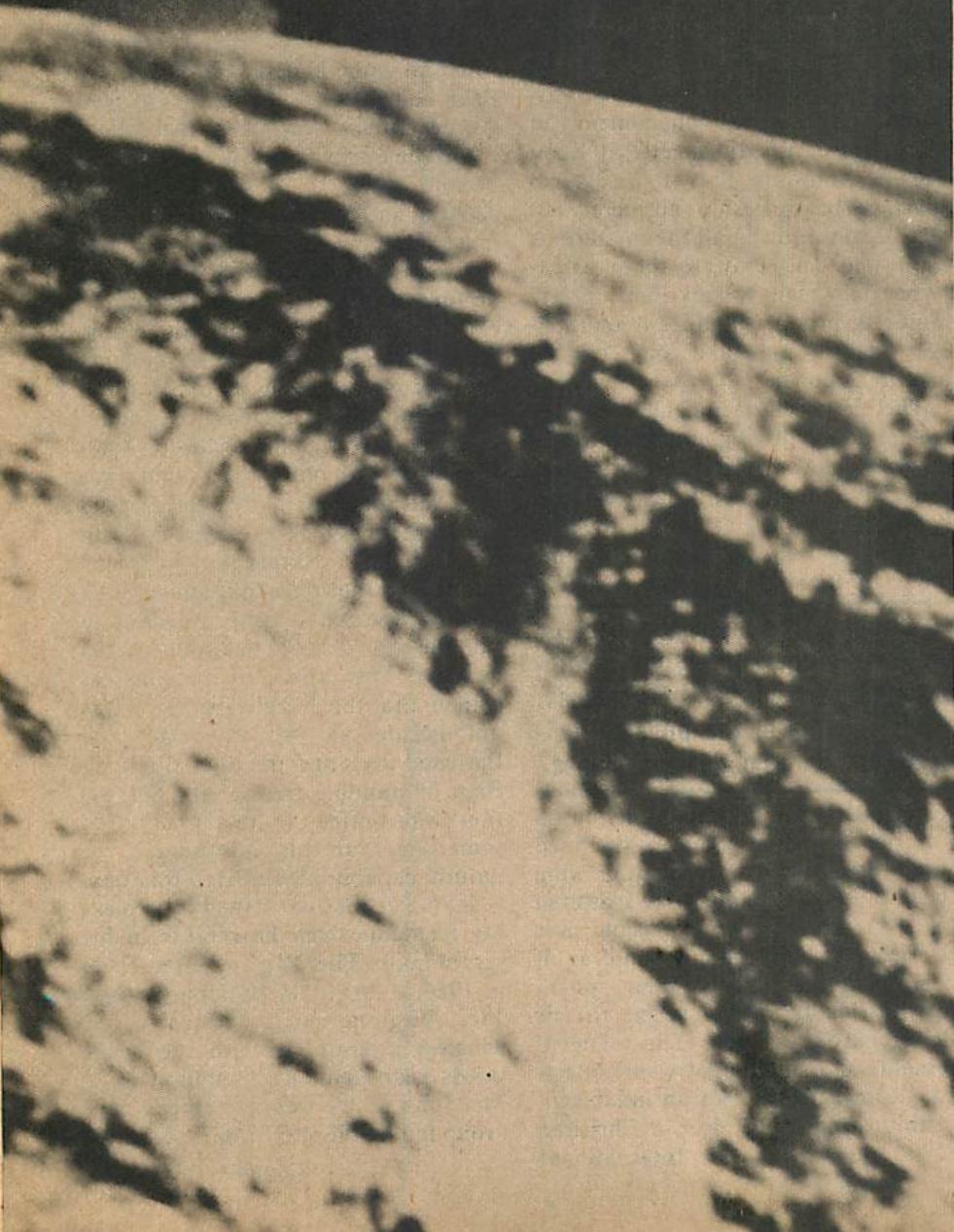
According to speculation in privileged aerospace circles in the fall of 1953, the objects were wheeling around the globe at velocities close to 18,000 miles per hour. At first, it was presumed that just a single satellite had been located during the Air Force radar tests. Later reports, however, indicated the existence of a second object in near-earth orbit.

Unconfirmed testimony disclosed too, that tracking facilities had been set up on a round-the-clock alert at White Sands, New Mexico and Mount Wilson in California to monitor the unknowns. Sites were also being installed in Arizona and in Germany, outside Berlin. Each station except the Mount Wilson post was equipped with special radar gear of unspecified capability.

Proponents of the UFO phenomenon were quick to accept these stories as hard fact, equating the orbiting objects with the "mother ship" or orbiting space base theory. The space base idea was then and still is a logical



# ORBITED BEFORE SPUTNIK!



What really touched off the Space Race? Some evidence points to the startling fact that both Russia and the United States thought the other had already beaten them into Outer Space! But who was really orbiting the Earth?

concept in the extraterrestrial visitation hypothesis. Several well thought-out ideas have been forwarded to support it.

One of the most noteworthy was conceived by the late Dr. Olavo Fontes. Dr. Fontes pointed out that mammoth orbiting spaceships, controlled by alien intelligences, could serve as ecological and biological laboratories to analyze data retrieved by smaller, remote-control flying discs performing close encounter reconnoiter missions.

#### Incident Over the Gulf

It is difficult to say when and where the space base rumors actually started, but the possibility of orbiting mother ships was being discussed at the Pentagon around the summer of 1953. These stories were based on reports involving two UFO incidents.

The first took place in the pre-dawn hours of December 6, 1952. A B-29 cruising over the Gulf of Mexico encountered three formations of UFOs. Radar gear aboard the bomber computed the bogeys' velocity at 5,240 miles an hour. As the formations overtook the lone aircraft, its crew reported seeing several bluishwhite streaks whiz by.

Soon another much larger object appeared on the bomber's radar grids. The three unidentified squadrons made a quick approach and merged with the huge craft. Rendezvous completed, the giant vehicle accelerated to a speed close to 9,000 miles an hour and vanished.

When the B-29 and its startled crew landed, a complete check was made of its three onboard radar systems. No sign of malfunction was found.

A few weeks later, the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, released a statement on the Gulf of Mexico incident. The objects in question could not be identified.

The second flurry of activity occurred eight months later on August

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# FLYING SAUCER CRASHES:

■ Sometime in the spring of 1948, military defense observers in Colorado registered an unknown object descending into the mesas of northwestern New Mexico. Within a few short hours, Air Force officials had pinpointed the object and cordoned off the desolate area where it lay. Military scientists were flown in, along with a battery of instruments. They proceeded cautiously with their investigation, for apparently what had softly landed in that harsh terrain was an alien space ship, the first flying saucer to fall into American hands. Inside the cabin of the 100-foot silvery disc, the scientists found the slightly charred bodies of 16 men, all seemingly normal adult humans except for their teeth, which were flawless, and their height, which ranged from three to three and a half feet. . . .

Or so the story goes.

The persistent rumors of crashed alien ships from space have plagued students of Ufology like a nagging headache as long as Ufology has been studied. It is, like it or not, an integral part of the phenomenon. While the amateur and the fringe element relish these tasty tales of mini-corpse on ice and saucers stowed in mysterious warehouses, the scientific investigator wants none of it (except perhaps a small metallic fragment now and then, suitable for loss in government channels). With few exceptions, serious Ufology regards these stories as pure fabrications of the worst sort, to be locked up in the saucer nuthouse along with George Adamski, Carlos Allende and the Hollow Earth Theory.

Yet, by volume alone, these curious tales deserve the attention of those who would obtain a thorough overview of the UFO enigma.

Diving headfirst into the vast literature on aerial phenomena in search of crashed saucers, it soon becomes obvious that there is no shortage of spaceship accidents. In fact, if you throw in all the mysterious explosions and craters, these extraterrestrials begin to look like a pretty high-risk group, should any of them ever decide to take out earthly insurance policies.

The first well-documented case of reckless UFO driving in modern times takes us back to 1897, when spaceships were airships and the West had barely been won. In the little town of Aurora, Texas, an aerial machine sailed impressively over the center of

**Throughout the history of Ufology there have been numerous, seemingly reliable reports of UFO crashes. What became of the physical evidence and crews of those machines?**

town in the early morning and, in an unforgivably clumsy move, slammed into Judge Proctor's windmill, blowing itself to bits. These bits were scattered by the force of the explosion over several acres of ground, and as if destroying the judge's water system weren't enough, laid waste to his flower garden as well. The mangled remains of a single pilot were collected, deemed to be "not an inhabitant of this world" and given a Christian burial anyway. The International

UFO Bureau, Inc., conducted an investigation of this incident from 1972 to 1974. Pieces of metal were recovered from the crash site, but the remains of the somewhat shredded alien were not exhumed, as the Aurora Cemetery Association decided to block any attempt at disturbing the unworldly stranger's rest. Some of the metallic fragments found their way to a physics professor at North Texas University named Dr. Tom Gray. According to a United Press release,

## WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

By Robert Douglass

Dr. Gray found the samples to be 75 percent iron, but with the distinctly nonferrous qualities of being shiny, soft and nonmagnetic. Typically, no firm conclusions about the alleged Aurora airship crash were reached.

On the opposite side of the globe, a decade later, a more spectacular celestial accident took place. Although not exactly a crash, whatever it was that exploded above the Siberian taiga on June 30, 1908, left irrefutable proof existing to this day that something unearthly blew up over the desolate Tungus region. Long assumed to be the result of a meteor or comet, modern investigations have shown that the brilliant object that was observed that day had changed speed and direction before exploding with the force of a 10-megaton hydrogen bomb, and that the explosion was of a nuclear nature, to boot. Needless to say, the comet theory has gone out the window. The possibility remains, of course, that the Tungus explosion was not accidental. At any rate, the flattened trees and the altered growth rings of standing trees at the detonation site offer mute proof that something far beyond human or natural capabilities occurred that day.

John Keel has unearthed a perplexing incident which he reports in his recent book, *The Eight Tower*. Back in 1924, a farmer in Braxton County, West Virginia, saw a curiously huge wingless aircraft crash in the backwoods near Gem. Keel's informant, a Mr. John Cole, was a member of a group led by the sheriff to investigate.

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# GROUND SAUCER WATCH

By Lori Field

One of the best examples of a scientific UFO research organization goes by the name of "Ground Saucer Watch."

■ The year was 1957. The place was Ohio. The time was during a third flap of UFO sightings. A group of businessmen, who believed that UFOs were more than an hysterical phenomenon, gathered in Cleveland to form an organization that could objectively research UFOs. From this meeting evolved a nonprofit organization known as Ground Saucer Watch, Inc. (GSW).

Their next step was to solicit the help of people who had the professions, education, and training to help with the scientific investigation.

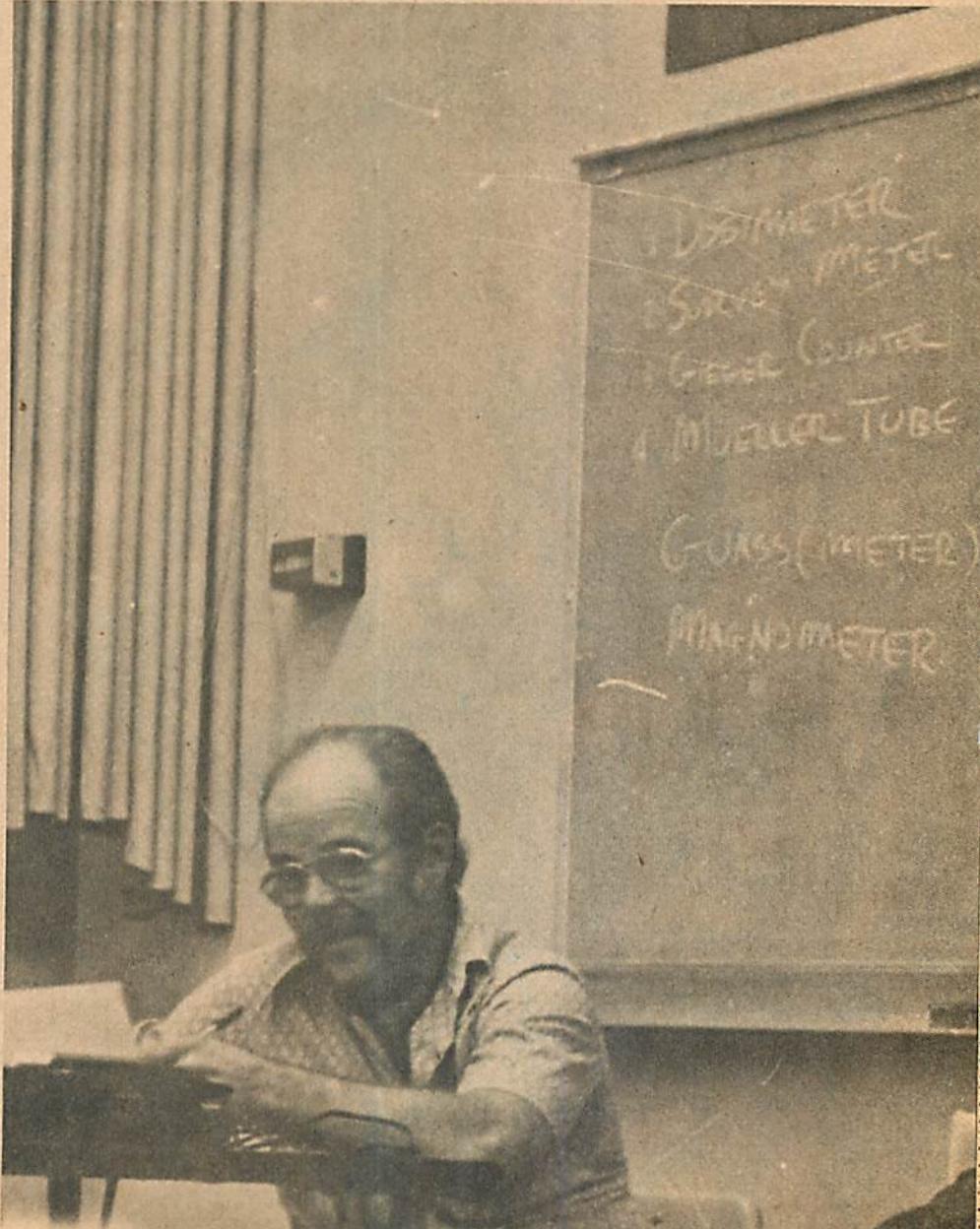
In the 1950s and '60s many astute members of the scientific community

viewed UFOs as real objects, but, because of their positions and the government's and public's attitudes, they found it necessary to maintain their research with little public visibility. GSW became the clearing house and repository for this independent research. As a result of this need for little publicity, GSW, though active, remained one of the least known scientific ufology organizations in the '50s and '60s, surfacing in the early '70s to become a moving force in the objective study of UFOs.

Today GSW has a total of 600 members, throughout the United States representing all twenty fields of science, from computer technology to psychology, and working together as a team to investigate the UFO phenomenon. More than 40 of these members are scientific consultants and have separate affiliations with



James A. Spaulding, Director of GSW-Eastern.



William H. Spaulding, Director of GSW-Western.

GSW researchers at Phoenix city-sponsored field investigation school (from left to right: David Bates, Bill Baum and Rosemary Baum). ▶

major universities or the aerospace industry. All members, however, are capable of conducting a scientific field investigation of a UFO sighting.

More than 90 percent of the membership has passed a certifying test after having been trained to do the investigation and collection of data in a comprehensive ten week field investigation class, in which field instrumentation and interviewing techniques are emphasized. The man who teaches this class in Phoenix, William Spaulding, has also been the organization's Western Regional Director since 1962 when he relocated from Ohio to Arizona.

As Western Director, Spaulding has helped ease GSW away from its underground status to become a respected organization that last year gave 260 fact-filled public lectures. Today, GSW receives many UFO reports from the media, U.S. Air

Force, law enforcement agencies and the FAA. It has become an accessible outlet for witnesses to report UFO experiences without fear of ridicule or of undue publicity because all information is kept in strict confidence so as not to jeopardize the ethical standards of the organization.

William's brother, James Spaulding, a former member of the Ohio Ground Observer Corps, has directed the Eastern Regional Division since 1965.

Although the organization is split geographically into two divisions, members of these divisions work harmoniously, under a single Board of Directors, toward the major goals of GSW. These goals are:

1. To objectively investigate UFOs through the use of data, collected and analyzed with the most advanced technology available.
2. To gather data in a complete and concise manner such that reports

by field investigators all conform to a set of guidelines.

3. To expose the foul-up of scientific ufology and the cover-up of UFO information by the government and military officials.

4. To expose the sensationalized accounts of UFO abductions related by contactees.

In addition, GSW, although operationally an independent organization, has combined its technological talents with those of two other top scientific organizations, The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), directed by Walter Andrus, and the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), directed by Dr. A. Hynek. Many GSW members serve in MUFON as state or sectional directors, also much of the useful UFO data collected by GSW field investigators is disseminated to

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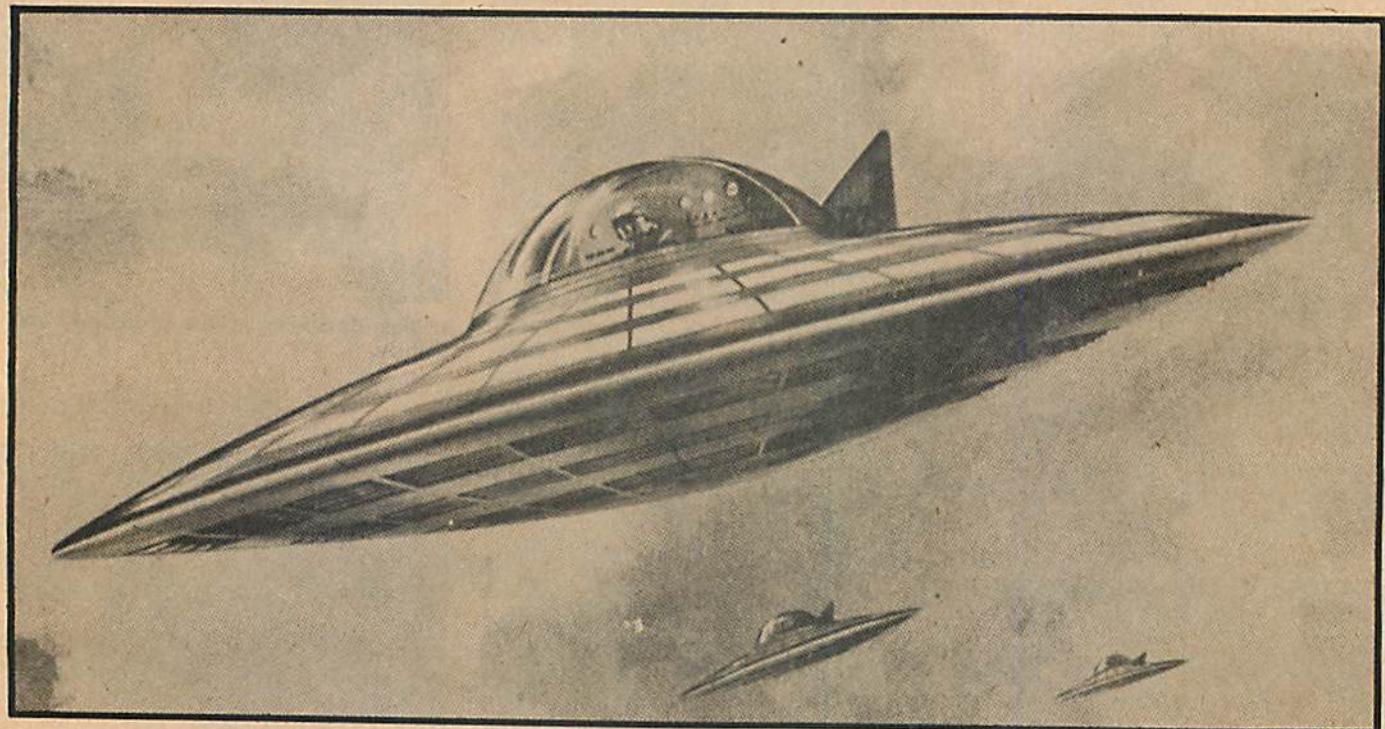


William Spaulding at one of his over 200 lectures in 1976.



William Spaulding at one of GSW's mini-computers utilized for photographic edge enhancement.

# THE EARTH'S NUCLEAR UFO FLEET



■ Although UFOs have been seen for thousands of years on this planet, the number of these strange machines have increased tremendously since the end of World War II. Never in recorded history have people seen so many unusual ships in the skies. Some UFO writers have claimed that these vehicles are coming from other planets because they were attracted by the first

By Michael Cohen

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**Do UFOs represent secret, highly advanced government technology? Only the Atomic Energy Commission knows for sure!**

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atomic bomb explosions in 1945. However, there is considerable evidence that most of these machines are made by the American government and other industrial countries. They represent the earth's nuclear aerospace fleet! Since the 1940s, there have been a number of reports showing that these vehicles are highly radioactive. Edward J. Rup-

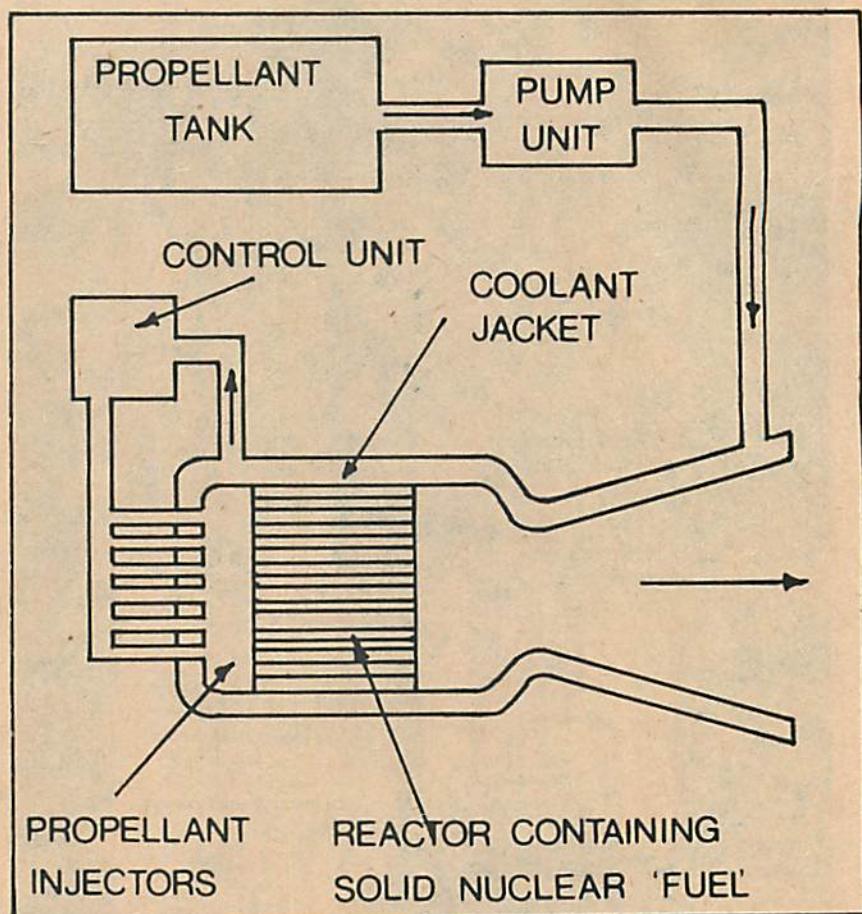
pelt, the former head of the Air Force's Project Bluebook, wrote in his 1955 book, *The Report on Unidentified Objects*, that the scientists working for the Atomic Energy Commission were very worried about UFOs. Several of these scientists contacted him and complained that these vehicles were emitting 100 times more radiation than the normal background activity when they flew over their laboratories. These scientists were so concerned about this problem that they formed a secret grapevine in all the nuclear laboratories in the United States which reported the location of UFOs. The 1969 Condon Report confirmed the observation of these scientists, especially at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories in Nevada. These nuclear scientists should have been worried about the location of UFOs because they helped to build these highly radioactive and dangerous vehicles.

The radiation problem associated with UFOs was getting so bad in the late 1950s that the Air Force had to issue the famous 1959 general order AFR 200-2 entitled "UFO's Serious Business" which directed Air Force personnel investigating UFO sightings to be equipped with Geiger counters. This order also directed that these personnel were to take soil samples at UFO landing sites which were to be sent to the laboratories at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. It is interesting that there have been many cases of UFO occupants also taking soil samples at these landing sites; perhaps they were also obeying AFR 200-2.

It is no secret that these landing sites are highly radioactive. The vegetation around these areas is usually destroyed, and people have suffered symptoms similar to radiation poisoning when they come in contact with UFOs on the ground. Survivors of the atomic bombings of Japan also reported suffering from physical weaknesses, periods of fainting and blackouts, strange rashes and poor vision.

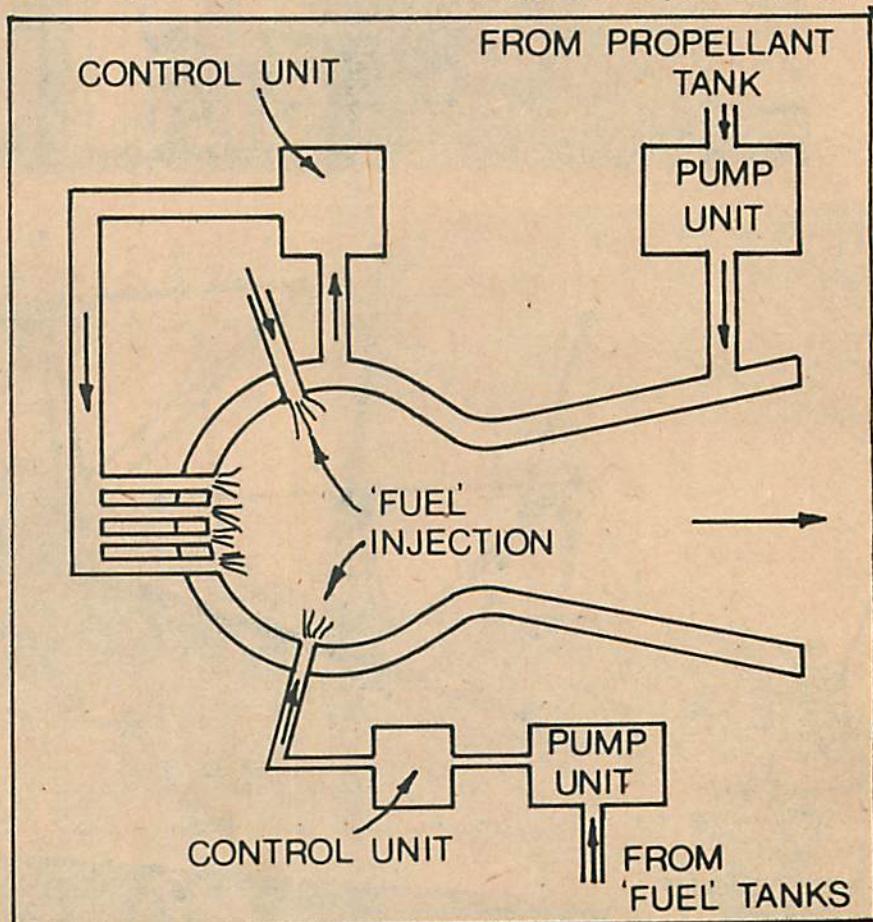
Most people who see UFO occupants report that they are usually dressed in shining metallic suits. These beings have to wear such suits in order to protect themselves from the radiation coming from their nuclear reactors.

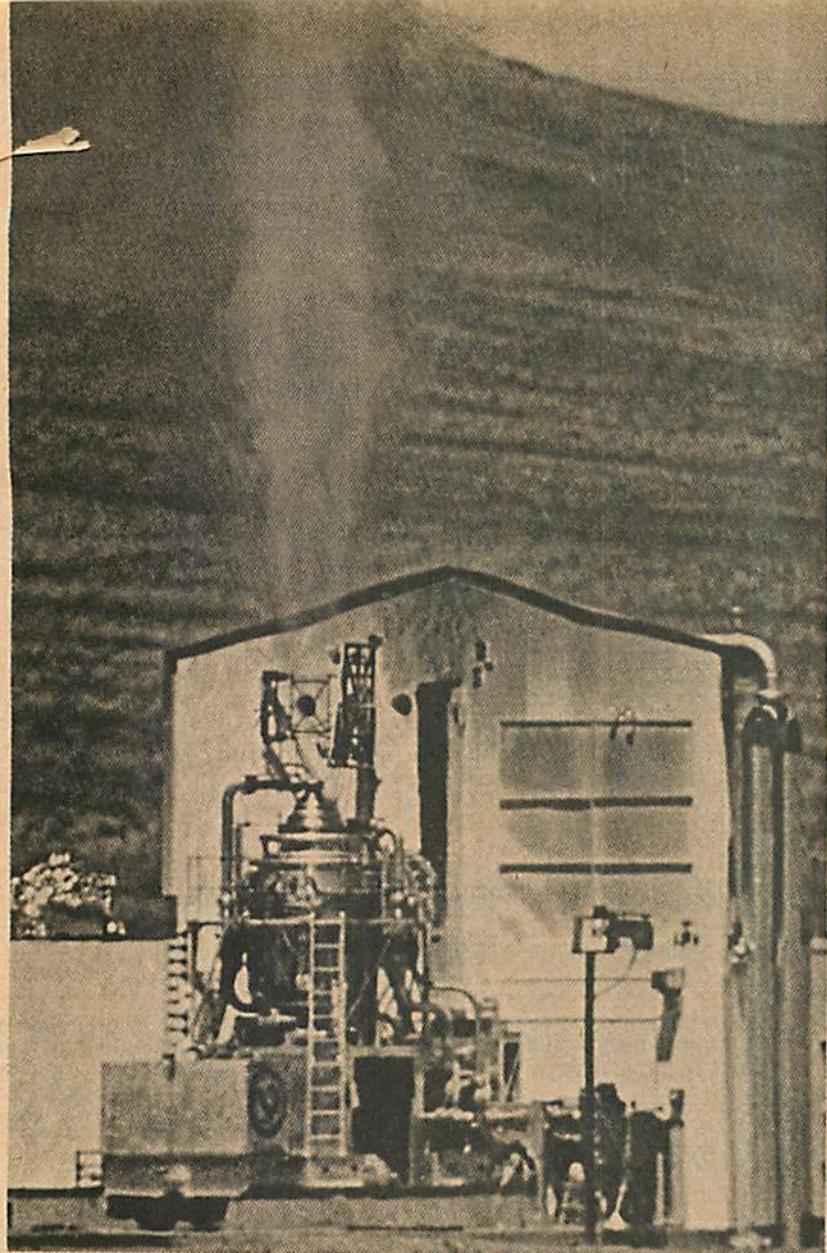
There are other indications which show UFOs are powered by atomic energy. According to the scientific



Schematics for a nuclear rocket engine were published in the Soviet *Encyclopedia of Space Flight* in 1969.

The nuclear ramjet is the simplest heat engine. Air is taken in the front, heated by the reactor, and expelled from the rear.





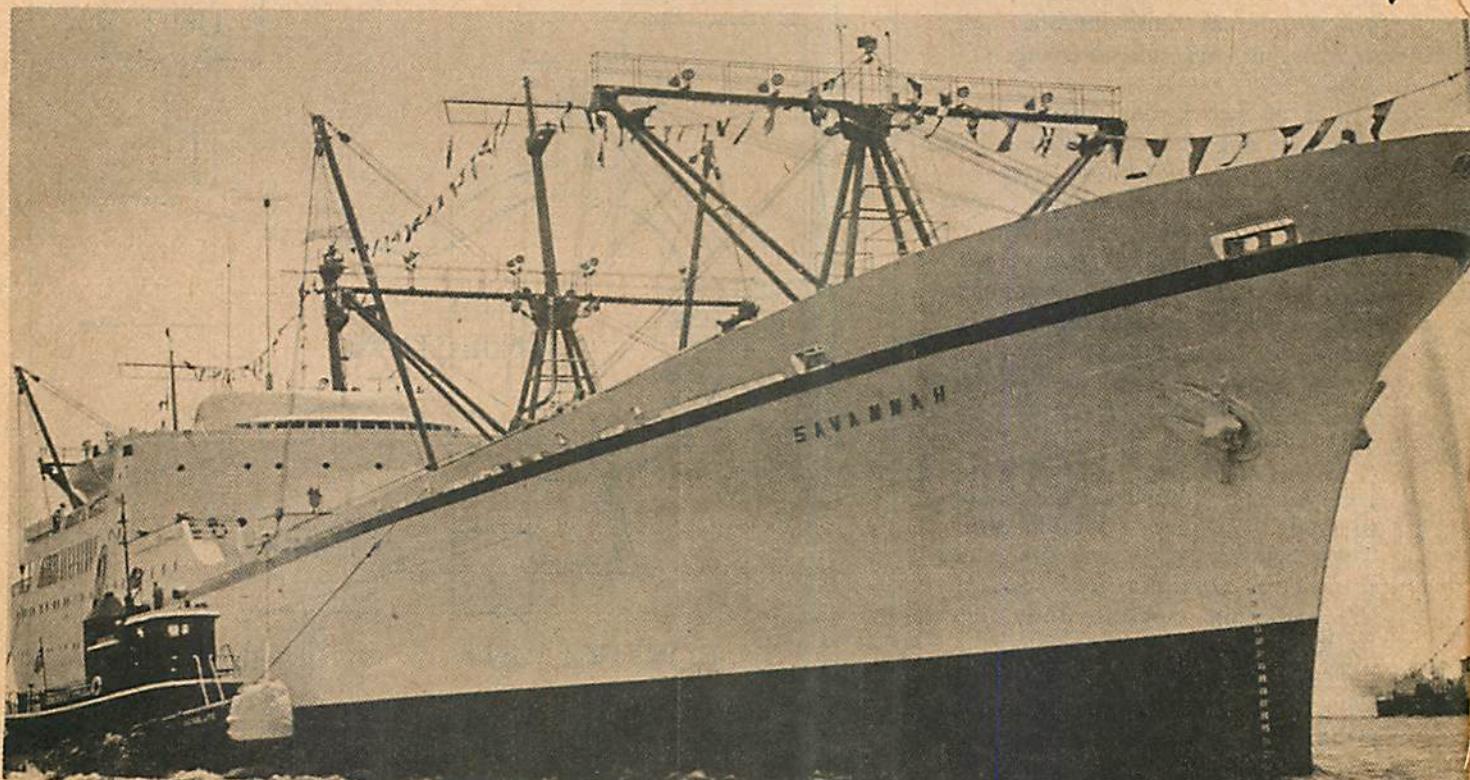
literature dealing with nuclear reactors, these engines have to operate at temperatures ranging from 5000 to more than 500 million degrees. There is considerable evidence proving that UFOs are also giving off a great amount of heat. It is quite common for a UFO to burn the ground when it lands, and people who have seen them land in the water report that they give off a large amount of steam. Pilots have reported very high temperatures when they approach a UFO in flight.

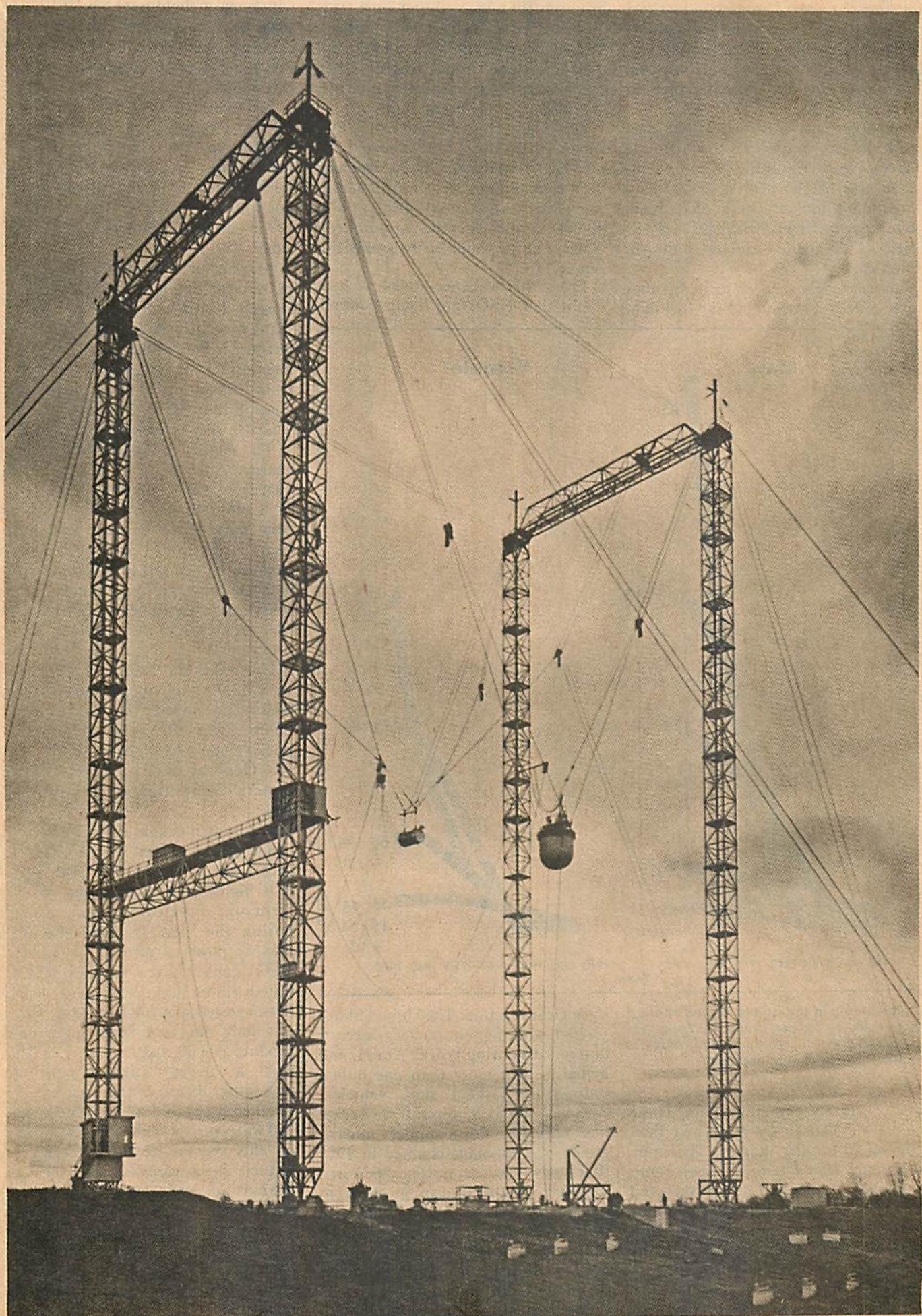
UFOs need a way to expel the heat which is being emitted by their nuclear reactors. Atomic power plants and nuclear powered ships require hundreds of tons of water a day for cooling purposes. The reactors get so hot that they have to be completely submerged in water at all times. Because UFOs have to constantly cool their reactors, they have been seen diving in and out of oceans, rivers and reservoirs. It is estimated that more than half of all UFO sightings are at

◀ This is an actual photograph of a series of tests on a nuclear rocket engine at the Nevada testing grounds. Smoke was purposely injected into the exhaust to track the radioactive emissions.

In an actual test of the nuclear powered aircraft engine, scientists at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, strung it between two 324-foot towers and tested it by remote control.

In 1962, the United States commissioned the nuclear powered merchant ship *Savannah*. It could travel nearly 400,000 miles on one load of uranium oxide fuel.





or near the water. Some UFO writers believe that these vehicles are actually based underwater. The advantages of such bases would be to constantly cool their reactors and contain the excessive radiation.

Another way in which UFOs deal with this heat problem is to stay in the Arctic and Antarctic where temperatures of 100 degrees below zero are quite common. This could explain the reports of **UFO BASES IN NORTHERN Sweden, Finland and Antarctica.**

When UFOs are seen at night, they are usually surrounded by brilliant

bright as the sun, and they hurt their eyes when they looked directly at them. The light given off by a nuclear explosion is many times brighter than the sun, and certain nuclear reactors also give off a very bright light.

The flight characteristics of UFOs shows that they are powered by nuclear propulsion. These vehicles need a small but very powerful energy source to fly at reported speeds of over 40,000 m.p.h. in the atmosphere. Nuclear energy could easily supply this power.

From this evidence, there is little doubt that UFOs are being powered

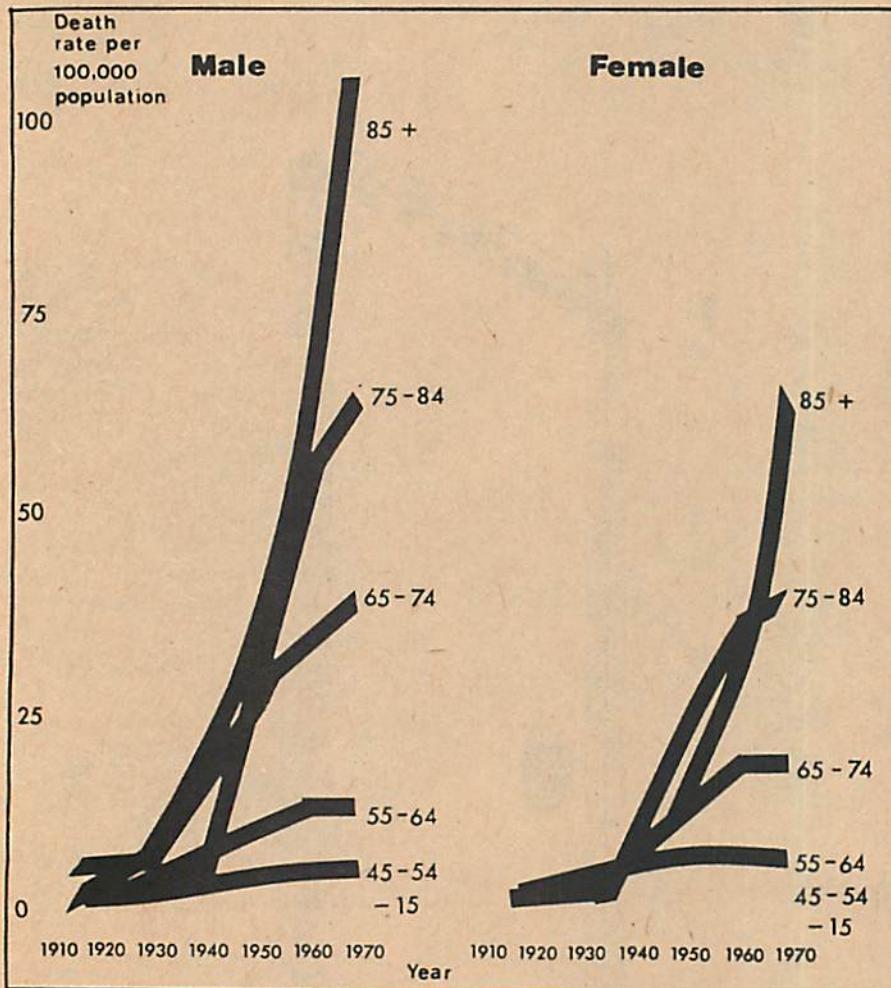
with nuclear flight were too difficult to solve and he ordered all programs canceled. Perhaps the late president was not telling the complete truth in this matter.

In December 1942 the world's first nuclear reactor was put into operation in Chicago. The man who built this reactor and the world's first atomic bombs, Enrico Fermi, discussed the possibility of using nuclear energy to power aircraft and rockets at that time.

Another person who was interested in nuclear flight in 1942 was Col. Donald Keirn, an Air Force power plant specialist serving at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Col. Keirn was responsible for bringing a jet engine from England in 1942 and helping to develop the first U.S. jet aircraft. He was also very interested in developing a jet engine powered by nuclear energy. After the war he was put in charge of the U.S. nuclear powered light program. On May 22, 1955, the **New York Times** characterized Brig. Gen. Keirn as a "man of mystery" because he refused to give interviews with the press. He spent much time testifying in secret before Congress on the progress of our nuclear flight programs.

General Leslie Groves, the leader of the Manhattan Engineering Project which developed the first atomic bombs, was also very interested in nuclear powered flight in World War II. General Keirn served under General Groves right after the war ended.

When such people as Dr. Fermi and generals Keirn and Groves showed such a great interest in nuclear flight, it is highly possible that the government was working on these aircraft during the war. In 1944 the first nuclear powered aircraft or modern UFO could have been built and tested. In the summer of that year Dr. Fermi tested a nuclear reactor which was only one foot in diameter and produced 5000 watts of power. This was a great advancement in technology because the first reactor weighed many tons and produced only 250 watts of power. Dr. Fermi worked on this reactor at the Omega Site located in a canyon near the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. Such an isolated canyon would have been a good place to test nuclear aircraft engines. This small reactor could have been the prototype engine for the first atomic ships which were to fly in the fall of 1944.



Cancer rates in the United States shot up drastically at the beginning of World War II. Could it be due to unshielded nuclear crafts flying in our atmosphere?

and constantly changing colors. These colors are caused by a plasma field coming from their reactors. The same colors are seen when a nuclear bomb explodes. If these ships are powered by fusion reactors, these plasma fields are necessary to maintain very high temperatures. The intensity of the light given off by UFOs also indicates nuclear energy. Many people have claimed that these vehicles were as

by nuclear reactors. The United States started working on nuclear aircraft and rockets during World War II, and actually spent more than one billion dollars to develop such vehicles. Although no U.S. aircraft or rocket has officially flown under nuclear power, the Russians claimed in 1957 that they flew a nuclear powered bomber. The American government did not accept these Soviet claims in spite of the fact that non-communist reporters saw this aircraft flying around Moscow in 1958. President Kennedy said in 1961 that the technological problems associated

# I WAS 80 and a UFO MADE ME 18

**What makes the UFO phenomenon so real and personal to millions of people throughout the world?**

**By Markham Daniels**

■ Not long ago, I was able to experience a UFO madly maneuvering across the skies over upstate Wisconsin. We were visiting our grandchildren and the whole family witnessed the phenomenon. The strangeness of the object's behavior haunted me for several nights and on one of these nights I dreamt that the UFO actually landed and took me aboard! I am nearly 80 years old and the occupants knew I was ending my time on Earth. Because they knew that, they put me in a large machine, which made me younger and younger until I was 18 again! What I am trying to point out is that my dream shows some truths about the UFO phenomenon. For instance, I think we put a good many of our own deep-rooted problems on the foot of the "UFO alter" and expect a miraculous solution.

If we probe man's mind, we see how nicely the UFO phenomenon fits. To the individual, "U.F.O." means "Ultimately Finding Order." We humans are the dominant living thing on Earth. We have soared and faltered, creating and destroying our own world daily, yet we have always searched for advanced ways of life. Is it really so strange that man should look for something, an object, an answer, for the lack of knowledge in himself? What could be more beautiful than to find another Being, equipped with just what we ourselves



need to cure our maladies and put our minds at ease?

What do UFOs really represent to our tortured minds? Are they a suppression of our own reality, a new concept of instant escape, perhaps a momentary recognition of our own potential? Where in the many intricate channels of man's thinking does this new form of dreaming fit? Yes, UFOs are dreams; but these are powerful new dreams with their own rules, their own reality.

Picture yourself in a meadow, a valley, high on a mountain, or far out on that horizon which scans the oceans — there, where the minds and hearts of human beings try to accept the reality of our existence on this planet. We can feel more than just our everyday, habitual problems. We can feel the inspired, quiet yearning for another someone, not like us, not of this planet, but of another creation, another life. We are so eager to imagine it, so willing to be enlightened. It is the driving force of untold ages of maddening curiosity.

Can these urges be so powerful as to overtake physical reality and weave the fabric of our existence into flying saucers and alien beings? Others have proposed just that. Whatever the forces behind UFOs, we must admit our propensity for the idea.

Think of the amazing adventures aroused in our conscious minds through the various media. Flash Gordon, the Space Rangers, 2001, Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock are friends of us all. Then think of the excitement and fulfillment when that first spaceship lands and opens its doors, making all our dreams a lasting reality.

# ATTACKED BY A UFO

■ "When I got to the top of Tuttle Hill there was this huge object that appeared to be about as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across. It was about 500 feet away from me and about 100 feet off the ground. . . There was an orange-white light at the top and six bluish-white lights on the side. I could see shadows as if something were moving inside it. In the middle of the side there appeared to be a panel that was open, and I could see something within it that appeared to be revolving slowly and had some fin-like parts on it. What appeared to be the legs of the craft were partially extended from the body, and there was a long, black hose-like appendage on the craft. It rose straight up extremely fast. At this time, there was a type of flash and my car lights went out, the radio went dead and the motor stopped. I don't remember any more until someone asked me if I needed help.

"I don't know what I saw, but I saw something; and I don't ever want to go through an experience like it again. People may think that it couldn't be, but. . . I have drawn a sketch of it, that is how clear a look I had of it."

The speaker is George Wheeler, an Elmwood, Wisconsin, police officer who was hospitalized after his close encounter with an unidentified flying object on the night of April 22, 1976. Wheeler, a veteran of more than 30 years in law enforcement work, had always been skeptical of the existence of UFOs before his sighting. Now he's convinced not only that UFOs are real, but that they "are not harmless but, in fact, they're out to kill us." And, incredible as it sounds, he just might be right!

There is a growing body of evidence which indicates that UFOs have terrorized, injured and, in a few instances, even killed hundreds of innocent eyewitnesses during the past three decades. The following cases from recent years are more or less typical.

From John Clark, a 54 year old salesman for the Farmer's Co-op in Macheke, Rhodesia, who was attack-

ed by an unknown object on July 26, 1975:

"I didn't feel like cooking so I thought I'd go to the cafe at the garage for some food. I went round the side of the house and, when I was about level with the bedroom window, a terrific light came on to me. At the same time, I was thrown to the ground. The cat was with me, but it screeched and ran off.

"I went straight down and I couldn't move. I was paralyzed, but wide awake. I tried to move my head and fingers, but I couldn't. I even tried to roll over.

"I could see the reflection of the light in the bedroom. It was just as if there was a searchlight inside the room, it was so bright. I don't know how long I was lying there. The light was so bright I couldn't face it.

"Eventually, everything went black again. It must have pushed off. I was able to get up and get back inside the house. When I had left the house, the fire was going well. It was out when I got back. I must have been outside for about an hour.

"I believe it was something from outer space. Judging from the hold it had on me, it could have destroyed me straight away. But I think it was examining me."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilpin, a Boyle County (Kentucky) couple, described their close encounter near Gravel Switch on the night of July 18, 1976, in the *Lebanon Enterprise*:

"We were headed down the road, and we looked up above and saw something hovering over the road. I said, 'I want to see what this is.' So we went on down, and got scared and stopped the truck. About the time we stopped, this thing started toward us—this object. I don't know what it was. I tried to back up and the thing took control of the truck. The truck commenced swaying all over the road, but I finally got it turned around. It seemed like something had a hold on the truck where we couldn't take off. We went up the road about a quarter of a mile, and it just headed over the truck right up through there. It

By Rick Barr

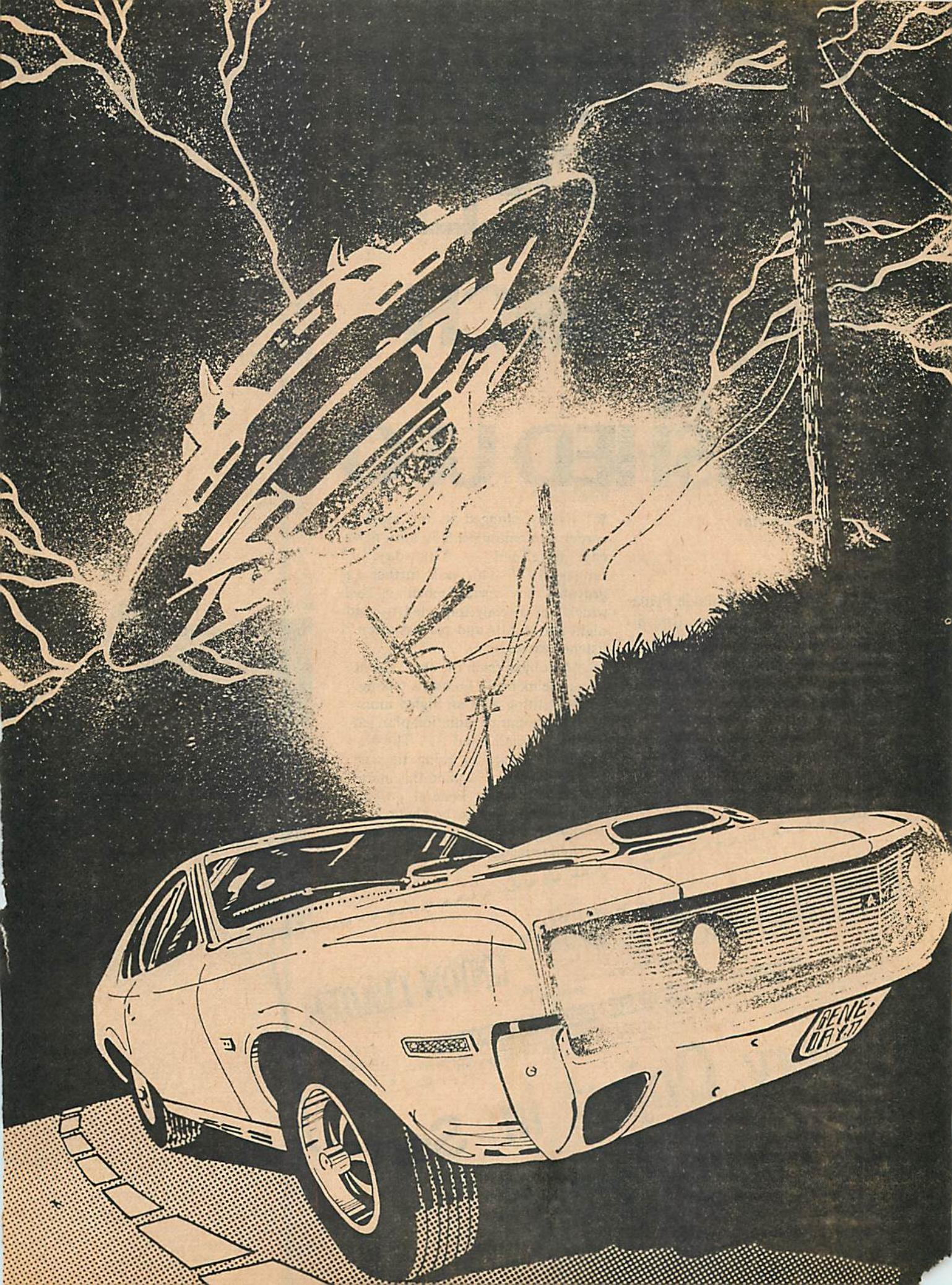
Lately there seems to be a frightening increase in cases of reported harmful effects from UFOs. We can only hope these incidents are unintentional!

seemed like something was holding us up all the time. I looked down and the speedometer said 70 or 80, but we wasn't getting nowhere fast. And this morning—Monday morning—I went back to the same place and it took two minutes, where it took 15 or 20 minutes to get there before. . . . It seemed like this object was holding us back all the time, but when we turned into the drive it turned us loose and it seemed like we was just a-flying.

"When I got out of the truck and ran toward the house to get up on the porch, the object had gotten up over the top of the house. It was so close to the ground that I could hear the humming sound of it, and I could feel the breeze, you know, the air coming off of it. . . ."

From Danie van Graan, a 69 year old South African who encountered "beings from outer space" near the village of Loxton in 1975:

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# MYSTERY AT WAKEFIELD: THE SEARCH FOR A CRASHED UFO

By Raymond Fowler

Here the Director of Woodside Planetarium and Investigations Coordinator for the Mutual UFO Network gives us an inside look at a much publicized "UFO crash" in New Hampshire.

■ I hastily plugged in my tape recorder to monitor the 6:30 a.m. newscast dated — Thursday, 13 January 1977. This task further aggravated my usual morning rush which was already impacted by midnight phone calls and restless sleep. I listened excitedly.

"An object from the sky . . . but at the moment, no one is talking. Something with an highly unusual amount of radiation plunged into a small pond . . . The National Guard is going to start draining the . . . pond this morning . . . The Federal government is going to be there . . . the townspeople say they've been told to be quiet."



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The Sargo Lake incident took place outside Dennis, Massachusetts, on January 7, 1971. Here, divers search the lake bottom for mysterious object. (photo by John Kerr)

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## Tempest in a farm pond strikes Wakefield!

Last night's events raced through my mind. Late calls about the bizarre three day incident had just broken through a veil of imposed secrecy. Phone calls to State and Federal authorities for additional data were met with curt "no comments." Threats to arrest trespassers at the site coupled with icy road conditions handicapped my assigned investigator. None-the-less, in several days he was on-site conducting an enquiry for the Center for UFO Studies. The following is a factual summary of one of the national news stories and mysteries of early 1977. It is a classical example of the reaction of officials when suddenly confronted with the possibility of a crashed, radioactive unidentified flying object. Our findings reveal striking parallels with similar events recorded in the past as we now shall see.

It was Monday, January 10, 1977. New England was experiencing one of its worse winters in history. Blizzard conditions prevailed in the remote village of Wakefield, New Hampshire — population: 1400. Little did its townspeople know that before the week was over, its obscurity would be shattered by nationwide publicity. A strange mystery was quietly developing amidst the swirling snow on the horse farm of one William McCarthy.

It was noon. The thermometer read 5°F. above zero as McCarthy gazed idly out the window at the silent, persistent falling snow blanketing 100 acres of farmland. He looked wistfully towards his 105 by 75 foot farm pond. Just yesterday his horses had been frolicking on its snow-packed frozen surface. As his eyes swept dreamily past the pond and over the snow-covered landscape, his senses were jolted by something that had caught his eye out on the pond. There seemed to be a hole in the ice. Finding this hard to believe, he trudged down to the pond for a closer look. Astonished, he found a perfectly round hole

By Christopher Morgan

WAKEFIELD — The crowd of officials in this off-the-beaten-path corner of New Hampshire may be sparse, but the McCarthy farm is no exception. The public view has yet disappeared from the public view. As for the McCarthys, they remain as anonymous as the bottom of their basement. Definitely, as Mrs. Dorothy McCarthy's response when asked whether they intend to pursue their own investigation came springing from the depths of the pond, but they did

not intend to do so. The sudden formation of the pond turned into a mystery after the cold first winter night of January 10.

While still in awe of the mystery, McCarthy's treatment of the event is understandable. He kept the place quiet for a week, not even telling his son, Tom, for fear he'd seen a square black box under the ice. Then the Sherriff arrived and informed him that a U.S. Air Force plane had crashed into the pond. Mrs. McCarthy dismissed one frequent explanation for the hole in the ice. "It is

• Wakefield pond

with smooth sheer sides extending straight down through 14 inches of solid ice! There were no signs of cutting or fracture. An eight inch collar of slush around its perimeter gave the impression that something had melted through the ice. Cautiously, he peered into the hole and through several feet of crystal clear water. A feeling of awe crept over him as he saw a 12-inch square box lying on the pond bottom! Excitedly gathering members of his family to see it, he then obtained a rake, hoe and pole from the barn to

retrieve the foreign artifact. Lowering the pole into the water he poked at it but the pole went right through it! What had initially appeared to be a square black box now was a dark square hole that continued three feet downwards into the hardpacked sediment.

The puzzled family summoned long-time friend, Bob Palmer to examine the mysterious hole. Bob arrived around 2:30 p.m. He felt that the situation was totally abnormal and

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Officials from the New Hampshire Attorney General's office and the Fish and Game Department view the pond at the home of William McCarthy where an unknown object reportedly fell from the sky into the pond. (UPI photo)

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**From a former civilian intelligence agency employee comes proof that the government has harassed UFO witnesses and suppressed important UFO photographic evidence!**

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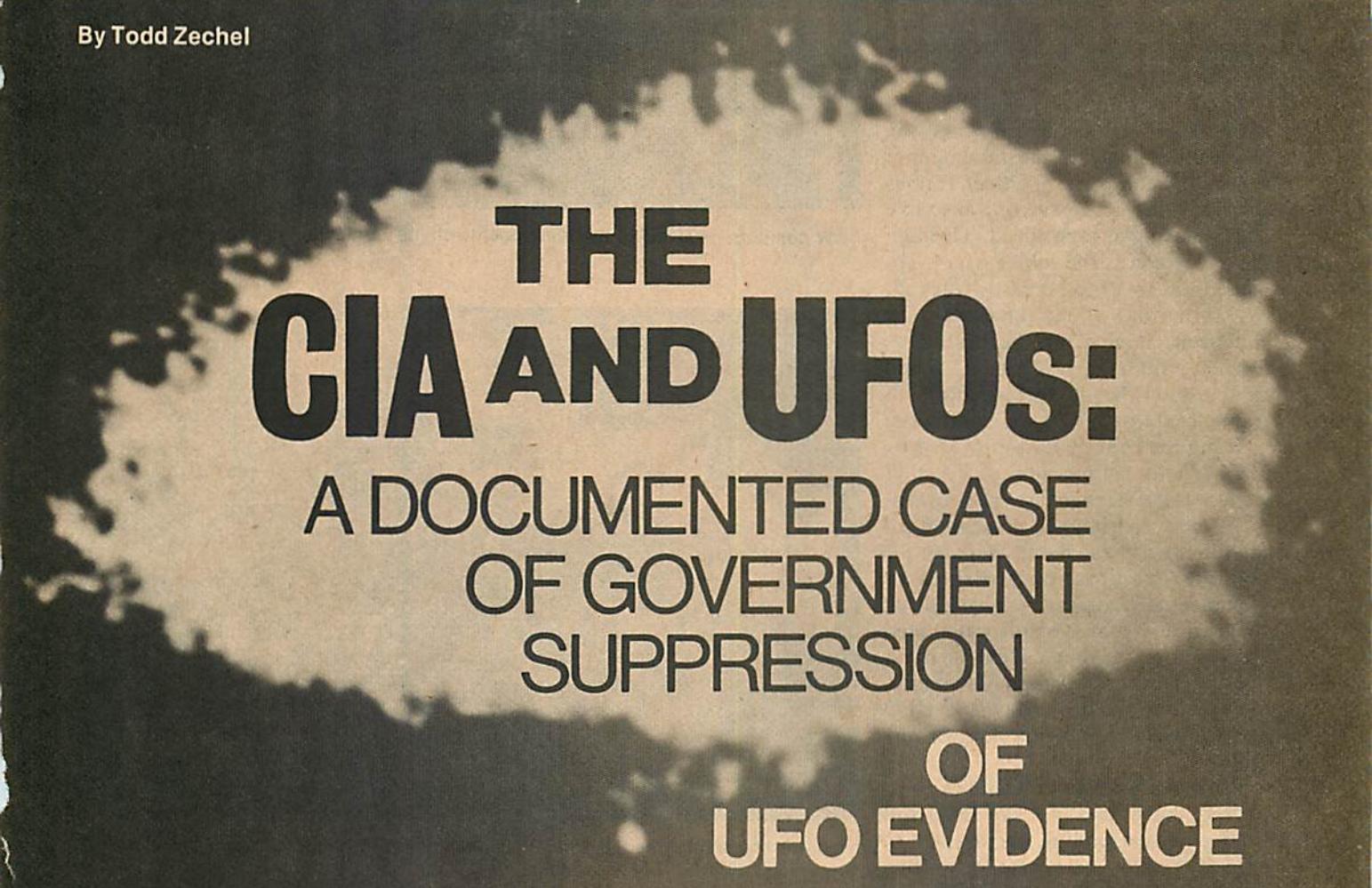
■ Ralph Charles Mayher became entangled with the Central Intelligence Agency in a most innocent manner: he photographed an Unidentified Flying Object. Surely this wasn't an act of espionage, nor could it possibly be construed as an act detrimental to

photographing an authentic UFO would be considered a heroic act—that scientists would rejoice over this stroke of good fortune. However, due to the prevailing hysteria and paranoid atmosphere, in 1952 photographing a UFO was tantamount to treason. This is somewhat understandable in light of the fact that not only was 1952 the year of the largest number of UFO sightings of any year in history (over 1500 reports were collected by the Air Force) but it was also a peak year of the Korean War, and it was a year in which

apologists for the government, rushing forward with out-of-hand explanations which were then passed on to the public. These explanations—filled with innuendo, ridicule and pedantry—were used by the Air Force to indoctrinate the public with the idea that UFOs were nothing more than mundane phenomena, hoaxes or delusions.

Therefore, instead of being regarded as accidental heroes, UFO witnesses and photographers were subjected to interrogations that must have made even the notorious Senator Joe

By Todd Zechel



# THE CIA AND UFOS: A DOCUMENTED CASE OF GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSION OF UFO EVIDENCE

"national security." Yet, because Mayher had deliberately set out to photograph a UFO—which according to military logic only a "crackpot" would do—Mayher's character later became subject to assassination; his personnel records were scrutinized for the slightest flaw. Why? Merely because Ralph Mayher had captured on film something which to this day science has been unable to satisfactorily explain.

Ordinarily, one would think that

Senator Joe McCarthy was laying the groundwork for his notorious inquisitions.

The main body of American scientists—never known for their outspoken courage—were more concerned during this era with being thought of as loyal patriots than they were with being objective and open-minded. (One wonders if this situation has changed much.) In fact, there seemed to be a scramble of prestigious scientists attempting to be first in line to be

Ralph Mayher, a newsreel photographer for a Cleveland television station, filmed this reddish-orange UFO in 1952. This is a blowup of a single frame of that film.

McCarthy envious—a situation not altogether different from the present.

As it turns out, Ralph Mayher, by photographing a UFO, became known to the CIA as a "source," and a very unwitting one at that. In fact, until November 8, 1957, Mayher was totally unaware that the CIA was the least bit interested in him. However, as the case of Ralph Mayher's UFO

film unfolds, the reader will learn how and why the suppression of this evidence became a priority project for the Central Intelligence Agency.

#### Setting The Scene: The Basics

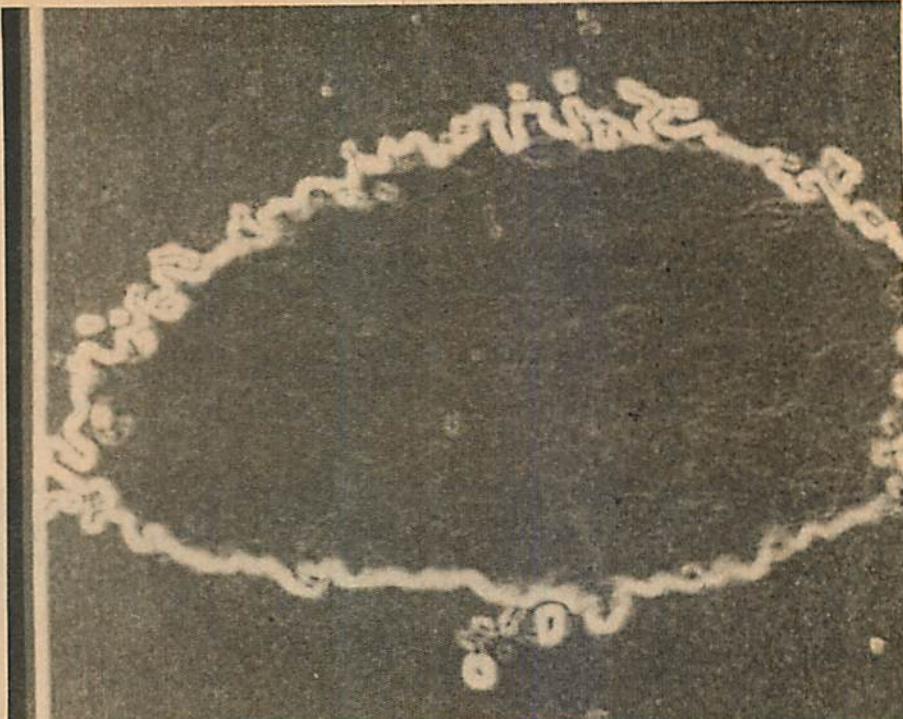
On the evening of July 29, a UFO was captured on 16mm film near Miami, Florida, by Pfc. Ralph C. Mayher, a Marine photographer and long-time photography buff. There were several civilian witnesses, including Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, Miami residents. At the same time, Lt. Commander Joe Gardner, pilot, Lt. Joe Mills, co-pilot, and Lt. I.M. Blum, Navy fliers over the Miami Beach area, saw the same brightly glowing object paralleling their plane at about 2000 feet.

The following day, under the auspices of Marine Corps officers, the film was developed in the darkroom of a local film company. Eighteen frames showed a distinct image of a disc-like object moving at high speed. Through the viewfinder, the object had appeared too small to be easily tracked, so Mayher had aimed the camera instinctively, hoping for the best. Fortunately, although he had mis-aimed for most of the 40 feet of film, 18 frames of sharp images were obtained.

Using the camera data provided by Mayher and examination of 7 "still" copies of the Mayher film (the government had continuous possession of the film and it was never available for civilian examination), Professor Clarence S. Rainwater, physicist at the University of Miami, calculated the speed of Mayher's UFO to be at one point over 7550 mph. Obviously, the speed attained by Mayher's UFO was far greater than any known aircraft.

With independent reliable witnesses, "hard data" on the film, and sharp images lending themselves to scientific study, how could anyone continue to doubt the reality of UFOs? Since 1947, military pilots, scientists, engineers and hundreds of other capable witnesses had reported similar phenomena. Clearly, Mayher's film deserved prompt attention and merited the most intensive analysis the government could provide.

The filming took place at the height of one of the most spectacular waves of UFO sightings in history. For the past month or so, UFOs were repeatedly tracked on radar, and jet interceptors were scrambled in hot pursuit. (See Appendix A: June-August 1952 Chronology). On the preceding two



GSW computer analysis of the film began with the digitization of the image.



Here is a segment of the film which has been digitized for pixel distance analysis.

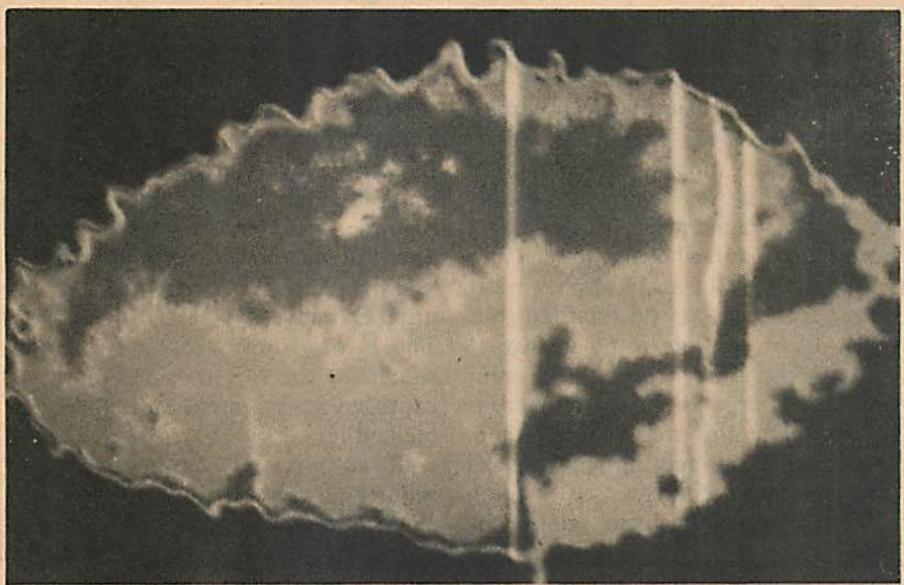
weekends, UFOs which had buzzed over the nation's capital were tracked on radar and seen visually by airline and military pilots. Four weeks earlier, Navy photographer Delbert C. Newhouse, en route to a new assignment on the West Coast, had obtained motion picture footage of UFOs cavorting over Utah. The so-called "U-film" had been thoroughly analyzed by the government's top photo analysts who, after hours upon hours of analysis, classified the film as "unidentified." As usual, however,

both the film and the photoanalysis results were kept secret.

On the very day that Mayher filmed his UFO, Air Force Intelligence was in a "flap" over UFO sightings. The largest military press conference since World War II was held on July 29, presided over by Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force Director of Intelligence, who left the impression that the Washington, D.C., radar-visual sightings were caused by temperature inversions — light reflections resulting from alternated layers of



Edge enhancement of the Mayher film showed the object had depth and form and was not a photographic flaw.



Computer color contouring of the Mayher film further supported its authenticity.

warm and cold air. However, even while the Air Force was attempting to reassure the public and generally give the impression that everything was under control, many high-ranking Air Force officers were beginning to believe that UFOs might be extraterrestrial visitors, and films of purported UFOs were of extraordinary interest. Prior to the 1952 "flap," such films were extremely rare.

Under the circumstances, it would be reasonable to expect that the

highest importance would be attached to Mayher's film. In fact, there is evidence that the Air Force promptly moved to obtain the film for analysis — and then it disappeared from Air Force Intelligence channels. Later, the Air Force repeatedly denied having the film in its possession. In 1957, when Mayher publicized prints of a few frames that he had retained, he was visited by a CIA agent and pressured to remain silent. The obvious suspicion is that the CIA had originally obtained the film and kept

the analysis results secret.

Moreover, the Mayher film is only one of dozens that have either disappeared altogether or had the best frames clipped out before being returned to the owner. It seems more than coincidental that the missing films (no analysis results ever reported to the public) are potentially the most significant of all known UFO evidence: gun-camera films taken by Air Force and Navy interceptors; phototheodolite films taken at White Sands Proving Grounds by experienced missile trackers; radar scope photographs; and, films and photographs made by CIA, NSA and NRO reconnaissance aircraft and satellites.

Why have obvious hoax photographs and trivial cases survived in the publicly available Air Force files while those cases most likely to yield significant information remain totally shrouded in secrecy? The answer is obvious: The public has been the victim of a gigantic propaganda fraud, and the suppressed evidence is a military intelligence secret!

What makes the Mayher film even more significant is the results of a computer enhancement analysis conducted in 1976, on three prints of film, by Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), Phoenix, Arizona. Subjected to edge enhancement, color contouring, pixel testing and digitizing techniques, the Mayher photographs passed with flying colors. The GSW analysis report concluded that the UFO photographed by Ralph Mayher was a disc-shaped object about one mile from the camera (therefore not a model filmed close-up), glowing with a brilliance comparable to +1 magnitude, about 40 feet in diameter and traveling (in the three frames analyzed) at over 2500 mph. If the complete film was available, GSW said, analysis could provide strong supporting data for UFOs.

#### Tracing the Film: The Details

As stated previously, the country was in the midst of a tremendous flap during the summer of 1952. Although sightings were occurring in almost every section of the country, the larger percentage occurred along the East Coast — with concentrations around the Washington, D.C., area. On July 28, 1952, there were several civilian sightings in the Miami, Florida, area. Ralph Mayher, a top Marine Corps photographer, heard about the

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## CLOUDS AND THE UFO

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colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire."

Consider these passages from the Bible: "God is shrouded in a canopy of thick clouds dark with water." (Psalms 18:9) "Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds." (Psalms 68:34); ". . . Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot. . ." (Psalms 104:3); "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels." (Psalms 68:17).

Translated, this story could be put thusly: God, a supreme leader, conceals himself, with his followers and assistants, in a cloudbank or in high-powered vehicles. And they shall return: "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and we shall always be with the Lord." (Thessalonians 4:16-17).

According to the front-page story ("Visions of Apocalypse Rise Again") of the July 26, 1976, *Los Angeles Times*, "The most popular prophecy package today, which draws upon news events as much as scattered Bible verses, unfolds something like this: millions of true Christians will very soon vanish suddenly and inexplicably from their jobs and homes to be snatched up to heaven as Jesus summons them from the clouds. Little known to a mystified world, this disappearing act called the 'Rapture' marks the start of a 3½-year period when the balance of world power shifts from the giant nations to a confederacy of European nations, possibly involving some Arab countries."

Cloud beings figure very prominently in the lives of the Pueblo and Hopi Indians. "Ancestral worship, or something very like it, occurs as well; the deceased chiefs of cults and medicine societies join the Cloud People and take on supernatural aspects; enemy dead killed in war and scalped are transformed (by a scalp ceremony) into rain-making spirits. For the Hopi, just about all the tribe's dead become Cloud People. Sometimes it is said that wicked Indians will undergo

punishment after death: dead witches become mere smoke, without substance, unable to join the Cloud People."

So whether you are a Pueblo, Hopi or Christian, you want to join your friends in the clouds or, in more modern and realistic parlance, in the UFOs. Is this just wishful thinking? A desire to escape harsh reality? Or is there substance to this belief that our friends and relatives and Saviour are awaiting us in a great fleet of cloud-UFOs?

According to a document preserved in the Leningrad National Library, this is how God communicates with His angels: "How does the Lord guide his Angel, if the Angel cannot see the face of His Lord? An Angel has a projection on the upper part of his eyes, where a sacred cloud rests. He has also a thing to receive sounds on his head. This thing makes noises as an Angel receives an order where to go from his Lord. Then he quickly looks at the mirror in his hand, and he gets in the mirror something on which an instruction from God is given."

It seems that our modern technology has a ways to catch up. But when we do catch up, we may have a machine a la *Star Trek*: We will be able to teleport ourselves from point to point anywhere in the universe simply by looking in a mirror or pushing a button . . . and whoosh, we turn into a vague misty blur and disappear only to reappear at our destination. Not only will we be able to go to distant galaxies, but we'll travel to different dimensions as well. As far-fetched as this seems at the present time, there are stories connecting mysterious disappearances with clouds.

Trench cites the case related by

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Jacques Vallee in his book, *Passport to Magonia*, where a whole regiment was kidnapped or teleported. You decide.

"On August 28, 1915, during the final days of severe fighting at Hill 60, Sulva Bay, during the Gallipoli campaign, in which the Australians were participating, a most extraordinary event took place. August 28 was a beautiful clear day, but it was observed that six or eight 'loaf of bread' clouds, all alike, were hovering over Hill 60. These clouds, despite a strong breeze, did not move."

A British regiment of several hundred men, the First Fourth Norfolk, was seen marching up a sunken road toward Hill 60, but one of these clouds was hovering over the road. The regiment marched into the cloud, but did not come out to deploy and fight at Hill 60.

After the last file had disappeared into the cloud, it unobtrusively moved away, and so did the other clouds.

In his book, Vallee published a letter signed by several witnesses of the event. The regiment was posted as 'missing,' or 'wiped out,' and according to the letter, when Turkey surrendered in 1918, "the first thing Britain demanded of Turkey was the return of the regiment. Turkey replied that she had neither captured this regiment nor made contact with it, and did not know it existed. A British regiment in 1914-18 consisted of any number between 800 and 4000 men. Those who observed this incident vouch for the fact that Turkey never captured the regiment, nor made contact with it."

To capture that many men would require a 'mothership.' However, the cloud kidnappers have also nabbed just two, or even one. Are these the same team that's supposed to be the good guys? Why and how does this happen?

Dr. and Mrs. Gerardo Vidal, who were driving home from a family reunion party at Chascomus in Argentina, "drove into a thick mist not long after leaving Chascomus and knew no more til they found themselves still in their car on a dirt road near Mexico City, some 4500 miles away. Forty-eight hours after leaving the party, Dr. Vidal telephoned friends in Argentina advising of their whereabouts. The Vidales could not account for what had happened during that elapse of time."

A Brazilian couple driving in Brazil encountered a 'white cloud' and they

too knew no more til they woke up in Mexico, the most famous drop-off spot.

In Tokyo, several Japanese men witnessed a black car, with an elderly man sitting in the back seat, disappear into a puff of something gaseous, like white smoke or vapor. . . when this cloud dispersed (a matter of not more than five seconds) the black car had vanished.

Although I haven't decided quite how these disappearances are accomplished, Lieutenant Plantier of the French Air Force has a theory explaining how and why clouds accompany UFOs. "The column of air affected by the field 'weighs' little or nothing and will therefore produce a rising current of air strong enough to lead to condensation." Thus, the cloud is created by the action of this machine's force field — and can be used as a camouflage! He explains such a flying machine's operation as follows:

"There exists, distributed throughout space, an energy of as yet unknown form, which has not yet been detected by the physicists' instruments except in the guise of

cosmic rays, whose 'clicks' may be heard in the Wilson cloud chamber at the Palais de la Découverte.

"A way exists to liberate this energy, by transforming it into energy of a more degraded kind, in the same way, for example, as the stroke of a hammer against an anvil transforms kinetic into thermal energy.

"The liberation of this cosmic energy makes it possible to create, at the point where it operates, a local field of force that can be varied and directed at will.

"Such a vessel, using such a force field, would be shaped like a disk (perfectly symmetrical about its axis). It would be able to move at unbelievable speeds without noise, and to break the sound barrier without a boom, and passengers inside would not feel the accelerations."

Another theory connecting the luminous cloud phenomenon to the UFO mystery reads like this: Transform vibrations perceptible to the human eye into vibrations within the invisible range. Color would go first, then details and lastly general shape. In other words, you would see the

general outline of objects but something like a fog where the details would have been. And then — pouff!! Just as many people have described the sudden disappearances of UFOs. This would be achieved by enveloping an object in a magnetic field, thus disturbing visual appearance.

Yet another theory postulates the idea of a parallel universe. To travel from one to the other, the UFO must reduce itself to its "etheric state" by the "condensing form." This is accomplished through the use of vortices or windows that perhaps may be magnetic faults of the earth and are located strangely and precisely on our globe. If these vortices are used as transformers or elevators by the UFOs, then perhaps we should more closely study these dynamic locations.

There have also been stories that suggest these clouds are DOR clouds, degraded orgone energy, which is orgone energy that has been used by the UFOs, a deadly form of pollution.

Whatever these clouds eventually turn out to be, I am convinced that they can reveal more than they conceal.

## ON THE TRACK OF ULTRA-TERRESTRIALS

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passing blood in great quantities several days after the first buffalo was found dead. Since it might be a contagious disease that could spread to the rest of the herd, and the animal was so weak it was given no chance to survive, the buffalo was "put to sleep" and an autopsy performed.

"It has been decided that all the animals died of natural causes even though it represents an unusual death rate in a short period," Davis said. "Blood samples and pathology work showed evidence that the deaths were not caused by drugs, poison or anything else but natural causes."

In July 1975, officers from the El Paso County Sheriff's Department stood on the bank of Rudy Brauer's lake near Calhan watching the puzzling movement of some 200 fish. As a unit the fish moved slowly around and around the three quarters of an acre body of water.

"Personally, I hadn't seen fish do that sort of thing," commented Terry Tarr, wildlife officer for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, stationed at Calhan.

The officers had been summoned to Brauer's property to investigate the mysterious killing and mutilation of a 900-pound Black Angus heifer owned by Brauer, three miles west of Calhan. The teats had been cut from the udder of the heifer and a piece of hide six inches long and four and a half inches wide had been precisely removed from it. The tongue had been severed and the lower half of the jaw cut away.

Typically, there was no sign of the animal parts nor a struggle, and no sign of blood around the animal, which lay in a low spot in a grassy pasture. Officers began searching the area for other evidence of the phantom killers. They were observing tracks left by fishermen on the dam when Tarr spotted the fish acting peculiarly.

"Initially, we thought maybe the fish might be feeding on the missing parts of the animal that could have been tossed in the lake," said Tarr, who had taken a personal, not an official, interest in the mutilation. "The fish were bullheads, similar to catfish, and they'll feed on stuff like that."

In September 1975, Park County Sheriff Norman Howey investigated the mutilation and deaths of two cows he said couldn't possibly have been

where they were found unless they'd been dropped from aircraft.

The Black Angus, both "dry" cows, had been placed in a pasture with other cattle by their owner, Frank Collard, of Como. When Collard found the two dead animals they were half a mile apart, but in a pasture in which he was running only cows and calves, approximately two miles away from their original pasture.

"The critters had been transported from one pasture to another, but there were no strange vehicle tracks around the pasture or the animals and no footprints," the sheriff said. "On top of that, the gate was padlocked."

The cows had been mutilated in the classic manner with surgical precision, with no trace of blood at the scene. On the tail of one of the cows were raw spots where the hair was coming out.

In June 1975, Sheriff Howey investigated the deaths and disfigurement of two animals, which, he said, could conceivably have died from lightning skipping along the ground and entering their feet. They were half a mile apart and the exact cause of death could not be determined. The following August,

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loose teeth as well as scorched "stockings" indicated that a Hereford cow was killed by lightning near Guffey in Park County. However, for some time there had been no lightning storms, wet nor dry, in the area where the registered four-year-old cow had died and been disfigured, two days before.

No tracks of dogs or predators were found in the soft mud around a pond on the Flying Horse Ranch near Colorado Springs where a Black Angus steer was found dead under mysterious circumstances last August. The animal's neck was stretched and possibly broken, consistent with having been dropped into the pond from above its head, according to Deputy Daniel Baker of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, who investigated the incident.

"The steer's head was cocked back, while an animal normally tends to relax and rest its head against its neck in death," he reported.

There was no indication that the 800-pound steer had been dragged to the pond, Baker said. Its head was about two feet from the bank and facing it, not the center, as it would have been if the steer had been watering at the pond when it died.

Baker had been dispatched to the ranch in reference to a possible mutilation and was taken to the watering pond by the owner, William J. Brown, and his ranch caretaker, R. Kenneth Finch. He observed the remains of the steer lying half submerged on its right side in the water. Its left shoulder, left leg and left eye were missing along with a piece of hide measuring roughly 11 by 21 inches. There appeared to be a cavity between the steer's front ribs that indicated the heart may have been removed.

The owner said that since considerable meat had been removed there would be an extensive loss of blood and that even after a rain, that much blood would be detectable at the scene several days later. The deputy and the caretaker searched the immediate vicinity for indications of blood spillage but found none. It hadn't rained for nearly a week. In the area they later found the remains of the animal's leg being eaten by magpies.

Gunnison County Sheriff Claude Porterfield in August reported the classic mutilations of Hereford spring bull calf belonging to Dan Vader, on a hillside at the edge of timber on

Cottonwood Pass, and a cow owned by Duane Phelps, found on a hillside below timber in Taylor Park. There was no sign of a struggle around either animal, no blood in the area and no indication of how they died. They had not been touched by predators. These were the first incidents in Colorado where law enforcement officials had observed that animals were limp, that rigor mortis hadn't set in, even after two weeks in the case of the cow.

Another interesting point, the sheriff said, was that a calf, dead a week, was found at the same time about 1000 yards down hill and across a road from the cow. It had died from natural causes and was half eaten by wildlife.

The decapitated head of a two-week-old calf with its left ear cut off was the only evidence of a mutilation found last July in a field about four miles south of Sterling in Logan County. The head had been neatly severed just behind the ears, a practice not easily attributed to predators, according to Sheriff Graves. There was no evidence of blood and no tracks of any kind, except for those of other cattle.

About the same time, a 600-pound Angus cow was found dead 14 miles northwest of Sterling. From all appearances she had run into a barbed wire fence where four posts and two strands of wire had been torn down. But there were no marks on her and her neck wasn't broken.

A weird incident occurred the first week of August 1976 in a feed lot seven miles southwest of Sterling. On successive nights, three animals had died and were mutilated with no clues left behind and no indication as to the cause of death. Two of the ranch hands decided they'd stake out the feedlot for the next two nights sitting on the grain elevator.

The second night about 4 a.m., the feed lot was well lit and there was plenty of lighting when they saw three "human-like" forms go over the fence, they later told Sheriff Graves, adding that "they didn't move like humans, they seemed to glide."

After the men had called the sheriff's office, two cars of officers were there within six minutes, but the "figures" were nowhere to be found. The officers also determined that there were no vehicles in the area that anyone could have escaped in. The ground was muddy from rain, but they found no footprints across the feed lot, none leading up to the fence

and no nud on the fence where the hands saw the figures climb over. None of the cattle had been harmed.

Last October, Sheriff Graves went so far as to say that strange indentations found at the sites of two mysterious cattle deaths "possibly were caused by an unknown type of aircraft."

Forming a triangular pattern near each animal were "pot marks" five feet apart, seven inches across and two and a half inches deep, like they'd been made with a round-bottom plate, he said. There was no prop wash and no burn marks that night come from a conventional type aircraft. At one of the sites where a complete, classic mutilation had taken place, there were signs that a coyote had circled the dead steer.

"But he never got closer than twenty-two and a half feet from the animal," the sheriff said. "Other cattle and horses in the same pasture were spooked and wouldn't approach the dead steer, either."

Since animals in Logan County first became the victims of mutilators in August 1975, strange lights and other mysterious circumstances surrounding cattle deaths have become almost commonplace, but sightings of a "flying saucer" so far have not been reported to Sheriff Graves' office.

"However, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if one landed in our parking lot!" he said, perhaps an indication that at least one Colorado sheriff may be keeping an open mind as to the possibility of UFOs in conjunction with mysterious deaths and mutilation of cattle.

**"RAAACK"**  
**"HACCKK"**  
**"AHHEM"**  
**"COUGH"**

**"I HEAR  
YOU'RE STILL  
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## Visitors from the Stars!

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fling cases.

The much-misquoted J. Allen Hynek, in my view an honest and well-meaning UFO researcher, carefully pointed out that he does not believe UFOs are nuts-and-bolts spacecraft from other worlds in an interview with me published in the October 4, 1974, issue of the leading scientific journal *Nature* (surely one of the landmarks of UFO respectability). One of the reasons he gave was that "there are far, far too many reports."

His view echoed that of exobiologist Carl Sagan, who examined this point at the 1969 American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting on UFOs. Sagan noted that, if there are one million technical civilizations in the galaxy, all engaged in starflight, and there must be something like 10 billion interesting places to visit (one-tenth of all stars in the galaxy), then each civilization must launch 10,000 spaceships annually for only one to reach here every year. If each civilization launches the more reasonable number of one starship annually, then we would expect to be visited once every 10,000 years. Alternatively, the higher number of reported UFOs might be taken as indicating that we are something special. If so, then life cannot be a very common phenomenon in the galaxy — and thus there would be fewer civilizations to send out starships, and we would expect a smaller number of UFOs.

In my earlier argument I assumed a relatively low level of colonization — say 10 colonies to each civilization. If there were not such controls on expansion, the entire galaxy would have been colonized by other civilizations billions of years ago, and there would be extraterrestrials on earth today, with plenty more coming in by each ferry mission.

Imagine, for instance, that we are the primitive inhabitants of an island in the middle of the Pacific. We have wooden boats and deal in beads, but around us the high technology and commerce of the developed world is evident in the aircraft overhead and the giant cargo vessels that pass by, and even the plastics and other debris that are washed up on the shore.

Perhaps we on our island were not contacted by the first voyages of exploration by Captain Cook, but by

now our presence is well known and we are clearly marked on the map of the world. When the first voyagers came, they left us gifts — firm proof of their visit. We could tell by the nature of their gifts that these voyagers were not of our island.

The gifts were kept and inspected by all the inhabitants, so there could be no doubt about the miraculous visitation by strange-faced men from over the sea. The story of their visit became embodied in rituals, and the gifts became holy. Eventually, the men returned, and others came with them. They set up religious missions on our island, introduced new forms of clothing, food and culture, and put us under the protection of a nearby government. We never had time to explore more than the nearest islands before we were overtaken by this more advanced culture which swarmed all over the earth. There should be many similarities between this island analogy and real extraterrestrial contact, if such contact occurs.

Scientist Michael Hart has used the observation that there are no extraterrestrials on earth as a basic fact in an attempt to demonstrate that there are no other advanced civilizations in the galaxy. He notes that only one civilization would be needed to colonize the entire galaxy in only a few million years, as mankind has explored and colonized the earth. Such a spread has been modeled on a computer by Eric Jones of the University of California's Los Alamos Laboratory, who finds that, even with controls on population and immigration/emigration in each colony, the entire galaxy would be populated in five million years. Therefore, unless we are truly the first, there should be an awful lot of aliens out there. So why are there none on earth?

I do not think, though, that absence of extraterrestrials on earth today is proof of their total absence in the galaxy. Mankind today is most unlikely to be typical of advanced civilizations throughout the galaxy. The current burgeoning of our population must be a temporary effect that will soon level out, and perhaps even reverse. In general, living things on Earth are in a balance with their environment, as indeed were the hunting bands of early men on the plains of Africa.

The observation that there are no extraterrestrials on earth does not prove that advanced civilizations do not exist; rather, I would interpret it

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as supporting evidence that civilizations stabilize their growth and do not colonize. Even so, this still severely limits the number of expected visitations.

But why send a manned expedition when a probe could come here on its own? The cost and use of materials for space travel must be justified by any civilization against its other needs. The pattern of their exploration would be like ours, with manned craft following only where unmanned vehicles had gone before.

Stanford University radio astronomer Ronald Bracewell has proposed that automated probes would provide a good means of establishing first contact between civilizations that might then exchange radio messages, at least over distances of 100 light years or so. Some of these probes might also be sent out by civilizations looking for a new home, as must happen every so often when their star begins to age and die.

When such an automaton reached another solar system it would put itself into orbit around the distant star and then start to listen for radio transmissions that would provide evidence of technological life. The probe would flash this message back home for the benefit of its senders, but it would also be capable of doing much more. It would feed us information about the distant civilization without our having to wait the 200 years or so that would be required to exchange messages directly with the probe's senders. If the distances between communities is even more than 100 light years, Bracewell believes that contacts will be made in space as probe encounters probe: an interstellar meeting of minds between mechanical brains.

"One might be in our system now," Bracewell has said, and he urges that we should be very careful not to overlook unexplained radio signals that may be received. As an example of what he meant, he referred to mysterious echoes heard by European scientists in the early days of radio research during the 1920s. Until then, no one had been able to interpret these echoes. But in 1973, a Scottish science fiction writer named Duncan Lunan presented a new interpretation in which he plotted the echoes as dots, the position of each echo depending on the delay time, to represent a star map including the constellation Bootes, the herdsman. Lunan's work, which included a public lecture in London filmed by CBS television, created a sensation.

Lunan's thesis was that the probe was trying to direct our attention towards the constellation Bootes, and in particular the star Epsilon Bootis, which he believed was the probe's home star. Epsilon Bootis is a double star, one of the components of which is swelling up at the end of its life into a red giant. According to Lunan, the inhabitants of a planet around that star were in search of a new home — hence the pathfinder probe.

Unfortunately, attempts to recontact the probe failed. Instead, radio engineers came up with the explanation that radio pulses from earth were being distorted and reflected back to earth by freak collections of gas in the gravitationally stable Lagrangian points of the moon's orbit. More recent peculiar signals picked up by Soviet radio astronomers, and attributed by them to a possible alien space probe in the solar system, may actually be due to

scrambled transmissions from secret American spy satellites.

Nevertheless, it seems probable to me that extraterrestrial civilizations, assuming they exist, would send out a limited number of automated interstellar probes to survey a cross-section of star types to gain scientific knowledge. Follow-up manned missions may have been sent to visit those stars that seemed most likely to harbor life, such as our own sun. Therefore the earth could have been visited maybe dozens of times in its history by scientific survey parties, rather than by colonists. They may have left sentinels to return progress reports, and they may return at infrequent intervals to check on our progress.

If they have left any visible signs of their coming, these must be clearly out of place to be convincing. The stonework of South America, the Easter Island statues, the Pyramids or even Stonehenge, while impressive structures, are all state-of-the-art technology for the civilizations that built them.

An extraterrestrial artifact should be a total anomaly — a transistor radio embedded in a block of transparent plastic, for instance, which inspection would show was beyond even 20th-century technology. The existence of stone structures on their own proves nothing about the existence of extraterrestrials (advanced civilizations work in plastics and metal, not stone). Yet these structures could act as protection or camouflage for the true artifact such as that transistor radio, which might lie in some as yet undiscovered burial chamber. Alternatively, the structures themselves might act as a disguised pointer to something that lies not even on the earth!

## UFOS OVER NEW MEXICO

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Johnson, who made the initial sighting of the objects three nights ago, said the photographs were taken through a telescope on top of a nine-story building. They will be developed for verification of the visual sightings.

"Johnson won't even try to guess what the objects were. . . he said they could be just about anything."

"Johnson said radar at Cannon Air Force Base reported seeing only one blip on its screen during the sightings . . . but the air base and the FAA at Tucumcari, New Mexico,

had ruled out the possibility of weather balloons or aircraft.

"This is how Johnson described what he saw: 'The objects were about four and one-half miles from us and two miles in the air. They appeared tan in color. I hate to use a cliche, but it was in the shape of a hot dog or blunt cigar with a dark circular spot on each end.'

"He said some of the objects were darkened and others had glowing red, white and blue lights."

"Most of the objects seen last night and early today were spotted west of Clovis, with a few to the east and North. Similar sightings also were

reported at Portales, New Mexico, and Plainview, Texas.

"Johnson said the 'objects' were generally in groups of three in a straight line."

"Johnson said Wednesday night the objects moved along the horizon at what appeared to be the speed of a commercial jet. But on subsequent nights, movement was up and down.

"As he described this phase of his observations, 'Once they get into position, they are just moving up and down. At daylight they disappeared. I think what they're doing is staying constant in relation to the stars.'

While the author and his

investigative team was waiting around at the Clovis police station, several police officers came in from duty and were laughing and joking about the "flying saucers" that Randy Johnson had observed.

It was learned that Randy Johnson had an interest in UFOs before his sightings, and it appeared that his fellow officers had a different opinion about the subject and another opinion about Randy Johnson.

Looking around in the coffee room, it was discovered that cartoons of UFOs were hanging on the bulletin board that had been drawn by Randy Johnson. It appeared that Randy Johnson wanted to amuse his fellow officers. For what reason, it is uncertain.

Early that Saturday morning, while the author was talking to the Clovis police dispatcher, two police officers suddenly entered and reported that they had sighted several objects to the west of town. They indicated that these were the same objects that had been sighted on other nights of the week and suggested that we go to the area with them and observe for ourselves.

Upon investigating these sightings, they turned out to be nothing more than the atmospheric aberration of the light from the stars and planets. When we explained to the officers that what they were observing was merely an optical illusion created by a temperature inversion, they immediately insisted that "whatever they are, this is what everybody else has been seeing."

Later that morning, the author and his technical team, which consisted of a nuclear technician, an electronics technician, a mechanical technician, and a chemical technician (the author) were escorted by one of the officers to the site where "three people had witnessed the landing of two UFOs in a vacant lot near their home, which had burned the ground."

This area had previously been investigated by Dr. John L. Warren, who had arrived in Clovis on Friday with a private study group of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL) employees interested in studying UFOs. Dr. Joe Acetta, another physicist, and Jim Kearns, a photographer who specializes in X-ray photography, were in the group.

Dr. John L. Warren stated, "We looked from about midnight Friday to 5 a.m. Saturday, but there was nothing real to see."

Dr. Warren and his group also checked the area to see if it was radioactive but no abnormal levels of radiation were found. He stated, "It was man-made. It was a burn spot from a grass fire. I cannot see anything unusual about it."

Upon checking this burned spot, the author and his team found a firework casing in the middle of the burned area. And there was definitely nothing unusual about the area.

It was later learned that Station 2 of the Clovis Fire Dept. logged in a grass fire call at 9:28 p.m. at a location southwest of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in South Clovis, which coincided with the sighting.

According to the report turned in by Fire Dept. Engineer Gene Tate, who was a part of an engine company which spent 26 minutes at the scene, the fire had been put out by a passerby.

One witness said a green glowing object "fell from the sky and started the fire." The witness said the object resembled "fireworks."

Another report came from three frightened children that said they saw one, then two more objects land in a vacant lot near their home. Colorwise, they were red, white and blue."

The Fire officials at the scene did find two pasteboard-type rings, about an inch in diameter and an inch high. They were similar to the casings of some type of fireworks.

Clovis Fire Capt. Floyd Cooper said, "The information and pasteboard objects will be turned over to the Clovis Fire Chief on Monday. He will make a determination as to whether an investigation will be conducted."

The burned area, elongated in shape, about 100 feet long and about 30 feet wide, was burned in an east to west direction.

Later that morning, after a quick breakfast, the author went to Cannon Air Force Base and talked with the Base Commander to confirm the statements that had been released by Randy Johnson to UPI. Johnson had said, "Radar at Cannon Air Force Base reported seeing only one blip on its screen during the sightings . . . but the Air Force Base and the FAA at Tucumcari, New Mexico, had ruled out the possibility of weather balloons or aircraft."

The Base Commander told the author, "Cannon Air Force Base officials did not make any such statement. Anyway, our radar is shut down

at night unless we are having military exercises. And we have not had any during this past week."

Next, the author and two members of his team, Earl Snow and John Johnson, got in touch with Steve Muscato and Scott Price, the two individuals that together had taken the photos of the "elongated, crescent-shaped object" through a telescope from room 901 facing west in Hotel Clovis — photos which were published in the Friday, Jan. 23 issue of the *Clovis News Journal* on the front page.

After talking with Steve Muscato, Scott Price and several other police officers, plus noting the statements made in the paper about the method they had used to obtain the photos, it became evident as to what the photo actually was . . . a time-lapse photo of a planet, not a UFO!

Included below is the statement taken from the *Clovis News Journal* explaining how the photo was obtained:

"At approximately 2:30 a.m., Muscato was able to zero in on an object which was remarkably similar to the one viewed through his telescope by seven Clovis policemen Wednesday night. At that time, Muscato and Price went to work attempting to focus the image of the UFO in Price's camera. They labored for over an hour.

"One difficulty encountered by the pair was that both the camera and the telescope were mounted on tripods and by the time that the camera and the telescope were synchronized, the objects had moved out of view.

"Two exposures were made of the object. One was made by Muscato's 35mm Nikon using color film and the other was made with Price's 35mm Miranda in black and white. Price's one exposure netted an image. It was unknown at press time whether or not Muscato's turned out."

The object that they were photographing remained in the sky for a number of hours until it slowly sank in the Western horizon. The majority of the reports indicated that the objects were "following the trajectories of the stars, and pulsating red, white and blue, and slowly moving up and down."

There is nothing unusual about these reports, as it stands to reason that the objects as reported in the paper, and over the UPI wires, would be consistent with all the known characteristics of the aberration of light from the stars and planets.

However, on Friday, Jan. 23, Town

Marshall Ronquillo of Texaco, a community on the Texas border, his seventeen-year old son, and Lt. Jim Clayton of the New Mexico State Police observed "a silent, lighted object hovering about 300 yards over the small community of 1,000. It had green, yellow and blue lights and made no sound." When it started moving northward, Ronquillo said he notified the State Police and chased it in his car.

Several State Police officers later reported seeing the object and they said it was last seen "moving at a high rate of speed toward Tucumcari, New Mexico."

The author contacted the Federal Aviation Administration flight service station at Tucumcari, about 60 miles northwest of Clovis, and an FAA spokesman said, "We did receive reports from the Clovis Police Dept. about the sightings, but the FAA radar here had shown nothing unusual."

The Albuquerque Air Traffic Control informed the author that "the only known aircraft operating in the eastern New Mexico area were flying over Tucumcari."

There are a couple of things which should be mentioned here about this particular sighting since it differed from the others. First, the object as observed by the State Police was last seen "flying at a high rate of speed toward Tucumcari," and at the same time in this particular area as confirmed by both the Federal Aviation Administration and Albuquerque Air Traffic Control, there was nothing unusual spotted on their screens, only normal air traffic which was in the area. Secondly, even though the object had no sound and was observed

"hovering" it doesn't indicate that the object was a UFO. Due to the night-time viewing conditions of the law enforcement officers, distance and altitude cannot be estimated accurately; therefore, it would be well in order that the "unknown object" did not make any sound. If anyone is familiar with the VTOL (Vertical Take-off and Optimum Landing) aircraft, it also can "hover" and does not make very much noise due to the relatively new design of the engines and housing system.

This "no sound" characteristic has been attributed to many UFO reports, and many people believe today that if the object does not make any audible sound, it must be a UFO. There are numerous factors that can cause an aircraft to seem noiseless.

Later, Ray Stanford, director of Project Starlight International based near Austin, Texas, and five staff members, arrived in Clovis with their Precision Monitoring Equipment on Sunday night, Jan. 25, and they too did not observe or monitor any UFOs in the area. Although it must be pointed out here that a cloud cover had moved into the area and had obscured most of their visual observations.

Ray Stanford also stated that the photo that was reportedly taken of a UFO by Steve Muscato and Scott Price was nothing more than an out-of-focus, time-lapse photo of the planet Saturn, and definitely not a UFO, thus confirming the statement made by the author and his team previously.

Through extensive investigations into the Clovis sightings, it appears that the stimuli was produced by Randy Johnson, later to be sparked by the "UFO photos" obtained, and then stimulated some more by a "UFO investigator" displaying faked photos

and making erroneous statements; and last but not least, the news media stimulated the rest of the public by releasing unsubstantiated information before the actual facts could be obtained, which nearly created a "flap" of UFO activity. It was carefully noted that before the actual facts were released about the Clovis sightings and photos, other UFO sightings in other areas started springing up here and there but after the facts were released, the UFO sightings ceased.

Even after these statements were made by the author, Dr. John L. Warren, and Ray Stanford, there were those UFO investigators, who did not go to Clovis and observe the facts for themselves, who were quick to deny the truth of these findings. Both the author and Ray Stanford discussed the reactions they received after making known their opinions concerning the sightings and photos.

There was even one radio station from New York that called up the author for an interview after the author had released to UPI that the majority of the sightings investigated were nothing more than misidentification of natural and man-made phenomena. The station wanted to know why we did not believe that UFOs were being sighted over Clovis since we were a UFO study group? The newsman also asked, "Is your organization working for the government, or being financed in any way by the government?" From these questions alone, it was easy to see what was going through this newsman's mind about our statements. It seemed to come as a shock for UFO organizations to discredit the sightings and photos that had appeared to be genuine.

## ALIEN SPACESHIPS

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6, 1953. Between 5 p.m. and midnight at least 75 lighted flying objects were spotted in the vicinity of Barbers Point, location of Pearl Harbor Naval Air Station in Hawaii. The UFOs executed erratic flight patterns, maneuvering swiftly one instant, hovering the next. Several reports were turned in by personnel on duty at the control tower and off-duty pilots. The glowing objects were also tracked on radar.

After an airborne Navy plane was buzzed three times by one of the unidentifieds, several emergency

patrols were ordered into the air. At 2:11 a.m., the pilot of a TV-1 jet in the area sighted a luminous UFO closing in on him from behind. The object pulled within 100 feet of the jet and paced it before darting off into the night at speeds in excess of 1,000 miles per hour.

The flier was able to steer his jet to a safe landing but was extremely shaken from his experience. Ashen-faced when helped from the cockpit, he kept mumbling one phrase over and over: ". . . I actually saw him . . ."

Here were two separate cases of multiple UFO activity, plus evidence of a giant mother ship. Perhaps the

orbiting space base story was more than just a wild rumor. Pentagon officials, confronted with these sightings, worried over the possible implications. Back in 1948, they had confirmed reports of a heinous Nazi scheme for orbiting a lethal "sky mirror platform" based on the design work of Professor Hermann Oberth in 1929. Professor Oberth had envisioned a gigantic concave mirror made up of moveable segments of metallic sodium which could be placed into earth orbit at an altitude of 600 miles. Circling the globe every four hours, the huge mirror could focus the sun's rays into a deadly beam on cities, forests and farmland,

incinerating any target to cinders.

In 1953, at the time the space base story began to gather momentum, our nation's air defense system was almost non-existent (the Distant Early Warning radar "fence," or DEW Line, built along the Arctic wasteland for example, was barely into its initial stage of construction). Our country was open to aerial attack. If aliens were patrolling the skies, were they planning such an onslaught?

#### Announcement and Denial

The orbiting spaceship case gained impetus when an obscure astronomical magazine triggered a chain reaction of stories that brought the tale into national focus. In a publication of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific issued during February of 1954, Dr. Lincoln La Paz, a noted expert on extraterrestrial objects and professor at the University of New Mexico, mentioned the possibility of a sky-sweep project using telescopic equipment to locate artificial satellites.

UFO investigators pounced on the statement, claiming it was undeniable proof that government agencies were already operating a top-secret search for the two alleged space bases. What these investigators failed to realize or mention (however, was that Dr. La Paz had only referred to a *hypothetical* artificial satellite or a natural satellite (besides the moon), if one existed.

In discussing the possibility of a natural satellite, Dr. La Paz made mention of a sky-search being developed in New Mexico.

Army Ordnance Research, the presumed control group of the New Mexico project, denied Dr. La Paz' statement. Looking back, this was a questionable action to take. Had they confirmed that a search for natural satellites was in fact in the works, rumors about the "artificial moons" — as the orbiting unknowns were now being called — would have undoubtedly been quelled.

Instead, Army Ordnance laid themselves open to a backfire. Another "mother ship" sighting involving multiple UFOs would make their hurried denial of a noted professor's candid remarks look like a blatant coverup of a behind the scenes sky search.

The backfire took place on February 22, 1954. Many witnesses, including several members of the Ground Observer Corps, sighted 14 discs flying at 15,000 feet over York,

Pennsylvania. Fighter jets from nearby air bases were dispatched to give chase, but the UFOs banked away from them, speeding upwards before disappearing. An unsubstantiated story also had it that a mother ship dipped down from orbit to retrieve the discs in the remote climes of the stratosphere over the Atlantic some 60,000 feet up.

First official statements issued by the York and Baltimore GOC Filter Centers denied the sightings altogether. But later, the Baltimore Center, under an alleged Pentagon directive, corroborated the reports of the 14 saucers.

Ten days later on March 3, a White Sands press release stated that Army Ordnance was initiating a search for "tiny moons." Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, the famed discoverer of the planet Pluto in 1930 and the only astronomer of note at the time to report a UFO sighting, was named director of the project.

In the release, Dr. Tombaugh was quoted as saying that no satellites had yet been discovered, nor had there been any clues uncovered that might lead to such a discovery. However, he did venture a few ideas as to what he was looking for.

The satellites, if they existed, would be extremely small in the first place, on the order of a few feet in diameter or less. Otherwise they would have been observed long ago. The best time for observation would be at dawn or dusk, taking into account the optimum sun angles. The moonlets would be difficult to photograph due to their high orbital velocity; therefore, the search might take years.

The astronomer stopped there, referring all other questions to the Ordinance people in Washington.

#### Dr. Tombaugh Looks Back

Recently, this writer had the opportunity to discuss the satellite search with Dr. Tombaugh. He touched on several points which will be explored here and throughout the remainder of this article.

Dr. Tombaugh stated that his satellite search "came about as a result of perfect timing." The need for the program had been established at the same time the necessary funds became available.

"The project," he commented, "would search out any extraterrestrial objects orbiting the earth that might hinder the tracking or identification of artificial satellites."

The artificial satellites he refers to are those the U.S. was planning at the time: the ones launched some five years later, Explorer, Vanguard, Pioneer, etcetera. Also, the moonlets Dr. Tombaugh was searching for would not be used as orbital missile launching platforms once our nation established a foot hold in space, as had been suggested by various writers when the sky-sweep project first became known. And they were definitely not UFOs.

#### A Giant Over the Capital

Meanwhile, the more immediate skies were visited by strange craft linked to the space base theory. On June 12, 1954, around midnight, the Ground Observer Corps contacted the Baltimore Filter Center to report a huge glowing UFO moving through the heavens over Washington, D.C. and the Atlantic coast. After racing

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along at excessive speeds, the object — described as being "larger than an airliner" — came to a halt a few miles northwest of the capital.

An Air Defense station picked up the UFO on radar. The tracking plot determined that the unknown was hovering in the stratosphere at an altitude of 79,000 feet. The object floated silently between Washington and Baltimore before climbing out of sight at a steep angle.

Two nights later, the same orange-red giant, judging by its description, returned to the same area. Available jets were scrambled but since none had the altitude range of the UFO, their pilots had to be content with flying circles below it to observe it. The unknown craft also topped the maximum ceiling capability of Nike defense missiles situated about the area. The object maintained its silent vigil for an unspecified time, then vanished abruptly before its velocity could be measured by radar.

#### Verification Or . . .

**Aviation Week**, the premier magazine of the aerospace industry, soon came out with a story that further fanned the fires surrounding the moonlets case. In the *Washington Round-up* section of the publication's August 23, 1954 issue, a concisely worded article entitled, *Satellite Scare* confirmed the orbiters' existence stating: ". . . One satellite is orbiting at about 400 miles, while the other track is 600 miles from earth." The news item also disclosed that Dr. Lincoln La Paz headed the project which led to the satellites' identification.

Dr. La Paz immediately denied the story — or at least his involvement.

"As regards to the **Aviation Week** story, summarized in the Associated Press release shown me, it is false insofar as reference to me is concerned," he said.

On August 25, Colonel Walker W. Holler, commanding officer of the Office of Ordnance Research at Durham, North Carolina, supported Dr. La Paz' contention. He also provided an update on the Army project headed by Dr. Tombaugh: "... The Ordnance-sponsored work has not yet located any earth satellites."

In this writer's conversation with Dr. Tombaugh, he also agreed that Dr. La Paz had not worked "in any way" with the sky-sweep project. In fact, Dr. Tombaugh had only two other men working with him outside the one

tracking facility under his direction in Arizona. They were stationed at a site near the equator (for maximum observational capability) in South America.

A query to the magazine was answered to the extent that no one on the staff knew for sure who the author of the bogus story was, although **Aviation Week** did have good sources at the time within the upper echelon of the Air Force.

Since the Air Force was pressuring the Pentagon and President Eisenhower for a more ambitious space program, an educated guess would be that in 1954, the military would use any leverage necessary to get government funds to extend operations into space.

Consider the final sentence of the *Satellite Scare* article: "Pentagon thought momentarily the Russians had beaten the U.S. to space operation." Perhaps the rumor of orbiting moonlets — artificial, natural, foreign or alien — could be used to justify additional monetary allocations to the U.S. space budget.

#### A Talk in Baltimore

Enter Louis Corbin, a former lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve and in 1954, a news commentator for station WFBR in Baltimore. Mr. Corbin had become a part-time UFO investigator as a result of a sighting he made in 1947.

A few weeks after the **Aviation Week** story hit the streets, Corbin sat down at the WFBR studio microphones to interview Navy Captain Howard Orville, then head of the President's Weather Control Commission. The mysterious moonlets were brought up, eliciting this exchange:

Corbin: Do you know of any condition under which two . . . objects could enter the earth's atmosphere and pick up orbits 400 and 600 miles out?

Capt. Orville: No, not that I know. Your questions are well justified.

Corbin: If there are two bodies circling, then they would be unnatural, or not natural.

Capt. Orville: If that should be true, military security would prevent discussion.

Captain Orville's mention of military security preventing discussion of "Unnatural objects" can be interpreted two ways. First it can be taken as a cover-up of UFO evidence by the services. Or, it could mean that military observers believed that if the moonlets did exist, they might

be of Russian origin as the Soviets were the only other nation capable of launching satellites besides the United States. Since the U.S.S.R. was a principal threat to world peace in the early Cold War years, discussion of "their" moonlets would be out of the question.

One year after the first disclosure of the sky-sweep project, another public announcement was made concerning the orbiting objects. On February 18, 1955 at Chicago's Adler Planetarium, John P. Bagby, an engineer and astronomer and charter member of both the American Meteor Society and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, revealed the supposed discovery of "moonlets" circling the earth at an altitude of 475 miles. Orbital velocity was given at 18,000 miles per hour.

#### The Furor Subsides

Over the next few years, the artificial moons story began to wane. In 1958, Dr. Tombaugh's sky-sweep project ended. Not a single photograph out of the several thousand taken during the program turned up any evidence of a satellite, natural or artificial.

Dr. Tombaugh was, on the whole, satisfied with the project, commenting that it served as a useful prelude for our nation's space effort. Scientists and engineers now knew that satellites could be launched into the cosmos and tracked with reasonable accuracy without hindrance from already orbiting objects and debris.

There was however, one minor flare-up in the space base story, precipitated by two additional sightings.

On August 25, 1960, an unidentified satellite was tracked for several days and photographed by personnel from the Grumman Aircraft Company.

Another orbiting unknown was reported on May 18, 1961 from Jupiter, Florida. The sighting, announced by the Smithsonian Observatory (who at that time had a tracking post set up at the Jupiter site and worked with the Air Force in tracking and cataloging satellites), involved an orbiter described as being "an unexpected, unpredicted bright satellite."

A spokesman for the Smithsonian requested the assistance of tracking stations around the world to help track it. In addition, the Observatory wheeled its own network of telescopic

cameras into gear in an attempt to photograph the unknown object.

In responding to a letter of inquiry sent by this writer, Mr. James Cornell, Public Affairs Officer for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Massachusetts replied

that no reference could be found in the Smithsonian's files for the May 18 sighting, but that "the event is very similar to many such instances in the early history of the SAO satellite tracking program."

And that is where the tale ends. A puzzling, provocative tale; begun by a handful of sightings and rumors, spurred by concrete statements, allegations and denials — some made by our most respected scientific, military and civilian cadres.

## Flying Saucer Crashes: What Are The Facts?

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Before long, the group came across the wreckage of a 25-yard-long fuselage-like craft, wingless as reported. Busily engaged around the wreck were five or six small, dark-skinned men of oriental appearance, some in odd shiny coveralls, some in the classic black business suits. One of these extremely strange (especially for 1924 Braxton County, W. V.) customers hurriedly explained to the local boys that everything was under control, that they would file a report with the sheriff later. As the "posse" was leaving, Mr. Cole pocketed a small metal part he had noticed on the ground. That night, he was roused at three a.m. by one of the "foreigners," dressed this time in a U. S. Army uniform. The "Army officer" demanded the metal piece, and upon receiving it, left without a further word. A check of the crash site days later revealed nothing more than trampled brush and grass. Keel relates that a similar incident occurred in Oregon in the 1930s.

Between the World War II Foo-Fighter era and the birth of the Age of Flying Saucers in 1947, there was a brief flurry of UFO activity in northern Europe. The objects involved came to be called Ghost Rockets, as they were assumed by the V-2 conscious post-war Europeans to be missiles. Apparently they came in several makes and models. The descriptions ranged from green fireballs and speeding spool-shaped objects trailing flaming tails to slow-moving 90-foot, metallic cigars. 1946 must have been a bad year for UFOs, as these Ghost Rockets showed a marked tendency to blow up and crash.

The crashing started on July 9, when something fell near Sundsvall, Sweden. Fragments examined by a physicist were deemed not of meteoric origin. The debris was alleged to have included some graph paper, some film and a cylinder. On July 11, three low-flying, cigar-shaped objects were reported to have slowly landed (one in

a lake?) and promptly burned up. The total number of Swedish crashes was reportedly up to seven by the 12th of July. A week later, two Ghost Rockets flew in low over Lake Mjoesa, Norway, splashed down and sank into its chilly waters.

On August 11, AP reported that Swedish military personnel were dredging a lake in the frozen wastes of Lapland in search of one of the objects that was supposed to have sunk there. Reuters ran an article, also dated August 11, which stated that one of the "rockets" was said to have crashed and exploded that night near a central Swedish town, the name of which was being withheld by the military authorities. Newspaper accounts on August 12 had the Swedish army rushing to investigate three separate crashes that had occurred the night before. One allegedly crashed north of Stockholm after swooping over the city. AP's August 13th rocket release included the tale of a Swedish couple whose afternoon of boating the previous day was livened up by the near miss of an exploding UFO. It seems they were rowing around, presumably minding their own business, when one of the now-familiar Ghost Rockets dove at them and burst into fragments which sank into the lake. Ghost Rockets did a lot of sinking into lakes.

The Swedish military announced on the 14th that they were examining possible "rocket" fragments. These were metallic, and one six-inch piece supposedly bore manufacture markings. Whether the marks said "Product of Mars" or not, the public never found out, as said fragments were never heard of again.

The sensational account at the beginning of this article first appeared in an article in the October 12, 1949 issue of *Variety* by Hollywood columnist, Frank Scully. In 1950, Scully revealed the whole story behind his allegations in a book that has become a saucer classic. *Behind the Flying Saucers* stirred up a raging controversy which is still revived from time to time. In brief, the somewhat convoluted tale goes something like this:

One of the scientists called in to

examine the crashed saucer was a magnetic specialist involved in government projects and given the pseudonym "Dr. Gee" by Scully. In 1949, no longer working for Uncle Sam, Dr. Gee went to work for a wealthy oil man named Silas M. Newton, an amateur scientist himself. The idea was to use Dr. Gee's magnetic talents for the location of oil deposits. Scully was a friend of Newton's and through Newton he met Dr. Gee and learned of his bizarre experience. As the story unfolded, Scully learned that in addition to the original New Mexico crash, two more saucers had crashed in Arizona and were also in government hands. The second one had come down near an Arizona proving ground and was identical to the first. This one also contained sixteen small corpses, only these weren't charred. The third disc, found near Phoenix, was a smaller two-man job and the two men were as dead as their thirty-two predecessors. Yet another saucer had supposedly smashed into the Sahara, destroying itself on impact.

The scientists found the saucers to be constructed without bolts, screws or rivets. The measurements of all three ships seemed to conform to a "system of nines." The little men were dressed in curious 1890s style blue uniforms with metal buttons. Air Force medics had dissected some of the little fellows and found them normal in most respects, without dental problems, and probably 35 to 40 years old.

Dr. Gee had in his possession some small disks and gears and a cigarette pack-sized radio without tubes or wires (it is worth noting that, while the transistor was invented in 1947, pocket-sized radios made with transistors and printed circuits were not a reality until the mid 1950s). Scully examined these trinkets himself. Also found on the ships were several pictographic booklets, apparently dealing with navigational matters.

In the mad rush to prove this strange affair a hoax, the facts were hopelessly muddled. On March 8, 1950 (before the writing of *Behind the Flying Saucers*), George T. Koehler,

staff member of Denver radio station KMYR, brought Silas Newton to the University of Denver. There he presented the story of the New Mexico saucer as an anonymous lecturer to D. U. science students. The press caught wind of it and played up the "mystery man" angle. Before long, through the magic of journalism, it was Koehler who had seen a couple of two-man saucers at a radar station somewhere along the southwestern border and it was all a hoax anyway.

By either strange coincidence or stranger design, on March 9, 1950 (the day after Newton's lecture at the University of Denver), a Los Angeles businessman named Ray L. Dimmick told the newspapers of seeing the remains of a wrecked saucer and the body of a 23-inch pilot at a military installation near Mexico City. This one was 46 feet across. The next day Dimmick changed his story, saying that two Latin American business associates had told him of seeing the wreckage and showed him a strip of mysterious metal taken from it. Prior to this, Dimmick had evidently been quite a solid citizen, not the type given to far-fetched hoaxing. He could actually have been on a Mexican military base, as his job was Los Angeles sales manager for an explosives firm, the Apache Powder Company.

UFO researcher Raymond E. Fowler ran across an ex-naval intelligence man who was allegedly ordered to the crash site of an oval object in Mexico on an unspecified date. On arrival at the scene, the man saw the wreckage of the object and its pilots being loaded into trucks, but was ordered away and told to keep quiet on the subject. After locating the witness years after the incident was supposed to have occurred, Fowler could not induce him to discuss the event.

One last note in relation to the possibility of a Mexican crash: an unusual (to say the least) photo was circulated in a Cologne, Germany, newspaper in the 1950s. It ostensibly depicted a 28-inch "Martian" corpse, the unfortunate victim of a very rough landing near Mexico City. In the photo were two trench-coated fellows in snap-brim hats looking like they just stepped out of **The Maltese Falcon**. They hold up by the hands between them a small humanoid figure that has been variously described as a wax mannequin and a shaved monkey. Two dark-haired

ladies in the background look intently at the little guy who is garbed in nothing but a pair of tiny boots. Anatomically, the "Martian" does not resemble a shaved monkey. The real story behind the photo will probably never be known.

Raymond Fowler dug up two more cases where downed UFOs were supposed to have been seen, one in Arizona and one in the Syracuse, New York, suburb of Mattydale. The Arizona case took place on May 21, 1953. On that date an engineer employed by the Atomic Energy Commission in Nevada was flown on special assignment to Phoenix. From there he was driven along with a group of other specialists in a bus with blacked-out windows to an area he believes was in the vicinity of Kingman, Arizona. On the bus, they were briefed by an Air Force colonel on the nature of their assignment. It seems they were to evaluate different aspects of the crash of a top-secret Air Force vehicle. What the engineer saw upon arrival at the location of the crash was a heavily guarded silver object, a thirty-foot oval shaped like two saucers rim to rim. His job was to figure out the speed and trajectory of the craft at impact. At one point the engineer glimpsed inside a guarded tent and saw a four-foot dark-brown corpse, complete with silver suit and skullcap. After concluding their various jobs the specialists took an oath of secrecy. One year later the engineer was given the position of consultant with Project Bluebook. Regarding the saucer incident, he kept silent for 20 years before telling his tale to Fowler.

The Mattydale incident occurred sometime in late 1953 or early 1954 in the early hours of the morning. The witnesses, a Mr. and Mrs. Marsden, were driving home after visiting friends. Approaching an intersection where they had to make a turn, they saw the flashing lights of several squad cars. Assuming that an accident had taken place, they made their turn slowly. The Marsdens did not see an accident. What they saw a short distance from the road was a grounded ovoid object about 20 feet wide and 15 feet high. By the bright colored lights which dotted the object they could see several men milling around and examining it, apparently police. Their curiosity got the best of them the next day and Mr. Marsden phoned the sheriff's office, only to be told that the matter was a military secret. Later examination of the scene of the

incident revealed nothing but trampled grass and tire tracks.

Early in 1952, the newswires carried a story out of Norway: a smashed disc had been found in the frozen wastes of Spitsbergen, a deserted island in the Arctic Ocean. Norwegian, British and American teams were said to have been rushing to the site. After the initial account went out, there was nothing but silence on the subject. Then, on September 4, 1955, when the story was all but forgotten, a representative of the Norwegian General Staff issued a statement on the Spitsbergen saucer. Colonel Gernod Darnby stated that the board of inquiry which he headed was readying a big report on the crashed UFO. He went on to say that the materials composing the object were unknown to all the experts involved in the examination and that present technology did not permit the unraveling of all the disk's secrets.

The clincher was this unequivocal comment: "It has—this we wish to state emphatically—not been built by any country on earth." The in-depth report was to have been published following discussion of "some sensational facts" with U. S. and British representatives. Needless to say, the big report never followed. The subject was never mentioned again. One wonders if Col. Darnby wasn't transferred to Spitsbergen himself after making such rash remarks within earshot of the press.

The mysterious explosion of a UFO above the shallow surf near Ubatuba, Brazil, in 1957, has been well investigated and thoroughly documented by APRO. A fisherman who saw the event recovered some fragments of the disk, which were eventually analyzed and found to be extremely pure magnesium. A less well-known case of a foundering saucer occurred at Iguape, Brazil, on October 31, 1958. A dozen witnesses were startled at 2:30 in the afternoon by a loud roar punctuated by metallic clangs. In a scene straight out of the film **Earth Versus the Flying Saucers** a wobbly 16-foot silver disk loomed into view over the town. Apparently in trouble, it glanced off a palm tree, which seemed to make things worse. Lunging out over the turbid waters of the nearby Peropava River, the disabled object flipped on edge and slipped into the stream with a loud hiss. Mud from the river bottom billowed up from the

area of the sinking as the water seemed to boil.

News of the event attracted an army of investigators although the search did not start in earnest for about a week. Divers combed the spot pinpointed by the witnesses with search-lights, probes, sonar and metal detectors. The search was hampered by the 15-foot deep layer of muddy silt lining the bottom of the lazy Peropava. Two weeks of intensive investigation failed to locate any trace of the clanking craft.

An injured but still-alive alien was reported to have turned up after another water UFO crash in 1959. Ion Hobana and Julien Weverbergh start out their recent book **UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain** with a science-fiction-like incident which was supposed to have happened in the Baltic port of Gdynia in Poland. Dock hands looked up from their work on February 21, 1959, to see a glowing object drop out of the sky into the harbor. Divers sent down to search for the mystery object came up with an untrusted metal fragment which was promptly absorbed into various channels for analysis. Results of this analysis were not made public. So much for that, what about the battered alien? He was spotted a few days later crawling along the beach in a strange metallic get-up such as a spaceman might be expected to wear. Partially burned and obviously in bad shape, he was taken to a hospital where doctors had a hard time removing the metal suit. When they removed a sort of armband the patient died. The body was sent to Russia. It was noticed at the hospital that the unfortunate fellow had an unusual number of digits, and his blood and organs were quite different from ours, too.

What is going on here? Have there really been this many saucer crash hoaxes? Or this many saucer crashes? If the above cases are not enough, here are a few more:

Late 1940s: A witness sees a disk falling into an Idaho lake and snaps a picture. The photo, which ended up in Air Force possession, shows a blur and a huge splash.

1950: Leonard Stringfield of CRIFO reports in 1955 that he has details of a crashed saucer with dead little men found in Argentina in 1950.

1954: Newscaster Frank Edwards announces on his radio program that AF officials are examining a UFO at Muroc Field (Edwards Air Force Base).

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1956: Civil Aviation officials confirm reports of a silvery object crashing into Holston Mountain near Bristol, Tennessee.

1964: Newsmen in Alamogordo, N.M., start fevered speculation that AF brass have a UFO stashed at Holloman AFB. Someone had monitored base communications regarding a UFO discovered on the ground at the north end of White Sands Proving Ground before all radio communications were cut off.

1965: A UFO passes over Cleveland at around 1000 mph, makes a 25-degree turn and slams into a wooden area 30 miles south of Pittsburgh. State Police and Armed Forces representatives descend on the area.

If we discount some of these cases as meteors (and very few can, by any stretch of the imagination, be classed as "meteors"), we are faced with three alternatives for the remainder of the incidents. Either (a) all the cases are hoaxes; (b) all of the cases are actual UFO crashes; or (c) some of the cases

are hoaxes and some are bona fide UFO crashes. None of these possibilities are comfortable to think about. Most readers will agree that we can discard (b) right off the bat. That leaves us with either a large number of seemingly pointless and often very elaborate hoaxes or some hoaxes and some real alien vehicle crashes. A large portion of UFO buffs, students, researchers or what have you will be ready to acknowledge that actual crashes could have occurred and been covered up or discredited by certain (government) groups.

How about hoaxes? Some of the cases could have been private hoaxes such as Scully's tales or Dimmick's Mexican saucer, but to what end? Scully, to be sure, sold some books, but he certainly never got wealthy from the affair. As a matter of fact, he was (and still is, with regularity) subject to scorn and ridicule because of his book. He has gone down in UFO literature as one of the first great liars in the field. Likewise Dimmick, who as an established businessman had nothing to gain and everything to lose by telling such an outlandish tale to the papers.

Another possibility is government hoaxing. Some of the cases, especially

the Kingman, Arizona incident, have all the earmarks of some sort of government psychological test. The glimpsing of a tiny corpse inside a guarded tent seems almost to have been set up for the engineer's benefit. But what would be the ultimate purpose of an extended program of government play-acting on this theme? Manipulation of public thought and opinion, of course, but what would be the desired end product?

There is another possibility by which all or most of these strange cases could be hoaxes. Suppose the saucer crashes are staged by whatever is behind the whole UFO mystery. More thought these days is being given (most notably by John Keel) to the concept of a collective "phenomenon" behind UFO, poltergeist, occult and related activity. Whatever "its" purpose, perhaps it also periodically produces saucer crashes, even down to small alien corpses in some cases. Suppose also that the little men and maybe even some of the saucers behave like the often-reported "angel-hair" and simply fade away after a while. Government scientists would be reluctant, to say the least, to discuss something like that with the general public.

## GROUND SAUCER WATCH

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researchers of other organizations, the media and the body politic.

In the interest of keeping the public aware of information gathered about UFOs, GSW provides government documents dealing with the UFO phenomenon, paperback books about UFOs, technical papers and photographs, of both bona fide objects and hoaxes, for the cost of printing and postage.

William Spaulding recounted the philosophy of GSW: "GSW is mainly trying to separate fact from fiction. Unfortunately, there has been a cover-up of facts, not only by the government, but by so-called 'scientific investigators' who use subjective, rather than objective, methods of investigation. Ufology has become a subject of ridicule, misinformation, distrust, and conspiracy, while it actually represents a frontier from scientific advancement."

He continued, "We are using some of the most advanced technologies available to help us in the interpretation of data. Based on the information

we have gathered thus far, it is our contention that UFOs are neither secret weapons nor metaphysical phenomena. After having tested other hypotheses to the best of our abilities, we believe that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin."

Computer photo enhancement is a method which allows a researcher to separate photographs of actual unknown objects from hoaxes and lens flares, or other similar photographic anomalies. By use of the computerized image enhancement technique, a great deal of information can be gleaned from a single photograph. The distance the photographer was from the object can be determined, as well as the three dimensional shape (profile) of the object, its size and, in the case of a hoax, the compound from which it was manufactured.

When dealing with a hoax, the computer can show such supportive devices as wire or string and such component materials as aluminum foil; things that would not show up under close scrutiny of the photo by the naked eye, even when aided by a magnifying instrument.

Since this method of image process-

ing became available to GSW, 650 photographs and movies have been analyzed and of these, 26 have been shown to be bona fide unknowns.

Hypothesis testing is a method used to determine possible causes for an effect seen during a UFO sighting. The effect being tested might be physiological in the case of animals or it might be mechanical, as is the case with radio interference or disturbances in an automobile electrical system. It is important that these effects be recorded accurately by trained and certified field investigators so that the frequency of a given effect can be determined and the cause of the effect tested for.

At this point in time, UFOs are considered by GSW to be part of a surveillance activity by some extraterrestrial life form, but as the scientific search for their true origin goes on, the sensationalism given to "abduction" cases has interfered with normal scientific procedure. This procedure, that of observation, definition of the problem, experimentation, and formulation of a theory, has been ignored or forgotten as a myriad of headline-grabbing explanations has

sprung up with little or no scientific observation or objective experimentation to support them.

A statement by William Spaulding sums up GSW's approach to this problem. "The only way to get concrete answers is to treat ufology as a science."

## The Earth's Nuclear UFO

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On September 13, 1944, Dr. Fermi opened the huge nuclear uranium facility at Hanford, Washington. This plant was capable of producing two pounds of pure plutonium a day. There have been rumors since World War II that the U.S. could have used atomic bombs in combat many months before August, 1945. The fact that the Hanford plant was capable of producing large amounts of plutonium in the fall of 1944 shows that these rumors had some validity. One pound of plutonium is equivalent to 15,000 tons of TNT. What was the government doing with all of this fissionable material?

The government officially claims that the Hanford plant did not start producing at full capacity until the summer of 1945. Assuming this facility was operating at only 10 percent capacity in 1944, there would still be enough plutonium for many atomic bombs. There was also the uranium plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which started producing small amounts of plutonium in the fall of 1943. Since the government was not using this plutonium in nuclear bombs, this nuclear material could have been used to fuel atomic powered aircraft.

In November 1944 U.S. bomber crews flying over Germany encountered the first modern UFOs, the Foo-Fighters. The pilots reported that these objects were bright orange ball; the amount of light emitted varied with their speed. They also reported the intense sensation of heat when they came close to their aircraft.

As the Hanford plant continued to produce plutonium, the government put more of these nuclear ships into operation. By December 1944 the Foo-Fighters were flying by the dozens over the combat areas.

In May 1946 the U.S. Air Force established the Nuclear Energy for Propulsion of Aircraft Office headed by Col. Keirn. This office was concerned with the development of nuclear engines for aircraft and rockets.

GSW urges all interested individuals to contact the organization, especially those persons who are technically qualified or have experience actively investigating the UFO phenomenon. Individuals who can not actively research this vexing mystery can best participate by making tax-deductible contributions

to GSW or by contacting the Director of Research, Todd Zechel, for additional information on specific projects. All requests for information should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and should be sent to: GSW, INC.-WD., 13238 North 7th Dr., Phoenix, Arizona 85029.

During the spring and summer of 1946 the first massive sightings of UFOs were seen over Northern Europe. These unidentified objects, which were called ghost rockets, were coming from the direction of Soviet occupied East Germany, which was closed to non-communist observers.

Several of these UFOs crashed in Sweden and the authorities admitted that one of them contained movie film which showed that these vehicles could have been on reconnaissance missions over Soviet occupied territory. Although this same rocket contained letters and manufacturer's markings, the Swedish government refused to disclose the country of origin.

These ghost rockets were probably nuclear powered. A picture of one of them in flight was examined by aviation experts who reported to the **London Daily Telegraph** "the presence of the projectile in the midst of the flame track instead of being in front of it. This supports the theory . . . that a new method of propulsion is being used in these weapons." This flame track was a plasma field coming from the nuclear reactor on the ghost rocket. Most of these UFOs landed in lakes after an estimated 600 mile flight. These early model nuclear rockets probably were cooling their nuclear engines in the water after their missions over East Germany.

In 1948 the Atomic Energy Commission called for a review of the work being carried out by the Air Force's Nuclear Energy for Propulsion Office. Scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology issued the Lexington Project Report in September 1948 analyzing the progress of nuclear powered aircraft and rockets. These scientists stated that nuclear aircraft could definitely be built and the government started to appropriate millions of dollars for research and development. Of course, the public was not told that this money was being spent on actual flight vehicles.

Research on fusion energy began in England in 1932, and tritium and deuterium were produced in limited quantities in the 1930s. Dr. Edward Teller, the father of the hydrogen bomb, published a scientific paper containing the formulas for a fusion reaction in the April 1, 1938 edition of **Physical Review**, a physics journal.

As part of the Manhattan Engineering Project in World War II, the U.S. spent millions of dollars trying to develop the hydrogen bomb, a device which is basically an exploding fusion reactor. According to Arthur Compton, one of the leading nuclear scientists working on the atomic bomb project, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer completed the basic calculations for the H-bomb in June 1942. In November 1942 work on the



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Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratories in Nevada was initiated. An "F" Division of the Manhattan Project was formed by Dr. Fermi at that time to develop the H-bomb and other still classified projects such as a "homogeneous reactor." This reactor could have been designed for nuclear powered aircraft. Some of the scientists who headed this division were Edward Teller and Egon Bretscher, a British physicist.

According to the physics textbooks, nuclear energy and gravity are directly related. The physicists refer to gravity as a form of radiation which, theoretically, could be affected by nuclear radiation. Albert Einstein actually started to work on gravity research years before he unlocked the secrets of the atomic bomb. He believed that nuclear energy and gravity were related to one another and both types of radiation formed the basis of his theory of relativity. It is possible that a fusion reactor could become weightless when it is operating at full power.

The Foo-Fighters of 1944 had all the characteristics of being powered by fusion energy because they had a constantly changing plasma field which is necessary to maintain the high temperatures for a fusion reaction. The fact that this plasma field was seen surrounding the outside of these vehicles indicated that their walls contained the fusion reaction. Dr. Fermi's small nuclear reactor probably supplied the necessary heat and the plasma field.

The British, who were involved in the Manhattan Project, could also have been building UFOs in the 1940s because they published scientific articles dealing with fusion reactors in 1948. These articles actually showed models of the doughnut fusion reactor.

American scientists started to publish reports in the 1950s describing their attempts to apply fusion energy to aircraft. A scientific paper dealing with such reactors was published in the July 1965 edition of **Jet Propulsion** by Dr. Hsue-Shen Tsien, a scientist working at the Jet Propulsion Center of the California Institute of Technology. This paper contained all the necessary mathematical formulas and engineering diagrams for an aircraft fusion reactor.

Because of the radiation dangers associated with nuclear powered aircraft and rockets, the governments of

the world have to suppress the existence of UFOs. The politicians are frightened that people will find out that they are destroying this planet with this radioactive contamination.

The incredible rise of cancer cases since World War II can be directly traced to the radioactive contamination of the surface of this planet. Leukemia and lung cancer are directly caused by the high levels of radiation now found in the environment. Survivors of the 1945 nuclear explosions in Japan contracted leukemia 11 times more than the average population. Scientists now admit that lung cancer among smokers is caused by the presence of plutonium 210 in the tobacco leaves.

Most UFO writers have said that the public would panic if they learned the truth about UFOs. Here are the reasons for such a panic: 350,000 Americans died of cancer in 1973 and this country has the fourth highest leukemia rate in the world. The other countries with a high leukemia rate are Denmark, Sweden, Israel and Finland. There have been so many UFO sightings in Sweden and Finland in the past 30 years that UFO writers believe that these vehicles are based in these countries. These cancer statistics back up their theories.

How do the UFO occupants survive this deadly radiation? According to physics books dealing with nuclear flight propulsion, there might be ways to design such vehicles where most of the radiation from the reactors is deflected away from the crews' quarters. In the 1940s and 1950s, there were many anti-radiation drugs developed and the UFO crewmen wear metallic suits for additional protection.

In spite of these precautions, there have been reports that these crewmen could have died from radiation poisoning. There have been a number of cases where people find a UFO on the ground and the crew members are dead. These witnesses report that there was no indication of physical injuries on their bodies. If the nuclear reactors on these ships unexpectedly gave off a large amount of radiation, everybody on the flight deck would be killed immediately. One of the reasons why the U.S. canceled its nuclear aircraft program was because there was no way to completely protect the crewmen on these ships. The lifespan of anybody flying a nuclear aircraft would be very short.

Sometimes witnesses who observe UFO occupants at a landing site report that they resemble robots in the way they walk and talk. N.A.S.A. had

a program to produce robots which looked like human beings in the late 1960s, and some of the UFO crewmen could be robots. They would be needed to work on the nuclear reactors in case of malfunctions or to replace the nuclear fuel.

UFO writers have had a difficult time trying to explain the large UFO flaps which have taken place in the United States. It is interesting that these flaps seem to occur during periods of unpopular wars such as the 1952 sightings during the Korean War, the 1965-66 flap at the beginning of the Vietnam War and the October 1973 flap which began at the same time the Arabs attacked Israel. As the American people become more disenchanted with these political wars, the number of UFOs seen during these flaps constantly increases. Besides watching the people, the UFOs also help to divert attention from these political problems.

Another reason for the nuclear aircraft and space programs is that the politicians and bankers are preparing to colonize and exploit the other planets in our galaxy. The secret expeditions to the stars could be surveying potential planets for such a program.

Before 1492 the people of Europe were told by their governments and church officials that the world was flat. At the same time the Vikings were exploring North America. When these governments decided to conquer and exploit the rest of the world, Columbus "accidentally" found the world was round by "discovering" the Americas.

If we do not destroy ourselves in a nuclear war, it is possible that history will repeat itself. New technological discoveries will be made in the coming decades which will allow millions of people to travel to the stars. The news media will describe the newly discovered planets as fantastic places to live.

This will be the heritage of the nuclear scientists who worked at Los Alamos in World War II. Some of these scientists realized the terrible dangers of nuclear research. Dr. Robert Oppenheimer denounced the nuclear flight programs and the arms race, and even Albert Einstein attacked the misuse of science by the politicians. He said that scientists should go to jail and lose their jobs instead of taking illegal and immoral orders from government officials. Unfortunately, very few of his fellow scientists had the courage to take his advice.

## Attacked By A UFO!

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"It was the morning of July 31 when, at approximately half past seven, I walked across my land. The sun had not yet risen, but it was quite light and I could see the thing clearly. I thought it was a caravan belonging to the people who are looking for uranium all around here. But as I came nearer, I saw that it was altogether round with round windows. I could immediately see beings who looked like people. They just had rather long faces. There were four of them. Three of them had me under observation and the fourth was busy at an instrument panel of some sort. I could see lights immediately. All of these were three-cornered. I felt like I wanted to get closer, but some sort of flap near one of the windows opened with a bang and a streak of light shone in my face. I felt very uncomfortable and started to bleed from my nose.

"From a safe distance I observed them for about half an hour. All four were approximately one and a half meters tall, and I would guess that each one weighed between 54 and 58 kilograms. They looked just like normal people with very long faces. They also had high foreheads."

The witnesses in the preceding cases were, in one sense, lucky because they sustained no serious injuries. Others, however, haven't been as fortunate.

At 2:30 a.m. on November 3, 1957, two sentries walking their rounds at the Itaipu Army Garrison near Santos, Brazil, spotted a large unidentified object approaching the fort from over the sea. As it moved closer, they could see that it was disc-shaped and encircled by an orange glow. It appeared to be as big as an airliner as it hovered approximately 300 feet above the two men.

Suddenly, the startled sentries heard a strange humming sound and, at the same time, they were engulfed by a wave of suffocating heat which caused them to collapse, screaming in pain and terror. Their screams alerted the other soldiers in the fort. Several of these men rushed out in time to observe the departure of the craft. The stricken sentries were subsequently taken under guard to a hospital in Rio de Janeiro. Both had second and third-degree burns on a large part of their bodies.

Another severe burn incident took place 9½ years later. On May 20, 1967, Polish-born Steve Michalak was

prospecting near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada, when he saw two unknown objects approaching at a high rate of speed. One object was about 15 feet above the ground, the other slightly higher. The first object landed near Michalak, blowing vegetation from the area as it did. The second craft, meanwhile, hovered for a few seconds, then sped away.

Michalak crouched in the bushes and watched the landed machine, which he thought was an American secret test aircraft. After a period of approximately 25 minutes, a door in the side of the object opened and a brilliant purple light emanated from the opening. To protect his eyes, the witness pulled his tinted welding glasses down over them, and he was then able to see flashing red, green and blue lights inside the object.

Suddenly the craft began making a high-pitched whining sound like a motor running at high speed. At the same time the witness became aware of a "whooshing" sound as if air were being taken in and expelled, and an odor resembling that of a burned-out electrical motor permeated the air.

Curious, Michalak approached the object and thought he could hear voices muttering inside. He called out, but received no answer. Instead, the sound of the motor stopped and the door closed. Michalak then reached out and touched the machine with his rubber-coated glove, which immediately melted and slipped off the surface. Simultaneously, the object began to spin in a counterclockwise direction, and he was hit in the chest by a blast of hot air which set his clothes on fire and sent him reeling backwards. The UFO then ascended and flew off in the direction from which it came.

In pain, Michalak packed his prospecting equipment and eventually made his way to Winnipeg where he went to Misericordia Hospital. Doctors there examined him and found second and third-degree burns in a mysterious checkerboard pattern on his chest. By way of explanation, he told them he had been burned by "airplane exhaust."

His wife, meanwhile, became very concerned about him. He became ill and suffered from blackouts, nausea and a strange odor that "seemed to come from the inside." He also lost a total of 22 pounds and his blood's lymphocyte count dropped considerably below normal. After a year of recurring illnesses, he visited the

Mayo Clinic where doctors told him his problems were caused by "a foreign substance" in his blood.

Steve Michalak and the Brazilian soldiers got off relatively easy. Forty-one year old Inacio de Souza didn't. At 4 p.m. on August 13, 1967, de Souza and his wife were returning to their farm at Pilar de Goias, Brazil, after an outing. When they arrived at the farm, they saw a "strange aircraft resembling an inverted wash basin" and three beings who appeared to be naked. They had no hair and seemed to be playing like children. When they noticed the witnesses, the entities began running towards them. Alarmed, Senor Souza took aim and fired his .44-caliber rifle at them.

At that moment, the object emitted a "beam of green light" which struck de Souza in the chest, knocking him to the ground. As his wife ran to his aid, she saw the beings enter the object, which then took off. The craft made a sound like the "humming of bees" as it ascended.

As a result of the encounter, Senor Souza became extremely ill. On the first and second days after the incident, he complained of nausea, headaches and numbness throughout his entire body. On the third day he was taken to a doctor in Goiania. The doctor discovered burn marks in the form of a perfect circle on his chest. Blood tests revealed that he was suffering from leukemia. After four days of treatment, de Souza returned home, where his weight quickly dropped and yellowish-white blotches appeared just beneath his skin.

On October 11, 1967, just two months after he was struck by the beam of light, Inacio de Souza died.

(Incidentally, in 1956 Miss Muriel McDowell watched a UFO which radiated intense heat at Santa Cruz, California. Following the incident her face, hands and arms turned "lobster-red." Four years later, Miss McDowell also died from leukemia.)

An even more bizarre incident was reported in the **Big Bear Life & Grizzly** for May 6, 1976. The story begins with the discovery of the body of Victor J. Mertes in a sporting goods store near Big Bear Lake, California. Mertes had apparently committed suicide. According to official reports, he was "apparently despondent over the death of his mother from cancer within the last month, and he had broken up with his girlfriend only days before." But in a personal interview

with reporter Jeffrey von Beltz, Mertes' ex-girlfriend, who requested anonymity, revealed a completely different reason for his suicide.

"Six months ago," she began, "Victor told me not to reveal any of this unless he was dead. His death really wasn't connected with being despondent over us breaking up or his mother's death, it was something more. Victor was sick when we moved up here in November, but he got sicker and the sickness turned into a serious mental condition."

"First, I met Victor in September, 1974. He was working for his brother selling campers at his brother's business in North Hollywood. In December, we moved into a place together to cut on rent and bills. Once a week while we were living together he had to go to Anaheim on business for his brother."

"One night in January, on a Tuesday night, Victor came home from Anaheim about 2:00 or 2:30 in the morning. It was later than usual. We lived in Tujunga at the time, and this night he came running into the house really excited. I was asleep, but he said, 'Get up. There's a flying saucer out there. You won't believe it. Get out of bed.'

"We got into his Porsche and drove down to see it. Then this thing came out of the clouds. I thought it was just the moon glowing off something. He said that on the way home he watched it for about 45 minutes. Then the thing went back into the clouds and didn't come out for half an hour."

Night after night, Mertes would go outside between midnight and 1 a.m. and scan the sky. He often claimed the ability to communicate with the occupants of the unidentified objects he repeatedly observed.

"In April," Miss X. continued, "he'd wake up and start drawing pictures of how their spaceships worked. How they used the earth's gravity to fly and start to explain the drawings with these words I knew he'd never heard of. I wish I'd kept the drawings, but I threw them out. He even knew where their landing places were."

One evening, Mertes decided to visit one of "their landing places" to pick some strange mushrooms, which resembled brains, that he'd seen growing there. (For more information on strange mushrooms found at UFO landing sites in other parts of the world, see **OFFICIAL UFO** for April, 1976.)

According to Miss X., "He was back in about an hour and a half. When he got home, he looked like he'd been scared by a ghost. He was all white, and his hair was standing straight up. He said while he was up there trying to pick up some of the mushrooms he heard the bushes moving. He said, 'I turned and saw this freaky little man floating in the air, the freakiest thing you've ever seen.'"

After the mushroom incident, Mertes became ill and, like many other contactees, his condition rapidly deteriorated.

"Victor told me that this is the way they do it. They scared him so bad, and it shocked his nervous system so badly that he got an infection; and the doctors didn't know what it was. He kept getting sicker and sicker. He had to quit his job. He just didn't care. It was a cancer of his nervous system. He lost his truck, his unemployment, and

his family dropped him.

"He knew he had a sickness, but the doctors and the hospitals told him not to come back. He kept getting in trouble with the cops, and all the time he would talk about space."

In January, 1976, Mertes finally entered the Glendale Adventist Medical Center. A doctor there told him "his bones were being eaten away by something." Mertes left the medical center in February uncured. Two months later he was dead. In his last will and testament, dated April 11, 1976, he wrote that his death should occur soon due to his "advancing illness."

As the representative cases used in this article show, UFOs are no longer a laughing matter. In 1955, General Douglas MacArthur warned that someday all "the nations of the world will have to unite against attack by people from other planets."

Perhaps it's later than we think. ●

## MYSTERY AT WAKEFIELD:

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phoned the police who soon arrived with the local Civil Defense radiological monitor. Although background radiation measures only thousandths of a roentgen per hour, their survey instrument repeatedly registered a frightening roentgens per hour! The officials sped off to report their findings there after warning them to stay away from the pond. Within a half hour, the police phoned and arranged for a follow-up radiation check by the State Deputy Civil Defense Director, Wesley Williams. In the meantime, long fingers of slush began to creep outwards from the melted hole. By 4:00 p.m., a 10-foot circle of slush encompassed the original opening!

Nothing more was heard from officialdom and later the confused family gave up waiting and retired to bed. It was 2:00 a.m. when their barking dog alerted them to the curiously belated arrival of Williams and his assistants who pulled into the driveway in two cars. Two geiger counters were employed. The first malfunctioned with a loud "ping" when it was turned on. Undaunted, Williams secured the second instrument and waded through the drifted snow to the pond's edge. He was startled to find melted surface water so deep that he could only get within 10-feet of the hole which was

marked by a pole. He activated the geiger counter and watched incredulously as the needle on its meter advanced to read 2-3 roentgens per hour of gamma radiation. Amazingly, the device continued to record the high reading for the whole general area! Greatly concerned, the party left to file a report with State Civil Defense Director, George McAvoy, who issued an urgent communication to New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

At daybreak, Tuesday morning, in spite of near zero temperatures, the top of the entire pond had turned to slush and about 50-feet away from the hole there was another opening! A representative of the Attorney General's office visited twice during the day and advised them not to let the horses drink the water from the pond. He showed great concern that some water was seeping out and warned them to keep the incident confidential stating that an official enquiry was continuing.

On the following day (Wednesday), the pond inexplicably froze over completely. The McCarthys looked through the clear ice over the original hole and were startled to see a freshly cut six inch wide trench on the pond bottom leading from the square hole, out under the non-transparent ice, toward the second hole which had now frozen over. A call from the Attorney General's office soon informed them that a trained team of investigators

would arrive on the following morning to retrieve any object in the pond.

Early Thursday morning, a veritable army of now-alerted news media, curiosity-seekers and officials arrived. The National Guard escorted all but official investigators off the property. Sensitive radiological monitoring equipment was set up as futile attempts were made to drain the pond. As an alternative, officials sawed a six by three foot hole into the ice. Distant on-lookers reported that the National Guard placed something into a plastic bag and put it into a van which abruptly left the area. The remaining investigators packed up their equipment quickly and followed suit. Within the hour a statement from the Governor's office was released.

The release, which described "shadows" and "cracked ice" was totally without foundation. Both local and State officials were well aware that there had been no "cracks" in the ice. They had seen firsthand, the strange holes and abnormal melting of the pond. When queried, the Adjutant General's office explained to us that the plastic bag was merely protection for their instruments. On the other hand, the Governor's office told us that the bag contained water and sediment samples. To add further mystery to the matter, Mrs. McCarthy said that a second plastic bag was taken, partially hidden under a man's coat, and was put into a *Federal* vehicle!

Later, Civil Defense Director, George McAvoy told me that he had no concrete reason to offer as an explanation for the initial high radiation readings. He suggested they might have been caused by peculiar "electrostatic conditions" generated by the snowstorm! McAvoy also went on record that the instrument used by his deputy, Wesley Williams, had been tested at the Civil Defense Laboratories at zero temperatures but nothing was found wrong with it. He confessed that the State had sent it to Washington, D.C. for further testing. He was careful to say, in defense of the McCarthy family, "It's not a hoax. There was some phenomenon." Adding fuel to the fire was physicist, Bill Morrison of Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. He sent me a signed statement that he had taken geiger counter readings of pond sediment shortly after the official investigators had left the scene. His survey instrument registered .05 to 1.5

milli-roentgens which was considerably higher than normal background radiation!

Controversy over the radiation was second only to the question surrounding the holes and melting ice. One person suggested that the farmer had placed a heated cinder block on the ice and perpetrated a hoax! Others guessed that a snowmobile had fallen through the ice or that fishermen had cut the hole. The State proposed that perhaps "water currents from springs" were the cause. McCarthy retorted that he had dug the pond himself. He insisted that there are no springs, no currents and that the pond was fed exclusively by run-off water from melting snow and rain. He added that the pond dries up completely in the summer.

Thus, apart from possible radiation, the round hole in the ice, the possible appearance of a black box, an associated square hole, the melting pond, and the later appearance of the trench and second hole still remain a mystery. The McCarthys pointed out that the pond has such a hard bottom that during the initial attempt to dig it, the backhoe operator gave up! This whole episode brought to mind a similar incident which had taken place at Dennis, Massachusetts on January 7, 1971, almost six years ago to the date. It too involved a melted hole in an ice-covered body of water during below-freezing temperatures. However, this hole was explainable. It was caused by an unidentified flying object!

#### The Scargo lake Incident

It was 7:11 a.m. John Brogan braved the cold winds as he wended his way toward the familiar school bus stop. The sun had just risen and the sky was clear except for a long low cloud bank in the southeast. Suddenly, a light in the sky caught his attention. Glancing upwards, he was shocked to see a cigar-shaped, glowing, orange object descending in the southeastern sky. It seemed larger than an aircraft and disappeared behind the tree-lined ridge that bordered Scargo Lake. Thinking that the object would crash into the lake, John ran through the yard of Martha Koempel toward the frozen body of water. At that moment, Martha came out of the house. Seeing her, John shouted, "Flying saucer!" Martha followed him to the Koempel's dock, about 500 feet from her house. Her

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mother looked out the window in time to see the couple running toward the lake. Reaching the dock, they saw a large oblong hole in the ice. Steam could be seen rising from the water, which was in a state of agitation, as if something large had just entered it. After a minute's observation, they headed back to tell Martha's mother and met Robert Bottcher along the way. He had seen them running and wondered what all the excitement was about. After a hasty explanation, both boys returned to the dock to see steam still rising from the hole in the ice. They then ran to tell Robert's parents. Mr. Bottcher told assigned investigator, Walter Webb, that though the boys seemed genuinely excited, he remained skeptical and insisted they go directly to the bus stop before they missed their ride to school. Mrs. Bottcher said that she was more receptive to the boys' story. After they left, she went down to the lake and was startled to see that the strange hole was really there!

Another witness, Paul McCarthy, also saw the object as he left to catch the school bus that same morning. He watched it for about three minutes as it moved slowly in horizontal flight toward Scargo Lake. Paul described the object as being elongated, solid-appearing, and without wings or fins. When it reached Scargo Lake, it nosed down and dropped out of sight behind trees bordering the lake.

When the witnesses reached school, neither the teachers nor the principal would believe their story. Finally, that afternoon, a neighbor persuaded Mrs. Bottcher to report the incident to the local newspaper. The newspaper informed the police who, after examining the hole, notified Otis Air Force Base. The police arranged for a diver to investigate and patched my phone to a cruiser parked on-site from which I was given a blow-by-blow account of the unsuccessful search. Due to the late hour, the diver only spent 15 minutes at the west end of the hole where the water had not completely frozen.

Investigator, Walter Webb, arrived on the scene three days after the sighting and found the strange elongated hole about 100 feet from the southern shore. It measured approximately 100 feet long by 25 feet wide. His immediate impression was that the hole had been formed abruptly by melting through three inches of ice! He learned that it had not been there on the day prior to the UFO sighting.

Somehow, it had suddenly appeared overnight, according to the people who lived around and skated on the lake. Using a topographical map, he plotted the compass bearing taken from the vantage points of both sets of witnesses. Significantly, the line of direction to the UFO from the two viewing locations converged exactly over the hole in the lake!

Soon after, a cold spell set in and it wasn't until spring that a team of six divers searched the area in the vicinity of the hole. About 20 man-hours were expended but nothing of significance was found. The water was 40 feet deep and so murky that the steeply sloping bottom was visible only from a few feet away.

Walter Webb's investigation satisfactorily ruled out a hoax, natural phenomena or man-made objects. As in the Wakefield incident, authorities suggested that "springs" in the lake had caused the hole. However, lakeside residents, including the local diver, insisted they could not recall ever seeing such a large, strangely shaped hole on the lake. The diver stated that he felt no unusual currents during his initial descent into the water within the hole. In light of the evidence, if taken at face value, one is almost forced to accept the hypothesis that the descending cigar-shaped object melted through the ice like butter even though daytime temperature during the sighting time-frame was 22°F.

In the light of the Scargo Lake incident and other similar cases within the annals of UFO research, it is quite possible that the hole in the ice at Wakefield might have been caused by a UFO. One can speculate that a small alien object, emitting radiation and super normal heat did descend and melt its way through 24 inches of ice on McCarthy's farm pond. Such an object could account for the unnatural square hole in the bottom of the pond directly under the hole. It could also explain the continued melt-

ing of the pond. It could have been responsible for the trench which later appeared along the pond bottom emanating from the square hole. Since it headed along the bottom toward a second opening in the ice, one could logically assume that the object surfaced, melted through the ice again and streaked upwards to the waiting source which sent it on its initial mission into the pond.

Did an alien space probe sample the waters and sediment of William McCarthy's isolated farm pond? Did officials recover it during their secretive investigation? Some on-looking members of news media, observing from a distance, insist that an object was removed from the pond. Don Bryant, news director of radio station WTSN, Dover, N.H., stated, "It was large, dark and appeared quite heavy." Others stated that it may have been just a rock. No one was near enough to be sure. McCarthy's son, Thomas, managed to join the official investigating team out on the ice for awhile, but he was not present when things were reportedly taken from the pond. Mrs. McCarthy said that the officials sent him away to town on a "wild goose chase" to get a second pumper truck. When he returned, everyone had left!

William McCarthy insists that the holes must have been made by an object. Come spring, he plans to drain the pond and search for the elusive artifact with a backhoe. Will he find anything? I rather doubt it. I find that I somewhat reluctantly agree with an unnamed Air Force Security Officer who was consulted during our investigation. He could not comment directly upon the official enquiry but was sympathetic toward our efforts and advised us to investigate the matter. However, he was quick to add that we would "never really find out what happened." He was right. We didn't. The incident at Wakefield, apart from reasoned speculation, still remains a mystery!

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## THE CIA AND UFOS A DOCUMENTED CASE OF

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sightings through the media publicity these sightings were given, and on the following day decided to rent a 16mm movie camera to see if he couldn't lend his expertise to capturing one of these illusive objects on film.

Mayher and his wife packed up the Kodak camera and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, a Miami couple who had sighted a UFO flying over their neighborhood the previous evening. The Goldsteins and several neighbors stood watch along with the Mayhers as they waited to see if another UFO might buzz the neighborhood again. At approximately 9:30 p.m., Mr. Goldstein shouted, "Look there, in the sky!" Mayher, looking through the viewfinder of his unfamiliar camera, at first could not see the UFO. (Although Mayher's rented older model camera was equipped with a 63mm telephoto lens, the viewfinder was a separate optical instrument which did not "see" through the telephoto lens, and Mayher therefore had difficulty tracking the high-speed UFO through the viewfinder.) After a few frustrating moments, Mayher decided to resort to hand-tracking the object. He began shooting film, hoping that he was on target, and exposed 40 feet of film.

Although he had set out with the express purpose of filming a UFO, now that he had actually accomplished his goal Mayher was uncertain of what to do next. Somehow he had gotten lucky, but he hadn't really expected to. Therefore, he had no contingency plans for developing or disseminating his film. After talking it over with his wife and the other witnesses, Mayher decided the best thing to do was to notify the Marine base. While he was off-duty when the filming occurred, and this was done in a strictly non-official capacity, Mayher thought the marines would be greatly interested in having an authentic UFO movie. Little did Mayher know that instead of providing the Marines with a scientific windfall, he was about to present them with a source of embarrassment.

Mayher phoned the Third Marine Air Wing at Opa-Locka, and spoke with the Officer of the Day (O.D.), a Lt. Aldridge. After explaining what had transpired, Aldridge ordered

Mayher to stay where he was and said he would be right out to pick up the film. By the time Aldridge arrived, it was too late for anything to be done with the film; so, while the Mayhers drove home for a night's rest, Aldridge drove back to the base with the camera and film, and then locked the equipment in a safe overnight.

The following morning, rather than being pleased and excited by the prospect of having a bona fide UFO film in their possession, the Opa-Locka Public Information Office was already in a tizzy. Phone calls were already coming in from the media, after having been notified of Mayher's filming by several of the witnesses. The PIO hadn't planned on anything of this nature happening and, according to the *Miami Herald* (July 31, 1952), "appeared to wish the whole matter never had come up. They didn't feel inclined to make any statement, and hadn't decided to forward the film to any higher echelon for further study."

Early in the morning on the 30th, Mayher was summoned to the Opa-Locka Public Information Office for an interrogation by several officers. For over two hours, the officers — a major and two captains — barraged Mayher with questions. Not only were the details of the sighting asked about, but Mayher's background and his motives for the filming were also reviewed. Much of the information obtained in this interview was later forwarded to the Air Force, and subsequently used by them, within Air Force channels, in an *ad hominem* attempt to discredit Mayher's film.

About an hour after being released from the PIO interrogation, Mayher received instructions to go to the Reela-Films Co., a civilian processing lab located in the same building with Miami TV station WTVJ. The developing of his UFO film was to take place there, upon instructions from some higher authority — possibly Washington.

A PIO officer accompanied Mayher to the Reela-Films lab, but he evidently did not go into the darkroom with him to watch the film being developed. Mayher, along with several interested employees of WTVJ-TV, watched breathlessly as Reela-Films technicians began processing the 40 feet of film. For a brief heart-in-the-throat moment, nothing showed up during a test development of about 10 feet of film. Looking at the blank film,

everyone in the room grew apprehensive. Mayher began to fear the worst and suspect that someone had sabotaged his film. Then, using a longer development time, the technicians were able to obtain 18 frames containing sharp images. Although up until this point Mayher had thought he had an entire 40 feet of UFO footage, and he was more than slightly angry with himself for not aiming the camera properly, he at least felt vindicated by the excellent — albeit short — footage that was finally produced. A projector was quickly rigged up, and the footage was viewed by Mayher, two Marine captains, TV station personnel and Reela-Films technicians. Although no copy was made of the entire footage, the lab technicians did manage to run off seven or eight still copies of the frames — apparently without the knowledge of the Marine PIOS.

The news of the sensational footage spread quickly from the development lab. Under pressure from an anxious news media, the story was officially released by the Public Information Office about 2:00 p.m., July 30. The *Miami Herald* phoned Air Force Intelligence at the Pentagon—which was the first notice the Air Force had about the film — and reported the following day (July 31): "Col. W.K. Smith of Air Force Intelligence in Washington, D.C. . . . said his department was anxious to get such evidence and would take steps immediately to get copies of the film for close study."

Later that day (July 30) Mayher was interviewed on the Ralph Renick news show on WTVJ-TV, and a copy of a still frame from his movie was shown. Public response to the show was extremely high; both the news media and the Marines were flooded with phone calls inquiring as to what was being done about the film, and UFOs in general. The marines were highly embarrassed and displeased by all this publicity, since they had no ready explanation for what Mayher had photographed, other than it might have been a meteor — and that didn't seem to wash. (Navy pilots had observed the same UFO at the altitude they were flying, 2000 feet, one of whom later triangulated the sighting with Mayher — with the results indicating the UFO was 5000-plus feet away from Mayher and had a diameter of approximately 40 feet. In addition, the American Meteor Society records

no prominent meteor sightings for July 29, 1952, in either Miami or elsewhere. There is also the factor that both Mayher and the other witnesses estimated the duration of their sighting to be approximately 3 1/2 minutes, and even if this estimation was slightly in error it would seem to preclude the meteor possibility, since meteor sightings last for only a few seconds.)

An important sidelight to the film incident and attendant publicity is that, according to Mayher, the two Marine PIO officers who were charged with overseeing the development and public dissemination of his film were transferred to Korea at the height of the Korean War as punishment for "mishandling" the case. The government, of course, will submit that the transfers were routine, and that Mayher was making false assumptions. However, whatever the case is, the important factor is that Mayher assumed the men were punished for failing to keep UFO information under tight control, and that this rested heavily on his mind in later years.

On the morning of July 31, 1952, Mayher was summoned to the office of Col. T.G. Ennis, commanding officer of the Third Marine Air Wing. In attendance at this meeting were Col. Ennis, Mr. Douglas, ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence), Mr. Hamilton, OSI (Air Force Office of Special Investigations), and Major William J. Frazier, USAF Intelligence. The meeting was instigated by Col. W.K. Smith, USAF Intelligence at the Pentagon, who had phoned Major Frazier (who was stationed at a local bomber wing) and ordered him to retrieve the film for the Air Force. The Air Force officers (Hamilton and Frazier) interrogated Mayher and obtained a detailed statement from him. They also secured a vow of silence from Mayher, and instructed him not to give out any further publicity on his film or sighting. At the close of this meeting, the film — which had been in the continuous possession of the Marines/Navy — was handed over to Major Frazier, USAF, who presented a signed receipt for the film to Mr. Douglas of ONI.

On August 1, 1952, the Mayher film and a letter of transmittal were forwarded to the Pentagon, directed to the attention of Major D.A. Roe, AFOIN, by Major Frazier. Ordinarily, such matters would have been forwarded to Major Dewey Fournet, AFCIN, but Major Fournet

was apparently preoccupied with the Washington National Airport radar-visual sightings. In fact, Major Fournet, who was liaison officer between ATIC (Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB) Project Blue Book and the Pentagon, does not recall ever seeing the Mayher film, and to this day is unaware that the Air Force ever received it. (A rather curious factor here is that Fournet was by this time beginning to believe that UFOs might be extraterrestrial vehicles, and one has to wonder if the Mayher film wasn't deliberately kept from him. Fournet, in fact, was rumored to have resigned his commission under pressure from the Air Force after having become an advocate for the extraterrestrial hypothesis and airing these views in public.)

At this point, it is not entirely clear what happened to the Mayher film after it reached the Pentagon. There are indications that the film was forwarded to ATIC/Project Blue Book, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. A document from Colonel William A. Adams to the Chief of ATIC dated 2 October 1952 refers to the Mayher film as having been "previously forwarded to you." (12) However, there are no analysis reports pertaining to Mayher's film in any of the available Air Force files, thus indicating that the Air Force did not do the analysis, nor were they privy to it. If the Mayher film was in fact forwarded to ATIC, it's a good bet that the film was hustled right back to Washington for analysis by the Naval Photo Interpretation Center (NPIC), Anacostia, Maryland. (Interviews by the authors with Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert J. Friend, former commanding officer of Project Blue Book (1958-1963), Major (Ret.) Dewey Fournet, former Pentagon liaison officer to ATIC, Airman First Class (now a civilian) Max Futch, former commanding officer of Project Blue Book (1953), and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former scientific consultant to Project Blue Book (1949-1961), have revealed that the photo reconnaissance laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, the unit which was ostensibly doing photographic analysis on all UFO photos, was in fact no more than a research and development section, and had almost no analysis capabilities whatsoever. The photo recon lab, in fact, was preoccupied with developing high-altitude reconnaissance cameras, the type later used

in U-2s and other high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft. Therefore, any UFO photos or films which required detailed analysis were sent to the Naval Photo Interpretation Center — which became the National Photo Interpretation Center (NPIC), a CIA department, in early 1953.

In the spring of 1954, Ralph Mayher was honorably discharged from active duty with the Marines. From July 31, 1952, until April, 1954, Mayher had not — true to his vow — uttered one public word about his film. Nor had the Air Force made any statements about it, or released any analysis reports. Now, however, Mayher felt as though he had been released from bondage, and that it was time to learn what happened to his film. After all, Mayher thought, hadn't his film proved the existence of intelligently controlled extraordinary flying craft? So, Mayher wrote a letter to the Air Force inquiring about his film. A reply dated 13 April 1954 from the Air Force Office of Public Information, signed by Lt. R.C. White, stated: "This is to advise you that a search of Air Technical Intelligence Center files has failed to show that the Air Force ever received the film which you earlier requested. It is our belief that, since this film was originally submitted to a naval base, it must still remain with naval intelligence."

Mayher was stunned! how could the Air Force deny possession of his film when he had been present when it was turned over to an Air Force officer? Mayher, then employed as a news film editor for WNBK-TV in Cleveland, immediately wired the Marine Corps air station where he had been stationed for a clarification. The Marines, apparently unaware that the Air Force was "stonewalling it," wired back a reply signed by Col. T.G. Ennis (who had also been present when the film was turned over to the Air Force) which stated: "Saucer film turned over to the Air Force on July 31, 1952." Now, Mayher had two conflicting statements in hand—which were subsequently shown to the news media and other interested parties. Yet, even with proof that the Air Force was lying, Mayher was reluctant to keep after the Air Force about his film. (Mayher was still in the active Marine reserves, and keeping in mind what had happened to the two Marine PIOs (shipped to Korea), he feared similar fate if he became too vociferous — and no one else seemed willing to help him carry his cause.)

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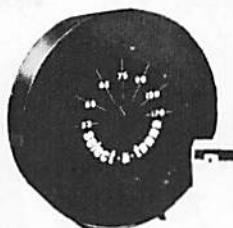
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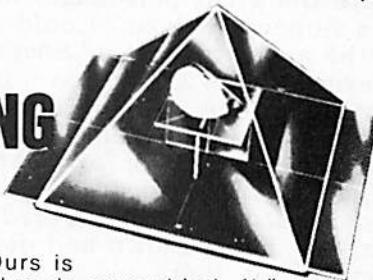
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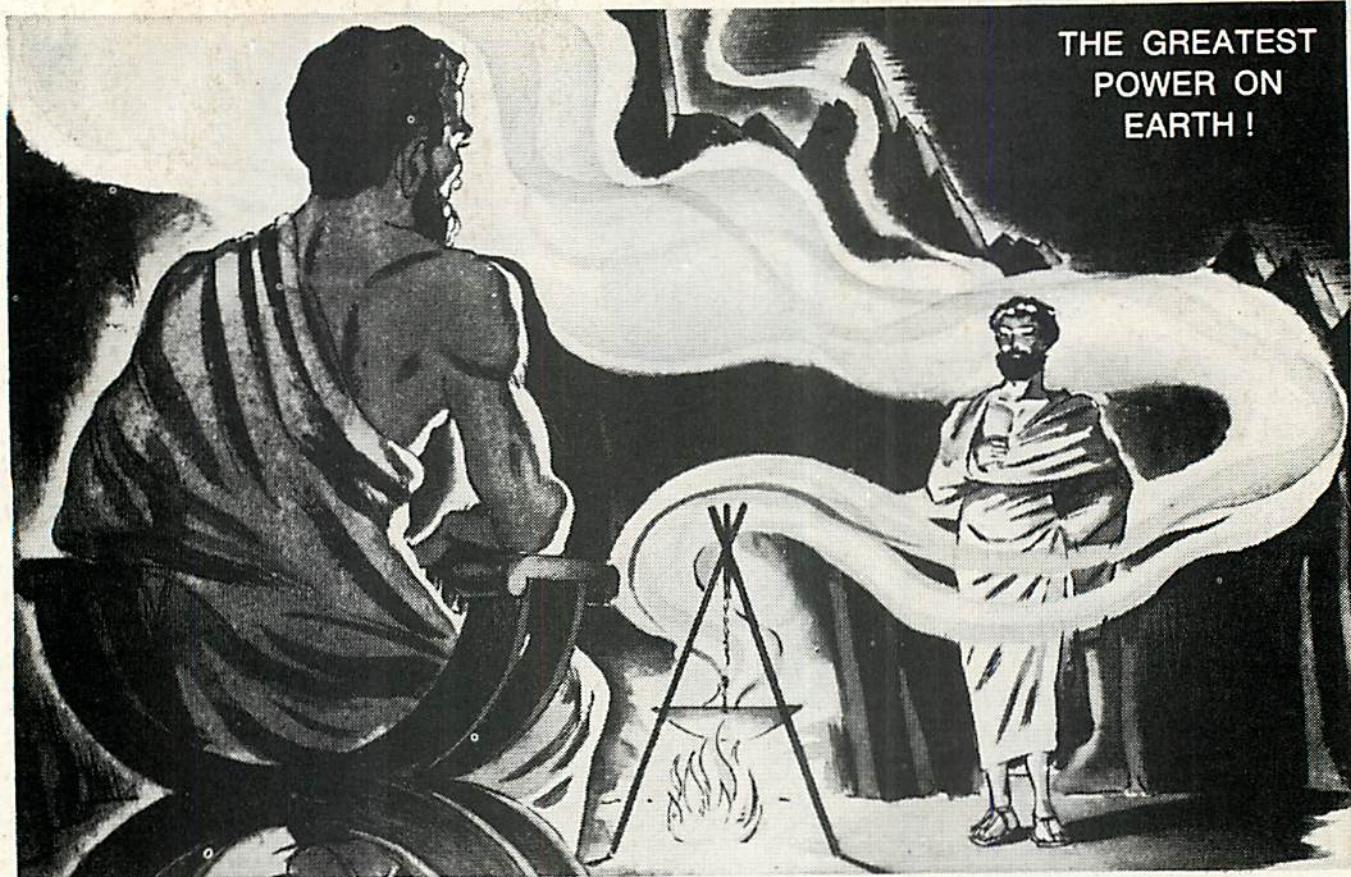
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