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***** THE LATEST UFO NEWS EVENTS, PREPARED MARCH 31, 1977 *****

IS THE "UMMO" AFFAIR A HOAX? - Readers of the British publication *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (FSR)* are probably well-aware of the legendary European UFO reports centered around the alleged inhabitants of the planet UMMO, details of which have spanned two decades. The "UMMITES" have mailed written technical accounts to a large variety of individuals, with postmarks from London,

Paris, East Berlin, but mostly from Madrid. Two different photographers have provided a total of 7 pictures allegedly depicting the UFO "craft" involved when it flew low over San José de Valderas in Spain on June 10, 1967. Now Dr. Claude Poher of CNES (the French National Center for Space Studies) has analyzed the negatives of the UFO sighted; his conclusion: hoax. The two cameramen were supposed to be 20 feet apart, but judging from the pictures, they couldn't

have been separated by more than three feet - also, the image of the UFO can be easily duplicated by a model. The written documents were judged to be half nonsense; the rest could have been prepared by an educated Earthman. The full report will be printed in the next bulletin of the Center for UFO Studies.

UFO'S AND ANIMAL REACTIONS - Dr. Harold Heaton has specialized in the correlation of UFO activity and reported animal reactions. His findings thus far have been categorized into three classes: 248 cases of changes in animal behavior in the reported presence of UFOs, 46 cases in which animals did not react to UFOs, and 13 incidents when animals reacted to identified flying objects. For further information and sighting reports, contact Dr. Harold Heaton c/o P.O. Box 809, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.

GOVERNMENT UFO INVESTIGATION IN PUERTO RICO - Recently five members of the House of Representatives submitted, for the first time in the history of the Puerto Rican Legislature, a resolution to create a special commission to investigate the UFO phenomenon in Puerto Rico. The legislators feel that during the past years information has been brought to the attention of the public concerning the supposed presence of UFOs over Puerto Rico but that they have not been informed satisfactorily of the facts and conclusions. Though they do not affirm the reality of the sightings, the government officials stated that their only purpose was to bring about investigation and recommendations concerning UFOs, since the people of Puerto Rico have the right to knowledge of this matter.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES ON UFO'S

This section is available for announcements of serious discourses on matters pertaining to the UFO phenomenon. Closing date: the 25th of each month.

JUNE 24 - 26: CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS - The publishers of *FATE* Magazine will sponsor a UFO Congress at the Pick-Congress Hotel in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's "flying saucer" sighting.

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by Dr. J. Allen
Hynek

I call your attention, in this issue, to the Commentary feature. This IFO (Identified Flying Object) nearly got away from us. If it had not been for the persistence and patience of Allan Hendry this strange light over Las Vegas would soon have been listed in various catalogues as a genuine UFO.

All UFO investigators are aware that the great majority of "raw" UFO reports turn out to be reports of IFOs. This is because the general public is woefully untutored about the nature of puzzling (only to them) but quite natural things in the sky. Not only astronomical objects—twinkling bright stars ("It couldn't have been Capella, it was flashing different colors"), planets ("Oh, it was much too bright for a planet!") or meteors ("A meteor?—oh no, it lit up the whole sky!"), but man-made objects as well: satellites, scientific balloons and advertising planes whose rotating "message" lights can indeed fool many people.

Experienced investigators quickly recognize IFOs for what they are. But sometimes it takes hard work to unmask the masquerader, as in the case of the Las Vegas light. Some "ufologists" seem overly anxious to make a UFO out of every strange sounding report. This impedes and discourages serious interest and work on the subject.

IFOs can be important in themselves in serving to "calibrate the system." Familiarity with IFOs helps in the evaluation of the truly puzzling cases. Each month we find a small residue of UFO reports which defy explanation as IFOs, but the Las Vegas light was not one of these. It is a fine object lesson for all of us.

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I enjoy reading the International UFO Reporter, but I am curious about the different treatment afforded to the foreign cases compared to the domestic ones. Could you please explain this?

B. Reitz

That's a good question. With our unlimited long-distance WATS-telephone facilities, and our policy of investigating all cases on a first-hand basis, IUR takes considerable responsibility for the sightings it publishes. We would not venture a verdict of "IFO"—or "UFO"—if we did not have comprehensive and reliable information on a sighting; however, our phone facilities only operate within the continental U.S., so foreign cases are outside of our immediate control. We can't confirm details rapidly with the original witnesses, and since we always learn of these reports "late" (we generally learn of U.S. sightings within 24 hours!), we can't do a good job of canvassing for additional witnesses or contacting secondary agencies like airports and radar bases. Hence, IUR cannot profess the ability to remotely affirm the validity of non-U.S. sightings. Indeed, no U.S. journal can. Yet an important feature of the UFO phenomenon is its global nature, so we do feel it is important to present highlights of our foreign input so our readers may compare

the kind of characteristics reported for UFO's abroad with those reported here.

IN CURRENT JOURNALS

SIGHTINGS IN NEW ZEALAND-New Zealand SPACEVIEW, March, 1977.

"Over the last few years there has been a noticeable increase in UFO activity around New Zealand. Over the past three Christmases we have had two close encounter cases and this year . . . a fall of angel's hair over Auckland . . . we have received a number of reports of nocturnal light activity . . . air traffic control officers at Mangere who had an alleged radar/visual UFO sighting over the airport at around 11:30 PM one night not so long ago.

PASCAGOULA UPDATE-by Dr. Ted Peters, MUFON UFO JOURNAL, October 1976.

"Hickson recited the full account of his encounter on videotape (on Oct. 19, 1976 for WWL-TV) . . . we decided to subject the full interview to an examination by a Psychological Stress Evaluator. We did so. Hickson passed the test."

BOOK REVIEW

FLYING SAUCERS, Dr. C. G. Jung, New American Library, 1959. 133 pages.

FLYING SAUCERS is a book that is 18 years old, is currently not in print, and can only be found in libraries. Why review it? Because it is still the best published consequence of an eminent psychologist meeting the UFO phenomenon head on, and IUR would rather use its review space to call its readers' attentions to the "classics" in UFO literature over more recent publications of lesser stature.

While all too many others concern themselves with the physical implications of UFO reports, Jung, who pioneered the concept of the "collective unconscious", concerned himself with the psychological implications—regarding UFO reports as symbols that serve as cultural "barometers" of our underlying emotional foundations, and on a mythic scale! Jung is careful to divorce himself from superficial dismissals of UFO reports as psychological projections by individuals, stressing that the phenomenon is a collective, and more profound, one. For him, it is the opportunity to watch the origin of a legend.

No one doubts the multi-faceted UFO problem has its psychological aspects . . . so why do we have to turn back to this work to learn of them? Perhaps that in itself is a statement of the psyches of more contemporary authors who concentrate only on the surface "messages" of reports whose sources are all too psychologically-vulnerable.

FOREIGN FORUM

This is a representative sampling of UFO sightings from around the world. While we can not exert the same degree of control over these cases we can on domestic ones, it is of value to see that the same characteristics are reported for this phenomenon abroad as in the U.S.

ALGERIA: S of Algiers, late October, 1976 (exact date forthcoming). Four physicians and a diplomat in an undeveloped region of the country at 7:30 PM watched a bright oval light on the horizon heading toward them. The object cast a faint beam downwards, sweeping the ground, as it darted around the sky silently. It was bright when in motion, but faint when it stopped. After an hour, it faded, leaving a glowing space in the clear, black sky where it had been . . . and a frightened camp of doctors!

SOURCE: Direct

PERU: Lima, reported Jan. 12, 1977. An expedition of journalists have travelled into the Amazon country to speak to Jorge Alvarez, 20, university student, who has related a story on radio of falling into a bog while trying to fetch water from a river in the Huanaco province 420 km. east of Lima. Unable to get out, sinking rapidly, 4 scaly creatures appeared, and proffered branches to save him. They were small, about 3 feet high, with 3 fingers on each hand. Alvarez dropped from exhaustion.

SOURCE: Buenos Aires Herald, Jan. 12, 1977.

SPAIN: NW of Madrid, November 19, 1976. Captain Angel Parreno and two other crew members of Iberia 217 were located 40 miles SE of Zamora, Spain flying SE when they noticed a dark, semi-spherical form receding

away from them over the SW horizon. White in color and transparent, the object disappeared from view in 15 seconds.

SOURCE: Direct via Herb Roth, IUR's aeronautical consultant.

SWEDEN: Solleftea, December 5, 1976. A saucer, estimated to be 150 feet in diameter, was reported seen by a family there at 2:30 AM. Hovering for one hour over a distant mountain power station, the object allegedly moved in a zigzag pattern very rapidly, faster than the eye could really follow. A check for air activity by UFO-Sverige showed nothing conventional was in the air at that time. The top of the saucer was dark, with an orange light and diffuse orange and red lights underneath it.

SOURCE: Nya Norrland (newspaper), Dec. 6, 1976.

ASTRONOMERS AND UFO'S: A SURVEY

PART 2 - SIGHTINGS

In the last issue we introduced Dr. Peter Sturrock's UFO survey of the 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society, to which 52% of the astronomers replied. IUR then examined the results of the survey pertaining to the attitudes of professional astronomers toward the UFO subject. In this issue, we will explore the actual sightings which 5% of the astronomers have experienced themselves.

Of the 1,356 astronomers who replied to the survey, 62 professed to have witnessed, or obtained an instrumental record of a total of 65 events which they could not identify. The survey revealed that these witnesses are distinguished from the other astronomers in various ways: they are more positive about the scientific value of the UFO phenomenon, have spent more time reading about it, and are more open-minded about unconventional explanations. Only 18 of these respondents, or 30%, had tried to report their sightings to others; 7 to the Air Force, Navy or NORAD, one to the

police, 2 to airport authorities, 7 to other scientists, and one to a newspaper. Also, 63% of the witness group were night-sky observers, as compared to 50% for the non-witness group.

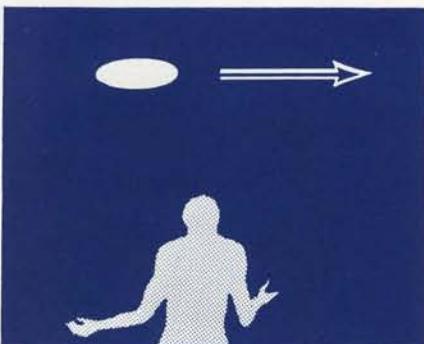
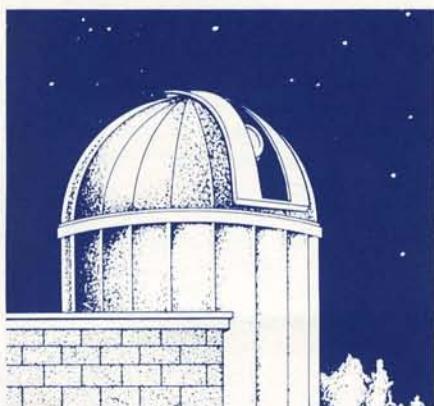
WHAT DID THE ASTRONOMERS SEE?

Included in the accounts provided by the astronomers were 10 items which were *identified* by the respondents, but were deemed to be of interest. These included the "usual" IFO's; aircraft lights, upper atmosphere cloud tests, an ad plane, a mirage of a star, and the sun's reflection on a cloud. Three of the 65 accounts were without descriptions; the remainder fit into Hynek's 6-category system as follows:

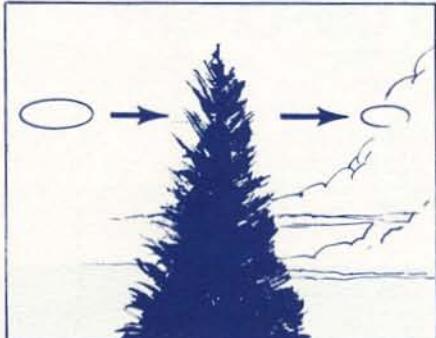
39 NOCTURNAL LIGHTS	
Point Sources	12
Formations	4
Diffuse Lights	4
"Searchlight-on-Clouds"	
without Clouds	3
Discs	4
Miscellaneous	5
Ejecting Bodies	2
Photographed	4
Recorded Photometrically	1
18 DAYLIGHT DISCS	
Distant objects	5
Discs	6
Miscellaneous	4
Photographed	3
3 RADAR-VISUALS	
Radar Only	1
Radio Telescope	2
2 CE II'S	
Electro-magnetic	
Interference with Cars	2



The use of the term "Daylight Disc" is somewhat figurative as some of the shapes were too distant to be resolved, or were oblong or globular. Also, we are taking liberties calling the electro-magnetic cases "close encounters", as they were not within 500 feet, yet they still "influenced the environment". The Nocturnal Light that was "recorded photometrically" was not directly observed, but was suspected of creating an increase in recorded brightness when it crossed the path of a telescope, although the event may have been an instrumental problem. The photographic cases were not necessarily as provocative as some of the others; one of them was taken by a satellite tracking camera, but was theorized to be a recaptured Lunik III. Indeed, the 65 detailed sightings represent just as broad a range of "strangeness"—from marginally interesting to very provocative—as that shown by the mainstream of UFO reports. So rather than attempt to comment in detail on all of these cases in a short space, IUR has selected some of the more intriguing sightings to present here:



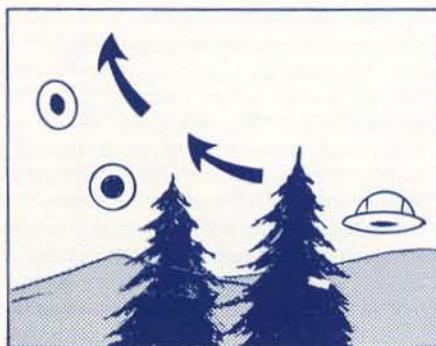
DATE	TIME	TYPE	DURATION	PLACE
8/54	10:30 PM	NL	3-4 sec.	Park Hills, KY
Uniform, bright white disc, 20 times the apparent size of the moon and much brighter, moved from W to NE at a very high rate of speed. Estimated altitude: 500 feet, estimated diameter: 100 feet. Moved silently, disappeared abruptly. Respondent has no good explanation for the event. Seemingly solid.				



DATE 3/24/67 **TIME** 10:45 AM **TYPE** DD **DURATION** 50 sec. **PLACE** Catalina Obs., AZ
 White oval the apparent size of the moon. Sharp boundary, no details, shadows, or vapor trail. Moved silently in a straight line from NW to NE at a constant speed, and slowly changed from an elongated shape to a more circular one; this made the witness feel that it was receding into the distance. The angular size vs. the angular speed ruled out the prospect of a plane or balloon for him. Estimated size: 230 feet. Estimated speed: 600 m.p.h. at distances ranging from 6 to 12 miles (appeared to disappear into clouds 12 miles away).



mid-1964 **10:00 PM** **CE II** **5 sec.** **Westford, MA**
 "Lightning" flash 5 miles to the south, especially vivid for a fraction of a second concurrent with the temporary disruption of the lights of an approaching car and the respondent's car, as well as his radio. Yet the witness, a meteorologist, said the sky was clear, and that the Boston area had no cumulonimbus clouds, electrical storms, or radar echoes that entire night. No sound heard either.



10/11/74 **4:10 PM** **CE II** **8-10 sec.** **Cloudcroft, NM**
 Domed disc, 5-6 times the sun's diameter; flat silver-grey in color. No flashy reflections from sun, which was behind the observer to the west. Object moved from the SE to the NW on a level, straight course; then in the last 2-3 sec., it turned upward, accelerating rapidly. No rotation detected. Estimated distance: at least $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Thin cirrus clouds, scattered cumulus present, but the object was never obscured. Witness's pickup truck stalled out when he tried to accelerate, something it had never done in the past. The tape deck never stopped operating, though.

Two radio telescope anomalies were submitted for May 16, 1960 and Jan. 11, 1961. These indicated the presence of radio wave sources that could not be comfortably explained, but were felt to have man-made and natural origins. One radar report was submitted which lacked any visual confirmation. The respondent was operations officer on a U.S. ship off

Cape May, New Jersey on February, 1951; their radar tracked a solid object ("not a false radar echo") at speeds up to 5000 m.p.h., which halted suddenly and climbed vertically above Nantucket out of range, some 150 miles high.

CONCLUSION

So we have seen from Dr. Stur-

rock's survey of the membership of the American Astronomical Society that the scientific community does have thoughts and views on the UFO subject, the majority of them optimistic about the subject's scientific potential. We have also seen that a small fraction of them are as likely to report varied and puzzling UFO sightings as the general public!

IUR COMMENTARY ON PART II

It was interesting to note the attention paid to the Sturrock survey by CBS- and NBC-TV network news. Some of the cases described in the survey are highly interesting to IUR, given the "strangeness" of the sightings coupled with the reliability of the observers. What a pity that so much time has passed since the incidents occurred, as IUR could have brought other potential surveillance facilities to bear, such as FAA, military, and NORAD radars. The astronomers' reports were similar to the mainstream of public sightings in that they exhibited the same (frustrating?) degree of variety in appearance and behavior. They differed, however, in that the astronomers are accustomed to preparing *complete* and *detailed* accounts of their observations. Note also that they are wary of "assumptions", and prefer, for example, to provide "angular size" over an unaided guess about *actual* size. Their accounts are a valuable adjunct to the current repertoire of UFO reports.

SIX UFO'S SELECTED FROM 60 U.S. CASES: Feb. 15 - Mar. 14

HOW WE LEARN OF UFO'S: UFO reports are from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Central Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of law enforcement agencies, FAA agencies, planetaria and other formal channels. This gives us the chance to follow up *all* cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include screening of the hoaxers. Indeed, police who patrol when others are asleep are encouraged to fill this void.

HOW WE DEFINE UFO'S: Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearance and/or behavior can't be ascribed to conventional objects and effects—not only by the original witnesses, but also by analysts who possess technical qualifications the original observer may lack.

NL—Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous lights seen in the night sky

DD—Daylight Discs: distant disc-like objects seen during the day

RV—Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously

CE I—Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFOs seen within 500 feet

CE II—Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that leave behind physical traces

CE III—Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I with humanoid occupants seen

HOW WE NUMBER CASES: All UFO sightings will receive a three element number which will serve as a case "name". The first numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that contains the case, and the last number refers to the order it arrived (example: 1-1-7, the seventh case of the first issue).

1—Confirmed Identifieds

These reports completely break down as having commonplace explanations when subjected to rigorous scrutiny. We have either correlated them directly to some stimulus present at that time or, at least, have judged them to be well within the bounds of contemporary knowledge. This month's IFO reports were generated by the following phenomena:

There are 8 recent cases still being investigated—the results will be made known in the news page.

Stars and Planets	25	Searchlight	1
Aircraft	5	Kite	1
Meteors	4	Birds	1
Re-entries	3	Test Clouds	1
Ad Planes	2	Unreliable Witnesses	1
Helicopters	2	IFO TOTAL	46

2—UFOs of Limited Merit

These reports are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated reasons, they are not really worthy of closer scrutiny.

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-4-6	NL	2-16-77	9:00 PM	5 min.	3	Canton, MS
Commercial pilot standing outside by his truck watched a "Skymaster without wings or tail" pass alongside of him a few hundred feet away at "30 m.p.h.". Appearing longer than the full moon (around 40 feet long), the object had one steady, white light up front that could always be seen, and made a noise like a wheezing turbine. Partially witnessed by 2 others against a very clear sky. Receded into the west. <i>No unusual traffic recorded by the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center or Jackson Municipal Airport. Possible helicopter, but not usually in that area.</i>						
2-4-7	NL	2-16-77	9:15 PM	2 min.	1	Utica, MI
Vertical cylinder of white light pointed at the top "like a bullet" seen by a housewife. Stationary, silent, described as being ten times as long as the full moon! Shrouded in a white haze, against a partially cloudy sky. Unwitnessed disappearance. <i>Single witness (an enormous size, in a populated area at a reasonable time, yet unseen by Utica police on patrol or anyone else)! Unseen by Pontiac Air Traffic Control or the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center. Possible searchlight beam on clouds.</i>						
2-4-15	NL	2-20-77	10:15 PM	1-2 min.	2	Victorville, CA
Domed disc seen by 40-year old cook and son. Silver in color with three windows, 3 legs/wheels, and 2 hooks at both ends. Hovered above the houses 3-4 blocks away; receded further into the NW, attached itself to the top of a second object, forming a sphere (seen as very small now in the distance). This assembly faded in the distance towards Edwards Air Force Base, surrounded by a haze or smog. <i>Edwards AFB has a Radar Approach Control—very disappointing that they didn't see the object. Quite a lot of detail perceived for an object that was never seen any larger than a distant aircraft ("smaller than the full moon"). Hooks reminiscent of unusual Colusa, California case (IUR, Jan. 1977)—yet, is this confirmation or "mimicry"? Possible aircraft.</i>						
2-4-19	CE I	2-25-77	7:45 PM	45 min.	1, plus	Cyrus, CA
16-year old bicycling near the Cypress College alleges that he was followed by a "star" initially seen in the west, 45 degrees up. After changing directions with him, the object changes from a light source "100 feet up, 600 feet away" to a thin cigar shape, 4-5 times the width of the moon after rushing toward him in 5 seconds "3-400 feet away, 150 feet up". The object was the "color of the sky" with a rim around it; the original light source became a light on its surface which looked smaller when it was closer (?). The motion of the "cigar" toward him was associated with a cool breeze. The witness cycled away, hysterical, and was driven home in tears by friends. Seen by friends and family as a "star", which set in the west in 25 minutes. <i>Radar Approach Control in Orange County had no radar record of it; "single witness", as none of 5 other people saw it as anything other than a star. Possibly "misperceived" Jupiter.</i>						

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2-4-21 NL 2-26-77 9:00 PM 4-5 min. 1, plus Ontario, CA
 White triangle with rounded sides as big as the full moon, seen by accident investigator with 20 years aerospace experience. The base of the triangle was in the direction of its motion, the apex pointing north. Uneven illumination, dimming at the apex. Moved silently and slowly from the zenith (overhead) to due east, 45 degrees up. Changed course 20 degrees until it was 20 degrees over the ENE horizon. Changed course again going due south, following the horizon for 20-30 seconds until it disappeared in the distance in the ESE. Seen in addition to the moon.

Mostly single witness; wife watched it for the first minute and left. No primary radar image from the Ontario "TRACON", nor transponder-assisted radar image at Ontario International Airport. No re-entry of "space junk" according to NORAD. No additional reports. Possible illuminated balloon.

2-4-44 CE II 3-9-77 7:30 PM 2-3 min. 11 Gatchelville, PA
 Red ball of fire the size of the moon headed slowly toward farm and descended. Witnesses arriving at the site found a 30-foot by 90-foot burned area with an unscathed triangular area inside, 3-inch deep holes at each vertex. IUR will present a complete account in the next issue.

The following two cases are also "Cases of Limited Merit", but while not deserving of our standard comprehensive treatment, they are of greater interest than the average cases. So, in the absence of a case of "high merit" this issue, they are presented here in a more expanded form.

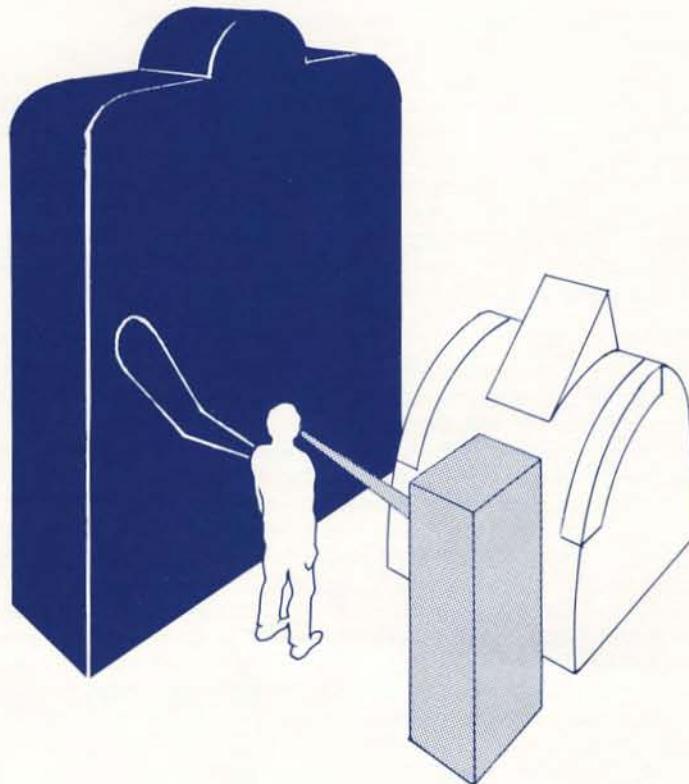
SINGLE WITNESS ABDUCTION IN KENTUCKY

CASE 2-3-20 (Witness name confidential-on file with IUR).

This UFO incident is similar in many ways to other abduction cases: the witness was driving a car, saw a strange object in the sky, and lost all memory of whatever transpired next. Under hypnotic regression, he told a story of abduction into the craft, whereupon he was examined by the sentient "occupants". The difference is that *these* occupants certainly do *not* appear like the usual "humanoids"! Also, the witness was hypnotized within 24 hours of the event. That witness, Lee P_____, is a 19-year old truck driver for his family's firm, and was described by UFO investigators Don Elkins and Carla Rueckert as a sincere, common-sense type who was genuinely bothered by his UFO experience.

ENVIRONMENT: January 27, 1977, 1:05 AM on Highway 329, 4 mi. E. of US 42 to the NE of Louisville, KY. Cold weather with partly cloudy skies and snow on the ground. Flat fields, a small pond, utility and phone lines.

PRIOR TO HYPNOSIS: While driving home to Prospect, Kentucky, witness saw a rectangular object 40 feet by 10 feet; bright red in color, it hovered above the treeline about 100-220 feet off the road and 100-150 feet up. The apparition was too bright to look at comfortably; yet P____ felt compelled to do so. He was not conscious of driving the car; yet he wound up underneath the hovering object. Then it sped away like a jet toward the NW. When he arrived home, he discovered that it



(Based on illustration submitted by Don Elkins)

had taken him 45 minutes to complete a 7-minute trip; the arrival and departure times were confirmed by his girlfriend and mother.

AFTER HYPNOTIC REGRESSION: P____ was hypnotized the next evening by Lawrence Allison, who had worked with Elkins/Rueckert

before on UFO-related cases. In that missing 35-minute period, he was inexplicably transferred into the craft. The interior was a 20-foot diameter, white, circular room, more high-ceilinged than the exterior would suggest. The occupants that confronted him were described as illustrated here. When the "tall shape"

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(15-20 feet) touched him, the sensation was painful, cold and burning at the same time. Its "arm" was rough-skinned; the rest of its featureless body was textured smooth and rough in patches. The 6-foot red one on P____'s right touched him with an unjointed arm which felt like the sting of a needle. The white one in the middle, whose whole being glowed, was deemed to be the ruler of the three. It had two "arms" which weren't used. The "beings" disappeared one by one, leaving P____ alone in the bouncing, rocking ship. P____ was returned to his car which was suspended below the craft, above the road.

EFFECTS NOTED: The following effects were observable without the need for hypnosis: Lee P____ painfully bloodshot eyes, seen by Mrs. P____; the failure of the car radio while the UFO was *consciously* present; damage to the car's electrical system reported by Lee P____ (plugs, condenser, distributor cap, etc.). UFO investigator Len Stringfield has also spoken to Lee P____ about a month after the incident, and learned he found welts on his legs, and suffered from dizziness the day after the encounter.

IUR'S FOLLOWUP: IUR checked for possible radar confirmation of the object with Louisville's Bowman and

Standiford Fields, and the Indianapolis Air Route Traffic Control, with no luck. To minimize the possibility that the rectangular sign of an ad plane was not a "stimulus", we contacted the 5 companies nearest to Louisville; none was flying there that night. Another UFO was sighted at 10:30 that evening, but was described as a "domed disc". The biggest limitation in this case is the "single-witness" situation; did the hypnosis uncover an accurate portrayal, or a subconscious fantasy? For what it is worth, Lee P____ claims to have seen several UFO's previous to this one, and once even to have mentally "willed" an unplugged outdoor light to light up.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN MISSISSIPPI CASE 2-3-48

When a deputy sheriff and a constable watch a huge saucer-shaped craft hover directly over their patrol car, we possess the kind of UFO encounter story that frequently makes the press sit up and take notice. Unfortunately, it also attracted numerous prank phone calls which harassed the witnesses; yet when credible people describe incredible events that unsettle their comfortable world-view, it should probably come as no surprise that many people respond to their insecurity with the defense mechanism of harassment. This, then, is the striking tale told by Deputy Sheriff Ken Creel and Constable James Ray Luke.

ENVIRONMENT: February 9, 1977 about 8:30 PM. Alone on a 2-lane road about 4 miles west of Flora, Mississippi. Open field, distant trees, hills, clear skies. The two officers sat in their car with the engine off, facing west.

THE ENCOUNTER: Both men were watching a bright light stationary low in the west for about 1 minute. Suddenly, the distant light appeared to rush toward them in *one second*. Deputy Creel rolled down his window and looked up at the object's underside; the constable rolled his window *up* and didn't look. The object was described as a pale blue dish tapering to a rounded, dark, central underside. He could see 7-8 white round windows edged with dark circles. A high pitched noise like a food blender was heard, but softly. The object remained motionless over the car for less than a minute; then, Dep. Creel rapidly backed up the car



about 100 yards, while the saucer remained fixed in place, now seen edge on against the western sky at a low angle. In fear, the deputy whirled the car around fast and headed east to Flora, as the constable looked back to watch the saucer rise higher in the sky "as if to watch them better". No rotation was ever noted.

As many as 15 "additional" witnesses appeared on the scene; all they described, uniformly, was a light source high in the sky which remained essentially stationary for

about 30 minutes, except for some drifting "within the confines of the full moon's diameter". Deputy Creel had never seen anything like this before and had been skeptical about the subject.

IUR FOLLOWUP: In addition to contacting many of the witnesses involved, IUR checked with the Jackson Municipal Airport, whose radar surveillance extends out to 60 miles (Flora is 12 miles away from them). They checked their logs and personnel the very next day; yet no one could account for the object, nor could the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center. A check with the FAA in Jackson revealed no awareness of advertising planes in that area.

The size and distance of the object provided by Dep. Creel is far from confident; the press was told it was 20-30 feet over the police car, but IUR was given a revised figure of 50-60 feet. Furthermore, it was estimated to be 6 times the size of their car; yet its *apparent* (angular) size was compared to no more than the diameter of the full moon. Remember, only Dep. Creel examined it out the window when it was directly overhead; this is unfortunate, as the close encounter was the most vital part of this account. The stationary light seen by the other witnesses could well be ascribed to Jupiter plus autokinesis, and the bright stationary light seen initially by the two officers may well have been Venus. Yet further exploration of this case is unlikely because both men are tired of the public harassment they have received, and have stopped discussing it.

PROFILE: FEBRUARY, 1977



• —IFO ★ —UFO

UFO's include 2-3-33, 2-3-35, 2-3-48, 2-4-6, 2-4-7, 2-4-15, 2-4-19 and 2-4-21. Verifications and complete details of these evaluations are available upon request.

Stars and Bright Planets	23
Meteors	5
Aircraft	4
Helicopter	3
Prank Balloon	1
Ad Plane	1
Moon	1
Test Cloud	1
Non-UFO (light flash)	1

NL	6
CE I	2

Total Number of Reports	48
Average Per Day	1.7
Peak Activity (5 cases)	2-16

Total Number of UFO's	8
Total Number of IFO's	40
UFO's: 16.7% IFO's: 83.3%	

Note the smallest number of reports yet received by IUR vs. the artificially-large percentage of UFO's; compare this to the chart for seasonality effects in the Jan. 1977 issue's feature article on Air Force statistics.

COMMENTARY

UFO'S VS. IFO'S

by Allan Hendry,
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I'd like to call your attention to a report that occurred on Jan. 19, 1977; it's not considered to be unidentified, but it does illustrate the thin veil that can exist between UFO's and IFO's. An 18-year old photographer in downtown Las Vegas saw what appeared to be distant aircraft lights overhead, two of them steady, one of them blinking. Yet it seemed to be stationary, and making no noise. So he drove eastward, and watched the object become lower in the western sky, still stationary for what he guessed to be

45 minutes.

At this point, I wondered if he was watching twinkling stars, because of the long duration. Yet now it started moving, finally, swinging a little northward and returning westward, dropping below the horizon in about 5 minutes! An aircraft? That's "positive controlled" air space over Las Vegas, meaning everything under 9000 feet has to maintain constant contact with the local tower . . . yet neither McCarran International nor the Air Route Traffic Control Center could account for it. The police helicopter was off in a different part of town, not that I *really* expected it to hover for so long before moving. The police then gave me a number to call to check on an illuminated balloon launched by ERDA; it wasn't them. (I never gave a balloon credence, anyway, because it would have changed altitude or direction, propelled by the

wind). Yet ERDA had me call the EPA which also uses illuminated balloons for pollution testing.

The EPA checked their launching times log, and, yes, they *had* launched a balloon from downtown. Yes, it was sent up at 7:35, ten minutes prior to my witness seeing it. Yes, it *had* a steady light and a blinking strobe . . . and craziest of all, it *did* remain stationary for about 30 minutes before dropping down. How? It was tied to a *3000-foot long tether*, and was *reeled in* when they were finished! Others also reported this "sighting" to the police, and a small article appeared in the Las Vegas Sun based on sightings of their later 8:30 launch.

But if I hadn't had the sheer luck of being put in touch with the EPA, do you think I would have contrived a solution like "illuminated balloon on a half-mile of string"?

ERRATA

On page 3 of the last IUR, in the first column of the astronomer survey, the 7th sentence should have read, "Only 2.5% of the respondents desired to waive anonymity." That's quite a difference! Astronomers were willing to discuss this controversial subject *only* behind a mask of confidentiality.

On p. 8 of the last issue, we accidentally transposed the written paragraphs of narrative descriptions that accompany the "Case-Type-Date, etc." headings. Case 2-3-33 in Glendale, CA should accompany the text of 2-3-35 and vice-versa (e.g., 2-3-33 in Glendale, CA followed by "2 helicopter pilots, etc." and 2-3-35 in Carthage, MO with "Police sergeant, etc.")

(cont.)

In all, more than 100 lectures, seminars, and information-sharing sessions will be held as well as the continuous screenings of films related to UFOs, plus an extensive exhibition area. Speakers will include Betty Hill, James Harder, David Jacobs, the Lorenzens, J. Allen Hynek, Raymond Palmer, Frank Salisbury, R. Leo Sprinkle, Berthold Schwarz, Jacques Vallee, and J. Gordon Melton. Registration is \$25. in advance, \$30. at the door. Contact International UFO Congress, Ltd., 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, IL 60093.

JULY 15 - 17: 1977 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM - The first MUFON sponsored symposium to be held in the Western Regional District will take place in Scottsdale, AR, at the SAFARI Resort Hotel and Convention Center. Speakers will include Stanton Friedman, James McCampbell, Thomas Gates, J.F. Herr, and William Spaulding. For further information contact MUFON UFO JOURNAL, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155.

FATHER GILL AVAILABLE FOR LECTURES: September 21 - October 6. Father William Gill, primary reporter of the CE III case with the largest number of witnesses, would like to speak to interested groups on his classic sighting as well as the current Australian UFO scene when he visits the United States. Interested parties may make arrangements via Dr. J. Allen Hynek, 924 Chicago Avenue, Evanston IL 60202.

UFO ANALYSIS - Of the eight remaining cases, two were re-entries, one was a kite, and one was ascribable to a helicopter. Four cases, 2-4-37, -45, -50, -51, are still under investigation.

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