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UFO HEALINGS

by Preston Dennett

Ever since the modern age of UFOs began in the late 1940s, nearly every aspect of same has come under intense scrutiny. Today, UFO research has become highly specialized. There are books on abductions, books on UFO propulsion systems, books on the government cover-up and so forth. One aspect that has been largely ignored, however, is the positive medical effects of UFO encounters, in other words, UFO healings.

UFO healings are nothing new. In fact, virtually every major UFO investigator has uncovered these types of cases. Budd Hopkins, John Mack, MD, and David Jacobs, Ph.D., arguably the three leading abduction investigators, all admit that extraterrestrials apparently heal people.

Says Budd Hopkins: "The question is whether we hear about healing cases. We do sometimes, very rarely, but they do turn up. And we don't know what to make of them. It's kind of a sad thing because I have some abductees who have serious medical problems who wish they were being healed themselves, but are not ... so we don't know. Incidentally, again, there's no evidence whatsoever that this is a malevolent, evil conspiracy going on in the sky against us, they're going to take us over, or anything else. I'm very optimistic about the outcome because they seem to be most interested in what I consider the most lovely aspects of being human...There's no evidence, however, that they're here to help us. We wouldn't perhaps have AIDS and the hole in the ozone layer and everything else if they were here to help us. So there's no sense to this."

Says David Jacobs, Ph.D.: "In extremely rare cases, the aliens will undertake a cure of some ailment troubling the abductee. This is not in any way related to the contactee/Space Brother concepts of benevolent aliens coming to Earth to cure cancer. Rather, in special circumstances, it appears that aliens feel obliged to preserve the specimen for their own purposes. As one

abductee said, 'It's equipment maintenance.'"

Says John Mack, MD: "Some encounters are more sinister, traumatizing and mysterious. Others seem to bear a healing and education[al] intent ... many abductees have experienced or witnessed healing conditions ranging from minor wounds to pneumonia, childhood leukemia, and even in one case reported to me first-hand, the overcoming of muscular atrophy in a leg related to poliomyelitis."

As can be seen from the numbers, the healing of an illness is not a consistently reported symptom of a UFO encounter. Still, Brad Steiger, Richard Boylan, Ph.D., John Carpenter, Antonio Huneus, Ralph & Judy Blum, James Harder, Ph.D., Jim & Coral Lorenzen, Kevin Randle, William Hamilton, Jacques Vallee, Michael Hessemann, Timothy Green Beckley and Leonard Stringfield are all well-known UFO researchers who have investigated UFO healing cases. Edith Fiore, Ph.D., says that fully one half of her clients have experienced UFO healings.

Exactly how many people experience UFO healings? We can only make approximations based on the reported cases. The first clue comes from Thomas E. Bullard and his massive volume, *UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery*. Of the 270 abduction accounts in his study, there were thirteen cases of UFO healings. In other words, 4% of all abductees reported a healing. According to Bullard, "The other and more cheerful side of permanent aftereffects are the 13 instances where the witness left the abduction healed of some ailment ... many of the cures appear to result from deliberate intervention whereas the harmful effects could be accidental."

A further refinement of Bullard's study comes from Dan Wright, manager of the MUFON Abduction Transcription Project. According to the preliminary statistical

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His previous Journal articles include:

■ **UFO: Don't Shoot!**
March, 1993

■ **One in Forty**
June, 1990

analysis, 11% (4 cases) of physiological effects caused by UFOs are healing cases.

That people claim extraterrestrial cures shouldn't be all that surprising, given that the central feature of most abduction accounts is a probing medical examination. Indeed, by reviewing the existing UFO and abduction literature, I've managed to turn up more than a hundred healing cases, which I detail in my new book, *UFO Healings: True Accounts of People Healed by Extraterrestrials*. Ailments allegedly healed or cured range from the common cold to cancer. What follows is but a partial list of some of the healings reported by UFO witnesses or abductees:

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| Aneurysm | Kidney Disease |
| Angioma | Liver Disease |
| Arthritis | Multiple Sclerosis |
| Asthma | Muscular Dystrophy |
| Back Pain | Myopia |
| Burns | Paralysis |
| Cancer | Pneumonia |
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■ **Case 17**

**Let's Face the
Facts About
Flying Saucers,
by Gabriel Green
& Warren Smith,
NY, Popular
Library, 1967,
pp. 85-86.**

■ **Case 07**

Personal files

Of the 105 cures reported, 24 (22%) involve healings of flesh wounds and injuries, 16 (15%) involve healings of minor illnesses and ailments, 7 (7%) involve eye cures, 4 (4%) involve cures of the integumentary system, 6 (6%) involve kidney and liver cures, 6 (6%) involve lung cures, 31 (30%) involve cures of serious and/or chronic illnesses, and 11 (10%) involve cancer cures.

There are several well-known cases of UFO healings in the literature in which no apparent abduction was involved. The following (my case numbers) is certainly one of the most curious:

CASE #017: On September 3, 1965, two police officers, Patrol Deputy Robert W. Goode and Chief Deputy Billy McCoy were driving along Highway 36 South in Damon, Texas. The two officers were returning from a high school football game.

Deputy Goode was suffering from a painful although minor injury. He had been bitten on the left index finger by his son's

pet baby alligator. The finger was red and swollen.

Suddenly, Chief Deputy McCoy saw strange lights rising from the right side of the road. He pulled the patrol car off the road and pointed out the lights to Deputy Goode. When Goode looked, he too saw the lights. At this point, the lights moved towards the police officers. They weren't able to see any detail until the lights were very close, at which time a beam of light shone down on the officers. As McCoy says, "The inside of the car was lit up by the bright light."

Goode's left arm with his injured finger was hanging outside the window when the beam struck. As Goode says, "I could feel the heat from the light. We got out of there."

It was shortly after they left the area that Goode noticed that his finger was no longer throbbing with pain. As he says, "I suddenly realized it was not bothering me and I pulled off the bandage. Hell, you couldn't tell I had ever been bit."

McCoy verified Goode's story, saying, "The swelling had disappeared and the finger looked a lot better."

There are many other very well-known cases, including an anonymous French doctor who was cured of a flesh wound on his ankle and partial paralysis; an anonymous Peruvian official who was cured of rheumatism and myopia; an Argentinean who grew a new set of teeth after his encounter, and the daughter of a Brazilian official who was cured of cancer. Interestingly, in each case the witness was cured by an unusual beam of light.

However, rather than cover additional cases which have already been widely publicized, I will concentrate on those that have received little or no publicity.

CASE #007: involves a four-year-old girl from southern California. The case occurred in the early 1950s. Details were uncovered through hypnotic regression, conducted by therapist and UFO investigator Barbara Lamb, MS, MFCC. According to Lamb, "She had an experience at age four where she was sexually abused by her grandfather, and there was actually some physical damage done to her in her genital area because of that. And fortunately the act was stopped sort of in the middle by the grandmother who discovered them. Anyway, later on that afternoon, probably an hour or so later, this

lady was taken by her 'little people,' the little gray extraterrestrials, and taken aboard a spacecraft. And they did a sort of whole medical healing procedure on her, the little gray guys did."

Cure of flesh wounds is only one category. There are cures involving virtually every part of the body. For example, in the following case, investigated by Bob Teets, author of *West Virginia UFOs*, a man was reportedly cured of dental problems.

CASE #076 involves a man by the name of Daniel D. from Harrison County, West Virginia. Daniel reports that he has had many, many contacts with "gray guys" and "tall green, lotus-looking figures." Daniel feels that his aliens are quite friendly. As he says, "They've never hurt me, that means a lot ... I think they've helped me in certain ways. I've heard for years that I [had] to have my wisdom teeth out. One day they were bothering me really bad, and I was in no financial situation to get them fixed, no insurance. That night I was abducted. I can remember it felt like they were stuffing things on my teeth where my wisdom teeth are. The next day they didn't bother me anymore and haven't bothered me since. That was a couple of months ago."

Extraterrestrials are apparently able to cure a huge variety of illnesses. One illness whose cure has eluded our own grasp is the common cold. However, as we shall see, ETs have reportedly cured colds with a simple beam of light. The following case was investigated by one of the leading pioneers of ufology, Leonard Stringfield. It is one of two cases I found in which people were cured of the common cold.

CASE #036: On May 10, 1975, Chuck Doyle of Florence, Kentucky went outside to check his horse when he encountered a twenty-foot long metallic object shaped like a "manta ray" hovering over his neighbor's garden. The object had colored lights and was emitting a green beam of light. Suddenly, the light began moving towards Chuck. He described it as "a straight shaft of light that didn't get wider at the bottom, like a laser ... then the beam came at me. When it hit me, it was like being hit by a bucket of ice-water. I felt suddenly frozen. I couldn't move."

Chuck was actually frozen in the position of trying to run away. Although he was leaning forward, he was held in position by the beam. To his surprise, a flood of strange symbols and images filled his mind. He saw mathematical equations, images of a strange planet and a kaleidoscope of strange colors. Then the beam retracted and Chuck fell to the ground. The UFO disappeared with a purple flash and a loud bang.

Chuck returned to his house in a state of shock.

It wasn't until he returned inside that he noticed something strange. Before the encounter, he had been suffering from a miserable head cold. Immediately afterwards, all traces of the cold had disappeared. Chuck saw a doctor a week later, making no mention of his UFO encounter. The doctor pronounced him perfectly healthy.

ETs have shown a great interest in human eyes. There are several cases on records in which people have had their eyeballs removed from the socket and then replaced. The following case, from UFO investigator John Carpenter, is a typical example, except for the fact that there was a marked improvement in the man's vision.

CASE #089: This case involves a 21-year-old man from the mid-western United States by the name of Eddie X. Eddie was in the middle of a series of hypnotic regressions to explore his many abductions when he experienced yet another encounter. Carpenter notes: "During a physical examination by the beings, Eddie's right eye was removed. He felt it pulled out and replaced. Afterwards there was a redness, a physical soreness. He did not feel they were implanting anything behind his eye, only that they were 'fixing' him. The side benefit of this operation appears to be enhanced colors."

Carpenter further substantiated the healing by obtaining a statement from Eddie's eye-doctor which says that Eddie suffered from "profound color blindness," though after his experience, his vision "had improved up to green color blindness."

The above is only one of several cases in which people noticed dramatic improvements in their eyesight as a direct result of a UFO encounter. Why these healings are taking place remains a matter of speculation. The question has divided researchers into those who feel that the aliens are healing

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■ **Case 76**

West Virginia UFOs by Bob Teets, *Headline Books, Terra Alta, WV, 1995, pp. 26-27.*

■ **Case 36**

Situation Red by Leonard Stringfield, *Fawcett Crest, NY, 1977, pp. 63-69.*

■ **Case 89**

Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind by C. D. B. Bryan, *Alfred Knopf, NY, 1995, p. 26.*

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■ Case 19

The Other by Brad Steiger, Inner Light Publications, New Brunswick, NJ, 1992, pp. 145-146.

■ Case 80

Encounters by Edith Fiore, Doubleday, NY, 1989, pp. 132-145.

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The following case, investigated by long-time UFO researcher and author Brad Steiger, may be unique in the history of ufology as it not only involves a well-verified healing, but the healing occurred to a well-known UFO investigator. Even more astonishing, the UFO investigator had been told by an experiencer that he was going to have a contact. And when the contact actually occurred, it was witnessed by four other UFO investigators.

CASE #019: On December 7, 1967, Danish UFO investigator Hans Lauritzen and four of his friends were conducting an active field investigation of UFOs. Their research had led them to participate in routine sky watches in hope of observing a UFO close-up. Lauritzen had reason to believe that he might encounter a UFO in the near future.

One month earlier, Lauritzen had been contacted by a Swedish girl who told him that he was on the list of the Space People as one of the Earthlings scheduled for contact. However, sitting out in the field waiting for a UFO was particularly difficult for Lauritzen as he was suffering from an illness that made such work very tiring. In February of 1966, he had contacted severe liver hepatitis and had to retire and go on a pension. At the time of the UFO watch, Lauritzen was not only tired and weak, his liver was ten centimeters increased in size.

Just before ending the sky watch on December 7, the five men were surprised to see two "great, dim, yellow globes about a hundred yards away from them." Lauritzen immediately became hypnotically entranced, walked away from the group and had a telepathic communication with the UFO occupants. The conversation was about helping humanity. Lauritzen was told he had great power to help people.

After an hour, Lauritzen suddenly came out of his trance and heard his friends calling. He ran towards their voices and was surprised to find that he didn't even feel tired. As he says, "I ran and ran so fast that my four friends could not follow me. I had to wait for them. I realized that I had been cured of my hepatitis."

Lauritzen went straight to the doctor. Says Lauritzen, "I passed a medical exami-

nation, not mentioning my contact, of course, and to the surprise of the doctors, ten centimeters of my liver had disappeared so that it was now normal size. The blood test showed that it functioned now as any other healthy liver... before I had a sick liver. At one time it was as much as sixteen centimeters too large. Now I have a healthy liver. I am most thankful to the UFO for curing my otherwise chronic disease... I swear to God that I have told the truth as far as I can see it."

The following case, investigated by Edith Fiore, Ph.D., involves a young boy who was cured of an extremely rare disease that would otherwise have been fatal. This case also illustrates how shockingly advanced aliens are reported to be in the field of medicine.

CASE #080: At the tender age of eighteen months, "Ted" of Santa Clara, California was diagnosed with a rare congenital disorder known as angioma, which is a vascular malformation in the brain. Typically, this condition puts tremendous pressure on the brain, usually causing epilepsy. In Ted's case, the blood vessels in his brain were abnormally large, causing a variety of devastating symptoms. His case was so severe that doctors gave him only a few years to live.

Meanwhile, Ted's condition rapidly deteriorated. By the time he was three, he suffered from double vision and partial paralysis; he was unable to talk or feed himself, and the right side of his body had stopped growing. About this time, when Ted should have died, his condition began to miraculously improve. He was hospitalized for exploratory surgery. The surgeons, to their amazement, discovered that the abnormal tissue growth had not only stopped, but the tissues had shrunk. They were unable to provide an explanation.

Years later, however, Ted discovered the explanation. Under hypnosis, he recalled being taken aboard a UFO where he was laid on a table and strange lights were shined on his head. "When they turn the apparatus on," Ted said, "a beam of light comes out. It's very straight, and it's very thin. It's needle-like. It's very much like a laser light. And it comes out and strikes my head, but it doesn't hurt."

Ted recalled that the aliens actually cut open his skull and examined his brain.

"...They touch all over and they find enlargement. And with the laser light, they're able to shrink it."

Ted noted that the light had the "thickness of a spiderweb" and seemed to be "almost like silk." After the beams were shone on his brain, another suction-like instrument was placed over his brain and an ash-like substance caused from the laser was removed. The top of his skull was placed back over his head and healed with another instrument that emitted a strange beam of light. "This time instead of cutting it, it mends," said Ted. "It mends the skull back together. The atoms go back together and there's no scar tissue. And when it's finished, there's no indication that the skull has been opened."

Serious diseases seem to pose no problems for extraterrestrials, either. Consider the following case, investigated by David Jacobs, Ph.D., in which a young girl was evidently cured of diphtheria.

CASE #016: In 1972, Alice Haggerty, then six years old, was stricken with diphtheria. Because of her religious background, she had not been vaccinated against the disease. For the same religious reasons her parents refused to take her to the hospital. The doctor pleaded, but her parents were firm. Alice got sicker and sicker until the doctor told her parents that he did not expect Alice to live through the night.

That night, Alice was transported inside a UFO where she saw aliens whom she describes as "angels in white robes with silver belts." Alice now realizes that her experience matches the typical onboard UFO experience. Inside the UFO, the aliens waved a small "rod-like device" around her body and then made her stand inside a "large blue cylinder." A blue light was turned on, and then Alice exited the cylinder. According to Jacobs, the aliens "informed her in a matter-of-fact way that she was now cured and 'cleansed.'"

Diphtheria, tuberculosis, polio, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy are just a few of the many diseases reported cured by aliens. Nearly every organ and organ system has been cured at one time or another. The study and treatment of heart disease has made great advances in the last few decades, mainly because of a huge increase in the number of deaths caused by heart dis-

ease. There are several cases on record in which ETs have reportedly cured people of heart problems. Consider the following case which comes from UFO abductee Katharina Wilson.

CASE #060: On August 7, 1989, real-estate broker Katharina Wilson of Portland, Oregon was injured by a nearby lighting strike while staying in Pensacola, Florida. She knew she had been injured by the strike, but decided to wait until morning in hope that her condition would improve.

That night, Katharina was taken aboard a UFO. She woke up to find herself lying on a table, suffering from excruciating chest pains. As Katharina watched from a dissociated state, gray-type aliens cut a square into her chest and attached a black mechanism with several extensions to the hole in her chest.

When the pain became particularly intense, the aliens telepathically told her, "We are repairing your heart. You will be okay now."

The next morning, Katharina woke up with a sore chest, but was otherwise healthy. As she says, "The first thing I did when I got out of bed was to look for a scar of a square cut into my chest. I found nothing. No blood on my sheets and no scar. My chest was sore throughout the day, but it was not as sore as I would have expected it to feel after such a radical operation. I believe this machine they had over my head was realigning the electrochemical impulses in my heart because they had been altered by the lightning ... somehow I believed the aliens were repairing the damage the high voltage of the lightning had done to my heart."

Katharina reports that she has undergone a large number of operations at the hands of aliens: "They have performed surgery on me many, many times!... It was shocking to remember the different times the aliens had performed surgery on me... What could the aliens be doing to me that would require my having surgery so often? It was not the first time I felt I may be a part of a huge experiment."

Tumors and cysts are by no means rare. Millions of people have had to deal with the shock of discovering a cyst, and then for some comes the agony of biopsy and possible surgery. (In fact, President Clinton just

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■ Case 16

Secret Life by David Jacobs, Simon & Schuster, NY, 1992, pp. 191-192.

■ Case 60

The Alien Jigsaw by Katharina Wilson, Puzzle Publishing, Portland, OR, 1993, pp. 127-128, 250.

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■ Case 78

"A Case of Medical Intervention," Bill Hamilton, MUFON UFO Journal, August, 1995, No. 328, pp. 14-16.

■ Case 67

Licia Davidson, UFO Expo West, Los Angeles, CA, 1994.

had a benign cyst removed from his neck.) However, as it turns out, there are several well-verified cases on record involving UFO-related cures of both tumors and cysts. One case comes from none other than Debbie Jordan, who was featured in Budd Hopkins' book, *Intruders*. Debbie had been diagnosed with a cyst which disappeared in conjunction with a UFO encounter. I have also uncovered a very similar case and there are several others in the literature. One impressive case was revealed by longtime MUFON field investigator, William Hamilton, Jr.

CASE #078: This case involves a lady with the pseudonym Morgana Van Klausen, from southern California. She had several close encounters throughout the late 1980s and early 1990s. On December 4, 1994, Morgana went to the doctor and discovered that she had an unwelcome cyst. As the chief investigator of the case, Bill Hamilton noted: "An x-ray found a peculiarity in the axillary segment of the right breast. This was followed by an ultrasonography over the same area. A small non-cystic mass measuring 1.6 x .6 cm was found in the problem area."

Surgery was scheduled for December 14, so that Morgana could have time to recover from the slight fever she had developed. However, a day before the surgery, on December 13, Morgana was driving with her son when they both saw a "white triangular-shaped craft."

That evening, Morgana was overcome by intense pain in the area of the non-cystic mass. She tried to get up but was unable to move and lost consciousness. When she woke up the next morning, she went straight to the doctor for surgery. That's when both she and her doctor got a huge surprise.

The doctor inserted a needle into the mass and took another X-ray. To everyone's surprise, the new X-ray showed that there was no mass. The old X-ray was retrieved which clearly showed the mass. Another ultrasound was ordered which confirmed that the mass had disappeared. As Hamilton observed, "Both the radiologist and the surgeon confirmed that the previous diagnostic had revealed a solid mass and that solid masses don't just disappear."

Hamilton speculated that the aliens might have removed an implant, but that "the explanation is only speculative."

Cancer has long been one of the most dreaded of all diseases. Not only can it strike any part of the body, but its causes are only partially understood, treatments can be very painful, and cures are not always effective. As it turns out, however, cancer is the single disease which aliens have reportedly cured the most. This is probably because cancer can strike any organ system. In the following little-known case, a UFO abductee insists, like many others, that she was cured of cancer as a result of her UFO experience.

CASE #067: Licia Davidson of Los Angeles, California, has been having UFO contacts for as long as she can remember. In 1989, Davidson was diagnosed with terminal cancer. By the time the disease was diagnosed, it had already metastasized to her colon, making it inoperable. She was given three months to live.

She then experienced an abduction, during which she was placed on a table and given an extensive operation to cure her cancer. In her own words, "I was abducted. They told me I had cancer. They said, relax.' And they did a cure. It was excruciating."

Licia was returned to her LA home. Upon her next doctor visit, it was discovered that all traces of her cancer were gone. Licia has recovered her medical records, and states that her cure has been verified by a major medical university. She also states that she fears the United States government (who has harassed her extensively) knows more than she does about the aliens.

The above 11 cases represent only a small portion of the total number. However, they are a fairly accurate representation of the various types of UFO healing cases. Although they may sound incredible, there are simply too many cases to be ignored. One or two or even ten cases might be a coincidence, but when over a hundred such cases exist, little room is left for doubt. People are apparently being healed and of a variety of illnesses. That much, at least, is very clear.

A statistical analysis of the total 105 cases reveals many unexpected patterns.

The cures can be broken down into four main categories.

- Healings aboard UFO (49%)

- Healings inside home of witness (22%.)
- Healings outside (20%.)
- Healings inside hospital room (9%.)

The dates of the cures range from the 1930s to the present. Sixty-five per cent of the cures have occurred in the United States, but Europe, England, Russia and South America account for most of the other cases.

UFO healings have usually been relegated to the realm of the contactee. However, the data shows that 45% of the cases have occurred to abductees as opposed to 28% which involve cases more properly classified as contactees. A surprising 22% of the cases involve people who have had no prior associations with UFOs.

Also surprisingly, the statistics show that more men (64%) report cures than do women (34%.)

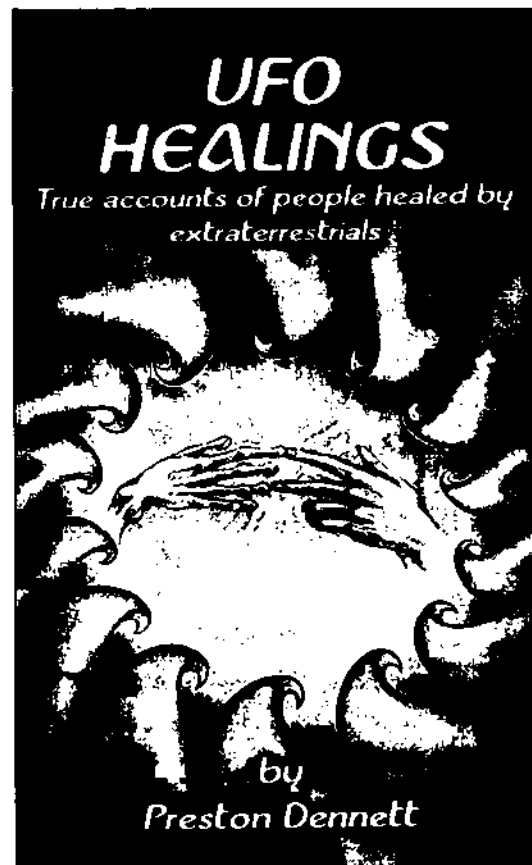
There are also patterns to the manner in which the cures are affected. Twenty-six per cent involve surgical operations onboard UFOs; 21 % involve some type of light beam; 13% involve alien instruments held over the body, not including the surgical operations. Thirteen per cent of the cures occurred apparently as the result of being in close association with a UFO; 9% involved pills, salves or medication; 5% involve injections, and 5% involve healing by alien mind power.

The statistics regarding the types of illnesses cured has already been covered. However, it bears repeating that the cures performed are far in advance of our own medical capabilities. Diseases that we believe chronic are easily cured by the extraterrestrials. This alone should reveal that when doctors say a condition is incurable, what they are really saying is that they can't cure it. In other words, is there really any such thing as a chronic disease? Or does this label conveniently cover our obvious profound lack of knowledge about the human body? In either case, these healing cases have the potential to teach us a great deal about disease, health and the human organism. If only we could do what the aliens seemingly do...

The statistics tell us many things and readers are left to form their own opinions. However, there is one inescapable conclu-

sion to be drawn, which is that UFO healings can occur to anyone at any time.

The book, *UFO HEALINGS: True Accounts of People Healed By Extraterrestrials*, has just been released by Wild Flower Press. It is the first book ever to deal with this unusual subject. The book presents over 100 cases of UFO healings. Each case is footnoted and documented. The book is fully illustrated and indexed. It is available from Wild Flower Press for only \$13.95. Call 1(800) 366-0264 or order at: PO Box 726, Newberg OR 97132.



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Section 5, Part 1: Multiple Sightings and Correlations

by T. David Spencer

T. David Spencer, MUFON's Deputy Director, Investigations, is presently compiling MUFON sighting reports into a computerized database format. This is one of a series of ongoing status reports. Section 5, Part 2 will appear in a future issue of the Journal.

¹ To be considered the same vicinity, locations of reports had to be within one degree latitude and longitude.

² If there were three or more cases involved, the selection included those in which one day was skipped in the sequence, in order to account for no one reporting a sightings for reasons other than objects not being in the area.

Seventy-eight groupings of independent but time-relatable sightings were identified in the database. These groups were composed of 256 reports of events that occurred on the same or sequential days. The events occurred during seven of the nine years from January 12, 1986 through January 28, 1995, and they represent 54 percent of the 471 reports of object sightings in the database during this 3,304-day period. Either "miniflaps" are being observed or the sightings are of the same or part of a group of aerial object(s) seen at different times and locations.

Attempts were made to correlate sightings based on the observations of the witnesses, but there were only a few successes. More in-depth study would need to be made to establish the basis of each claim, including factors leading to decisions of shape (e.g., an outline of lights, masked area of the star field, etc.), which is the third most significant feature for corroboration (after location and time).

Some correlations are reasonably certain because the descriptions are similar. Some are not highly alike, but the sightings could still be of the same object seen at different aspects, under different conditions, and by different observers. In some cases, the locations of points of light, seeming to encircle an area, led to imagined shapes. For some correlations, the objects could have been changing shape, as suggested in Section 4, Part 2. Portions of data may be valid and others simply coincidences. Since there is no certainty that events within these groups were related, this analysis is an exercise of possibilities.

In the viewpoint of this author, there is potential for a significant amount of research with this material, especially if it is used together with other data outside this database.

MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS, SAME VICINITY

The database contains 84 reports pointing to 31 multiple sightings occurring in the same

vicinity¹ and on the same or sequential days². These cases are particularly interesting, since they show concentrations of activity. One could speculate that some sightings were the result of the media publicizing other sightings, but this is not evident from the individual reports.

Fifty-eight of these same-vicinity sighting sets occurred on the same day, 33 during the same hour, and 12 at the same time. As indicated in Table 5-1, which gives additional statistics for these same-vicinity sightings, 22 sets had two sightings each, four had three sightings, two had four sightings, and three had more. There was a total of 12 States involved, and 20 different vicinities were identified. The name given to a vicinity identifies a town or city close to the sighting locations, since 21 of the sets included sightings in multiple locations.

The reports involved 33 CE, 28 MA, 11 FB, and four AN cases. Sixty-one CE and MA sightings were distributed over twenty-six (84 percent) of the same-vicinity sets. Because CE and MA sightings are usually associated with phenomena that defy explanation and a high proportion of same-vicinity sightings have one or both, the events cannot be simply dismissed.

All of the six major object shapes were observed, the most prominent being the disc (16 events) and the star (13 events). For the objects identified as "other" in the table, elliptical shapes were observed six times and rectangular forms three times. One conical and one cylindrical formation were seen, and six shapes were claimed to be unknown.

There were only two sets of multiple events claiming one object shape (January 12, 1986 and March 13, 1988). This may be due to there being multiple different objects, but it is also likely that the witnesses' interpretations of the same type of phenomenon differ. Reading the original reports does not conclusively suggest which reason is most likely, simply because there was no unbiased observer who could make comparisons.

TABLE 5 -1. MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS IN THE SAME VICINITY

Y E A R	DATE(S)	VICINITY	# R P T S	SIGHTING					OBJECT SHAPES							
				C E	M A	F B	A N	- -	B O O M	D I S C	O V A L	S P H	S T A R	T R I	O T H	
1986	01/12	Valparaiso, IN	2	2				-	2							
1988	02/10	Johnstown, PA	3	3				-		1	1					3
	03/01-03/02	Johnstown, PA	3	1	2			-								1
	03/13	Atmore, AL	2			1	1	-					2			
	10/26	Fresno, CA	2			2		-								2
1989	04/04-04/05	Gulf Breeze, FL	3	2	1			-		1	1	1				1
	05/01-05/02	Gulf Breeze, FL	2	1	1			-			1					1
	05/20	Long Eddy, NY	2		2			-					1	1		1
	05/29-05/30	Woodland Park, CO	2		2			-					2		1	1
	08/14-08/19	Gulf Breeze, FL	4	2	1	1		-	1	2						1
	08/22-08/25	Gulf Breeze, FL	6	3	2	1		-					2	2		2
	09/26-09/27	Coopersville, MI	2				2	-		2	1					
	09/27-09/28	Tillamook, OR	2	1		1		-		2	2	1				
	10/03-10/04	Coopersville, MI	2				2	-		1	2					
	10/09	Gulf Breeze, FL	2	2				-	1	1	1					
10/27	Aspen, CO	4		1	2	1	-		2		1				1	
1990	02/05	Gulf Breeze, FL	2		1		1	-		1						1
	04/10-04/11	Gulf Breeze, FL	2		2			-		1				1		
	04/18	Gulf Breeze, FL	2		2			-		1	1					
	06/21	Gulf Breeze, FL	2	2				-		1						1
	10/18-10/19	Plymouth, IN	2	2				-		1						1
1992	06/04-06/05	Londonderry, NH	2	2				-				1				1
	08/20	Pittsford, NY	5	1	2	2		-		3			1			2
	09/30	Gastonia, NC	3		2	1		-					1			2
	10/27	Williamsport, PA	2		1	1		-				1				1
	11/11-11/12	Milstadt, IL	2				2	-					1			1
	11/27	Portsmouth, NH	2	1		1		-			1					1
1993	02/08	Colebrook, NH	2	1	1			-		1	1					
	07/13	Ligonier, IN	9	6	2	1		-			1	1	4			3
	09/05	Tillamook, OR	2	1	1			-			1	1				
1995	01/28	Miami, FL	2		2			-	1	2						

As examples, the following two sets of data each involve two sightings:

1. October 26, 1988 - Apparently, the same object is seen first headed in one direction then headed in the opposite direction:

At 2100 hours during a local power outage in Fresno, California, a man and his wife were strolling along the northern end of Woodward Lake outside the city when the husband noted a strange set of lights about a mile to the northeast of them. There were about nine white lights in a string that appeared to be longer than a 747 jet aircraft and looked "like a short passenger train with lights along the side." The two watched the lights moving slowly to the southeast, until they faded out of sight in the distance about five minutes later. (Log # 890101 - FB-1)

At 2230 hours on the same day, a man went outside his house in Fresno, California to find the extent of the local power outage. He noticed an odd string of lights within a mile of them in the Southeast, at an altitude of roughly 4,000 feet. He summoned his wife, and the two of them went into their back yard to see the object more clearly. They could see two rows of between six and eight bright white lights, the rows separated about 25 yards and the string spanned about 50 yards. The object was moving to the northeast in a straight line, initially going about 50 miles-per-hour. Over three minutes later, it sped up and went out of view in the foothills in a matter of seconds. (Log # 890102 - FB-1)

2. May 20, 1989 - Possibly the same object was seen at nearly the same time from two different States:

At 2230 hours, several men at a camp outside Long Eddy, New York spotted a triangular object to the West traveling southward, along the Delaware River but beyond the mountain ridge more than a mile away. Like a triangular kite inverted, the object's apex was pointed downward. Multiple (15-20)

soft but bright red, orange, and bluish lights outlined each leg, and the object was trailed at 200-400 yards by two larger red lights.

The men believed the pattern was moving at between 150 and 300 miles-per-hour. They were sure they could detect a hum from the object, since the evening was otherwise quiet on the campgrounds. After about four minutes, the object moved behind the mountain ridge and was hidden from their sight. (Log # 890627 - MA-1)

At 2240 hours, near Honesdale, Pennsylvania, a man arose from bed and looked out his window to see a very large (estimated 200- by 300-feet), rectangular object hovering at a distance but below an altitude of 500 feet. Since the object did not appear to have a solid structure, the shape and size were based on amber lights at each of its corners. There were three amber lights in a row at the front, which, after about three minutes, changed from steady to flashing as the object began slowly moving to the Northeast, toward the Delaware River. The man claimed to hear the "whirring sound of several electric motors." (Log # 890628 - MA-1)

The circles in Figure 5-1 illustrate the same-vicinity sighting locations. In four regions, the locations appear to be overlapping, but this is because the circles denoting them are much larger than the actual vicinities. For example, the two vicinities near the western tip of Florida are associated with Gulf Breeze, Florida (also including Cantonment, Milton, Navarre Beach, Pace, Pensacola, and Warrington) and Atmore, Alabama (including Loxley).

The concentration of vicinities in the Northeast is characteristic of the database quantities of reports seen there as compared to elsewhere in the U. S. Sixteen vicinities are located east of the Mississippi River. Six States have more than one identified vicinity, and four of these States are north and east of Illinois.

Although they are interesting, the same-vicinity sightings, alone, do not unfold much information that could be useful for analysis of the UFO phenomena. On the other hand, it might be useful for providing

See also:

■ **Section 1, Reports, Sighting Types and the Certainty Index, December 1995, pp. 9-12, 8.**

■ **Section 2, Sightings by Year, Month, Day, Time, Duration, January 1996, pp. 7-11.**

■ **Section 3, Sighting Locations, April 1996, pp. 3-8, 18.**

TABLE 5 - 2. GROUPED INTERSTATE SIGHTINGS, 1987-1989

Y E A R	DATE	STATE(S), PROVIDENCE(S) (Forward arrows indicate sequence of locations)	# R P T S	SIGHTING				OBJECT SHAPES								
				C E	M A	F B	A N	- - - - -	B O O M	D I S C	O V A L	S P H	S T A R	T R I	O T H	
1987	11/23-11/24	OH> FL	2	1	1			-		1						1
1988	03/01-03/02	PA> FL	4	2	2			-		1	2					1
	05/09-05/11	MA> IL> FL	3	2	1			-			1	2				1
	09/08-09/09	PA> MAN Can	2		1	1		-			1					2
	10/24-10/27	MS> FL> CA> MI	5	2	1	2		-			1					5
	12/04	IN> PA	2	2	2			-						1		
	12/14-12/17	OK> WA> MN	3	1	2			-	1							1
	12/23-12/25	NH> NC> IN	3	1				-					1			1
1989	01/18	OH> MS> FL	3	1	1	1		-		1						2
	03/08-03/11	FL> AL> MA	3	1	2			-			1		1			1
	04/04-04/08	FL> IN> MI> CA> LA	7	3	1	3		-		3	1	1	2			
	05/20-05/21	NY> PA> FL	3		2	1		-		1			1		1	1
	07/02	MA> IL	2	1		1		-			1	1			2	
	● 07/16-07/18	IN> CA> FL> AL> TN	5	1	1	2	1	-		1	3		1		1	
	08/13-08/19	LA> FL	5	3	1	1		-	1	2	1				1	
	08/22-08/26	FL> NH> FL> PA	8	4	3	1		-				1	2			1
	09/08-09/14	ND> FL> MI> FL	5	2	1	2		-		1		1	1			3
	09/24-09/28	NH> MI> OR> MI> OR	5	1	2		2	-		3		1				2
	10/01-10/04	NY> MI> IL> MI	4	1	1		2	-		2		1				1
	10/08-10/14	NH> FL> MS> IL> KY> IL> FL	9	4	2	3		-	1	1	1	2	2			2
	10/18-10/20	CA> AR> CO	3	1		1	1	-			1		2			1
	● 10/23-11/04	IL> IN> ALB Can> VT> TN> CO> FL> NH> FL> PA> FL	14	3	6	1	4	-	1	3	1	1	3			6
	● 11/21	MT> OR	2			1	1	-			2					
	11/28-12/01	MA> FL> IN> MI	4	1	3			-	1	1	1		1			
12/21-12/23	VT> IN> FL> PA	4	1	1	2		-	1		1		1			1	

TABLE 5 - 3. GROUPED INTERSTATE SIGHTINGS, 1990-1994

Y E A R	DATE(S)	STATE(S), PROVIDENCE(S) (Forward arrows indicate sequence of locations)	# R P T S	SIGHTING					OBJECT SHAPES							
				C E	M A	F B	A N	- -	B O O M	D I S C	O V A L	S P H	S T A R	T R I	O T H	
1990	01/07-01/08	CT> FL	2		1	1		-			1		1			
	01/12	IN> FL	2		2			-		1						1
	01/31	WV> NH	2		2			-					1			1
	• 02/05	FL> PA> BC Can> FL	4	2	1	1		-		1	2					1
	02/11-02/15	MI> FL> NH> FL	4	2	2			-		1			1			2
	02/21-02/22	NH> IN	2	2				-		1			1			
	• 02/28	PA> FL> NH	3	1	2			-					2			1
	• 03/02	IL> IN	2	1	1			-			2					
	03/07	NH> VA> FL	3	2	1			-		1			1			1
	03/13-03/14	FL> PA	2		1	1		-			1					1
	03/29-04/01	NH> FL	3	1	1		1	-					1			2
	04/10-04/11	IL> FL	3		3			-	1	1					1	2
	04/17-04/18	IN> PA> FL	4	1	3			-		1	1	2				2
	05/19-05/24	AL> NY> OK> FL> PA	5	3		2		-			1	1				2
	06/07	PA> FL	2	1	1			-	2		1	1				
	• 07/13-07/14	NH> FL	2	1		1		-			2					
10/10-10/11	MN> IN	2	1		1		-				1	1	1			
10/16-10/19	OR> IN	3	3				-		2						1	
1991	06/08	IN> DE	2	1		1		-			1					1
1992	• 03/03	NH> IN	2	1		1		-						2		1
	07/14-07/15	NM> CA> NJ	3		2	1		-			2					
	08/10	MI> NM	2		1	1		-		1	1					
	• 08/14-08/15	PA> OR	2	2				-						2		3
	08/19-08/20	AZ> MN> NY	7	2	2	3		-	3			1	1	1	1	
	09/10	DE> HI	2	1	1			-		1			1	1		
	09/30	NC> SC> ME> NC	5	1	2	2		-			1	1				5
	10/05-10/07	MO> ME> NC	3	1	1	1		-				1				2
	10/13-10/16	NJ> MN> PA	3		1	2		-			1					2
	11/09-11/12	NH> CA> ME> MD> IL	6	1	2	1	2	-		1	1		1			3
	12/04	PA> NC	2	1			1	-			1					1
	12/15-12/16	MI> NY	2	1	1			-					1			1
	12/24-12/25	LA> MO	2	2				-	1	1			1			
1993	01/09	FL> MO	2			2		-			1		1			
	01/21	OK> FL	2		2			-						1	1	
	03/23-03/26	RI> AZ> NY	3	1	1		1	-		1		1		1		
	04/16-04/17	FL> IN	2	1	1			-	1						1	
	• 07/13-07/16	IN> ME> CA	11	6	4	1		-		1	1	1	5		4	
	08/10-08/11	OK> MI	2		2			-		1					1	
	10/06	AL> KY	2			2		-			1		1			
1994	09/05-09/06	IA> IN	2		2			-		1					1	

breadth to an analysis of potential UFO pathways, or tracks.

MULTIPLE INTERSTATE SIGHTINGS

The database provided 65 groups of events from 227 reports in which sightings in different States/Providences were seen on the same or sequential days. The data averaged 2.7 States/Providences and 3.5 sightings per set. A condensed summary of this data is provided in tables 5-2 and 5-3.

There were 81 CE, 82 MA, 47 FB, and 17 AN cases in the reports. As with the same-vicinity sets, nearly all of the groupings included either CE or MA events, and the majority included both. One or more CE, or one or more MA cases occurred in 62 (95 percent) of the sets, and 36 (55 percent) had both. This means that the data cannot be easily discounted.

All groupings included one or more of the six principal shapes (boomerang, disc, oval, sphere, star, and triangle), averaging two of these shapes per set. Multiple sightings were made of the same shape in 25 grouped sets. Disc and oval shapes were each reported in 36 events, the star in 40, sphere in 22, boomerang in 14, and triangle in 15. Among the objects reported in the tables as "Other" are 12 rectangles, eight each of cylinders and ellipses, and 23 very individualized descriptions.

Other evidence of events crossing State boundaries was not included in the grouped sets, because no object shape was actually observed. Two cases involved visitations or abductions alien beings on the same day, September 20, 1994. The first was at 0100 hours in Yuma, Arizona, and the second at midnight in Miami, Florida.

UFO SIGHTING "TRACKS"

Provided the interstate sightings within each grouping are related, linking the cases together across large distances could illustrate pathways, or tracks, which may provide added insight into the behavioral patterns and focuses of UFOs, primarily in the United States. At the least, knowing repeated sources, homing areas, and tracks for UFO activity could help identify where observations are most likely.

Relating the sightings within sets

The following four statistics, taken together, provide substantial evidence that the

grouped sets are more than random coincidences. In turn, this suggests that the sightings may be related:

1. For this data, there were 192 days in which sightings were made outside the dates of the grouped sets, and there were 182 days of sightings within the grouped sets. There is only 5 percent difference between the two sets.
2. Whereas the reports that were not grouped averaged 1.1 sightings per day, the grouped ones averaged 1.5 per day.³ There were over 36 percent more sightings seen on a single day within the grouped sets than outside the sets.
3. The average time between sightings for the 374 sighting dates was 8.8 days for the database during the 3,304-day period covering this data. If the 182 dates associated with the grouped sets are removed, the average for the database is 17.2 days between event dates, nearly double the original.
4. All but five sightings are sufficiently separated in time (measured using Greenwich Mean Time) for objects to traverse the distance between the sighting locations at less than 2,000 miles-per-hour. It would be naive to believe every sighting was related to another, but potential scenarios of multiple-object movements support the validity of all but one of these cases. Because any number of scenarios are possible, these five cases are retained as part of the total evidence for UFO sighting tracks.

The likelihood that a person who observed an object would not contact a MUFON Field Investigator to investigate and report it is probably high. When this is factored into the statistics, it is easy to conjecture that the occurrence of multiple sightings is more indicative of what is actually happening than are the single, time-isolated observations. *Most UFO sightings may be only samples, or time stamps, of the movements of objects over long-distances.*

There are assortments of objects seen within most of the sets, which leads to the assumption that the sightings were not influenced by news of other sightings. The variety of shapes also makes corroboration

Disc and oval shapes were each reported in 36 events, the star in 40, sphere in 22, boomerang in 14, and triangle in 15. Among the objects reported in the tables as "Other" are 12 rectangles and 23 very individualized descriptions.

■ Section 4, Part 1, Viewed Objects: Sighting Conditions, Shapes and Multiple Objects, July 1996, pp. 3-8.

■ Section 4, Part 2, Viewed Objects: Distance and Size, Surface and Colors, Emissions, Landings and Following the Witness, May 1996, pp. 3-8.

³ The average of 1.1 sightings per date for the non-grouped events is due to witnesses having more than one sighting on one day.

An inspection of Figure 5-2 results in a few points that may be highly significant for future UFO studies. The first, and most obvious, deduction is that the area of Gulf Breeze, Florida was a major focal point, involving many entries and exits of objects.

Definitions:

■ AN

Anomaly

■ FB

Fly-by

■ MA

Manuever

■ CE

Close Encounter

especially difficult. Rather than speculate on possibilities, all cases are retained as evidence of reliable sightings.

A few sets of data, in which similar-shaped objects are described, give a degree of assurance that the sightings (within these sets) are mutually corroborating. These identified sets are flagged by a dark circle in the Year column of tables 5-2 and 5-3.

An example of one set of these mutually-corroborating events is the grouping for the July 16 - July 18, 1989 period. Beginning at 2015 hours on July 16, in New Harmony, Indiana, a CE event identified a glowing white disc with multiple unwavering white and red lights on the bottom. Two hours and 1,750 miles later, at 2030 hours in Corcoran, California, a glowing oval was seen at a distance, the oval appearing yellow-orange with a trail of orange sparks. At 2030 hours the next day and 1920 miles from the second sighting, a dark oval having a gray surface and bands of unwavering red lights was sighted at a distance in Gulf Breeze, Florida. The fourth sighting was made 90 miles away and one day later, at 2055 hours, near Dutton, Alabama. A glowing white oval was moving slowly eastward. The fifth was a distant sighting a few minutes later the same day, but 280 miles away, in Memphis, Tennessee. The object was identified as a white star with a red hue.

To correlate these sightings, a disk had to become first an oval, then a star. This discrepancy could simply be a matter of the angle of perception and the distance. The color differences between the first two observations could be attributed to unseen smog, smoke, or humid air and dust in California, which absorbed the shorter wavelengths of the white light and changed its appearance to a yellowish color. Yellow and red lights, merged because of distance, would make the object appear orange.

Collected view and observations of the evidence

In Figure 5-2, the sightings are geographically mapped for each set of data, to build a prototype model picturing UFO sighting tracks. The lines were drawn in the order shown by the forward arrows between the State abbreviations in tables 5-2 and 5-3.

An inspection of Figure 5-2 results in a few points that may be highly significant for future UFO studies. The first, and most obvious, deduction is that the area of Gulf Breeze, Florida was a major focal point, in-

volving many entries and exits of objects. This probably comes as no surprise to anyone. Of course, any location with such an abundance of sightings would automatically become a major focal point, as it probably should. Some, possibly a lot, of the Gulf Breeze UFO activity may have been (or still be) associated with interstate travels.

Another focal point was in the region of Concord, Derry, and Manchester, New Hampshire. The possible existence of this focal point is supported also by the three same-vicinity locations in New Hampshire (Figure 5-1). From August of 1989 through July of 1990 there may have been a temporary shifting of activity from Florida to New Hampshire. In 1989, there were only three different sets of interstate sightings that included New Hampshire, two of which also included Florida. Through July of 1990, there were nine groupings that included New Hampshire, and five of these were part of the 13 sets that included Florida. In two sets, totaling five sightings, Florida and New Hampshire were the only States involved. As the many lines along the eastern edge of the United States suggest, there may have been many more voyages between Florida and New Hampshire than are suggested by the New Hampshire sighting reports.

Another focus, or a frequented intersection, is in western central Michigan. The interactions with Gulf Breeze, the potential UFO intersections and changes of directions, the four same-vicinity locations in Indiana and Michigan (from Figure 5-1), 18 sighting locations across lower Michigan, and nine sighting locations across the upper edge of Indiana all support this proposition.

A major crossing point appears at the southern end of Indiana, between Indianapolis and Louisville, Kentucky. Although no same-vicinity location exists in the region, there are 28 sightings in the database that support the possibility that this has been a major intersection. Similarly, an intersection is apparent in Oklahoma, due to southwestward tracks from the northeastern corner and northwestward tracks from the southeastern corner, and it is supported by 16 Oklahoma sightings near the track lines.

Another intersection is observed in Illinois. Tracks from Maine and New Hampshire, and from Connecticut appear to join. A same-vicinity location was also

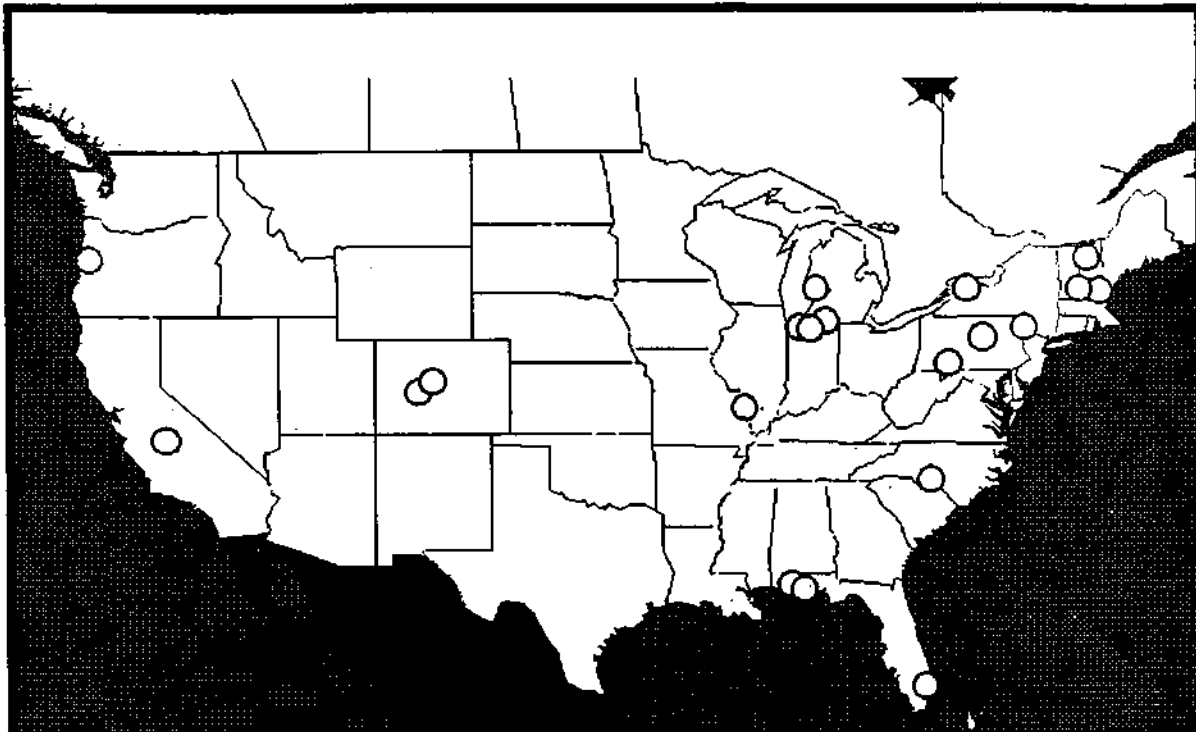


FIGURE 5-1. LOCATIONS OF SAME-VICINITY SIGHTINGS.
(19 LOCATIONS; 31 SETS; 84 SIGHTINGS; 1986 -1995)

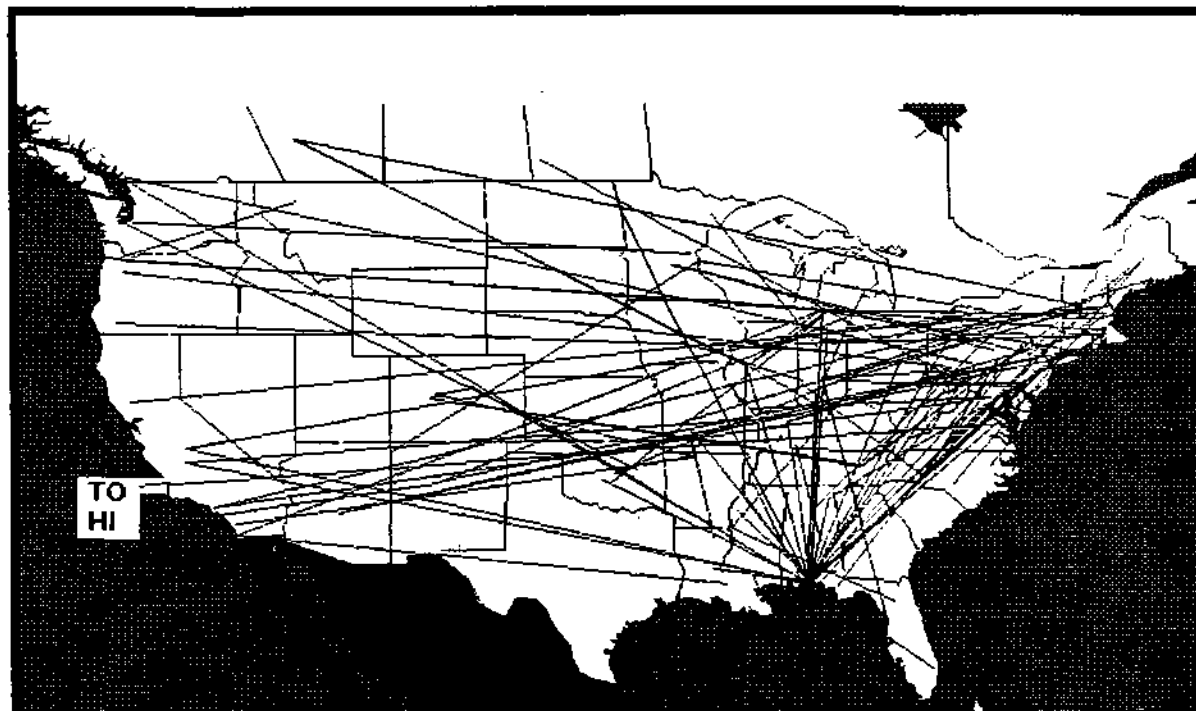


FIGURE 5-2. UFO SIGHTING "TRACKS" CROSSING STATES/PROVIDENCES.
(65 TRACKS; 227 SIGHTINGS; 1987-1994)

■ **Section 5, Animals and appliances have reacted to UFOs in a variety of ways. Part 2 explores these phenomena and indicates what types of UFOs might be the leading culprits.**

identified at the intersection area. There are only six sighting locations in the database supporting this intersection, but this may be because there are fewer tracks than at the other intersections.

Rather than calling them tracks, each set of combined multiple tracks will be called a traffic way, since there are so many in concentrations. Referring to Figure 5-2, one traffic way would be between Florida and Maine, and another between Florida and Michigan. These form a triangle with one between Massachusetts — New Hampshire — Vermont and Indiana — Michigan. Another traffic way may have existed between the far Northeast and southern California, and another from Gulf Breeze to the far Northwest.

There is no certainty that what has been observed in past data will continue with the

same patterns in the future, but if a few of the focal points represent UFO operation bases, then there is a possibility that many routes, if validly identified, will be retained. If so, perhaps the foresight can lead to more investigative efforts in the principal areas.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

There is significant evidence that a large number - possibly a large percentage - of sightings have been associated with UFO travels across State boundaries, that some have been extensive in distance, that there have been focal locations or stopping points, and that several main traffic ways were formed.

MORE ABOUT "ALIEN AUTOPSY" -

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Recently a TV researcher discovered that I had produced a 1971 horror film in Hollywood, "BRAIN OF BLOOD" (a/k/a "The Creature's Revenge") which featured a brain operation/transplant scene which looked very much like the Alien Autopsy. We compared the footage from my film and the autopsy and indeed there were some areas which looked similar. If someone had faked the alien autopsy footage it would seem that they studied many similar movie scenes in their research, including "BRAIN OF BLOOD".

Since I have been working on "BEYOND THIS EARTH" as my main UFO focus, I didn't think it was my job to debunk the "alien autopsy" even though many people, for reasons unknown to me, still ask my opinion. This led to my reviewing the commercial video tape of that program. I did discover one interesting item:

The newly filmed part of the show, presents someone opening old film cans of 16MM motion picture film, apparently this being the autopsy footage. What struck me instantly is that they were opening 400 foot (ten minute) old cans and not the original three minute cannisters that Ray Santilli told me about. Also striking was the fact that these film cans and reels were of Kodak manufacture circa 1932, not 1947.

I decided to run this section single frame to see if I could make out any labels of a military or government nature or with a

date. I could only read the labels on two cans, which noted "A BRINY BOOB", reel 1 and reel 2. I decided to look this title up in the copyright catalogue of the Library of Congress, and found the following entry: (see excerpt of original page)

A Briny Boob (Billy Dooley comedies) - 1926. 2 reels - (with the credits.)

It is possible that Ray Santilli had no actual film elements only the subject reproduced on videotape. The film cans shown were old home movie releases on 16MM film of old Hollywood comedies and such which were made for rental film libraries in the 1930's.

If the "alien autopsy" is a fake, who made it and why? One source told me he met a special effects man who claimed to have made the alien dummy for the films which were recently faked in Canada. I have no proof of this.

Looking at the video of these films there are many technical details which to a film person look wrong.

I cannot state by who or why these films were made. I can only hope that when the government intends to inform the world of aliens and UFOs, that they will de-classify their footage and give fair and equal access to all to see and show this material.

A BRINY BOOB

(Billy Dooley Comedies) 1926, 2 reels

Credits: Director: William Watson Story: Sig Herzig

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MORE ABOUT THE "ALIEN AUTOPSY"

by Samuel M. Sherman

My connection to this film is a bit more than just viewing it from the sidelines and I will explain further:

I am a motion picture producer-writer for over 30 years. In 1961 when I was a magazine editor/photographer, I sighted a UFO over the northeastern part of New York City at 2:00AM in the morning. My sister and parents saw it too and, I shot telephoto stills and motion picture footage of it. I have been curious about the meaning of that sighting to this day.

In December of 1992 I started producing a docudrama feature film on the UFO phenomenon "BEYOND THIS EARTH." We have filmed all over the world and are still working on the project. Over two years ago an article in the New York Daily News claimed that the U.S. government was giving producer Steven Spielberg access to actual motion picture footage from the Roswell crash.

Feeling that I (and the rest of the media) should have equal access to this material, I wrote a letter to President Clinton, which made the rounds in government. An agency wrote back denying this was being given to Amblin Entertainment, naming the production company and not Spielberg by name, which sounded odd.

The next step along this line was information that a Ray Santilli in England had supposedly gotten "this" footage. Since I wished to license a few of these clips for "BEYOND THIS EARTH", and assuming the footage was authentic, I contacted Mr. Santilli, who was evasive at best.

When I contacted him in England he was at a company known as The Merlin Group, which name rang a bell, but later on, as follows:

Some years previous a sci-fi thriller I produced and copyrighted known as "NURSE SHERRI" had been licensed for Home Video rights in England for a short few year term for England only. At the expiration of this term - no rights remained in England, but there may have been video masters still there. Apparently someone got ahold of my video master on "NURSE SHERRI" and pirating with an illegal distribution license into Canada and perhaps other locations. Due to this piracy in

Canada, I lost a big sale of my film to a Canadian company. Upon investigation, the Canadian company claimed they purchased the Canadian rights to my film from the Merlin Group in England. Research revealed that both the Canadian video company and the Merlin Group were almost bankrupt, so I could recover nothing from either. Can I be sure that this Merlin Group had anything to do with Ray Santilli - no, I am only stating this as background.

My conversations with Ray Santilli revealed little about the "alien" footage but he told me that the film came in "three minute cannisters", most was still undeveloped and had to be sent to a lab in Philadelphia for processing. 100 foot 16MM camera spools of 16MM film running at 24 frames per second would run at 2.78 minutes each. I initiated all of the discussion of film edge code and identification with Mr. Santilli, as he had never heard of it before.

I have many years expertise in archival restoration of old 16MM and 35MM motion picture film. I am aware of many tests to determine a film's age and authenticity. The Kodak yearly edge code is only one test of many. This became a big issue when Bob Kiviat produced the "Alien Autopsy" show for Fox network. I was to be on that show and seen testing a piece of that film for authenticity. When I named several other tests besides edge code that I would perform, I was dropped from appearing on the show.

On several occasions when people have asked my opinion regarding if the film was a genuine recording of a real "alien autopsy" event, I have stated and will again herein the following, that the film could be one of three things:

1. The absolute genuine article.
2. A fake made for commercial exploitation.
3. A changed re-enactment of a real event, made by an official agency and released through a non-credible source. Possibly to test the public reaction to something like this possibly being real - then if there was no panic the "agency" would go further with more release of information, or dis-information.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Apollo-14 Astronaut Searches For The Truthby Billy Cox, *Florida Today* staff, January 12, 1996

With the 25th anniversary of Apollo-14 coming up, the sixth man to walk on the moon hopes to swing the spotlight onto a more contemporary agenda—pressing for the declassification of government records on unidentified flying objects. If his suspicions are true, former astronaut Edgar Mitchell says the lid of secrecy engages nothing less than “criminal culpability.”

Mitchell, 65, returned to the Space Coast recently to do location shots for an “NBC Dateline” retrospective on the Apollo 14 adventure. At the highlight of that mission—Jan. 31-Feb. 9, 1971—Mitchell and Alan Shepard spent 33 hours roving the desolate lunar hills of Fra Mauro. It was there that Mitchell first courted an avant-garde reputation by conducting off-the-clock mental telepathy experiments by transmitting symbolic images to an acquaintance in Chicago. Shortly thereafter, Mitchell left the astronaut corps and founded the Institute for Noetic Sciences in an effort to integrate various scientific disciplines into the study of human consciousness.

Mitchell’s upcoming book *The Way of Explorers* will address the latest research upon its release in April. Perhaps because of the imminent publicity, Mitchell found himself invited to a private meeting of former government/military officials hoping to recruit his visibility for their most peculiar campaign. “These were people who in their official capacity had an opportunity in the course of their duties to have ET (extraterrestrial) contact,” Mitchell says. “The purpose of the meeting was not to convince anybody else of their stories, but to get people released from their security oaths with regard to these phenomena. Given who they were, and their credentials, I have to tell you, it pushed my confidence level up five notches.”

Taking a break from the NBC taping, the MIT-educated former Navy captain relaxed at the Villa Roma restaurant in Rockledge and rolled his own imported tobacco. He expressed his “total disbelief” in a recent U.S. Air Force report attributing the alleged crash of an ET spacecraft in New Mexico in 1947 to a classified military balloon.

Last summer, the General Accounting Office announced the failure of its 18-month effort to acquire the dispensation records of the debris from that celebrated event. In 1994, the Air Force admitted that it initially lied about the wreckage in order to conceal a

balloon-based nuclear-monitoring system called Project Mogul. But, unable to produce the paperwork on the retrieval in question, USAF officials based their case on circumstantial arguments.

“I am convinced there is a small body of valid (UFO) information, and that there is a body of information ten times as big that is total disinformation put out by the source to confuse the whole issue,” says Mitchell. “The information is now held primarily by a body of semi- or quasi-private organizations that have kinda spun off from the military intelligence organizations of the past. Just like we build a rocket through a private contractor, there have been private groups involved with this issue for a number of years because they have the expertise. “The dangerous part is, they’re still operating under a black budget, which has been estimated at over \$30 billion a year. And nobody knows what goes into black budgets. The prime requisite is security first and everything else second. Imagine an organization that has a black budget, an unquestioned source of funds, reports to no one, and has this exotic technology that they can keep to themselves and play with.”

Mitchell, Mercury astronaut Gordon Cooper, and some 20,000 Americans have signed the *Roswell Declaration*, a grass-roots petition calling for an executive order to release UFO documents to the public. Mitchell, however, stresses he has no first-hand knowledge of the existence of recovered ET artifacts. And during his Apollo-era training, the subject of UFOs never arose.

“NASA at that time was so sure there were no such things, there was no discussion of it,” he says. “I would say, however, that if there was knowledge of ET contact existing within the government, and we were sent into space blind and dumb to such information, I think it is a case of criminal culpability.” “To send us up there? Into a what-if scenario? If the evidence is real, and we were led to believe no such thing was possible? To me, that’s criminal.”

He says he’s looking forward to the discussions his new book will generate. “We’re talking about a revolution. It’s a mind-blower.”

READER'S CLASSIFIEDS

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The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb

November 1996

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Jupiter (magnitude -2.0), in Sagittarius, lies low in the SW at dusk, setting soon after 7:30 PM in midmonth.

Saturn (0.8), in Pisces, is in the ESE at dusk and moves westward during the night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Venus (-4.0) rises in the E about 3:45 AM in mid-November. The lunar crescent lies only 1.4° below the planet on the 8th.

Mars (1.1), in Leo, rises in the E about midnight. The red planet stands in the SSE at dawn. Look for it 5° above the Moon on November 5. This month the U.S. launches its first Mars spacecraft since Mars Observer was lost in space three years ago. Called Mars Global Surveyor, this craft will orbit the ruddy world next September and photomap the planet's surface for one Martian year.

Saturn sets in the W about 2 AM.

Life on Mars?

A NASA and university team announced in August (when this is being written) that they believed they had found "evidence for primitive life on early Mars." After examining a Martian meteorite discovered in Antarctica in 1984, the 9 researchers described finding 3 items of evidence for past life in the 4-lb. rock: 1) organic molecules called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), the decay products of dead microorganisms; 2) carbonate globules with outer rings of iron sulfide and magnetite, characteristics of biological processes (especially anaerobic bacteria); and 3) clusters of tiny ovoids and tubular structures resembling microfossils of ancient Earthly bacteria (but 100 times smaller).

While each one of the elements of evidence can have alternative inorganic explanations, the researchers were impressed by the fact that all three components were found extremely close to each other spatially. If the carbonates actually did form 3.6 billion years ago (this dating is being disputed), Mars at that time was believed to be warmer and wetter. Perhaps microbial life developed and later fossilized before the water dried up.

Everyone agrees that the evidence is "compelling but not conclusive," requiring further independent investigation and confirmation.

Meteor Shower:

Though an intense display of the Leonid meteors is anticipated, most likely in 1998 or 1999, eastern North America may be well placed this year for a possibly increased shower in the early morning hours of the 17th. (Normal peak rates are only 10 to 15 per hour.) These swift, bluish meteors streak out of the E from Leo's Sickle after midnight. Many are bright, nearly half of them leaving behind persistent glowing wakes ("trains").

Moon Phases:

Last quarter—November 3



New moon—November 10



First quarter—November 17



Full moon—November 24



The Stars:

At 9 PM in mid-November the Summer Triangle is poised above the western horizon; the Great Square of Pegasus and other autumn patterns occupy center stage in the S; and glittering Orion, the winter sky symbol, has popped up in the E. The Big Dipper "scrapes" the northern horizon at the nadir of its circumpolar orbit.

Across the pole from the Big Dipper is the crooked "M," Cassiopeia the Queen. Like the dipper, Cassiopeia never sets from northern latitudes.

Between the "M" of Cassiopeia and the fishhook-shaped Perseus to the E, look for twin spots of light—the Double Cluster of Perseus. View the side-by-side star clusters in binoculars or a telescope.

CALENDAR

October 5-6 — National UFO and Unexplained Phenomena Conference at Airport Sheraton Inn, Minneapolis/St. Paul. For information contact Horus House Press, Inc., P.O. Box 55185, Madison, WI 53705 or call Tel/Fax 608-537-2383.

October 11-13 — Australian International UFO Symposium in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia at the Mercure Hotel, 85-87 North Quay. For further information write to Glennys M. Mackay, 106 Dykes St., Mt. Gravatt, Brisbane, QLD 4122, Australia.

October 12-13 — The UFO Experience — North Haven, Connecticut at the Holiday Inn. For further information write Omega Communications, P.O. Box 2051, Cheshire, CT 06410-5051.

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October 27 — International UFO Conference — Torshanda Conference Center outside Gothenberg, Sweden. For more information, write to UFO - Sweden, Andreas Ohlsson, P.O. Box 175, S-733 Sala Sweden.

November 9-11 — Eighth European Lyons Congress in Lyons, France. For information contact SOS OVNI B.P. 324-13611, Aix Cedex 1, France.

January 18-24, 1997 — The 6th Annual International UFO Congress Convention at the Gold River Resort in Laughlin, Nevada. For information call 303-543-9443.

July 11-13, 1997 — Twenty-eighth annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Arway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Theme: "The Fiftieth Anniversary of Ufology."

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To send letters to every police department and sheriff's office throughout the U.S.A. would obviously be both expensive and time-consuming. We would like for every State Director, State Section Director, Field Investigator, and Field Investigator Trainee to notify your local sheriff, police chief, and state highway patrol office of MUFON's 800 number via a postcard that they may post on their bulletin boards or at the dispatcher's desk.

Presently, we are attempting to answer all calls "live." An answering box records the calls received late at night or early mornings. These sighting reports will be mailed or telephoned to the nearest State Section Director, State Director, or Field Investigator for a personal interview. Brief replies to these cases under investigation may be made to MUFON on the 800 number. (The answering box is limited to three minutes.) However, this number is not to be used for other MUFON communications. The MUFON business office number is (210) 379-9216. Please advise Walt Andrus by postcard or letter to which agencies you filed the UFO hotline number 1-800-UFO-2166. We thank each and everyone of you who advised MUFON this month that you had made the 800 UFO hotline number available to police agencies in your immediate area.

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S EXAMS

Anyone who has purchased and studied the 4th edition of the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* is eligible to take the exam via mail when they feel they are ready. The 100-question test may be secured from MUFON headquarters in Seguin and returned to this office for grading. In localities where field investigator training classes are being conducted, the instructor may order sufficient quantities of the test and administer the exam at the completion of the training classes. For current members, the new manual may be purchased for \$25 plus \$3.50 for postage and handling from MUFON in Seguin.

FINAL REPORT ON AMERICA WEST AIRLINE CASE

The UFO Research Coalition has published the *Final Report on the America West Airline Case, May 25-26, 1995*, dated July 1996. A copy may be obtained for \$10 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling by writing to MUFON in Seguin, Texas. A preliminary report was published in the April 1996 issue number 336 of the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

CROP CIRCLES REPORT

In the summer of 1992, Project Argus investigated one of the most remarkable mysteries of the century, the sudden and baffling appearance of hundreds of huge, magnificent shapes—dubbed "crop circles"—in the fields of England each summer. Made of grain flattened

methodically to the ground in intricate patterns, they were a form of landscape art which quickly attracted worldwide attention. But the "artist" was unknown. Where did they come from? What agent or force routinely generated them overnight? Could they be products of something other than human activity? It seemed appropriate to seek to answer such questions with the instruments and methods of science.

Everyone interested in the study of the crop circle phenomenon should have a copy of the *Report on the Results of Project Argus: An Instrumented Study of the Physical Materials of Crop Circles*, edited by Michael Chorost, in 1993. Since MUFON provided \$2,500 to financially support this ambitious team project, we have a supply of the 115-page books for sale. A copy may be purchased for \$15, plus \$2.00 for postage and handling in U.S. funds, from MUFON in Seguin, TX. (No credit cards accepted.) This is the first time that MUFON has offered this book for sale.

UFO-RELATED HUMAN PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

John F. Schuessler, Deputy Director, Administration for MUFON and head of MUFON's Medical Committee recently published a 105-page book, 8 1/2 x 11 soft cover, titled *A Catalog of UFO-Related Human Physiological Effects*. Nearly four-hundred case listings have been accumulated worldwide, starting in 1873 and continuing through 1994 of people that have suffered physical effects in the proximity of a UFO. The purpose of the catalog is threefold: (1) It provides a chronological listing of UFO events involving physiological effects on humans; (2) It provides source information for other researchers desiring to do work in this important field, and (3) It is the first step in systematizing the medical injury data base. This catalog may be purchased from MUFON in Seguin, Texas, for \$15 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling in U.S. dollars.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Walter Andrus

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

MUFON 1997 UFO SYMPOSIUM

MUFON's twenty-eighth International UFO Symposium will be held July 11, 12, and 13, 1997, at the beautiful Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, hosted by Michigan MUFON. The theme is "The Fiftieth Anniversary of Ufology." Some of the speakers will reflect upon events in 1947 to recognize the modern era of ufology. **David E. Toth**, Ph.D. (Holt, MI) will be the symposium coordinator.

NEW OFFICERS

Ike H. Bishop (Boise, ID) was promoted to State Director for Idaho replacing **Li F. Wong** who resigned. A member since 1988, **Ronald H. Penrod** (Helena) was elevated to State Director for Montana. **Tom B. Danenhower** (East Helena) will continue as the Assistant State Director for Montana.

Rhode Island State Director **David E. Rubien** has selected **George W. Perry** (East Providence) to be his Assistant State Director. The following four State Section Directors were assigned this month: **Robert G. Howard** (New Pine Creek, OR) for Lake County; **Jack M. Oldroyd** (Grand Coulee, WA) for Grant County; **Charles E. Brady**, D.D.S. for El Paso, Pueblo, Custer, and Fremont Counties; and **Corinne A. Elliott Clark** (Helena, MT) for Lewis & Clark, Jefferson and Broadwater Counties.

NEW CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

We welcome five new Consultants to MUFON—**Bernard Haisch**, Ph.D. (Redwood City, CA) in Astronomy; **Kay R. McFarland**, Ph.D. (Sarasota, FL) in Library Science; **Margaret I. Gillick**, Ph.D. (Pittsburgh, PA) in Developmental Psychology; **Frank M. Fly**, Ph.D. (St. Paul, MN) in Political Science, and **Paul J. Cerutti**, Ph.D. (Phoenix, AZ) in Physical Chemistry.

Also, five new Research Specialists joined the MUFON team: **Sharon F. Scanlon**, M.A. (Amesbury, MA) in Counseling Psychology; **Kelly L. O'Malley**, M.S. (Schertz, TX) in Airport Management; **James Miklasevich**, M.S. (Dayton, OH) in Space Operations; **Art Diaz**, M.S.W. (Downingtown, PA) in Social Work; and **William R. B. Potter**, M.S. (Lexington, KY) in Electronics.

MUFON INDEX COMPILED BY EDWARD G. STEWART

After compiling and publishing the *Flying Saucer Review* 1955-1994 Volume, Author and Article Index in 1995, Ed Stewart took on the monumental project of in-

dexing MUFON's publications. Completed in September 1996 (629 pages, 8 1/2 X 11 soft-cover), it is divided into four distinct sections (1) Contents, Foreword and Introduction, (2) *MUFON UFO Journal & SKYLOOK* 1967-1996, Subject Index, (3) Author Index, and (4) Volume Index-Symposium Proceedings 1971-1996, Field Investigator's Manual, and *SKYLOOK, MUFON UFO Journal* 1967-1996.

Obviously, not all of this material may be back ordered from MUFON since many publications are out-of-print. Please contact MUFON in Seguin, Texas, to determine the availability of publications that you are seeking for individual research. For an appropriate fee, we will copy limited items, but nothing on a wholesale scale.

We are extremely indebted to Mr. Stewart for producing this valuable addition to the literature to perform UFO research of the MUFON archives. The INDEX may be purchased from MUFON in Seguin for \$59.95 plus \$3.50 for postage and handling. Orders are now being accepted.

VACANCIES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the "Director's Message" in the August and September issues of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, several vacancies were listed for the MUFON Board of Directors due to resignations or newly created positions. We have received one candidate for the Eastern Regional Director, three for Director of Field Investigator Training, one for Fund Raising Director, however, none for Membership Director.

A person uniquely qualified in promotion, advertising, group motivation, and organizational team participation is being solicited to become the Membership Director. We are still seeking additional candidates for the other positions. If you have a desire to become more actively involved with MUFON at the Board level, please submit a resume outlining your qualifications, education and experience to Walt Andrus for the Board's consideration and evaluation. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 1996.

MUFON NATIONAL UFO HOTLINE

MUFON has been introducing its National UFO Hotline 1-800-UFO-2166 or 1-800-836-2166 to the public. Designed to obtain UFO sighting reports from police agencies nationwide, we are now prepared to expand its coverage. The majority of our calls, to-date, have been from people who called the 800 directory and asked for "UFO" to report sightings or to seek UFO information.