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FROM THE EDITOR

Since we live in an unblushing, self-serving and self-advertising society, I hope *Journal* readers will not take too much offense at the sound of my own horn. The occasion is the publication of my modest booklet, *The Marfa Lights: A Viewer's Guide*. As you will know if you read my earlier article on the subject in the *Journal* (Nov., 1987), the Marfa Lights of west Texas are but a local example of a generic global phenomenon known as "ghost lights," normally spherical balls of light that dance or hover near the ground, and which may serve as the impetus for some UFO sightings. The booklet is designed to replace the one presently sold in the visitors' center of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, atop nearby Mt. Locke. An anecdotal and historical survey of what is and is not known about the Marfa Lights, the 14-page *Viewer's Guide* includes instructions for finding the Lights, three pages of Recommended Reading for armchair enthusiasts, original art and design, and three exclusive photographs, two of automobile headlights, which are routinely mistaken for the Lights, and at least one (by James Crocker of Dallas), which appears to be authentic. The Guide can be ordered directly from (me) the author, or (me) the publisher, at Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. The cost, including postage and handling, is \$3. Your copy will arrive in a plain, brown wrapper.

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The MJ-12 Affair: Facts, Questions, Comments

By Robert Hastings

Hastings, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, considers himself a concerned citizen who has been researching and lecturing about UFOs for several years. In March of 1989, Hastings mailed out the following cover article, accompanied by numerous additional enclosures, to forty-three individuals, from Andrus to Zechel, including the editor of this journal. The reasons for making it public should be obvious upon reading. Unfortunately, space constraints make it impossible for us to reproduce all of the enclosures referenced. However, William Moore has been apprised of publication, and offered space in these pages in which to respond.

Facts

First, it has been established that "Falcon," one of the principle sources of the MJ-12 material, is Richard C. Doty, formerly attached to District 17 Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sgt. Doty retired from the U.S. Air Force on October 1, 1988.

How do I know that Doty is "Falcon"? During a recent telephone conversation, Linda Moulton Howe told me that when Sgt. Doty invited her to his office at Kirtland AFB in early April 1983, and showed her a purportedly authentic U.S. Government document on UFOs, he identified himself as code-name "Falcon" and stated that it was Bill Moore who had given him that name.

Also, in early December 1988, a ranking member of the production team responsible for the "UFO Cover Up? — Live" television documentary confirmed that Doty is "Falcon." This same individual also identified the second MJ-12 source who appeared on the program, "Condor", as Robert Collins who was, until recently, a

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Captain in the U.S. Air Force. Like Doty, he was stationed at KAFB when he left the service late last year.

Both Doty and Collins deny any involvement in the MJ-12 affair. However, Linda Howe has issued a sworn affidavit, agreeing to testify under penalty of perjury, relating to the events during the course of her meeting with Richard "Falcon" Doty at KAFB in 1983 (Enclosures A and B). Thus far, Doty has not issued a sworn affidavit, or agreed to testify under penalty of perjury, to reinforce his denial that the events of his meeting with Howe occurred as she had described them.

For the moment, I will not identify the "UFO Cover Up? — Live" source who identified Doty as "Falcon" and Collins as "Condor". I do, however, encourage others to independently attempt to secure confirmation of the statements that he has already made. At least two producers connected with the documentary know the facts.

Questions

Now that "Falcon" and "Condor" have been identified, it seems prudent to examine the past activities of Richard Doty and Bob Collins to see whether those activities tend to add to, or detract from, the credibility of the MJ-12 scenario that they have so vigorously promoted within the ufological community. That is, do their actions reflect a genuine attempt to release authentic above top secret information to the public or, on the other hand, suggest a disinformation campaign designed to confuse and mislead?

Let's begin with Doty. Sgt. Richard Charles Doty first received widespread attention after he wrote the now well-known AFOSI Complaint Form relating to UFO sightings near Kirtland AFB in 1980 (Enclosure C). This document, typed and signed by

Doty, takes on new significance in the light of an incident known as the "Weitzel Hoax". Briefly summarized, this odd tale unfolded as follows: In 1981, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization received an anonymous letter from an individual who claimed to be a USAF airman assigned to the 1550th Aircrew Training and Testing Wing at Kirtland AFB (Enclosure D). The writer further claimed to have had a rather dramatic UFO sighting, together with a Craig Weitzel and others. The letter relates that Weitzel reported the sighting to a "Mr. Dody" (sic) at Kirtland AFB OSI.

Researcher Benton Jamison located and contacted Weitzel in 1985 (Enclosure E). Weitzel stated that he did indeed report a UFO sighting to Sgt. Richard Doty in 1980, but that the actual incident in no way resembled the CEIII experience described in the anonymous letter. Weitzel also denies that he was subsequently contacted by a mysterious individual who demanded that he turn over any photographs that he might have taken of the UFO, as the letter claims.

So, it would appear that the writer of the anonymous letter, whomever he was, took a real event and greatly embellished it for some reason.

And why is this letter so significant as regards questions about Sgt. Richard Doty's credibility as a source for allegedly secret government documents? Simply because careful analysis of the anonymous letter reveals that it was almost certainly typed on the same typewriter used by Doty to complete the 1980 OSI Complaint Form.

Enclosure F is a report by researcher Brad Sparks which addresses typeface irregularities and stylistic traits that are identical in both the anonymous airman's letter and Sgt. Doty's report. Actually, Sparks' typeface analysis is incomplete. In addition to the irregular "u" that he identifies, it can

be seen that the letters "gh", as in the word "sighting", are jammed together in identical fashion in both the letter and the report. Lower case "o" is also jammed against various letters that follow it in both the "Weitzel" letter and Doty's Complaint Form.

A professionally-conducted analysis of these flaws should be able to determine, with a reasonable degree of certainty, whether the "anonymous airman" used Doty's typewriter to compose his overblown tale. If this fact can be established then two obvious questions arise: 1) How and why did the unidentified airman from the 1550th Aircrew Training and Testing Wing gain access to Sgt. Doty's typewriter at OSI? 2) On the other hand, did Doty himself type the letter and, therefore, attempt to perpetrate a hoax for some as yet unknown reason?

Because it has been established that Richard Doty is "Falcon", a chief source for the MJ-12 material, it now seems imperative to thoroughly investigate this incident to resolve these unanswered questions. The second question, in particular, is of obvious importance. Perhaps the Fund for UFO Research, which has recently solicited contributions to further investigate the MJ-12 affair, would consider funding an expert typographical analysis of both the anonymous letter and Doty's Complaint Form to determine whether or not there is a link between the two.

Even more disturbing than the implications of the "Weitzel Hoax" is an incident that raises the strongest doubts about Richard Doty's credibility as a source of information and documents relating to the U.S. Government's involvement with UFOs. Information about this incident comes from Dr. Bruce Maccabee and links Doty to the so-called Ellsworth AFB hoax. According to Maccabee, Bill Moore has acknowledged that Richard Doty confessed to forging the document that describes the alleged events connected with the Ellsworth case (Enclosure G). Doty apparently claims that the UFO incident there actually occurred, just as described in the document, and that he only wanted to bring it to public attention. He, therefore, proceeded to type the "document" himself, incorporating the

"facts" that he claimed to know to be true, and then released the bogus report to various researchers. Enclosure H is an expose written by Bob Pratt, and published in the January 1984 issue of the *MUFON Journal*, describing his investigation of this hoax.

If it can be established, beyond any doubt, that Richard Doty forged the Ellsworth AFB document, what would that say about his credibility as a chief source for the MJ-12 material, under the guise of "Falcon"?

More Questions

In addition to the serious questions raised by the "Weitzel" letter and the Ellsworth AFB hoax, there also exist fundamental discrepancies between information provided by "Falcon" and the "facts" contained in the so-called Eisenhower briefing paper.

The Briefing Document (Enclosure I) was purportedly written by alleged MJ-12 member Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, in November 1952, for presentation to then President elect Dwight D. Eisenhower. Among other things, it states that two UFOs had crashed, one in July 1947, near Roswell, New Mexico; the other in December 1950, on the Texas-Mexico border.

Linda Howe states, however, that when Sgt. Doty invited her to his office at Kirtland AFB OSI, in April 1983, he provided her with information that contradicts this version of events. Howe states that Doty confirmed the existence of a secret government group called MJ-12 and then opened a desk drawer and produced a document entitled "Briefing Paper for the President of the United States." (Not the Eisenhower document.)

Howe states that she was allowed to look through the alleged "Briefing Paper" but told not to take notes. She states that part of the document was a catalog of crashed UFO cases, including one near Aztec, New Mexico in 1948 (or '49).

Now, if the *Eisenhower* briefing paper is genuine and was indeed presented to Ike in November 1952, why was no mention of the Aztec crash contained in it? Is it plausible that the soon-to-be president would be let in on a secret of paramount importance — that of alien visitation — but not

given this important information? Why would he be told about two UFO crashes but not about a third? Why would the Aztec crash, if it did occur, be any less significant than the other two cases mentioned in the briefing paper?

In short, if the briefing paper that Sgt. Doty showed to Linda Howe was genuine, what does that say about the accuracy (and authenticity) of the Eisenhower document? If, on the other hand, the former was bogus and was meant to mislead Howe for some reason, what does that say about Richard "Falcon" Doty's reliability as a source for MJ-12 material as a whole?

At the risk of being redundant, may I again point out that Linda Howe has sworn out an affidavit indicating a willingness to testify, under penalty of perjury, as to the truthfulness of her statements relating to her meeting with "Falcon" at Kirtland OSI.

About Robert "Bob" Collins, I know very little. I have established that at the time of his departure from the U.S. Air force, he was assigned to the Plasma Physics group at Sandia National Laboratories, located at Kirtland AFB. Linda Howe states that in November 1987, Collins was "frantically" trying to get her to meet with him in Albuquerque. At that meeting, also attended by John Lear, Collins showed the two some MJ-12 documents, primarily relating to a live alien allegedly held captive by the U.S. Government. According to Howe, Collins stated that he had worked "behind the scenes" with Bill Moore for years.

Moore Questions

So, how does Mr. Moore fit into the MJ-12 jigsaw puzzle? On the face of it, he appears to be just a UFO researcher who has been approached by questionable government sources. I have information, however, that raises doubts about his public image as merely a "civilian" researcher. Indeed, it appears as if he may be working (or have worked) for one of the U.S. intelligence agencies. I base this statement on the following information:

In December 1985, I read an article by Barry Greenwood about an alleged-

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Typographical and Stylistic Source Analysis of: (A) Anonymous 1980-1981 Letter to APRO
(B) "Alleged Sightings," AFOSI Complaint Form by R. C. Doty, 8 Sep 80
(C) "Frequency Jamming," Alleged AFOSI Complaint Form, ca. 14 Aug 80

After extensive analysis of photocopies of the above-cited three documents (A, B and C), it is my conclusion that they probably were composed and/or typed by the same person using the same typewriter.

Document B presumably is a genuine document, having been officially released in 1982 by the U.S. Air Force under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S. Code 552). Therefore, the author of Document B, AFOSI Special Agent Richard C. Doty, or some associate or subordinate of Doty's who makes official records in his name, probably is the author of Documents A and C.

The evidence for the identity of authorship is that each of the three documents (A, B and C) displays the following peculiar electromechanical and stylistic traits in common:

1. Misalignment of lower case letter "u" so that it is shifted slightly below the level of the rest of the letters in every line of type in each of Documents A, B and C. The amount of misalignment is on the order of 0.1 millimeter.

In light of points 2 and 3 below, this is indicative of an electromechanical fault probably characteristic of one specific typewriter.

2. Absence of any other systematic or frequent letter misalignments or peculiarities in each of Documents A, B and C.
3. Use of Esquire 10 (Pica) Typestyle in each of Documents A, B and C.
4. Unusual personal stylistic trait where the numerals for time and the abbreviations "hrs." or "AM" are joined without a space in between. These appear in
Document A: "10;45AM" (sic)
 "2210hrs."
Document B: "2350hrs."
 "0020hrs."
Document C: "2215hrs."
 "2216hrs."

This analyst has reviewed tens of thousands of pages of U.S. Air Force records including several thousand pages of AFOSI (Air Force Office of Special Investigations) records, which in turn included several hundred pages of AFOSI documents from Doty's District 17 Office. Not a single instance of such a stylistic trait is recalled.

5. Stylistic trait of blacking out or penning in corrections to misspellings and typographical errors. Examples appear only in Documents A and B (2 and 5 instances, respectively) as Document C apparently was short enough and sufficiently accurate in typography as to not need such corrections.

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RAEKE, Wayne E.	AIC	305-68-7556	44 MSS (68-3)					
STEWART, Robert E.	TSgt	211-28-7556	44 MSS (68-3)					
STOKES, Larry D.	Capt	339-40-9406	44 MSS (88-3)					
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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 'ELLSWORTH CASE'

ly ultra-secret government group called "MJ-12". The article was based on information provided by researcher Lee Graham. In March 1986, I met with Mr. Graham at his home, in the hope that he would elaborate on the information contained in Greenwood's article. I found Graham to be open, honest, and sincere. While I do not agree with many of his conclusions regarding MJ-12, I know that he is definitely not the "kook" or "space cadet" that some have branded him. On the contrary, his statements to me that evening were logical and down-to-earth. I simply disagree with some of his premises.

As we talked, Lee provided me with copies of some of the "documents" that have come to be associated with the MJ-12 affair, including the "Project Snowbird" paper and the "Project Aquarius" TWX. When I asked who had given him the documents, he would only say that the person worked for the government, as an intelligence operative or information conduit.

Over the next fifteen months I called Graham several times, to ask whether there had been any developments regarding the MJ-12 matter. Perhaps the most noteworthy event during that period was the visit to Graham by two agents from the Defense Investigative Service (DIS). The agents were apparently sent to find out why Graham, who holds a "Q" security clearance, was in possession of allegedly secret government documents that had not been properly declassified.

In early June 1987, I called Lee again. This was shortly before Bill Moore's press conference in Burbank, during which he intended to unveil the "Eisenhower briefing paper" and other MJ-12 material. During this call, without any prompting from me, Graham revealed that the person who had given him the documents was in fact Bill Moore. I was puzzled. Graham had previously said, on several occasions, that he had gotten the documents from an individual who worked for the U.S. Government, presumably in an intelligence capacity. As far as I knew, Bill Moore did not work for the government in any capacity.

I asked Graham to explain this discrepancy. He unhesitatingly replied that when Moore first approached him with the documents, he (Moore) showed him some kind of government ID card, with Bill Moore's picture on it but an alias typed beneath it. According to Graham, Moore indicated that he was working for the U.S. Government for the purpose of releasing sensitive UFO-related documents to the public.

I began to take notes. So incredulous was I about all of this that I asked Lee to repeat his statements, which he did. I then asked him which agency Moore claimed to work for. He responded that Bill Moore's ID badge was identical to the badges shown him by the DIS agents. When I skeptically retorted, "You mean to tell me that Moore's badge looked like the DIS badges?" he replied, "No, it was identical to them."

Graham went on to state that Moore claimed that he (Moore) had been "flagged" in U.S. intelligence agencies' computer files so that other operatives would not stumble over and inadvertently expose his operations. Lee went on to say that he had once been introduced to Moore's "superior" whom Moore would only identify as "Richard".

At the conclusion of this rather baffling phone conversation with Graham, I specifically asked him whether there was anything that we had discussed that I should not repeat. He answered, "No", and indicated that he would send me materials relating to his investigation by the DIS, Bill Moore's first approach to him, and other, related matters. A week later, I received the items that Graham had promised and found that references to Moore, by name, had been censored by Lee. By this time, however, I had already spoken to Barry Greenwood, Peter Gersten, Bob Todd, and others about the details of Moore's approach to Graham. Apparently word got back to Moore about these conversations because I later heard that he had vehemently denied that he was a government operative and claimed that he was only playing a "joke" on a gullible Lee Graham. The "government ID", according to Moore, was a laminated MUFON card.

Enclosure J is a letter, dated May 8, 1986, that Graham sent to the DIS in which he discusses Moore's first approach to him. Graham mentions that when he was interviewed by the two DIS agents, he told them about Moore and his ID card. Graham then goes on to ask why Moore had not been interrogated about his possession of allegedly secret government documents, copies of which he had given to Graham. (One might also ask why Moore had not been questioned about his impersonating a government agent, if in fact his ID card was bogus as he now claims.)

Enclosure K is a second letter from Graham to the DIS, dated October 19, 1986, exactly seven months after Lee was interviewed by the two DIS agents. In it, Graham again mentions that Moore has not been interrogated by the DIS over this lengthy period. He concludes that it is because Moore does indeed work for the U.S. Government, just as he had been told by Moore himself.

Graham has a point. If Moore was only "joking" when he showed Lee the bogus ID card (an ID that looked so authentic that Graham calls it "identical" to a DIS badge) one would think that Moore would have been questioned by the DIS about this potentially serious matter. If Moore was impersonating a government intelligence operative as he disseminated "documents", then surely some intelligence agency would be interested in pursuing the matter. And yet, according to Lee Graham, seven months after he had told the DIS about Moore and his badge, no one had apparently approached Moore about this incident. Why?

One might reasonably postulate that this apparent lack of follow-up by the DIS suggests that Moore does (or did) work for the U.S. Government, just as he claimed to Lee Graham. If this turns out to be true, however, given the highly questionable track record of one of Moore's chief sources, "Falcon," one must ask whether it is information, or disinformation, that he has been disseminating. In this regard, one might also ask why did Moore not immediately disassociate himself from Richard Doty once he had discovered that Doty had

forged the Ellsworth AFB document? Instead, Moore later presented Richard "Falcon" Doty on national television as a reliable intelligence source of information about UFOs. Why?

Another serious issue involving Bill Moore that needs to be resolved concerns the so-called "Project Aquarius" document (Enclosure L). This paper contains the first reference to "MJ-12" to be widely circulated within the ufological community.

On the face of it, the Project Aquarius document is a teletype message, sent by AFOSI Headquarters to Kirtland AFB OSI, dealing with analyses of UFO photographs and films taken by Dr. Paul Bennewitz. However, AFOSI HQ denies that it sent the message and calls it a forgery. It now appears that, in this case, AFOSI is telling the truth.

In a letter to attorney Peter Gersten, dated April 4, 1983, Dick Hall states that Bill Moore privately admitted that it was *he* who did a "cut and paste job" and then "retyped" the document (Enclosure M). If this is true, why would Moore do such a thing? If a genuine message was sent to Kirtland AFB OSI, dealing with Bennewitz' photos, MJ-12, and the rest, why didn't Moore disseminate it in its original form? Wouldn't the "retyped" version of it, if discovered to be such, raise doubts about the credibility of the information contained in it?

If Moore did "retype" the document, can he now produce the original to substantiate the accuracy of the information contained in "his" version? If so, it will be interesting to see whether the "original" document will be confirmed as authentic by AFOSI Headquarters.

I should point out that I possess additional information about the Project Aquarius document that I intend to withhold until Moore has produced (or failed to produce) the "original."

Response to Moore's Open Letter

Just as I was concluding this missive, I received a copy of Bill Moore's open letter to those who would question his activities. In response to his criticisms and pleas, I would like to make the following points:

First, Moore states that he is not a "forger," a "hoaxer," a "fabricator,"

or a "counterfeiter." Whether he is any of those things, I will leave to others to decide. I would ask, however, if he could suggest an appropriate word to describe his actions when he did a cut/paste/retype job on the Aquarius document? If Moore believed that he was "the only one on the right track," as Doty flattered him, then that's his problem. If, however, he has engaged in the altering of government documents before releasing them to an unsuspecting public, then that becomes a problem for all of us. The credibility of any document, even when released via the Freedom of Information Act, will come into question in the minds of many once it has been learned that a "leading ufologist" has tampered with this or that document. And yet, Moore has the absolute nerve to rail against those who would question his "methods".

Second, Moore feigns self-righteous indignation when he denies that he is "some sort of government agent." But clearly, he has only himself to blame for this "rumor". If the ID badge that he showed Lee Graham was fake, and if he was lying when he claimed to be an intelligence operative, does he now have any right to bemoan the fact that his escapade has finally come to light? I, for one, do not believe for an instant Moore's laminated MUFON card story. That explanation smacks of the ridiculous "red herring" about there being *two* Richard Dotys that Moore offered up when the "Falcon"/Doty connection was first suggested publicly by Barry Greenwood in 1987. While I am sure that there are *plenty* of Richard Dotys in this world, only *one* is the MJ-12 source "Falcon."

Third, Moore calls efforts by researchers to learn the identities of his MJ-12 sources "inappropriate" and states that for "obvious reasons" his response to these inquiries will be "no comment." This posture, of course, also conveniently shields from scrutiny the fact that his "primary" source for the MJ-12 material, Richard Doty, has apparently acknowledged forging the Ellsworth AFB document — a fact that Moore himself knew *at least* as early as March 1988. In view of this revelation, the attempt by Moore to project the appearance that he is

merely protecting a confidential government source rings hollow. Indeed, it seems likely that his desire to avoid embarrassment and well-deserved re-cremations is a chief motive for his "no comment" stance.

Summary

So, what does the MJ-12 affair add up to? I agree with Bill Moore: it would be premature at this time to draw conclusions. It would not, however, be premature to carefully consider the following facts:

- 1) A handful of "documents" have mysteriously surfaced relating to an allegedly ultra-secret UFO policy group, code-name "MJ-12". No government agency will confirm the papers' authenticity and the National Archives has noted several discrepancies about one of them, the so-called "Cutler memo" (Enclosures N and O).

- 2) Another of the documents, the "Project Aquarius" message, has been discovered to be fake, in the sense that it has been altered by Bill Moore before being released to the public. As I write, there is no publicly available evidence that the original document Moore "retyped" was itself authentic.

- 3) The primary source for orally-transmitted MJ-12 material, code-name "Falcon," has been determined to be Richard C. Doty. According to Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Bill Moore has acknowledged that Doty confessed to forging the Ellsworth AFB document. Further, Doty's typewriter at Kirtland AFB OSI has been implicated in the "Weitzel" hoax, and he has provided information to Linda Howe that contradicts the "facts" contained in the Eisenhower briefing paper.

- 4) The primary researcher involved in the MJ-12 affair, Bill Moore, has, by his own account, faked a government ID card and passed himself off as an intelligence operative to at least one individual for a period of over two years. Whether Moore showed Lee Graham a laminated MUFON card, as he now claims, or a genuine government badge of some type remains open to question.

At the beginning of this letter, I asked whether the actions of those involved with the MJ-12 affair tended to suggest a genuine release of

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Enclosure J

Dear Sirs:

This is a follow-up letter to my request (see enclosure A), which you responded to with reply (see enclosure B).

When I received a copy of the document (see enclosure B2), I made a request to my security office (see enclosure C) seeking to authenticate or repudiate the claims made in this document. I did this, because I do not have a Top Secret clearance and was, therefore, concerned if a breach of security may have been made.

My security office made no request to me to surrender the document (see enclosure B2) making the assumption that it had been released and that I could share same with anyone.

The document (see enclosure B2) had been given to me to (in turn) give a second copy (also provided by the source and as yet not reproduced by me) to researcher John Andrews for authenticating.

Mr. John Andrews of the Testor Corporation is a fellow aircraft buff and expert on the histories of the development of the CIA/USAF Lockheed U-2 (see enclosure D), the CIA/USAF Lockheed A-12/SR-71/D-21 aircraft (see enclosure E) and the alleged USAF/Lockheed F-19 stealth fighter which I have recently become most interested in (see enclosure F).

Following the request of my security office to you (see letter C), to investigate the document (see enclosure B2), my neighbors, my landlady, and my fellow employees began telling me, that you (the Defense Investigative Service) had approached them asking various questions about me and MOST SPECIFICALLY about my interest in investigating the UFO phenomena, i. e., in authenticating the document (see enclosure B2). It was this investigation (without yet informing me), that led me to make the request that I did (see enclosure A).

Upon giving the copy (given to me) of the document (see enclosure B2) to John Andrews, I was informed by him, that this document had to have been released, and that it was the intention of its source (through me) to disseminate same among the members of the Aerospace community in which I work, and this I did as so indicated to me. Indeed, the source of the document (see enclosure B2) had indicated to me that he had been approached by AFOSI for that very purpose, i. e., to disseminate information to the Public in order to convince them that the UFO phenomena was real and of extraterrestrial origin.

Upon disseminating this document among my fellow employees, some individuals became concerned, resulting in the memo (see enclosure G).

On the 19th of March 1986 I was interviewed by two agents (Alex ⁸⁻⁴⁻⁸⁶ ~~Naval~~ and James Kirk ⁸⁻⁴⁻⁸⁶) representing the Defense Investigative Service (see enclosure H). In the course of this interview, Mr. Kirk stated that this document (see enclosure B2) had been sanitized for release and that I was free to share same with anyone or make FOIA requests as to its authenticity (see enclosure I) and the agency of its origin. I asked if there were agencies within our Government who approach individuals (researchers) like myself for the express purpose of "leaking" such documentation and was told... "Yes, the Office of Air Force Investigations is one of them!"

I was asked who gave me the document (see enclosure B2) and I gave his name and address.

I also reported to Mr. Kirk, that the individual who gave me the document (see enclosure B2) had an identification card, just like the one HE and Mr. Naval presented me with, to identify themselves as being agents of the Defense Investigative Service. It is to be noted, that this individual HAS NOT been arrested, nor even interrogated for having this document (see enclosure B2). I MUST, therefore presume that this document is GENUINE and has been released! My security office has identified (to me) agents Alex Naval and James Kirk as being with the Defense Investigative Service.

Having been told that this document (see enclosure B2) had been sanitized for release, I shared this information with the source (who provided me the copy of same) and he affirmed that the document HAD, indeed been released.

Prior to having been given the sanitized copy of this page (see enclosure B2) of this document, I was shown the same page, which had NO censoring at all! I MUST, therefore, presume that this document (see enclosure B2) in its entirety, has been declassified for release to the American public. I respectfully request-

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a complete uncensored copy of this document (see enclosure B2) and/or the agency to which I should make the request to acquire same. Thank you for your time, Sir.

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Dear Peter:

To supplement Bruce Maccabee's letter of March 31, which he showed us at an Exec Committee meeting this past Saturday, there are a few things you should know.

(1) The AFOSI document is not authentic in the sense of not being an original; Moore has retyped it and done a cut and paste job, as he acknowledged in answer to my direct questioning when he attended our meeting three weeks ago. Larry Bryant spotted that it was not an appropriate typeface for AFOSI.

(2) U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey was long ago absorbed into the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)--popularly known as "Noah"--something like 10 years ago. I personally checked this in the Government Manual. Most importantly, the change-over occurred many years before this AFOSI document was generated, which may or may not be significant. It is possible that the AFOSI person responding to someone's request for information was not aware of this and was referring to outmoded file material.

(3) And this is strictly between you and me, when Moore saw the document and request you had referred to us, he badmouthed you, the whole idea of FOIA requests, and every other UFO researcher except--of course--him and Stan Friedman. He stated that you had violated an agreement with him and compromised a source knowledgeable about "Project Aquarius" that he had lined up.

More and more (and Moore) I am seeing parallels between Moore and, your friend and mine, Todd Zechel, i.e., someone who wants all the action to himself and resents anyone else intruding on his territory. Bruce, apparently, is very taken by Moore, but others of us have our suspicions. I think Bruce lacks some perspective on all this, and I am trusting you to keep peace in the family by not confronting him about it.

If you have any questions about this, my work number is (301) 654-1550, 7:30-4:15 every work day except Thursday when I work at home; home number (301) 779-8683.

Sincerely,

Richard

Richard Hall,
Secretary-Treasurer

authentic UFO-related information to the public or, on the other hand, a dis-information campaign (or for that matter, a simple hoax). I hope that those who are truly committed to finding the answer to this question will now renew their efforts. Hard questions must be put to Moore. Evasive answers and self-serving pronouncements from him should no longer be tolerated. I trust that those who have acted in good faith, including Jaime Shandera and Stanton Friedman, will be among his toughest questioners.

Postscript

In the above article I mistakenly referred to Lee Graham's security clearance as type "Q". Mr. Graham has asked that I include a clarification on this point. His status is actually that of an aerojet corporation clearance of some kind, and I regret the error.

Mr. Graham also expressed the opinion that I "misrepresented some of the things" that he communicated to me.

I have reviewed the portion of my

article that deals with Mr. Graham's statements to me, and I consider my account of them to be fair and accurate. While I am certain that neither he nor I could reconstruct, word for word, our conversations after this lapse of time, I nevertheless stand by my portrayal of our talks.

As I have already indicated, I consider Mr. Graham to be an honest and sincere individual. I accept the fact that his recollections of our communications may differ from mine on some points.

The Pelley Time-Lapse UFO Encounter

By Walter N. Webb

Webb, a MUFON consultant in astronomy, is the author of the *Journal's* monthly "Night Sky" column.

I received a letter on January 13, 1989, from an Arley Alabama, man who claimed to have suffered physically and emotionally from a childhood UFO encounter in Whiting, New Jersey.

Daniel L. Pelley asked: "Do you know of anyone, besides myself, who wants to get even with these beings? It's been 31 (30) years since my experience but over the years my faith and trust in them slowly eroded to hate ... I want to take them out ... My experience has cost me dearly in terms of my health and emotions. But I do want to get even somehow."

The only specifics Mr. Pelley mentioned were a six-hour time lapse and a symbol that he recalled from his experience. But he offered more details if I were interested.

(Later I learned that he had heard about me through his mother-in-law's "science magazine." It was an article on UFO abduction cases. The story may have been the one in the January/February 1989 *Body, Mind & Spirit* — "New Evidence for UFO's.")

Mr. Pelley's initial letter prompted an exchange of correspondence about his experience over the next few months in which the witness filled out MUFON forms and kindly answered MUFON UFO Journal, No. 254, June 1989

my many questions. What follows is a tentative report on his 1959 encounter, using his verbatim comments whenever possible.

Daniel Pelley is 37 years old, married and disabled with three crushed discs in his lower back, the result of a fall at work (he was a printer) and an earlier injury received in an automobile accident. His Social Security disability was granted in 1986. At present both he and his wife are unemployed.

I furnished the witness with the name of the Alabama MUFON State Director, Scott A. Caldwell of Huntsville. Dan wished to continue the inquiry into his experience through a local investigator.

The Encounter

The time frame of the UFO episode was determined with the help of Daniel's mother. She said the year was 1959 (not 1958) and the sighting occurred around mid-June, the approximate interval since the school year ended. He was eight years old and living in the rural Whiting area of central New Jersey near the vast military complex of McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, and the Lakehurst Naval Air Station. His father, in fact, was "a Chief Master Sergeant and a weapons specialist in ground-to-air and air-to-air weapons" at McGuire.

In Mr. Pelley's initial narrative below, bracketed comments are occasionally inserted. These represent either my

own remarks or further clarifications by the witness which I have paraphrased or quoted directly.

Dan described what happened on that sunny, warm day in June 1959: "My family and I had recently moved off base (McGuire Air Force Base) to a rural setting out in the country. I had grown accustomed to aircraft and dirigibles from the Naval Air Station and had seen many fly overhead. However, one day my mother packed me a sandwich and drink as I prepared to go on one of my usual hiking trips out into the woods. It was about 11:30 when I left the house and headed deep into the pine forest.

"Around noon I came out of the dense pines into a clearing that was a perfect circle. (He estimated that the site was approximately one-quarter of a mile from his house. The clearing appeared to be about 60 feet in diameter and grassy with very small plants within. Nothing unusual about the grass, or whether the ground had been disturbed in any way, could be recalled. The surrounding forest "was very dense around the circle, the average size of the trees I would estimate at 35 to 40 feet.") I walked to the center and sat down. The sun felt warm and I decided to eat my lunch there.

"As I ate, I noticed the trees around the circle had been scraped and the bark gone or hanging. Also limbs had been broken. A couple of

trees were leaning outward as if they had been pushed over. (The bent trees were scattered around the perimeter of the clearing. They were smaller than the forest trees, "six-inch diameter and perhaps 20 feet tall." All damage to the trees occurred on the side facing the clearing, and the bark was scraped off at about the 10-to-15-foot level above the ground.)

"My first thought was there was a bear around that had done this. I grew apprehensive and hurried to finish my lunch. Then as I stood up a giant shadow fell upon me. The entire circle was darkened and several feet out into the wooded area was also dark. I noticed beyond the shadow the trees were still sunlit and bright.

"I looked up and saw a grayish circular object perhaps 300 feet overhead. My first thought was a Navy blimp was overhead but I heard no motors and except for a humming sound, similar to a very high pitch electrical motor but not very loud, was all I heard.

"My first thought of the object after that was a garbage can lid. I was amused but a little frightened. My instinct said run but my legs wouldn't move. (When queried about his immobility, Dan said: "I can't say for sure [the] exact reasons but [am] inclined to believe it was fear.") I felt paralyzed and then watched as the object came down to about 100 feet overhead. I could see the finer detail of the craft (bottom side only) and then felt like I was full of electricity. I could even see the sparks in my eyes and then nothing.

(The witness's sketch depicts the underside of a metallic disc with a dark gray "vented or ribbed" outer ring about three feet wide. This ring "was lined with raised and lower(ed) sections approximately six inches wide interconnected as high-low-high-low, etc." Inside the ring was a larger recessed darker area, and in the center a smaller circle bisected by a double wave or S-shaped line. Dan believes this was "a door or opening." He recalls no rotation or internal motion associated with the object. The UFO appeared to be larger than a house and about the same diameter as the clearing — 60 feet. Indeed, Dan feels that the clearing was pro-

duced by the UFO. "Being both the same size," he explains, "I am inclined to believe so and since no trees, even smaller ones, were in the circle, something kept them from growing there. It's as though they had used the same site over, repeatedly, for a lengthy amount of time.")

"The next thing I became aware of I was back at the edge of the woods near my house and I heard my mother calling me home. It was about 6:00 p.m. and I had missed supper. She was angry and worried that I had become lost. I tried to tell her and Dad about the round blimp in the woods but they laughed it off."

(Although he believes he consciously observed the UFO for about a minute, Dan implies an ensuing time lapse of around six hours! His only recollection during this interval of missing time is a rectilinear symbol (on what he believes was a door) which I compared with a sheet of symbols reported by other UFO abductees. A few were similar but not close enough to match. These symbols are being kept confidential by a limited number of abduction investigators in case duplicates turn up in other episodes.)

Subsequent Events

The witness reported a number of long-term physiological aftereffects and other events which he believes are linked with his UFO experience. The sorts of symptoms/phenomena cited by Dan Pelley frequently are described by percipients following UFO close encounters (of all kinds), especially CE-IVs.

Pelley recounted these postencounter occurrences in chronological order:

"A month later I saw a ghost or what I thought was a ghost in my room. I never forgot the face. It was looking at me, very close, examining me. It had large eyes and pale skin but it didn't appear alien or what you see on television. It was more human looking than a monster. It still scared me silly and I got up and ran into a wall. I told my parents a man was in my room and he was going to kidnap me. Of course it was only a bad dream, or so they said.

(It is difficult to say whether the 8-year-old experienced a dream recall

of a suppressed UFO abduction, a true apparition, or a hypnagogic or hypnopompic hallucination. All have been reported at various times in the wake of UFO encounters — phenomena perhaps triggered by the buried or repressed memories, with their associated stress, surrounding the initial episode.)

"Three months after the incident I broke out in a very severe case of psoriasis. It has persisted to this day.

"One year later (age 9) my eyesight grew bad. No one in my family has or had eye problems. No glasses or psoriasis. One optometrist told me my eyes had been burned by a bright light, like watching a solar eclipse.

(The witness explains further: "My eyesight is 140 in my left and 160 in my right. I wear glasses but the condition has not worsened since 1960. I was told by a doctor on base that my eyes had been burned and scar tissue had caused the eyes to become elliptical rather than round. I have no solid evidence to attribute my eyes and skin problems to the UFO but seeing as both of these problems came about shortly after my encounter, I'm inclined to believe so.")

(Similar sentiments are echoed by Kathy Kasten in a recent issue of *UFO*.¹ She states: "I know that medical conditions I've had — dissimilar to anything in my family's medical history — are connected to my contact experiences. At age nine, I contracted a condition called 'mastoids' and psoriasis. The rash appeared first on my upper chest, then on the upper inside thighs and the right leg ..." For additional information on UFO aftereffects, see Bullard.²)

Dan continued: "In my teen years I became aware of ESP abilities and an increasing desire to learn everything about science and history. I felt like a computer, storing knowledge for some later date.

(Bullard comments: "Witnesses whose ESP ability blossoms after an abduction represent just one possibility for change, while some individuals alter in broader aspects of their personalities and lifestyles ... The commonest way abductees improve is by developing a hunger for knowledge, usually in subjects without previous attraction and often in difficult or eso-

teric fields like physics and philosophy or occult and spiritual matters ...")

"I would often go out at night and gaze at the stars and wondered when they would come and get me and take me home. I felt alien ... (In) 1969, (at) age 18, (I became) convinced I was abducted.

"As the years passed I continued my studies, astronomy, physics, biology, ESP, etc., but my feelings for them grew distant. I lost interest in them and gradually it turned to contempt. They never came back and I was left here. However, I still feel that one day they will come back for me and now I want to punish them for putting me through what I've experienced.

"I will add, however, that the encounter possibly boosted my ESP and my understanding of the sciences and the construction of, I believe, of even the universe. Pretty good boast from a nobody, but I have many names and dates to back what I say. Still, this is little consolation for the physical suffering and the emotional trauma I was put through. So basically you could say I hate their guts!"

UFO abductees often report subsequent sightings or abductions. Bullard finds such additional sightings the most common postabduction aftereffect of all.⁴ Dan said he had seen "four other unknowns." He briefly summarized them as follows:

- May 1971, Highway 17/92, several miles south of De Land, Florida, at about 7:30 a.m. a round ball, metallic, reflecting the morning sun, hovering 50 feet over the road, approximately 80 feet across, observed ¼ mile away, remained for several seconds, then shot straight up at incredible speed, and disappeared.

- February 1973, Northglenn, Colorado, 11 p.m., from east to west a ball of light, same size as a bright star, zig-zagged at a very high rate of speed. Too fast for any plane and angles too sharp. Sister also observed.

- August 1977. As above but location was Brighton, Colorado, and object moved from west to east. Time 9:00 p.m. Sister and ex-wife observed too.

- June 1978. Brighton, Colorado. 4 p.m., cigar-shaped, very large, at high altitude, brought to attention by daughter who told me of an airplane in the sky that had no wings. Moved from

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south to north very slow.

Evaluation

Until now, Dan Pelley says that only his wife and parents were told of his 1959 experience. He has never returned to the site and doubts that he could find it again.

It is impossible to evaluate the 1959 report fully for a number of reasons — the 30-year elapsed time since the encounter, my inability to visit both the actual site in New Jersey and the witness in Alabama, and the lack of supporting witnesses. Therefore, no background character checks were made nor psychological tests administered to the witness.

Mr. Pelley has not yet attempted hypnotic regression in order to explore his six-hour time lapse. "I will admit," he says, "the thought of being regressed in hypnosis back to that experience is frightening. Perhaps I will find the courage to try one day."

Besides possibly uncovering details of an abduction scenario, hypnosis might prove beneficial in relieving some of the anxiety and stress undoubtedly connected with the experience. It is possible that at least some of the witness's health problems might have underlying psychosomatic causes associated with the 30-year-old incident.

Dan Pelley demonstrates some classic postabduction aftereffects — a time lapse, dream recall/apparition/bedroom hallucination, physiological and psychosomatic ailments, psychic sensitivity, increased learning, and further UFO sightings.

This type of UFO encounter, involving a child witness and a UFO descent in an isolated wooded site followed by a memory/time lapse, is very similar to other cases which I am aware of. Such reports are not at all uncommon.

I checked my files for other UFO sightings in New Jersey during the summer of 1959. Although no other reports turned up, a UFO wave was in progress in areas ranging from the Pacific to the Americas. Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, South America, and the U.S. all reported many close-encounter events involving low-level hovering, landings, and physical traces.

Two sample physical-trace cases from the U.S.:

- In July 1959 a Jane Lew, West Vir-

ginia, couple were awakened by barking dogs and heard a high-pitched sound growing louder until it seemed over their house. Both individuals became paralyzed. The husband managed to crawl to the window and saw a glow outside. At the approach of a truck, the strange noise suddenly decreased rapidly and faded away. Next morning he discovered a 25-foot oval area where the grass had withered.⁵

- On September 7, 1959, a Wallingford, Kentucky, rural postal carrier observed a 30-to-40-foot, bluish-gray, glowing, oval object hovering above trees beyond his house about 2:30 a.m. Almost immediately, the object rose with a burst of flame to about 500 feet then shot away horizontally to the east. A black smoke ring was left in the air above the trees. Six days later the witness and neighbors found a 12-to-13-foot diameter ring of burned grass in a field at the spot where the UFO had hovered.⁶

In conclusion, about all that can be said is that the Pelley encounter parallels many of the elements reported in other CE-IVs. Taking into account the limited investigation, which did not include a face-to-face interview or visit to the site, and other factors (no supporting witnesses, age of the witness at the time of the sighting, the 30-year age of the sighting itself), I believe the 1959 episode should be classified as a *tentative unknown*. I also give it a Paranet/Hyneck Strangeness/Probability Rating of S5/P3 (Highly strange, suggesting intelligent guidance/somewhat credible or indeterminate).

Notes

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A Re-Entry With Company

By Bob Gribble

Gribble authors the *Journal's* monthly "Looking Back" column.

On December 12, 1987, fiery objects streaked over the central United States, observed by thousands of people over a 14 state area. According to North American Aerospace Defense Command, the display was caused by an orbiting Soviet rocket casing which had re-entered Earth's atmosphere. In a corridor running northwest to southeast from Montana to Florida, the glowing objects were seen by airliner crews at altitudes exceeding 30,000 feet. Most observers reporting to the National UFO Reporting Center estimated the altitude of the objects to be quite high. During the same time frame of the reported high altitude sightings, however, several witnesses reported close encounter experiences and very low altitude flights of wingless vehicles. If the descriptions given by these witnesses are accurate, then I think it would be safe to assume that several large UFOs accompanied the burning space debris as it entered our atmosphere.

As the fiery objects passed overhead at approximately 8:50 PM (CST), objects moving at very low altitude were first reported by witnesses located five miles west of Eudora, Kansas. Two "huge" oblong objects — each surrounded by a haze of light — passed directly overhead, traveling southeast into the state of Missouri. Lights or lighted openings extended the full length of the objects and they were visible for about three minutes, moving very slowly. Shortly thereafter a 34-year-old male witness living on the shore of the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri (near the city of Climax Springs), had just loaded his fireplace with wood and walked out the first floor of his house to get more firewood. Ten other members of his family were on the second floor.

He was standing in the driveway,

looking out across the lake, when something told him to turn around. As he turned he looked up into the sky, just as a cloud of mist came over the tops of the trees. The mist was so thick it engulfed the top limbs of the trees. When the "cloud" reached a point almost overhead he could see three oblong objects as big as jet airliners about 300 feet off the ground. Suddenly the objects stopped. The man could hear no sound, but as the cloud of mist thinned he could see a row of lighted openings extending along the length of the three objects.

Describing his experience, the witness, who I shall refer to as J.E., said: "They were shrouded inside a mist, and my body wasn't able to move. I was not able to move. My body could not move. I wanted to scream for my girl friend, my sister-in-law, my mother, my brother, and the seven children who were in the house, to come look, too. I tried to scream. The object stood there and hovered about 300 feet from me. I'm talking about three craft the size of a large jet airliner at a minimum. No wings or tails. Cigar-shape, in formation side by side. When the craft ceased to move the cloud began to thin. As the cloud thinned I could see lights: I could see the shape of the craft. They appeared to be a dark green. They each had at least 30 windows at a minimum, identical to the rows of windows on an airliner. I saw faces looking out the windows at me, pointing at me with their fingers. They stood there and looked at me and cocked their heads and pointed like I was an exhibition in a zoo.

"The light from inside the craft was so bright, shining out the windows, that I could tell ... their heads were human-shaped. I could tell there were eyes in the heads; I could tell that the eyes were large. There were no visual appearances of hair or ears from what I could see. They definitely had

a human-shaped body. When the objects stopped over me, the closest one to me raised up so that the next one could lower down, in stairstep fashion, then the third one lowered down, so that the people, creatures, or whatever, could see me plainly. They stared at me like I was a zebra in a zoo, like a lion in a cage, an insect in a jar. They were undoubtedly carrying on a conversation because of the way the heads were pointing and looking at each other. I could tell these 'things' were talking about the fact that I was standing down there on the ground.

"The minute, and I mean the very instant those craft started to move away my body started to move and that's when I started screaming. 'God, everybody, come out here right now,' and I'm screaming like a mad man, 'Come out and see this right now.' I was so hysterical. Everybody ran out immediately and they all saw them, too. I had no idea how long I was out in the driveway. I estimated 10 or 15 minutes."

As the three objects moved out over the lake and disappeared from view, J.E. and his brother drove to the top of a nearby hill hoping to see the craft again. The brother became frightened and returned to the house.

J.E. explains what happened after his brother left: "I'm standing on top of my truck with my binoculars looking for them to come back. People were passing and saying, 'You saw it, too.' I said, 'Yes, I saw it, too.' An elderly couple, who live on the lake with me, saw the craft cross Highway 7 near Climax Springs. They pulled their truck off the road and got out, each holding a camera. They told me they were unable to remove the lens caps off their cameras."

Cigar Shapes

According to J.E. all three of the
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craft were cigar-shaped. On the back they had pods that resembled jet engine pods on the back of a 727 airliner, except that they had a green glob of light that was mounted to the top of these pods. Out of the back of the pods were lights that were identical to the headlights of a car in a fog.

"They were shrouded in a cloud of mist," J.E. said. "They stopped so close to me that I could see no seams, no rivets, no plates. The skin of these vehicles was totally smooth, with a flat texture. The third one was virtually touching the tops of the trees (when it lowered itself). I was so scared ... I have never in my life experienced anything like this. My whole attitude just got a whole rearrangement, because I know I'm not nuts. I was stone sober and I don't do drugs. I know what I saw." J.E. is a corporate salesman and is highly respected in his community.

At about 9:03 PM and 70 miles northeast of Climax Springs, two adults, in separate vehicles, were driving west on Highway 50, 10 miles east of Lynn, Missouri. In the distance they observed a pair of "big" white lights moving about 50 to 100 MPH at very low altitude. As the lights got closer, the two witnesses could see that they were part of an oblong vehicle of some kind.

Mr. T.H., 34, gave the following description of what he saw: "It was moving slow and was never more than 100 feet off the ground. It crossed Highway 50 and was about 200 feet from the roadway on the

south side. Suddenly it stopped, and we watched the thing hover about 100 feet off the ground. Then it lowered itself real easy into the woods. We stopped and watched it for a little while but decided not to walk over and look at it. There was no sound. We decided it was time to get back into the car and go on about our business. A man in a white pickup truck had also stopped and he was still there as we were leaving." T.H. estimated the object to be as long as two large military helicopters put together lengthwise.

Other less spectacular reports of low level flights were received from Missouri that night. Two adult witnesses in St. Louis reported seeing three "missile-shaped" objects with a surface like stainless steel move across the sky. In Chesterfield, a suburb of St. Louis, Mr. T.B. reported that he and several friends watched three oblong objects in the sky for five to six minutes. They looked like "slender Goodyear blimps."

Shortly after the reported landing near Lynn, another close encounter occurred about 200 miles to the north in Iowa. Mr. M.L., 24, who has a farm at Oskaloosa, was out in a field just west of his house riding a three-wheeler at 9:15 PM, when an object with lights came over the top of the trees and stopped right over him. At that point the lights on the object went out. "I was at a dead stop," M.L. said. "I shined my wheat light up into the air, about 50 to 60 feet, and the beam from the light hit

the surface of the object. It was shiny and reflected off the bottom of it. It was like stainless steel of some kind. It was just a big shiny object, at least 80 to 100 feet long and 40 to 60 feet wide. I didn't hear any motor noise at all. It sat there for a minute then it took off to the southeast of my place.

"When it took off it didn't have any lights on. Then when it got off quite a ways the lights came on. There were three lights down one side of it and it had bright streaks shooting out the back end of it."

M.L. raced back to his house hoping that his wife would be able to see it. When he arrived his young son and his wife were standing outside. They had seen the lights as they went by the house. "The next day some friends were telling me that they had seen in the papers that the object was a Soviet satellite that was supposed to be on fire," M.T. explained. "Whatever this was it was not on fire. I've never seen anything like it. It scared me."

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June 29 & 30, July 1 — 10th Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

June 30, July 1 & 2 — MUFON International UFO Symposium, Aladdin Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

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October 21 — The Show-Me UFO Conference, Harley Hotel, Earth City, Missouri (near St. Louis)

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UFOs and the "Teller-Oppenheimer" Battle

By Loren Gross

Gross is MUFON's staff historian.

In 1949 the success of Communism in China raised the frightening prospect of a hostile Sino-Soviet military colossus, and when the Russians exploded their own A-bomb in August that year it meant that America could no longer even count on a technological advantage.

To meet the challenge many super-secret deliberations were convened, and one of the first decisions was the Air Force Science Advisory Board authorizing the "Air Defense Systems Engineering Committee" to be headed by Air Force scientist Dr. George Valley.

However, as many new committees and projects came under consideration, a serious difficulty arose. This difficulty had to do with policy.

The policy problem originated with the brilliant Dr. Robert Oppenheimer who was chairman of the important General Advisory Committee which made him the top man in America's nuclear weapon development and research program. Oppenheimer either served on, or acted as a consultant to, every committee and project of consequence.

The first hint of trouble was when Air Force Chief of Staff General Hoyt Vandenberg snubbed Oppenheimer by selecting Dr. Vannevar Bush to study the evidence of the Russian detonation. Moreover, when scientists Ivan Gettigh and Louis Ridenour suggested a special strategic nuclear weapon study, General Vandenberg and Air Force Secretary Thomas Finletter issued *direct orders* to bar Oppenheimer from any role and also to forbid the GAC chief access to classified Air Force documents. These examples of animosity were due to Oppenheimer's attitude toward something the Air Force High Command wanted very badly.

Super Bomb

When Russia became a nuclear power, some American physicists suggested that America could regain military supremacy by building a hydrogen bomb. Theoretical work on a super-bomb had been conducted in a leisurely fashion since the end of World War II and although little had been done it was felt the principle was feasible. Shortly after learning of the Russian nuclear test, President Truman phoned Oppenheimer to ask what he believed should be the appropriate response. Oppenheimer merely replied: "Keep your shirt on."

When Dr. Edward Teller was told about Oppenheimer's air of unconcern, he was outraged and immediately launched a personal campaign to win support for a high priority H-bomb project. A passionate anti-Communist, Teller's view was that America had to deal with Russia from a position of superiority — not parity. Other influential persons rallied to Teller like Dr. Luis Alvarez and Dr. David Griggs, as did General Jimmy Doolittle, retired but still a high level consultant to the Air Force.

The Air Force High Command agreed totally with these men. The dominant Air Force view, strongly held by men like Generals Vandenberg and Le May, and Secretary Finletter, was that all resources should be reserved for strategic bombardment and if a big bomb could be built, the bigger the bomb the better.

Oppenheimer opposed the "super" on two grounds, one ethical and one practical. His ethical reason was that the proposed H-bomb would be so incredibly destructive it would far exceed any rational military justification, so its use would be immoral. His practical reason was that it would be simple and cheap just to boost the power of conventional fission bombs

to a 500 kiloton size which would be adequate for strategic purposes and thereby permit much of the nation's limited resources to be allocated to a tactical defense of Western Europe and to the development of an air defense network for North America. This would also allow all three military services to take part in the nuclear weapon program.

With the foregoing in mind, one can understand why Oppenheimer and those who shared his ideas were not very popular people with the Air Force's strategic theorists. (Oppenheimer also did not endear himself to the Air Force by his opposition to the nuclear-powered bomber project which was finally cancelled as being a technological flop in 1960 after a billion dollars had been wasted.)

Because it appeared America had demobilized too quickly after World War II in view of the international situation, President Truman requested a review and an assessment of the nation's military and foreign policies, which in large part included discussions about Russia becoming a nuclear power and the proposal to develop the hydrogen weapon. Five months later, while such studies were being carried out, the Korean War started which gave tremendous impetus to hawks like Teller who felt sterner measures were needed, for apparently the Communists were choosing a "hot" war in spite of America's fission bomb arsenal.

Foo Fighters

Late in 1950 a "Long Range Objective Panel" was appointed to study military tactics, strategy, and the relationship of nuclear weapons to foreign policy. Oppenheimer managed to chair this group but he was balanced by the selection of two pro-Teller people, Dr. Alvarez and Dr. Griggs. Dr. Alvarez had a strong bond to the

strategic bombing generals. During the Second World War he did work on the Manhattan project at Los Alamos and also found time to invent his "Long Eagle" bombing radar at M.I.T.'s Radiation Laboratory. Dr. Griggs had strong ties too, helping establish the RAND Corporation in 1947 in order to bring systematic and analytical thinking to bear on Air Force tactics and strategy, and during the latter months of World War II headed a special investigation, with Dr. Alvarez and Dr. H. P. Robertson, into a strange phenomenon annoying Air Force air strikes on Germany and Japan, a phenomenon dubbed the "foo fighters."

The expression "foo fighter" brings up the subject of UFOs. Many of the names in this essay show up in UFO literature for good reason.

Back in 1949 when Dr. George Valley of M.I.T. was concerned with Air Defense Systems, he authored a summation of project SIGN (conducted by Dr. James B. Conant who shared Dr. Oppenheimer's position on the H-bomb). This project had collected data on reports of unidentified aerial intruders in America's airspace, the so-called "flying saucers." SIGN was surprisingly inconclusive in regards to a possible novel Russian aircraft, and even entertained, believe it or not, an extraterrestrial solution.

The aerial mystery received intensive official scrutiny when the "green fireballs" appeared over highly sensitive atomic installations in New Mexico during the Winter of 1948-49. Dr. Joseph Kaplan of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board took charge of a special inquiry beginning on February 16, 1949. He pondered the mystery for months, trying all the time to get more data; meanwhile Russia exploded its bomb. General C.P. Cabell of AFOIN, Washington, D.C. who had requested Dr. Kaplan to investigate the "fireballs," wanted answers, but Kaplan put him off and asked to confer with Dr. Teller and Dr. George Gamow (another pro-strategic bombing advocate). Events are murky but the fireball problem was shunted aside by calling it a possible geomagnetic phenomenon, and the flying saucer project, GRUDGE, was killed off almost immediately after

General Vandenberg's air sampling aircraft detected traces of the Russian nuclear explosion. UFO reports were still being forwarded to Wright Field, but they were not being investigated or verified. General Cabell was evidently kept in the dark about this until the Ft. Monmouth incident of September 20, 1951 when he personally took an interest in the New Jersey case in order to assist a Mr. Johnson and a Mr. Brewster of Republic Aviation who were standing in for a "group of top U.S. Industrialists and scientists" which was, evidently, a "project LINCOLN."

Much is still highly classified and therefore not available to elucidate us, but it is evident that the flying saucer question in 1949-52 had some effect on the intense, top secret, debates about whether or not to launch a major acceleration of the arms race.

What we do know is that the "Long Range Objective Panel" did authorize a narrowly focused effort, which was to analyze proposed means to develop an air defense network for the continental United States called project LINCOLN. While we do not know who voted for LINCOLN on the LROP, or how they felt about it, it's possible it was Oppenheimer's idea.

Dr. Griggs became alarmed in 1951 when he heard rumors that prospec-

tive members of project LINCOLN were being told that for the sake of world peace the Air Defense Command should be strengthened and the Strategic Air Command sacrificed, done away with to demonstrate the lack of aggressive intentions of the United States. Dr. Griggs blamed this on what he called the "ZORC cabal," a group composed of Drs. Zacharias, Oppenheimer, Rabi, and C.C. Lauritsen, which was suppositively engaged in "nefarious anti-Air Force schemes."

The climax of the "Teller-Oppenheimer" battle was reached in March 1953 when the newly elected president, Dwight Eisenhower, was forced to make a decision whether to approve a big expansion of the Air Defense Command which the Air Force top brass feared would be done at the expense of the Strategic Air Command.

It should be clear to the reader at this point that the Air Force had a very good reason to be anti-UFO besides the ones usually assigned that service branch by students of the aerial phenomenon. Apparently the stubborn ability of the UFOs to remain unexplained gave aid and comfort to the Oppenheimer crowd. The timing of the "Robertson Panel" may not have been accidental, convened as it was just before Eisenhower's decision.

In Others' Words

By Lucius Farish

Reports of UFO attacks in the Brazilian jungles are detailed in the April 18 issue of *National Enquirer*. In the town of Mojui dos Campos, inhabitants claim to have experienced frightening encounters with strange lights and light beams.

The Vol. 4, No. 2 issue of *Wildfire* contains a very interesting article on the Eduard "Billy" Meier contactee case, written by Dr. James W. Dear-dorff. This presentation covers both the physical and philosophical aspects of the controversial Swiss case. A number of addresses are given for additional information, both pro and

con. If *Wildfire* is not available on your local newsstand, the address is: P.O. Box 9167, Spokane, WA 99209. The subscription rate is \$10.00 per year (published quarterly) or \$3.00 for individual issues. *Wildfire* has carried other UFO material in past issues.

The "Anti-Matter/UFO Update" column in *OMNI* has recently included material relating to Bill Pitts' venture, The New Project Blue Book (March issue); the wave of UFO sightings near Wytheville, Va. and the Gordon/Dellinger book, *Don't Look Up!* (April

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'Transformation' Transformed

By Robert Wanderer

Robert Wanderer is a MUFON specialist in communications who seeks a middle ground between "believers" and "debunkers."

One might think that the overwhelming success of Whitley Strieber's million-dollar, best-seller *Communion*, would awaken the nation to the perils of "abductions" by "aliens." But despite the millions of people who have read the book, have seen him on television, and/or have read about it in newspapers or elsewhere, there appears to be an individual and collective feeling that these "abductions" are not objectively real.

The media and people in general tend to reject extremes and seek to form a middle-ground consensus. We reject the extreme of Strieber's assertion that these adventures "really" happened, but we also reject the other extreme which suggests that Strieber is consciously making the whole thing up to sell books, merely an extension of his earlier horror fiction writing.

One effect of *Communion's* impact in the general market is that UFO writing is no longer confined to the believe-everything UFO magazines at one extreme and the disbelieve-everything debunkers at the other. We now find "abductions" in a major "mainstream" magazine such as *Psychology Today*. And that magazine sees the phenomenon from a consensus-seeking middle position as arising from "the dark interior world of the human psyche."

One even gets the impression that Strieber himself suspects something of the sort, as if there were thoughts and ideas in some remote part of his brain that he is unable to acknowledge. Particularly so in his latest book, *Transformation*, where he says the "visitors" who "abducted" him "took me on a fabulous and terrible journey through my fears ... They

also compelled me to face my guilts, my rages, my sorrows, all that I have buried in myself" (p.11).

Superficially, the new book may seem to be little more than an extension of the previous one. In *Communion* we were given incident after incident which left us questioning Strieber's memory, his ability to distinguish reality from imagination, and his overall credibility. For example, he said in *Communion* that he had claimed for years that he had been present at the University of Texas during Charles Whitman's shooting spree from the tower in 1966, but now admitted "I wasn't there" (p.121). In the new book he reports he conducted "an extensive investigation" and decided that he must have been there after all because a friend confirmed he was standing where Strieber now "remembers" seeing him (p.93).

We find other suggestive points all through the book. He declares "my childhood was full of alien-abduction fears" (p.107). He concludes that his earlier writings of horror fiction reflected an "attempt to cope with an enormous, hidden, and frightful reality" (p.125). Perhaps most exotic of all is his concern that the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Russia indicated "that the moon was going to explode" (p.65).

But there's more here than this parade of strange incidents. I confess I was deeply touched by his decision to confront his fears by taking a walk in the dark woods around his house late at night. In Chapter 11 he repeatedly tries to go on that walk, but gives up in fear very time. Finally in chapter 15 he succeeds, and I admired how he overcame his deep fears.

How can we reconcile the power of his walk in the woods with the book's seeming lack of credibility? I wrote Dr. Donald Klein, Strieber's psychiatrist who was quoted extensively in

the first book and to some degree in this one. Are Strieber's experiences "true"?

"I did not ever believe that Mr. Strieber's experiences were objectively true," Dr. Klein replied, "but that he was suffering from some very atypical state of mind and, as I indicated (in *Communion*), perhaps temporal lobe epilepsy might account for this."

Dr. Klein added that while the tests for temporal lobe epilepsy on Strieber were "negative," the tests available for that condition are "rather poor" and therefore apparently not as significant as Strieber believes.

For me, Dr. Klein's answer transformed *Transformation*. What had been an unsettling mishmash of hard-to-accept material on how Strieber thinks and acts, now made sense. Understandably, Strieber does not — in fact, probably cannot — conclude that some anomaly in his brain has such an effect on him.

I now see *Transformation* as the saga of a man who sincerely believes that "visitors" have "abducted" him, but nevertheless achieves a tremendous affirmation of himself by defying his tormentors and walking in the dark of the woods. I see the transformed *Transformation* as a powerful description of the inner life of a troubled man, as pioneering in its way as *The Invisible Man* was for revealing the life of a black man in segregation, or *The Three Faces of Eve* was for showing the life of a multiple personality. Even though I believe the possibility that "abductions" are objectively real is extremely remote, I now find Strieber a sympathetic, even heroic, figure.

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The UFO Press

By Dennis Stacy

Vallee's Dimensions

Ballantine has just issued a paperback edition of Jacques Vallee's most recent work, *Dimensions, A Casebook of Alien Contact*, published last year by Contemporary Books, Chicago. The \$4.95 list edition has two appendices not included in the original hardcover version, which may be of interest.

The first of these, by Vallee, is "Sanctus Agobardus, Ora Pro Nobis! (Some lessons from the ninth century abductions in France)." Since these early accounts of "cloud-ships" from another realm featured prominently (and controversially) in the author's *Passport To Magonia*, Vallee has taken the opportunity to cite the original Latin source, St. Agobard's *De Grandine et Tonitruis* ("About Hail and Thunder"), a rational polemic which sought to defuse popular peasant myths and superstitions regarding the weather and "tempestaires," who were a sort of meteorological sorcerer, or middleman between events above and below. Three men and a woman who were said to have fallen from one of these cloud-ships were brought before the archbishop by a pelt-hungry mob who would have probably stoned them to death but for Abogard's intervention.

Here, alas, history haunts and taunts us with one of her typical failures to provide a complete account of events. Were the four would-be victims among the first known abductees, or were they perhaps "collaborators," or simply victims of mistaken identity or folklore? As far as the analogy holds, little has changed for those in chains but the threat of being stoned to death. Even so, the incident leads Vallee to propose the skeptical Abogard as the patron saint of abductees for having saved their lives. Certainly it has a more classical sound

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and ring to it than, say, St. Hopkins or St. Strieber, who provides the Forward.

The second new appendix most of you will already be familiar with, it being an interview by journalist Linda J. Strand with Vallee which first appeared in the pages of this *Journal* in the April 1988 issue. Those who have joined us since then may want to pick up *Dimensions* for the interview alone, since it updates some of Vallee's comments and thinking regarding recent developments in the field, especially if you do not already have the hardback. Vallee will also be addressing this summer's Las Vegas MUFON Symposium on the subject of his recent field investigations into claims of UFO related injuries in Brazil. The interview, found on pages 267-279, touches on a variety of current topics, including government cover-up, MJ-12, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and the unexpected upswing (and popularity) of alleged UFO abductions. A recommended read and buy.

Aliens & Angels

The *Journal* also features prominently in another national publication, *ReVision*, the quarterly "Journal of Consciousness and Change," available from Heldref Publications (\$18/yr), 4000 Albemarle St., N.W., Washington, DC, 20016. Guest editor Keith Thompson is putting together a special two-part series on UFOs, "Angels, Aliens and Archetypes," based on presentations made at a San Francisco symposium of the same name in November of 1987, sponsored by the Omega Foundation. Dr. Kenneth Ring, a leading investigator of the Near Death Experience, will be represented by a reprint of his lead article from the May 1989 *Journal*, "Toward an Imaginal Interpretation of 'UFO Abductions'."

I'm not fully aware at the moment of Thompson's complete line-up of contributors, but based on my attending the symposium, the possibilities include Jacques Vallee, Whitley Strieber, Marilyn Ferguson, Michael Grosso, Richard Grossinger, Terrence McKenna, Thompson himself and others. Peter Rojcewicz of the Julliard School will be represented with an article, "The Folklore of the 'Men in Black,' A Challenge to the Prevailing Paradigm," which will in turn be reprinted in a future issue of the *Journal*. The first of the series should be out shortly, but I'll keep you informed as more information is available.

Research Requests

The Fund for UFO Research, Inc., is looking for an individual to conduct a study of UFO sighting trends during the past decade, using the Hynek system of categorization, i.e., CE-I, CE-II, etc. Interested persons should contact the Fund, giving their technical and educational qualifications, sources of data, predicted time and costs of the study. Write Fund for UFO Research, Inc., P.O. Box 277, Mt. Ranier, MD, 20712.

George Fawcett is interested in information about UFO shooting incidents and humanoid footprints found at UFO encounter sites. He can be written to at 602 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092.

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Movie, Video and Audio Tape Recording Not Permitted At Las Vegas Symposium

Since an exclusive contract has been signed with a firm to produce both video tapes and audio tapes of the speakers at the symposium, only still photographs will be permitted within the lecture hall. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Looking Back

By Bob Gribble

FORTY YEARS AGO — June 1949: A burning ball, resembling a tiny sun, moved through the sky at tremendous speed, leaving a pink-colored smoke trail about 1000 feet wide and many miles in length. It was at a high altitude. Observers over an 800-mile stretch from Key West, Florida to St. Simon's Island, Georgia, reported the fiery ball. The flaming object took between five to 10 minutes to cross the sky, moving in a horizontal flight path. Ten members of an Air Force detachment that witnessed the passage said: "after the object reached its zenith it slowly began a graduated auger-shaped ('Z'-shaped) descent." The Air Force investigating officer who filed the official report with Project GRUDGE, remarked: "It is the opinion of this officer that this object was not a meteor due to its erratic course." This opinion was not conveyed to the news media which, in their stories on the incident, suggested that a meteor was responsible.

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THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO — June 1954: Gary J. Vargo was working in his yard in Utica, Michigan (date unknown), when he heard a B-29 bomber going overhead. As he watched the aircraft he spotted a V-formation of ten silvery, disc-shaped craft following it. The discs then completely circled the bomber, changing position in formation. At one point several of the discs sped westward in the direction of two Piper Cub aircraft, then returned to the B-29. Mr. Vargo and his mother watched the discs for about 20 minutes as the vehicles maneuvered in formation, reflecting sunlight.

On the eighth, Lt. Col. John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, stated: "An average of

700 UFO sightings are reported to the Air Force each week; Over 1000 of the nations leading scientist are working on governmental UFO projects; Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Dr. Lincoln LaPaz are heading a project in White Sands, New Mexico, where scientists are tracking two artificial satellites circling our planet."

Lt. Harry B. Roe, Jr., an Ohio National Guard pilot, had a UFO encounter between Columbus and Dayton, Ohio on the 23rd. He pursued a bright object but it evaded his aircraft. Then he reported to the tower controller at Vandalia airport: "I'm being chased by a white light. I'll circle the tower so you can see it." As the F-51 flew over the airport, Traffic Controller George Barnes focused his binoculars on the brilliant object but the glow hid the shape behind it. Dropping his flaps, Lt. Roe "chopped" his throttle to slow down quickly. But the strange object matched every move, with perfect precision. Then as Barnes watched from the tower, the glowing object abruptly abandoned the chase. In a sharp turn it passed the F-51 and swiftly vanished toward the southwest.

Just after sunset on the 29th, near Seven Islands, Quebec, Canada, a BOAC Stratocruiser — bound from New York to London with 51 passengers — was followed for 18 minutes (about 80 miles of airpath) by one large vehicle and six smaller craft that flew curious "formations" about it. The pilot of the Stratocruiser was Capt. James Howard, a highly respected BOAC flight officer. About 20 witnesses, including both passengers and crew, gave statements as to the unprecedented nature of the objects. All of the objects were dark and the smaller craft formed geometric formations as they shifted positions from time to time. Just before an F-86 interceptor arrived from Goose Air Force Base at Howard's request, First

Officer Boyd and Navigator George Allen said the small craft seemed to merge into the larger vehicle. Then the large vehicle moved out of sight in a matter of seconds to the northwest.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO — June 1959: Structured wingless vehicles, bathed in a shaft of blue light and carrying "illuminated occupants" were observed near the Boianai Anglican Mission at Papua, New Guinea on the 26th and 27th. Witnesses included Father William Booth "Bill" Gill who wrote a very lengthy, detailed report of UFO activity over areas inland from Port Moresby. At 6:45 p.m. on the 26th, 38 persons gathered to watch a large disc-shaped craft with four legs hover overhead. On top of the vehicle four humanlike figures, their bodies surrounded by some kind of illumination, seemed to be "doing something on deck." At various times one or all of the figures would disappear below, only to reappear soon after. At 7:30 p.m. the craft was lost from view. At 6 p.m. the next day the craft and their occupants returned. Again the beings appeared to be working on something. This time Gill and a dozen other witnesses waved and shouted to the occupants. They waved back. By 7:45 p.m. the vehicle had left the area. An Australian UFO organization investigated the Boianai activity and concluded that, "The Boianai sightings do not prove ipso facto that the UFOs are non-terrestrial spaceships; they indicate a strong likelihood that they are such."

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — JUNE 1964: Charles Englebrecht, 18, was watching television in his home in Dale, Indiana, at 8:55 P.M. on the 14th when he saw a light pass by the kitchen window. As he went to investigate, the television set and house lights went out. Outside, the witness saw an orange object as large as a basketball resting on the ground in the back yard. As he attempted a closer approach, Englebrecht said he felt something pressing him back; he froze in his tracks and felt a tingling

sensation. Calling his parents, Charles saw the object take off and move to the west over the barn roof. The witness and his parents noticed a strong "sulfurous" smell around the area where the object had landed.

There were other things out of order in the yard. A power lawn mower had apparently rolled about 10 feet from its normal place toward the landing site. Cans that were on a table had fallen off in the same direction. A hoe was located 50 feet away from its stand against the house. It, too, was near the landing site. A water trough had been overturned. There was also a small burned area with three indentations forming a triangle and measuring nearly an inch in depth and diameter. Also, all of the cherry trees and garden plants around the landing area died after the sighting.

On the 29th, businessman Beauford E. Parham was driving between Carnesville and Lavonia, Georgia when he spotted a very bright light in the sky coming directly toward his car. "The car's engine seemed like it was about to stop — maybe like something a magnet would do. The next instance it was directly in front of my headlights spinning like a giant toy top. It made a hissing sound like a million snakes. The top part of the craft was moving in a clockwise direction and the bottom part in a counterclockwise direction." The vehicle, "big enough to hold a man," was amber-colored, about six feet tall and eight feet wide. A tower-like projection with a dark band was seen at the top. Vane-like configurations were also observed. Small portholes dotted the bottom, through which flames could be detected.

Disappearing in a flash, the craft reappeared a second time. "It stayed directly in front of my headlights for at least a mile, never touching the car but spinning just in front of my headlights," said Parham. Although he was traveling at 65 m.p.h., the vehicle kept an estimated five feet in front of the automobile and only one or two feet above the road. The top part of the craft was tilted toward the witness. Parham said he followed in a near trance-like state and that the object gave off terrific heat that burned his arm. "When the vehicle

left it suddenly went up over the top of my car, leaving a strong odor like embalming fluid and a very gaseous vapor which left an oily substance all over my car. I drove on to Lavonia and by this time my arm was really burning. I don't mind telling you I was mighty frightened. It left me so shaken I could hardly continue driving."

Near Turnerville, Georgia — about 25 miles northwest of Lavonia — a group of people who saw the craft the same night, described it as Parham did and said it came close to the ground. Parham said he was told that two days after his experience a woman sustained third degree burns from a similar craft, near the same location, that burned into a sack of groceries in her car.

On the 30th, D.E. Welford said a huge, spinning object — shaped like a toy top — about the size of an automobile and giving off an offensive odor, came into sight as he traveled U.S. 29 near the South Carolina border. Welford said a geiger counter check of his car later showed signs of radioactivity.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO — June 1969: Robin Peck was traveling in his automobile from King's Lynn, England, to his home in Docking shortly after midnight on the 19th. He was passing through Bircham Newton at 12:25 when his headlights started to flicker. Then both his lights and engine ceased to function. Peck got out and looked under the hood. He felt something like "static electricity" and said his hair stood on end. Looking up, he saw an inverted mushroom-shaped object bigger than a house hovering at an altitude of 100-150 feet over some trees on a farm.

"There was an orange glow around it and there was very heavy static electricity in the air," said Peck. "It was like standing under a powerful radar transmitter. There was something there but I can't understand what it was. It was a terrifying experience." The blue craft hovered for about a minute, then took off and disappeared rapidly. Peck's car functioned normally after the vehicle left the area. During the sighting Peck's lu-

minous wrist watch glowed with greatly increased power — the light from the watch seemed to stream out toward him. After the encounter the watch no longer was luminous.

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TEN YEARS AGO — June 1979:

In a mind-boggling close encounter, an illiterate Brazilian night watchman was abducted by dwarf-like beings — and held over two hours while they examined him on board their extra-terrestrial craft. Under hypnosis, Antonio Ferreira, 21, told exactly the same story he'd told when he first revealed the abduction. Antonio was working as a night watchman at a construction site near Mirassol, Brazil, when he saw "a strange craft" descending about 60 yards away. "I came face to face with three dwarf-like beings, each about three feet tall. One carried a small box which beamed a red type of light at me, and I felt paralyzed," said Antonio. "The beings were dressed in a type of jump suit, shiny white, which covered their entire bodies, even their heads.

Antonio remembers being raised into the air by an unseen force and moved into a tiny, oval-shaped vehicle. The inside of the gray metallic craft was filled with a red light and contained small gray benches and a button-covered panel. "There was a low rumbling sound and a chill ran up my spine," he recalled. "We entered a larger vehicle and I was taken to a very large room. There were between 10 and 12 beings present. Some of them were brown and others were green. Their heads were very large in relation to their bodies. Their eyes and mouths were very large and their ears were large and pointed. I had never heard their language before. They made me sit down. The next thing I knew I was back at the construction site. It was 5:30 in the morning. I ran home."

Police investigator Jose Zanvello Neto went to the site where Antonio told him the craft had landed. "There was a circular area completely devoid of the dust, dirt and sawdust which marks the rest of the site. Grass

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issue); and astronomer Walter Webb's detailed investigation of an abduction case (May issue).

The two most recent offerings from Wendelle Stevens' UFO Photo Archives publishing project are *UFO Contact From Planet Ummo*, Vol. 2 by Antonio Ribera (\$16.95; 382 pages) and *UFO Contact From Andromeda* by Zitha Rodriguez-Montiel and Prof. R.N. Hernandez (\$16.95; 302 pages). For those who have *Ummo*, Vol. 1 (now out of print), Vol. 2 will be a must, as it continues the fascinating story of what must be either one of the greatest hoaxes of all time or a genuine record of extraterrestrial communications. *Andromeda* is an account of alleged meetings with ETs by a Mexican university professor, who has since disappeared without a trace. Information given to him is compared with reports by other contactees around the world. These books may be ordered from UFO Photo Archives at: P.O. Box 17206, Tucson, AZ 85731-7206. Please add \$1.25 postage for each book.

MUFON 1989 International UFO Symposium Proceedings

The MUFON 1989 International UFO Symposium Proceedings will be available by mail after July 10, 1989 for \$15.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling. All orders will be mailed "Special Fourth Class — Book Rate" unless other arrangements for additional postage are made. Please enclose a check or postal money order made payable to MUFON in U.S. funds. No C.O.D. All foreign purchases must be by International Postal Money Order or check made payable by a U.S. bank with electronic coding on the check. Cash in U.S. funds is acceptable. Please mail order to:

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The Night Sky

By Walter N. Webb
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June 1989

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus (magnitude -3.9) remains very low in the WNW after sunset, setting about 9:45 daylight time in midmonth. The thin crescent Moon passes 2° above the brilliant planet on June 4.

Mars, dimming further to 1.8 magnitude, moves from Gemini into Cancer and stands in the western sky about 16° to the upper left of Venus in mid-June. The reddish world sets about 10:45 in midmonth. The lunar crescent lies 3° above the fading planet on the 6th. After taking preliminary pictures of its Martian target moon, the orbiting Soviet Phobos 2 craft failed to reestablish contact, dooming the rest of the mission.

Three planets and an asteroid team up within a small region above the "teapot" of Sagittarius. Still brightening Saturn (magnitude 0.1) passes only 18 minutes of arc below the telescopic planet Neptune (magnitude 7.9) on the 24th — the second of a triple conjunction between the pair this year. About 8° to the west lie Uranus (5.6 magnitude) and, 3° NE of the latter, Vesta (5.3 magnitude), the brightest and third largest (334 miles in diameter) of the minor planets or asteroids. Uranus and Vesta are opposite the Sun on the 24th and 25th-26th, respectively, making them theoretically visible with the unaided eye. Still, it is advisable to use binoculars to spot the two objects. On June 24 Uranus is located at R.A. 18h 15m, Dec. -23° 40' (1989 coordinates); on the 25th Vesta can be found at 18h 20m and -21° 09' (2000 coordinates). Saturn rises in the ESE about an hour after sunset.

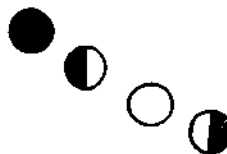
Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Jupiter (magnitude -1.9) moves into the morning sky on June 9 but does not emerge from the solar glare until month's end when it rises in the ENE about 4AM. (Look for Mercury a few degrees to the upper right of Jupiter.)

Saturn is low in the SW at dawn.

Moon Phases:

- New moon — June 3
- First quarter — June 11
- Full moon — June 19
- Last quarter — June 26



The Stars:

The celestial meridian at 11 PM divides the night sky into springtime stars in the west (Leo, Bootes, Virgo) and summer stars in the east. The Summer Triangle is now fully visible above the eastern horizon. Hercules, with his little four-sided "Keystone"; Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer, shaped like a large tent; Scorpius, with its reddish heart star Antares; and Sagittarius the Archer all occupy the eastern half of the sky.

Straddling the meridian in the south is the upside-down crown of Ariadne, Corona Borealis, and lower down a distorted rectangle, Libra the Scales, on which nearby Virgo weighs the fate of mortals.

To the north the Big Dipper starts its downward arc in the NW, and the hard-to-see sprawling outline of Draco the Dragon coils overhead between the Big and Little Dippers and Hercules.

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tary; and **John Spencer**, Treasurer. It will be held in conjunction with the Fifth London International UFO Congress on Friday, July 14th to Sunday, July 16, 1989 at the same locale. This event is jointly sponsored by ICUR, MUFON and BUFORA. For further details please write to: I.C.U.R., P.O. Box 314, Penn, High Wycome, Bucks, HP10 8PB, England.

We are constantly receiving requests for UFO video tapes that may be used for public meetings or other events, such as National UFO Information Week. **Keith Kurlander** of RAD Productions Ltd. has one of the answers to this problem with their video program titled: *Ufology: At the Turning Point*. It is a 2-hour tape (VHS or Beta) featuring **Budd Hopkins** on alien abductions, **Bill Moore** on the Aztec crash hoax and **Stanton Friedman** on the MJ-12 coverup. Please write or call Mr. Kurlander specifying VHS or Beta at RAD Productions Ltd., 8306 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 972, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 or telephone (213) 461-7568. Send a check or money order for \$39.95 (California residents add 6.5% tax).

Charles D. Flannigan, State Section Director, will host the MUFON 1990 International UFO Symposium in Pensacola, Florida at the Pensacola Hilton on July 6, 7, and 8, 1990.

LOOKING BACK, continued

around the area was scorched," Neto said. Police Chief Wilson Lopes, who verified Neto's finding: "Antonio has a clean police record. He doesn't drink and has never been involved with drugs. As far as I am concerned Antonio was taken aboard a spacecraft by extraterrestrial beings." Dr. Walter Buhler, physician and longtime Ufologist participated in the investigation and concluded: "The facts speak for themselves. He was truly kidnapped by extraterrestrial beings." Antonio was given medical and psychological exams at a local hospital by Dr. Luiz Fernando, who said: "The story that Antonio told could not have come from his imagination."

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MUFON 1989 International UFO Symposium Aladdin Hotel and Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada June 30, July 1 and 2, 1989

- Speaking Program -

Saturday, July 1, 1989

- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Welcome to Las Vegas, John Lear, Co-Host Chairman and State Director for Nevada
Introduction of Hal Starr, Co-Host Chairman, M.C. and State Director for Arizona
- 9:05 - 9:10 a.m. Greetings from the International Director, Walter H. Andrus, Jr.
- 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. The Mansfield Helicopter Case, Jennie Zeidman
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. UFO Car Pursuits: Some New Patterns in Old Data, Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.
- 11:00 - 12 noon A Hypothetical Plan for Crash/Retrieval, Don Berliner
- LUNCH**
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. The Chesapeake Connection: An Implication of Corporate Involvement in the UFO Cover-Up, Robert L. Oechsler
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. An Alien Harvest, Linda Moulton Howe
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Break
- 3:50 - 5:00 p.m. Above Top Secret, Timothy Good
- DINNER**
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. UFOs and the U.S. Government? Part I, William L. Moore
- 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Update on Operation Majestic-12, Stanton T. Friedman
- 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. The UFO Cover-Up: A Government Conspiracy?
Panel: Oechsler, Howe, Good and Friedman
Hal Starr, Moderator

Sunday, July 2, 1989

- 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon MUFON Board of Directors Meeting
- LUNCH**
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Recent Field Investigations Into Claims of UFO Related Injuries in Brazil, Jacques Vallee, Ph.D.
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The Cydonian Hypothesis, John E. Brandenburg, Ph.D.
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Q. & A. Panel, Zeidman, Johnson, Berliner, Vallee and Brandenburg
- 5:00 p.m. Invitation to Pensacola, Florida in 1990, Charles D. Flannigan
Adjournment, John Lear

Reservations and Registration

Reservations for rooms may be made by writing or calling the Aladdin Hotel and Casino, 3667 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 or telephone (702) 736-0111 or (800) 634-3424. The price per night is \$48 for a single and \$48 for double occupancy.

Guest room accommodations will be available starting Thursday, June 29 and extending through July 3 for people arriving early or departing after the symposium at the same prices. Only a limited number of rooms in this category are available, so early reservations are recommended. 150 rooms have been allocated for Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1st for the majority of the attendees. The hotel will hold the block of sleeping rooms until May 30, 1989. The Aladdin Hotel will continue to accept reservations after this date based on room and rate availability. Early reservations are highly recommended. An advance deposit for one night is required to hold your hotel reservation of \$48.00 plus hotel tax, totaling \$51.36. The deposit must be mailed to the Aladdin Hotel, P.O. Box 93958, Las Vegas, NV 89193-3958.

The State Directors Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 30th (10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and the Board of Directors Meeting for Sunday morning, July 2, 1989 (9 a.m. to 12 noon).

The formal speaking program will consist of four sessions at \$10 each, totaling \$40 at the door. A special advance registration package for all sessions is \$35 per person. There will be three sessions on Saturday, July 1 and one session on Sunday afternoon, July 2nd. Advance registration should be mailed to John Lear, 1414 Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89110 with a check or money order made payable to: MUFON 1989 Symposium. Your tickets and registration packet may be picked up at the symposium registration table upon your arrival in Las Vegas, starting June 30th.

Director's Message

By Walt Andrus

A very successful training meeting was held on April 14, 1989 in conjunction with the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The following people attended representing their states: **Ed Mazur**, AR; **Jean Waller**, OK; **John Carpenter** and **Kathy Hodgden**, MO; **Bob Oechsler**, MD; **Robert Swiatek**, VA; **Bob Reid** FL; **Antonio Huneeus**, Continental Coordinator for South America; **Richard Seifried**, OH; **Jeff and Karen Ballard**, AL; **Larry Heberbrand**, GA; **James Scarborough**, MS; **Jerry Hiers**, LA; and **James Deardorf**, OR.

New Officers

Substantial growth in the "grass roots" structure of MUFON is evident as the following people volunteered for leadership roles. Mrs. **Gudrun Andersson** of Smedjebacken, Sweden replaced **Ulf Ekstedt** as our Representative for Sweden when Mr. Ekstedt moved to Denmark due to his employment. **Water L. "Barney" Garner** in Baton Rouge was appointed Assistant State Director for Louisiana by Jerry Hiers. **R. Wayne Porter**, M.D. of Russellville, Arkansas is serving in the dual role of State Section Director for Pope, Yell, and Conway Counties and a Consultant in Medicine. **George M. Reynolds, Sr.**, living in Elkton, Maryland, volunteered as State Section Director for Cecil, Hartford and Kent Counties and Amateur Radio Operator W3WYA. **Norma J. Croda**, residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, has been reassigned to the additional counties of Marion, Boone and Hendricks by **Francis Ridge**, State Director. **Donavon "Don" Johnson**, living in Bismarck, North Dakota, is the State Section Director for Burleigh, Morton and Oliver Counties per **John R. Salter, Jr.**, State Director. **Dwight A. Sirls** in Longview, Texas has been promoted to State Section Director for Gregg, Upshur,

and Rusk Counties, replacing **William Wright** who moved to Dallas.

Larry Z. Kennedy, Ph.D. of Huntsville, Alabama is a new Consultant in Physics. Two new Research Specialists are **Bonnie B. Butcher**, M.A. in Counseling Psychology (Gulf Breeze, Florida) and **Ann-Marie T. Tessier**, M.S.W. for Clinical Social Work (Derry, N.H.)

Annual MUFON Award

The following people have been nominated for the Annual MUFON Award plaque for the most outstanding contribution to Ufology for 1988-89 by members of the MUFON Board of directors as recommended by individual members, listed alphabetically: **Lucius Farish** and **Rod B. Dyke** (team), **Charles D. Flannigan**, **Bruce S. Maccabee**, **Robert L. Oechsler**, and **Donald M. Ware**. A ballot was enclosed with the May 1989 issue of the *Journal* so all members and subscribers could vote for their choice for this prestigious honor. The Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) will present a \$500 check to the award winner in memory of **Isabel Davis**. The deadline for returning all ballots to MUFON in Seguin, Texas is June 10, 1989. The awards will be presented to the honored recipient in Las Vegas on July 1, 1989 or mailed to their home.

National UFO Information Week

Marge Christensen, Director of Public Education, has announced the Fifth National UFO Information Week will be August 13 to 20, 1989. It is recommended that interested groups or states reserve space and make prior arrangements with the management of their local shopping malls if they plan a display, photo exhibit, closed circuit video documentaries, distribution of printed information or a desk to report UFO sightings from

the public.

For details on the MUFON 1989 International UFO Symposium please refer to a separate article in this issue of the *Journal*. The calendar of UFO Conferences for 1989 is also included in the June *Journal*. Please make your reservations at the Aladdin Hotel as soon as possible because the block of rooms reserved is being rapidly depleted. The manager at the Aladdin has been elated at the response to early reservations since it surpasses all prior conventions, conferences and meetings that he has hosted during his tenure. In addition to the formal speaking program at the symposium, there will be additional meetings scheduled. A State Directors Meeting, moderated by **Dan Wright**, is set for Friday, June 30th from 10 am to 5 pm. The Annual MUFON Board of Directors Meeting will take place Sunday, July 2nd from 9 am to 12 noon. The Press Conference for speakers is scheduled for Friday, June 30th from 9 to 11 am. Two unannounced "surprise" guest speakers will make presentations of vital interest Sunday morning at the Aladdin Hotel. This added attraction will compliment the symposium theme "The UFO Cover-up: A Government Conspiracy?" The MUFON 1989 UFO Symposium promises to be one of our most exciting and revealing symposia.

ICUR Meeting In London

The next full meeting of the International Committee for UFO Research (ICUR) will be held in London, England starting in the afternoon of Thursday, July 13, 1989 at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW 1. The present officers are **Robert Digby**, Chairman; **Walter H. Andrus, Jr.**, Vice Chairman; **Steve Gamble**, Secre-

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