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The above photo, reportedly taken by Raul Galan, a professional news photographer for LA CAPITAL, at Mar del Plata, Argentina, at 1:38 p.m. on April 15, 1970, is strikingly similar to the description provided by a Mexican pilot who claims three such UFOs paced and disabled his plane south of Mexico City on May 3 of this year. (The story begins on page 3.) The day after the above photo was taken, professional

photographer Rodolfo Hasperue of Buenos Aires reportedly took a photo of another (or possibly the same) UFO over Mar del Plata. The object, reportedly seen by a number of residents, gave off a greenish halo. Witnesses said the object did not move away, but "evaporated," according to the publication LA RAZON. The Hasperue photo is not available for comparison.

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Editor's Column

This has been a somewhat hectic summer for SKYLOOK, as readers have no doubt noticed.

The editor has been finishing up a Specialist's Degree in Education (6th year) this summer, which has been "hanging fire" for three years, awaiting time for completion. The time never seemed to be available, so it had to be taken anyway.

Efforts are underway to spread out the work on SKYLOOK a bit more in order to lessen the magazine's traditional dependence on the editor. In an essentially voluntary operation, however, qualified personnel with the time to work are not easy to find.

At least two areas must be covered more thoroughly in SKYLOOK than in the past: (1) a special section on routine MUFON investigations, and (2) a section reporting summaries of

routine press reports. Both of these areas require time in organizing, summarizing, and writing.

In addition, we need a person to write stories composed of material from several sources (including audio tapes) so the editor can spend his time editing instead of writing.

Hopefully, we can find at least three qualified "associate editors" to handle the functions described above.

MUFON Director Walt Andrus was in the midst of moving to Seguin, Texas, as this issue of SKYLOOK went to press, and was unable to write his monthly column. His new phone numbers are 512-379-9216 (MUFON and home) and 512-379-8850 (work). The MUFON address is 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 67815.

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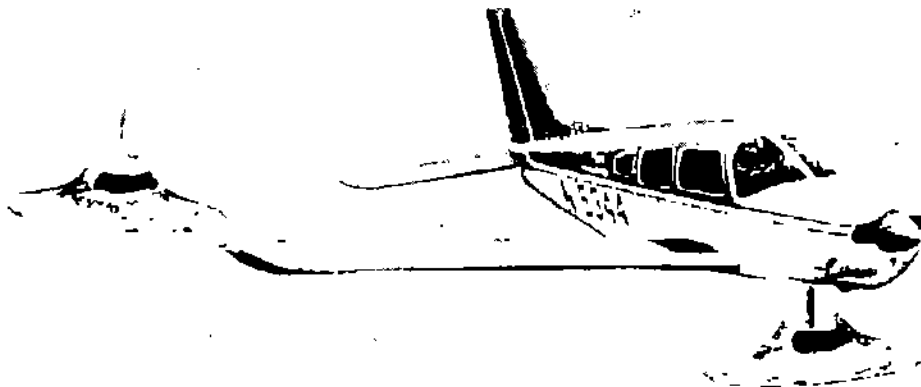
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While not precisely to scale, the above photo put together by Joe Brill presents a good rendition of what a Mexican pilot reportedly experienced on May 3 of this year.

Mexican pilot claims

UFOs pace, disrupt airplane

Date of sighting: May 3, 1975

Location of sighting: above lake of Tequesquitengo, near Mexico City, Mexico.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The May 3, 1975, report by pilot Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel that he was escorted by three UFOs south of Mexico City is one of those frustrating cases that crop up all too frequently. There are several versions of the case, and it is difficult to know which version is most reliable. The following account will present the information which is currently available, listing the various sources. Obviously, this report requires further investigation before any conclusions can be drawn.

THE INCIDENT

Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel was flying at 120 mph in a Piper PA-24 from Zihuatenejo to Mexico City. He was at an altitude of either 14,900 or 15,000 feet (depending upon which version is accepted), and while passing over Lake Tequesquitengo at 1:34 p.m. on May 3,

1975, according to the newspaper LA PRENSA, he felt that his plane was vibrating in a strange manner without apparent cause.

Then, along the right side of his plane a 10-12 foot disc appeared. Another disc appeared to the left of his plane.

He described them as being about 4½ feet high and dark gray in color. At the center was a protuberance. Just above this was a small window, and on the upper part a kind of antenna.

A third disc was reportedly spotted coming at the plane head-on. LA PRENSA reported that this disc hit the bottom of the plane, according to the pilot, "giving it a light blow." A brief report from The Center for UFO Studies by Dr. J. Allen Hynek in PHYSICAL TRACES ASSOCIATED WITH UFO LANDINGS states, "Soon a third object like the others appeared above and in front of his plane, and dropped down and collided with the under part of the fuselage, jolting the plane and the pilot, and disappeared from his view."

LA PRENSA reported that the pilot "instinctively on seeing that one of the objects was going to pass underneath his plane

pulled on the lever for lowering the landing gear so as to touch it, but the mechanism failed to operate."

The pilot reportedly felt the plane was being magnetized, "that is to say, as though it were being lifted up," and he believes this may have caused the malfunction of the landing gear.

He had reportedly attempted to wobble the wings of the plane, but the controls would not operate. According to LA PRENSA, the pilot also tried to slow the plane, but it continued at 120 mph. (This has some similarity to the reported case with the "out of control" auto in Rhodesia--see March, 1975, SKYLOOK.

The pilot, quite shaken by the experience, reported an emergency. According to LA PRENSA, he was weeping and unable to speak at times, but he apparently maintained reasonably constant radio contact with the Mexico City airport.

The airport cleared traffic for the pilot, and after awhile he was able to manually lower his landing gear and land.

The plane was checked, and a

dent and possible scratches were found on the fuselage. Aeronautic authorities said the dent was not recent, however.

THE PILOT

Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel, 23, is a veteran of three years (370 flying hours) of flight experience, according to the NATIONAL ENQUIRER. The ENQUIRER quoted Commander Ignacio Silva de la Mora, an airport inspector, as saying he had known De los Santos "since he was a kid. He's a trustworthy and dedicated pilot who neither smokes nor drinks."

The newspaper LA PRENSA quotes Roberto de los Santos Perez, an aircraft maintenance technician at the Mexicana Aviation Co., as saying he knows "better than anyone else the behavior, the responsibility, and the judgment of Carlos Antonio." De los Santos Perez said he believes the pilot's story "due to the fact that he is a very judicious young man without vices, and above all has great desires to become a professional pilot."

The pilot's father expressed the opinion that "there is no reason for that circumstance (the sighting) to alter his skill and commitment to his career."

LA PRENSA describes the pilot as "a rather straightforward and prudent young man," and quoted De los Santos as saying, "I am not looking for notoriety nor propaganda. Notoriety and show are for artists and sportsmen, not for me."

De los Santos was examined after his experience, and the doctor could find nothing physically or mentally wrong with him. The doctor suggested the possibility that the pilot could have been suffering from hypoxia, or lack of oxygen, causing him to imagine the saucers.

The pilot rejects this theory, and THE ENQUIRER quotes Julio Cesar Interian Diaz, an air traffic controller on duty at the time of the sighting, as



This is a sketch produced from the memory of pilot Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel of one of the three UFOs which he says paced his plane and interfered with its control. "Gris oscuro" means "dark gray."

saying, "De los Santos' transmissions on the radio seemed quick and concise during the period of the incident," indicating the pilot was not suffering hypoxia.

The pilot has said that he was "terrified," was crying, "and could hardly talk," during the episode, but said he maintained his composure. LA PRENSA quotes the pilot as saying, "At some moments I felt a certain attraction toward them (the objects) as if they were pulling me toward them."

The publication ALERTA, which claims to have listened to the tapes made of the transmissions during the incident, concluded: "All of the foregoing is recorded....All of this coincides with what was declared by the pilot, which shows that he was not suffering from hypoxia, which also proves he was not the victim of an hallucination nor invented the story in search for publicity."

THE PLANE

The plane in this incident is a Piper PA-24, with a "180" Lycoming O-360-A 180 hp engine. It has a wingspan of 36 feet, is 24.7 feet long, and is 7.3 feet high.

The top speed of the Piper PA-24 is 167 mph, and the optimum cruising speed is 160 mph. Its best rate of climb speed is 96 mph, and its rate of climb is 910 feet per minute. The service ceiling is 18,500 feet, and the absolute ceiling is 21,000 feet.

THE RADAR

An early United Press International report indicated that two air traffic controllers ob-

served the incident on two separate radar screens. However, there is some question as to whether the two controllers were watching on separate screens or on only one screen.

ALERTA reports a radar "echo," indicating an object (in addition to the Piper plane) "was moving at better than 900 kilometers per hour (about 550 mph)."

LA PRENSA belatedly reported a week after the incident that "a mysterious signal was recorded on one of the radar screens at the Mexico City Center," but did not elaborate.

The ENQUIRER reported that "two of them (the objects) made an impossibly sharp turn which baffled air traffic controllers who were tracking them on radar."

The ENQUIRER quotes air traffic controller Emilio Estanol (Lopez), who reportedly was watching a radar screen, as saying, "The objects made a 270-degree turn at 518 mph in an arc of only three miles. Normally a plane moving at that speed needs eight to ten miles to make a turn like that. In my 17 years as an air traffic controller I've never seen anything like that."

Also watching a radar screen was Julio Cesar Interian Diaz.

The Center for UFO Studies report of the incident, prepared by Dr. J. Allen Hynek and briefly reported in PHYSICAL TRACES ASSOCIATED WITH UFO LANDINGS, says, "The objects on the wings presently rose up and merged into one and moved off in an easterly direction, whereupon the radar operator could see the object for the first time. It disappeared in the direction of the mountain Popocatepetl."

South River, New Jersey

A typical Humanoid encounter

Investigated by Ted Bloecher

(Assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Roger Wescott)

The South River humanoid encounter came to light just over ten years after its occurrence, when it was described by the observer in a letter dated November 2, 1973, to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University.

At that time, the massive UFO wave of October, 1973, had just crested, producing an unprecedented number of UFO reports, and Dr. Hynek was in the process of establishing the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois.

The letter, outlining the South River experience of ten years earlier, was put aside to be answered at a later date and was overlooked in the organization of the Center.

In April, 1975, I learned of the South River encounter from Miss Margo Metegrano, secretary for the Center. Because the witness lived in New Jersey, not far from New York City, I asked the Center's permission to follow-up the report at first hand. Dr. Hynek wrote to the witness requesting his assistance in an interview, and an affirmative reply was received and forwarded to me early in May.

The witness received his degree in forestry from a Mid-western university in 1961. In October, 1963, the week of his strange experience, he had at-

tended a business conference in Boston. He was coming back from Boston to go to business meetings in Washington, D.C., the following week, and had planned to stay the weekend at the home of his parents in Matawan, N.J.

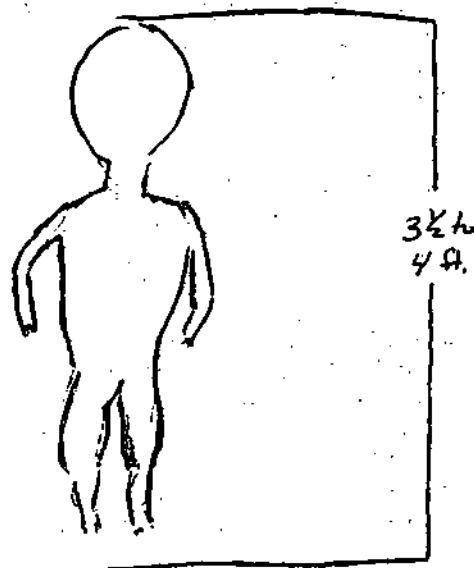
NARRATIVE BY WITNESS

This is what I saw on Oct. 23, 1963, about 11 p.m., near South River, N.J. At the time--I believe it was a Friday night--I was driving from Boston to Matawan, N.J., to spend the weekend with my parents, and the following week I was to be in Washington.

I missed my turn on the Jersey Turnpike--Exit 11--so I proceeded down to the next exit, which was New Brunswick. I got off at New Brunswick and picked up Route 18. There was a back road--at least in 1963--which led from Route 18 through South River to Route 9, so I took this road (The Old Bridge-South Amboy Road), and at one point there is a very sharp turn, almost a 90-degree turn.

I slowed down to make that turn, then hit a straightaway, and as I was accelerating to about 50-60 miles an hour, something luminous caught my eye on the left side of the road. I think I actually turned my head.

Then almost instantaneously--a split second later--three silvery figures started to cross



Sketch of one of the three entities observed near South River, NJ, on Oct. 23, 1963.

the road in front of me. Zip! Zip! Zip! across the road they came. (He said that the first figure was about three yards ahead of the last two, which were about a yard apart.)

I think the light was associated with the figures--an independent light source they were carrying. (He did not see them carrying a light source but saw it only briefly at the point from which they emerged onto the road.) When these things moved, they moved from left to right, across into an area that was wet, which has bothered me: why would they run INTO the cattails? You'd think they would go the other way.

Now, there was something very unusual about these figures: it was in the way they moved. These figures--three to four feet tall--did not run like a normal human being would. I would say that their movements were at least twice as fast as the fastest sprinter.

And their leg movements, which I seem to remember mostly--the tremendous speed at which their legs moved--this was what disturbed me: the speed, and the actual leg movements. It was

almost like they FLUTTERED across the road; they didn't RUN.

The body movements did not look human to me. There was something very unusual about the movement of the legs that I just can't describe. I don't remember seeing any feet. The thing that sticks in my mind are those legs, those small legs, and how quickly they moved--almost like pistons; sort of spindly, but shaped--there was shape to them. I would say it was almost muscular--I could see a calf and a thigh. I'm not certain about the knee (bending), it's been so long; I'm a little confused about that.

REFLECTED LIGHT

They were sort of luminous. Actually, it was like a silver-grey. They seemed to glow once they hit the headlights--the beams reflected off them. But not before that. They crossed ahead of the car at a distance of perhaps 50 to 75 feet. It was a clear night--I think I had the high beams on--and I got a good look at them.

But I could see no features (The head was not overly large, but was round; seeing no features, he could not definitely say whether it was or was not a helmet.) except that they were two-legged, and they were faster than any living thing that I have ever seen, including animals. I've seen deer and all kinds of small game and I never saw anything move that fast.

The arms seemed to be almost like a person who is running. I think the movement was probably natural. It seemed more of a human thing than a mechanical thing, but just extraordinarily fast. I didn't get a back view, that's how fast they moved; all I got was the profile, a sort of 45-degree angle view. (He saw no buttocks on the figures as they ran into the cattails.)

My immediate reaction was just let the automobile come to a stop, but I didn't put the brakes on. I let it stop a mile

down the road. It sort of frightened me. I was going to go back and take a look at this --whatever I saw, but after considering the fact that it was a sort of desolate, lonely area and I had not even a flashlight, I decided to forget about it and just go on about my business.

AFRAID TO GO BACK

I was actually afraid to go back and look. I hate to admit that, but man, I'll tell you, that's the only time in my life that I know I experienced fear. I actually was afraid! That made the hair stand up on my head, or whatever that sensation is.

I was afraid because I felt there were three of these things and only one of me. Yeah, I'm bigger, but whatever I saw, I just didn't think they were--normal, and so I didn't want to get involved in anything I did not know about. I didn't go back, and I didn't report it for the reason that I just didn't want the publicity.

I looked at the speedometer and actually wrote down the reading. I knew the vehicle had stopped a half mile beyond where I saw them; I clocked the distance out to the junction with Route 9 and I had a record of this; but then I changed my mind and decided not to say anything to anybody, and I lost the records. But I'm almost certain it was 2.4 or 2.8 miles from the junction of Route 9. (According to his reference points on the geological survey map, the distance from the encounter site to Route 9 is under 2.4 miles.)

After a while, I began to think that what I had seen was something extraterrestrial, because of all the UFO sightings. That's why I wrote the letter (to Dr. Hynek): I was interested to know if there was a UFO sighting in that area, because then I would feel that maybe there was some relationship.

I hadn't read much (about UFO's); I had heard about them, naturally, in the newspapers and all, but since then I've been

much more interested.

STATEMENT BY WIFE

Well, it was like a week later, when he came home--I don't really remember how long he was gone at the time, he traveled so much--but he told me about it and I thought it seemed rather stupid. I mean, it sounded weird, you know, these strange little guys--they were small, he said, very small, and dressed in silvery (clothes), and zipped across the road real fast. And I laughed! Well, I'm STILL laughing.

Oh, I believed him, but I thought: Ah! I don't know, it probably sounds like children. And yet he kept saying, No, it couldn't have been children because they were too fast and they were silver, and I said, yeah, but because they were small, probably it was some teenagers involved in some prank or something.

He kept saying, no, no, it wasn't anything human. I really don't know. I think he saw something. He just came home so absolutely positive he saw something unusual that...I'm convinced he saw something, but what I really don't know.

At the same time I was glad he didn't go back. I thought that was very wise. I'd read a few articles, of course, of people disappearing. I didn't encourage him to report it because I really didn't think anybody'd believe him.

DISCUSSION BY BLOECHER

In citing the most convincing testimony regarding a reported encounter with strange, unidentified beings, one could scarcely find a more exemplary reporter than this witness.

So far as can be determined from a single face-to-face meeting (and several exchanges of letters and telephone calls), the credibility of this witness seems to be beyond any reasonable question, and his character

above reproach.

He is obviously an intelligent and hard-working young man who, over a period of a few years, developed his own business, now serving a national clientele in its special field. He is a responsible family man with a wife and three children who live in a modest but comfortable home in the community where his business is located.

It seems entirely unlikely that the witness would create out of whole cloth a strange story like the South River encounter, and to deceive his own family with his continued dissimulation. For what purpose? Such behavior would not be consistent with his character or disposition. His credentials are such that our initial skepticism is assuaged. He is certain that he saw what he says he saw, and no more; it is difficult for us to blink it away. In addition, his is by no means a unique experience, being just another piece of a complicated puzzle of growing dimensions and about which he quite clearly has only limited knowledge.

'DETECT AND ESCAPE'

Compared to some other humanoid reports, this experience was brief, relatively straightforward and uncomplicated. It is a fine example of the "detect-and-escape" variety of encounter (a descriptive term for cases in which the witness' attention is caught by some device--a light, in the witness' case, or perhaps the close flyby of a UFO--followed by the brief but explicit exposure of several beings who then make a seemingly frantic effort to avoid detection by escaping into a nearby woods, or into a UFO that waits conveniently nearby, which then departs at high speed).

This serves as a prototype for other reports that could have been drawn from the same scenario: a single and unwitting participant is driving a car or truck down a deserted back road. The time (usually)

is late at night or very early morning. The scene is usually short but unforgettable for the unsuspecting driver: a flash or a bang, followed by the abrupt appearance and hasty departure, upon exposure, of two or three (usually) smallish figures of unusual appearance and behavior. An unidentified flying object is optional, being present more often than not.

The diligent researcher is aware of the genre: the classic case of this type, of course, is the report by Patrolman Lonnie Zamora at Socorro, N.M., on April 24, 1964, (See J. Allen Hynek's *THE UFO EXPERIENCE* (Regnery, 1972), pp. 144-45.) although it occurred during daylight and not at night.

Another example is Stanley Moxon's encounter with two little figures and a UFO on a back road near Joyceville, Ontario, on August 23, 1967. (Kingston *WHIG-STANDARD*, August 24, 1967.) As his car lights lit up the scene, the beings retreated hastily within their vehicle which then rapidly departed.

There are numerous examples, some from abroad, but one incident that occurred at Rockville, VA., on May 11, 1969, is of such striking similarity to the South River case that a summary is included later in this report, as it has not been published previously.

CATEGORIES OF SIGHTINGS

It may be important to pay more attention to the relationship between entities and unidentified flying objects. It is possible that we are dealing with several different phenomena, and by noting these associations, we may be able to discover what these differences are.

Reports appear to fall into five (or six) categories, which may be defined as follows:

A. Explicit Occupancy: entity observed only within an object, through window or "port," or in

open "door."

B. Direct Association: entity observed entering and/or leaving object at some point during encounter.

C. Implicit Association: entity seen in immediate environs of object, though not seen entering or leaving it.

D. Circumstantial Association: entity observed during general UFO activity in area by independent witnesses.

E. No known association between entity and UFOs.

F. No object or entity seen, but "contact" alleged, or some psychic experience ("messages," automatic writing, etc.).

The South River encounter, of course, belongs to the fifth category (Type E), because the witness observed no UFO, and there was no record of UFO activity in that area.

In the following incident, strikingly similar but for this single feature, a UFO was reported to have been seen approximately two hours prior to the encounter and less than half a mile away. It is a Type D example.

THE ROCKVILLE, VA. CASE

This incident occurred while I was a staff member of NICAP (the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, at that time located in Washington, D.C.); it was investigated by John Carlson and Karl Pflock, of the Capitol Area Subcommittee, and myself, two weeks after it occurred. We were assisted by Ray Ricketts, a local UFO buff who had already done considerable checking into this case, as well as others in the area.

The following summary is taken from the transcript of our taped interview of May 24 with the witness, Mike Luczkowich, a 20-year-old student living in Manakin, VA., about 12 miles northwest of Richmond.

At 1:45 a.m., on Sunday, May 11, 1969, Luczkowich was driving home after visiting his girl

friend in Rockville, VA. He had turned south onto Route 622 and was passing the Rockville general store when he saw something standing in the road directly ahead of him at a distance of about 50 yards (as measured at the site).

His first thought was that they were a couple of deer, but almost immediately he saw that they were two small humanoid figures, three-and-a-half to four feet tall and wearing large spherical helmets as large as basketballs. Running around the helmets was a vertical circle that reflected the car's headlights with a pale green color.

The figures were standing motionless when they were caught in the car's light beams, but almost immediately they scuttled off to the witness' left, scrambling up an embankment overgrown with weeds and vines.

They had barely disappeared into a field of barley at the top of the four-foot embankment when a third figure dashed into view from the right side of the road, clearly visible in the headlights, about 25 yards in front of the car; it, too, clambered up the bank and vanished into the field. The third figure moved at very high speed.

COVERALL-TYPE GARMENTS

Luczkowich said the men were dressed in light brown coverall-type garments that appeared somewhat baggy in the legs but fit snugly at the ankles. He could not recall having seen their arms and was unable to see any features behind the round helmets.

Shaken by the experience, he told no one about it until late on Sunday. Monday afternoon he returned to the site with Ray Ricketts and two others. They found a definite trail in the poison ivy and honeysuckle on the bank off the left side of the road; at the top was a path trodden into the barley field.

This ended after a few feet in two flattened areas where

small entities had evidently thrown themselves down in the grain: the crushed barley in one of these impressions showed the imprints of two small bodies; the other of only one.

The site was visited by another NICAP staff member the next week, but by that time the barley had been mowed, and all traces were gone. Unfortunately, no photographs had been taken before the barley was cut.

Half a mile to the west and two hours earlier, 18-year-old Debbie Payne was being driven back to her home following a date when she noticed something luminous, of oval shape, appear over her home at the end of the lane. Only briefly visible, it brightened and went out, and reappeared twice before the couple reached Miss Payne's house.

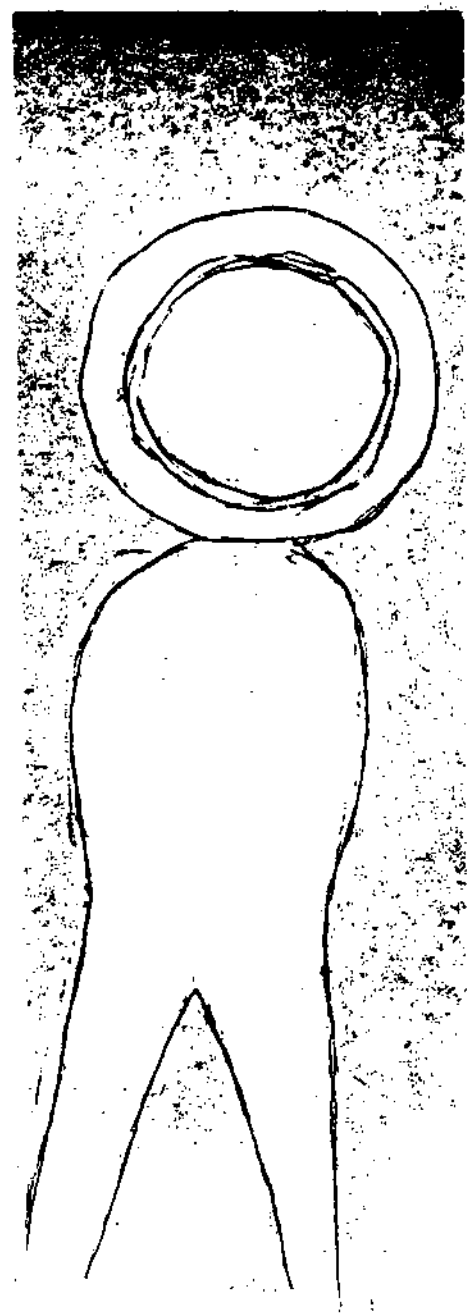
The report is not very strong: according to Miss Payne, her escort did not see the object, and he refused to participate in an inquiry or to give out his name. Except for the proximity of time and place, any connection between the UFO sighting and the humanoid encounter is purely speculative.

CONCLUSION

The Rockville and South River encounters have much in common: the same number of figures of similar size and appearance were seen in each case, and their behavior is of such remarkable uniformity it can hardly be ignored.

It seems reasonable to conclude that if these beings had wanted to remain concealed or unobserved, it would have been a simple matter to do so. The noise and lights of the approaching vehicles gave ample warning of the arrival of potential spectators, and yet their actions suggest that concealment was not their intention: they meant to be seen by these two unsuspecting observers, and we can only guess why.

It is my opinion that the South River witness observed a



Sketch by Michael Luczkowich of one of three entities observed at Rockville, VA, on May 11, 1969.

group of three small, humanoid figures of unusual appearance and behavior on a back road in October of 1963, whose origin and purpose remain unknown.

There are compelling reasons to believe they bear some relation to a similar group of figures encountered five and a half years later on a back road at Rockville, Virginia. Both of these incidents are unexplained.

Study Group News

MUFON's Humanoid Study Group very active

By David Webb and Ted Bloecher

MUFON's Humanoid Study Group has established contacts with a number of UFO groups and individuals in an effort to conduct followups on certain humanoid reports, securing important additional material on many older cases. Responses have already provided the HSG's files with valuable information.

Recent emphasis has also been on updating the catalogs for 1973 and 1974 cases. Case references for these two years is now probably the most comprehensive for any years with the exceptions of 1954 and 1967. Hidden cases continue to surface, and our present total of 64 reports for the wave year of 1973 includes 15 additional references that have come to our attention since the publication of Webb's 1973--YEAR OF THE HUMANOID, just six months ago!

The 1974 total now stands at 38 cases (as of June, 1975), an average yearly total that somewhat exceeds the norm (30 per annum for 900 cases between 1946 and 1975). Several of these 1974 reports are potentially significant cases. Bloecher presented a paper on the 1974 cases at the MUFON Symposium in Iowa in July. His presentation, "A Catalog of Humanoid Reports for 1974," was published in the 1975 Symposium Proceedings.

The Center for UFO Studies has recently provided us with many leads on a number of interesting cases, including many of those described below. Peter Rogerson, formerly an editor of the British Merseyside UFO BULLETIN (MUFOB), recently presented us with a list of more than 40 English references. We are also currently in touch with French sources who have exten-

sive humanoid files.

The HSG is actively pursuing followups on a number of older cases. The more than 20 listed below are those for which specific followups are underway, or for which material has already been received.

Listed with each report is the date, location, time, brief summary, and the status of the investigation. Please write to either Bloecher or Webb if you have further leads in any of these cases, or for any references that have not as yet come to our attention.

Once again we would like to thank the many MUFON representatives and friends who have contributed material to the HSG files. Without this splendid assistance, our efforts to increase the HSG's input would be much more difficult. We appreciate your interest and co-operation.

September, 1951. Near Joliet, IL. Night. A young minister encountered a grey, oval object in which two occupants attempted to question him. He did not respond, believing they were spies related to the Korean War. He subsequently suffered lasting physical symptoms. Case being investigated by Ann Druffel and Shlomo Arnon.

Spring, 1953. Prospect Heights, IL. 22:50. Woman observed disc-shaped UFO with steam coming out underside. Windows through which could be seen 3 figures working controls. Duration--5 min. From Center; Capt. Robert Runser investigating.

October, 1957. Allen Park, MI. 22:00. Two school teachers saw a round, reddish UFO. One of them saw 2 figures dressed in white uniforms on the craft. From Center; Robert Stinson investigating.

Sept. 2, 1960. Bunnell, FL. 22:30. A married couple observed a UFO. The car they were driving stalled and they saw "people" approaching, then a memory lapse. Possibly an hour of missing time. From Center; Norman Bean investigating.

July 18, 1963. Fern Creek, KY. Early afternoon. 4 boys saw cigar which discharged a small disc which landed. Min. later a small entity seen with large head, tight-fitting clothes, and tubes like a respirator. 2 boys received wounds from a black tube pointed by the entity. Early investigations by Air National Guard and NICAP: William Terry following up.

Oct. 23, 1963. South River, N.J. 23:00. Man driving alone saw 3 beings cross road in front with strange fast "fluttering" motion. Small with silver suits. No UFO. From Center; report by Bloecher and Roger and Hilja Wescott completed and appears in this issue of SKYLOOK.

1964 (tentative date). Casitas Dam (near Ventura), Calif. 11:00. Two men taking pictures at newly opened dam observe object rise up out of water. A cone surmounted the top, out of which an occupant peered at the two men. The object ascended rapidly and moved off toward the mountains, but not before a photograph had been taken. (see September, 1974, SKYLOOK) From the Center. Investigator: Robert Neville.

Summer, 1964. Pt. Isabel, OH. Late at night. A couple saw a creature over 6 ft. tall with gold, glowing eyes and wide shoulders. Body hair not obvious; had pointed chin and large ears. Just vanished from short distance. No UFO. Source and investigator: Len Stringfield.

About August 13, 1965. Wav-

erly, Iowa. Afternoon. Man and his teen-aged son observed descent of object like two saucers edge-to-edge; upon approaching the area of apparent landing, the son observed a furtive figure behind some trees in area. Closer examination of site revealed no further evidence of object or entity. Investigated and reported by Ralph Degraw.

April, 1966. Eliot, ME. Eve. Group of people during UFO flap saw a strange dog, then one of them saw an indistinct creature; the witness went temporarily berserk. From Betty Hill; John Oswald following up.

July 18, 1967. Boardman, OH. 01:30. Minister saw a silver-suited figure wearing gloves and a helmet. Had human features, about 5 ft. tall. Telepathic communication. No. UFO. Early investigation by John Keel; followup report completed by Ted Spickler. Low weight.

Fall, 1967. Pt. Isabel, OH. 21-22:00. 3 people saw a being similar to previous Pt. Isabel report. They shot at the creature and it disappeared in a mist. No UFO. Source and investigator: Len Stringfield.

August, 1968. Madeira Beach, FL. Dusk. Two women saw a transparent globe with a hooded man inside guiding controls. Red glow from globe. Duration 3-4 min. From Center; pending local investigation.

Oct. 15, 1968. Kingman, AZ.

Corrections listed for 1975 Proceedings

The following editing errors in your 1975 proceedings are to be corrected as follows:

Page 27, second paragraph from bottom: Delete the names James McDonald and Dr. E. U. Condon. Sentence should read: "I would like to know what has happened to the private files of Charles Maney, Frank Edwards, Morris K. Jessup and others."

Page 26, second paragraph, 4th line should read:...."American journal of UFO research..."

A complex case involving UFOs, a footprint, silhouetted figures seen by two young men in the desert. Low weight. From Center; Michael Schultz and Loren Reichert investigating.

August, 1969. Rowley, MA. Couple observed UFO at 01:00 then at 03:00 heard an unearthly, loud voice outside house for about 20-30 min. Source and investigator: John Oswald.

Oct. 1973. Amesbury, MA. A couple was awakened in early morning by a high-pitched "conversation" outside their bedroom window. Heard from 10-15 min. Location near above report. Source and investigator: John Oswald.

Oct. 15, 1973. Omro, WI. After midnight, 3 small humanoid appeared in man's bedroom and examined him. They were bald, had wrinkled skin, and pointed ears. Was paralyzed and had headaches. From Center; Lee Mehcz and Lois Sayen investigating.

Oct. 17, 1973. Eupora, MS. Night. Two UFOs hovered over highway; one landed. One car stalled. Entity came out onto railing. Had one eye, wide mouth, flipper feet, and webbing between legs. From Center; Jack King and P. Nicaise investigating.

Oct. 17, 1973. Baltimore, MD 03:45. A woman heard a loud noise and saw a red, transparent object with a figure standing inside. From Center; Richard Hall investigating.

Oct. 19, 1973. Goshen, OH. 21:00. A man saw a landed UFO and 3 shadowy figures moving about. After 3 min. the figures climbed up a ladder and the UFO took off. Sources and investigators: Charles Wilhelm and Len Stringfield.

Oct. 26, 1973. Terra Alta, WV. Police officer, en route to site of UFO sighting atop nearby Caddell Mountain fire tower, ditches his auto upon encounter with strange four-foot creature who crossed the road ahead of him. Pending investigation by Ted Spickler.

California UFO meeting set Sept. 27

The Los Angeles and Orange County sections of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics are planning a two-part joint symposium for Saturday, Sept. 27.

The morning session is entitled "Hypotheses Concerning the Origin of UFO's" and will begin at 8:30 a.m. Program chairman is Dr. William F. Hassel, who is also state section director for Los Angeles County for MUFON. The speakers will be Dr. Robert M. Wood of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallee of the Institute for the Future, James M. McCampbell (Research Director of MUFON), and Stanton T. Friedman, consultant to MUFON.

The afternoon session, co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the World Future Society, is entitled "A Future to Create," and will include four papers and a panel discussion by four PhDs.

Papers to be presented at the Symposium will be included in a proceedings volume available at the meeting for \$5 and by mail from Friedman (31628 Trevor Ave. Hayward, CA 94544) for \$5.25 (postpaid), and not from the AIAA.

Advance registration including a luncheon and the program for non-members of the societies is \$8.50 and should be sent directly to AIAA Western Headquarters, Suite 800, 9841 Airport Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045 before Sept. 15. At the door it will be \$13.75.

The sessions will be held at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Auditorium at 111 N. Hope St. in downtown Los Angeles.

Family reports UFO landing on road near Mellen, WI

Date of sighting: March 13, 1975.

Location of sighting: Mellen, WI.

On the night of March 13, 1975, the Philip Baker family was watching the beginning of the "Harry-O" TV program and 15-year-old Jane Baker was taking the cats to the garage where they stayed each night. As she reached the garage door, Jane heard "strange high-toned noises."

She looked to the north and saw what appeared to be an object sitting on, or just above, the road which goes over a hill north of their home. The hill, which was snow-covered, was lit up by the object, according to the witness.

Jane described the object as disc-shaped, silver, with a domed top, giving off an overall yellowish-white glow. Flashing red and green lights were located around the middle of the object.

After putting the cats in the garage, Jane summoned her father. The two went back outside and the object was still at the same location; about 320 feet away. However, there was now a square area in the middle of the object which appeared to be an opening and which gave off the same yellowish-white glow that had surrounded the entire object earlier. (The overall glow was subsiding at this point, and there were no flashing red and green lights nor noise.)

The two then walked to their driveway, about 300 feet from the object, where they heard what appeared to be the banging of metal against metal. (This of course suggests the possibility of a repair operation; see the July, 1975, SKYLOOK.)

Other members of the family--

Mrs. Baker, 16-year-old Monty, 12-year-old John, and 11-year-old Jeff--also saw the object through a window.

Mr. Baker and Jane went back into the house, where the father called the sheriff's office. As he was talking on the phone, they heard a loud "boom" from outside. Jane looked through the window and the object had disappeared.

The next day Jane went out to examine the landing site. Looking towards a swampy area of pine trees she again saw what appeared to be the object seen the night before. This time, however, the object was hovering over the trees. There was no glow, nor were there any flashing lights nor sound. Jane went back into the house to get heavier clothing.

When she came back out, she brought the family dog. As she proceeded towards the object, the dog yelped, whined, pawed at its ears, then became completely still. Jane took the dog back into the house, and when she returned, the object was gone.

Later that morning, she, Monty, and John walked to the site where the object had been seen on (or slightly above) the road the previous night. They found a round area on the road where the snow was "fluffed up," obliterating bicycle tracks made before the object was sighted. An auto track through the "fluffed up" area indicated that a car had passed over the site between the time the object had been seen and the time the site was examined by the witnesses.

It was estimated that the object was approximately 12 feet in diameter.

There were reportedly several additional sightings in the area of Ashland, WI., about 20 miles north of Mellen, the night of March 13.

Fort Smith UFO meeting expanding

The UFO conference in Ft. Smith, Ark., scheduled for Oct. 17-19 has definitely expanded from an area conference to a national conference, according to Bill Pitts, director.

As announced last month, the conference will feature the leaders of the top four UFO groups in the U.S.: Coral and Jim Lorenzen of APFO, John Acuff of NICAP, Walt Andrus of MUFON, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies).

Also on the program will be Stanton T. Friedman, well-known UFO lecturer and space scientist; Maj. (Ret.) Dewey Fournet, veteran UFO authority; Philip Klass, perhaps the best known critic of UFO research; Charles Hickson, the key witness in the famous Pascagoula case; Ray Stanford, project director for Project Starlight International; Capt. Stephen Pease, NORAD's space object identification analyst; and an FAA radar team.

Hickson is scheduled to take a polygraph (lie detector) test in Fort Smith, conducted by registered polygraph experts from the Fort Smith Police Department and the Arkansas State Police.

Advance reservations will be accepted until Oct. 1 at \$12.50 per person; registrations after that date (including at the meeting) will be \$17.50 per person. The registration includes all meetings and events, including the Saturday evening buffet dinner. No refunds, due to cancellations, will be made after Oct. 1.

Motel reservations should be made directly with the Trade Winds Inn (a Best-Western motel) 101 N. 11th, Ft. Smith, Ark. 72901 (phone 501 785-4121), specifying attendance at the UFO conference.



In Others' Words

By Lucius Farish

The July 1 issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER told of FBI involvement in the UFO subject and Dr. Hynek's recent article for the FBI LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN. The July 8 ENQUIRER contained a police report of UFOs seen over an atomic power plant in Maine. A fascinating article on Soviet UFO activity appeared in the July 15 ENQUIRER. This is a very good supplement to Joe Brill's recent SKYLOOK articles.

Other recent UFO articles--mostly rehash and usually brief--have appeared in the June 22 issues of NATIONAL TATTLER and in the July 15 and July 22 issues of NATIONAL STAR.

An excerpt from Dr. Frank Salisbury's book, THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY, is featured in the August issue of FATE.

Brad Steiger's article in the August issue of SAGA deals with the possibility that UFOs are attempting to communicate with Earth through symbols and mathematics. John Keel's column in this issue is devoted to a discussion of the Bermuda Triangle.

The Carbondale, PA. "UFO lantern" case of last November is discussed in the August issue of MEN. The article contains some errors, but also has some points of interest and is better than most of the articles of this type in MEN, MALE, STAG and other such magazines.

HARPER'S WEEKLY devoted two pages to the UFO subject in their June 13 issue. This consists of an interview with Dr. Hynek, Terry Mitchell's thoughts on UFOs and possible propulsion methods, and a sampling of familiar UFO photos.

For Bermuda Triangle fans, Charles Berlitz's THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE is out in paperback from Avon Books; Adi-Kent Thomas Jeffrey's THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE has been published by Warner

Paperback Library; and THE RIDDLE OF THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE, edited by Martin Ebon, is available from New American Library.

Readers who read French may be interested in a recently-published Canadian book, LE PROCES DES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES (THE TRIAL OF FLYING SAUCERS). I have not seen a copy of the book, but it purports to be a summation of evidence for UFO reality, as well as being a good source of information on UFO events which have taken place in Quebec. The book is soft-cover, 260-pages in length, with drawings and illustrations. It may be ordered from the author, Claude Mac Duff, at: 8616 rue Foucher - Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2P 2C5. The price is \$6.00.

If you like rehash, you'll love John Wallace Spencer's second book, NO EARTHLY EXPLANATION. It is a potpourri of material culled from newspapers, the von Daniken books, NASA press releases, etc. Spencer's LIMBO OF THE LOST somehow managed to become a best-seller, so he apparently hopes to follow up with the present conglomeration. Spencer always makes much of the fact that he was once a NICAP member. At the time he belonged to the organization, the only "qualification" for membership was the willingness to part with a \$5.00 bill. For reliable information on UFOs, the Bermuda Triangle and other such topics, the reader is strongly advised to seek elsewhere. NO EARTHLY EXPLANATION is available from Phillips Publishing Co. - 23 Hampden St. - Springfield, MA 01103; the price is \$6.95, plus 45¢ postage.

Forthcoming books include: THE UNIDENTIFIED by Jerome Clark & Loren Coleman (Warner Paperback Library - August) - THE EDGE OF REALITY by J. Allen Hynek &

Jacques Vallee (Henry Regnery-Fall) - THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE by Jacques Vallee (E. P. Dutton - Fall) THE EIGHTH TOWER by John Keel (Saturday Review Press? - January 1976).

PSI changes policy on memberships and magazine

Ray Stanford, project director for Project Starlight International (PSI), Austin, Texas, has announced that memberships, per se, are no longer available in PSI.

In explaining the policy change, Stanford said, "PSI is primarily an organization for scientific, instrumented UFO research, and has discovered that too many time-consuming public relations problems are involved in the issuing of memberships to the public at large."

Douglas Johnson, associate editor of the planned PSI JOURNAL, also announces that the JOURNAL will not be produced bi-monthly as announced, because the publications work required would interfere with the field research program of PSI. Present plans call for the JOURNAL to be issued on an irregular basis as sufficient material of importance becomes available.

Stanford says the JOURNAL will be sent to scientists, engineers, and technical persons whose past records of UFO research seem to warrant it. The JOURNAL will also be sent on a complimentary basis to certain members of the media and to "other persons who make reasonable contributions (monetary or otherwise) to PSI." Says Stanford, "The publication will be provided on no other basis."

Another mysterious ball found— this time in South Africa

EDITOR'S NOTE: While there has been no UFO tie-in with previous "mystery balls," interest in the POSSIBILITY of some relationship remains high. This case has not been investigated by UFO researchers, and is printed only as a matter of possible interest. The only information thus far comes from the following article which was printed in the Aug. 2, 1975, issue of the CAPE ARGUS, Cape Town, Union of South Africa. (The article was sent to SKYLOOK by Cynthia Hind, MUFON representative for Rhodesia, through Joe Brill.

By Ted Olsen

The mysterious metallic sphere which crashed to earth on Tuesday night, narrowly missing a Joubertina farmhouse and shattering a granite-hard boulder, has created a storm of intrigue and talk of UFOs in the Southern Cape district.

Yesterday I visited Oudtshoorn where the blackened ball is under police guard.

At an arranged time and briefing on security precautions, I was allowed to examine the strange round object which has the town buzzing with speculation.

Where it came from no one has been able to say.

"A few things are certain—it never came from outer space or it would have disintegrated. Its construction would lead us to believe it was man-made," an expert from a government department involved in the investigation told me.

"But what is bothering us is that so far we have not been able to identify the metal. It must be extremely hard and it must have fallen from a great height, as it shattered a boulder when it struck earth and is only slightly dented."

The mystery deepened when farmers in the Joubertina and Matjies River areas disclosed that the sphere fell to earth after a bright UFO had been spotted streaking across the night sky.

For several nights bright red, green and white balls of light had flashed soundlessly over the farming district.

Police were called and confirmed the UFO mystery. But they were unable to answer the farmers' questions.

Then on Tuesday, just hours after the last UFO sighting, Louis Mwa, a labourer's son on the farm Kransfontein, which belongs to Mr. Japie Kritzing, found the sphere near the farmhouse—lying amid splinters of shattered rock.

A gaping hole in the hollow ball had led experts to believe it was involved in some kind of explosion.

Now a special government department in Pretoria has been notified by telegram and a decision is being taken on where to ship the cause of the mystery for closer inspection.

Faint lettering in what appears to be code on the shell has served to heighten the intrigue.

After a few minutes with the ball, I was ushered out of the security area.

Outside on the streets, in shops and cafes, people were discussing the enigma. It was any man's guess—the Russians, the CIA, intelligent beings from somewhere out there, some unwelcome night visitor had left a calling card.

"One good thing—it might help shabby winter tourist business along a bit if you let enough people know what we have here in Oudtshoorn," a taxi driver told me on the way back to the airport and Cape Town.

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"UFO Research Proposals: What, Who, and How Much?" by Dr. Jacques Vallee, author of **Anatomy of a Phenomenon**, etc.

"Unidentified Flying Objects: The Emerging Evidence" by Ted Phillips, MUFON specialization coordinator.

The **1975 Proceedings** is available from **MUFON**, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Sequin, Texas 78155 for \$4.00 postpaid.

Reliability of witness questioned

New Hampshire report may be a hoax

Date of sighting: May 20, 1974; also preliminary reports from April, May, and June, 1974.

Location of sighting: Hampton Beach, N.H.; also surrounding areas.

Investigators: Dave Webb, MUFON State Director for Massachusetts; and John Oswald, Massachusetts UFO Research Center.

Further details have been uncovered on the Hampton Beach, N.H. occupant report of May 20, 1974, outlined in the September 1974, issue of SKYLOOK. Investigation has provided evidence that the entire story could have been a hoax.

The witness (we will call him P) works summers at Hampton Beach, an ocean-side resort area in southeastern New Hampshire. In an interview, P's employer during the summer of 1973 said that P had fabricated an intricate story about some stolen money, a story to which P later confessed.

Although his 1974 summer employer was satisfied with his work, P quit his job two weeks after his alleged sighting, having been on the job only a month. He left no forwarding address and we are out of touch with him. Could he have quit his job to avoid having to confess to another lie?

Added to the implications mentioned in our first report, i.e. P has some possible mental problems, he professes some strange religious beliefs, and he is a "repeater," we are left with little choice but to assign the label "Possible Hoax" to this report until the witness can be traced for further questioning.

Included are two sketches of the craft drawn by the witness and a map of the area. Despite the doubts cast on the witness' credibility, this report remains of interest because of a small flap that was taking

place in the southern New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts area at the time. Two of these sightings were mentioned in our initial report. The June 6 case in South Hampton (about 5 mi west of Hampton Beach) was reported on p. 11 of the September SKYLOOK. Six other cases have been completely or partially investigated in this area in the May-June 1974 period. These are described below in chronological order.

April 28: Greenland, N.H. A low flying, orange UFO described as looking like a hockey puck was seen in the vicinity of Pease AFB. It was moving very rapidly. The Portsmouth, N.H., police were notified at 1:10 a.m. by the single male witness. (Investigated by John Oswald.)

May 19: (probable date): Nassua, N.H. A mother, daughter, and son observed a bright object about $\frac{1}{4}$ mi away at 9 p.m. It hovered, then seemed to move into a nearby forest. No evidence of a landing was found. This sighting was about 8 hr. earlier and 38 mi southwest of the Hampton Beach report. (Investigated by Bill Haydock.)

May 20: Kingston, N. H. A woman saw a series of 3 lights fly by her window at 9:30 p.m. They were each estimated to be no larger than two ft, and only 5-10 ft away! This was the evening after the Hampton Beach case and 14 mi WSW. (Investigated by John Oswald.)

June 8: Gloucester, Mass. - At about 2:30 a.m. a woman saw a large, oscillating object described as a bright silver disc with a line of blurred windows. Preliminary investigation indicates the possibil-

ity of an astronomical misidentification. Gloucester is 22 mi south of Hampton Beach.

June 14: Nassua, N.H. There were three separate encounters between 12:35 and 2 a.m. of an upside down saucer-shaped UFO that rose up from behind trees only 300 ft from the witness. It was very large, with a metallic upper part and darker lower half joined by red lights around the rim. Possibly the same object was later seen zig-zagging over the Nassua airport. (Investigated by Fred Youngren and Ray Fowler.)

June 18: Sudbury, Mass. - At 9:30 p.m. a bright, yellow pulsating ball was seen by 4 people crossing the sky in about 2 min. At about 10 p.m. they saw a similar object only 300 ft. away. It travelled in a smooth path, then its path became erratic and a shaft of white light was directed toward the ground. It was over a pond and two sets of power lines. (Investigated by Nat Gold and Ray Fowler.)

Detailed reports on the above sightings will be submitted to SKYLOOK as they become available.

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Farmer sees object, humanoids on ground

EDITOR'S NOTE: This case was reported in SKYLOOK several years ago. Ted Phillips suggested, however, that since SKYLOOK's circulation was quite small then, perhaps most of our current readers have not heard of this case. It is short and interesting, so we agreed that it might be worthwhile to describe it again, including drawings.

By Ted Phillips

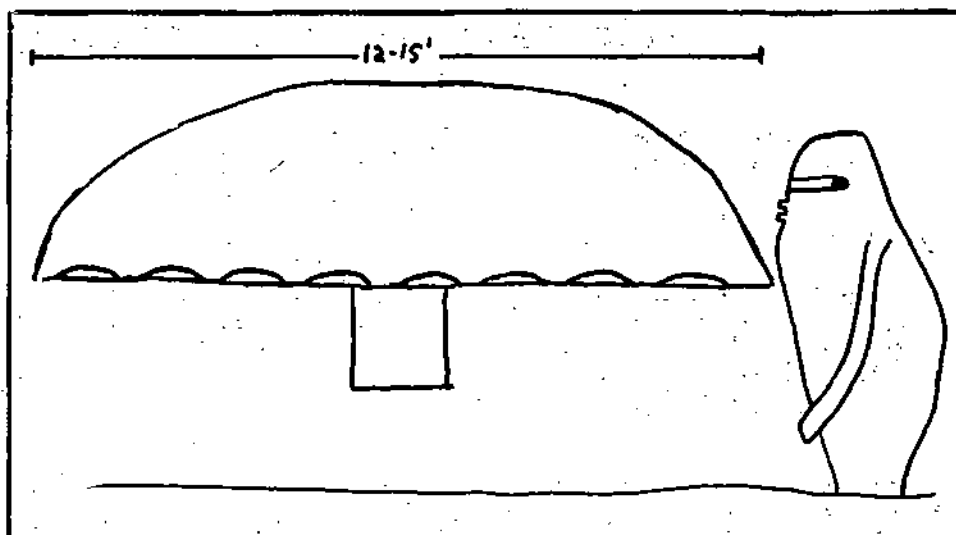
This sighting took place at 0700 on Feb. 14, 1967, in a very rugged portion of the state about 30 miles south of Jefferson City, Mo.

The witness, a 63-year-old farmer, was walking to a barn located about 100 feet east of his home when he noted a cow looking out into a field just east of the barn. He then saw a gray-green object 335 feet away and thought it was a parachute.

As he neared the barn he could see the object was a disc, resting on a shaft which extended downward from the center of the base. Beneath the object he could see several small creatures which were moving about rapidly. They seemed to have levers or arms which were also moving rapidly. The creatures were also gray-green in color and had wide set eyes; he could not see any legs.

The witness placed a bucket of feed inside the barn and approached the object. The sun was just rising and the ground was well illuminated.

As he reached the first of two fences, he paused and "as I came through the first gate I picked up two rocks, pretty good size, one of them was. I got up to about 30 feet of it and it was sitting there kind of rocking slightly, and I thought, boy here goes, I'm going to knock a hole in that thing and see what the hell it is. I cut down on it, and the rock stopped along about 15 feet from it and just hit the ground. The next rock I thought I would throw on top



of it and it just hit something and bounced."

Just before the rock-throwing incident, the witness noted that the creatures moved around behind the shaft and disappeared. At that point he was only 80 feet from them. "I thought I was going right up to it, I got up to about here (15 feet from the object) and there it was, I just walked up against a wall, I couldn't see it at all, there was just a pressure."

He described the object: "It just looked like a big shell, grayish-green looking outfit, underneath there were oblong holes where the lights were coming out. They were so bright you couldn't see when you got up there."

As he stood there, 15 feet from the object, it started to rock slightly off the vertical; it did this six times before it took off. "When it took off, it just rocked back and moved real fast to the left of that ridge. It made no sound and disappeared in seconds. It didn't make any sound at all, no odor at all. The shaft was pulled up into it as it took off. I never seen anything like it, it looked like silk or something, I couldn't tell though, if I could have hit it with that rock...."

The witness described the object as a disc, rounded at the top, flattened at the base. It was some 12-15 feet in diameter and about 6 feet thick. It was resting on a shaft 2½ feet in height, 18 inches in diameter. The surface was described as more like silk than metal. No seams or rivets could be seen. Around the lower rim, several holes, oblong with a diameter of 6-8 inches, about 1 foot apart. The light was constantly changing colors: "They were all the colors of the rainbow."

The object was seen for about 5 minutes. No traces were found. It took this writer several months to locate the witness as he would not talk to reporters. His sighting was made known by his brother after he witnessed a landing five nights later on his farm just across the road. His observation took place on Feb. 19, 1967. At about 2130 he went outside to investigate his dogs who were barking loudly. He saw a reddish light 140 feet from his house. He approached the light and walked to within 90 feet of it. It suddenly became multi-colored and climbed vertically to an altitude of about 300 feet, turned bright green and disappeared at high speed. No sound was heard.

Barry Downing concludes that

Moyer's book not for everyone

A Review by the
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THE DAY OF CELESTIAL VISITATION (Second Edition), by Ernest P. Moyer, Exposition Press, Inc., Hicksville, New York, 1975, \$12.50. Published in 1970 under the title **GOD, MAN AND THE UFO'S**.

In many ways Ernest P. Moyer's **THE DAY OF CELESTIAL VISITATION** is one of the best efforts so far to seek a religious solution to the UFO problem. Still, I doubt that it will have a very wide reading.

I will outline what the book does, and then explain why it will not be too popular. The real strength of the book lies in the fact that it raises one of the most serious problems facing a scientific study of UFO's--the problem of revelation. Moyer is trained as an electrical engineer, but he has the grasp of the nature of scientific method that is philosophically close to Jacques Vallee. He is not a typical engineer!

SCIENCE AND CONTACTEES

There are many problems in the UFO field, but perhaps none so great as to how to treat scientifically UFO contact cases, especially when the contact involves some message to the contactee. NICAP has more or less avoided contact cases all together. If UFO's stay in the air, and are chased by Air Force jets, that's fine. But if they

land on the ground and UFO beings start talking to humans, or take them on board their craft, forget it!

This fear of the contact case is partly legitimate. The contactee may be out to take US for a ride, or to gain public exposure through sensational reports. But at the same time that part of us refuses to believe the contact reports, there is another part which asks, "If UFO's are there, why don't they contact us?" The answer, of course, is maybe they have, but we don't believe it. One case in point is that of Barney and Betty Hill, described by John Fuller in **INTERRUPTED JOURNEY**. Is this a true contact case, a fraud, or a case of psychological transference?

Even if we knew for sure the Hill case was a fact, we then have another problem. How does scientific method deal with revelation material--that is, what the UFO beings said to Betty and Barney? Scientists are used to dealing with a reality which does not try to hide facts from them. Reality may be hidden from the scientist--he may not understand why the law of gravity works--but he does not believe the law of gravity is playing games with him, or trying to hide from him, or showing only part of itself to him. He believes if he looks hard enough, what is hidden will be revealed.

But what if you are dealing with an intelligent reality from another world--space beings, angels, God, or whatever--and what if these beings have a hidden motive for showing us some facts, and hiding others? How can the scientist deal with this? How can he keep from being manipulated? How can he really prove anything? He can't. There science as we know it ends.

It is here that Moyer's book begins. For that reason, pure scientists will not like Moyer's book. Still, Moyer is raising an important issue, although a very uncomfortable one.

PROBLEMS OF REVELATION

Revelation is usually thought of as a religious issue--in fact, scientists have usually been content to leave revelation material to religious people. How do religious leaders deal with the problem of revelation? How do you know what revelations to believe, and what not?

The church has solved this problem by developing a canon--The Bible--that is, a body of material which the church has labeled "true" revelation. Other revelations--the modern person who claims to have seen angels, or the Virgin Mary, are usually shot down. Most religious leaders treat revelation as something that happened during Bible times, but not now.

From a scientific point of view, there is no logical or empirical proof that revelations happened then, but not now. Still, the average clergyman cannot spend his life running around checking out every person who claims to have a revelation, so the church's canon rule is something I believe in as of practical help to me, although not justified in any way in terms of what is TRUE.

MOYER'S ANSWER

Which finally brings us to Moyer's book. There are three parts to it. Part I deals with what he believes to be legitimate modern contact UFO cases--including Jonathan Swift's **GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** as the first modern case. He sees the "fly-



Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, left, one of the featured speakers at the 1975 MUFON Symposium chats with Len Stringfield, public relations director for MUFON.



Joe Gurney admires the cover of the 1975 MUFON Symposium Proceedings, which he co-edited with MUFON Director Walt Andrus.

ing island" in Gulliver as a UFO which took Swift aboard and revealed to him truths, such as the two moons of Mars, 100 years before they were discovered by telescope. English literature people will say Moyer's theory is wild--Swift was a satirist, not a UFO contactee. Moyer argues that Swift used satire to save his own neck. He did not dare tell the truth in undisguised form. Swift's revelation from UFO beings is itself disguised in a hidden form. We have a revelation in a revelation.

Other contact cases used by Moyer are George Adamski, Daniel Fry, Villas-Boas, and the Hills. Adamski and Fry have not been accepted by the scientific UFO community. Therefore, Moyer will not make many friends by accepting the possibility that their stories are essentially true. I say essentially because Moyer says we have to take into account the personalities of the contactees--who were deliberately chosen by the UFO beings because of their unique personality types, as part of the overall revelation plan.

THE EARTH'S HISTORY

Part II of Moyer's book attempts to deal with the whole human history of the earth. It boggles the mind to think of having this as Part II of a three part book! Moyer thinks

that the main problem of human history goes back to a time when the earth was shifted on its axis so that our inclination of more than 20 degrees gives us our wild weather patterns--summer, winter, high winds. Before this axis shift, the weather conditions were the same year round. When the shift came about, probably due to the sinking of a continent, all hell broke loose, or actually, a great flood.

Moyer examines the Bible and many ancient myths concerning the life of man before and after the Deluge. Most scholars would fault Moyer for treating myths as historical facts, just as they would fault him for treating Swift's satire as disguised revelation. I found this section of the book rather difficult reading. Furthermore, Moyer here introduces the URANTI BOOK as a source of revelation as divinely inspired as the Bible. I can't prove the book does not come from on high, but my instincts, if not my scientific method, are suspicious.

BIBLICAL CONTACT CASES

Part III finally gets to the specifically religious end toward which Moyer has been moving. He begins it with an excellent chapter on the problem of time and space as a revelational issue. Others have worked with the problem, too, however,

and he does not mention them. He deals then with specifically Biblical UFO contact cases--Moses, Elijah, Ezekiel, Jesus, and Paul--materials which have been dealt with in other books. He does not mention Josef Blumrich's THE SPACESHIPS OF EZEKIEL, although it was published after the 1970 edition of Moyer's work.

In any case, the outcome of the whole thing is a kind of LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH thesis, such as that of Hal Lindsey, whom Moyer does not mention either. The angels, the messengers, have been telling us that if we don't shape up morally, we will blow ourselves up with an atomic holocaust.

On balance, I admire the hard work that Moyer has put in to try to cover the ground he has marked out for himself. There are very few people I know who know enough to give his book a fair review. There is much research he has done which I know little about. His scientific method seems sound, and he has raised many important issues. Still, most scientists will be scared off by his interest in revelation, most religious people will be scared off by the way he treats Adamski, THE URANTI BOOK, and the Bible, as of almost equal authority. And the average UFO reader will not have the patience or the background knowledge to know what it is Moyer is trying to do.

How do we cope with spacemen?

By Richard Hall
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Ron Westrum's article in the June 1975 SKYLOOK, continuing our friendly debate on how to cope with spacemen, gives me a much better understanding of his views. I find much to commend in the application of insights from sociology to UFO research. There are many useful suggestions and much food for thought. When it comes to theorizing about extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI), we part company. Exactly why is clearer to me as a result of the article.

Aztecs and Spaniards

I agree that we may be to the ITIs as the Aztecs were to the Spaniards. But what this example really tells us is that the Aztecs could not explain the Spanish ships, horses, and hardware in terms of their own technology/culture. So they were baffled, and self-deceived into thinking the Spaniards were gods. In some parallel way, we may be self-deceived in our "spaceship" interpretation of UFOs. However, is it wise, or even necessary, to jump from there to the notion that the ETI "Spaniards" are deliberately deceiving the 20th Century "Aztecs"?

Ron now depicts something akin to controlled and purposeful "information management," along with testing, to prepare us for contact. That is an interesting idea to keep in mind. Still, the same baffling phenomena that Ron finds it necessary to account for in this way can, in my view, be accommodated more simply and directly by considering them to be cultural/technological displays for which we have no adequate analogies in

our 20th Century "Aztec" society; therefore they baffle us. If these phenomena are artificial ones intended to deceive us, the ITIs need not be "omniscient" or "omnipotent" to befuddle us. We regularly mislead animal and human subjects in psychological tests. All that is needed is to hold all the cards and to be in the controlling position. There is no reason to believe that we can influence or control the ETIs in any way.

A 'Narrow Gap'

What we are observing could be a "narrow gap" on the order of Spaniard/Aztec, in which voyagers from space, roughly humanoid in form, are coming here in vehicles whose technology we don't understand. Or, considering some of the more bizarre "high strangeness" cases, a "wide gap," in which the supposed beings are of a form or origin beyond our present concepts. This would be even more baffling, without even considering motives.

It seems to me to be a circular argument to impute motives or purposes (tactical deception, testing, preparation for interspecies contact) to our hypothetical spacemen in order to account for some of the baffling phenomena which have provided the basis for our "spacemen" hypothesis to begin with. We think they are spacemen because of the extraordinary "vehicles" and "occupants" that have been observed, and the rest remains to be explained. Ron would "explain" the rest by supposing the spacemen have a certain set of motives or intentions. I would "explain" the rest by supposing that it flows directly from the cultural/technological gap, from relative human ignorance and inexperience. In my view, we don't

have any way of knowing the answer at present, and can only guess from among a number of possibilities until we gather and analyze a lot more data.

Risky Business

I maintain that it is a risky business and possibly self-deceiving to project human notions of "strategy" and "deception" onto spacemen, and even more so to insist that we "must" adopt this approach. At the same time, I recognize the essential reasonableness of what Ron is suggesting. Human travellers to another populated planet might well conceal certain facets of their capabilities or intentions from the natives for various reasons that are not hard to imagine. But reasoning from human analogies could take us far afield from the truth unless the ETIs think and behave very much like we do.

Behind the phenomena there may be neither gods nor conquerors, nor even friendly visitors with whom it is possible to interact and communicate. Suppose the ETIs are to us as we are to ants? Suppose "they" are interested in us only as biological and sociological specimens? Suppose "they" are preparing to use the earth as an Eniwetok atoll to test some super space weapon and its effects on biological beings? Suppose "they" are not spacemen at all in the accepted sense, and are entities from another dimension or time frame? Regardless of which hypotheses we explore, Ron's suggestions about preparing for culture shock are well worth considering. Both the Spaniards and the Aztecs were of the same species (HOMO-SAPIENS), and it is not inconceivable that they could have achieved understanding and harmony. If the ETIs are bene-

ficent, and not too dissimilar, and if their intention is to make contact, we have our work cut out for us. But if the ratio is ETI/ant, we had better stay out from under foot. The point is that we have no way of knowing what STRATEGY to adopt without first knowing where we stand vis-a-vis the ETIs.

A Conclusion

My basic conclusion is that we ought to back off from over-commitment to one possible explanation; instead, we should objectively gather and study data on those baffling phenomena we all agree are there and discern as much as we can about them, continually testing and exploring various hypotheses in the process. In that spirit, exploring the implications for humanity of various possible explanations in a worthwhile enterprise.



Professor Ed Plantz visits with a student at class picnic following the completion of the second UFO course to be offered at the University of Alabama. A total of 32 students took the course taught by Plantz.

Creature sightings reported again in Pennsylvania

By Stan Gordon

Sightings of large hairy anthropoidal-like creatures are again increasing throughout sections of Pennsylvania. The patterns are quite consistent with those which were uncovered in our investigations into the 1973 Pennsylvania creature flap. (For details see the 1974 MUFON Symposium Proceedings.) Since June, 1975, we have had "Bigfoot" reports from six counties, and many other reports are being followed up.

More recently, on July 2, two men were fishing in a wooded area outside of Youngwood, Pa., when they heard a strange "gurgle-like growl" coming from behind them. In a few minutes the sound became louder and the witnesses saw a creature which they can only describe as an "overgrown gorilla." The creature, which was described as being over 9 foot tall and as wide as

a refrigerator, began to approach the fishermen in a hopping-like fashion.

An investigation of the area by the Pennsylvania Center For UFO Research turned up some possible footprints (three-toed tracks), as well as matted out areas in the high grass where the creature was first seen.

On July 10 a police officer in Washington County was patrolling a back road about 4 a.m. when suddenly a large figure leaped from the side of the road directly into the path of his cruiser's headlights. The figure was several feet down the road, but seemed curious about the car.

The officer described the creature as being about 7 feet tall. It had long arms and was stooped over like a man with a bad back. It also had a large head that had a rounded off point at the top. The figure, after leaping into the middle of

the road, looked at the police car for a few seconds then turned and leaped several feet into a wooded area and went out of sight. The police officer stated that he didn't even tell his wife about the incident because he thought no one would believe him.

On July 14 at approximately 12:30 a.m. a father and son traveling on Interstate 70 in Washington County saw a large hairy creature run in front of their vehicle and up the embankment on the right side of the road. The two witnesses, who were very shook up, called police officials, who went to the scene to investigate. The only evidence was that the weeds leading from the road and into the wooded area where it entered were smashed down. In this case the creature was said to be light brown in color, 7 to 8 foot tall, and having large red eyes.

Recapping and commenting

By Richard Hall

This column is directed toward articles appearing in the June, 1975, issue of SKYLOOK).

The UFO emitting light beams on Lake Sorell in Tasmania resembles the one beaming lights down on Greenbriar Lake, Ohio, August 16, 1968 (UFOs: A NEW LOOK, App. D). Its structure bears a striking resemblance to an inverted version of the UFO that buzzed a car in Georgia June 29, 1964 (STRANGE EFFECTS FROM UFOs, p. 5).

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It is refreshing to see a scientist of Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner's stature suggesting and urging a practical and relatively inexpensive way to apply existing instruments to UFO sightings. His proposal to scan weather radar photographs taken in the vicinity of good UFO sightings deserves strong support.

Since pointing out some resemblances between "cloud cigar" UFOs and tornado phenomena (SKYLOOK, No. 91), I have found a further reference in W. R. Corliss' excellent "Strange Phenomena" series in which Dr. Roger N. Shepard made this comparison eight years ago (Corliss, GLD-052). The original articles and commentaries on "Tornadoes: Puzzling Phenomena and Photographs" appeared in SCIENCE magazine January 6 & February 24, 1967.

Friedman has new address, lectures

Stanton T. Friedman, well-known UFO lecturer, MUFON consultant, and nuclear physicist, has announced that his address after Sept. 1 will be: 31628 Trevor Ave., Hayward, CA 94544. His new phone number will be 415-471-0160.

Friedman's current schedule of lectures includes:

Sept. 10: 8 p.m., Emporia, Kansas, State College; Sept. 16, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., California State U., Long Beach, CA; Sept. 18, 10 a.m., Manchester College, N. Manchester, Ind.; Sept. 24, 8 p.m., Indian Hills CC, Ottumwa, IA; Sept. 25, 8 p.m., Simpson College Indianola, IA; Sept. 27, speaker, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Los Angeles, CA;

Oct. 2, 11 a.m., Des Moines Area CC, Ankeny, IA; Oct. 7, 8 p.m., El Camino College, Tor-

Astronomy Notes

By Mark Herbst

September sky

Mercury--on the 13th it is in greatest eastern elongation, but this is a particularly unfavorable elongation, the planet being only about 7 degrees above the horizon at sunset.

Venus--on the 15th it is magnitude -4.0. It is a morning star and rises an hour before the sun.

Mars--In Taurus, now following Aldebaran, it rises late in the evening.

Jupiter--is in Pisces. It rises soon after sunset.

Saturn--is in Cancer. It rises about 4 hours before the sun and is well up in the eastern sky by dawn.

range, CA; Oct. 15, 8 p.m., North Dakota State U., Fargo ND; Oct. 17-19, Ft. Smith Arkansas, UFO Conference; Oct. 24, 8 p.m., W. Florida State U., Pensacola, FL;

Nov. 4, 8 p.m., U. of California, Davis, CA; Nov. 7, 8 p.m., public lecture, St. Louis, Mo; Nov. 10, 8 p.m., SUNY, New Paltz, NY; Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Carthage College, Kenosha, WI; Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Paterson State College, Wayne, NJ;

January 14, 1976, 8 p.m., Mars Hill (N.C.) College; Jan. 15, 8 p.m., W. Carolina U., Cullowhee, NC;

February 25-29, NEC Convention, Washington, D.C.;

March 16, 8 p.m., U. of Texas, Odessa, TX; March 18, 8 p.m., E. Carolina U., Greenville, NC;

May 26, 8 p.m., Ohio State U., Mansfield, OH.