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THE GAO REPORT ON ROSWELL

In January of last year, as regular readers of this journal will be well aware, Congressman Steve Schiff (R—New Mexico) announced that the Government Accounting Office had begun an investigation into what is popularly referred to as the “Roswell Incident.” Reportedly, several of Schiff’s constituents had complained about the way they were treated by military authorities in the summer of 1947, following a press release issued from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF), that the remains of a “flying disc” had been recovered nearby. The following day, July 8, 1947, pieces of the wreckage were flown to 8th Air Force headquarters at Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Texas, where Brigadier General Roger Ramey declared them to be those of an ordinary weather balloon.

Schiff’s interest in the matter had actually begun a year or two earlier. As early as March of 1993, according to Fred Whiting (*MUFON Journal*, March 1994, p. 12), Schiff had written then Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, asking for a written report and a briefing by Pentagon officials as to what had actually happened. Silence ensued. A second request, eventually responded to, struck the congressman as a runaround. In October of 1993, Schiff finally took the matter up with Charles Bowhser, Comptroller General of the GAO, which the House Government Operations Committee, of which Schiff is a member, oversees.

While blessed with prodigious prowess when it comes to determining how government works, that is, how your tax dollars are spent, the GAO is just what its name implies, an accounting office, as opposed, say, to a policing agency with unlimited powers. In effect, it investigates the government’s handling of its own documents, which, in turn, reflect government expenditures and behavior. The GAO was not investigating the incident itself, nor was it supposed to.

Meanwhile, the Air Force initiated its own supposed Roswell study, releasing the results in September of 1994. Uncharacteristically, what should have been an intra-government report released first to the GAO and Congressman Schiff, was instead made public at a routine weekly briefing for the press. The Air Force admitted to a white lie. According to Colonel Weaver, the report’s author, the weather balloon story first put forth in Fort Worth had been intended to conceal another type of highly-classified balloon array known collectively as Project Mogul, designed to detect Soviet A-bomb tests. That report has been criticized for sins of both commission and omission.

At any rate, the GAO report has finally been released, and MUFON reprints it here as a public service. The following copy was found on the Internet, specifically the World Wide Web home page of the Federation of American Scientists. If you have access to the Net and a web browser such as Netscape Navigator, you can view the online version by going to <http://www.fas.org/pub/gen/fas/sgp/roswell.html>.

On July 28, 1995, the office of Congressman Schiff issued the following press release:

Schiff Receives, Releases Roswell Report (missing documents leave unanswered questions)

Washington: Congressman Steve Schiff today released the General Accounting Office (GAO) report detailing results of a records audit related to events surrounding a crash in 1947, near Roswell, New Mexico, and the military response.

The 20 [-] page report is the result of constituent information requests to Congressman Schiff and the difficulty he had getting answers from the Department of Defense in the now 48-year-old controversy.

Schiff said important documents, which may have shed more light on what happened at Roswell, are missing. “The GAO report states that the outgoing messages from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) for this period of time were destroyed without proper authority.” Schiff pointed out that these messages would have shown how military officials in Roswell were explaining to their superiors exactly what happened.

“It is my understanding that these outgoing messages were permanent records, which should never have been destroyed. The GAO could not identify who destroyed the messages, or why.” But Schiff pointed out that the GAO estimates that the messages were destroyed over 40 years ago, making further inquiry about their destruction impractical.

Documents revealed by the report include an FBI teletype and reference in a newsletter style internal forum at RAAF that refer to a “radar tracking device” — a reference to a weather balloon. Even though the weather balloon story has since been discredited by the US Air Force, Schiff suggested that the authors of those communications may have been repeating what they were told, rather than consciously adding to what some believe is a “cover up.”

“At least this effort caused the Air Force to acknowledge that the crashed vehicle was no weather balloon,” Schiff said. “That explanation never fit the fact of high military security used at the time.” The Air Force in September, 1994 claimed that the crashed vehicle was a then-classified device to detect evidence of possible Soviet nuclear testing.

Schiff also praised the efforts of the GAO, describing their work as “professional, conscientious and thorough.” A two [-] page letter discussing a related investigation into “Majestic 12” was also delivered. Schiff will be available to the media Saturday, July 29th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 2404 Rayburn HOB in Washington, DC and by telephone.

A copy of the report may be obtained by calling (202) 512-6000 and referencing Document number GAO/NSIAD-95-187.

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- (2) although some of the records concerning Roswell activities had been destroyed, there was no information available regarding when or under what authority the records were destroyed;
- (3) only two government records originating in 1947 have been recovered regarding the Roswell incident;
- (4) a 1947 Federal Bureau of Investigations record revealed that the military had reported that an object resembling a high-altitude weather balloon with a radar reflector had been recovered near Roswell; and
- (5) a 1947 Air Force report noted the recovery of a flying disc that was later determined by military officials to be a radar-tracking balloon.

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Report to the Honorable
Steven H. Schiff, House of Representatives

July 1995

GOVERNMENT RECORDS - RESULTS OF A SEARCH FOR RECORDS CONCERNING THE 1947 CRASH NEAR ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

GAO/NSIAD-95-187

Government Records

Abbreviations

CIA - Central Intelligence Agency
DOD - Department of Defense
FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
RAAF - Roswell Army Air Field

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July 28, 1995

The Honorable Steven H. Schiff
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Schiff:

On July 8, 1947, the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) public information office in Roswell, New Mexico, reported the crash and recovery of a "flying disc." Army Air Forces personnel from the RAAF's 509th Bomb Group were credited with the recovery. The following day, the press reported that the Commanding General of the U.S. Eighth Air Force, Fort Worth, Texas, announced that RAAF personnel had recovered a crashed radar-tracking (weather) balloon, not a "flying disc."

After nearly 50 years, speculation continues on what crashed at Roswell. Some observers believe that the object was of extraterrestrial origin. In the July 1994 Report of Air Force Research Regarding the Roswell Incident, the Air Force did not dispute that something happened near Roswell, but reported that the most likely source of the wreckage was from a balloon-launched classified government project designed to determine the state of Soviet nuclear weapons research. The debate on what crashed at Roswell continues.

Concerned that the Department of Defense (DOD) may not have provided you with all available information on the crash, you asked us to determine the requirements for reporting air accidents similar to the crash near Roswell and identify any government records concerning the Roswell crash.

We conducted an extensive search for government records related to the crash near Roswell. We examined a wide range of classified and unclassified documents dating from July 1947 through the 1950s. These records came from numerous organizations in New Mexico and elsewhere throughout DOD as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the National Security Council. The full scope and methodology of our work are detailed at the end of this report.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

In 1947, Army regulations required that air accident reports be maintained permanently. We identified four air accidents reported by the Army Air Forces in New Mexico during July 1947. All of the accidents involved military aircraft and occurred after July 8, 1947--the date the RAAF public information office first reported the crash and recovery of a "flying disc" near Roswell. The Navy reported no air accidents in New Mexico during July 1947. Air Force officials told us that according to record-keeping requirements in effect during July 1947, there was no requirement to prepare a report on the crash of a weather balloon.

In our search for records concerning the Roswell crash, we learned that some government records covering RAAF activities had been destroyed and others had not. For example, RAAF administrative records (from Mar. 1945 through Dec. 1949) and RAAF outgoing messages (from Oct. 1946 through Dec. 1949) were destroyed. The document disposition form does not indicate what organization or person destroyed the records and when or under what authority the records were destroyed.

Our search for government records concerning the Roswell crash yielded two records originating in 1947--a July 1947 history report by the combined 509th Bomb Group and RAAF and an FBI teletype message dated July 8, 1947. The 509th-RAAF report noted the recovery of a "flying disc" that was later determined by military officials to be a radar-

tracking balloon. The FBI message stated that the military had reported that an object resembling a high-altitude weather balloon with a radar reflector had been recovered near Roswell.

The other government records we reviewed, including those previously withheld from the public because of security classification, and the Air Force's analysis of unidentified flying object/ sightings from 1946 to 1953 (Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14), did not mention the crash or the recovery of an airborne object near Roswell in July 1947. Similarly, executive branch agencies' responses to our letters of inquiry produced no other government records on the Roswell crash.

¹ According to Air Force regulation, an unidentified flying object is an airborne object that by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to known aircraft or missiles, or does not correspond to Air Force definitions of familiar or known objects or unidentified aircraft.

REPORTING AIR ACCIDENTS

According to press accounts from July 1947, Army Air Forces personnel from RAAF were involved in the recovery of an airborne object near Roswell. Therefore, if an air accident report was prepared, it should have been prepared in accordance with Army regulations. According to an Army records management official, in 1947 Army regulations required that air accident reports be maintained permanently. An Air Force official said there was no similar requirement to report a weather balloon crash.

According to an Air Force official who has worked in the records management field since the mid-1940s, air accident reports prepared in July 1947 under Army regulations should have been transferred to Air Force custody in September 1947, when the Air Force was established as a separate service.

The Air Force Safety Agency is responsible for maintaining reports of air accidents. We examined its microfilm records to determine whether any air accidents had been reported in New Mexico during July 1947. We identified four air accidents during this time period.² All of the accidents involved military fighter or cargo aircraft and occurred after July 8, 1947-- the date the RAAF public information office first reported the crash and recovery of a "flying disc" near Roswell. According to the Army Air Forces' Report of Major Accident, these four accidents occurred at or near the towns of Hobbs, Albuquerque, Carrizozo, and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Only one of the four accidents resulted in a fatality. The pilot died when the aircraft crashed during an attempted take-off. ² These records do not include information regarding mishaps of air vehicles belonging to civilian or other government agencies. These records also do not include mishaps involving unmanned air vehicles such as remotely piloted aircraft, low-speed cruise missiles, and most balloons.

SEARCH FOR RECORDS

In searching for government records on the Roswell crash, we were particularly interested in identifying and reviewing records of military units assigned to RAAF in 1947--to include the 509th Bomb Group, the 1st Air Transport Unit, the 427th Army Air Force Base Unit, and the 1395th Military Police Company (Aviation).

Document disposition forms obtained from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, indicate that in 1953, the Walker Air Force Base (formerly RAAF) records officer transferred to the Army's Kansas City records depository the histories of units stationed at Walker Air Force Base. These histories included the 509th Bomb Group and RAAF for February 1947 through October 1947; the 1st Air Transport Unit for July 1946 through June 1947; and the 427th Army Air Force Base Unit for January 1946 to February 1947. We could not locate any documentation indicating that records of the 1395th Military Police Company (Aviation) were ever retired to the National Personnel Records Center or its predecessor depositories.

The July 1947 history for the 509th Bomb Group and RAAF stated that the RAAF public information office "was kept quite busy . . . answering inquiries on the 'flying disc,' which was reported to be in [the] possession of the 509th Bomb Group. The object turned out to be a radar tracking balloon." By his signature, the RAAF's commanding officer certified that the report represented a complete and accurate account of RAAF activities in July 1947. (Excerpts from the report are contained in app. I.)

In addition to unit history reports, we also searched for other government records on the Roswell crash. In this regard, the Chief Archivist for the National Personnel Records Center provided us with documentation indicating that (1) RAAF records such as finance and accounting, supplies, buildings and grounds, and other general administrative matters from March 1945 through December 1949 and (2) RAAF outgoing messages from October 1946 through December 1949 were destroyed. According to this official, the document disposition form did not properly indicate the authority under which the disposal action was taken. The Center's Chief Archivist stated that from his personal experience, many of the Air Force organizational records covering this time period were destroyed without entering a citation for the governing disposition authority. Our review of records control forms showing the destruction of other records--including outgoing RAAF messages for 1950--supports the Chief Archivist's viewpoint.

During our review of records at FBI headquarters, we found a July 8, 1947, teletype message from the FBI office in Dallas, Texas, to FBI headquarters and the FBI office in Cincinnati, Ohio. An FBI spokesperson confirmed the authenticity of the message.

According to the message, an Eighth Air Force headquarters official had telephonically informed the FBI's Dallas office of the recovery near Roswell of a hexagonal-shaped disc suspended from a large balloon by cable. The message further stated that the disc and balloon were being sent to Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio) for examination. According to the Eighth Air Force official, the recovered object resembled a high-altitude weather balloon with a radar reflector. The message stated that no further investigation by the FBI was being conducted. (A copy of the teletype message appears in app. II.)

To follow up on the July 8th message, we reviewed microfilm abstracts of the FBI Dallas and Cincinnati office activities for July 1947. An abstract prepared by the FBI Dallas office on July 12, 1947, summarized the particulars of the July 8th message. There was no mention in the Cincinnati office abstracts of the crash or recovery of an airborne object near Roswell.

Because the FBI message reported that debris from the Roswell crash was being transported to Wright Field for examination, we attempted to determine whether military regulations existed for handling such debris. We were unable to locate any applicable regulation. As a final step, we reviewed Air Materiel Command (Wright Field) records from 1947 to 1950 for evidence of command personnel involvement in this matter. We found no records mentioning the Roswell crash or the examination by Air Materiel Command personnel of any debris recovered from the crash.

QUERIES TO FEDERAL AGENCIES REGARDING RECORDS ON THE CRASH

We sent letters to several federal agencies asking for any government records they might have concerning the Roswell crash. In this regard, we contacted DOD, the National Security Council, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Energy.

The National Security Council, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Department of Energy responded that they had no government records relating to the Roswell crash. (Copies of their responses appear in app. III, IV, and V.) The FBI, DOD, and the CIA provided the following information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The FBI informed us that all FBI data regarding the crash near Roswell had been processed under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests previously received by the Bureau. We reviewed the FBI's FOIA material and identified the July 8, 1947, FBI teletype message discussing the recovery near Roswell of a high-altitude weather balloon with a radar reflector. (A copy of the FBI's response appears in app. VI.)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOD informed us that the U.S. Air Force report of July 1994, entitled Report of Air Force Research Regarding the Roswell Incident, represents the extent of DOD records or information concerning the Roswell crash. The Air Force report concluded that there was no dispute that something happened near Roswell in July 1947 and that all available official materials indicated the most likely source of the wreckage recovered was one of the project MOGUL balloon trains. At the time of the Roswell crash, project MOGUL was a highly classified U.S. effort to determine the state of Soviet nuclear weapons research using balloons that carried radar reflectors and acoustic sensors. (A copy of DOD's response appears in app. VII.)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

In March 1995, the CIA's Executive Director responded to our letter of inquiry by stating that earlier searches by the CIA for records on unidentified flying objects produced no information pertaining to the Roswell crash. The Executive Director added, however, that it was unclear whether the CIA had ever conducted a search for records specifically relating to Roswell. In the absence of such assurance, the Executive Director instructed CIA personnel to conduct a comprehensive records search for information relating to Roswell. On May 30, 1995, the CIA's Executive Director informed us that a search against the term "Roswell, New Mexico," in all CIA databases produced no CIA documents related to the crash. (A copy of CIA's response appears in app. VIII.)

AGENCY COMMENTS

A draft of this report was provided to DOD for comment. DOD offered no comments or suggested changes to the report. The Chief Archivist, National Personnel Records Center offered several comments clarifying matters dealing with records management. These comments have been incorporated into the final report where appropriate.

The CIA, the Department of Energy, the FBI, the National Security Council, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy also received excerpts from the report discussing the activities of their respective agencies. They had no substantive comments and made no suggested changes to the report.

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

To determine the requirements for reporting air accidents in 1947, we interviewed military service records management officials, reviewed military record-keeping regulations in effect during this time period, and examined Army Air Forces and Navy air accident reports.

We also sought to identify any government records related to the Roswell crash. In this regard, we visited and reviewed records at the locations listed in table 1.

TABLE 1
Locations Visited and Records Reviewed

LOCATIONS VISITED

RECORDS REVIEWED

National Archives, Washington, D.C.	Air Force papers on unidentified flying objects
Army Counterintelligence Corps	historical files, 1947-49
National Archives II, College Park, Md.	Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14 National Security Council meeting minutes, 1947-48
National Archives, National Record Center, Suitland, Md.	Army Inspector General reports, 1947-58 Army staff intelligence correspondence, 1947-56
Headquarters Army Air Force	message traffic, 1947-54 Army Air Force and Air Material Command research and development files, 1947-50 (Wright Field)
National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.	Morning reports for RAAF units, July 1947 Eighth Air Force messages, 1947-50 Eighth Air Force correspondence, 1947-51 assigned to RAAF, 1947 Eighth Air Force weekly activity summaries, July 1947 Service records of key personnel Project Sign investigative reports,* 1948 Army Adjutant General correspondence, 1947-49 Missile test firing reports at White Sands, N. Mex., 1947-54
Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.	Current and past records management regulations Report of Air Force Research Regarding the Roswell Incident, July 1994
Dept of the Army, Washington, D.C.	Current and past records management regulations
Dept of the Navy, Washington, D.C.	Air accident reports, July 1947
Air Force Safety Agency, Kirtland Air Force Base, N. Mex.	Air accident reports, July 1947
Air Force History Support Office, D.C.	509th Bomb Group and RAAF monthly
National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Md.	FOIA records, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy
Military History Institute, Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.	Army Counterintelligence Corps reports, 1947
Army Central Security Facility, Fort Meade, Md.	Army Counterintelligence Corps reports, 1947
Central Intelligence Agency, Langley, Va.	Scientific Advisory Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects (Robertson Panel) report FOIA records, Ground Saucer Watch, Inc.
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.	FOIA records on unidentified flying objects
National Atomic Museum, Kirtland Air Force Base, N. Mex.	509th Bomb Group historical information, 1947 RAAF base newspaper Atomic Blast, July and August 1947

* Project Sign was the predecessor to Project Blue Book.

Our search of government records was complicated by the fact that some records we wanted to review were missing and there was not always an explanation. Further, the records management regulations for the retention and disposition of records were unclear or changing during the period we reviewed.

We also queried the National Security Council, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of Energy, the FBI, DOD, and the CIA to determine what government records they have on the Roswell crash. We did not independently verify the information provided to us in their written responses.

In addition to physically examining government records, we contacted the following federal activities to determine whether they had any information about the Roswell crash:

- Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama;
- Air Force Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio;
- Army Center for Military History, Washington, D.C.; and
- 509th Bomb Wing, Office of the Historian, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

We conducted our review from March 1994 to June 1995 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

Unless you publicly announce its contents earlier, we plan no further distribution of this report until 30 days after its issue date. At that time, we will make copies available to other interested parties upon request.

If you or your staff have any questions about this report, please call me on (202) 512-3504. A major contributor to this report is Gary K. Weeter, Assistant Director.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Davis

Director, National Security Analysis

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ABDUCTEE BRAINWASHING?

by DONNA HIGBEE, CHT

Attitudes appear to be changing as many abductees who have been traumatized, physically abused and violated are now saying that their abductors have only spiritual and/or benevolent motives behind their actions. This growing new trend is a concern to a number of researchers and health area professionals who work with abductees.

Many abductees who once reported tremendous fear of being taken repeatedly from their bedrooms and cars by non-human entities are now reporting being told by these entities that it was for their own good; that their fear was unwarranted and was simply a product of the abductee's lack of understanding. In many cases, abductees who accept this explanation are also led to believe that technological advancement equals spiritual advancement. There is no logical reasoning for this, as spiritual advancement may run parallel to technological advancement, the two may not proceed along together at the same pace, or they may not run along together at all. We cannot assume that where we find one we will find the other.

I believe the reasoning put forth by these abductees to justify abduction is faulty. I am a hypnotherapist in Santa Barbara, California, working with abductees. I became personally involved in this situation when I watched two members of our support group change their stories from one meeting to the next. These were abductees who had been terrorized and abused for years and had only hatred for their abductors. Suddenly, their stories changed and they both, independently of each other, began saying that recently they were shown that everything that had been done to them was for their own good and facilitated their spiritual growth.

With regards to this, Dr. Karla Turner, in a paper she presented to the MUFON 1994 International UFO Symposium, said the following: "It is odd, however, that such growth seems to come to abductees only after they are aware of their experiences. If indeed this growth is produced by the aliens, then it should have been there long before the abductees were conscious of their encounters, since in almost every reported case there is evidence of alien involvement since early childhood. The psychic increase and growth of perceptive abilities indicate a different genesis — an internal evolution of consciousness — stemming from our need to know what is and has been done to us and what we can do to meet the situation in a more empowered state. Survivors of great catastrophes such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and war may be crushed by the impact of these events . . . or they may find a new resilience, rising to the occasion and reacting with abilities they didn't know they possessed. Given the vast intrusive activities of the abduction sce-

nario, our species may well feel such a threat or stress that a mutational or evolutionary leap is occurring today . . . If this is indeed the case, then any spiritual growth is the abductee's own doing at a deep level of consciousness and is not coming from an abducting entity.

There can be a number of reasons why an abductee changes his mind. One that has been put forth a number of times is what is termed the Stockholm Syndrome, aka the Hostage Syndrome, where a person who has been kidnapped or captured eventually comes to sympathize with and even grow fond of his captors. With some abductees, I believe that this may be occurring. However, I think we are seeing something else happening with this attitude change that goes beyond the easy answer of the Stockholm Syndrome.

Because I was disturbed by the attitude change of the abductees I knew and of many others I had been hearing about, I wrote a letter in February to a group of abductees who were reachable through computer online services. I also posted my letter to a number of bulletin boards on the Internet and asked that abductees please respond with their thoughts and feelings about the situation. I'd like to mention a few of the points I made in my letter and then share with all of you some of the responses I received from people.

In my letter, I stated that by the very meaning of the word, abduction implies being taken against one's will with no say in the matter. It can include experiencing painful physical procedures, being lied to and given screen memories, being mentally terrorized, and being paralyzed, manipulated and controlled. There is nothing spiritual about any of these things and yet the abductors say they are highly advanced spiritual beings. It is very interesting that these non-human entities seem to have learned two ways to control human beings — through fear and through acceptance. Obviously we are seeing some abductees who are still being controlled and manipulated through fear, but we are also seeing abductees being controlled and manipulated through their acceptance of these entities as spiritual beings. By accepting these beings as highly spiritual, the abductee gives up seeking to end his abduction experiences and instead starts to welcome them. Instead of abductees coming into a sense of their own power as spiritual beings who do not need to give up their free will to anyone, what we

are now seeing is a group of submissive, controlled abductees who are passively letting the abductors do as they want with them in the name of spiritual progress. In my opinion, anything that keeps a person from learning the truth and from taking responsibility for his own growth and awakening as a spiritual being is completely unspiritual. Anything that allows the person his free will, responsibility for his own spiritual progress and aids in the process of discovering his true unbounded spiritual nature is truly spiritual. I don't think it is difficult to see into which category the abductors fall. I believe that we have spiritual entities in our midst, beings who are assisting humans with their evolution, but I'm quite sure that these spiritual beings are not the same as those who are responsible for the abductions.

In my letter I also stated that the entire hybrid scenario could be a fantastic cover for an agenda that is completely different than we are being shown. As Dr. Karla Turner has stated in radio interviews, it is almost as though abductees are shown the same movies, as a cover for other motives completely unknown to us, or possibly they are using the hybrid scenario to study our emotions. Things should not be taken at face value when we know we are dealing with entities who can implant thoughts into our heads, manipulate our minds with screen memories and virtual reality scenes, and who pass themselves off as wonderful spiritual beings. We presently have no way to know the truth about what is really happening.

I'd like to quote part of a letter I received from an abductee, Irene Rea in Oregon. She writes, "One of the most frightening aspects of this phenomenon is the abductor's ability to manipulate the abductee's perceptions. I'm frightened by the current trend that many abductees seem to be going through in assigning the abductors benign motives in the spiritual growth of the abductees and planetary healing. In my experience, the abductors have manipulated my reality over and over. In one very telling instance, my partner and I were abducted together. He thought he was being wooed by a gorgeous and astoundingly remarkable woman. My view of his experience was that he was on a table, strapped to medical gear, and staring into the eyes of a typical 'grey.' I find it even more abusive to be told by my fellow abductees that the reason I'm experiencing these negative experiences is because I'm somehow spiritually unadvanced. As a two-decade veteran of the New Age, I have heard this kind of spiritual elitism from the devout followers of alleged spiritual leaders who were, in fact, promoting their own agendas of power and greed."

Another letter from an abductee, Dana Buyers of Los Angeles, California: "We are nothing more to these beings than a crop to be harvested. They terrorized me, hurt me and nearly ruined my health. An abuser is an abuser. I don't care what planet they come from or how

intelligent they claim to be. So when I get the impulse from them to start thinking that they aren't so bad after all and are just pursuing some noble purpose that we can't understand, I show them in my mind all that they have done to me and I say 'get real,' there is no way that I'm ever going to change my mind. These aliens are dangerous, don't ever believe them."

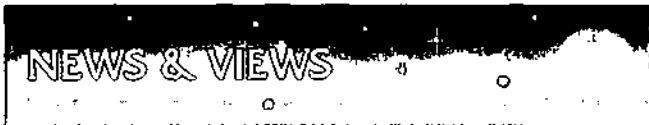
And a letter from abductee Amy Hebert of Carrollton, Texas: "As a facilitator of an abductee support group, I have observed abductees' reactions change from deep contempt and anger toward their abductors to acceptance and complete surrender. Some abductees express years and years of anger and confusion, then suddenly announce they don't think the aliens are really so bad after all and may actually represent some type of spiritual experience. These reactions seem quite surprising, considering the levels of anger and humiliation the abductee expressed only a week before. Could these new feelings be due to the resolution of the individual's long term hatred and resentment toward the abductors? Or, could this be yet another example of alien manipulation? According to Dr. Karla Turner, aliens have been known to lie to abductees for their own purposes and all abductions take place in an alien-controlled environment. These alien-human hate-love relationships seem to reflect alien control more than any spiritually fulfilling promise for humankind. After all, kidnapping and forcing someone to be a guinea pig can hardly be considered spiritual."

I want to give one last letter I received from a man who is in training as a body-centered psychotherapist, Mark Richards of Boston, Massachusetts. He writes, "It's of little doubt that the internal confusion and pain resulting from one or more abduction experiences results in some form of compensation. Just as 'screen memory' tends to re-shape the horrific experience into more palatable images, it's possible that this same re-shaping occurs at many other levels, notwithstanding the body's cellular memory. Given the infinite variety and creativity of the whole mind, how is it that hypnotic recollections of the victims, often including deeply felt sensory experiences, have such striking parallels? Could it be that a 'cult' of some type is forming and having influence upon the story? ... Culture and historical factors may strongly influence what comes forth. Here in our technological, educated and motive culture, when something doesn't make sense in our head, we switch to "faith," to a spirituality of some sort. Once this switch occurs, we have a "cult," and in the case of abductees as a group, a 'cult'-ure built around technological unknowns. Perhaps all semblance of reason is not lost, just put on hold for a while as the body (collective and individual) tries to make some sense out of stuff that cannot possibly find correlation. This trend among the abductee community has not been so named, perhaps out of the same denial which seems to be increasingly prevalent in the various stories . . . stories that have begun to

shift in character and substance. Now abduction is no longer a horrible violation but a necessary component of a great plan. Now the aliens who are beaming into our bedrooms are no longer uninvited violators of the human story, but welcome harbingers of our 'salvation.' The parallels between various religious mythological systems and the growing abductee community are striking. They spring from the same set of unknowns, growing in the fertile ground of fear and imagination, a set of ideas concerning the history, purpose and future of the human race."

With all the confusion that surrounds the abduction phenomenon and all the various ways of looking at the phenomenon itself, it is impossible for anyone to say with certainty, that they know what is true. People need to analyze why they believe what they believe and not allow themselves to accept a belief just because it fits nicely into their world picture. I know that it takes strength and courage to put aside a glowing, positive picture and admit that you really just don't know for sure. But the only way we are going to come up with any answers is if people question what they are being told and shown. Don't accept someone else's explanations (whether it be that of another abductee, a channeled source, or a non-human entity). Use your own analytical thinking and judgment and realize that we just don't have the answers yet.

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ROSWELL, RADAR TARGETS, AND ALL THAT

by Karl T. Pflöck

Those who contend the "Roswell incident" debris discovered in late spring or early summer 1947 by New Mexico rancher W. W. ("Mac") Brazel was the wreckage of an extraterrestrial spacecraft offer up a mixed bag of "evidence" in their attempts to discount the more mundane, and in my considered opinion, correct, explanation that the junk was the remains of a huge balloon-borne instrumentation array launched from nearby Alamogordo Army Air Base by a scientific and

technical team from New York University (NYU) supporting the Army Air Forces' top secret Project Mogul.

For example, they cite Roswell Army Air Field intelligence officer Major Jesse A. Marcel's claim that he was familiar with all American airborne vehicles and equipment and most such foreign devices, even the special radar targets being flown by the NYU group. The fact is, however, he wasn't. [1] They also point out that a matter of days before the Roswell story hit the headlines, a farmer living near Circleville, Ohio, discovered a weather balloon "covered with aluminum foil" and sporting a "kite-like appendage" somewhere on his back forty, assert he immediately identified it for what it was, and note he suggested such a gadget might explain the flying saucer sightings that at the time had the nation in an uproar. [2] They go on to suggest the Circleville story inspired the Army's weather balloon cover story for Roswell and the substitution of battered radar targets and weathered (very) neoprene balloon fragments for the real extraterrestrial debris to back it up.[3]

The Circleville event *may* have suggested the cover story ginned up to protect Mogul, but only because most if not all of the Mogul-Roswell wreckage shown to and photographed by the press was battered radar targets and weathered (very) neoprene balloon fragments. While it seems likely portions of the debris which might have given rise to difficult media questions and possible exposure of Mogul were kept under wraps (e.g., a sonobuoy more usually deployed at sea than in the skies of New Mexico), nothing was switched, nor, given the time available and other inescapable facts, could it have been. [4]

Champions of *debris Roswellans extraterrestrialis* further aver that the fact the Circleville weather device quickly was identified for what it was all but proves Roswell could not have involved something similar, if considerably more extensive. [5] But this is not necessarily so.

Recently, during a visit to the National Archives to do research on other UFO cases, I chanced upon documents which revealed that pesky radar targets were giving Air Force and other authorities flying saucer fits more than three years after Roswell. These memoranda are located on roll 90 of the Project Blue Book microfilm, which contains UFO and UFO-related reports from district offices of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) during the period 1949-1967.

On January 9, 1951, the assistant executive for special investigations in the Office of the Inspector General of the Air Force forwarded a memorandum from the commander of OSI District 4, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., to the director of special investigations in the headquarters of the Military Air Transport Service (MATs), Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The subject of the December 12, 1950, memo from

OSI District 4 Commander Lt. Col. Kirby M. Gillette was "Radar Targets — Corner Reflectors." It read:

"1. It has been determined that the Air Weather Service, USAF [a MATS component] has, in connection with their [sic] studies of winds aloft, launched Corner Reflectors (Radar Targets). These targets do not bear any stamps, tags, or other data which would serve to identify it [sic] for what it [sic] is. Consequently, on a number of occasions, persons who have found these targets or have sighted them in flight have reported them to military OSI, Police, and FBI authorities as 'flying saucers,' or as some other type of unconventional aircraft.

"2. The Air Weather Service does not desire the return of these targets once they have been launched and served their purpose [,] inasmuch as they are of no intrinsic value.

"3. Recently, one such target was sighted and recovered on a farm in Eastern Maryland. A report was received that a 'flying saucer' or 'disk' had been observed in flight and it had landed in this particular locality. Two (2) OSI Agents, FBI Agents and a Maryland State Trooper expended 1 1/2 days in locating the object and interviewing the individual who had sighted the object. This time and expense would undoubtedly have been unnecessary had the target borne [sic] a simple stamp to the effect that it was a weather target and that if found it could be retained by the finder. The targets themselves are susceptible to such stamps or markings [,] and it is urged that consideration be given to communicating directly with the Air Weather Service in connection with this suggestion."

Colonel Gillette's recommendation was bucked to the chief of the Air Weather Service at Andrews Air Force Base on January 15, 1951. On January 22, 1951, Captain Kenneth M. Fulcher, assistant adjutant general of the Air Weather Service, sent this memo back up his chain of command to the commander of MATS:

"1. All AWS [Air Weather Service] units which use Corner Reflectors (Radar Targets) will be instructed to indicate on the target that it is a weather target and may be retained by the finder.

"2. The Signal Corps [the army component then—and in 1947—responsible for procuring radar targets for both Army and Air Force] will be requested to have similar information stamped on the radar targets by the manufacturer in the future."

Four days later, Col. Julius A. Kolb, MATS deputy inspector general, forwarded a copy of Capt. Fulcher's memo to the director of special investigations in the Air Force inspector general's office. It is safe to assume that soon thereafter OSI agents everywhere breathed sighs of relief. But then, publication of *The Roswell Incident* was still 30 years in the future.

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"MACK ATTACK" Harvard Takes No Action

Alex Beam, *Boston Globe*

After a yearlong investigation, the Harvard Medical School has decided not to censure psychiatrist John Mack, a tenured professor and nationally known UFO researcher who has publicly asserted that extraterrestrial beings have "invaded our physical reality and [are] affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people."

In a meeting held last Friday, Medical School dean Daniel Tosteson informed Mack that the review carried out by a "Special Faculty Committee" had ended, according to committee chairman Arnold Relman. "John Mack is just as he started out—a perfectly full-fledged member of the Harvard faculty with no adverse action taken," said Anne Taylor, a Harvard University counsel who sat on the committee convened by Tosteson last summer.

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ABDUCTION NOTES

John Carpenter

Expectations: Are They an Influence?

The question of how much influence an expectation has upon an investigation and subsequent hypnotic regressions is one worth discussing. Critics have expressed the following concerns: (1) When an alleged abductee expects that an abduction occurred, he/she will produce one with the assistance of a suggestive hypnotic trance; (2) When a hypnoterapist expects that an abduction occurred, he/she will subtly encourage the production of an abduction account; (3) The type of scenario and details produced are directly related to what the abductee and hypnoterapist already believe and expect; (4) An abductee will subconsciously produce what he/she believes that the hypnoterapist expects to hear; or (5) Just going to a hypnoterapist who believes in UFOs and works with abductees creates the expectation that one will find that he/she is also an abductee. All of these statements are important points, which — if not analyzed — would naturally cast much doubt upon the reliability of hypnosis and the reality of abductions.

CASE #1: Thirty-three-year-old female had resisted the idea of hypnosis for 10 years after her mother had had a session following a UFO sighting which involved both of them. She never knew what her mother had recalled but was a harsh skeptic, often doubting her mother's objectivity and sanity, as well as avoiding books on UFOs. Her curiosity about the hours of "missing time" finally drove her to hypnosis to find the sensible, logical answers. Working with a different hypnotist who knew no details of her mother's case, she was shocked, amazed, and humbled to uncover a detailed scenario, shared with her mother, and unknowingly matching at least 23 various aspects of her mother's separate session 10 years earlier. This was certainly *not* what she had expected!

CASE #2: An anxious, thirty-two-year-old married woman approached a hypnoterapist to find a logical solution to the 90 minutes she and her mother lost on a familiar route some 20 years earlier. When their shared amnesia had ended simultaneously, they and their car were lost on a different route that they had not seen before. Under hypnosis she is terrified and stunned to recall an abduction of her mother and herself by little gray men aboard a silver disk. Mother had absolutely no interest in any session until she heard that her daughter had "learned something." The 63-year-old woman tearfully remembered twice as much detail in her regression, matching her daughter's abduction scenario perfectly. Both were amazed — neither had expected nor wanted these results, but the matching correlations were com-

forting and a form of verification for each of their unexpected but matching accounts.

CASE #3: A twenty-seven-year-old female approached a UFO hypnoterapist with excitement, having read books on UFO abductions and clearly remembering a joint sighting with her husband and possible missing time while crossing Nevada at night. Both she and her husband expected that they might have had an abduction. But her hypnosis session only produced a vivid reliving of the UFO sighting and nothing further. This was *not* what she had expected. *Without knowing her results*, her husband underwent his own hypnotic session and also recalled exactly what she had — a vivid sighting *but no abduction*. Despite their initial expectations, neither produced an abduction scenario but did nicely match the details of a UFO sighting.

CASE #4: A thirty-six-year-old married female approached a UFO researcher determined to get rid of a nagging notion that she might have had a close UFO encounter twenty years earlier. She did not want any abduction experience whatsoever and had not read any books either. The hypnoterapist also doubted that she could have had an encounter and did not expect anything to surface. Despite both of their doubts and expectations, a two-hour detailed abduction account unfolded under hypnosis much to their surprise. In fact, a friend who had been with her later recalled — *without knowing any of these results* — a matching story of alien abduction in a hypnosis session with another hypnoterapist 1000 miles away. And he had had no idea of what to expect — nor did that hypnoterapist.

CASE #5: A psychologist from Virginia called me between therapy sessions on a busy Wednesday in 1992 to beg for help on a probable case of abduction he had accidentally been uncovering without either he or his client realizing what they were dealing with at all. She had been plagued by nightmares and feelings regarding intrusions by little men into her home and "fantasies" of exams in unusual round rooms, etc. He had tried to fit her into a category of Multiple Personality Disorders but *knew* this was not correct because she was essentially "normal" if it were not for these nightmares, feelings of anxiety, and other strange ideas. She also made no connections with UFOs or aliens at all and was equally puzzled. But he had just read about UFO abduction scenarios for the first time ever in the "Unusual Personal Experiences" booklet from the Roper Organization's study which had been mailed to 100,000 mental health professionals for reactions. He was stunned to see how all of her symptoms fit right into this phenomenon — and how she actually improved by processing her feelings with this knowledge and understanding. *Neither expected these results nor had known anything about UFO abductions.*

CASE #6: In a case from El Paso, Texas, a hypnoterapist trainer was informed by one of his students about the use of hypnosis with alleged UFO abduc-

tions. He listened politely but really knew nothing about it. However, a month or so later, as he was attempting to help a female client with traditional techniques of hypnotherapy for weight loss, she suddenly broke into emotional memories of lying on a table and undergoing an examination by little gray men. This burst of emotion and surprising details astounded him. He immediately referred her to the UFO support network where she was helped by a psychiatrist associated with MUFON. Neither she nor the hypnotherapist had expected that reaction under hypnosis!

In several other cases UFO experiencers deliberately went to hypnotherapists who knew nothing about UFO research or what had *already been recalled* in their first sessions with established UFO hypnotists. These abductees wanted to see if the absence of knowledge or any preconceived expectation on the part of the hypnotist would make a difference in how a session progressed. In all of these cases the details of further abductions flowed forth with the same emotions, details, and sincerity — despite the bewilderment and amazement coming from the unsuspecting therapists.

To combat the “pleasing the therapist” syndrome, the use of deliberate suggestion to attempt to “trick” the client into logical answers — which the client believes the hypnotherapist desires to hear — has been used by many therapists to test suggestibility and expectations. The results reported by many researchers are that hardly any subject has been led away from the reporting of the experience that he/she believes has happened. They produce bizarre responses that do not fit what the hypnotist has suggested but *do* fit the research data collected on UFO abductions.

These examples are but a few of many accounts that seem to indicate that expectation has little or no obvious influence on the process of seeking the truth.

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Mack had become a *cause celebre* at Harvard after the 1994 publication of his best-selling book, “Abduction.” In countless television and newspaper interviews, he was inevitably dubbed “the Harvard professor who believes in UFOs,” causing considerable anguish to many of his colleagues.

The Medical School committee's preliminary report, drafted earlier this year, chastised Mack for “affirming the delusions” of his many patients who claim to have been abducted by aliens. The committee also found Mack to be “in violation of the standards of conduct expected of a member of the faculty of Harvard University.”

Mack, who has taught at Harvard for more than three decades, was a controversial figure even before he began his UFO research five years ago. Alternately described as a restless crusader or an intellectual butterfly, he has plunged himself into the anti-nuclear movement, meditation efforts in the Mideast and US-Soviet diplomacy, as well as a variety of alternative therapies, including “holotropic breathwork” and est. Mack served on the est board and introduced founder Werner Erhard to Harvard, “which went over like a lead balloon,” according to one colleague.

Much of Mack's UFO investigations take place at his Cambridge-based Program For Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER). Many of his colleagues first learned of his UFO interests when he co-sponsored a national conference on alien abduction held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1992. While most of his colleagues privately scoff at the abductees' tales, they do credit Mack with many important contributions to psychoanalysis during his 35-year career.

Furthermore, many viewed the Medical School's review committee as an unacceptable intrusion into Mack's research. “I would defend to the death John's right to indulge in kooky stuff, in the name of academic freedom,” said one psychiatrist.

The committee, whose proceedings were kept secret, met 25 times between summer 1994 and late spring of this year. Mack appeared several times before the group, as did a handful of his patients and several Harvard psychiatrists, who criticized his abductee research.

In the early weeks of the committee's proceedings, Mack and his first lawyer, Carl Sapers of Hill and Barlow, cooperated with the review board, turning over interview tapes and urging patients to tell their stories to the Harvard panel. “Initially, their approach was, ‘What can you do to help us understand this research,’” said Peter Faust, an abduction “experiencer” who testified before the committee. “Then it became clear that Harvard had another agenda.”

Mack later changed lawyers, engaging first Daniel Sheehan of the far-left Christie Institute, and then MacLeish, who specializes in mental-health related litigation.

In an interview earlier this year, a wistful Mack noted that the Harvard investigation “has been expensive in all senses of the word.” In documents unrelated to the Harvard inquiry, Mack disclosed that he has already paid \$30,000 in legal fees and expects to be billed for \$100,000 more.

Although Mack derives considerable income from family trust funds, his Harvard salary is \$12,000 a year, which is not unusual for a clinician with limited teaching duties.

Mack's lawyer, Eric MacLeish, vigorously contested the preliminary findings and helped mobilize

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Interview With Katharina Wilson Author of "The Alien Jigsaw"

by Sean Casteel

Katharina Wilson, whose self-published, first-person account of her abduction experiences, *The Alien Jigsaw*, has been highly praised by UFO abduction authorities like John Carpenter and Budd Hopkins (who also wrote the book's introduction), is slowly building a wider readership and has been picked up by national bookstore chains like B. Dalton, Barnes and Noble, and Bookstop. What began as an attempt to turn her journal entries about her abduction experiences into a coherent narrative has become something of a commercial "sleeper," no pun intended.

After Katharina and I had spoken a few times on the phone, we decided to do an interview together for "The MUFON UFO Journal" to sort of bring readers up to date on what has been going on with her since the publication of *The Alien Jigsaw* in 1993. She has continued to have a steady stream of experiences and to gain new insight into the phenomenon from an experiencer's perspective.

"*The Alien Jigsaw* covers the first 32 years of my life," Wilson said, "and ends in December of 1992. I documented thirty abduction experiences in 1993, and my journal shows fourteen experiences for 1994. I resisted documenting my experiences that year because I was trying to force the Beings to interact with me on my terms. I was angry and frustrated with them for using me so long for psychological and physical 'experiments.' I tried to stay angry with them, and my not writing as often was a form of passive resistance."

Wilson said that some of the fourteen experiences from last year were intended to demonstrate to her that "other dimensions really exist" and that "some people actually exist in more than one dimension and in more than one time."

As of July of this year, Wilson reported that her experiences had changed in tone and character.

"For example," Wilson said, "I'm not being used as much in a psychological and physical sense, although those types of experiences occasionally do occur. I seem to be learning to teleport myself and to use my thoughts to 'move myself through other spaces.'"

The abduction experience often carries with it a deep sense of responsibility.

"Like many abductees," Wilson said, "I feel a great weight upon me, as if I am preparing for an important event to take place. I also feel as if I am, in part, responsible for something very important. I want to make



it very clear that I do not feel special because of my experiences. Quite the contrary. I feel an enormous burden because of these experiences, and rather than feeling I've been 'chosen,' I feel as if it is my duty or my assignment to help educate people about this phenomenon."

That burdensome sense of responsibility also includes receiving frightening visions of the earth's future and mankind's own powerlessness in the face of global nuclear and environmental disaster.

"In early 1995," Wilson said, "I had a vision of nuclear war that I documented in an unpublished paper titled 'Curious Correlations.' The vision showed that China will attack both Russia and the United States with nuclear weapons. They will be carried by red (high performance) jets belonging to the Chinese military. Nuclear weapons and oil are going to be the main 'tools' of this war."

"How do I feel about visions such as these?" Wilson continued. "First, I have no idea why I'm receiving information such as this, unless I am supposed to share it with others. It does me no personal good to have to live with this knowledge, if that is indeed what it is. Second, I don't want anything like this to occur, and my life isn't so boring that I would create something like this to make it more interesting. As to the 'reality' of these visions, I can only describe them as being absolutely 'powerful.' When you are seeing these events unfold be-

fore you, at that moment, you have no choice but to believe them.”

Wilson said that she had also received numerous visions of a personal nature and that many of those had come to pass.

“However,” she went on, “I have no idea if these new visions will actually occur. I realize this information can really stretch the imagination, but one possible explanation for these ‘visions’ is: If we exist in other dimensions, what we are seeing may be real. Perhaps the information is ‘spilling over’ to those people who exist simultaneously in different dimensions.”

Wilson denies that she is psychic or gifted with anything beyond what she calls “intuition.” She even points out that during the late 1980’s, she participated in a PSI experiment for an Operant Behavior Psychology class and scored only slightly above chance.

One of the major themes of *The Alien Jigsaw* is Wilson’s determined rebellion against the authority of “The Typical Abduction Scenario” as laid out by major abduction researchers like Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs, who claim that those elements that don’t fit into commonly repeated patterns don’t deserve inclusion in the literature.

“I still feel very strongly about this,” Wilson said. “I agree that a lot of aliens are engaging in what is becoming known as the alien-human hybridization program. I also take every moment I can to thank Budd Hopkins for his dedication and courage. The information he published in *Missing Time* and *Intruders* has helped thousands of people. A lot of us would not be here today without his help.

“We are both many other things,” Wilson continued, “but on a very basic level, Budd is a researcher and I’m an abductee. When you’ve experienced teaching dreams, visions, alien theatrics, and shades of government involvement, you need to know that you are not alone. I’ve had many, many people tell me ‘thank you’ for writing about these types of experiences. I know first-hand how important that information is. For me, it has put the abduction phenomenon in an entirely new light. As I stated recently at the MUFON Symposium, ‘The hybridization program is very real, but it is only the tip of the iceberg.’ This phenomenon is so large that no one researcher is going to be able to view the whole process. It is going to take a lot of different researchers, each with a different focus, to pull all of this information together. One of the few healthy things about the abduction phenomenon is that we’re not all focusing on one aspect of it.”

Wilson will admit, however, to having experienced some of the elements of the standard abduction scenario along with some of her other more individuated experiences.

“I’ve had sightings of unusually shaped aerial craft,” Wilson said, “UFOs if you will. I’ve also experienced missing time, the sudden appearance of unusual scars,

feelings of paralysis, detecting a presence in my room at night and during the day, floating or flying without knowing why or how, and medical examinations involving skin scrapings, hair clippings, and gynecological exams. I’ve also experienced alien surgical procedures such as laparoscopic procedures (possible removal of ova), a heart operation, the insertion of rods in my joints, and the insertion of memory stimulating devices.”

So, having blended the “individual” experience with a healthy dose of the “communal” or the “shared” experience, Katharina Wilson is equipped to speak to us from both “typical” and “atypical” perspectives. What she doesn’t have in common with other abductees is equally as important as what she does have in common.

At one point during the interview, I asked her if she had received any visions about the future of mankind in the long run.

“I was given a vision of ‘humanity,’” she replied. “‘Humanity’ was standing in line inside a mall at a burger joint, content with their minimum wage jobs. They weren’t striving for anything more in life. They weren’t trying to educate themselves. They weren’t trying to make a positive difference. They were satisfied. A short pudgy female Being with dark skin and ‘funny looking glasses’ was standing next to me. She was telepathically tuning into my thoughts and feelings. I said to her, ‘I can’t believe they’re satisfied with this. Eating animals and existing to work . . . it’s unacceptable.’ The pudgy female telepathically replied matter-of-factly, ‘They are receptacles.’”

“With these three words,” Wilson continued, “her thoughts poured into my mind. In an instant she told me that what I was calling ‘unacceptable’ was all that these peoples’ souls were capable of experiencing. I also felt her say something about their future; that their future and my future would be very different. I wasn’t a part of them—I wasn’t connected to ‘humanity.’”

It is just that very sense of separateness that makes the day-to-day battle of experiencers like Katharina Wilson so vitally important to study and ultimately to understand, that makes her struggle and the struggle of others who are both “like” and “unlike” her so crucial to our troubled evolution and perhaps our very survival. If there is a basic message underlying the abduction phenomenon, it may be that whatever originates the experience has chosen to bypass the general masses and concentrate instead on sending it to a very tiny but statistically verifiable minority.

And it is a minority that needs people like Katharina Wilson very much.

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Reviewed by **George W. Earley**

Political pamphleteering and little 'literary' magazines have been with us since colonial times. Anyone with money and talent could produce one, even when talent ran a poor second to money.

But it has only been within the past two decades that such new technologies as inexpensive photocopying and computer word processing have joined with increasing citizen dissatisfaction with conventional printed media to produce a veritable tidal wave of small specialty publications.

The Anomalist, two issues of which are in print with the third due towards the end of 1995, is one of the more recent additions to that wave.

The name derives from the word *anomaly*, which my dictionary defines as: "Deviation from the normal or common order, form, or rule . . ." The magazine therefore encompasses not only ufology but, as editors Stacy and Huyghe put it, "a whole host of astronomical, biological, psychological, physical, geophysical, linguistic, religious, and archaeological phenomena."

Readers of this journal, for whom ufology may be the only scientifically incorrect interest in their lives, may therefore be disappointed that only three articles in the first two issues deal with their topic. These are: "Alien Dreamtime" by Robert Baker, "Cargo of the Gods?" by Paul Rydeen and Huyghe's interview with Mario Pazzaglini on "Alien Writing."

Pazzaglini, a clinical psychologist in private practice, became interested in images and symbols in the hippy-fied 60's. About a decade ago, he began studying alleged 'alien writing' and some samples of it illustrate the text of Huyghe's interview with him.

For his samples, he has drawn on such ufological contactee/abductee sources as Adamski, Andreasson and Williamson plus such researchers as Budd Hopkins. But, says Pazzaglini, these 'writings' appear to be a consistent part of human history going back to the pre-Christian middle east and also appear in native American tradition. I do find it curious that he makes no mention of the late Richard Shaver's allegedly alien-dictated Mantong alphabet — but then conventional ufologists dismiss Shaver as a nut and accept the view that the so-called "Shaver Mystery" was largely invented by sci-fi writer-editor Ray Palmer and therefore deserves to be ignored. But should they? Are ufologists here guilty of CSICOPian thinking?

Pazzaglini cautions that he cannot be not sure if the writing truly represents alien contact or if it is generated



"purely within ourselves . . ." What we need, of course, is a copy of the alien equivalent of *USA Today*, a souvenir no abductee has yet brought back. However, I still believe others should follow Pazzaglini's lead: after all, no studies, no answers.

In trying to link South Pacific cargo cults with ufology, Paul Rydeen, in my estimation, is attempting to spin gold out of straw.

The cargo cults, as Rydeen shows, were a logical [to the native minds] outgrowth of the impact of a superior technological culture on an inferior one. The natives benefitted from what European's colonizers, and later the military, brought. When they left, the natives tried [and are still trying] to bring them back by recreating, as best they can, such major symbols of that technology as aircraft and buildings.

But to believe that some saucer groups, in their yearnings for saucer-riding demigods who will bring [impose?] a Golden Age of peace and plenty, are the "heirs" of cargo cult thinking is twaddle. At best, the contactees are recycling, and poorly at that, ideas drawn from scores of contact tales spun by science fiction writers over many decades. If ufologists had greater familiarity with 30's and 40's sci-fi, they'd be less likely to be

taken in by many of today's saucerian speculations, Rydeen's included.

The truly controversial piece, where ufologists are concerned, is Robert Baker's highly skeptical assessment of the abductee scene. Baker is a professor emeritus [U. Kentucky] of psychology, a CSICOP Fellow and a "staunch skeptic of the UFO abduction phenomenon," credentials likely to result in instant knee-jerk rejection of his long and heavily referenced article.

Baker rejects the alien abduction scenario and bluntly states that "The argument made by alien abduction proponents that no current medical or psychiatric explanation can account [for] these stories is flatly untrue." As his article runs nearly 40 pages, plus over 3 pages of references, any attempt to summarize it would be inadequate so I shall merely note that he invokes medically well-established and long-known sleep disorder conditions as the likely explanation for alien abduction claims/beliefs.

Ufologists of course reject Baker's conclusions as flatly as he scants their claims of pervasive abductionism. But in the absence of proof [remember Hynek's dictum that extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof] I rather think Baker currently has the better of the argument. Cannot the UFO community, which often boasts of the numbers of MD's, psychiatrists and psychologists in its ranks, take its best evidence to the medical community and ask for their evaluation of all aspects of the alien abduction issue? If not, why not?

Until that happens, 'little' magazines like **The Anomalist** will perform a useful function by providing a forum for the reasoned discussion of seemingly unreasonable ideas including such non-ufological ones as: the 'Mars' Face, strange 'voices' heard over telephone wires, spontaneous human combustion, remote viewing and a new locale for the origin of the human race.

Huyghe and Stacy, whose writings in **Omni** should be familiar to this journal's readers, have made an auspicious beginning. They deserve commendation for the overall quality of the eclectic mix of anomalous material their new magazine provides the curious reader.

George W. Earley, whose UFO roots go back to NICAP, is best known these days as **UFO** magazine's Opinionated Oregonian™. He lives atop a glacial moraine near Mt. Hood.

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prominent academics to support Mack. The preliminary conclusions were toned down in the final draft sent to Tosteson a few weeks ago. It is unknown what restrictions, if any, will be applied to Mack's future work.

Neither Mack nor MacLeish was available for comment. In the past Mack has said he hoped the conflict

with Harvard could be resolved quietly and amicably. Now, "he's very relieved," a friend reported. "He feels he and the dean had a useful exchange."

The committee primarily concerned itself with the procedural details of Mack's work, according to two doctors who worked on the effort. "One of the issues before the committee was whether John was doing clinical care or research," one doctor said. "If he was doing research on human subjects, he needed formal permission. He said it was clinical work." Committee chairman Relman said the board examined Mack's "professional behavior as an academic psychiatrist and whether he was dealing with his patients in a suitable academic way."

Contrary to published reports, Relman said the committee never considered revoking Mack's tenure at Harvard. "Harvard University isn't going to take action against someone who takes unorthodox views, and with whom it may disagree. John Mack may win the Nobel Prize and go down in history as the modern Galileo."

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Letters to *Mufon UFO Journal*

YAKIMA

Great praise is due for your decision to publish the article by Greg Long ("The Paranormal at Yakima") in the July issue. I knew Bill Vogel in the last year of his life and visited him at the Yakima Indian Reservation, where I listened to him for three days about paranormal events on the Reservation. At the same time, Dr. J. Allen Hynek was interested in doing work there, and we discussed events on the "Res" several times by phone. Sadly, both are no longer with us, and we are fortunate to learn from Greg Long what has been happening. (Access to the Reservation is very severely restricted by the Yakima Tribe.)

But beyond this, I find that Long's report gives us a very serious clue to what may be truly going on with UFOs, Bigfoot, balls of light, poltergeists, and other phenomena, which may all be closely related. I find this very encouraging since my own experiences in investigating UFO, Bigfoot, poltergeist and other paranormal events over the last 20 years, much of it in Washington and Oregon, jibe very closely with what Long reports. I, and others, have photographed objects around camp sites that were alive, but which we could not see. Some of us have encountered odd tracks in snow that started from nowhere, and terminated into nowhere. Other tracks started as animal tracks and morphed into human tracks. And the reverse. Some humanoid tracks (large and barefoot) changed into dog tracks. In sleeping near such places, dreams merged easily into reality.

UFOs were reported seen near Bigfoot sightings, sometimes with Bigfoot entering them, sometimes leaving, sometimes just standing, watching the UFO. Families that would see UFOs would also see Bigfoot creatures, find balls of light wandering through their homes (cold, when grabbed), have a manic tearing and scratching at closed closet doors, which, when opened, had nothing inside, and no damage. In one event, waiting for an almost routine nightly Bigfoot contact at a home in Ohio, a group of us heard at exactly 9 pm, the usual time, the sound of a cat being torn into pieces, alive, and a thud against the back door. We opened the door — and found absolutely nothing, not a drop of blood. The list can go on — UFOs that morph into cars near Area 51, giant grey bees that chase investigators' cars off the road into the ditch, weird glowing balls of light that "escort" investigators' cars off the site, abductions from the Rachel motel that go "sideways" to the exam room, instead of "up." (Sideways as in through the mountain to the base, perhaps?)

Where does this all lead? Given the diversity of UFO descriptions, with relatively few, such as the Iran UFOs,

possibly some Gulf Breeze UFOs, and some Mexico City UFOs, being consistently the same, it is highly possible in my view that each UFO seen could be directly related to the viewer, and may be a mental force that may feed off the viewer's energy and thoughts. These UFOs then may change to animals, humans, balls of light, unseen entities in homes, Bigfoot creatures, lake monsters, columns of mist in crop circles fields (the few that are not faked), "Mothman" type entities, and a wide variety of paranormal phenomena such as what Greg Long describes.

Thus, in a fair portion (but not all) of such cases, what we encounter may be part of ourselves, unrecognized, or something that changes shape and even style, to watch us, harass us, educate us, and mainly, to *relate* to us in a variety of forms. Such phenomena also could be from possible dead relatives, persons who once lived in certain homes or areas, or roving, mischievous, non-physical entities who enjoy upsetting us, and who are basically saying: "Look at me, I am here. I exist."

This finding, this theory, does not mean that we need to abandon all studies of UFOs as craft, nor studies of aliens as real beings. It simply points out that in perhaps 50% of all cases, the *combined* phenomena may be psychically related, or related to alleged spirits who observe and interact with us.

How else can we have a UFO that changes to a dog which changes to a Bigfoot which changes to a ball of light, which changes to an owl that becomes a fox when shot at, which becomes a different type of UFO, which becomes a knock on the walls with nobody there, which becomes something weird swimming in the lake, which becomes an odd guy wearing all black who is not Johnny Cash?

Ideas to consider in research.

— Erik Beckjord
Curator, UFO Museum
Los Angeles

CONFERENCE ACCOUNT

James Clarkson's account of our "close encounter" at the recent MUFON conference in Seattle provides insights into his competence as a "criminal investigator."

Clarkson "forgot" to inform readers that the official conference program gave only the following constraints: "No videotaping or flash-cameras are permitted in the conference room." (Emphasis added.) During one session the first day, I did take several non-flash photos, and later Clarkson informed me that *all* photos were banned so I took no more. He did *not* mention any ban on audio recorders.

The incident on July 9 occurred during the presentation by Karl Pflock—*not Linda Moulton Howe as Clarkson falsely claims. Because Pflock was closely following the printed text of his paper in the conference*

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The NIGHT SKY
Walter N. Webb

October 1995

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus (magnitude -3.9) requires a clear, unobstructed horizon in order to view it comfortably during evening twilight. The bright planet lies quite low in the WSW, setting only half an hour after the Sun in mid-October and nearly an hour after at month's end.

Lining up beyond Venus in the SW are two more planets, first Mars (1.4) and then higher still, Jupiter (-1.9). Mars (don't confuse the red planet with nearby reddish Antares) moves from Libra into Ophiuchus this month. The ruddy world is closing on Jupiter and Antares. It sets in the WSW about 1-2 hours after sunset (midmonth). Jupiter, in Ophiuchus, sets about 8:30. The crescent Moon joins the gathering from October 25 through 27.






Saturn (0.8), in Aquarius, can be seen in the SE at dusk, then moving westward in the S as the night progresses. The gas giant's ring system appears thin and only slightly tilted, its N side being exposed to the Sun.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Mercury is farthest W of the Sun on the 20th for its best morning appearance of the year. During the last half of October, this normally hard-to-see planet will be high enough above the E horizon to glimpse, especially with the help of binoculars. On the 22nd use the nearby crescent Moon to locate Mercury 5° to the lower left.

Saturn sets in the W about 4 AM in mid-October.

Moon Phases:

- First quarter—October 1 
- Full moon—October 8 
- Last quarter—October 16 
- New moon—October 24 
- First quarter—October 30 

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse:

On the 8th the full moon slips into the dim outer shadow of the Earth for early risers in Hawaii and Alaska—the former at 3:58 AM and the latter at 5:58. But the Moon either sets or the Sun rises before mid-eclipse when the slightly darkened Moon becomes really noticeable.

Meteor Shower:

The Orionids achieve their maximum on the morning of October 22, without any Moon interference. So about 20 to 25 meteors per hour should be counted prior to dawn. These meteors are swift and faint for the most part, but also display some bright, train-leaving fireballs—objects that leave behind glowing wakes persisting in the sky for a few seconds.

The Stars:

While the prominent Summer Triangle and Great Square of Pegasus ride high across the southern heavens, a region of inconspicuous autumn star patterns known together as "The Sea" comes into view. Found in the S and SE during mid-evening hours, these include such mythological creatures of the ocean as Capricornus the Sea Goat (diaper-shaped), Piscis Austrinus the Southern Fish (Fomalhaut is its bright star), Aquarius the Water Bearer, Cetus the Sea Monster, and Pisces the Fish (V-shaped pattern between Cetus and Pegasus).

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During the past year paper costs have skyrocketed and the U.S. Postal Service has raised mailing costs on both domestic and foreign copies. We are also paying the editor substantially more for his editorial services than we did in 1986, as well as other employees involved in the monthly mailing process. The Board of Directors authorized the member service "Reader's Classifieds" advertisements in the *Journal* starting with the August 1992 issue and limited it to one page only. Even though the checks for the ads are made payable to MUFON and are mailed to Dennis Stacy, these funds are paid to Mr. Stacy as additional compensation for his editorial services. The MUFON Board refrained from giving Dennis an annual raise this year, but did approve an increase in the Reader's Classified cost for ads based upon greater circulation and value received.

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many hours to transcribe. But I had my audio recorder in hand in case he reported any important new developments in the Roswell case.

After Clarkson violated the conference ban by having a flash photo taken of my dozing, he shook my arm causing me to drop my tape recorder and when I picked it up its red light was on. I departed the conference hall, expecting Clarkson would follow so he could listen to the tape to examine the hard evidence. But he opted not to do so.

Clarkson falsely alleges that I "attended the Seattle Symposium on behalf of [my] CSICOP brethren and their silent Federal partners." If Clarkson had bothered to ask, I would have told him that I was there as a member of the press to gather information for use in my *Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SUN)*, and I had no plans to write anything for CSICOP. Furthermore, that all of my travel expenses were being paid out of my own pocket.

How ironic that MUFON, whose members accuse others of "cover-up," attempts to muzzle members of the Press by denying them the right to tape record a speaker's remarks at MUFON's public conferences. CSICOP does not impose such constraints. Nor does the Defense Dept., the CIA, or any other government agency, to my knowledge.

—Philip J. Klass
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

FUTURE SYMPOSIUMS

MUFON's twenty-seventh annual symposium will be held July 5, 6 and 7, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons/Joseph H. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. The 1996 symposium co-hosts are MUFON North Carolina and FSG (The Full Story Group in Greensboro). **George Lund, II** will serve as host chairman and **Nick Summers**, coordinator.

The MUFON 1997 International UFO Symposium is scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the elegant Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, hosted by Michigan MUFON with **Virginia M. Tilly**, chairperson.

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S EXAM

Many of you have vigorously studied the *Field Investigator's Manual*, attended field investigator's training classes in your home locale and have taken the one-hundred multiple question exam. After following the instructions to send the exam answer sheet to Shirley (Coyne) Tafoya in Flushing, MI, you have been eagerly awaiting a reply for several months from Shirley, to no avail. This is a serious problem, because like yourselves, I have not been receiving a confirmation report from Shirley on the exam grades in order to process members to the status of "Field Investigator." This failure to complete the grading loop is not only personally discouraging but very disappointing. This matter was on the agenda at MUFON's Annual Board of Directors' Meeting in Seattle, WA on July 9th.

Until a new Director of Field Investigator Training is elected, all answer sheets for the field investigator's examination should be sent to Walt Andrus in Seguin, TX for grading. If you made a copy of your answer sheet, please send it to Walt. If not, please review the exam again and make a new answer sheet which you may submit or request a blank answer sheet from MUFON in Seguin. Please be sure that your name and address is on the answer sheet. It is imperative that proper recognition be given to the people who have passed the exam so they may exercise this knowledge in UFO cases under investigation. May I express my apologies for these unwarranted delays. One of our directors volunteered to grade the tests as a result of our annual board meeting.

NEW OFFICER

Helmut Lammer, M.S. (Buck/Mur) has been appointed the Representative for Austria and a Research Specialist in Geophysics at the recommendation of **Illobrand von Ludwiger**, Director for MUFON-CES. Herr Lammer joined MUFON in January 1992 and was a speaker at

the BUFORA 8th International UFO Congress in Sheffield, England. Texas State Director **Ellen R. Stuart** selected **Gayle Nesom**, M.A. (Houston) to become her Assistant State Director for Southeast Texas, replacing **Andy Abercrombie**. **Bill** and **Linda Murphy**, Co-State Directors for Michigan, promoted hypnotherapist **David E. Toth**, Ph.D., (Holt) to State Section Director for Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, and Jackson Counties.

NEW CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

New Consultants joining MUFON this month were **Thomas W. Martin**, Ph.D. (San Diego, CA) in Clinical Therapy; **David H. Robinson**, Ph.D. (Vista, CA) in Mathematics; and **Robert E. Cason**, Ph.D. and J.D. (El Paso, TX) in English. Five new Research Specialists volunteered their expertise. They were **Joseph J. Poveromo**, M.S. (Brooklyn, NY) in Electrical Engineering and Physics; **Lora L. Seaboldt**, M.S. (Great Falls, MT) in Library Science; **Victor C. Connor**, M.S. (Normal, IL) in Electrical and Computer Engineering; **Bob Canino**, M.A. (Liverpool, NY) in Philosophy; and **James R. Murray**, M.S. (Tullahoma, TN) in Biology.

COALITION REORGANIZED FOR SECOND YEAR

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) joined with the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) last year in a coalition to solicit research proposals. The members of the coalition council met quarterly in Las Vegas, NV to pass judgment on proposals submitted and then funded worthy projects with monetary grants. The objective of all three groups was, and still is, to move the study of UFOs more toward science using the general protocols of the scientific method.

Regretfully, the monetary benefactor behind the coalition became impatient with the scientific method, even though several important projects were completed or nearing completion. Due to a serious disagreement in management philosophy the coalition is no longer being funded by the Bigelow Foundation. We commend and thank Mr. Bigelow for his philanthropy during the first year of operation of the C-F-M Coalition. It was a notable and enlightening experiment. The united front and scientific goals of the coalition will be continued but under more modest financial arrangements. We are presently negotiating with other philanthropists who are interested in resolving the UFO enigma in a scientific manner.

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