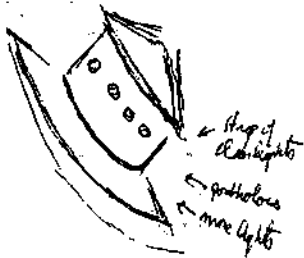


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Director's Message

By John F. Schuessler



The ET Presence: Cons and Pros

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle will present his exciting new paper "The ET Presence: Cons and Pros" at the 2005 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Denver, CO, July 22-24, 2005 (see insert for registration information).

Leo first spoke at a MUFON symposium in 1975, and we are extremely pleased to have him back in 2005. Leo describes the "Cons" as "confidence" people who try to ~~con~~ us into discounting or denying the ET Presence.

On the other hand, the "Pros" are the "professional" people who profess the reality of the ET Presence.

Part of his conclusion states that "we can anticipate further UFO reports which confound our views of science and reality. Further, we can predict that UFO 'games' will continue along the



John Schuessler

lines of military and physical games, sexual and biological games, political and psychosocial games, and healing and spiritual games." You won't want to miss Leo's presentation and his description of the purpose of these games.

Newest information on implants

Dr. Roger Leir will present a hard-hitting new paper at the 2005 MUFON International UFO Symposium describing physical evidence found in his implant research.

He will describe the properties of three types of implants—metallic, non-metallic, and totally biological. You will also hear about two new pending surgical cases.

Roger says, "The subject of UFOs and their occupants has turned the corner in that those who once questioned even the existence of these vehicles are now looking at the occupants and their reasons for visitation."

He is a leader in bringing the evidence together with the theories in a laboratory environment and putting the scientific method to work on the problem.

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Is bovine hemoglobin the smoking gun in cattle mutilation cases?

By David E. Twichell

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Of all the impossible and improbable anomalies discovered in scores of cattle mutilations around the world each year since the 1950s, the presence of pure bovine hemoglobin may be the most important.

Yet the only known modern biochemical process to produce pure hemoglobin from human or animal blood requires a laboratory, a centrifuge, and strict temperature control.



David Twichell

For those unfamiliar with the cattle mutilation phenomenon, ranchers have awakened to find

one or more of their cattle dead on their property. Not just deceased, but, at first glance, brutally mutilated.

The ranchers know that the particular animal was alive and well as recently as 12 hours prior to the find. But the skeptic's unwavering and illogical conclusion is either predator or satanic cult.

Upon closer observation, it is discovered that the animal was *not* mutilated, as would be true in the case of a predator, but "operated" upon. Specific organs were removed with laser-like precision.

In the typical mutilation, a similar pattern of hide and tissue are removed from the head. Usually an ear, eye, jaw flesh, the tongue, and sexual organs are removed.

In almost all cases, the rectum and/or vaginal tract in females have been cored out. The excision sites appear to be "cauterized" around the edges, indicating some form of heat was employed in the process.

To add to the mystery, there is no sign of a struggle, nor are there tire tracks or footprints around the carcass—not



A typical mutilation.

even of the animal itself. Occasionally bones are broken at the point where the carcass has impacted the ground, suggesting it had been dropped from some height.

As eerily precise as the unusual animal deaths are, typically there is absolutely no blood to be found around or near the carcass. Further, the animal itself is completely devoid of blood. Other natural predators, such as coyotes and wolves, typically refuse to go near the area of the carcass.

In October of 2,000, biophysicist W.C. Levensgood of The Pinelandia Biophysical Laboratory in Grass Lake, MI, called Linda Moulton Howe to discuss his amazing findings concerning a bovine excision case that had occurred in 1997 in Red Bluff, CA.

Levensgood is a world-renowned biophysicist who has worked extensively in the field of "subtle" or "implicate" energies. He is well known for his work in studying crop formations and bovine excisions.

Ms. Howe is an Emmy Award-winning TV and documentary producer, investigative reporter, and editor of the science and environment news website, Earthfiles.com. The full report, may be found at Ms. Howe's web site,

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www.earthfiles.com (October 16, 2000 – Part 2)

A 2,000-pound Black Angus bull had been discovered at the ranch of Jean and Bill Barton that displayed all the signs of a classic bovine excision. The bull was found in a hillside pasture about one-half mile from the only dirt road that led into the area and could only be reached on foot or horseback.

Besides the typical earmarks of a genuinely anomalous excision site, small black, hardened specks were discovered on the chest and testicles at the point of the excision.

Samples of these were gathered by field investigators Jean Bilodeaux and Royce Myers and delivered to Levensgood for analysis. To Levensgood's

amazement, he found them to be pure hemoglobin!

To confirm his findings, he sent the samples to analytical chemist Phyllis Budinger in Ohio. Ms. Budinger used the latest state-of-the-art infrared spectral photometer to analyze the samples.

Her research confirmed Levensgood's findings that these were indeed samples of raw bovine hemoglobin.

Levensgood states in his report, "The fact that erythrocytes, leukocytes and other components such as enzymes and hormones are missing—somehow they had to be extracted from the blood of the animal in order to obtain the very homogeneous hemoglobin.

"To do this, you need to break down the cell membranes to the erythrocytes and leukocytes to remove the hemoglobin molecules. To do this, requires a laboratory procedure with very precise biochemical steps.

"It's totally incomprehensible how the hemoglobin could be removed in the middle of the night out in the middle of a pasture and separated from all the other cellular components."

He adds, "Here you have two basic enigmas: how was it removed in the fresh state and remained biochemically active in a very pure form? And second, how was this formed into a solid that looks like a piece of old, black Bakelite—a very black, hard substance?"

"So what this does, in my estimation, it takes it out of the realm of the predators, takes it out of the realm of devil worshippers. This has to be an extremely sophisticated process. I have no idea how it is done."

Identical evidence has been uncovered in bovine excision cases in California, Oregon, and Alabama.

Levensgood had sent the particles to several laboratories for peer review, and they refused to even look at them. "They took one look at this and said, 'This sure isn't hemoglobin, because whoever heard of hemoglobin in a solid, black form?'" he said.

In this writer's opinion, their ignorance (and desire to maintain so) is the reason mainstream science has stagnated in this and many other areas.

In his Research Report dated June 22, 2002, entitled "Biophysical Study of Two Bovine Excision Sites at Christmas Valley, Oregon, 2002," Levensgood discovered the same pure hemoglobin in two instances that occurred only days



William Levensgood

before, and within six miles of each other.

In excision cases, the vegetation surrounding the carcasses has been affected, as in crop formations, although he believes that two different—but similar—types of microwave energies are being applied.

Levensgood says these could not possibly be random energies within Earth's atmosphere, especially in the case of the bovine excisions, but rather purposely directed by someone or something.

In the 2002 report, it is the first time that biophysicist Levensgood publicly alludes to extraterrestrial intervention as a possible solution. As to the energies employed, he states:

"The results from these two sources, combined with data from past investigations, demonstrate quite clearly that the energy producing the changes in the plants is not of the same design or intensity as those producing the excisions or purifying the blood hemoglobin.

"The energy affecting the plants is of a more subtle nature, giving the impression that it may be an artifact of the propulsion or internal energy components emitted by the 'UFO' craft."

Elsewhere in the same report: "This local injury effect was not observed in plants at the bull excision site; however, in this case the energy source (UFO) was at a sufficient height above the soil surface to cause the induced magnetic field from the ion-electron avalanches to 'pick up' magnetic particles—thus accounting for the reduction in the level of magnetic particles near the animal as well as the log-log type of distribution."

In a phone interview with Levensgood, he told me, "There is no way all of the blood can be drained from such a large animal, to include the capillaries—especially in a pasture environment."

In light of the hemoglobin discovery and the missing erythrocytes and leukocytes from the carcass, he hypothesizes that the blood has been "disintegrated" via some form of microwave technology that is yet unknown to modern science.

Both Levensgood and Howe were interviewed for an installment of "UFO Files," pertaining to cattle mutilations, which recently aired on the History Channel.

Ms. Howe was the investigative reporter working to collect samples for Levensgood at the site of a mutilation in Farnam, NE, and the production crew followed her around.

Levensgood indicated that he was interviewed all day, and spoke at length of the hemoglobin find and its importance to the bovine excision phenomenon.

Alas, not a word on the matter was aired.

After more than 45 years of cattle, horses, and wild animals being found bearing the same distinctive characteristics of intelligent intervention using advanced technologies, no one has ever been arrested in connection with these hideous acts.

After countless man-hours devoted to careful scrutiny of the evidence, biophysicist Levensgood, among many others, believes that the bovine hemoglobin discovery is the "smoking gun" evidence.

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Connecting the dots

Oppenheimer and UFOs

By Donald R. Burluson, Ph.D.

Imagine, if you will, that it is the late 1940s, and that you are President Harry Truman.

It is two years or more now since the presidency dropped on you like a bale of hay. You have seen World War II through to a victorious end, and you have become a popular president during the postwar years.

But you could do without the sort of message you have just received, one whose implications are chilling.

The voice still reverberates in your memory after you've hung up the phone. The gist of it is that an anomalous object has crashed to earth somewhere in the desertlands of New Mexico, and the best intelligence suggests that this object did not originate on the planet.

Remembering the Kenneth Arnold flying saucer sighting, as well as numerous other such reports, you are quick to understand that this news from New Mexico may well herald a spectacularly significant event.

You are also acutely aware that you have very little time—a matter of minutes—to decide upon the best mode of response.

The military is already involved, but you must coordinate things by seeing to it that both the right military people and the right civilian scientists are on hand. You know that a great deal is going to be at stake.

The decisions with regard to the military people, at least, are pretty clear-cut, and after a moment's reflection, the choice of civilians is too.

You need people with Top Secret or higher security clearances and first-rate scientific knowledge. Among others, one name hovers around the top of the list—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer.



Don Burluson

Although there have been, all along, questions about his political leanings, he has brilliantly spearheaded the effort at Los Alamos to build the world's first atomic bomb, ushering the United States both out of global conflict and into a new technological age.

General Leslie Groves, director of the Manhattan Project, has defended Dr. Oppenheimer from the outset, arguing that scientists of Oppenheimer's caliber (and there were very few of those) have to be freethinking individuals who cannot always be expected to toe the political party line.

Oppenheimer was desperately needed at Los Alamos, and he is going to be desperately needed now.

Such is the scenario you would have likely found yourself immersed in, had you been Harry Truman at that fateful time. It seems likely that President Truman would have thought of Robert Oppenheimer right away, along with certain other people.

"Oppie," as many were fond of calling him, was after all a kind of national hero, a thinker of virtually unparalleled reputation, and for good reasons—his acumen as a scientist was such that even the other physicists who had worked on "the gadget" at Los Alamos (a hand-picked crew bristling with genius, people like Hans Bette and Enrico Fermi, some of them Nobel laureates then or later) held Oppenheimer in awe.

Already cleared

He was already cleared, and it would be a relatively uncomplicated matter to send him in. Of course, the fact that it would have been imminently logical for Truman to send him to a UFO crash retrieval operation in New Mexico does not mean, without more substantial evidence, that it was so.

But we do have more tangible evidence, at least for the early involvement of Oppenheimer with UFO-related activities, and this evidence takes the form of what I will call the SSS (Smith-Sarbacher-Steinman) correspondence.

Two of the three parties to this complex of exchanges were government officials: Smith with the Canadian gov-

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ernment, Sarbacher with the U.S.

William Steinman was an independent writer living in California who was later to write (with contributions from Wendelle Stevens) the book *UFO Crash at Aztec: A Well Kept Secret* (Tucson: UFO Photo Archives, 1986).

Discussions of the SSS correspondence, in more detail than we shall need for present purposes, can be found in various places in the literature, e.g. in Steinman's book, and in Hessemann and Mantle, *Beyond Roswell: The Alien Autopsy Film, Area 51, & the U.S. Government Coverup of UFOs*, NY: Marlowe & Company, 1997, pp. 79-85.

The SSS interplay began with Wilbert Smith, an engineer who had taken his master's degree at the University of British Columbia and served as the senior radio engineer for Canada's Department of Transport, later the Department of Communications.

A new energy source

Smith's special area of interest was geomagnetism, which he thought could be used as a source of energy and pro-

pulsion. When Frank Scully's book *Behind the Flying Saucers* came out in 1950, Smith was intrigued, beginning to theorize that saucer propulsion might have to do with magnetism.

Since Scully's book discussed flying saucer crash-and-retrieval activities, and since Smith realized that there could be technological revelations in such circumstances, he wanted to get in contact with scientists who had investigated crashed discs.

Through apparently well-connected contacts at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, Smith obtained an appointment with Dr. Robert Sarbacher, scientific adviser to the Research and Development Commission of the U.S. Defense Department, a distinguished scientist with an office at the Pentagon.

Smith was treated to a substantial conversation with Sarbacher, taking detailed notes of what they talked about. Sarbacher told him, among other things, that flying saucers indeed existed and were highly classified, "higher than the H-bomb."

Top Secret memorandum

Smith later composed a Top Secret memorandum, dated 21 November 1950, to the Canadian Secretary of Transportation urging the initiation of a "Project Magnet" to study magnetic propulsion; in this memo he specified that flying saucers' operating principles were unknown, but were under study in the United States by "a small group headed by Doctor Vannevar Bush" (Hesemann, 81).

Bush was of course one of the men later said to belong to the group MJ-12. It is important to note, however, that at the time of all this correspondence nothing was known, to the public anyway, about MJ-12.

Had the Smith memo been composed and filed in the United States, it would most likely have remained classified forever, but in fact the Canadian authorities declassified it in 1978.

The memo, along with Smith's notes (Smith had died in 1962) on his conversation with Sarbacher, came to the attention (through Leonard Stringfield) of writer William Steinman.

Steinman, desiring more information about the "small group" and their investigations into flying saucers, wrote to Sarbacher, specifically focusing his questions with regard to what he had



Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

learned at that point of the Aztec retrieval story from Scully, but also referencing crash retrievals generally.

Responding to Steinman in a letter dated 29 November 1983 (on a letterhead reading "Washington Institute of Technology, Oceanography, and Physical Sciences, Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher, President and Chairman of Board"), Sarbacher said that in the late 1940s and early 1950s many prominent scientists were actively involved in the study of crashed UFOs.

He said that gatherings of such participants had occurred at Wright Field (later Wright-Patterson Air Force Base), though Sarbacher himself had not (he said) attended.

Of those who did participate in crash-retrieval-related activities, Sarbacher elaborated, "I can only say this: John von Neumann and Dr. Vannevar Bush were definitely involved, and I think Dr. Robert Oppenheimer also" (Hesemann, 83-84).

A need to know basis

I would add that while Sarbacher here speaks only of official meetings having to do with retrieval of crashed UFOs, the normal condition for deciding who would be invited to attend such gatherings would be, aside from the appropriate clearances, the *need to know*.

One could scarcely imagine officials at Wright Field judging that a civilian scientist had the need to know unless he was, or was shortly going to be, involved in the crash retrievals themselves or the analysis in their aftermath.

Thus the SSS correspondence indi-

cates, as much by implication as by what it literally says, an Oppenheimer involvement in UFO crash retrieval investigations. But there is another consideration altogether that suggests the same, in even stronger terms.

Increasingly, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Dr. Oppenheimer's political views came into question. In part this was because he very vocally opposed the development of the H-bomb, whereas his erstwhile Los Alamos colleague Edward Teller just as vocally championed the building of such a weapon.

But the growing official uneasiness over Oppenheimer's politics also stemmed in large part from the fact, long known in government circles, that both his brother (the physicist Frank Oppenheimer) and his wife Kitty had been members of the Communist Party, a cause that Robert Oppenheimer himself had favored back in the 1930s.

In the early 1950s Oppenheimer was working closely with the Atomic Energy Commission, but that organization was about to be taken over by Lewis Strauss, who made no secret of the fact that he detested Dr. Oppenheimer.

Basically Strauss told President Eisenhower in 1953 that he would accept the position of chairman of the AEC, but only if Eisenhower got rid of Oppenheimer. The President capitulated; Strauss was in, and Oppenheimer, whose Top Secret security clearance Eisenhower ordered suspended, was out.

This was in late December of 1953. Oppenheimer was given to understand that he had the option of having hearings with the AEC to determine whether his clearance would be reinstated, and without hesitation he opted to undergo that procedure.

It is with these hearings, I claim, that the real intrigue begins. I will argue that the outcome of the hearings—and we all know Oppenheimer's clearance was denied in the end—does not flow logically from either the nature of the complaints against him or the nature of the testimony at the hearings themselves, insofar as we are privy to what went on.

Faulty process

Something was gravely wrong with the whole process even before the hearings of 12 April 1954 to 6 May 1954 began.



Dr. Robert Sarbacher

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Between the suspension of his clearance and the start of the hearings, Oppenheimer had four months to decide, with his attorneys, how to proceed with his defense, so to speak. (The hearings were not a trial, strictly speaking, but they might as well have been.)

During this interim, Oppenheimer's private telephone line came under federal wiretap surveillance, which in itself is scarcely surprising.

What is not only surprising but shocking, though, is that transcripts of his strategy-planning telephone sessions with his attorneys were routinely turned over to the other side, i.e. to the AEC legal team that would be opposing him.

Thus Oppenheimer would go into the hearings with his whole defense strategy already long since revealed to his opponents. (This, of course, under any decent standards, would be grounds for impeachment of those responsible.)

Clearly, from early on, some people in government very desperately wanted Oppenheimer's clearance to be denied, no matter what had to be done. The reasons for this deserve a great deal of study.

In any event, the hearings began on 12 April 1954, and over the course of the next three and a half weeks, forty witnesses would testify at length, including Dr. Oppenheimer himself.

Closed-door hearings

The hearings were closed-door, the press was not allowed in, and Oppenheimer's attorneys themselves, not being cleared, had to leave the room whenever classified information was presented, which it repeatedly was.

But for the purposes of my inquiry, the most striking feature of these hearings was the matter of who headed up the three-man board that officiated. His name was Gordon Gray.

To anyone well-read in the field of UFO studies, that name should ring a bell. Gordon Gray, according to documents familiar to UFO investigators, was a member of MJ-12, the group purportedly assembled by President Truman in 1947 to oversee matters relating to flying saucers and crash-retrieval

operations.

I am quite aware that the reality of MJ-12 has been hotly debated in UFO circles, with some researchers accepting its existence and some not.

For the purposes of the current argument, I will take the stance that MJ-12 did indeed exist and did function pretty much as described in the documents usually put forward. (One can have access to all these documents at www.majesticdocuments.com.)

This is, in fact, my own view of the matter. With all respect to those who have argued otherwise, I find the pro-MJ-12 work of such outstanding researchers as Stanton Friedman, Dr. Robert Wood, and Ryan Wood to be persuasive.

The mysterious Gordon Gray

Gordon Gray, or "MJ-9" in terms of the usual list of members, was an attorney, a publisher, a broadcaster, a former state senator, and at one time the president of the University of North Carolina.

He served as assistant secretary (eventually secretary) of the Army during the Truman years, and had held various government-related posts, including chairmanship in 1954 of the AEC's Personnel Security Board, the group that deliberated over the Oppenheimer case.

(Gray's membership on MJ-12 does not generally appear in published accounts of his credentials and experience, needless to say.)

The Gordon Gray papers, some 7,800 pages of them, reside in a special collection at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library at Abilene, KS.

According to library stipulations (by agreement with Gray himself as donor), certain kinds of papers are "withheld from research use," including, significantly, "papers relating to investigations of individuals or to appointments and personnel matters."

The Gray papers, overall, occupy some four feet of shelf space and are divided into five series, of which Series IV is "The J. Robert Oppenheimer Case, 1954-75."

Series IV is then divided into Subseries A, B, and C, where Subseries B, according to library records, "consists of the PSB [Atomic Energy Commission's Personnel Security Board] hearing transcripts and has been withdrawn in its entirety. These transcripts contain unpublished portions which may relate to national security."

The catalog goes on to list, for the withdrawn Subseries B, 19 volumes of "Oppenheimer Hearing Transcript" material running to some 3,314 pages altogether.

It is interesting that this whole body of material, published and unpublished portions alike, has been made unavailable.

As the withdrawn material certainly satisfies the description of "papers relating to investigations of individuals" specified in the library's list of stipulations, one can only gather that Gordon Gray himself, when donating the papers to the Eisenhower Library for their preservation, was not eager to encourage too much public familiarity with these transcripts.

Gray died in 1982, and the library is apparently committed to respecting his wishes in perpetuity.

The Government Printing Office, after a complex series of maneuvers in 1954 soon after the hearings were concluded, did publish a version of the Oppenheimer hearing transcripts, typographically condensing them from over three thousand pages down to just under a thousand.

Asterisks instead of details

As a form of redaction, strings of asterisks were substituted for classified portions, sometimes with the effect of concealing whole paragraphs or even whole pages.

An excellent selection from the unclassified, published portions may be found in the book *In the Matter of J. Rob-*

ert Oppenheimer: *The Security Clearance Hearings* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002), edited and with commentary by Richard Polenberg.

A careful reading of even the unclassified transcripts will make it clear that the reasons ultimately given for the denial of Oppenheimer's clearance were less than convincing.

The question of Communism

With regard to the question of membership (which Oppenheimer himself apparently never held) in the Communist Party on the part of relatives and associates of Oppenheimer's, a number of witnesses argued quite cogently that the view of Communism had changed.

Although in the 1930s it had been fashionable in some intellectual circles to be a Communist, this had been not so much a political as a philosophical stance having more to do with empathy for the poor and downtrodden—and with suspicion of corporate excesses—than with any connection to international power conspiracies.

Mrs. (Kitty) Oppenheimer remarked to the AEC panel, "In the days that I was a member of the Communist Party, I thought they [philosophical communism and Soviet Communism] were definitely two things.

"The Soviet Union had its Communist Party and our country had its Communist Party. I thought that the Communist Party of the United States was concerned with problems internal. I now no longer believe this" (Polenberg, 215).

As Oppenheimer's one-time colleague, Charles Lauritsen, put it to the AEC panel, "I think there is a great deal of difference between being a Communist in 1935 and being a Communist in 1954" (Polenberg, 220).

It became very clear during the weeks of testimony that Oppenheimer and his family and most of his earlier communism-inclined friends had become disenchanted with the Communist Party because of its evolution from a domestic to an international cause, and had moved away from the Party well before the Los Alamos period.

Kitty had left the Party by the time she and Robert were married in 1940, and Frank Oppenheimer had left the Party by 1941.

It is important to note that, even so, Robert Oppenheimer's political leanings

were under official scrutiny during the early 1940s when he was being considered for leadership of the Manhattan Project, so that it is difficult to understand why the same government that did not censure him in 1942 thought it reasonable to do so in 1954, even after he had proven his dedication and loyalty.

The key, I would suggest, is the fact that Gordon Gray was running the day-to-day operation at the AEC clearance hearings.

There had to be more to the matter than Oppenheimer's long-renounced prewar political leanings, or his running argument with Edward Teller about the desirability of building the H-bomb.

Those things themselves fall flat without some darker reason in the back-

ground—some reason that had not been there in 1942 but was there by 1954.

Here we recall the SSS correspondence indicating Oppenheimer's early involvement in UFO crash retrieval operations, and we must note that as a member of MJ-12, Gordon Gray, officiating over the so-called Gray Board at the AEC hearings, would have *known* that Oppenheimer knew things classified "higher than the H-bomb"—things that he had not known in 1942 or even in 1945.

Gray would have known that Oppenheimer was continuing to learn government secrets of unprecedented and unparalleled sensitivity.

Next month: Part 2

UK man reports sightings of strange objects in 1998, 2000

Andrew Bell, Ashburton, Devon, UK, has sent the following sighting reports to MUFON:

First sighting, Dec. 13, 1998:

This was a crystal clear night and a craft passed over our window twice, along with a satellite travelling in a different trajectory but at the same speed.

The craft had an illuminated outer rim with four large round white lights in a straight line underside.

Second sighting September 2000

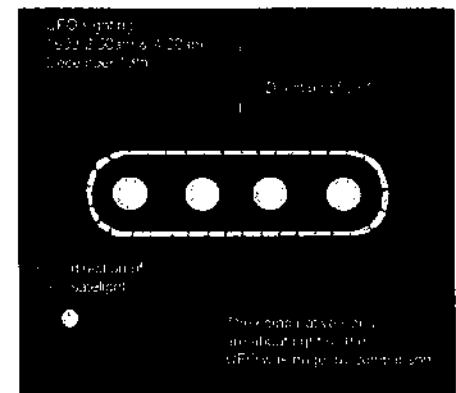
This was a close encounter about 8 PM. The craft passed across a valley and directly over our heads, with clear sky and little wind. This craft was illuminated on all edges, and very large. This object was cubic and L-shaped, as large as a jumbo jet.

It had a slight protrusion at the rear, with three balconies above. Within the protrusion at the rear were mesh dishes which were emitting a blue/purple light—this seemed to be propelling the craft at around 40 MPH.

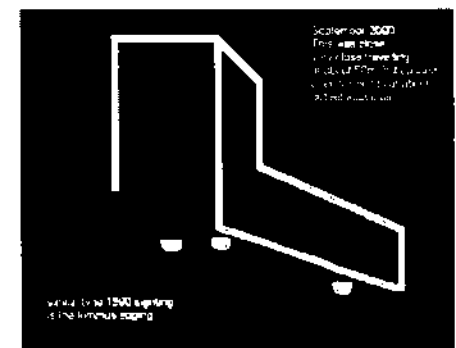
The underside of the object had three large white lights, two at its tall end and one at the other. These were joined by huge pipes. The craft was so close we could see the bolts on the pipework.

The craft emitted an electrical humming noise which was not loud, although it sounded very powerful.

My pictures are made with my computer so do not do justice to the UFOs we have seen with our own eyes.



1998 object sighting.



2000 object sighting.

Ufology Profile

Ted Phillips the king of traces

By Dwight Connelly

Ted Phillips, considered the world's foremost authority on physical traces associated with UFOs, has been involved in ufology since 1964, and was a research associate with Dr. J. Allen Hynek from 1968 until Hynek's death in 1986.

It was Hynek, a close friend, who suggested in 1968 that Ted specialize in physical traces, noting the need for ufologists to become skilled in certain key areas.

Since that time, Phillips has been directly involved with some 600 UFO cases.

In addition to spending thousands of hours investigating, he has also been active in sharing his research—participating in numerous meetings and presentations, including the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Aerospace Sciences Meetings, along with Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallee, and David Saunders.

Ted was a member of an elite team invited to meet with the United Nations Secretary-General at the UN in New York, along with Hynek, Vallee, and astronaut Gordon Cooper.

Phillips gave two presentations at the First International UFO Congress, and has appeared on national television on "In Search Of," NBC News White Papers, CBS News Special Reports, and a public education documentary movie, "UFOs Are Real."

Ted has taken part in countless radio and television talk shows, including the Larry King Radio Show, and been a popular speaker at MUFON symposiums. His most recent presentation was at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, AR, in April.

Ted, who lives in Missouri, has worked as a civil engineer, professional photographer, professional race car driver, professional musician, and speleologist. He participated in the Vanguard Satellite Tracking Program, and was a field engineer on the Minuteman Missile Project.

In 1998, Phillips set up the Center for Physical Trace Research ([http://](http://www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/)



Ted Phillips

www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/), with files containing 3,091 physical trace reports from 91 countries.

In discussing the mission of the Center, Ted points out that "it has been said that little, if any, real evidence exists which could prove the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects. While it is true there is no known absolute proof, there is tangible evidence available for study.

"Without question, if solid evidence exists, it should be found in the physical trace events—reports in which credible witnesses claim to have observed the landing or near landing of an unknown object, and then to have found traces of that landing."

Ted notes that "over the past 36 years, specialized research into Close Encounters of the Second Kind has resulted in a wealth of such events in every major country of the world. Physical traces present us with the most direct approach to resolving the mystery of UFOs."

He points out that "traces remain as visible evidence long after the reported object has gone. If UFOs are not available for study in the laboratory, the residue is. Alleged UFO landing sites may be photographed, measured, sampled, and subjected to laboratory analysis, and have the potential to reveal data relating to the size, configurations and per-

haps method of propulsion of UFOs."

He emphasizes that "this is not allowed by any other type of UFO event. The traces are UFO fingerprints, and it becomes obvious that various types of objects leave individual signatures. Some sites have remained visible for many months and in some cases, years after the UFO event."

Ted explains that "physical trace landing events push us to the edge of what we can or should believe. They are incredible, but the witnesses have remained credible, and the residue unexplained. They seem to represent a visit, however brief, by something unknown."

His hope for the Center is that it can provide a central repository for the collection, study, and distribution of data.

"The Center will take advantage of current technology," he explains. "Unlike the 1960's, we now have the ability to communicate at incredible speed. We are in a position to receive new cases almost as they happen."

He explains, "In these cases, time is critical, and full on-site investigation should be done. With email and digital images it is now possible to take anyone seriously interested to a landing site in near real time."

He says the Center "has no interest in taking cases away from local researchers, but in working with them. The only interest is in obtaining data and residue using the proper methods of research and analysis. I have no interest in group politics; it is a waste of important time."

He says the Center can work at a distance or on site, depending on the wishes of the local investigators.

Of the more than 600 cases that Ted has worked on, he says the most important project is one he is currently investigating. It involves what appears to be an ancient structure deep in a cavern in the Tatra Mountains in Slovakia.

The case had its beginning more than 30 years ago. "In 1970," says Ted, "Dr. Hynek and I interviewed the Czech army captain who found the artifact during WWII in 1944.

"He and two of his 168-man group survived a fierce fight with the Ger-

mans. They were left for dead and were aided by a Slovakian farmer, taken to the cave, and hidden from the German forces.

"In a search for food (bats), the Czech, after going nearly two miles into the cave, found a structure which is shaped like a fat crescent moon with walls seven feet thick. He was able to enter the front wall, which was framed by cave formations which had developed over most of the outer wall through a thin crack.

"Inside," Ted continues, "he found himself in this very large vertical structure, between two curved walls which were like a black mirror. It is a fascinating series of events, the history of which I have explored during two trips to the area.

"On the last trip I did find what I believe is the cave in question. Currently I'm trying to obtain funding for a third trip to reach the artifact and finish the job."

In addition to the primary investigation, Phillips says that "each trip to Slovakia/Ukraine has presented new physical trace cases involving UFO landings. On the last trip in 2002 a bright circular object descended on a long flight path over a nuclear facility. The facility had been in operation for two weeks when the event took place.

"The object, seen by many residents of Levice, stopped over one of the active stacks and hovered for 10 minutes, 10 to 20 feet above it. It then ascended at high speed vertically.

"The security video cameras were activated and footage was obtained by cameras located all around the facility. One clip was carried by Slovakian National Television before it was pulled.

"I went immediately to Levice, and found many witnesses, but they were afraid to give any detailed information. I tried to obtain copies of the footage without success."

After almost 37 years of specializing in UFO trace events, what does one of the more conservative mainstream ufologists think about UFOs?

"I believe the data indicates constructed, physical machines which are under some kind of intelligent control," says Phillips. "The devices can, and do, interact with their immediate surroundings in a very physical way. What these objects represent or where they might originate are open questions."

MUFON Forum

California case

That is an interesting compilation by Preston Dennett about the best UFO cases from California, though as of this writing, the series has not finished yet.

I have a correction about case number 20 (April 2005 issue, p. 3). Dennett called the witness of the famous Cisco Grove case "Donald Smythe." This took me totally aback.

Most sources give him the semi-anonymous name of Donald S., but a couple of places I have seen "Donald Schrum," the first one being Lou Farish's column "In Others' Words," in MUFON's old *Skylook* No. 102, of May 1976, p. 18.

The book that was the subject of the review included the case, but did not give even the witness' first name. Lou wrote me Feb. 6, 2003: "I honestly don't remember where I first saw the name, but it was a reliable source or I would not have given it in *Skylook*."

Dennett has written me that he did see the name Schrum in Richard Hall's *Uninvited Guests* (Aurora Press, 1988, pp. 248-249).

However, he opted instead to use Smythe, as given in Timothy Good's *Alien Base* (Avon, 1988, pp. 262-265).

If Good just invented a surname starting with "S," shame on him! Unless Dennett had good reasons to trust Good rather than Hall, at least he should have noted the two versions of the name.

—Richard W. Heiden

Dennett responds:

Thank you for forwarding the letter from Mr. Heiden and giving me a chance to respond.

As far as the Donald Smythe/Donald Schrum case, Mr. Heiden may be correct. Most sources I have say only Donald S or Mr. S. Only a few mention his full name.

Richard Hall's book *Uninvited Guests* (Aurora Press, 1988, pp248-249) uses the name Schrum; however, Timothy Good's Book, *Alien Base* (Avon, 1988,

pp262-265) uses the name Smythe, which is what I decided upon.

Of course I don't favor Good over Hall. Both are prominent, respected researchers.

—Preston Dennett

Good responds

I'm surprised that Heiden didn't check my source for the Cisco Grove story, which I list in *Alien Base* as "The Cisco Grove Bow and Arrow Case of 1964," by Ted Bloecher and Paul Cerny, *International UFO Reporter*, vol. 20. No. 5, Winter 1995, pp. 16-22, 32. Donald Smythe is the pseudonym used by those

The Jennings UFO special

When you consider such one-sided past programs as NOVA's two UFO presentations, I thought ABC's treatment generally was fair and balanced.

And instead of poking fun at the topic, the Jennings special offered a sober and serious discussion for the most part.

Even the ratio of "experts" trotted out before the cameras was about equally divided between believers and nonbelievers. In the vast majority of UFO cases cited, both sides of the argument were given their due.

Almost all aspects of this multifaceted phenomenon were touched upon, from unidentified nocturnal lights to close-range structured objects and abduction episodes.

On the other hand, the program focused too much on recreating the less-convincing night light sightings to the exclusion of the more important, harder-to-explain reports of landed or near-earth craftlike objects.

The capsule modern history of UFOs was well done. Indeed, the two-hour program must have been a real eye-opener to anyone unacquainted with the entire spectrum of what is known simply as "unidentified flying objects."

Another positive was honoring the
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The Aztec Crash

Aztec 1948 UFO Crash—Hoax or Hidden Truth?, produced by UFO TV, 2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, CA 90291, 800-350-4639, www.ufotv.com, DVD or VHS, running time 60 minutes, \$24.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

For those with an interest in the reported crash of a UFO at Aztec, NM, but who have yet to make it to the area or to the annual symposium, this video is the next best thing.

The reports of the March 25, 1948, crash have suggested that up to 16 alien bodies were discovered inside the object, and that the alien bodies and all evidence of the spacecraft were soon transported by government officials to a secret location, where all traces of this event disappeared.

The video includes interviews with UFO researchers, a walking tour of the alleged crash site, and a look at the now abandoned secret US radar station that may have tracked—and perhaps caused—the UFO crash.

The key investigator of the crash—at least in recent years—is Scott Ramsey (see August, 2004, *MUFON UFO Journal*), and he is the featured ufologist in this video. He and wife Suzanne have uncovered several key witnesses in the case, at least two of whom have died since being interviewed.

Thus, as in the case of Roswell and other older cases, it is crucial to find and interview additional witnesses before too much time passes, and the Ramseys are working hard to do this.

Also interviewed are Nick Redfern, Richard Dolan, and Stan Friedman, all of whom seem to regard the case in a positive light.

But Karl Pflock, one of the debunk-

ers of Roswell, states that he is not convinced that the crash story is anything more than a tale by two shady characters who conned the well-known and respected journalist Frank Skully, who was the first to bring the case to the public. Skully told the story of Aztec back in 1950 in his book *Behind the Flying Saucers*.

Pflock does acknowledge, however, the March, 1950, “Farmington Armada Case” in which hundreds of objects, led by a red object, were seen over Farmington, NM, only 14 miles from Aztec. The “armada,” still led by a red UFO, was later spotted by Las Vegas postal workers.

In addition to new witnesses, who report actually seeing the downed craft—and even climbing onto or in it—there is possible physical evidence at the site in the form of cement castings with reinforcement rods.

These were reportedly used to provide support for one or more cranes that moved the object. The reinforcement

rods are being studied in an effort to positively date them.

A rather large book about the case, *UFO Crash at Aztec, A Well Kept Secret*, by William S. Steinman (with contributions by Wendelle C. Stevens), was published in a limited edition in 1986.

This was well before the latest revelations by the Ramseys concerning new witnesses and possible physical evidence, although this book does suggest that the UFO was accidentally disabled by powerful radar in the area.

This video is a very interesting and well-done update of a case which is turning out to be more and more credible.

The latest information on Aztec will be provided by Ramsey at this summer’s MUFON International Symposium in Denver, set for July 22-24.

Ramsey may also have copies of this video for sale in Denver, since he has been selling them for the Aztec public library as part of the library’s fundraising activities.



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legacy of Allen Hynek. His courageous public switch from scientific skeptic to believer in the face of mounting criticism by fellow scientists deserves a place of remembrance in ufological history.

Some day, after the dust has settled, I feel certain that Hynek will be credited for his foresight and courage toward solving the UFO mystery.

On the other hand, it was a bit troubling that John Mack’s ABC interview was left out. His view was needed in the abduction segment to counter two other psychologists who sought to explain all abductees as victims of false memory or sleep paralysis.

While I happen to believe SP is implicated more than many abduction investigators realize, nevertheless SP imagery cannot account for most outdoor, multiple-witness, and physical-trace UFO abduction reports.

Finally, one of the highlights of the entire two hours turned out to be in the concluding segment with theoretical physicist Michio Kaku.

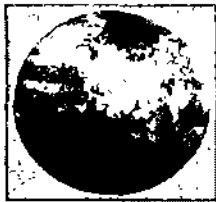
He beautifully countered the by-now, hackneyed attitude of most astronomers that “they (alien spacecraft) can’t get here from there”—that interstellar travel is impractical if not impossible due to the great distances between stars.

Kaku accused such individuals of having narrow thinking—that they should rather be looking a million years ahead when other civilizations may have found ways to breach the distance gap (wormholes, etc.).

Not only did the physicist say that some UFOs might indeed be space vehicles, but also the topic certainly was worthy of scientific study.

“Let the investigation begin,” Kaku remarked. I couldn’t agree more!

—Walter N. Webb



FILER'S FILES

Director, MUFON Eastern Region

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

California flying triangle

LOS ANGELES - A silent object reportedly glided between skyscrapers in downtown LA, parallel to the 4th floor of buildings, on April 20, 2005, at 1 PM

The witness states, "I am a college educated vice-president of a corporation, and the most normal and skeptical person I know. I was by the downtown courthouse in my car when what appeared to be a stealth bomber flew in front of me and flew off through the buildings.

"It was triangular shaped, silver colored, and flew silently and very low. I would have completely missed it if I weren't looking in its exact direction. Helicopters don't even fly this low within the city. It was parallel to the 4-5th floor of the sky rise buildings." Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director, www.UFOcenter.com.

North Carolina flying triangle

MOREHEAD CITY - The witness spotted a flying triangle with six large rectangular lights at 9:50 PM on April 4, 2005. Three lights were on the left and three on the right. They ran down the sides and looked equal in size.

There was also one round light at the bottom in the back center of the craft. The light was so dim it was barely visible, heading north. Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Disc in North Carolina tree

GREENSBORO - The witness reports, "On April 8, 2005, my dad, my brother, and I were watching our little three-year-old brother get on his school bus at 6:38 AM, when my dad told us to look into the tree. There was a large

disc in the tree that just shot away into the sky.

"We spotted several perfectly cut branches in the tree. Many cut branches were lying on the ground. It had been hovering in the tree, and many branches were bent as though it was sitting there watching us the whole time.

"Earlier that morning we were in bed and our door alarm went off. We thought my little brother left the house again, but he was in bed.

"My Mother said she heard some sort of drone noise, saw something go around the house, and couldn't see

any of the street lights through the trees." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Cyprus UFO spotted

NICOSIA-LARNACA HIGHWAY - A British resident reported seeing a UFO on April 27, 2005, when several other motorists all slowed down their vehicles to watch the UFO spectacle at around 8:45 PM.

The witness says, "It was in front of me, and as soon as I saw it I started slowing down, and so did the people in front of me. Then, it speeded up at an incredible speed, hundreds of miles an hour in seconds, and literally disappeared in front of our eyes.

"It was amazing. It looked like the kind of height of a low-flying plane or a helicopter. That's why I didn't immediately think it was odd, and then as it started to move and speed up I thought, 'This is weird.' It was a bright, white sphere of light hovering slowly."

The man said he checked online and found that UFO sightings were not all that uncommon in Cyprus. One Civil Aviation official said, "The radar does regularly register what seem

to be aircraft, but which disappear after three revolutions of the radar. We call them Angels, and generally put these 'phantoms' down to weather interference."

UFOs have been spotted over Cyprus on many occasions in the past. In March, 2002, a Swiss playwright who had just retired to Paphos said he spotted a silver, saucer-shaped object "emerging from the clouds" as he walked along the beach.

The UFO apparently hovered before "floating down" and disappearing behind some rocks. Thanks to *Cyprus Mail* 2005© and Skywatch-International

Large object in Colorado

ORANGE - The witness reports observing an oblong/oval craft larger than a blimp at 10:30 PM on April 9, 2005, flying extremely low with a streak of colored lights about the length of a football field.

"The object flew directly over our house and my parents' house down the road at tree line level making a huge rumbling noise," says the witness.

"It was a massive craft, oblong and oval in shape, bigger than a blimp. It made a huge constant loud rumbling noise as it passed by slowly.

"The lights were amazing, with a white and green dot on top with a long streak of lights along what looked to be the bottom or side. The long streak had to be close to 100 yards in length, and the streaks changed color periodically from white to red and to blue.

"I did capture the craft on video, with the noise over our house, but the video does not do it justice. As the craft moved overhead, every sensor light we have around our house went off and continued to for about 1/2 hour afterwards." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Arizona cigar

PHOENIX - A former deputy sheriff reports that on April 17, 2005, at 11:30 PM, he saw three large cigar



George Filer

shaped craft flying over head. They had blue-yellow illuminators on each side, with a dimmer light at the center.

They moved slowly, then increased speed with an up and down and side to side motion. Despite the movement they stayed in full formation.

"At first," says the witness, "I thought maybe I was seeing three helicopters, but this was in no way possible. After coming to a complete stop and hovering at a distance of about one quarter mile to my north they departed at a great speed.

"I had a very bad headache for about 5-10 minutes after their departure to the northwest, and I also almost felt somewhat disoriented. I also suffered severe vomiting a couple of hours later at my residence with a blood-colored vomit.

"My wife also discovered several dry skin red circular markings on my back. A similar occurrence took place with me while working in southern New Mexico as a deputy sheriff for the Hidalgo County, NM, Sheriff's Department in 1999." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Luminous object in Alaska

NENANA - As 37-year-old John Kempen traveled the Parks Highway at about 2 AM on April 23, 2005, he watched the sky, hoping to point out the northern lights to his girlfriend.

Kempen saw a blur of emerald green, then a bright flash of bluish white light with sparks for a tail and fiery chunks breaking off. He figured the object was a meteor.

According to Neal Brown, director of the space grant program at the University of Alaska's Fairbanks Geophysical Institute, Kempen probably saw a piece of space junk.

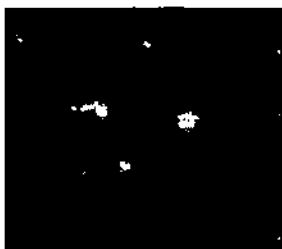
"An estimated 5,000 to 10,000 pieces of useless debris orbit the Earth," Brown said. "Meteors don't have any blue or green or any colors. Most of the meteors are just rocks.

"Secondly, the sighting was in the wrong part of the sky to be a Lyrid meteor, which would likely travel from northeast to southwest."

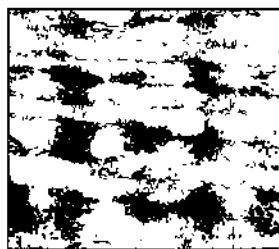
Thanks to the Fairbanks, Alaska, *News-Miner News*, and UFO Roundup. Vol. 10, # 17 4/27/05, Editor: Joseph Trainor.

Louisiana flying triangle photograph analyzed

WESTWEGO - Dr. Don Burleson



Crop of original.



Increased gamma value.



Edge find.

writes, "I have analyzed the 13-year-old boy's photo that was taken at sunset on March 4, 2005 (See above.)

"Under image processing, what first gives the impression of being a dark object with three lights comes to resemble something else altogether.

"The first image here is just a crop of the original, the second is a treatment by increasing the gamma value, and the third is an edge find.

"As you can see, there is room for doubt as to whether there is really anything solid in the middle of this configuration of lights.

"In some images it appears to be a trio of small, bright objects with nothing substantial connecting them—or a connection, possibly, by some sort of force-field?"

Thanks to Dr. Don Burleson, New Mexico MUFON.

South Africa sphere under water

PORT ELIZABETH - The witness reports seeing on April 9, 2005, a blue sphere rise up from under water and hang two or three feet above the surface. He watched for 13 minutes as it slowly moved towards the dam up the river at 11 AM. He states, "My aunt's grandmother saw it back in 1936, I saw it 22 years ago, and now I know where they're hiding. Actually, this is the third time I've seen it."

California flying triangle

HAYWARD - The witness reports, "It was 10 PM on April 14, 2005, and my wife was outside smoking a cigarette. I was looking at Jupiter when I saw five glowing circles that were underneath a triangle-shaped object fly across Jupiter, traveling north.

"The glows were not lights like on an airplane, but circle shapes that glowed real dim. Two were in front, and two on either side. The glowing circles were in a chevron shape, but the whole craft

was a triangle.

"It had no sound and flew across the sky in about 20 seconds, at least three times faster than an airplane. My wife is a computer programmer, and I an animator; we are both intelligent, well-educated people." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Minnesota boomerang shape

EAGAN - On April 15, 2005, at 1:20 AM, a silent boomerang-shaped or possibly triangular-shaped object appeared from the southeast traveling northwest. Because of surrounding trees, about 120 degrees of sky was visible overhead.

The witness reports, "It was a cloudless night. The object was a series of dull lights that reminded me of amber bicycle reflectors. There were five to seven lights in a triangle along the front in a chevron pattern, but the trailing edge was not clearly visible.

"The motion of the object caught my attention, since it was black, but a bit more matte and light than the background sky, like a silhouette. It was about the same size as a Bald Eagle flying about 50 feet overhead.

"The object made no sound. It traversed the arc of the sky visible to me (about 120 degrees) in about eight seconds." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New Hampshire black triangle

HOPKINTON - "Driving north on Interstate 89 just before Exit 4, on March 31, 2005 at 9:30 PM," says the witness, "my son and I noticed three white lights hovering above the highway.

"When we came under the lights my son told me this thing was a big black triangle, so I pulled over and got out of the car. It was cloudy there, with no stars visible, and the light from the craft was clearly illuminating the bottoms of the cloud cover.

"It was at 1,000 to 1,500 feet in altitude, and a few hundred feet from tip

to tip. The object was dark and featureless, and in the shape of a perfect triangle except for three white lights.

"They were located at the corners of the craft, with a single non-flashing red light on the bottom directly in the center of the triangle. The object was hovering motionless above us, and no noise was evident.

"It remained there for two minutes and began slowly moving and turning north following the highway. We followed it for three minutes more until the object disappeared into the clouds." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New Jersey couple spot UFO

WEST MILFORD - An executive phoned to tell me he was in his bedroom watching TV with his wife on May 7, 2005, at 11:30 PM, and she noticed a pulsating star with changing colors through the skylight above them.

She insisted this was not an ordinary star, so they decided to look at it through a modified telescope. Looking through the eyepiece, the object consisted of two squares off center, with bright changing lights in each point of each corner of the object.

The eight brighter lights had lines connecting the two squares. Some smaller lights were inside the squares. The object seemed to consist of two square objects tethered together.

The wife is from Russia and phoned her father, who is former general in Soviet Air Defense. He stated matter of factually that they had seen a UFO. He was instructed in school about disappearance of ships and the UFO phenomenon. They were frequently chased by Soviet fighters.

Alien encounter in Australia?

BANORA POINT NSW - The witness reports, "I have something that has shocked our family and their beliefs of extraterrestrials. About four weeks ago I noticed a cut on my back that was unexplained.

"The cut was about three inches in length, and was deep. There was no blood, however. The cut has formed into a scar, which looks similar to that of a surgery-related operation. My mother woke me this morning and complained of back pain. After checking, I realized that her cut was identical to my cut and I showed her mine.

"After taking photos, we both noticed that our scars were exactly the same length. Hers, however, was on the left side of her back, and mine was on the more upper right side of my back. Both of us do not know how we acquired these straight line cuts, exactly the same length.

"My mother never used to believe in extraterrestrials or conspiracies, but now this incident has encouraged her to learn more. My mother's friend, who is a psychic medium, is ready to do an evaluation of this.

"When I was a child, I saw three tall shapes around my bed, and another time I awakened to find my foot broken and nose bleeding. Also, I have seen a flaming red object in the sky, and just recently I discovered that a number of years ago my father saw a green object in the sky.

"We have also experienced a strange occurrence in our town, when a bright white light flashed in the sky over our town, causing a blackout. All of our town's power is underground."

Canada unknown white object

SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO - "Hi, again, George. As promised, I would like to share two more sighting reports that occurred on April 21, 2005, at 10:20 AM.

"I was sky watching on a very clear day on break at work when I spotted a defined brilliant white orb or probe at about 4,000 feet, flying southwest towards Toronto.

"The object was moving quite fast, 200-300 MPH or more. Every 30 seconds to a minute another similar object would fly by. I grabbed my camera and snapped five pictures. As luck would have it, I have in fact caught one on film.

"Later at lunch another larger round white object was sighted at 12:30 PM, facing west, hovering about 2,500 feet in the sky a half mile away. There was also a slight light field around this single white object."

Argentina mutilations continue

LA PAMPA - Francisco Fazio writes, "Here in La Pampa Province we have two cattle mutilations. There have been several thousand mutilations reported in recent years, often with UFOs in the area." Thanks to Francisco Fazio from Argentina.

China and extraterrestrials

WUCHANG CITY - Meng Zhaoguo, a rural worker from north-east China's Wuchang city, says he was 29 years old when he broke his marital vows for the first and only time—with a female extraterrestrial of unusually robust build.

"She was three meters tall and had six fingers, but otherwise she looked completely like a human. I told my wife all about it afterwards. She wasn't too angry."

While few Chinese claim to have managed to get quite as intimate with an extraterrestrial as Meng, a growing number of people in the world's most populous nation believe in unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

Officially registered UFO associations in China have about 50,000 members, but some estimate the actual number of Chinese interested in the subject is probably in the millions.

Sun Shili is one of the most serious enthusiasts, and he knows exactly where he will be the day the extraterrestrials finally make contact with mankind. The 67-year-old retired Beijing professor will be in the 21-member delegation picked by international UFO associations to represent Earth as the first negotiations get underway.

Once a Spanish translator for Mao Zedong during high-level state visits, Sun says language will not be a problem. "We expect to communicate using telepathy," he says.

Colorado mutilations reported

SAN LUIS VALLEY - After a seven-year hiatus from San Luis Valley, apparently the mysterious cattle surgeons are back. Although rumors of other cases have circulated over the past few years, no official reports had been filed until a rancher reported a mutilated cow found south of Monte Vista.

Another case may have occurred last month near Jaroso, when a motorist chased an "orange light" and returned to the site two days later and found what he described as "a mutilated cow."

The Sheriff of Conejos County reported a case in December, 2001, but the witness refused to officially report the mutilated cow found in the field where a landed object and bright "blue and red lights" lights were seen the night prior.



Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

Vehicle effects

Physical traces associated with UFOs are not always effects on soil and plants in the immediate area of the observed object. UFOs have generated effects on vehicles resulting in substantial damage during close approaches.

Eighty-eight events from twenty-one countries have been reported to date. Vehicle damage reports are significant, as the effects are available for study for a much longer period of time than soil/plant damage.

It should be noted that many additional cases of vehicle EM effects exist with no physical traces reported.



Ted Phillips

The earliest vehicle effects report took place in 1953. Such events continue to this date. The files indicate the top producing countries to be the U.S., Australia, England, Argentina, and Brazil/Norway in descending order.

In the US, the states with the highest number of such events are Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, Minnesota, and Michigan.

The reported cases indicate the peak sighting period to be between 1800 and 2300 (local time), with a large spike at 2300. 35% of the reported observations took place during the daylight hours.

52% involved multiple witnesses, with a maximum of eight witnesses to a single event. Five cases involved multiple objects, 10 cases multiple vehicles.

Twenty-four of the vehicles were levitated from the road surface, and EM effects were reported in 30 cases. Human effects are found in 16, and humanoids were seen in eight cases.

Extreme heat was present in seven of the reports, and radiation was detected in four.

Following are three significant re-

ports involving automobile paint changing color and secondary effects:

Paint color changed

In November, 1953, while driving near Gjersjoen Bridge, Norway, three witnesses—Mr. Trygve, Mrs. Buflot and a neighbor—observed an object as it ascended from behind a hill. It oscillated over the lake for more than one minute, moved rapidly toward the witnesses and followed their car.

The object passed over the vehicle and hovered ahead of them very low to the ground. Mr. Trygve stopped the automobile, and they watched the stationary object. During the sighting all three experienced mild electrical shocks until the object ascended vertically.

A watch stopped working, and numerous people vouched for the fact that the paint on the car changed from dark beige to a bright green.

Eight months later, on July 20, 1954, two men driving near Oslo, Norway, were chased by an object for several minutes. They stopped their car to observe it hovering a short distance away.

A watch stopped working, and the paint on the car changed color.

On Nov. 4, 1974, a single witness driving near Scottsdale, Tasmania, at 2300 observed a soundless object of great size. His car engine and radio cut out, and his watch dial lit up brightly.

The object moved away, and suddenly ascended vertically. The watch stopped shortly after the event. The left-hand mudguard of the car changed color from red to orange, and the color change was permanent.

Liquids dropped or sprayed

There are numerous reports of odd liquids found after UFO landings or near landings. The following are examples of such traces found in vehicle events.

On June 29, 1964, near Lavonia, GA, businessman Beaufort E. Parham was driving home at 2300. "I spotted a very bright light in the sky coming toward my car," he explained. "The next instant it was directly in front of my headlights,

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spinning like a giant top. It was shaped like a top and made a hissing sound.

"The top part of the object was moving in a clockwise direction, and the bottom part in a counterclockwise direction. A tower-like projection was at the top with a dark band.

"Vane-like configurations were also observed. Small portholes dotted the bottom, through which flames could be detected. Disappearing in a flash, it reappeared a second time.

"It stayed directly in front of my car for at least a mile, about five feet ahead. It was one or two feet above the road. It suddenly went up over the car. It reappeared a third time, heading for the car.

"The motor began to miss, and I stopped the car. It took off and disappeared in a split second."

Parham's arms began to burn. FAA officials who interviewed the witness called him intelligent, sincere, and sober.

The oily marks on the car and the burning effect on his arms remained even after they were washed. The car hood was warped, and paint was bubbled up.

On Aug. 1, 1971, a couple from Finland, Ben and Helen K, had left Gladstone, Australia, at 2350 for Rockhampton, a driving distance of 79.5 miles.

The trip took only 40 minutes, and would have normally taken much longer. They could not recall driving through any of the towns along the way. Both witnesses did remember seeing an unusual green light at some point along the way.

Their 1971 Valiant was covered with

a thin film of odorless oil, and unusual marks were found on the vehicle top.

On Nov. 14, 1973, a single witness was driving on State Road 1470, two miles east of Poteet, TX, at 1850 when he observed an object hovering low over the road.

Humanoid figures were seen through a window on the object. The witness did not stop, and as he went by the object some liquid dropped from the UFO onto his car.

The paint on the hood peeled off and was ruined. Highway Patrol officers saw the damage and took samples of the residue.

In November, 1975, multiple witnesses near Aar, Rhodesia, observed an object that passed low over their car. The object sprayed liquid onto the surface of the automobile.

On the night of July 8, 2000, Ozlem Seydali and his family were driving from Ezen to Vakifkoy in northern Turkey. As they reached a point 15 km outside the town of Ezen they noticed a bright circular light hovering over farm land.

At first Mr. Seydali thought it was the full moon (the moon was in first quarter phase). There were seven people in the car, ranging in age from 22 to 52, and all witnessed the object.

As they approached, it appeared to be stationary, and was enveloped by its own light from the bottom up. There appeared a bright blue flash of light at the base which then extended to the top. At this point the object disappeared.

Shortly after, a residue of some kind completely covered the car. The windows were rolled down and there was no odor. The windshield was so completely covered with this residue that the driver had to execute an emergency stop.

In seconds the residue evaporated without a trace. After reaching their destination, they asked a neighbor if she had seen anything odd in the sky. She said she had seen it along with many others.

There was much confusion in the neighborhood as to what had transpired. The area was experiencing extreme dry heat, and it seemed that there was moisture on the dry grass and dirt.

I contacted Mr. Seydali and asked if any samples of the residue had been taken. He replied, "Unfortunately, as much as I would have liked to get a sample of this residue, it was virtually impossible at the time, as there was

nothing to contain a viable sample in. Also it was a residue which when left exposed to air it evaporated."

On July 23, 2000, in the Ashtabula, OH, area, three witnesses, ages 60 to 70, were driving a new Cadillac at 0100. The vehicle was suddenly surrounded by numerous small lights.

The lights followed the car down the highway at high speed for 40 miles. During the encounter the car's alarm system went off and on, the car radio was reset, the clock lost time, and a sticky residue formed on the windshield. No samples were taken.

Vehicles set afire

If one were looking for physical evidence providing a long term investigation, the following events might be of considerable interest.

On Nov. 11, 1957, Bill H. was driving home just outside of Provencal, LA. It was raining lightly when he saw a large, lighted object on the road ahead, which he thought was a truck.

Suddenly the object flashed a beam of light directly at the vehicle, apparently exerting a strong pressure and slowing the car to a stop only 15 feet from the object.

The witness described the object as oval in shape, 15 feet long, 9 feet high, and a dull green color. He could see lettering beginning with the letters UN, followed by several numbers.

A wave of heat filled the car, and the witness jumped out in panic as the car caught fire. The object ascended with the sound of a diesel engine. The man ran into town and reported the event. The car, a 1956 Ford, was completely destroyed.

On Aug. 28, 1962, near Salta, Argentina, at 1900, three witnesses in a truck observed a huge object over the highway. They estimated the circular object to be 150 meters in diameter and very low over the road surface.

The event was also seen by two additional witnesses in a car behind the truck. The object suddenly ascended a few feet vertically and moved toward the truck. The object hovered directly above the truck for about one minute.

The huge mass then moved away, and as it did so, the truck engine ignited in flames and the entire front of the vehicle was destroyed.

On May 22, 1973, Miguel Gonzales was driving his truck near Vera Cruz,

Mexico, when his engine failed. He reported to police that he saw beings like dwarfs on the road. He observed a landed circular object just off the road.

A flash of light was projected on his vehicle, the truck burst into flames, and was "burnt to a mass of molten metal."

On March 22, 1976, a couple driving near Nemingha, Australia, at 0545 stopped their automobile after seeing a bright greenish-yellow light descend from the sky. A car approaching from the opposite direction was enveloped in the light from the object.

The light then disappeared as the approaching car moved to the wrong side of the road, became enveloped in a thick ball of white haze, and stopped. After about two minutes the white haze disappeared.

A woman got out of the car and used a cloth to wipe the windshield. The car lights were out, but after a few minutes the woman was about to get back into the car when the lights came on. The cloth that had been used burst into flames.

Vehicle levitations

Vehicle levitations are one of the most intriguing and potentially evidence-rich effects generated by UFO close approaches. Center for Physical Trace Research (CPTR) files contain 22 cases in which a vehicle was levitated and physical evidence found.

One of the classic vehicle levitation cases took place in Australia on Jan. 20, 1988. Four members of the Knowles family—Mrs. Knowles, 43, and her sons Sean, 21, Patrick, 24, and Wayne, 18—were driving from Perth to Melbourne in a late model Ford Telstar.

It was about 0300. when they observed lights approaching them. The car radio started to fade in and out. As the object neared the family it appeared as a white light, "an egg in an egg cup; in the center of the egg was a yellow light."

At this point another vehicle, a white station wagon, was seen coming from the opposite direction. Sean swerved to avoid hitting the light and nearly hit the station wagon.

The light then disappeared, reappearing behind them. Sean made a U turn and pursued the object. Again the object disappeared, and in seconds made contact with the roof of the car and lifted the vehicle off the road.

Mrs. Knowles rolled down her win-

dow and placed her right hand on the roof. She felt a "spongy" substance attached to the car roof. She quickly retracted her hand and the back of her hand felt warm, the sensation disappeared in a few seconds.

After an indeterminate length of time the object dropped the car to the road. As the car contacted the road a tire burst, and they were forced to brake to a stop.

After the car dropped to the road, Mrs. Knowles rolled the window down and "smoke stuff" came into the car. This smoke was a "greyish-black mist."

During the observation a number of events occurred:

- The sound of their voices changed in pitch and seemed to slow down.
- A humming sound was heard.
- All the witnesses became hysterical, shouting and crying. Mrs. Knowles said she believed they were going to die.
- The two family dogs reacted violently.
- A smell like "dead bodies" was in the air.
- The car started shaking.

After stopping the car, the family ran from the car to hide in the nearby scrub. The object remained near the car for several minutes before leaving. They returned to the car after about fifteen minutes.

Investigators found an indentation on the roof of the car. The tire that failed was in good condition and should not have blown, but in fact was ripped all the way around its edge.

Laboratory analysis of the "dust" on and inside the car revealed "oxygen, carbon, calcium, silicon, potassium, and astatine. Astatine is a radioactive chemical that can only be produced synthetically.

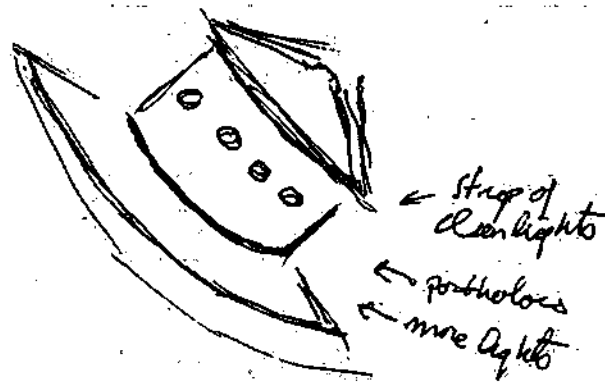
It should be noted that two other vehicles were involved in the incident:

Vehicle one was the station wagon that was nearly hit by the Knowles car.

Vehicle two was a truck driven by Graham Henley, 57. Henley saw a light in his mirror which looked like a "big bright...like a big egg, like a fried egg hung upside down...like a very high powered spotlight."

There are a number of reports in which an unidentified flying object actually collided with a vehicle, leaving behind considerable physical traces.

I'll talk about some of these cases next month.



Marine pilot reports UFO over South China Sea

My friend in Taos, NM, served two tours of duty in Vietnam. A Marine Corps pilot, Carl was shot down twice. The second time he served 2 1/2 months in a Vietnam prison before repatriation. I have waited almost eight years to relate this pilot's UFO story, and now may do so, but only by using a pseudonym.

Carl and three other pilots were ordered to pick up four F8 aircraft in Hawaii in November, 1965. Carl's aircraft was an F8U (Crusader), a single-seat jet fighter.

The four aircraft flew in formation to Guam, refueling twice in mid air. From Guam, they flew together toward the South China Sea to rejoin their carrier, the USS Coral Sea. Carl, a brand new second lieutenant, flew in the No. 2 position.

The flight flew west from Guam at 30,000 feet at 400 MPH. All of a sudden on the intercom, "Jesus, what's this?" Carl looks to his right and sees a bell-shaped flying machine 600-800 feet away, just off the wingtip of the pilot in No. 4 position. (See Carl's drawing above.)

"Jesus Christ," from another pilot. Carl looks again over his right shoulder and sees the craft clearly. It was bell-shaped, and about the diameter of the wingspan, tip to tip, a distance of about 60 feet, Carl explained.

A line of glowing clear lights could be seen along its lower rim. The color of the strange ship was metallic silver-gray, and there were portholes around its sides.

The pilots learned by radio that Guam had the intruder on their radar. After a few minutes the strange craft raced ahead of the flight, rose, became a speck, and disappeared. No photographs of the strange craft were taken by the pilots.

After landing on the Coral Sea, the four pilots were told by flight commanders not to talk about their sighting. Soon they were debriefed by two officers from Naval Intelligence, and a second time by two Air Force Intelligence Officers who landed on the carrier by helicopter. A report was collected from each pilot.

Two of the pilots in this account did not return from Vietnam. The lead pilot, a 1st lieutenant at the time, is retired and living in Corpus Christi. Carl is trying to contact him for his input.

There is a footnote to this story. Carl said in his lifetime he has experienced four or five moments which were truly spiritual. This sighting was one of them. It caused him to think about how small a part of the whole we really are, how vast the universe must be, and it caused him to keep an open mind about strange things in the air.

"I know for a fact," Carl said, "that the ship we saw was not of this world."

-James Parsons, El Prado, NM, an Air Force navigator in the 1950's.

Case reports

Investigators. Please send a copy of your case reports directly to the MUFON UFO Journal.

Cassini spacecraft finds atmosphere on Saturn moon

The Cassini spacecraft has revealed that Saturn's icy moon Enceladus has a significant atmosphere.

The spacecraft identified the moon's secret during recent flybys, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA.

Scientists are using Cassini's magne-

tometer instrument for their studies, and the process may be volcanism, geysers, or gasses escaping from the surface or the interior of Enceladus.

Enceladus is a small, ice-covered moon orbiting 147,948 miles (238,100 kilometers) away from Saturn. The moon takes 1.37 Earth days to perform a complete rotation.

When Cassini did its first encounter with Enceladus on Feb. 17 at an altitude of 725 miles, its magnetometer detected a striking signature in the moon's magnetic field.

On March 9, Cassini approached to within 310 miles of Enceladus's surface and obtained additional evidence.

The observation showed a bending of the magnetic field, with the magnetospheric plasma being slowed and deflected by the moon. In addition, magnetic field oscillations were observed. The observations from the Enceladus flyby are believed to be ionized water vapor.

In 1981, NASA's Voyager spacecraft flew by Enceladus at a distance of 56,000 miles without detecting an atmosphere. It is possible that such detection was beyond Voyager's capabilities—or something may have changed since the 1981 flyby.

Nebraska couple report two bright lights

By Doug Corey

This sighting took place at approximately 9:30 PM Central Time on Friday, April 29, in Beatrice NE. The object was first sighted by my wife, Crystal, as we left our house at 1014 Court St., walking outside to our van.

She pointed up in a direction above our van and exclaimed, "Doug! look up!" She guided my attention up to the object, which appeared similar to two bright stars that moved in perfect unison, as though they were joined somehow by an invisible structure of some kind.

They moved together through the sky lengthwise, not side by side:

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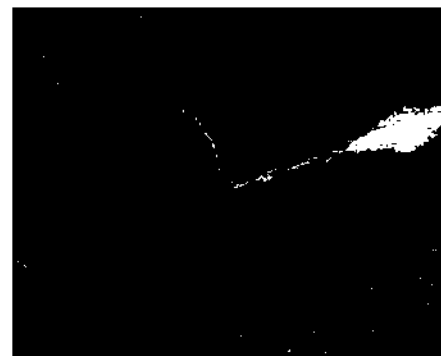
Whatever this flying craft was, it appeared to be very large, and seemed to move very quickly. At one point a private plane (much smaller in comparison) could be seen intersecting above or below its flight path.

This object appeared out of our southwestern sky and moved silently above and over us, heading in a north-eastern direction.

It did not exhibit erratic flight characteristics, as is the case in some UFO reports, but I did witness what seemed to be a course adjustment in the flight path as it appeared to turn slightly eastward before traveling out of our sight.

I easily ruled out a satellite because of the distance between the two light sources, which moved in unison. The second reason to rule out the satellite theory is the course change.

We called our children to come out to see this flying object. Crystal unsuccessfully attempted to videotape it.



Planet outside solar system photographed

European and American scientists say they have photographed a planet outside the Solar System for the first time. The European Southern Observatory group said the red image is the first direct shot of a planet around another star.

The planet, known as 2M1207b, is about five times the size of Jupiter, and is orbiting at a distance nearly twice as far as Neptune is from our Sun.

The parent star and planet are more than 200 light-years away near the southern constellation of Hydra.

There has been a lot of competition among astronomers to secure the first direct picture of an exoplanet. When the ESO group first released the picture last September there was doubt over whether the star and planet were gravitationally bound.

But follow-up images taken at the Very Large Telescope facility in Chile show the two objects are moving together.

It is extremely difficult for current technology to even detect exoplanets. All of the 130 or so exoplanets discovered thus far have been found using indirect methods—looking for changes in the properties of stars (their brightness or the way they move) that can be explained only by the presence of a planet.

Minotaur micro-satellite successfully launched

The Minotaur, a self-maneuvering, micro-satellite, has been launched into polar orbit. The 220-pound satellite is designed to further explore, demonstrate, and flight-qualify micro-satellite technologies.

The Minotaur is a comparatively low-cost launch vehicle with a 100-percent success rate.

When the XSS-11 reaches orbit, it will rendezvous with a resident space object and perform extended proximity operations, including standoff inspection and circumnavigation, which help Air Force Research Laboratory officials test the limits of today's technology.

Field investigators should be aware that some UFO reports may be observations of this new satellite.

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A strange encounter in Ohio?

By Rick Hilberg

Somehow it seems as if stories about alleged crashed UFOs pop up constantly lately, told by people from all sorts of backgrounds, and in many instances seemingly reliable.

I have to run the above disclaimer to the story that follows, because I honestly don't know what to make of it. Like some or all of the crashed UFO stories, it may be true—and then again it may not.

I received a call in late August of 1981 from John [full name on file], a seemingly sincere man who doesn't want his last name used in this account, who was puzzled by a sighting that he had sometime in July.

Since he could not remember the specific date, his report of a typical daylight disc that made a number of acute maneuvers, including a 90-degree turn, wouldn't be of much use to us in our statistical catalog of UFO reports, so I politely listened to his account and informed him that we had many like it in our files.

After asking me about UAPA's local chapter in the Cleveland area and our activities, he asked whether we had ever heard about people who claimed to have seen crashed UFOs, and whether we could place any stock in these reports.

After I replied in the affirmative, and told him that we were interested in any such reports we might stumble onto, he told me that something happened to him when he was a young man that has puzzled him a great deal, and that he hasn't even told his family for fear they wouldn't believe him.

As best as John can remember, the incident took place in August of 1952. He was looking around in a downtown Cleveland stamp shop when he struck up a conversation with another customer.

John said that they discussed stamps for a while, and generally seemed to enjoy each other's conversation. John described this new friend as a heavy-set man of about 32, with a sort of dark complexion and a crew cut.

During the next several weeks they would meet to discuss stamps and sometimes to play a few games of chess

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over at John's house.

John reported that his friend would win every one of their chess games, even though John was then a pretty fair chess player, and had won many games in a chess club when he was at school. John said at the time he felt as if this person could read his mind, because he seemed to know his next several moves.

John related that his friend (he never would give me his first name, and admitted that he had forgotten his last name) claimed that he was a chemical engineer for the state of Ohio, and worked with testing paint, or some similar line of work.

He also seemed to know a great deal about technical subjects. John related that they would be walking down the street and his friend would suddenly start rattling off all kinds of detailed information regarding a passing car, or how some complicated piece of machinery worked.

John said that it seemed that this man knew far more about any technical subject that even an engineer would know.

He also noticed that the man always spoke textbook perfect English, and although he claimed to be from Ohio he had a slight accent that John couldn't place.

After knowing him about three weeks, John was invited over to the man's house for dinner and an evening of chess. It was sometime after dinner when John said his friend got a photograph out of a drawer and handed it over, asking whether he had ever heard about flying objects.

John replied that he didn't know too much, but had read reports of them in the paper from time to time.

John said he looked at the photograph and was amazed to see what appeared to be some sort of large machine

that had crashed into the side of a hill. He said whatever it was, it was really badly damaged by the crash, because parts of its outer skin were shredded and lying around all over the crash site, and that only a badly twisted frame remained that reminded him of an umbrella shape.

He was sure, however, that whatever it was, it certainly wasn't any sort of aircraft that he was familiar with. John said there were two bodies lying on the ground near the craft, and they appeared to be human shapes charred horribly as if by a great fire.

He stated that he estimated them to be between four and five feet tall, but when asked how he could be sure of their height he replied that it was just a guess on his part.

He asked his friend just what the photograph showed, but got no reply, and the photograph was put back in its place and the two went on to a game of chess.

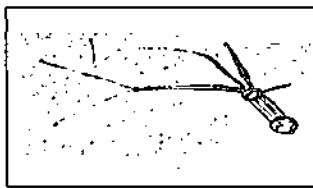
After not hearing from the man for a week, John decided to go over to his house to see if anything was wrong, as he usually heard from him every day or two. When he knocked on the door he was startled to be confronted by an older woman who eyed him suspiciously.

The really strange part was when he was told that it was impossible that his friend lived there, because the woman was the only one living in the house, and she had lived there most of her adult life! No, she had never seen or heard about anybody like him living in the neighborhood, and asked John to go away, as evidently she thought he was either crazy or out to do her harm.

John said that he never again heard from the man, except several days after the incident with the woman he received a birthday card from his friend. But John was certain he had never mentioned that he had a birthday coming up.

That's the end of the story, and I have to admit that it sounds a lot like the mysterious empty house story that Kenneth Arnold wrote about during his investigation of the Maury Island "hoax" in *The Coming of the Saucers*.

All I can say is John appears to be puzzled by the whole affair of long ago.



PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

UFOs no security threat?

In the course of preparing my paper "Government UFO Lies" for the July MUFON Symposium (Denver, July 22-24), I became much more aware than I had been of the enormous number of cases in which US fighters chased UFOs in the 1951-1954 time frame.

Frank Feschino Jr, author of the important new book *The Braxton County Monster: Cover-up of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed*, has been collecting case reports from the *New York Times* and a number of older books such as Edward Ruppelt's *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, as well as several by Maj. Donald Keyhoe, Harold P. Wilkins, the Blue Book Files, etc.

Surprisingly, there were quite a number of dogfights between UFOs and military planes in Richard Hall's excellent *The UFO Evidence*, both the 1964 version and his 2001 Volume 2 update.

The surprise is because Dick made quite a fuss after hearing that Frank's book contained a number of such accounts, claiming he was very familiar with that period and there weren't any.

I suspect that Dick had forgotten details of those close encounters as had I. Frank and I joined forces, and we had help from Dr. David Rudiak, who did such excellent work on the Ramey memo interpretation, and from Barry Greenwood, who has an enormous collection of clippings about UFO reports.

He had earlier provided a number of UFO and "supposed" meteor reports from the September, 1952, time frame at my request, since the Flatwoods (WV) Monster case took place on Sept. 12, 1952.

I had also later asked him for clippings from July, 1952, indicating that pilots had been instructed to shoot down UFOs. He found several.

Dick was also upset when I noted, in defense of Frank's account of an F94-C disappearing in the Gulf of Mexico, also on Sept. 12, 1952, that I had quietly heard of six different cases in which more aircraft had been sent up to chase UFOs than had returned. Dick asked

for copies of the reports and of my detailed investigations.

I had no written submissions, since these were all told me very quietly after lectures, and had also apparently, and not surprisingly, been very classified events.



Stan Friedman

that the 56-page Preliminary Inventory of the "Records, Headquarters USAF, Record Group 341" (More than 9,800 feet of material) at the National Archives included a strange listing for Entry 60: "Messages Relating to Aircraft Accidents, Apr-Dec.1952."

There was supposedly three feet of messages for just this nine-month period!

That, in turn, reminded me of the provocative and apparently very accurate comment, first noted to me by Paul Kimball, on page 5 of the Nov. 18, 1952, Eisenhower Briefing Document: "In addition, a significant upsurge in the surveillance activity of these craft beginning in May and continuing through the autumn of this year has caused considerable concern that new developments may be imminent."

Equally surprising to me was that this was the only time period called out for "Messages Relating to Aircraft Accidents." Remember now, these are not the accident reports, but merely messages (usually teletype) about them.

Fortunately, after speaking at the X-Conference in Gaithersburg, MD, in April, I was able to spend two-plus days

at the National Archives in College Park, MD, where they had pulled this material for me in advance, per my request.

I found only two pages about the Sept. 12 disappearance, but a huge collection of military accident messages. Some had several pages of follow up, but the Sept. 12 case did not, at least in those files.

These were all teletypes with lots of abbreviations, not letters or memos. Planes were falling out of the skies.

I have ordered four reels of microfilm supposedly containing the actual military aircraft accident reports for Sept. 10-15 and July 25-31 from Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

The latter dates were selected because of the clippings that were found with such headings as "Air Force Orders Jet Pilots to Shoot Down Flying Saucers if They Refuse to Land."

Lt. Col. Moncel Monte, an Air Force officer, is quoted as saying, "The jet pilots are and have been under orders to investigate Unidentified objects and to shoot them down if they can't talk them down." (*Seattle Post Intelligencer*, July 29, 1952).

Another clipping headlines: "Jets told to Shoot Down Flying Discs" (*Fall River Massachusetts Herald News*, July 29, 1952: "Jet pilots are operating under 24-hour alert to challenge the mysterious objects and to 'shoot them down' if they ignore orders to land."

Certainly a number of possible cartoons come to mind picturing that situation. There was also a letter from Mr. Farnsworth, president of the American Rocket Society, to President Harry Truman which stated that this wasn't a sensible policy. It was publicized, and I have a copy.

Most serious ufologists are well aware that there were loads of radar and airborne sightings over Washington, DC, in July, 1952, and that there was a huge press conference on July 29 featuring Gen. Samford (Air Force Chief of Intelligence) trying to explain away all the radar and visual sightings as temperature inversions. What I certainly

wasn't aware of was a statement by Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey.

Yes, this is the same officer photographed on July 8, 1947, with a hard-to-read memo in his office in Fort Worth, TX, where he, as a brigadier general, commanded the 8th Air Force, of which the Roswell based 509th was such an important part.

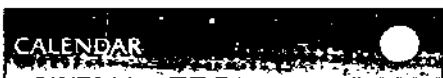
The Louisville, KY, *Courier* of July 30 says: "Major General Roger Ramey, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force Staff for Operations, told the news conference that interceptor planes have raced aloft several hundred times as a result of reported sightings of unidentified objects. He said that was just standard procedure."

Couple this with the comments about pilots being ordered to shoot down UFOs, and it seems we were making every effort to attack saucers. Would it be surprising if they decided to retaliate?

For more than 35 years the official Air Force position, repeated over and over again, was "No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security."

No threat, but pilots were ordered to shoot them down.??? I discuss these and related false and misleading Air Force statements in TOP SECRET/MAJIC.

While pondering this contradiction, I received an email of an article from the May, 2005, *Airport Journals*, which described how a pilot, Eddy Balocco,



July 22-24—36th annual MUFON UFO Symposium, Marriott Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO, featuring Phyllis Budinger, Richard Dolan, Elaine Douglass, Stanton Friedman, Paola Harris, Alan C. Holt, Esen Sekerkarar, Dr. Roger Leir, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Scott Ramsey, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Dr. Claude Swanson, and Tracie Austin-Peters (MC). 303-932-7709, www.mufon.com.

Aug. 19-21—Little Green Men Festival, 50th anniversary celebration, Kelly, KY. Details to be announced.

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of a Marine Panther F9F fighter was scrambled at about 10 PM the evening of Feb. 11, 1953, from a Marine base in Edenton, N.C.

He was vectored by ground radar towards a UFO which was suddenly off the radar. He spotted it well below him, but was running low on fuel and headed home. Suddenly it rose up very rapidly, almost to his 20,000 foot altitude.

He sped up, headed right toward the disc-shaped object with red lights. Because of his 85 missions in Korea, he squeezed the trigger. Fortunately, in my opinion, his guns had not been loaded.

When the object was only about 350 feet away, there was a very strong blue white light so intense that he could see the bones in his hand for a brief time.

There was not much activity at the base that night, and somebody had goofed. He was interrogated at length by Navy and Marine officers.

I managed to locate Balocco and spoke with him by phone. He is 77 and a lawyer and sounded sharp as a tack. He will be sending me a much more detailed account of the event written just a few years ago. He had been told not to talk, and didn't for decades.

The point of bringing up these details from long ago is that I can only wonder how many planes were destroyed by the UFOs after the planes had tried to attack the alien intruders.

The F-94-C's, which first flew in July of 1952, were equipped with a couple of dozen powerful mighty mouse rockets rather than much less effective machine guns.

It is distressing that many of the planes that crashed or disappeared were piloted by pilots who had flown many missions in Korea. Three had more than 100 combat missions. It just doesn't seem very likely that they would crash.

It seems that there is a major hidden history here. The most interesting articles were not in the *Washington Post* or the *New York Times*.

While it is not too late in our races with the undertaker, I would surely like to hear about other articles and from other military personnel who became aware of pilots lost because of a very close encounter with a UFO.

Everybody has heard of Capt. Thomas Mantell, who went up after a UFO in January, 1948, and crashed after he had approached it at high altitude.

Clippings can be sent to me at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. My toll free number is 877-457-0232. My email address is fsphys@rogers.com

Witness names will not be used without permission. If clippings are sent, please note the name and date of the newspaper.

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Memorabilia and bidders wanted for Symposium auction

Items are coming in for this year's Silent Auction at the July Symposium in Denver, but many more are needed to make this as exciting and as profitable for MUFON as it should be.

Just what is a silent auction? Donated memorabilia, collectibles, and vintage UFO items will be laid out on tables in the main speakers' auditorium along with auction bid sheets for each item.

The bid sheet will show the minimum first bid, with lines and columns for new bids. Bidders fill in their names and contact information, and their bids for the items.

The new bid must be some minimum above the last bid (sheet will indicate). If the next person bids over you, you are welcome to bid again and again, ratcheting up the price—which is the intent—being a fund raiser for MUFON. Bring cash or check or credit card.

Items are being collected and solicited NOW! The more rare and valuable the better. Donors will receive a donation receipt from MUFON.

So far we have some rare UFO board games, other UFO rarities, and a hope to have at least one speaker accompany the top bidder for a go-Dutch lunch on Sunday.

Unusual UFO or Space-related collectibles, rare or signed photographs and books, site artifacts, vintage magazines, etc. are among the goodies we're looking for.

Contact Tom Deuley at tpdeuley@aol.com to donate, help, or get information.

Director's Message

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Other Outstanding Speakers slated for MUFON Symposium

The MUFON Symposium will begin on Friday, July 22, at 6 PM with a social hour, followed by a dinner and special program.

Then, in addition to the speakers noted above, an outstanding group of speakers will make the case for strong evidence in the UFO field all day Saturday, July 23, and Sunday, July 24. The event will end at 6 PM on Sunday.

Tracy Austin-Peters will be the emcee for the symposium. She is originally from England, but now lives in California and hosts a talk show. Tracy will be giving a special presentation during the lunch session on Saturday.

Phyllis A. Budinger will present the results of her extensive chemical analysis work on evidence from two abduction cases.

Richard Dolan will continue with revealing the well hidden evidence he had uncovered.

Elaine Douglass has completed extensive research on the mechanism for invisibility in UFO incidents.

Veteran researcher **Stanton T. Friedman** will present a new paper on Government UFO Lies.

Paola Harris has uncovered some interesting government UFO connections worldwide and will share that information with symposium attendees.

Alan C. Holt is an advanced propulsion expert sharing details of his work at this event.

Apollo Astronaut **Dr. Edgar Mitchell** will open the Saturday evening session with details of his work.

Scott Ramsey has dared to open Pandora's Box on the Aztec, NM, UFO crash. The information he has uncovered will dazzle everyone.

Esen Sekerkerer, MUFON representative for Turkey, will present the evidence found in the best UFO cases from the country of Turkey.

Physicist **Claude Swanson, Ph.D.** will provide a revised model of Quantum Mechanics that supports the evidence for ESP as well as a model for UFO propulsion.

This is one symposium that you won't want to miss.

Pandora Project Status Report

We are proud to announce that the Pandora Project is moving along nicely, thanks to some donations from MUFON members.

All of the *MUFON UFO Journals*, as well as *Skylook*, consisting of 9,169 pages of material from 1967-2004, have been scanned, and searchable CDs for each year are available for sale by MUFON headquarters.

All *MUFON International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, consisting of 7,487 pages of material from 1971-2004, have also been scanned, and searchable CDs of each book are available for sale.

The extensive MUFON UFO report files dating from the formation of MUFON in 1969 to the present are being scanned.

At this point, 13,004 pages have been scanned, but thousands of more pages are yet to be processed. The main limitation on a quick completion of this work is lack of funding. Tax deductible donations are welcomed.

UFO Awareness Month

MUFON has designated July as "UFO Awareness Month."

All MUFON state and local organizations are urged to use this opportunity to provide public education about the serious nature of the UFO problem.

This can be done through contacts with radio, TV, and newspapers, by speaking at schools, libraries, and community organizations, and by becoming a local resource for factual information.

A good way of proclaiming UFO Awareness is to wear the MUFON UFO Awareness T-shirt. The shirts are available from MUFON headquarters in two colors—black with white letters and white with black letters.

The shirts have the MUFON logo and the words "UFO Awareness" on the left front and the words "Others talk, we investigate..." on the back.

The white shirts are priced at \$15 in the U.S. and \$19 outside the U.S. and the black shirts are \$18 in the U.S. and \$22 outside the U.S.

Contact MUFON headquarters for a discount on large quantity orders all going to the same address.

Position Announcements

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of **Michael Bird** to the position of MUFON National Director for Canada. Prior to this, he has been serving MUFON as Regional Director for Central Canada.

Kim Shaffer, State Director for Eastern Tennessee, has appointed **Kevin W. Green** of Blountville, TN, to the position of State Section Director for Sullivan and Hawkins counties.

James Bouck, State Director for New York, has appointed **Tim Kelly** of Treadwell, NY, to the position of State Section Director for Delaware and Otsego counties. We are pleased to announce that Jim is recovering nicely from a recent major surgery.

Marilyn Childs, Assistant State Director for Western Washington, has accepted the additional position of Consultant in Archaeoastronomy. Congratulations to Marilyn on completing her studies in this field.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Clifford Clift** of Greeley, CO; **Andra L. Crider** of D'Iberville, MS; **Cheryl Gantz** of Evans, CO; **Kevin W. Green** of Blountville, TN; and **Sherrye Rushing** of Gate City, VA; have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

Currently, MUFON has 435 trained Field Investigators and 814 more in the Field Investigator Trainee program.

All Field Investigator Trainees are urged to self-study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam. State Directors and State Chief Investigators are good resources for guidance and training.

New Lifetime Member

It is a pleasure to announce that **Thomas Whitmore** of San Antonio, TX, is now a MUFON Lifetime Member. Tom is also a member of the MUFON Business Board of Directors and serves as Corporate Treasurer.

We are indebted to Tom for packing and shipping the huge MUFON library to Colorado in May.

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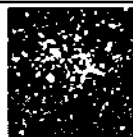
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

July 2005

Moon Phases:

New Moon: July 6
First Quarter: July 14
Full Moon July: 21
Last Quarter July: 28

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 0.1 to 1.4): In Cancer. Early in the month, for northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will be visible low in the west-northwest after sunset; however by midmonth it will be lost in the glare of the Sun.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury, at midmonth, will stand nearly 10 degrees high in the west-northwest just before the end of evening twilight. In the second half of the month Mercury will fade as it descends into the bright twilight and will be lost to view by month's end.

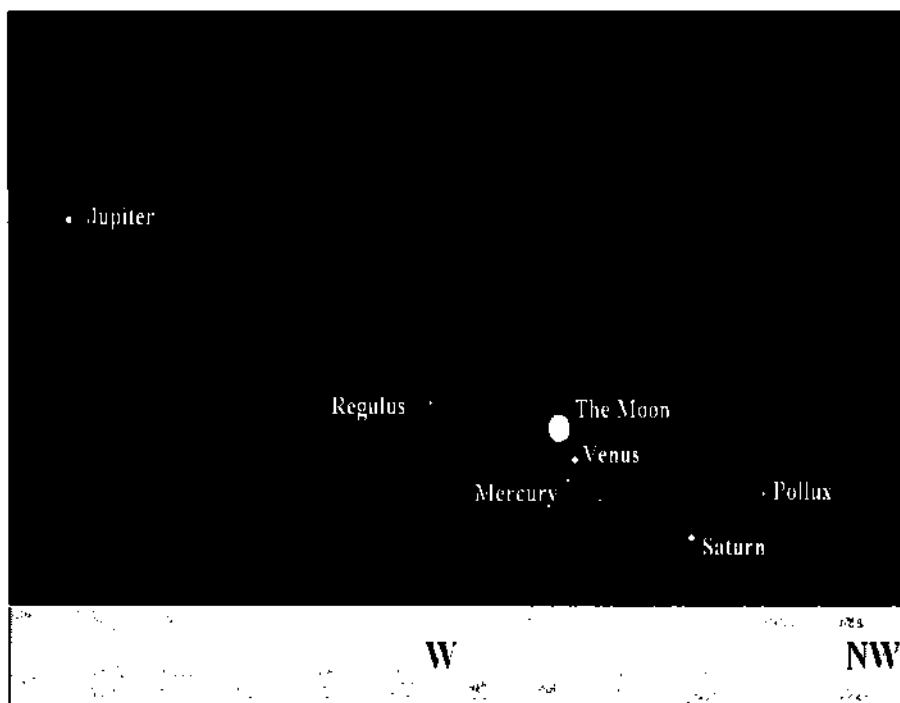
Venus (magnitude -3.8): Moving from Cancer to Leo. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will set about 1.5 hours after the Sun and will be observed only very low in the west-northwest during evening twilight.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Venus will improve its visibility. At midmonth Venus will stand about 10 degrees high in the west-northwest at the end of evening twilight.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.0 to -1.9): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will stand about 10 degrees high in the west-southwest at the end of evening twilight, and will set in the west near 11 PM.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will stand about 55 degrees high in the northwest at the end of evening twilight, and will set in the west after 11 PM.

Saturn (magnitude 0.2): In Cancer. Saturn will not be easily observable this month for northern hemisphere observ-



Planetary Conjunction: July 8 after sunset

ers. For southern hemisphere observers, Saturn will become lost in the bright evening twilight in the first week of the month.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mars (magnitude -0.1 to -0.3): In Pisces. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will improve in visibility as it rises before midnight in the east, and will stand about 30 degrees high in the east-southeast after the beginning of morning twilight.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mars will rise near midnight in the east and will stand more than 50 degrees high at the beginning of morning twilight.

Conjunctions and Occultations

July 7: Mercury 1.6 degrees south of Venus.

July 8: Mercury 5.0 degrees south of the Moon.

July 8: Venus 3.0 degrees south of the Moon.

July 13: Jupiter 0.8 degrees north of the Moon.

July 18: Antares 0.6 degrees south of the Moon.

