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At her New Hampshire home, the late Betty Hill shows the dress she was wearing when abducted in 1961. Results of DNA testing on the dress begin on page 3. (Photo by Dwight Connelly.)

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Director's Message

By John F. Schuessler



MUFON Research Teams

One of MUFON's goals is "to promote research on UFOs to determine the true nature of the phenomenon, with an eye toward scientific breakthroughs and improving life on our planet."

The MUFON Strategic Plan Action No. 2a calls for the creation of five research teams to focus on this goal.

The teams are tentatively defined as follows:

·History Team: Where are UFOs from, why are they here and who are they?

·Travel Team: How do they get here from there?

·Energy Team: Where and how do they get their energy?

·Abduction Team: Why and how are they abducting people?



John Schuessler

·Communications Team: How do they communicate?

The teams will establish hypotheses aimed at exposing the true nature of the phenomenon.

Their reports will then be used to create public awareness, guide future UFO investigations, and focus scientific inquiry on the critical issues that result from the team studies.

The principal scientist directing the work of the teams is Dr. Robert M. Wood, Physicist, Research Scientist, and MUFON Business Board Member. We will provide more information as the teams are formed and begin their work.

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A big "thank you" goes out to all the people who donated items for the fundraising silent auction held at the MUFON 2005 International UFO Symposium in Denver, and to Tom Deuley for organizing the event. We could not have done it without your generous donations and support.

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DNA analysis of Betty Hill's dress productive, but inconclusive

By Phyllis Budinger

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The January 2004 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* presented the results of an extensive analysis which I did on five samplings of material from the new dress Betty Hill wore during her 1961 abduction.

This dress had suffered discoloration along the top half of the dress, especially in the underarms, and on the bottom of the dress. Four swaths from the outside of the dress were examined.

These included three swaths from discolored areas and a control swath from an area that was not discolored. Also analyzed was a swath of the interior lining, which had a stain.

It was reported that the three outer discolored dress swaths had suffered chemical attack on both the dye and the fiber. These swaths are coated with a biologically derived material which is mostly protein and a small amount of natural ester type oil.

In part, some of these materials had suffered degradation over time (40 years). It was found that these substances are concentrated on the exterior surface of the dress, showing their origin was from an external source.

The lining stain contains a different protein material and some natural ester, which did not chemically attack the dye or material. It also originated from an external source.

All natural bodily sources, which may have originated from Betty, such as urine, perspiration, and vomit, were clearly ruled out.

The results led to some speculations. Betty's description of a "most unpleasant" odor on the craft, along with presence of the protein substance and natural oil, led to the conjecture that the craft occupants' natural body elimination of oils/respiratory agents may have trans-



Chemical analyst Phyllis Budinger, standing, and the late Betty Hill examine the dress that Hill wore during the 1961 abduction.

ferred to the dress on contact.

Also, I did not think the deposited substances on the dress directly caused the discoloration. It was probably from natural biological growth that grew on the area of contact after the abduction.

I felt that there was a remote possibility that some of the captors' DNA might be on the dress.

However, judging from the dress history, I did not know if any intact DNA would remain after this amount of time, especially with the indication of some degraded protein, which suggested that it might have suffered biological attack. But it was worth a shot.

DNA analysis was done in the latter half of 2004, and I received a report was on Feb. 22, 2005. This analysis was done on the three discolored, outside swaths and the stained lining.

The biochemists who did this work went the "extra mile," incorporating the most modern techniques to enhance any DNA fragments. They made a project out of it.

[This is the same group of scientists who did the DNA analysis of the "alien hair" recovered in the Peter Khoury case in Australia, as described in the July issue of the *Journal*.]

I also enlisted the aid of a DNA specialist, Dr. M., to review the report. She does not know the biochemists who did it.

Her comments: "I found the analysis to be pretty good and quite informative. They appeared to be very careful with the DNA extrac-

tion process to get all they could from the samples they had to work with."

I did not tell Dr. M. that the report dealt with a UFO abduction case. In fact, I don't even know if she's interested in the UFO phenomenon, or even knows about the Hill case.

On the left sleeve alpha proteobacterium DNA was found. Dr. M. relates: "These are bacteria that are found in soils and water. The bacteria could be picked up anywhere. If the dress was on the ground, some of the bacteria could have gotten there very easily."

I found her observation quite interesting because, from the location of the bacteria (the left sleeve), if Betty was wearing the dress she would have to be in a prone position—flat on the ground at some point. This is highly unlikely.

There is only one time we know the dress was "on the ground." This was

when the dress was removed from Betty inside the craft and thrown crumbled on the craft floor.

Clearly, some of these bacteria could easily have been from soil/dirt on the floor, brought in on footwear worn by Betty or the escorts. The abduction took place down a dirt road. Following is the DNA sequence profile:

Uncultured Alpha Proteobacterium (swathe left sleeve).

On the skirt front only a small DNA fragment was isolated, which was not very definitive. The best we can say is the DNA is mammal origin. The fragments suggest human, mouse, or bovine. I suspect the fragment is human. The DNA sequence profile follows:

Human ribosomal DNA/Mouse gene for 18S/Bos taurus external transcribed spacer, partial sequence; 18S (mid-section).

On the right sleeve underarm we see human DNA. This is not Betty's. I gave the biochemists a sample of Betty's blood for DNA comparison.

However, what was found was DNA from someone of African extract. So we speculate that this is from Barney. Barney may have been escorting Betty at some time during that weekend, leaving some of his DNA deposited on the dress.

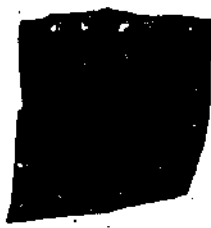
If so, it is most interesting that the DNA was still intact after all of these years. Following is the sequence profile.

Unknown Human mitochondrial sequence (right sleeve) Homo sapiens isolate YYM22 D-loop, partial sequence; mitochondrial TITLE: Genetic Structure of Hmong-Mien Speaking Populations in East Asia as Revealed by mtDNA Lineages¹

The DNA analysis of the lining stain identified it as spider blood of the genus *Coelotes terrestris*, which is common to the New Hampshire area, and I suspect southern Canada.

There are three such spots on the lining on the back of the dress. So it appears Betty could have sat on a nest of spiders. It's difficult to say when it happened.

Kathy Marden, Betty's niece, relates that hours earlier Betty had a hotdog in



Control



Swath #1



Swath #2



Swath #3



Lining

Canada and sat at a picnic table to eat it. It is a good probability the contact could have occurred there. Otherwise, it could have happened sometime during the event. The DNA sequence profile follows.

Coelotes terrestris 18S rRNA gene DNA Analysis Summary

The outer discolored areas of the dress have an assortment of DNA fragments. These include bacteria, probably human, which could be from many people handling the dress over the years, and probably Barney's DNA.² The lining stain is composed of spider blood.

Speculations

My original speculations regarding the substances coating the discolored areas of the dress remain. I suspect respiratory agents from the captors. Time had taken its toll on the deposited materials and prevented positive confirmation.

It would appear trace remnants of some of the original materials did remain, such as the soil bacteria. This would support Betty's account of the dress being thrown on the craft floor. The event occurred in a rural area on a dirt road. Dirt could have been tracked in by footwear worn by Betty and the craft occupants.

And finally we know at some point during the weekend Betty sat on at least three spiders (a nest perhaps). She sat at a picnic table several hours before the

event to eat a hot dog. So it possibly could have happened there.

If not, the probability increases that it occurred in an unremembered incident during the event. Clearly the chemical analysis, the DNA analysis, along with the ripped lining and zipper shows something bizarre happened to Betty's new dress on the night of Sept 19, 1961. This dress was reduced to a rag as a result!

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I am grateful for the help of Bill Chalker for putting me in touch with the biochemists who did the DNA analyses. And of course, I thank the microbiologists who made the "extra effort" and provided in-depth DNA information. They know who they are. I also thank Dr. M., a DNA expert, who I consulted for a second opinion.

¹The biochemist notes: "In the mitochondrial sequence Unknown Human mitochondrial sequence (right sleeve) there is a sequence polymorphism at position 139 (position 16188 in the mitochondrial region). References to this sequence include the one below, suggesting that this DNA belonged to Barney."

Bandelt, H. J., Alves-Silva, J., Guimaraes, P. E., Santos, M. S., Brehm, A., Pereira, L., Coppa, A., Larruga, J. M., Rengo, C., Scozzari, R., Torroni, A., Prata, M. J., Amorim, A., Prado, V. F.,

Pena, S. D. (2001) "Phylogeography of the human mitochondrial haplogroup L3e: a snapshot of African prehistory and Atlantic slave trade" *Annals of Human Genetics* 65 (Pt 6): 549-563.

²This analysis was a long shot because any DNA introduced at the time of the event was highly subject to degradation. Some factors that help this along include time, temperature, humidity (which leads to microorganisms) light and various chemical substances.

See: Norah Rudin and Keith Inman, *An Introduction to Forensic DNA Analysis*, 2nd Ed, CRC Press, New York, 2002, pg. 13. We definitely know the time and microorganism factor are a reality.

Australian motorist startled by strange figure on side of road

On June 10, 2005, at 10 AM, Catherine R was driving on a country road on the outskirts of Bundaberg, a port city on Hervey Bay in Australia's state of Queensland, when she saw a strange figure standing in a meadow beside the road.

She says, "While driving in a one-and-a-half-hour drive on a country road through mostly bush-land, I saw through my window a large dark figure about 7 or 8 feet tall.

"It had the appearance of a man, but was far more muscular, with wide shoulders and a torso like a god. It was like nothing I'd ever seen.

"It was dark and scaley-looking. Its color was like ash. Its head was insect-like. I was a scared 22-year-old female. It was just staring at me. I was extremely uncomfortable.

"I was shocked and floored the accelerator. It stood still. I was driving at 100 kilometers per hour (60 miles per hour) when I saw it. I sped away from it at 120 kilometers per hour (72 miles per hour). I had never seen anything so strange."

Bundaberg, Qlnd. is located (180 miles) north of Brisbane.

-UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 10, No. 26, Joseph Trainor.

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The purpose of the contest is to push for a paradigm shift from entertaining stories about UFOs to the presentation of papers documenting evidence in a style that can meet the criteria of proof based on evidence.

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The papers must be between 1,500 and 3,000 words, not including supporting information. They must be accompanied by a short (approximately 150-200 words) biographical sketch of the submitter.

Evidence Defined: All papers must address the hypothesis that "UFOs are real, they are technological, and they are not ours."

McCormick's Handbook of the Law of Evidence may be used as a guide to assist submitters in understanding the description of physical evidence, first-hand knowledge, expert testimony, competency of witnesses, demonstrative evidence, official written statements and records, best evidence, and authentication. Future contests may address other hypotheses.

Format: Page size must be 8½ x 11. Papers shall consist of title, brief abstract, introduction describing the technological evidence, body of paper describing details that make this the best evidence, and a conclusion. All papers must be written in English.

Media Used: Each paper must be submitted on CD in Microsoft Word or equivalent along with a printed copy of the paper. Supporting information may be on the CD or in hard copy.

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Authors of works that fit the theme of upcoming MUFON UFO Symposiums or conferences may be invited to present a longer version of their work at those events. MUFON is not obligated to publish any paper, and reserves the right to reject papers that do not meet the intent or spirit of this contest.

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Third Place: \$100 plus free admission to all sessions of the 2006 MUFON International UFO Symposium.

All other submitters meeting the requirements defined for this contest will receive a CD copy of a vintage MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings book. Only one prize will be awarded to an individual submitter.

Schedule: All submittals must be received by MUFON Headquarters by Oct. 1, 2005. Prizes will be awarded in January, 2006.

Symposium summary

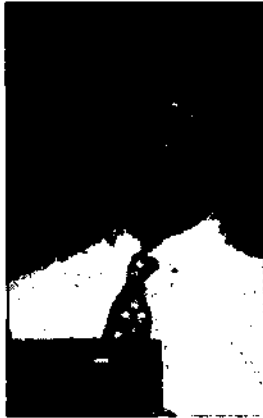
A summary of the July, 2005, MUFON Symposium will be included in the September issue of the *Journal*.

A classic mismatch

By Dan Wright

"It's a bird; it's a plane; it's ... a school of fish? Lake degassing? A jet-tisoned airplane tank?

These offerings were the most prominently discussed possibilities during a two-week period in April and May when a volunteer group of meteor watchers posted thoughts on their internet forum (meteorobs.org) in response to an intriguing inquiry about a half-century-old event.



Dan Wright

We've all grown weary of the haughty Big Science attitude toward the UFO subject. But those principals of academia and industry have reputations to protect, and so are expected to show skepticism.

Does that same snooty posturing extend to segments of the citizenry who merely dabble in one aspect or another of the sciences?

A 60-year-old woman named Linda had harbored suspicions all her life about the true nature of something she witnessed as a young child.

Finally, she decided to write a letter to the American Meteor Society (AMS)—an organization devoted to (1) measuring the intensity of the annual major and minor meteor showers alike, and (2) describing to one another in exquisite detail the occasional fireball streaking through the heavens.

Linda's email to the AMS was quite out of the ordinary, so it offered outsiders a chance to assess how the meteor watchers think on their feet. The text of her message:

"In 1952, when I was 8 years old, my family lived in a house on a hill

overlooking Townline Lake in Lakeview, MI. I was sitting on the screened porch when I heard a loud splash.

"When I looked up, I saw a large round area of the lake boiling. I was frozen with fascination. The boiling area looked to be perfectly round. It was approximately 50-75 yards from shore (it's hard to judge distance across the water), and the round boiling area was approximately 30-40 feet wide.

"The boiling circle drifted to the left about 20-30 feet from where it had begun as if something was drifting down to the bottom of the lake at an angle. After watching it for several minutes, the boiling slowly stopped.

"Would a meteorite cause water to boil like that if it fell into a lake? Would it have cooled off enough to stop the water from boiling in only a few minutes? Would a meteorite cause the water to boil in a perfectly round pattern?

"Could a meteorite hitting earth be that large and not cause any destruction if it fell into a lake? I have always wondered what it might have been, and now, 52 years later, I remember the incident like it was only yesterday and am still perplexed by the incident."

Importantly, Linda had not actually seen the object that entered the water, and when she went inside to inform her mother after the boiling stopped, she might have missed any concluding sequence.

But she was clear that a loud splash had first attracted her attention, plus she had offered details on the size and slow movement of the boiling circle over several minutes.

Meteor watchers who posted comments were in agreement that, whatever caused the incident, it was *not* a meteor.

Given its likely entry speed in the thousands of miles per hour, a chunk of rock or metal sufficient in size to effect a continuous 30-40 circle of bubbles on the water's surface would undoubtedly have first caused an enor-

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He authored three chapters of the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual*, has written numerous articles, and has spoken at several MUFON symposiums.

mous sonic boom, followed by widespread destruction from the impact.

As one member put it, "If such a bolide came in, a huge end-of-the-world, thundering-smashing sound would definitely have been more memorable than the bubbling lake, caused by the more distant mass entering with cosmic velocity."

Ignorant of the reported characteristics of discoid crafts entering bodies of water over the years—or that 1952 was huge in terms of UFO activity across America—no one in the group even considered the possibility of a structured craft from beyond Earth as the culprit.

Instead, what they did come up with as possibilities ranged from the plausible to the amusing. A sampling of their remarks:

"My highly uneducated guess would be that what (the woman) witnessed was an instance of lake degassing, wherein buildup of methane (a byproduct of the decomposition of organic matter) and/or CO₂ reaches a certain pressure point, allowing the gas(es) to be spontaneously released en

masse from lake-bottom sediment. Such an event occurred on a much larger scale in 1986 on Cameroon's Lake Nyos, killing over 1700 people."

This hypothesis (a lake version of swamp gas) ignores the loud splash that first drew the girl's attention.

A second meteorobs posting agreed with the notion of carbon dioxide buildup: "I believe the CO2 is in solution much like the CO2 within a soda bottle before opening. After the pressure is released, the CO2 gas bubbles rush to the surface. Whatever happened, it surely doesn't sound like a meteorite is at the root."

The degassing idea, however, did have one detractor: "Just wanted to sign in for a moment to say I agree that it is extremely unlikely to be a meteor. However, I don't think it's CO2 gas, either. There would have to be a source of CO2 gas (usually volcanic), and the lake would have to be deep enough to 'cork' the bottle with hydrostatic weight."

Enter the fish, compliments of a fourth meteor enthusiast: "Another theory is that she saw a fish fingerling school escaping from a predator. I have seen it and it looks and moves like she described. It is also transient in that many fish don't school when larger and really small fish stay in the shallows."

This hypothesis requires that the girl misidentified the water's roiling action from flapping fins for the bubbles she insists were seen.

And finally the inconsiderate pilot notion: "For what it is worth, in the 50s the Air Force pilots under certain flight situations jettisoned belly tanks—empty or otherwise—on what seemed to be a regular basis. When possible they were to be dropped over water. Sometimes accidentally."

At this point the intrepid UFO researcher entered the fray.

In pertinent part, my posting read: "There is another possibility, which in this case might be more plausible than anything derived from the annals of weird science. The year 1952 happened to include dramatic and persistent appearances of UFOs.

"Numerous military documents, since acquired via the Freedom of Information Act, reported pilot chases,

uncorrelated radar targets, and repeated intrusions of airspace around the nation's Capitol....

"FYI, scores of eyewitnesses over the years are on record as having observed metallic disc-type vehicles entering lakes and ocean water, many of whom further described a bubbling on the surface presumably related to heat generated by the saucer's exterior. Many of those persons further witnessed the reappearance of the disc as it emerged from underwater and flew out of sight."

The next day brought some inevitable derision, borrowed from the 18th century British philosopher David Hume: "That no testimony is sufficient to establish a miracle, unless the testimony be of such a kind that its falsehood would be more miraculous than the fact which it endeavors to establish." Gosh, I felt really put in my place.

Fortunately, the witness herself came to my rescue. In a follow-up letter, Linda wrote:

"I want to thank everyone very much for their speculations as to what I may have witnessed on Townline Lake in 1952. While the lake was stocked with bluegill and bass, I don't think it was a school of fish, as it would have been too far away from shore for the smaller fish to school together.

"I have done a great deal of fishing in my life, and have seen many schools of fish being chased by predators, and it did not look the same. And even though fish cause some splashing when they are being chased, the splash I heard in 1952 was very loud. Much louder than a school of small fish make when fleeing a predator.

"The methane gas or even the UFO theories seem more plausible to me, although I doubt if the methane gas would have caused a loud splashing noise. Perhaps a loud bubbling noise.

"I am glad to know that everyone ruled out the meteorite theory, however, since that is what I always thought it was, and this information rules out that possibility.

"I was unaware of the large number of sightings of UFOs in 1952, and do not positively rule out that theory, since my husband and I saw a UFO in Indiana in 1981."

She went on to say that, as volunteer firefighters, they were monitoring the Indianapolis air traffic control tower when they heard pilots describing an unknown 35 miles south of the city—near the couple's home.

They drove to a hill outside their town where they spotted the object hovering at 3,000 feet.

Linda reports: "It was round, silver, and had red and green lights scrolling around its middle. The lights moved from right to left. It moved very slowly across the sky from east to west. Much slower than an airplane could move and still remain airborne.

"We watched it for at least 30 minutes while other airline pilots heading toward Indianapolis reported the same unidentified object to the control tower. Finally, the object flew straight up and out of sight within a matter of seconds."

Unfortunately from an investigative standpoint, Linda offered no date in her summaries for either the 1952 or 1981 event, and her email address has been protected by the meteorobs.org webmaster. Still, that second installment offered a measure of vindication.

As important, perhaps a few more widemeteor watchers now believe in miracles.

Ozark Conference tapes

Tapes from the 2005 Ozark UFO Conference are still available, according to Lou Farish, conference director.

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UFO odors suggest hydrocarbons fuel

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Abstract: Odor descriptions in 16 close-encounter reports are summarized and attributed to low-temperature oxidation products of three hydrocarbon fuels.

$\text{NO}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ from atmospheric nitrogen fixation is discussed as another odorant.

Odors are usually not experienced in UFO sightings, since the object must be nearby, and the witness must be within the downwind dispersion plume. Even in close encounters with disc UFOs, only about one out of three cases includes perception of odors.

Witnesses generally report an unfamiliar, nauseating, pervasive and oppressive smell, pungently irritating to the mucosal tissues of eyes, nose, and throat.

Depending on the magnitude of integrated exposure, immediate effects may include dizziness, upset stomach, and vomiting.

The odor may still be noticeable hours later, from the lungs and on the skin, which may peel. Severe exposures may be followed by temporary loss of appetite and low blood lymphocyte count, and may necessitate hospitalization.¹

In a representative selection of 52 close encounters with disc UFOs, including the 16 with odor which are noted explicitly here, and 36 others without odor,² there is no significant statistical correlation between occurrence of odor and most other common features—including sounds, smoke, haze or mist, colored glow, electromagnetic effects, or sighting duration.

Duration is evidently statistically insignificant, as witnesses in several brief encounters noted immediate visibility of copious vapor emissions, to which they attributed the reported odor.³

Witnesses close to the UFO are statistically somewhat more likely to sense any odors emitted by the UFO.⁴

In some of the CE II cases, odor at the landing site is not detected until the ground traces are inspected immediately after the sighting.

The relative wind direction is unfortunately not stated in most UFO reports, and may be responsible for the apparent absence of odors in the majority of close encounters.

In four of the 16 sightings with odor, the witnesses did note a distinct hissing sound. This was not heard in any of the 36 typical close encounters without odor.

A provisional explanation for the odor evolves from literal interpretation of the specific odor descriptions, as summarized in Table 1, and from consideration of reported electromagnetic effects of UFOs.¹⁵

Thus, with the exception of ozone, which sometimes is misinterpreted as burning sulphur, the specific odors reported appear to be from oxidation products of hydrocarbons: methyl alcohol, methyl benzene, and benzene.

Evidently these are somehow available in the UFO's vicinity, perhaps through venting or incomplete combustion.

It is significant that they are not petroleum derivatives; methyl alcohol is made from wood, while the two benzenes are obtained from coal.

On this planet, at least, these sources are more likely to be available in later stages of technological development than petroleum.

The reported electromagnetic phenomena from UFOs are sufficient to produce the necessary oxidizing agents in the immediate vicinity. Thus, ozone is expected in a region ionized by static electric and magnetic fields, and by microwave and optically visible electromagnetic energy.

Moreover, the characteristic yellow afterglow of active nitrogen,¹⁶ visible in spite of the quenching effect of oxygen in the air,¹⁷ is described by some witnesses.¹⁸

The active nitrogen fixes oxygen to

produce N_2O (unstable), NO (oxidizes to NO_2), N_2O_3 (also unstable), NO_2 and N_2O_4 .

The latter oxide is a white, crystalline solid below 30 degrees C (86 degrees F). Thus, only NO_2 is considered here, in addition to ozone, as an effective oxidizing agent.

The fact that N_2O_4 is used as a fuel oxidizer in contemporary rocket technology is ignored in the UFO context since, as discussed above, the oxidizing agent appears to be produced outside of the UFO as an unavoidable consequence of the electromagnetic field.

In summary, considering the reported characteristics, UFO odors are attributed to externally produced oxidizing agents, ozone and $\text{NO}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, and their reaction with methyl alcohol, methyl benzene, and benzene. While it may be difficult to accept the implication that hydrocarbons are used as an energy source in disc UFOs, and wastefully too, the reported descriptions of occasional black smoke emission from disc UFOs must be recognized as further evidence.²²

Propulsion using the implied hydrocarbon fuels presumably requires atmospheric oxygen for primary combustion. This assumption tends to support "mother ship" reports, suggesting the more common, disc-type UFOs cannot operate outside Earth's atmosphere.

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Table One: Odor description and interpretation

Specific Description	Interpretation	Chemical Formula	Remarks
Burning sulphur	Sulphur Dioxide	SO ₂	Ozone is more likely, but unfamiliar to many witnesses.
Pepper in the air, ⁶ burned out electrical motor ⁷ or transformer	Ozone (witness also suggested hot Bakelite).	O ₃	Expected in vicinity of electrical discharge and ionized air. Besides irritating upper respiratory tract, can (but usually doesn't) produce headaches.
Fat burning ⁹	Fatty acids appear in vapor or with combustion.	e.g., formic acid HCOOH	Under low-temperature oxidation by moderately active agents, formic acid is produced from formaldehyde or directly from methyl benzene.
Embalming fluid ¹⁰	Formaldehyde	H ₂ CO	Colorless, water soluble, highly poisonous, irritating gas. Occurs in low-temperature oxidation of methyl alcohol by moderately active oxidizing agents.
Hot Bakelite	Formaldehyde and phenol	C ₆ H ₅ OH (phenol)	Phenol (carboic acid) is a pungent solid at room temperature. From oxidation of methyl benzene; ¹³ or UV radiation of benzene; ¹⁴ both need suitable catalyst. Produces skin burns.
Nitrobenzene ¹¹	Nitrobenzene	C ₆ H ₅ NO ₂	Oily, yellowish liquid, poisonous, with strong, slightly sweetish odor like oil of bitter almonds. Made in oxidation with benzene by nitric acid.

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Ohio UFO collection large and growing

The Ohio State University's main library's rare books and manuscripts division has more than 1,000 items in its William E. Jones Unidentified Object Collection.

The collection is one of the largest in the country, according to Elva Griffith, a library associate.

The assortment of material, ranging from books to reports to periodicals, has been donated over the past 15 years by Jones, a Columbus lawyer, Ohio MUFON State Director, and member of the Board of Directors of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies.

Jones is also a member of the Roundtown UFO Society of Circleville, OH, headed by Pete Hartinger.

Although every piece in the collection is not rare, the collection is not circulated, thus keeping the materials in good condition for researchers.

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Woman says UFO stalled car on lonely Texas road

On Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at 8:50 PM, eyewitness M.R. reports, "I was coming home from a fishing trip in Sargent, TX. I had just turned off FM587 on to FM2611 when, all of a sudden, the lights in my car blinked twice, and then the car went dead.

"I coasted to a stop at the top of a small hill that was on a curve. I was frightened. For one, I am female and was traveling alone, and I was in the middle of nowhere.

"I thought that the reason for the power giving out in my car was because my brother had been using my car battery earlier in the day and may not have tightened the battery cables properly.

"I didn't have a flashlight on me and I grabbed my cell phone to let someone know what had happened. Then I decided to get out of the car, knowing that my cell phone had a bright light on it, and I was going to check the battery cables.

"Before I could open my cell phone to turn it on, a bright bluish glow started to light up a wooded area across the highway from me.

"At first I thought it was another vehicle coming up behind me, and I panicked for a moment because my car had stopped on top of the hill on a curve, and, if the vehicle was coming up the curve too fast, it would hit me.

"But I realized quickly that it was not another vehicle. I couldn't quite identify the light, but the woods got suddenly brighter. The light went bright like a blue-white light bulb.

"It was more like the light from a giant blue flashlight or helicopter (search) light. I sat in complete silence while I watched it slowly move up out of the trees until it was above the trees and clearly in the sky with the stars for a background.

"It was a huge bluish translucent ball of light, with the center of the ball much darker than the outer edges. The outer edges of the ball seemed to vibrate or tremble slightly.

"It continuously rose up into the sky, at first slowly, but, the higher it got, the faster it went. Which was straight up into the sky until it disappeared.

"I sat in the silent darkness for a few seconds and then turned my car keys, which I had never taken out of the ignition switch, and the car started right up."

She says the UFO "was about 30 to 40 feet (9 to 12 meters) up. It was huge, maybe 30 to 40 feet across, but I could be mistaken. It was much larger than my car—a Volvo DL wagon. I resumed my drive to Sweeny, TX."

Sargent is in Matagorda County, on Texas' Gulf of Mexico shore about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southwest of Galveston. (Email Form Report)

—Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 10, No. 28, Joseph Trainor.

Large glowing object reported in Tennessee

On March 17, 2004, a 42-year-old man (name on file) says he was walking on the bank of South Holson Lake in Sullivan County, TN, looking for old fishing plugs, when he glanced up about 6:20 PM and saw a stationary glowing object which was perfectly circular.

It was about the size of a basketball at arm's length, and he estimates the object was 100 to 500 feet away.

Other than a bright yellow glow, there were no distinguishing features, and it was not translucent. He observed the object for about two minutes before it shot straight up into the sky and was gone.

The witness is a retired veteran of military special forces. He reported the sighting to the county sheriff, who referred the sighting to Kim Shaffer, Tennessee MUFON ASD/FI.

State & local newsletters

If your group is not currently sending your newsletter to the *Journal*, we would appreciate receiving it.

DoD, NASA computer hacker looking for ET and 9-11 coverup now facing extradition

A 39-year-old unemployed UFO enthusiast has been accused of committing the biggest military computer hack of all time by the US government, while authorities in Britain chose to release the North Londoner without charge.

His interest in the systems was sparked, as it was for many others, by an interest in science, science fiction, and the unknown.

It was the search for proof of extraterrestrial life and a potential cover-up around the events of 11 September, 2001, that led him to the restricted government sites.

He was, metaphorically speaking, able to walk right in, look around, and make himself at home in what are supposedly some of the most secure systems in the world.

Although breaking into the Department of Defense (DoD) required a combination of ingenuity and hours of mindless drudgery, ultimately it was the "dangerously lax IT systems" that made it possible, he claims.

And as for the "minor" damage to the systems concerned, it was not deliberate, he says, but happened accidentally while he was trying to cover his tracks.

Gary McKinnon has a lot to worry about. His job prospects are bleak. He will shortly have to leave his home in North London, and could be facing up to 70 years in a US federal prison—a prospect that terrifies him.

His actions have been well recorded. Over a period of years he managed to bypass the security of what should be the most sophisticated IT systems on the planet, many of which belong to the US DoD and NASA.

That was back in 2002, and he has already been investigated thoroughly by the legal authorities in the UK and released without charge.

But the slow-working cogs of the US legal system have finally clicked into action, leaving him hanging in limbo awaiting an extradition hearing.

Secrecy, UFOs, and the death of the American Republic

By Richard M. Dolan

One certainly hears a lot these days about "American fascism." Certain commentators like to point out that fascism was a distinct historical development that evolved from the European wreckage after World War One.

Some maintain that to call what is happening in America "fascism" is a disservice to those who lived under Hitler, Mussolini, or other dictators.



Richard Dolan

It's true that there are major differences here today with certain features of those regimes. There has been no openly acknowledged coup d'état to which one can refer. But the changes to America have yet been profound.

I believe that the Jacobin-styled revolutionaries who run America these days have learned an important lesson from the past: that the best revolutions are silent.

Manage the media, manage the other major institutions of power, and you can have your way about almost anything. You can change the structure of society at the most profound levels, as long as you keep the old appearances. I call this invisible fascism.

But my main quarry for this paper is not empire, not the covert influence of big money, not globalization, not the co-optation of what was once an independent media, nor even fascism per se in America.

There is another disease eating away at America. It is something which receives nearly no attention, even from those people who think and care about such quaint issues as republican virtue and freedom.

That is that matter commonly referred to as UFOs and the cancerous

Editor's Note

The initial portion of this article originally discussed in some detail Dolan's concerns with what he feels is a move toward "American fascism" and various activities of the government, such as the Patriot Act and the activities of the government related to 9-11.

As this was not directly related to UFOs, most of this material was, with the author's permission, not included in the current edited article.

This additional material is available on the author's website at www.keyholepublishing.com.

effect of UFO secrecy on the American Republic.

Of science and politics

The development of invisible fascism in America is of such historical significance, you might ask, "why talk about UFOs?" There is no shortage of culprits, so why bring in the lunatic fringe?

Conversely, there are also UFO researchers who want no part of political analysis interfering with their field of study. This is a scientific issue, they maintain. Introducing political perspectives just muddies the waters. Analyze the evidence, know your facts, and stay objective.

But the UFO topic has important political implications. We cannot afford to ignore them. One of these is the damaging effect UFO secrecy has had on our society. It is an issue that intimately affects public policy, national security, and our very freedom.

Indeed, as I will argue, the topic of UFOs and the extreme secrecy concerning them will determine a significant course of our civilization's future.

Reality of UFO phenomenon

UFOs are not fun and games, they are not delusions. They are real. The phenomenon has involved real technology, doing real things that are not supposed to be possible.

About the Author

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Dolan did undergraduate work at Alfred University in history, English, and philosophy, earned a scholarship to Oxford, and did graduate work at the University of Rochester in political science. He has spoken at several UFO conferences, including MUFON's 2002 and 2005 symposiums.

This technology, since at least World War Two, has engaged in a confrontational and provocative manner with U.S. military forces on many occasions.

It has involved both air space violations and alarmed responses, and has elicited the concern of some of the highest ranking military and intelligence officers in the country.

We know this because, for a relatively brief period in America's history (primarily the late 1970s and into some of the 1980s), the Freedom of Information Act enabled researchers to obtain official documents from government agencies which clearly demonstrated this.

Not that FOIA is officially dead today, but it has had its ups and downs over the years. As far as obtaining UFO-related information, FOIA's moment of glory was long ago, in the post-Watergate and post-Vietnam era.

Thus, agencies such as the CIA, DIA, FBI, and pick your alphabet-soup agency, which for years had steadfastly denied having anything to do with UFOs, suddenly released thousands of pages of documentation proving the opposite.

It is true that, among these officially released documents, there is no absolute smoking gun—e.g. a memo from the President stating "Okay, what do we do about these pesky aliens, anyhow?"

There are, however, quite a few documents that are one cut below this.

That is, documents that describe utterly awesome military encounters with the unexplainable.

Taken individually, such FOIA documents do not prove the existence of UFOs as something "not us." After all, even military witnesses can make mistakes. Radar can be faulty or misinterpreted.

But, taken as a whole, the released FOIA documents provide a large body of evidence relating to serious military encounters with UFOs. After you read the first fifty of these, you start to wonder. Let's review a couple of these documents.

The 1949 Kirtland document

We have, for instance, a document from Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico from Jan. 31, 1949, directed to the USAF Chief of Staff.

There was a flurry of UFO activity going on in New Mexico at this time. The document in question described yet another of these sightings from the previous day, seen by about 30 people. The document states:

"Estimate at least 100 total sightings. AEC, AFSWP, 4th Army, local commanders perturbed by implications of phenomena.... All appear to be same object at different points in trajectory. Unless instructed to contrary this office will make all out investigation with view to location of impact point if any."

All those agencies were "perturbed by implications of phenomena." Yes, indeed. I would be perturbed, too.

On the same day that the Kirtland document was issued, Strategic Air Command sent a memo to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

It stated that the matter of UFOs was "considered top secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces."

A 1950 Confidential Memorandum with the heading, "Flying Disks." This memo is remarkable, and I want to separate each sentence from one paragraph, so that you read it carefully:

The 1950 Hanford document.

"Since 30 July objects, round in form, have been sighted over the Hanford AEC Plant.

"These objects reportedly were above 15,000 feet in altitude.

"Air Force jets attempted intercep-

tion with negative results.

"All units including the anti-aircraft battalion, radar units, Air Force fighter squadrons, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been alerted for further observation.

"The Atomic Energy Commission states that the investigation is continuing and complete details will be forwarded later."

Where oh where are the academic historians regarding this memo? Failed intercepts? Anti-aircraft battalions? Good lord. And whatever happened to the AEC investigation and report?

The answer to that last question might be contained in the wording of the 1949 memo sent to Hoover. It stated that the matter of UFOs was "considered top secret."

Yet, of the thousands of UFO-related documents that were released through the Freedom of Information Act, only the smallest handful of (highly censored) documents were actually Top Secret.

The rest were typically classified Restricted or Confidential, or at most Secret. Lower levels of secrecy, in other words. So where are the Top Secret documents?

Despite the best efforts of FOIA researchers, the best reports and intelligence remain far removed from the public domain. Despite what some people had hoped, the FOIA has not turned out to be a magic bullet.

It is also fairly obvious that UFO secrecy involves classifications higher than Top Secret. Higher classifications are themselves classified, so who knows how far they really go.

James Bamford in *Body of Secrets*, a study of the NSA, writes, "like an endless spiral, there are secret classification systems within secret classification systems."

What we do know is that Canadian government official Wilbert Smith wrote in 1950 that he had made "discreet enquiries through the Canadian embassy staff in Washington" and learned that the subject of UFOs was "the most highly classified subject in the United States government."

Robins Air Force Base

The last of the early memos I want to show you is from Robins Air Force



Wilbert Smith

Base in Macon, GA, dated July 9, 1951. It describes a ten-minute aerial UFO encounter that took place in the early afternoon.

The pilot, a first lieutenant, was flying an F-51 on a routine flight from Lawson AFB in Columbus, GA. Not far from Augusta, he encountered an object that was "flat on top and bottom and appearing from a front view to have rounded edges and slightly beveled."

At one point the object dived while in front of the pilot's view. When it did so, it appeared "completely round and spinning in a clockwise direction."

The amount of detail on this report is remarkable. It continues: "From front view as object dived observer noted small spots on the object...Object did not appear to be aluminum. Only 1 object observed. Solar white. No vapor trails or exhaust or visible system of propulsion. Described as traveling at tremendous speed."

The object eventually "disappeared under his plane."

Not only was this for an extended duration, but the pilot got to within 300 to 400 feet of the object. He estimated its size at about 10 to 15 feet in diameter. This object was moving very fast.

According to the report, the pilot thought the object was moving at the speed of a jet. He felt a "disturbance in the air described as a bump when object passed under plane.... Pilot flew in combat in Europe for 12 months 1944-1945. Pilot considered by associates to be highly reliable, of mature judgement and a creditable observer."

There are other documents like this.

Taken as a group, they establish that, during this early period at least, there were quite a few events that were recorded and classified by U.S. military and intelligence personnel that they took seriously. It is easy to understand why.

Soviet? American? Other?

Were these objects of Soviet origin, developed perhaps with the aid of captured German scientists—some of whom were indeed experimenting with disk-shaped platforms? This possibility was investigated, and rejected.

Today, years later, there is still no evidence that the Soviets invented “flying saucers” after World War Two.

What about the Americans? They captured their own cache of German scientists, after all. One can speculate on the possibility that some breakthrough was made in the immediate post-World War Two years, in deep secrecy, as a result of purely terrestrial science.

But there are several problems with this theory, as well. First, the documentation that we have indicates serious efforts on anti-gravity commencing in the mid-1950s.

If anything started sooner within the United States, we have no documentary evidence. That is not to say it didn't happen, but there are no documents to show it.

Nor would it seem logical that this was a deep black American program, at least when viewing the confrontational nature of some of these encounters.

The 1951 pilot encounter cited above, for instance, or the many intrusions over military bases and research centers, don't make sense as a secret American project, at least not on the face of it.

Unless, of course, you speculate that a rogue human group obtained radically advanced technology; a group beyond the control of official militaries and governments. I can't prove this, but is it possible? Of course.

That, frankly, seems to be the conservative interpretation, and it's not exactly conservative. Then there is the more radical interpretation, which is that this technology wasn't human in origin at all.

(Continued next month.)

MUFON Forum

Witness revealed

Editor's Note: The “Cisco Grove Bow & Arrow case” was summarized in the April *MUFON UFO Journal* in an article by Preston Dennett, from his book *UFOs Over California*.

There was discussion in the Forum in the June issue of the name of the main witness. Dennett's full report of the incident, as it appears in his book, follows this letter to the Forum by the witness' wife:

Dear Mr. Connelly,

I have the answer to the name discussion by Mr. Dennett, Mr. Heiden, and Mr. Good printed in the MUFON Forum, page 10, of the *MUFON UFO Journal* of June, 2005.

The witness in the Cisco Grove Bow and Arrow case of 1964 is my husband of 42 years, Donald R. Shrum. He fought them off all night and got away. Don is 67 years old now, and is in good health and retired.

Paul Cerny was Don's MUFON investigator in 1964. Kathylyn Bunyard told of Paul's passing. We have the greatest respect for Paul. He treated Don very well, and always kept us informed about Don's case.

Paul and Don agreed to keep Don's last name confidential because of the prevailing attitudes in the early 60's. Paul used Mr. S and Donald S. Don was introduced to Stanton Friedman, though, as Mr. X by Paul in the 70's in Sacramento, CA. Later on, Paul used Donald Smythe.

Richard Hall never had our permission to use Don's last name. Mr. Hall was so very close: he added the letter c to Don's last name. We have never met Mr. Hall.

Don's name was leaked by whom we will never know. Paul; Dr. Anita Brothers of Berkeley, CA; Professor Killick; James Harder; and U.S. Air Force Capt. McCloud and a sergeant who were with Intelligence Command (who grilled Don off base for several hours; I was present then) were the only ones we knew who had Don's full name, address, and possibly phone

number. Nevertheless, his leaked name, etc. did cause some problems, not too bad.

—Warmest regards,
Mrs. Judith Shrum

Following is the case as described in *UFOs Over California*:

On Labor Day weekend in 1964, a now classic UFO case took place in the wilderness outside Cisco Grove, near Truckee, California. Three hunters were using the long weekend to do some bow-and-arrow hunting. On September 4, the three men separated from each other and began the hunt.

One of the hunters, Donald Smythe, had no idea that he was about to become the hunted. After a long day of hunting, Smythe had become lost and was having trouble finding his way back to camp. When he saw a light darting back and forth above him, he assumed a helicopter had been sent to rescue him.

Instead, the object came overhead and hovered silently above him. When the object suddenly landed, Smythe realized that it was something outside of his experience. He became frightened and climbed up a nearby tree.

Smythe then saw three figures exit the craft and come towards him. Two of the figures were about five feet tall and dressed from head to toe in silvery-gray material. The third figure appeared to be robotic, with two reddish-orange “eyes” and a rectangular opening for a mouth.

The three figures approached the tree and appeared to try and climb it. The robotic figure opened its rectangular mouth and belched out clouds of foul-smelling gas which made Smythe choke and lose consciousness.

He climbed further up into the tree as the three figures continued to taunt him. The three figures stayed for hours, despite Smythe's attempts to dissuade them by dropping burning bits of paper and clothing. He then shot at the robot with his arrows. Although the robot was knocked down, the arrows bounced off the metallic surface.

This went on all night. When dawn

broke. the figures were still there. Suddenly, a fourth figure exited the craft and Smythe saw that it was another robotic figure, identical to the first. The two robots emitted a huge cloud of smoke which enveloped Smythe, causing him to lose consciousness. When he awoke, the figures and "dome-shaped" craft were gone.

Smythe hurriedly returned to camp, where he found his friends looking for him. Upon hearing his account, one of the hunters reported that he also saw a "bright, glowing, large light" swoop down and travel at low altitude across the sky. Both companions also remarked that the incident undoubtedly had something to do with the fact that the government was already in the area looking for a "meteorite."

Smythe's wife saw him after the incident and provided additional details: "I knew something was wrong with him when I saw him. He was as white as a sheet, and his eyes were dazed looking. He spoke to me in a very shaky voice.

He had dark circles under his eyes. He looked terrible...he had scratches all over his arms. He came in and didn't even say hi, hello or anything... he then proceeded to tell me about his Cisco Grove experience. His hands shook and his voice was subdued....he was on the verge of crying [and] was so badly shaken that he took a week off from work."

Smythe was badly traumatized by the incident and reported it to the Air Force. While the Air Force suggested he was perhaps the victim of a prank, pioneering UFO investigator Coral Lorenzen calls the case "the most spectacular report I have ever examined," and believes "it is an authentic incident and important to the documentation of 'occupant' incidents."

UFO investigators Ted Bloecher and Paul Cerny also conducted an in-depth, onsite investigation and came away totally convinced.

Writes Cerny, "Having just reviewed the case files on this fascinating and unusual encounter, there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that this incident is factual and authentic. I have spent considerable time and many visits with the main witness, and along with the testimony of the other witnesses, I can rule out the possibility of any hoax."



Cracks in the Great Wall—UFOs and Traditional Metaphysics by Charles Upton, 2005, Sophia Perennis, Lightning Source, LaVergne, TN, ISBN 1-59731-024-7, 88 pages, soft cover, 6x9, No index. \$18.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

The author purports to explain what UFOs are by using a combination of science and metaphysics, utilizing primarily the views of ufologist Jacques Vallee and metaphysicist Rene Guenon.

Vallee is, in fact, the only ufologist in which the author seems to place much faith, and it is clear that Upton has only limited knowledge of ufology.

Still, the writing is clear and intelligent for the most part as he presents material to convince the reader that UFOs are manifestations of the anti-Christ.

"I consider," says the author, "the contemporary UFO experience, and particularly the occurrence of 'alien abduction,' to be the most direct manifestation conceivable of these powers of darkness—a manifestation which has become possible on such a widespread basis only because the present world-age is rapidly drawing to a close: it is truly an 'end time' phenomenon."

Although Upton seems unable to differentiate between New Age groups, such as Heaven's Gate, and groups such as MUFON, he does spend several pages critiquing the late John Mack's approach to both the abductees and the abductors.

The author concludes that the UFO entities are members of the Jinn of the Koran—beings inhabiting a plane subtler than the Material, but grosser than the Imaginal and Angelic: the seventh plane in the Great Chain of Being."

He says that not all Jinn are evil, "but the Jinn who are staging the present UFO manifestations almost certainly are demons," and "are here to prepare us for the religion of the antichrist."

He adds, "If today's alien shows many similarities to the traditional

'vampire,' it is because both of them steal our 'blood,' our life-energy, which in the most fundamental sense is nothing other than the spiritual attention we owe to God as the source of our life."

He adds, "Just as an adulterous affair destroys marriage by diverting erotic energy, so the 'alien' and the 'entity' destroy our relationship to God by diverting spiritual energy."

The author says he will accept, "without apology, the existence of invisible worlds, and the ability of such worlds to impinge upon and alter the physical one."

Overlooking few issues, Upton also spends some time explaining why he believes reincarnation and time travel are impossible.

He says that the UFOs cannot be interplanetary spaceships because, based on Vallee's conclusions, "there are simply too many of them; it is not likely, for example, that the possibly two million Americans who have been abducted by aliens were kidnapped by astronauts."

The author quotes *Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future* that "the manifestations of today's flying saucers are quite within the 'technology' of demons; indeed, nothing else can explain them as well. The multifarious demonic deceptions of Orthodox literature have been adapted to the mythology of outer space, nothing more..[their] purpose is to awe the beholders with a sense of the 'mysterious,' and to produce 'proof' of the 'higher intelligences' ('angels,' if the victim believes in them, or 'space visitors' for modern men), and thereby gain trust for the message they wish to communicate."

This book probably won't change many minds, but Upton does a reasonably good job of presenting his view of ufology: "a true postmodern demonology—though all too many of those who believe that Unidentified Flying Objects are extraterrestrial visitors treat it more as a post-modern religion."



FILER'S FILES

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Note: These reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated.

Massachusetts teardrop UFO

BOSTON - The passenger and his daughter were flying in an AA 757 to Europe on June 19, 2005.

The witness states, "Twenty minutes after takeoff a horseshoe crab-shaped silver object was quickly overtaken by our aircraft at 8:14 PM.

"The crab-shaped UFO was flying at our altitude and not recognized as an aircraft. We estimated the object was at a 1/4 mile distance from our AA 757, but it was definitely not a plane, and seemed to be hanging almost vertically north of us."

On landing at Manchester, England, they asked the pilot and co-pilot about the UFO. They did not see it or pick anything up on radar.

Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director, www.ufocenter.com.

UK cigar

COVENTRY - On June 17, 2005, at 2:10 AM, a train engineer and another railway worker witnessed a multi-colored cigar-shaped object low in the sky. The engineer at Coventry Station was driving locomotive 66537 (4006).

The engineer reports, "About half a mile before Cov station I noticed at about a 35-degree angle from eyesight a large green light above Coventry City Centre. It appeared to be stationary and was a steady light.

"Getting closer to the station, the light turned to a steady red or slightly orange glow. I couldn't remain in permanent focus with the object because I was running on to a red signal.

"I observed that the light had a tube-like shape and a red light at the rear. I

would guess that it was only about a couple of hundred feet in the sky, and was moving northeast over Coventry.

"There was no noise I could hear, but then again I was in a 66 locomotive. Also there was a rail grinding machine on the down slow platform, and the driver of that was on the platform watching the UFO.



George Filer

"Maybe it was a barrage balloon or Zeppelin type craft? But why the steady light not flashing, plus I have never seen these at night, and also it appeared to be thin and tube like." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Disc attacks Stealth bomber?

INDIANAPOLIS - Two witnesses decided to walk around the outside of the Indy 500 Race Track. They were walking south on Georgetown Road on the left side of the street on May 29, 2005, at 11:30 PM, and overheard people say the Stealth was almost there and pointed it out.

The witness reports, "Soon, we saw the Stealth bomber coming straight over Georgetown Road, and nearby there was a disc moving like a chrome ringing bell, then hovering in one spot, blinding similar to the sun shining on chrome.

"The thing was high, higher than the Stealth, and the disc seemed to be waiting for the Stealth. As the Stealth flew under the hovering disc, the disc seemed to attack the Stealth bomber.

"The disc stopped glistening, and smoked a little as it hit the right wing of the Stealth plane, then started shining again. The plane circled the track one lap and went west in the direction of the

Indianapolis Airport.

"The right wing had some smoke coming from it. Maybe that's normal, but the first 12 seconds were something to see. After I saw the smoke from the wing of the Stealth, I couldn't spot the disc.

"There were a couple of witnesses leaving for the race. The female looked at the disc or bell and said, 'Cool.'" Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Possible new Roswell info

Dave writes: "I wanted to relate a story to you about my father, Joe, who was on the Civil Engineering faculty at the University of Texas.

"In mid-July of 1947, my parents were driving late at night, westbound from Clovis, NM, trying to make Santa Fe. My Mother said that west of Clovis about 15 miles the road was open with no traffic. It was a clear starry night

"She said the road was 'mounded' up, built up higher than the surrounding terrain. There was (and is) a railroad track that parallels the road, but located down below, and that its telegraph poles reached only slightly higher than the road surface.

"This stretch of road is about 40 miles northeast of Roswell, N.M. Today, as then, the road is still built up and, while there are more utility poles, there are still long sections where the road is about the height of the tops of the poles.

"If you are westbound, to the left is a long, descending plain that runs almost to Roswell, devoid of trees, power line, and any other obstructions. As many places in the West, you can literally see 25 to 30 miles.

"Suddenly Dad slammed on the brakes, a very hard setdown with smoke and boiling, screaming tires. As they sat there, in front of them about 150 feet, was a huge craft which had come up from the plains on the left, out of the dark-

ness, and was skimming south to north across the road surface, not touching the road, but about two feet above it.

"The wind draft of this object was pulling some dust and straw along with it. Mom said they could not see the top of the object until it passed, but that it filled the windshield view and rose out of sight vertically.

"She said that it looked like an express passenger train, racing across a grade level crossing right in front of them. However, it was no train, it was huge with 'lighted' windows and some darkened windows, racing by, giving a passenger train effect of train windows going by.

"However, think of trains stacked on top of each other so high that it fills the windshield until out of sight. It was moving somewhat faster than any express train she had ever seen, maybe 130 MPH, yet was so big it took some time to pass.

"Obviously, Dad had seen it coming at the last minute up out of the dark plains on the left. They both said that it had come 'from below' on the left to just skim the road top. Dad said it would have hit them had he not seen 'movement in the dark off to the left.'

"Both parents stressed that this 'was not a train,' no head lights. After it passed they looked for a track in the road, crossing signs, or any other evidence of rail. There was nothing.

"They did say the asphalt was hot, almost steaming, but there were no marks or anything. And definitely no railroad tracks.

"They also said it certainly wasn't a train, as it was huge—the size and height of the University of Texas Memorial Stadium.

"Both my parents were college educated and intelligent. They both were religious and very skeptical of new things, of technology. So I am convinced that 'something' was seen there. It was after the Roswell incident by only days when my parents got 'buzzed.'" Thanks to Dave.

North Carolina UFO

BELMONT - A Navy veteran and project manager with a mechanical en-

gineering firm was driving home on Southpoint Road on May 28, 2005, at 11:15 PM, parallel to Lake Wylie, when his wife observed an object flying in a strange manner.

He reports, "My wife snatched my arm and pointed to the object. I was in total awe, as the object was only a half mile from us and flying over Lake Wylie at 1,000 feet or less.

"We slowed down and were moving at a snail's pace on the road to observe this phenomenon. The object stopped, appeared to hover, and then performed a swift 90-degree turn and was heading in our direction towards the steam plant.

"The Charlotte International Airport is very close by, but we were nowhere close to its flight paths. We kept driving, but the object turned west. We then turned our vehicle around and went back to the original spot where we had viewed the object.

"When we arrived, the object was back in its original position. The craft took a southerly course and flew over Gaither Road towards the other side of Lake Wylie. The craft made no sound and had a dull yellow glow on the bottom. The three lights were dull, also, but a tad brighter.

"When the craft pulled away, it kept at a very slow pace and was very close to us. The other witnesses were our kids (seven, five and two). The children observed this craft and were visibly/emotionally disturbed by it. This was truly amazing!!"

Colorado sighting by Mackay

DENVER - "Greetings from Glennys Mackay, National Director MUFON Brisbane, Australia. I thought it is fitting to report a first-hand sighting on June 8, 2005, while visiting friends living up on Blue Mountain overlooking Golden, CO.

"At 7:15 PM, I was standing on the balcony admiring the view when we were attracted to what we thought at first to be a very large bird flying from west to east.

"I commented to my friend John Tracey (also visiting from Brisbane, Australia), 'What a huge bird,' when it passed the tall Ponderosa pines. It was in clear vision.

"This object was flashing a blue light, and on turning towards us was silver and round, and appeared to be landing on a clear grass area between the trees across the valley. It then climbed up to eye level and started to fly towards us.

"By this time there were three other people who witnessed this UFO: Averill Boylan from Tauranga, New Zealand; and our hosts, Ainsley and Darlene Bell.

"As we watched, it seemed to turn along the contour of the hills before changing direction and flying across the valley towards the rocky outcrop on our side of the valley before it took off at great speed towards Denver, then, disappearing up into the clouds.

"We were able to take two photos as it began to gather speed. The report was given to John Schuessler at MUFON the following morning.

"I think, George, this really made our trip to the USA a pretty exciting one; as our host and hostess had never seen a UFO or believed up until this time."

North Dakota saucer sighted

TUTTLE - The observer reports, "I am a 16-year-old girl, and my 17-year-old male friend and I were driving around our small town at 2 AM on May 28, 2005, when we saw a straight line of red lights.

"We were curious, so we followed the lights that were southwest of us. As we got closer we saw a circular object with red lights with little bars across them. At this point you could see it was very big.

"I lost it as it crossed the road, but my friend pointed to the other side of the road towards the east. So, we turned on the next gravel road towards the object and watched it go right over my friend's farm.

"It was hovering for at least a minute when there appeared a smaller saucer right below the big one.

"We followed it for at least five minutes before it disappeared, and it seemed like it was running away from us." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New York loss of satellite radio

GLENS FALLS - The witness was listening to Sirius Satellite Radio when the signal started to break up for no apparent reason on May 28, 2005, at 5:55

PM.

Satellite radio is designed to provide perfect radio reception, since there is nothing blocking the receiver's path.

The witness reports, "Suddenly, there was no signal/sound. When I checked around, I jokingly stated to my family that the satellite must have exploded, which prompted me to look up.

"To my surprise, I noticed a 'black dot' (craft) in the sky. The object never moved. On this day there were some passing clouds at different altitudes. Clouds would pass over the object and it would remain in view.

"A series of clouds passed below the object, and visual was lost. Moments later the radio began to regain the signal of the satellite. When the clouds passed, the object was gone

"One witness was able to retrieve binoculars and make a visual, but all that could be established was that the object was reflecting the sunlight. The satellite radio was lost for about 10-15 minutes. Visual of craft was about 3-5 minutes." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Washington sighting by experts

MT. ADAMS - One of the witnesses reports, "There were four Boeing managers present on Saturday, June 4, 2005, to a UFO sighting. The four professional aerospace witnesses, including myself, know better than armchair naysayers what celestial objects are observed.

"I have seen dozens of missile launches, myriad aircraft under all conditions, and I am intimately familiar with the US radar, space, and missile technology and advanced capabilities.

"At 10:15 PM, I tried to power up my digital camera for the really awesome one of the four UFOs I saw, but I was too late. We were looking towards the mountain until midnight.

"We were guests of James Gilliland at his ranch, 13 miles south of Mt. Adams, when we saw a star-sized white light crossing the sky directly above us heading south at a fairly fast clip, 'snaking' back and forth by several nearby stars.

"It moved across the sky for about 20 to 30 degrees of arc, and stopped, parked there, and dimmed. With the hun-

dreds of stars visible and the fact that it stopped moving, I soon lost track of the UFO's exact position.

"Our host had a telephoto lens, and saw a red light attached to its tail while it was moving. I spotted the UFO first, as I have exceptional long range vision.

"The second sighting was a brighter star-sized UFO which came into view moving west and traveling 10 to 15 degrees of arc across the sky at about a 60-degree angle from the ground.

"It took a smooth 35-degree arcing turn to the NNW, traveled a short distance, and stopped high above Mt Adams. No dimming.

"The third and best sighting was a medium bright, star-sized UFO which came in from the WSW and meandered somewhat randomly in an easterly direction. It stopped right next to a dimmer star.

"Suddenly it lit up hundreds of times brighter than it was for four seconds, moved off into space, and dimmed to nothing in a snaking trajectory. When that puppy lit up, everyone gasped, cheered, hooted, hollered, and went wild.

"The fourth sighting was a star-sized UFO traveling south when it 'flashed' like a strobe pulse, then returned to a very dim object. A few seconds later, it flashed again, and dimmed.

"This scenario was repeated 12 times while crossing directly overhead and traveling 35 degrees of the sky, changing directions multiple times. The flashes were randomly timed. The UFO then stopped above us, and parked there for the rest of the night." Thanks to R.A

Illinois teardrop

FRANKLIN PARK - The witness was in his yard having a smoke and saw a bright flash of light like a camera flash, but pinpoint in size to the west at 11 PM on May 22, 2005.

He says, "My view was obstructed for about 15 seconds by trees, but it was heading towards me. As it approached, I began to see color and shape. It passed directly overhead and continued east until I could no longer see it.

"It was glowing an orange-yellow color, and the lights on the bottom of it appeared to be segmented into three rectangular shapes, nearly the same in

shape and size. There was a halo of light surrounding it that was more yellow in color and appeared misty. That is how the teardrop type shape was seen.

"The object was rotating counter-clockwise on what appeared to be an asymmetrical axis at one revolution every 3 or 4 seconds. The revolutions and lateral speed were constant.

"Though the defining lines of the object could not be seen clearly, I got a distinct view of the underside. I called my step-daughter out, but she only saw it briefly rotate in the distance."

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Minnesota triangle

FERGUS FALLS - Three witnesses at different locations made observations of a flying triangle.

Witnesses in the town were observing the Northern Lights in the distance when they observed a bright orange triangle that appeared from the east at tree-top level and moved slowly north, disappearing at 3 AM on May 20, 2005.

The object made no sound. The night was clear and still. The object would fit inside the full moon, if the full moon was about half its normal size.

Another witness in Fergus Falls indicated that the object was in the northern sky, from his vantage point. The second witness, who lived three blocks to the north of the first witness, indicates that she had seen the object to the south, from her vantage point at her home.

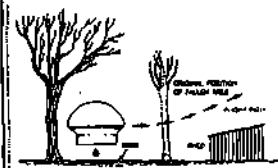
If that second report is true, the object may have been located between the two witnesses.

Canada flashing saucer lights

TORONTO - Agnes Sroczyński writes, "On June 22, 2005, at about 10 PM, in the Flemington Park area of the city, my friend and I witnessed a disc-shaped metallic object from the eleventh floor window of my friend's apartment.

"The object had large, white, spherical lights on the sides, flashing quickly and erratically. It was close to the building, and not far above us. Only one or two lights were visible at any one time.

"The object danced a dizzying pattern in the sky while it continued traveling west, extremely fast. This is a good spot for sightings in Toronto."



Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

Occupants and physical traces

In looking through my files I note that 731 events, or 23.9% of all reported physical trace events, involved the observation of occupants, and 41% of the reported occupant events involved multiple witnesses.

These occupants are usually described as quite small, 1 meter tall, with very thin bodies and little hair.

The majority of trace landing cases with sightings of beings follow the same story line: the object lands in the most remote section of a farm and generally out of sight of the farmer's home.



Ted Phillips

Very often it's that pesky farm dog barking that alerts the witness to the event. It appears that the last thing "they" want is contact of any kind.

Many cases involve the witness standing in the middle of a dense woods in the dark of night—the perfect chance, to snatch him away and do a little probing, but this rarely occurs.

There are events which seem to indicate a problem with the object, the need to download something which is many times described as a luminous spray which can have quite an effect on the soil and plants. It doesn't seem likely they are just flying around spraying plants to help farmers with their crops.

In one case in Kansas, I believe that the object was forced to land near a sheep pen, crashing its way into the area because it had to. It just happened to be the very best spot to conceal such a device in some really flat country.

When the device finally took off, it crossed a road and bumped across a farm field with the irate farmer watch-

ing. Unless "they" have an odd concept of flying, they were having problems. Perhaps the high tech we seem to assume is there, is not.

The following cases from the TRACAT/CPTR files represent significant humanoid observations and the resulting physical traces found at the site of the reported events.

Pre-1950 Events

06/12/1790 0500. France, Alencon: Several farmers caught sight of a large globe which was surrounded by flames. A whistling sound was heard. The spherical object slowed, made some oscillations, and moved toward the top of a hill, unearthing plants along the slope.

The heat was so intense that grass and small trees started burning. In the evening the sphere was still warm.

Witnesses: two mayors, a doctor, three other authorities, in addition to the dozens of peasants who were present.

A kind of door opened, and a person came out of it. The person was dressed in a strange way, wore a tightfitting suit, saw all the people, said some words that were not understood, and ran into the woods.

The sphere exploded silently, throwing pieces everywhere, and these pieces burned until they were powder. (From a report of June 17, 1790, by Police Inspector Liabeuf).

1893 Australia, Central NSW: A farmer observed a circular object on the ground, the witness approached, a man in odd clothing exited the object, and pointed some kind of "torch" at the witness, hitting his hand, and throwing the farmer to the ground.

The witness was stunned, and when he regained consciousness the object and occupant were gone. The hand where the torch beam had struck was reportedly paralyzed for life.

05/18/09 2300 Wales, Caerphilly: The witness was walking along a road near the mountains when he saw on the

grass a large tube-like object. He saw two men wearing fur coats and talking in a language he couldn't understand. The grass was found depressed where the object rested after it ascended

02/22/22 0500 NB, Hubbell: William Lamb was following strange tracks when he heard a high pitched sound and saw a circular object. It became very bright and landed in a hollow. A being 2.4 m tall was seen. It left tracks in the snow.

02/05/34 Norway, Malselv: People on both sides of Fager Mountain saw an aerial object crash land on the mountain. The next day, a kind of machine was seen on the mountain. Rescuers found no machine, but a circular trace and footprints.

07/00/39 1200 Spain, Zahara De Los Atunes: Several young children were resting in the shade under some large trees when nearby goats became agitated and stampeded down a nearby hill.

The children saw a huge metallic disc-shaped object which flew low above them, emitting a strong heat. The object descended and landed in a great cloud of dust in a nearby clearing. It emitted a loud whistling sound as it touched the ground.

The object had a band of red, yellow, and green lights around its edge. A door opened, and a tall figure clad in a silvery suit, with headgear and a wide belt, emerged, quickly followed by a shorter similarly dressed figure.

They both walked with very stiff movements. Their silvery suits covered their faces, and both had two black holes where the eyes should have been. Both figures took out an object resembling a flashlight and walked 50 yards from the object.

They eventually returned into the object, which ascended at tremendous speed. Ground traces were found and were still visible 41 years later.

11/29/39 1700 Finland, Saarijarvi:

14-year-old Arvo was in the forest with his father collecting firewood. They headed home at twilight, and the boy noticed on the right side of the path on a small rocky hill some 2-3m high a strange device 3-to 4 m in diameter.

His father wouldn't let him go nearer. He observed the object from 70 m. It was about 2.5 m high, supported by three landing legs made of three rods ending in triangular plates.

The bottom section was rounded like a kettle. From the bottom of the object came a "dull" flame like that of an upside down candle, 1.5 m long, emitting a loud noise resembling that of escaping gas.

Standing outside the object was a 160 cm tall human-like figure which was clad in a suit with a round helmet which had an oval opening.

The being was carrying a box, which he was using to direct two or three robot-like creatures, which had box-like heads. At least one of these robots lifted its legs very high when walking.

Arvo could see that the legs were like two rods below the knees, ending in a plate. The next day the Winter War began, but Arvo went to the site, despite his father's objections, who also refused to go collect firewood with him.

At the place where the object was seen there was a triangular mark of a support leg. There was also a strong, unpleasant smell in the area.

06/00/44 1100 TX, Minden: Ida Blant, a 65-year-old woman who owned a boarding house eight miles from Minden, observed the landing of an object with a blinding light, 200 ft away. A 5.9 m circular area was burnt.

05/00/46 Sweden, Angelholm: Gosta Carlsson had been looking for pollen for his bees when he saw a light in an open space in the forest nearby. When he reached the spot he saw a disc with a dome.

The dome had oval windows. Above it there was a mast like a periscope. Beneath the disc there was a large oblong fin which stretched from the center to the edge. There were two metal landing legs, and a small ladder reached to the ground from a door beside the fin.

The object was 56 feet in diameter and 15 feet thick. There were holes around the edge. Light beams extended

from these and burned the grass as the object ascended. Three antennas were seen near the mast, which was 18 feet long.

Where the light hit the ground he could see a sparkling effect. A man in white close-fitting coveralls was seen, who raised his hand and the witness stopped, less than 35 feet away. The man was normal in size.

The witness saw a number of other people who appeared to be repairing a window. The object ascended with a whistling sound. A circular area 40 feet in diameter was found.

00/00/49 MO, Lamonte: Anna Fulton saw an object land in a nearby field. Brilliant light beams were projected from openings around the base of the object. After several minutes the circular object made a vertical ascent.

While on the ground a small being was seen near the object. At the site a circular burned area 20 feet in diameter with a strong odor was found.

1950's

1950 through 1953 produced an average of six humanoid/trace cases yearly; the following examples are the most significant.

04/24/50 Italy, Abbiate Guazzone: Bruno Facchini saw a dark mass hovering 200 yards from his home. A man dressed in tight-fitting clothes and wearing a helmet appeared to be making repairs.

There were three other figures working around the object. A trap through which light had been shining was closed, and the object took off. The occupants were of normal size.

They made sounds and pointed a camera-like device at the witness, a beam of light was projected toward him, and he was knocked away.

At the site, metal fragments were found, also four circular imprints and patches of scorched grass. The incident had other witnesses.

06/22/52 2300 TN, Little Spring Creek: A man hears odd sounds and sees a shiny thing on the ground, with bright light coming through an open door. Through the door he can see four or five beings, 4 ft tall.

The object is aluminum colored, glowing orange and blue in spots, some of which are too bright to look at di-

rectly. Rotating lights on a translucent ball on top are seen. Object is on four legs, each with a ball at the end, and a center spike.

It stands 3-4 feet off the ground, 7-8 feet thick at the center, disc-shaped. Beings enter the device, which ascends vertically in a twisting, cork-screw motion, glowing brighter as it rises.

Traces include imprints and a center spike mark, along with small heel-less footprints.

07/15/52 Germany, Gleimer-shausen: Mayor Oskar Linke and his 12-year-old stepdaughter saw a landed circular object and occupants. They moved to within 30 feet.

The object was 50 feet across with two rows of holes along the side, each about one foot in diameter. A black cylindrical tower was seen at the top center; it was about 10 feet high, went through the disc, and the object was resting on it.

The object slowly ascended, and a whistling sound was heard. Several people in a nearby village saw it flying overhead. A circular depression where the tower had rested was found.

08/06/52 NC, Lumberton: James Allen, 51, saw a round object 8 ft long, 6 ft high land within 10 feet of him. A small occupant was seen, and small footprints were found.

1954 produced the first "wave" of humanoid reports involving physical evidence.

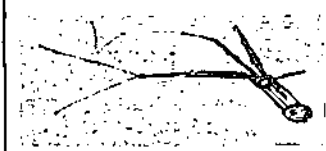
09/02/54 2000 KS, Coldwater: John Jacob Swaim saw a 50 ft disc hovering five ft above the ground. One being the size of a five-year-old child was seen 20 feet from him.

The being wore shiny clothing and carried 2-foot long cylinders on his back. The being floated to the object, which ascended. Lighted windows could be seen on the object.

At the site, numerous pear-shaped footprints 2 inches x 4.5 inches were found.

Next month I will look at additional cases in which both physical traces and occupants were present.

In the meantime, check out my website for the Center for Physical Trace Research at www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/ for more than 3,000 physical trace cases from all over the world.



PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

Larry King UFO Show

A few months ago I wrote about the two-hour ABC-TV prime time UFO "documentary," "UFOs: Seeing is Believing," created by Peter Jennings Productions and hosted by Peter himself on Feb. 24.

A great deal of time, money, and effort went into the show with 150 people being interviewed at many different locations. There were even re-creations of such important events as astronomer Jill Tartar mistaking the moon for a UFO.

Most of the show was a journalistically irresponsible and massively misleading potpourri of abductions, interstellar travel, and the Roswell incident, as I have noted on my website (www.stantonfriedman.com)

In stark contrast, Larry King did a cheap one-hour show on July 6.

There were four representatives from the UFO community with a total of about 140 years of serious study of different aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

Retired Aerospace Engineer John Schuessler worked on the space program for decades and is International Director of MUFON.

Budd Hopkins has worked with over 600 abductees, and has written several books about his work. He has made many presentations at MUFON symposia.

Rob Swiatek is a physicist who has worked for the Patent Office for many years and is involved with the Fund for UFO Research, as well as MUFON.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee is an optical physicist who has written three books about UFOs, and is one of the few scientists to have published peer reviewed articles about UFOs in refereed scientific journals: *The Journal of the Optical Society of America* and the *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*.

In opposition there was the inimitable Dr. Seth Shostak, an astronomer

with the SETI Institute (about whom I have written a *Journal* column, and with whom I won a debate on Coast to Coast Radio), and Dr. Susan A. Clancy of Harvard, author of a new book *Abducted: How People Come to Believe They were Kidnapped by Aliens*.



Stan Friedman

Both Shostak and Clancy were in the Jennings program, as was Budd.

Neither John's interview with the Jennings people nor the other interviews done at the 2004 MUFON symposium made the

Jennings cut.

Although Budd did, selective choice of data by the editor was certainly the rule, ignoring the many cases involving more than one person, not involving hypnosis, and not involving people at sleep—plus ignoring the physical marks on abductees so as to set the stage for Clancy and cohorts' absurd notion that sleep paralysis explains all reports of UFO abductions.

Having done a show with Larry King out in the desert near Area 51 in 1994 with Dr. Steven Greer, Kevin Randle, and Glenn Campbell, I know that such shows are difficult even when all the participants are in sight of each other and in the same place.

Larry is the only one who knows when a commercial or a call or a clip will be on. When people are in different locations and can't see the others it is much tougher. I thought then, and after watching this show, that Larry was fair.

There were mistakes made. For example, Bruce Maccabee was introduced without mentioning that he had

a PhD in Physics, or even that he was a physicist. He was also described as working with NICAP, which died about 25 years ago.

Rob was not given a professional title either. Questions raised near the end of a segment were not continued at the beginning of the next segment.

Of course there was no mention of physical trace cases, such as the more than 3,000 collected by Ted Phillips from 90 countries.

There was no mention of the largest scientific study ever done for the US Government, namely Project Blue Book Special Report 14, nor of Dick Hall's *The UFO Evidence*, nor of Astronomer J. Allen Hynek's book *The UFO Experience*, nor of the Congressional hearings of 1969 with testimony from 12 scientists.

The Condon Report was referred to by Susan Clancy with a totally false claim that it had been sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences. It was actually sponsored by the United States Air Force.

It did include a supposed review by the NAS. Unfortunately, as has been noted in a critique by Dr. James E. MacDonald, the NAS did not check on the investigation of any of the 117 cases studied in detail under Condon, who was himself a member of the NAS.

Clancy naturally didn't mention that according to a UFO subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 30% of the Condon Report cases couldn't be explained.

It was clear throughout the show that Shostak and Clancy had answers for the pictures and the reports without having done the slightest investigation of any of them.

Larry asked what something was in a picture (McMinnville, Santa Ana) and they responded that somebody could have tossed an object in the air. This was said after Bruce and/or Rob had noted that the pictures had passed muster by experts.

How in the world can a supposed scientist express an opinion without having studied the relevant evidence?

One would think there was no way to tell how far away something was from a picture, but there is when other things are in the picture whose size and distance can be determined, as well as image sharpness.

Dr. Clancy in her first comment said, "I started studying aliens while a graduate student at Harvard." On both shows she says people are suffering from sleep paralysis ..(even when they are not asleep and are driving or walking), so there are no aliens around.

Obviously she has studied no aliens and has done no homework on alien abductions.

She is a co-author of a paper "Psychophysiological Responding During Script Driven Imagery in People Reporting Abduction by Space Aliens" (*Psychological Science* 15/7, 2004).

There are 28 references. None are to serious studies of UFO abductions by Budd Hopkins or Dr. David Jacobs or even Harvard's Dr. John Mack.

John is acknowledged for publicizing her research program among potential participants. Strangely enough this fancy sounding paper involved work with a grand total of 6 women and 4 men, average age of 47.3.

Considering that the total of abductees that Budd, David, and John have worked with exceeds 1,000, one wonders whether conclusions based on 10 should carry a strong weight.

There was no indication in the paper that either Clancy or any of her coauthors had actually investigated any of the abductions. What was the selection criteria? Only persons by themselves, in bed, who had been hypnotized?

In this paper the term "highly improbable traumatic experience" is used more than once. No reason is given for this terminology. Obviously many highly improbable experiences occur.

How many people are struck by lightning? What fraction of sperm wind up causing the conception of a new being? Both things do happen, though very improbable.

Obviously it is highly improbable that a person will be killed in an automobile accident in the next year. The

fact is that about 40,000 Americans will have this highly improbable traumatic experience.

Shostak adds another gem: "Despite 58 years of sightings, nobody can put a piece of evidence on this desk. If you go to the local science museum and look for some display showing what we have learned, what we have collected from all these sightings, there is nothing there."

More balderdash. He might try the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, or earlier this year could have gone to the Southwest Florida Museum of History in Ft. Myers, which had a fine Roswell exhibit.

It was their largest draw ever. In addition they brought me in for two essentially sold out seminars.

It really takes Chutzpah for a SETI cultist to say there is nothing there when there is an enormous amount of UFO evidence—and when SETI has provided exactly none that there is anybody out there (ignoring the UFO evidence, as they always do), and that even if there is anybody there that they are using such primitive techniques that we can intercept and interpret their signals.

That I can't put a piece of wreckage on his desk doesn't mean there isn't any. Naturally he ignores the national security aspects of advanced technology. Has he provided a piece of a neutron star or of a black hole?

He states, "We are not studying aliens that might be invading our airspace. I don't think that the aliens are buzzing the countryside. I just don't think the evidence is good enough for that. I don't think it's proven. But I do think that there is something out there. There is clearly, to my mind, enormous probability that there's life out there, even intelligent life."

I guess wishful thinking to protect one's livelihood triumphs over evidence any time. Who cares about his evaluation when his written and spoken words clearly indicate he knows nothing about the subject?

I will admit that I was disappointed that none of the four knowledgeable guests would own up to saying that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft—meaning objects manufactured

elsewhere than on our planet at this time.

Even if they are time travelers or from a parallel dimension, I would consider them of ET origin.

Strange as it may seem to some people, I have had only 11 hecklers (2 of whom were drunk) after more than 700 lectures in which I have stated this conclusion.

Good show, guys. But come on in; the water is fine. fsphys@rogers.com

"Meteor" followed by black helicopters

On June 23, 2005, at 11:47 PM, Carl Farrington was driving on a mountain road near Canton, NC, when he saw a most unusual spectacle.

"I took (Route) 110 out of Canton and turned left onto (Highway) 276. I went straight up to the Blue Ridge Parkway," Carl reported. "Then I turned left and turned into the famous overlook on the left, facing a bright orange moon that day after the full moon.

"What at first appeared to be a shooting star, but brighter than I have ever seen, plummeted towards the ground and impacted in the Smokies approximately six to nine miles straight ahead.

"As it got closer to the point of impact, I noticed bright matter dripping off of it, streaming behind the main mass of the object. It could've been a meteor or space debris.

"However, on the way to the house, three dark helicopters flew over my car, and they had no lights on whatsoever.

"They were flying at a high rate of speed approximately 300 to 400 feet off the ground—and hugging the terrain is very dangerous in this area.

"The object was bright white and almost teardrop-shaped. It definitely impacted the ground. If it was a meteor, it was a big chunk. It came straight down like a missile and impacted the ground without an explosion.

"I was too far away to hear anything, as it was six to nine miles away. I saw it at a higher elevation than the impact zone, and was looking down."

—UFO Roundup, Vol. 10, No. 26, Joseph Trainor.

Director's Message

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New MUFON Business Board Member

Since Board Member **Robert Simpson** is on an extended assignment, working in a country far from the United States, he is unable to participate in the Business Board activities.

Judy L. Orsatti of Wheat Ridge, CO, has been selected to replace Bob on the Board. Judy brings a strong background in economics and finance to the Board. She also serves as MUFON's Director of Media Relations.

We thank Bob for his outstanding support to the Board and to MUFON's goals, and look forward to his speedy return to the United States.

Position Announcements

At her own request, **Lin Simpson** is moving from the Director of Membership position to become the

CALENDAR

Aug. 19-21—Little Green Men Festival, 50th anniversary celebration, Kelly/Hopkinsville, KY. 270-885-9096, 800-842-9959.

Sept. 2-4—42nd National UFO Conference, "UFOs Past, Present, and Future," Hollywood, CA. 858-523-1068. See ad on page 23 of this issue.

Oct. 14-16—European UFO Congress, Chalons-en-Champagne, France, featuring Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Michel Bougard, Gildas Bourdais, Marie-Therese de Broses, Budd Hopkins, Didier Gomez, Jean-Gabriel Gresle, Jiri Kult, Yves Lignon, Bertrand Meheust, Joel Mesnard, Claude Poher, Jean-Luc Rivera, Edoardo Russo, Jean-Pierre Troadec.

www.les-repas-ufologiques.com,
alain.blanchard34@wanadoo.fr.

Oct. 29—Mysteries of Space & Sky II ("sequel" to last year's conference), Annapolis, MD, featuring Dr. David Jacobs, Rob & Sue Swiatek, Anna Jamerson, Robert Galganski, and Dr. S. Peter Resta. spr100@aol.com, 410-360-1168 Ext. 8.

MUFON Special Projects Director in line with the plans defined in the MUFON goals and strategies.

In this role she will support the establishment of the MUFON Research Teams, lead the annual UFO Awareness activities, and lead other special projects as they evolve.

As an example of her expertise in leading special projects, Lin served very successfully as Chair for our 2004 and 2005 annual symposiums in Denver. We thank Lin for her tireless service to MUFON and look forward to her leadership in this new role.

Bill Konkolesky, State Director for Michigan, has appointed **Zach Smith** to the position of Chief Investigator for the State of Michigan. Zach replaces **Dan Wright** who recently underwent successful heart surgery, and will be moving to Florida.

Dr. Jack Kasher, State Director for Nebraska, has announced the following new assignments. Assistant State Director **John Buder** was switched from his additional position of State Section Director for Douglas County to State Section Director for Sarpy County. **Kathy Wheeldon** replaces John as State Section Director for Douglas County.

New Lifetime Member

It is a pleasure to announce that **Philip D. Miller** of Canonsburg, PA, is now a MUFON Lifetime Member. Philip has a strong interest in technological advancements implemented into the course of human history. We are extremely grateful for this vote of confidence and outstanding level of support to MUFON.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Dee Gragg** of Alamogordo, NM, and **Michael E. Jones** of Carson City, NV, have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

All Field Investigator Trainees are urged to self-study the *MUFON Field*

Investigator's Manual and take the exam. State Directors, Assistant State Directors, State Section Directors, and State Chief Investigators are good sources of help and training.

The manual is available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 plus \$3.50 p&h in the U.S. Total price for delivery outside of the U.S. is \$32.50. It may also be purchased via the Internet at www.mufon.com using PayPal.

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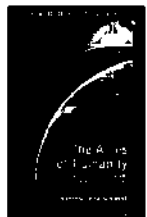
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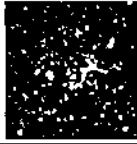
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

September 2005

Moon Phases:

- New Moon: Sept. 3
- First Quarter: Sept. 11
- Full Moon: Sept. 18 (Harvest Moon)
- Last Quarter Sept. 25

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Venus (magnitude -3.9 to -4.0): Moving from Virgo to Libra. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will set less than 1.5 hours after the Sun, and will only be observable very low in the west-southwest during evening twilight.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Venus will set more than 3 hours after the Sun, and will stand nearly 25 degrees high in the west at the end of evening twilight.

Jupiter (magnitude -1.7): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will become lost in the evening twilight in the west-southwest during the second half of the month.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will be found about 10 degrees high in the west at the end of evening twilight and will set in the west about 2 hours after the Sun.

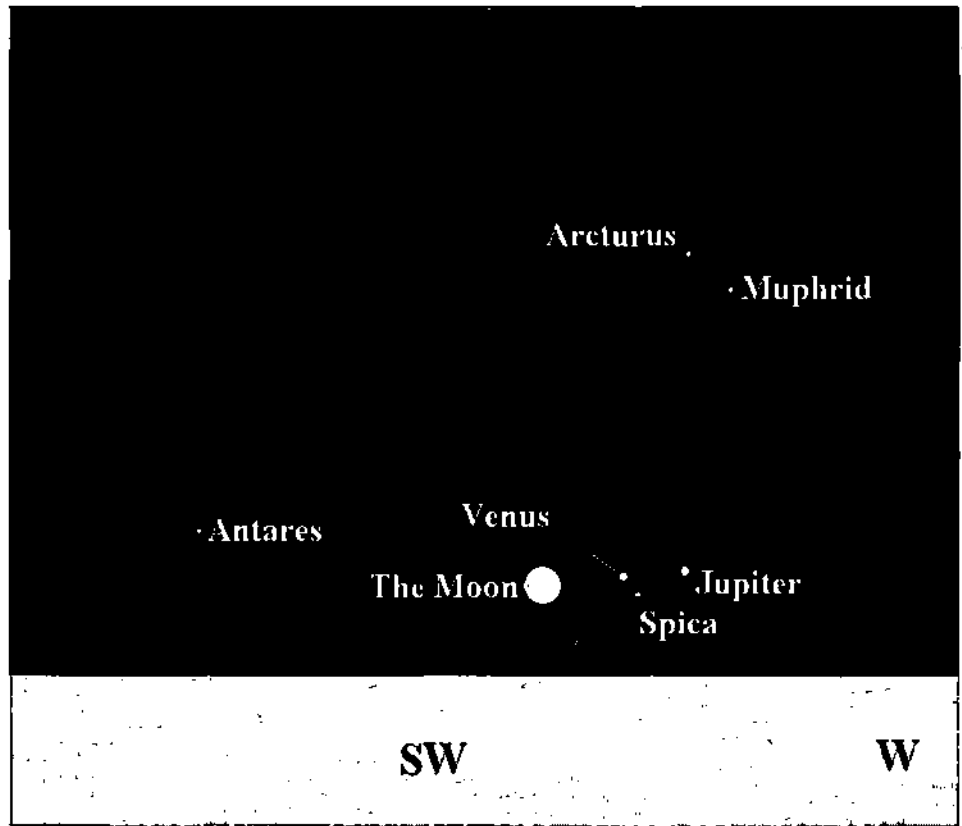
Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude -1.0 to -1.5): Moving from Leo to Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will become lost in the morning twilight in the east-northeast during the first week of the month.

For less favored southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will not be observable.

Mars (magnitude -1.0 to -1.4): Moving from Aries to Taurus. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will rise near 8:30 PM in the east-northeast and will stand about 60 degrees high at the beginning of morning twilight.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mars will rise by 10:30 PM in the east-



northeast and will stand about 40 degrees high in the north-northwest at the beginning of morning twilight.

Saturn (magnitude 0.3 to 0.4): In Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Saturn will rise after midnight in the east-northeast and will stand about 35 degrees high in the east after the beginning of morning twilight.

For less favored southern hemisphere observers, Saturn will stand less than 20 degrees high in the east-northeast at the beginning of morning twilight.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Planetary Conjunction: Sept. 7, 2005 after sunset.

Conjunctions and Occultations:

- Sept. 2: Venus 1.4 degrees south of Jupiter.
- Sept. 5: Venus 1.8 degrees north of Spica.
- Sept. 7: Jupiter 1.8 degrees north of the Moon.

Sept. 7: Spica 1.3 degrees south of the Moon.

Sept. 7: Venus 0.6 degrees north of the Moon.

Sept. 28: Saturn 5.0 degrees south of the Moon

