

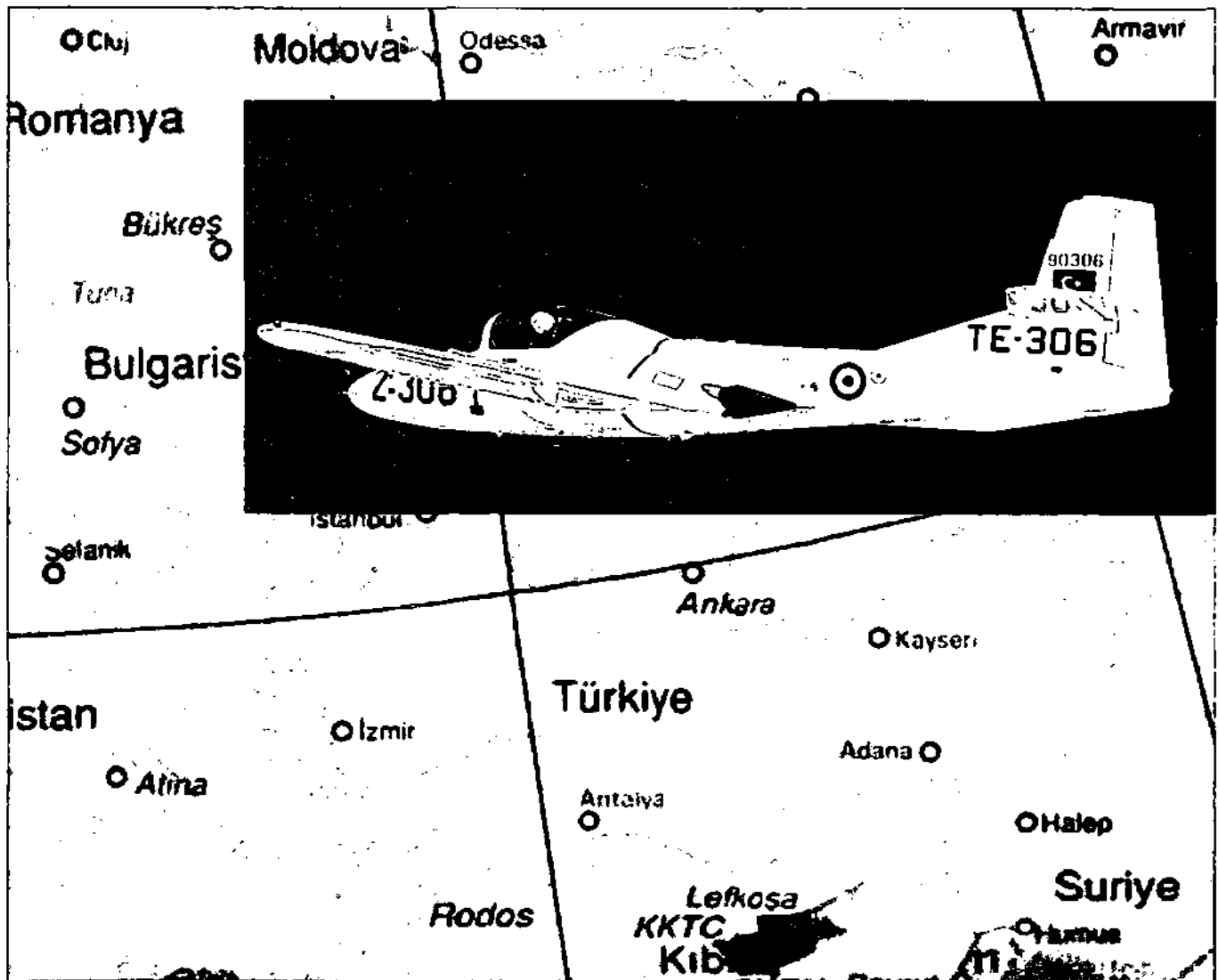
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“This is literally dogfighting with us.”

Turkish military pilots encounter UFO

By Esen Sekerkarar

On Aug. 7, 2001, two military pilots of the Turkish Air Force were witnesses to a very unusual incident.

At about 12:30 p.m. Instructor Pilot First Lt. Ilker Dincer and his student, Lt. Arda Gunyel, took off with a T-37 training aircraft from Squadron 122 in Izmir, Turkey's third largest city, for a training flight.

As they were flying over Candarli Gulf at an altitude of 15,000 feet, they started making maneuvers of adjustment and engine stopping. Then First Lt. Dincer and his pupil encountered a UFO.

After recovering from the shock, Dincer reported the situation to the ground control and the Regional Military Centre near Kutahya. First Lt. Dincer reported to the operation center:

“We encounter an unusual situation. There is an extremely bright object resembling a funnel or a pyramid with a leg flying at a very high speed.”

But the Centre's answer was, “We detected your aircraft. But no other object around can be detected.”

Thereupon, First Lt. Dincer directed the aircraft towards the mysterious object. According to his statement, the object did the same. The UFO approached the T-37's wings, and they started to fly together. Dincer reported, “Object is approaching our wings. Now it's at the rear. I'll take it in the front by a maneuver. Object is now over us. This is literally dogfighting with us.”

The UFO made maneuvers around the aircraft for about 15 minutes. An experienced pilot, Dincer responded to the maneuvers of the mysterious craft. The dangerous dogfight ended with the disappearance of the UFO at a fantastic speed.

Here is the full radio talk of First Lt. Dincer and the Base:

T-37: Position Candarli skies, we are facing an unusual situation.

Base: What is the problem?

T-37: There is a very bright object resembling a funnel and a disk flying at a very high speed in 12 o'clock position.

Base: Continue, what's its position?

T-37: It is approaching me at a very high speed from straight ahead. Immediately detect this object on the radars. I have never encountered such a thing. I suspect it is a UFO.

Base: We detect a high activity of your craft. But no other object can be detected on the radar.



Esen Sekerkarar

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T-37: We are turning the cursor to the object.

Base: We cannot detect a second object other than you.

T-37: The object is coming towards us.

Base: Radar detect negative.

T-37: Object is approaching our wings. Now it's at the rear. I'll take it in the front by a maneuver.

Base: I repeat, radar detect negative.

T-37: Object is now over us. This is literally dogfighting with us.

Base: Continue

T-37: Object suddenly disappeared.

After returning to their base in Cigli [Izmir], the pilots reported the incident to their superiors. It was stated that there was much astonishment in the Air Force and that the investigation continued.

Air Force's Press Release

As this news was all over the front pages of the newspapers and on TV as breaking news, the Turkish Air Force had to make a press release where it was stated that the encountered object was a meteorology balloon!

This statement was not taken seriously by the media itself, either. Also Meteorology Centre stated that there were no balloons over that route at the date. One other thing is that before training flights the route is always checked for air traffic.

No need to say it is a law of nature that no meteorology balloon can dogfight with a jet at such high altitude and make such unconventional maneuvers.

However the Air Force did not make any further statements after the objections. The two pilots were not allowed to speak about the encounter, so they could not be reached at their base for any further details. The case was closed.

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Has the government been trying to reveal UFOs?

Disney, UFOs, and Disclosure

By Grant Cameron

Ward Kimball, one of the original Disney animators, referred to by Walt Disney as one of the trusted "Nine Old Men" (supreme court of animation), died in Arcadia, CA, on July 8. He was 88.

Kimball was famous for his animated creation of the characters Jiminy Cricket, The Cheshire Cat, The March Hare, The Mad Hatter, and for redesigning Mickey Mouse in 1938.

He joined the Disney Studios in 1934, and rose up in the ranks to become a directing animator on such classics as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," "Fantasia" and "Peter Pan." He directed Disney Oscar-winning shorts "Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom" in 1953 and "It's Tough To Be a Bird" in 1969.

Unknown to many Disney watchers, Kimball was also a student of UFOs and outer space. He had a large collection of UFO books and magazines, according to Navy physicist Bruce Maccabee, who met with him in 1980. Maccabee had been to Kimball's house to recruit him as one of the 10 original board members for the Fund for UFO Research. Kimball accepted the position, although he really didn't become an active member of the board.

In the mid-fifties Kimball worked with a soon to be famous scientific advisor by the name of Wernher von Braun to write and direct three key outer space documentaries for the "Disneyland" television series. The three documentaries were "Man in Space," "Man and the Moon," and "Mars and Beyond." Kimball referred to them as "the creative high point of my career."

According to Disney spokesman Howard E. Green, the three outer space documentaries are "often credited with popularizing the concept of the government's space program during the 1950's."

The first of these, the 1955 "Man in Space," was so popular (viewed by over 42 million people) that, according to Kimball, President Eisenhower phoned Walt Disney from the White House looking for a copy of the production. When Disney asked Eisenhower why he wanted it, Eisenhower replied, "Well, I'm going to show it to all those stove-shirt generals who don't believe we're going to be up there!"

It was Kimball, who at the July 1979 MUFON UFO symposium in California told of his interest in the subject of UFOs. Then to a stunned audience he related the story of how the American government had approached Walt Disney himself, prior to Sputnik, to make a UFO documentary to help acclimatize the American population to the reality of extraterrestrials.

Kimball stated in the speech that around 1955 or 1956 the USAF contacted Walt Disney. They asked him to cooperate on a documentary about UFOs. As a part of the deal, the USAF offered to supply actual UFO footage, which Disney would be allowed to use in his film.

According to Kimball's account, Disney went along with the USAF plan, which was not that unusual. The use of Walt Disney cartoons, after all, had been suggested by the 1953 CIA Robertson UFO panel as part of a public-education program involving the mass media to "strip the UFO phenomenon of its special status and eliminate the aura of mystery it has acquired."

The discussions between the CIA people and Disney may actually have taken place, because in August 1955, Frederick C. Durant III, who was a member of the Robertson CIA panel, showed Walt Kimball's documentary "Man in Space" during the Sixth Congress of the International Astronomical Federation in Copenhagen.²

Prior to the request for a UFO documentary by the defense department, Disney had shown a capacity to cooperate with the government. His studio produced 80 armed forces shorts during WW II. Films such as "Alice in Wonderland" (1951) and "Peter Pan" (1953) were put on hold while the Disney staff produced the numerous animated films, plus 1,200 insignia designs for military units.

In one year, during the war, Disney turned out over four hundred thousand feet of government films.³

"Victory through air power"

The films ranged from one on venereal disease to one of the most popular, which was the film "Victory through Air Power." It is the film which British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Roosevelt watched together just prior to the invasion of Europe. Roosevelt was "excited by the way Disney's aircraft masterfully wiped ships off the seas," so it was "run again the next day, and FDR



Ward Kimball

invited the Joint Staff to have a look at it.”

Disney had represented the United States government on a good-will tour of Chile, Argentina, Columbia, Brazil, and Bolivia, and he had allowed the United States Army to station a 700-man anti-aircraft unit at his Los Angeles studio early in the war.

Disney was also, according to a Dec. 16, 1954, FBI document, made a SAC Contact for the FBI, which elevated him from his former position as an informant for the agency. Now he was able to gather information from other FBI informants. The confidential internal FBI memo read, “Because of Mr. Disney’s position as the foremost producer of cartoon films in the motion picture industry, and his prominence and wide acquaintanceship in film production matters, it is believed that he can be of valuable assistance to this office . . .”

What would an alien look like?

Once Walt Disney had finished his meetings with the USAF, he began to work on the requested UFO documentary for the public. He asked his animators to think up what an alien would look like. Meanwhile, he waited for the Air Force to deliver on the promised film.

After some period of time the Air Force re-contacted Disney and told him the film offer had to be withdrawn. There would be no UFO footage as promised. Kimball told researcher Stanton Friedman that once he found out there would be no delivery of UFO film, he personally spoke with an Air Force Colonel who told him “there indeed was plenty of UFO footage, but that neither Ward, nor anyone else, was going to get access to it.”⁴

This caused a temporary halt to Disney’s UFO documentary project. As one account by Bruce Maccabee described it, “Disney cancelled the project, but by this time a lot of animated film of ‘creatures’ had been completed by his artists. So Disney went ahead and made a short ‘documentary’ anyway, featuring Jonathan Winters impersonating various ‘characters’ associated with typical UFO lore.

“I specifically recall Mr. Winters as an old lady/grandmother who saw a UFO and reported it... then he portrayed the Air Force officer who investigated the sightings and offered explanations. He also portrayed a little boy in a room who had a telescope looking up at the stars and, to the little boy’s amazement, an alien came through the telescope into his room (I think I’ve got this right). Of course the boy’s father didn’t believe that story.”⁵

The UFO documentary was never shown in public, but Kimball did show the 15-20 minute piece at the 1979 MUFON Symposium. The documentary, however, did not contain any of the dramatic UFO footage everyone had been anticipating.

Other attempts to “spill the beans”

What is important to note about this Kimball story, relating the attempt by the United States government to “spill the beans,” is that it was not the only time such an incident had occurred. People associated with the United States government have been approaching people inside the UFO community with similar UFO film offers for decades. A close look at these “approaches” shows some

About the author

Grant Cameron became involved in Ufology in May 1975 with a sighting of an object during the Carman Manitoba UFO flap. Over the next 18 months he had many other sightings of objects in the area. He spent countless days in the area photographing the objects and interviewing hundreds of witnesses who were involved.

After composing a manuscript about the flap, he moved on to research the work of the late Wilbert B. Smith, who headed up the Canadian government flying saucer investigation known as Project Magnet, which ran from 1950 to 1954. During two decades of work on Smith, Cameron was able to collect most of Smith’s files and material written about Smith, as well as interviewing most of the associates around Smith who worked on the flying saucer investigation.

Years of Smith research led to the discovery of former Penn State University president Dr. Eric Walker, who was identified by Dr. Robert Sarbacher as a key person inside the UFO cover-up. Cameron teamed up with T. Scott Crain to write a book titled *UFOs, MJ-12, and the Government* which summed up their three years of research on Dr. Walker.

In the past few years Cameron has turned his research interests to the involvement and actions of the presidents of the United States in the UFO problem. He has made 10 trips to the National Archives and various presidential archives looking for presidential UFO material. Many of his findings have been written up on The Presidents Website www.presidentialufo.com.

At present Cameron is working on producing monographs for Walker, Smith, the Presidential involvement in psychic phenomena, and a monograph looking at a possible disclosure pattern to try and explain many of the actions of the American government related to UFOs during the past 50 years.

sort of strange and desperate attempt to get out a message to the American population.

At exactly the same time as Kimball was producing his space documentaries, and Disney was fielding offers from the USAF to do a UFO documentary, the USAF was busy doing what they could do to manage another UFO documentary being produced by Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse.

Prepared for controversy

The 92-minute documentary titled “UFO” was eventually released in May, 1956. It was a film that Air Force officials thought might bring a storm of controversy, new sightings, and flying saucer hysteria. As pointed out by author David Jacobs in his book *UFO Controversy in America*, the Air Force set up a contingency plan to counteract the feared fallout from the documentary. The new Project Blue Book Director and “zealous UFO debunker,” Captain George T. Gregory, took the necessary steps to deal with the UFO documentary.

“Gregory kept a file of all the movie’s reviews, notifications, and advertisements, carefully underlining every

statement that might cause problems for the Air Force or generate interest in UFOs. From Richard Dyer McCann's review in the *Christian Science Monitor*, Gregory singled out the statement, 'It will almost certainly stir up a storm of public controversy,' and added the marginal note, 'This is something that neither PIO (Office of Public Information) or ATIC would like to undergo again!'

"ATIC asked (Dr. J. Allen) Hynek (then AF Chief UFO Consultant) and Air Force officers to review the film before its release, and asked photo experts to compare copies of the Mariana and Newhouse films with the excerpts shown in the movie. ATIC Chief Scientist A. Francis Arcier met with agency officials to discuss the preparation of a case file giving the official Air Force explanation for every sighting portrayed in the film."

More importantly, the Air Force had not only prepared for the fallout from the film, they had actively participated in the development of the documentary. Three key former Blue Book members—Albert M. Chop, Maj. Dewey J. Fournet, and Capt. Edward Ruppelt—provided technical assistance to Greene and Rouse. The three Air Force men had many meetings with the producers.

Greene told researcher Robert Barrow: "Together we went into a lengthy and exhaustive study of reports, various documents and affidavits of UFO sightings and reports from radar experts which, with some heretofore top secret motion pictures, in color, of flying saucers, form the basis of the film."

Most importantly Greene and Rouse obtained two key UFO films that had just been declassified for "UFO." The two films, both showing daytime UFOs in flight, were, the Great Falls, Montana, film which showed two objects, and the Tremonton, Utah, film which showed 12 objects. The films had been analyzed and presented to the CIA Robertson UFO Panel in January, 1953, as the best photographic evidence held by the USAF related to UFOs. Following their appearance at the Robertson panel the Air Force chose to keep the two films classified. The Utah film was actually declassified quietly by ATIC just before "UFO" was finished.

Declassified for the documentary?

Were the two films declassified for the UFO documentary? Were these all or part of the UFO footage that had been shown to Walt Disney? The timing was ideal, and at least Ruppelt and Fournet were involved in the analysis of at least the Utah film.

An even more direct and dramatic encounter between the Air Force and a team of documentary producers occurred in 1972-73. It was then that former USAF Project Blue Book spokesman Col. William Coleman and former ATIC Commander Col. George Weinbrenner made an

offer at the Pentagon of "800 feet of film... as well as several thousand feet of additional material" related to UFOs.

The offer was made to documentary film producers Robert Emenegger and Allan Sandler. The two men were told that they would be allowed to use the UFO footage in a special film project they had been asked to join. Other than the fact that neither man had to sign in at the Pentagon, the whole documentary negotiation was handled like an ordinary film deal, according to Emenegger.

There were no mysterious figures and calls in the middle of the night as had happened with researchers like Bill Moore. The talks to go over the details of the documentary were held in places like Col. William Coleman's Pentagon office. Emenegger described some of the incredible events that occurred as the officially sanctioned Defense Department film was being planned:

"As a matter of fact, you know, one of our agreements was to go over the script at the Pentagon, and if there was any question about anything they had the right to ask about it. Strangely enough, no one even questioned the thing about the landing at Holloman Air Force Base. It was like, 'Well, OK'... I just couldn't believe it (Emenegger and Sandler began as UFO disbelievers), but said, 'Oh, Well—I'll go along with it.' One conversation led to another. Everyone couldn't have been more open about what we were doing. Anyone along the line could have questioned it, which I expected. They could have said, 'What the hell are you guys talking about?' This included Gen. George Weinbrenner, if you recall."

Dramatic footage of landed UFO

The main film promised to the two men was dramatic footage of an encounter between the occupants of a landed UFO and officials at Holloman Air Force Base. It impressed Emenegger, who described what he saw in 1988: "What I saw and heard was enough to convince me that the phenomenon of UFOs is real—very real."⁶

The project was described to the two producers as a documentary on a secret government project. When the two men discovered that the topic of the secret project would be UFOs, they were surprised because "they had assumed that the matter had been resolved with the closure of Project Blue Book in 1969."

The documentary was to be sponsored by the Department of Defense in a claimed attempt to do a public relations turnaround, which they claimed was needed because of the Vietnam War. At least that is the story Emenegger and Sandler were told by Col. Bill Coleman. A number of different subjects were proposed for the defense documentaries (such as 3-D holography and laser development), but no other subject other than UFOs was ever



Fournet, Chop, and Ruppelt Review "UFO" Script.

brought up. The two documentary producers were told that the government was now ready to release all the facts about the alien presence on earth. They were shown and told about evidence that they could use for their tell-all documentary. This evidence included:

- ◆ Photographs and films of UFOs.
- ◆ Pictures of grey-skinned alien beings.
- ◆ A 16mm movie film of an alien in the company of an Air Force officer. The two men were told that this alien had survived a 1949 crash, and that it had been kept at a safe house in Los Alamos until its death in 1952.⁷

- ◆ 800 feet of film showing an encounter between three aliens and Holloman Air Base officials during a landing that had reportedly occurred there in May, 1971.⁸ Several thousand feet of additional material was also promised.

- ◆ Photos of UFOs taken by astronauts, which NASA had formally denied the existence of.

As the documentary neared completion, the two producers waited for the promised dramatic alien landing footage taken at Holloman AFB. Col. Coleman, who had first made the offer to provide it in 1972, however, withdrew the film offer. According to what Emenegger told researcher Tim Good, Coleman had declared, "The timing was politically inappropriate, due to the Watergate scandal."⁹

Documentary released

The Emenegger/Sandler documentary, "UFOS, Past, Present, and Future" was released by Sandler Films in 1974. Lacking the actual UFO footage, the documentary was forced to use standard animation, background film taken at Holloman, and "elaborate drawing of the so-called aliens."

At least that is what the producers thought when they first ran the film. Later, indications arose that indicated 12 seconds of the actual Holloman landing might have been slipped in (for unknown reasons) as part of the "training film" material the defense department provided for the documentary.

As an interesting footnote to the Disney story, Emenegger reported that he and Sandler had also talked with the Disney people during the time period they were working on their UFO documentary. The people who they spoke to at the Disney studios "seemed to be involved and interested, but did not have any particularly startling data."

In 1983, the United States government made yet another offer of dramatic UFO film for a UFO documentary. This new offer was made to documentary film producer Linda Moulton Howe and HBO. They were approached and offered the same Holloman landing film, along with a film of the live alien that supposedly had lived in a Los Alamos safe house from 1949-1952.

New evidence?

The events that led to the offer came while Howe was preparing to make a UFO documentary for HBO. Through a second researcher, who had heard about the new evidence, Howe was brought onto the Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. There, Richard Doty, an Air Force Office of Special Investigations special agent, made her

the new film offer. Doty told Howe that "higher-ups" were willing to release special confirming UFO footage for her documentary. Howe described the film offer made to her:

"The government intended to release to me several thousand feet of color and black and white film taken between 1947 and 1964 showing crashed UFO discs and extraterrestrial bodies in historic footage to be included in the HBO documentary supported with official government confirmation."¹⁰

Film not released

As with Kimball and the Emenegger/Sandler team, the promised film was never released to Howe. Despite Doty's claim that the government had authorized the release of film showing crashed saucers and alien bodies for use in the HBO documentary, it never materialized. Doty and others at the base told Howe that this was due to "political delays." When the alleged historical film footage didn't materialize, HBO canceled the documentary, and Howe was forced to move on to other projects.

In 1985, yet another offer of historic UFO footage was made, once again to Robert Emenegger. Col. William Coleman, now retired from the Air Force Public Relations Office and living in Florida, indicated the time was again right. The government might again be willing to release key footage confirming the extraterrestrial presence on earth. Suggestions were even made that Senator Barry Goldwater, and former President Jimmy Carter "would help" obtain the release of the promised film.

One of the conditions tied to the release, however, was that prominent UFO researchers Jacques Vallee and J. Allen Hynek had to get involved in the film project. The reason given for this was that a key to getting the government to release the information hinged on the film being "professional enough and interesting enough to reopen the whole subject before the American people."

By the time Hynek had been contacted by Col. Coleman in 1985 to get involved in the newest UFO film disclosure, Hynek was already familiar with the Holloman and other UFO films that would be offered to Vallee and himself. That is because Brian and Tina Choate, who were in large part responsible for bringing Hynek to Arizona, had already seen the UFO footage—including the 1971 Holloman Air Force Base alien landing footage.

They were shown UFO footage and photos at Norton Air Force Base's Defense Audiovisual Agency (DAVA) in the early 1980s by a Gen. Glenn E. Miller, who asked them if they would like to check out a copy of the Holloman footage. They were expected to then pass on the word of what they had seen to Dr. Hynek. "Miller wanted to get the word out."

Generals were contactees?

Gen. Miller, a man with two doctorate degrees, worked at DAVA along with his boss Gen. Robert Scott, the DAVA Director. Surprisingly, both generals were, according to Jacques Vallee, "outright contactees."

Because the Choates were "steeped heavily in contactee lore," it is believed Miller allowed them to see the Holloman film even though they were not prominent in the UFO community. In 1985, Emenegger had seen

enough to lead him to believe that dramatic UFO information and film footage was once again about to be released. That is because he too was dealing with Gen. Scott and Gen. Miller at Norton. He spoke of this new contact to get him to do another UFO documentary:

"During the Reagan administration I met with Gen. Bob Scott and Gen. Glenn Miller . . . they wanted another program like we had done, and we spent a lot of time discussing it. Bob Scott was a Reagan appointee . . . He had a Glen E. Miller retired general as his aide, or second in command. We spent a lot of discussion. There was a lot of stuff in the vault that he wanted to get out. I even had Gen. Miller come to our house to meet Hynek and his group to take them out to Norton so they could look around . . . Miller was, interestingly enough, head of one of the studios in Hollywood—one of the old ones. He got Reagan his first contract. So there were these strange connections. I met with Miller and Scott like at Denny's restaurant. It was like 'Meet at Denny's and we will discuss this.'"

Vallee, on the other hand, was "negative and skeptical" about the offer of the UFO footage being promised by the two generals. He felt that if the government wanted to release the information they could simply go to someone like the national Academy of Sciences and announce the discovery of the alien presence.

Both Vallee and Hynek felt the Air Force was again playing games and were trying to use them to deliberately mislead the public. Between themselves, they concluded that they could not support Emenegger's plan to pursue a documentary, but "if there was any chance of uncovering genuine evidence" they would pursue it "behind the scenes."

Hynek and Vallee weren't buying

Hynek and Vallee did follow up on some interviews at Norton Air Force Base, where two "contactee" generals assured them they could produce the UFO footage. The two researchers, however, weren't buying, and the UFO film offer was finally withdrawn.

In the late eighties, the government was again busy making disclosure promises. This time the offers included the offer of an interview with the "keeper" of the live alien that had been held at Los Alamos, or access to a 16mm film that had been taken of the alien while he was still living. The man who had been the "keeper" had been a captain in the early fifties when he lived with the captured alien. He was by one account now a colonel, near death, and prepared to talk. Those presented with the interview offer were documentary film producer Linda Howe and author Bill Moore.

A chance to view an alien

Emenegger was not offered a film interview with the alien. Through Paul Shartle he was offered an actual chance to go to New Mexico and see the alien (EBE-3) that was now a guest of the government. Prominent author Whitley Strieber was made the offer of publicizing a 16mm film that had been taken of the alien, along with other bizarre tales. Whitley described his government encounter this way:

"I had some personal experience with them. I was approached by a retired officer from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations with all kinds of stories, how the government had taken 16mm film of an alien that they had done an operation on in 1952 to enable it to talk through otherwise atrophied vocal cords. It struck me as . . . I wouldn't have written it as fiction because it was ridiculous. They tried to make me believe that aliens had something to do with Jesus Christ and all sorts of ridiculous things which if I had gone out into the public with would have made me look like a fool."

Offer withdrawn

In most of the cases involving the live alien footage and the interview with the "keeper," there was one delay after another. Finally, like the offer of UFO films made to other researchers in the seventies and early eighties, the offer was eventually withdrawn.

The final twist in this bizarre disclosure saga brings us back to the Disney animator Ward Kimball. A prominent British photographer by the name of Don Maloney reported in 1995 that in 1972 he had been in the United States and was having dinner with the head of the Disney Studios, and four of the nine original Disney animators. Ward Kimball was one of the four at the table.

While this dinner was going on, Maloney reported that he was introduced to another man, identified in one account as a "well-known Disney employee." The man offered to show Maloney some unusual film footage at his house. When Maloney saw it he described it as "old footage of UFOs," and "two beings that he was told were aliens." UFO investigator Georgina Bruni interviewed Mike Maloney about his early 1970s encounter at Disney. She described what Maloney told her about the aliens he had been shown on the film:

"One, which appeared to be dead, was laid out on a table—or slab; the other was clearly alive and moving around on the floor. He was given no information as to the source of the footage, which he was told was 'top secret,' but he was in no doubt that it was a genuine piece of old film. Mike described it as being similar to the alien autopsy footage that had been shown on television. (The Santilli "Alien Autopsy" film.) At no time did he say it was the same, just similar. Of the footage he personally viewed, he said: 'If the film that I saw was a fake, it was a brilliant fake.'"¹¹

Was it Kimball?

Was the "well-known" employee Kimball, or was there a second "well-known" Disney employee who was also a UFO buff? Was the Kimball Disney story told by Kimball in 1979 just a cover for a film that the Disney people had actually gotten from the government? Maloney has not yet released the name of the man who showed him the film. If it was Kimball who showed the alien film in his house, then the government now knows where that missing UFO film went.

If it wasn't Kimball who showed Maloney the conclusive E.T. footage, then Ward Kimball, like many UFO researchers before him, had spent many decades of his life gathering strong evidence of the E.T. presence, and

died before he could hear the government confirm his suspicions. If that is the case, then welcome to the club, Ward!

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The base commander and two scientists met with the aliens, after which the group moved down to the end of Mars street on the base into building #930.

Some accounts state that Emenegger "was even taken to Holloman and shown the landing site and the building in which the spaceship had been stored and others (Buildings 383 and 1382) in which meetings between Air Force personnel and the aliens had been conducted over the next several days." (Ebe text: Emenegger and Holloman, Round One.)

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Draft of Top Secret UFO memo now available

By Grant Cameron

Through the diligent research efforts of York University researcher Nick Balaskas, a draft of the original "Project Magnet" Top Secret Memo has been recovered from the Archives at the University of Ottawa.

The Balaskas discovery not only backs up the contents of what was found in the Top Secret document declassified by the Canadian government in 1979, it adds two new pages to the three that researchers were already aware of.

Wilbert Smith, Senior Radio Engineer in the Canadian Department of Transport, wrote the original Top Secret memo to his superiors in November, 1952. The memo was the beginning of the Canadian government's official program to investigate flying saucers. Wilbert Smith headed up that investigation from December 1950 to August 1954.

The existence of the Top Secret draft in the Wilbert Smith UFO files is part of the reason that the Canadian government was forced to declassify the Top Secret memo held in their files.

Wilbert Smith left the draft in the files to give future researchers the truth of what had actually happened in the early days of government investigation into flying saucers. Dying of cancer, Smith made arrangement with his wife to hide the files so they would survive his death. "They will be coming to recover them," he told his wife Muri.

As Smith predicted, the Canadians, Americans, and Soviets approached Mrs. Smith, requesting the files for research purposes. Mrs. Smith told all callers she no longer had the files. After a number of break-ins that might have been linked to the search for the files, they were passed on to Arthur Bray, a local Ottawa researcher, who held them quietly for over two decades.

Bray was aware of the Top Secret memo draft, but was unable to say anything because the copy in the Smith files was still marked Top Secret. Bray held a Navy security clearance and was forced to remain quiet.

Bray, aware of what was in the files, did however lead the charge to force the government to release all the "Project Magnet" files held by the government. He wrote letters to government ministers and officials telling them where the files would be found.

The "Project Magnet" Top Secret memo is the key document in the large Smith collection of UFO material, now stored in the archives at the University of Ottawa.

In the memo, Smith outlined five key items about flying saucers that he had discovered while in discussions with top U.S. officials working on the flying saucer problem. These were:

1) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher than even the H-bomb.

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2) Flying saucers exist.

3) Their modus operandi is unknown, but a concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Vannevar Bush.

4) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

5) The United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines, which might possibly be related to the saucers, such as mental phenomena.

The two newly discovered pages of the November 1952 memo are titled "Project Magnet" and are classified in the draft as "Secret." The new pages read as follows:

Purpose

This project is for the purpose of studying magnetic phenomena, particularly those phenomena resulting from unusual boundary conditions in the basic electromagnetic field. There is reason to believe their discovery will open up a new and useful technology.

Organization

The initial organization shall be as small as practical and composed of personnel who are used to working together, including so far as possible a variety of research abilities. Laboratory facilities are to be drawn from existing facilities so far as possible.

Overall responsibility for the project shall rest with the engineer-in-charge, who shall delegate such responsibility to subordinates as may be required to carry out the project.

Program

The initial program shall include the following avenues of investigations, to which others may be added from time to time as may appear expedient.

1. Theoretical study of electromagnetic radiation assuming boundary conditions different from those upon which the conventional theory was developed.

2. Laboratory study of mechanical forces associated with electron drift and electric currents in metallic masses.

3. Theoretical and laboratory study of magnetic domain resonance conditions in magnetic materials.

4. Investigation of the propagation of magnetic wave motion in magnetic materials.

5. Investigate the possibility of producing, in effect, a "sink" in a magnetic field.

6. Investigate the possibility of producing, in effect, single isolated magnetic poles.

7. Investigate the effects of a magnetic field on a rotating curvilinear metallic object.

Coordination

Full coordination is to be maintained, within security regulations, with other groups working on a parallel or associated problems. Project reports will be available on a classified basis to suitably accredited groups of individuals.

Security

As in the case with most fields of research, it is impossible to assess the results in advance, which might be obtained through this project. However, there exist cer-

tain suspicions that the lesser-known and little explored aspects of magnetism may hold the key to a new and significant technology. Consequently, it is intended to classify this work in its entirety until such time as it can be assessed for its impact on our civilization.

The full Document is at

www.presidentialufo.com/top_secret_draft.htm

The Presidents UFO Story www.presidentialufo.com

Conducted implant research

Scientist Bill Mallow dies

Bill Mallow, one of a handful of scientists willing to do research into unusual objects, such as alleged alien implants, has died.

Because of the controversial nature of this material and the fear of scientists that they may suffer career damage if they work on it, he leaves behind him a significant void.

Dr. Roger Leir, noted implant researcher and author, says, "Bill became a good friend and colleague of mine. He worked on several different portions of the implant study. Without him we would not have gotten as far as we did. His loss will be felt deeply by many. The laboratory he was connected with will now be closed to all of us who are researching in this field. This is a sad day indeed."

Mallow was the first scientist to explore these objects with an open mind, and he made a number of valuable discoveries about them.

James Lankford, the Materials Engineering Director of the Southwest Research Institute where Mallow had been employed since 1954, said of him, "Bill Mallow is surely the greatest inventor and one of the greatest scientists in the history of the institute." He held 38 U.S. patents.

Although the institute took a dim view of his research into unusual objects, Mallow continued to conduct it despite their objections, paying for the research himself.

As well as being a notable scientist, Mallow was a musician, a singer, and a poet.

2002 Symposium Proceedings

The *MUFON 2002 International UFO Symposium Proceedings* book is now available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 + \$2.50 p&h (U.S.). For deliveries outside of the United States an additional \$4.00 postage (total \$6.50) is required. The book contains the papers presented at the annual MUFON Symposium in Rochester, New York, by **William J. Birnes, Richard Dolan, Timothy Good, Betty Hill, Bill Hamilton, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, Don Ledger, Peter Robbins, Jeffrey W. Sainio, Chris Styles and Richard Thieme.**

50 years to the day

UFO violates D.C. airspace

By Kenny Young

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On two consecutive weekends culminating on July 26, 1952, UFOs were sighted visually and on radar over the hot summer skies of Washington, D.C. Alarms sounded and planes took to the skies. Banner headlines shouted the event across the land. The public was mystified, and the event has withstood firm explanation to this day.

Now a half century later, on the 50th anniversary of that legendary UFO "invasion" of the nation's capital, our collective cage has apparently been rattled by yet another mysterious occurrence.

Around 1 o'clock in the morning of Friday, July 26, 2002, a pair of Air Force F-16 jets were scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to investigate an unidentified object tracked by NORAD radar systems.

The unidentified radar target was apparently moving toward the Washington, D.C., vicinity, approaching the Temporary Flight Restriction Area designated after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

According to Maj. Mike Snyder, Command Spokesman for both NORAD and The U.S. Space Command, this particular track was considered "of interest."

Maj. Snyder noted that "its radar signature, speed, and elevation fit the criteria of a small private aircraft. It was viewed as a reasonable security precaution to ascertain the intentions of the track and implement a graduated response."

He said that in extreme circumstances, such a response may include use of lethal force.

NORAD alerted the 113th Air National Guard wing of Andrews Air Force Base to investigate the unidentified radar target as it approached the most sensitive area of the country. Men took to action, and jets were scrambled.

Fueling this already tense situation with a healthy dose of mystery, the radar target "faded" from NORAD detection systems.

And so it goes—the pilots found nothing and saw nothing, so they returned home to a happy ending. Or that's what the official line is.

Meanwhile, all hell broke loose in nearby Waldorf, MD, as frightened residents took to the streets in droves amidst an aerial explosion of noise and tumultuous commotion.

According to a report from the *Washington Post* newspaper, Renny Rogers rushed out under the din of aircraft noise to see the source of the mayhem and was "floored" by the spectacle.

"It was this object, this light blue object, traveling at a phenomenal rate of speed, followed by this Air Force jet... right behind it, chasing it," Rogers said to reporters. "I told my neighbor, 'I think those jets are chasing a UFO.'"

Others also saw the bedlam, and the switchboards of talk radio station WTOP in Washington, D.C., lit up with

queries of concern. Some described a blue light, some thought it was orange or white. Some said it had soft edges. Some said it made no noise. To some, it appeared that military jets were in pursuit.

A July 26, 2002, newscast on the FOX News network told of numerous eyewitness claims that the unusual light had been chased by military jets. One witness was quoted as saying the jets were right on its tail. "As the thing would move, a jet was right behind it..."

But Maj. Snyder is doubtful of the observational cognizance of the citizenry of Waldorf, MD.

"People can see what they want to see..." he said. "What these people reported could have been exhaust from the jet itself, depending on whether or not the pilot was on or off afterburners. We don't think it was a UFO."

However, he could not explain the exact nature of NORAD's unidentified radar track.

"In this situation we found nothing at all," the Command Spokesman said. "The radar return may have been caused by a small plane flying low, and sometimes that will cause them to drop on or off the radar."

When asked about the radar target's peculiar method of departure by "fading" from the radar screens, Maj. Snyder said, "I don't have any info on this, but it's not uncommon for either routine or unidentified radar returns to fade. Sometimes a plane will simply come down and land on a small airport in the area or on a grassy strip."

The Command Spokesman was then asked if he could inform of the location, speed, and altitude the object was last observed, and he said: "I cannot get into this with any specificity. NORAD is absolutely not concerned about this situation. We posture our forces according to the threat, and at no time did this incident involve any threat to our country."

The Major also does not think that President Bush was awakened by the unusual episode and has no reason to believe that the Secret Service was cautioned.

"It was an innocuous happening," he remarked.

Yet while Maj. Snyder and NORAD think this "innocuous happening" has no relevance to the security of our nation's capital, his hypothesis regarding the nature of the unidentified radar track argues just the opposite.

Suppose this was a small private plane that somehow eluded the F-16 jets scrambled to intercept it. Wouldn't that plane and its grassy "landing strip" hideaway somewhere near the flight restriction zone around Washington, D.C., pose a security concern if manned by hostile operatives? And the factual reality of UFOs just might be another little security concern.

But when it's all said and done we'll probably have another unsolved mystery on our hands. And in time the mystery will slip away into that big black hole where all the "unresolved mysteries" are collectively forgotten.

Looking at the evidence thus far

Is there an alien strategy?

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After 55 years of continued UFO reports indicating a wide range of UFO/alien behavior, the question must arise as to whether or not the UFO occupants, or aliens, are carrying out some sort of strategy directed at us. And if so, what kind of strategy?

According to Elaine Douglass, for example, it is evident they are participating in maintaining the UFO coverup. That this is the case follows from the fact that never, in hundreds of thousands of sightings and large numbers of abductions, have they stayed around long enough for the news media of the developed world to converge upon the scene, and never have they left sufficient evidence behind to satisfy scientists who value their professional reputations.

That this could be the result of random behavior seems entirely implausible, given the reality of the UFO phenomenon. This then must be one element of an alien strategy.

A prime factum is the oft-noted feature that during this extended period of time, and during past millennia as well, they have not wiped us out, enslaved us, or taken over the planet despite in all probability possessing the capability of doing so. From this it is usually concluded that the aliens involved are non-hostile, at least to society as a whole. This lets us know that their strategy does not entail outright hostility.

Now, many of us are aware from science fiction, in particular *Star Trek*, that advanced, exploring ETs (in that case, us) may obey a "prime directive" in regards to less advanced alien beings of other planets. The intent of the directive is that the advanced beings not disrupt the developing civilization of the lesser advanced beings who are not yet aware of life outside their planet.

Interestingly, papers have appeared in the peer-reviewed scientific literature that incorporate this thought. The researchers allow that exploration, rather than exploitive colonization, could be a likely behavior of advanced aliens, who may be treating us as if in a zoo, a nursery, or carrying out a quarantine or embargo against Earth until we are better prepared for contact.

This theme has, for example, been accepted as a possibility by Newman & Sagan, who referred to such ethical guidelines as a *Codex Galactica*. They also wrote, "Some subset of moderately advanced civilizations may be engaged in the exploration and colonization of other planetary systems; however, their mere existence makes it highly likely that their intentions are benign and their sensitivities at our level of technological adolescence delicate."

However, a *total* embargo or hands-off strategy of Earth as part of an alien strategy would be self-defeating, in that when the time came when overt alien contact could

no longer be delayed or prevented, the shock of sudden confrontation with a superior civilization would still be devastating to our society. Thus a "leaky embargo" strategy has been proposed. The UFO phenomenon constitutes the "leak in the embargo," serving the purpose of conditioning society for eventual alien contact.

This conditioning appears to be a prolonged educational process directed mainly towards those who are inquisitive and open to the possibility of an alien presence. It is then left up to the latter, plus the eyewitnesses themselves, who are typically found to be one person in 12 or 15, to try to persuade the rest of society of the reality of the UFO/alien presence.

UFO sightings not only enlighten those who can accept it, but provide them with significant information as to the aliens' level of technology—the capability of their craft to withstand tremendous accelerations, hover without making noise, travel at large supersonic speeds without producing sonic booms, disappear suddenly or become invisible, change shape, etc.

The educational aspect

Encounters with the aliens themselves have further educated us on their psychic abilities, communication via some form of mental telepathy, ability to block out memories or provide screen memories within their abductees' minds, etc. By comparison, another purpose of the strategy, then, is evidently to cause us to recognize our own lowly place within the hierarchy of intelligent life forms in the cosmos.

Most interesting is that even the aliens who carry out the abductions and animal mutilations, plus those who engage in less traumatic contacts, abide by the same strategic guideline as followed by the aliens who provide "ordinary" UFO sightings: they do not leave sufficient evidence behind that would force unwilling skeptics to believe what is unthinkable to them. If this were not true, science would have caught on to the reality of the UFO phenomenon, including abductions, years ago.

Hence, the aliens engaged in the abduction phenomenon and animal mutilations cannot be considered totally independent of whichever alien group may be in charge of overseeing the strategy by which they all abide.

It may be noticed that although these deductions indicate that the aliens involved can wield great power and advanced technology, they no longer need be treated as gods/goddesses, now that science and astronomy have carried us to the point where we can appreciate the likelihood of the aliens' extraterrestrial origins and how their advanced capabilities should seem like magic to us.

The fact that the aliens in charge have not protected us from our own follies and wars has not prevented traumatic abductions from occurring—and have sometimes caused physical ailments in close-encounter witnesses—should further deter us from calling them gods or equat-

ing them with true God, the Universal Consciousness (assuming such exists). On the other hand, the counterbalancing benign or favorable aspects of the UFO phenomenon as discussed above, which include healings of some abductees' and witnesses' physical problems, and imparting an increased psychic and spiritual awareness to others, suggest we should follow a middle path regarding alien ethical levels, treating them as neither angels nor demons.

Though it may be more speculative, I therefore view this aspect—considering them on the whole as neither gods nor evil enemies, but entities rather like us except for their great headstart over us—as another element of the strategy the aliens in charge wish to put across to us.

This, along with the variety of reported alien types and behaviors, suggests that we will need to consider each future alien encounter on its own merits, as common sense would dictate, while keeping in mind what the UFO phenomenon of the past several decades has taught us. Because of the variety of alien types, I have frequently referred to “aliens in charge” in connection with implementation of the alien strategy.

Other aspects of the strategy

A disproportionate number of UFO sightings have occurred at nuclear missile silos and over nuclear power plants, and in the former case, nuclear missiles have even been remotely disarmed by the UFO. This strongly suggests that another element of the alien strategy is to discourage the use of nuclear weapons and nuclear power as well.

A key topic that aliens communicate to their UFO experiencers is the grave danger of Earth and its environment becoming unlivable through human destructiveness, carelessness, hatred, and greed. Emphasis of this concern then appears to be another facet of the alien strategy, probably because it is indeed of paramount importance.

On a less pessimistic note, their concern that we mend our ways suggests that they believe the future is not a fixed inevitability. This in turn suggests that the aliens, for the most part at least, are not time travelers from Earth's own future, tampering with a history assumed to be fluid and changeable.

As mentioned at the beginning, an important part of the strategy is that the aliens maintain the UFO coverup at the same time as they covertly disclose their presence to selected witnesses and experiencers. There are a variety of means by which they can accomplish this. They can purposely locate and time many of their UFO sightings to occur within an hour or two of a scientifically explainable event, such as a bright meteorite, an earthquake, a volcanic eruption, or reentry of satellite debris.

Then, although most witnesses will be astounded by the remarkable, non-explainable aspects of their sighting, non-witnesses may ignore these features of a UFO report if they wish and assume the event was the nearby scientifically explainable one, which it in some way resembled. Also, the aliens may exhibit a UFO craft that in some ways resembles a man-made or natural object, such

as an airplane, helicopter, large balloon or even a cloud. The eyewitnesses will notice the eerie differences, such as not giving off any sound, not having wings or not using “navigational” lights of proper placement and color, in the case of aircraft, and not moving with the wind like any balloon or cloud does; however, the non-witnesses who read of the report may ignore such details and assume the witnesses were mistaken.

The aliens may also communicate some disinformation, contradictory thoughts, or silly science to their abductees and contactees, who, when they report it, can get accused by scientists of having invented their stories, and be ridiculed. The aliens' “magical” technology and apparent intelligence thus permits them to stay several jumps ahead of our scientists and ufologists alike, though at the personal expense of some UFO experiencers.

Future outlook

It may be that the aliens are patiently waiting for us to realize these facets of their strategy, which may seem so obvious in hindsight, and are waiting for us to convince our fellow man, especially those in position of authority, before making their first overt contact with humanity.

The alternative scenario is that the aliens will make their presence known worldwide soon after some devastating global disasters, either natural or of mankind's making, have caused our civilization to collapse, in which case they need no longer fear that it would be their own overt presence that would produce the same reaction.

It is true that we cannot know all, or even much, of what's in the minds of the aliens who are involved in the UFO phenomenon. However, this should not deter us from making logical sense out of the information they have chosen to impart to us during the past 55 years of UFO sightings and encounters.

Having a handle on what the alien behavior is all about, and their implementation of a consistent though complex strategy, should help to make the UFO topic less unpalatable to professional scientists, who don't like to study what doesn't make sense to them, and who are the linchpins in the maintenance of the UFO coverup.

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This aerial view of the Naperville crop circle in a field of soybeans is reasonably impressive. (Photo by Bev Horne of the Daily Herald.)

Naperville crop circle appears to be a hoax

A crop circle in a field of soybeans just off Diehl Road in Naperville, IL, seems to have been created with the use of a "weed wacker." Since it appeared only two weeks prior to the release of the movie "Signs," in which crop circles play a major role, there is speculation that there may be a connection.

William Leone, an investigator for MUFON from Downers Grove, IL, was one of the first on the scene. He noted at the time that only an analysis of the plants and soil can determine the legitimacy of the circle, and this has not been done. He has indicated, however, that the circle does not appear to be legitimate.

Nancy Talbott, director of BLT, Inc., the major crop circle investigating organization in the world, contacted Roger Sugden, MUFON Assistant State Director for Indiana, and Dwight Connelly, editor of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, to see if they could provide information on the circle. An on-site inspection by the two indicated that the plants were not whirled or laid down, but, rather, had been cut off, as by a string-type mower.

Although Sugden and Connelly obtained permission from farmer Steve Berning to take soil and plant samples and make measurements, the owner of the land—who had an adjacent business—was upset with the numerous sightseers who had visited the site, and refused to let the pair continue.

The only overall measurement completed by Sugden and Connelly indicated the circle was about 209 feet in diameter, north to south, not including a "hook" protruding from the northeast section. Sugden took a radiation reading and found nothing unusual, but the circle was at least a week old at that time.

The owner of the property told Connelly that his employees had observed individuals in the field in broad daylight with "weedwhackers." He did not explain why nothing was done about this.

Overview and close-up photos have been sent to Talbott, and the few soil and plant samples taken are being stored, pending a decision on whether analysis of the few samples is justified. The new website for BLT, Inc is www.bltresearch.com. Check it out.

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Filer's Files

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Cattle found in water tank in Argentina

SUCO — El Diario News reports, that on June 28, 2002, very near the border with San Luis Province a well-respected livestock producer found 19 animals within an Australian-type water tank. These tanks are steel-sided, sheet metal with a conical cap. Nine of the bovines were dead, according to subsequent medical-veterinarian examinations, due to asphyxiation through immersion.

The rest were alive, but affected by the low temperatures and were near dead due to freezing. The news was confirmed by police officials of Regional Unit 7, headquartered at Rio Cuarto.

What no one can explain is how the 19 animals could have entered the enormous water tank, bearing in mind that they first had to cross an electric drover, then a 1.50 meter tall fence, and finally, "jump" over the tank wall.

Later, farmhands found a mutilated cow that had given birth to a calf. The cow was stressed, showing burns and precise incisions in different parts of her carcass, as though experts had deftly used a special scalpel.

These cases, according Dr. Cumin, have been investigated from the onset by veterinarians from the National University of Rio Cuarto. Ufologists posited the challenging possibility that teleportation occurred, moving the 19 animals of large size and weight from their cow pen into the tank. Government authorities who have been blaming red-muzzled mice for the mutilations now must explain how the mice carried the bovines into the tank.

Ontario object paces boat

MUSKOKA — On July 6, 2002, a couple had a sighting at 9:30 PM, while cruising on the lake. They saw a very bright light off the port side of the boat in a westerly direction, about 35 degrees off the horizon. The witness reported, "I realized it was moving in the same direction as us at about the same speed passing some treetops. I sped up the boat to about 30 mph and sure enough the lighted object did the same thing, just enough to stay with us. My wife and I were amazed that it reacted.

"Was it a fluke? We slowed right down again to almost a stop, and it did the same. I sped up and turned 180 degrees and watched it turn the same way in the same

direction. It banked in the turn, as opposed to an instant change of direction. I came to a stop and turned the lights out. It sat in the sky in one spot. I couldn't leave the lights off too long because another boat was coming along and passed me 200 feet off my starboard side. I thought the light might then pick up the other boat, but it stayed still. My wife was feeling spooked, so we decided to head back to the cottage.

"During this 5-minute trip our friend stayed with us. We tied up the boat, and the object drifted slowly out of our sight over the trees." Thanks to Sue Darroch sue@pararesearchers.org Para-Researchers Of Ontario <http://www.pararesearchers.org>



George Filer

Disc-shaped object spotted in British Columbia

SURREY, BC — On June 20, 2002, the witness was out on his apartment balcony at 6:30 PM using his phone when he spotted a disc-shaped craft that was silver on top, with a darker bottom. He grabbed his field glasses, but was unable to detect a cupola on the craft. The sky was clear, and he estimated that the UFO was about 3000 feet from him at an altitude of 500 feet. It was hovering and moving slowly S.S.E. when he first saw it. He watched it move behind a house and finally lost it from view when it headed south and disappeared behind some trees. Total viewing time was 3 minutes. During the viewing period he had time to phone Terry Tibando, Vancouver Working Group Coordinator for CSETI (Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence) in Port Moody describing what he was watching.

Thanks to Life Boat News, <http://www.lifeboatnews.com%20willthomas@telus.net/index.html>

"Symbols" reported in Ontario wheat field

ERIN TOWNSHIP, ONTARIO — Crop Watch 2002, received a report of an odd formation of possible "symbols" in a wheat field found on July 13, 2002, by a local resident. The symbols are 60 meters (200 feet) long. It is difficult to tell specific shapes as they were observed only from the ground. There are also other very small markings nearby with symbols 3 to 4.5 meters (10 to 15 feet) in size, with the wheat stalks flattened in overlapping layers, with some stalks bent over. There are numerous bent and swollen nodes on stalks, about 1.5 times normal size. This is the sixth report for 2002.

Objects over Maryland airport videotaped

BALTIMORE — Bill Bean writes, "I met with Virginia MUFON investigator Alexander Zikas and Bill at the observation lot at Baltimore/Washington International

Airport on June 22, 2002. I set two camcorders up and began taping, one camera northeast and the other one to the south. We were there approximately 30 minutes when something caught the eye of Mr. Zikas.

"It was in the northeastern sky, and it started forming a shape right before our eyes. It looked like an alien being, and we began shooting photos, and I was taping this as well. After review of the tape and photos, several non-conventional aircraft were noted. Mr. Zikas captured a silver reflective object, and I also captured the same object or a similar one. In my photo I noticed a dark dome on the object. These photos can be viewed at

<http://www.ufoman104.com>. Thanks to Bill Bean

Note: Bill goes out and hunts UFOs, and, surprise, he finds them. I encourage you to find a good lookout point where you can see a large area of the sky. Get your cameras ready before you go and keep them handy as you drive. Many are reporting they see UFOs shortly after they leave their home and before they get ready at their viewing site. UFOs are being sighted throughout the area.

Baseball-size lights observed in Virginia

ARLINGTON — A witnesses reports, "My son and I were in the back yard of our house about 1:15 AM this morning because we had gone outside to get our cat, who was on a ledge outside the second floor window. We were both looking up at the side of the house wondering how long we would have to wait for her to come down when two circular white lights flew over the house, going more or less west to east or northeast.

"They were about the size of a baseball held at arm's length. We both saw it, and about two minutes later they came back again, from west to east/northeast. This time they both stopped—don't know how far away—they seemed close, although the spheres were small.

"They both stopped for a second, then one of the objects 'flew' away at a right angle to its previous path of flight, not up in the sky, but back to the northwest at what seemed to be the same altitude as before. The other object remained motionless for five seconds maybe, then continued northeast on pretty much its original direction. They were definitely two different objects that were flying in tandem at first, then split up. We ran out to the front yard with the video camera, but didn't see anything. They made no noise. If they weren't close they must have been huge. Similar sightings were seen in Waldorf, MD, about ten miles from us." Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Rapidly-moving oval reported by pilot

KANSAS CITY — "I am an air freight pilot that flies smaller, twin-engined aircraft, building experience to fly for the major airlines. I saw something strange on my way out of Kansas City International Airport on July 2, 2002. I have always been a skeptic and thought UFOs were bogus, until now.

"I saw a solid oval, no blinking lights or colored lights, moving rapidly across the sky from east to west. I've

seen thousands of satellites before, and I know for sure this was NOT a satellite. Why? Because this object was about the size of a dime moving across my windscreen. I initially saw it on climb-out as it traveled from directly overhead to slightly above the horizon (about 1 thumb's width with your arm stretched outward) before I lost it in the haze.

"The object traveled this total distance in less than 3 minutes time. My estimate 250 to 300 miles. It had a soft, medium white silhouette light which illuminated the entire object. I was climbing out of 4500 feet at the time, and my guess was that the object was in excess of 50,000 feet.

"I inquired with ATC, to see if I had any potential conflicting traffic. He panned his radar out to include all altitudes, and then he said nothing was on his scope except for a few low altitude targets that were in bound for K. C. International. The ATC controller and I both laughed a bit about it, and then nothing was said. It has been at the front of my mind, each day, since I saw the object." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC

Twenty lights reported on California object

HAWTHORNE CITY — A large black flying triangle was sighted on July 22, 2002, traveling along the California coast line at around 10:15 PM. The following night the witness stated, "I walked out onto my patio at 10:21 PM, and saw a string of lights, ran inside my house, grabbed my camcorder, and recorded this spectacle for a few seconds. There were about twenty lights all flashing a cherry red color, and all of them were flashing heading southeast.

"They started off in a triangular pattern and started forming a crescent shape. Some objects were further away and not part of the configuration. I was with two friends, and we were outside talking. Some red lights approaching from the north (going south) caught our attention. We saw a very huge boomerang or V-shaped object, with a bright white light at the 'nose,' and red blinking lights around its perimeter (maybe four or five on either side of the white light).

"We were all pretty impressed with its massive size and we kept the object in sight as it traveled along the coastline. We kept sight of it until it was too far away to see. It was totally silent and seemed to glide slowly across the sky. I am totally shocked it did not make the news, since it flew right over the LAX flight path.

PALOS VERDES — A flying triangle was reported coming from the Redondo Beach direction along the coast moving slowly just before 11:00 PM on Tuesday. Thanks, Bill Hamilton, Executive Director, Skywatch International, Inc. Website: <http://www.skywatch-research.org>

Mutilations and sightings continue in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE — The total carcass count to date now stands at 394 according to Christian Quintero, who cautions that many ranchers have stopped reporting new cases, and the tally may in fact exceed four hundred. Most of the cases are in Buenos Aires

with 140. La Pampa has 77, Cordoba Province has 27. The bulk of the cases are within 300 miles of Buenos Aires. Thanks to Argentina's Proyecto Condor, the numbers are based on information supplied by C.O.R.

SAN JOSÉ — A couple driving home last night at around 21:00 hours witnessed a large, sky-blue light moving over the lagoon, changing color and size as it did so. Its color was red and it gave off flashes. Minutes later a local resident contacted EL FUERTE [to say that she had seen] the light descend and lose itself behind the treeline. An hour later, at 22:30, two other witnesses saw the same phenomenon.

PARISH — The El Yunque ranch foreman informed EL TIEMPO that he found a bovine presenting signs of mutilation. The case, according to the rural worker's description, is similar to others detected in the area and other parts of the country. In this specific case, the animal showed mutilations in the rectal area, tongue, eyes, and jaw. Four mutilated cows were found twelve kilometers southwest of Bartolome de las Casas, having the same characteristics as earlier cases. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the Translation (C) 2002. Special thanks to Alicia Rossi.

Object with search lights reported in Russia

PERM — Nikolay Subbotin, Director of the Russian UFO Research Station (RUFORS), reports that the "hunting season for UFOs is opened in Perm." In April a classic silver saucer-shaped UFO was observed over the Ural region city. On June 29, 2002, around 12:10 AM a UFO was videotaped from the 7th floor of a multi-storied apartment building. Mr. Maksim, who shot the video-footage, said his first impression was "...this might be a bright star."

But soon he noticed it was moving too fast, so he started shooting. On July 2, 2002, a UFO was observed further south of the original point of observation. It was too fast moving for a star or satellite, and was a very bright, pulsating ovoid light. The video shows the moving object pulsating as it moved, making new jerks with every flash.

On July 17, 2002, around 12:30 AM, over the Kama River, several witnesses observed a bright light and flashes inside the low clouds, slowly moving over the river. Suddenly, two beams, like from searchlights, descended and started scanning the river and nearby houses. This stunning sighting lasted for two minutes. Then the beams vanished, light started going away, suddenly squeezing into a little dot and disappearing. The impression was that the object, emitting light, suddenly zoomed up.

Thanks to RUFORS-nikolay.subbotin@psu.ru, <http://ufo.psu.ru>, Translated by Anton Anfalov, Director of Ukrainian UFOlogical Association (UKUFAS)

Many sightings reported over Sea of Azov

SEA OF AZOV — On Friday, July 26, 2002, at about 10:50 PM, a bright object looking like a white star, brighter than Sirius, was observed over the Crimean peninsula flying northeast to the Sea of Azov. It could be identified as ordinary satellite, but the witness persistently states that it was moving twice as fast as any satellite.

Bright white flashes and moving star-like objects were observed almost nightly after 2100 hours on July 24, 25, 26, 27, over the Sea of Azov. There are numerous rumors about an underwater UFO base in the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea. These include observations of the objects diving into the water. "I am myself the witness of more than ten UFOs during the last five years."

Thanks to Anton Anfalov, Research Specialist for MUFON in Ukraine, Coordinator of Ukrainian UFOlogical Association (UKUFAS) an@crimea.com UFO activity over the Crimea has intensified, since 1987.

EDITOR'S NOTE: UFOs with six lights are being reported as activity increases.

Cosmonauts report "Christmas tree" object

Gennadij Strekhalov, aboard the MIR Space Station, says, "On the last two flights I saw something. During the flight of 1990, I called Gennadij Manakov, our commander: "Come to the porthole. Unfortunately, but this is typical, we did not manage to put a film in the camera quickly enough to film it."

We looked on Newfoundland, and the atmosphere was completely clear. And suddenly a kind of sphere appeared. I want to compare it with a Christmas tree decoration, beautiful, shiny, glittering. I saw it for ten seconds. The sphere appeared in the same way as it disappeared again.

"What it was, what size it had, I don't know. There was nothing I could compare it with. I was like struck by lightning by this phenomenon. It was a perfect sphere, glittering like a Christmas tree decoration. I reported to the Mission Control Center, but I did not say that I have seen a UFO. I said I saw a kind of unusual phenomenon. I had to be careful with the choice of my words. I don't want someone to speculate too much or quote me wrong."

Cosmonaut Victor Afanashev's drawing of an elongated flying triangle UFO seen flying in formation in April 1979, is on my website. Victor states, "I think we are not alone; something of extraterrestrial origin has visited Earth. The alien craft turned toward ours, followed us, and flew formation 25 to 29 meters away. We photographed the metallic engineering structure that was 40 meters long. The film was later confiscated." See his drawing at <http://www.filersfiles.com/news/images.php?id=69>

SETI director says aliens could be here

SETI director Jill Tartar has told Space.com that she believes extraterrestrials could be present in our solar system. Her comments were made in a discussion about Fermi's Paradox, which states that if there are extraterrestrials in the galaxy, then they must have colonized it. But there is no evidence of their presence here; therefore the implication is that they don't exist.

Tartar says, "I would claim that we don't know that. We've so poorly explored even the local neighborhood of our solar system that there could well be probes, artifacts, even large, slow ships within our solar system that we wouldn't have detected yet. It's possible that there could be, in fact, within our solar system some evidence of an extraterrestrial technology. They may be here."



The Trickster and the Paranormal by George P. Hansen, 2001, Xlibris, 8 1/2 x 5 1/2, 564 pages, through Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble, or (cheapest) directly from Xlibris (\$22.94 paperback, \$33.29 hardback or \$8.00 ebook) www.Xlibris.com (1-888-795-4274)

Reviewed by David Perkins

Recently in the pages of this journal, Chris Aubeck, Dr. Barry Downing, and Brenda Denzler have discussed religious and folkloric themes in ufology. Jenny Randles has called for a "broadening of the search for answers" to include such topics as precognition and the psychic aspects of UFOs.

More and more researchers, it seems, are taking a fresh look at paranormal, mythological, and spiritual ideas. With his new book, *The Trickster and the Paranormal*, George Hansen enters the fray.

Hansen's resume gives his insights some added gravity. He is one of the few people in America who has actually made a living by doing parapsychology/psi research. For a total of eight years, he was employed at the Rhine Research Center and the Psychophysical Laboratories.

Now, after seven years of writing and research, Hansen has unleashed his ambitious and scholarly tome examining the current state of ufological, paranormal, and psychic research. The result is a fascinating and provocative piece of work with much potential value for ufologists.

According to Hansen, UFOs have been around for thousands of years, and it only makes sense for us to learn what we can about them from earlier cultures' religions and myths. Trickster figures were endowed with paranormal powers, and were central to many of these myths. Some of the best documented examples include Hermes of the Greeks, the coyote and raven of North American Indian tribes, Mercury of the Romans, Loki of the Norse, and Eshu of West Africa.

The predominantly male trickster figures have much in common with UFOs and their occupants. They operate in an atmosphere of stealth, deception, and evasion. They teleport effortlessly between the heavens and the earth. They are the ultimate shapeshifters, able to breach walls and boundaries with ease. They have the ability to "dissolve time."

Their encounters with humans frequently involve sexual relations and interbreeding. With eerie echoes of the "modern" phenomena of crop circles and animal mutilations, tricksters frequently lay down "nests" in crops and evis-

cerate animals. For all of their bedevilment of humanity, tricksters also brought great benefits. These included new skills and technologies, such as fire, fish hooks, musical instruments, and language. The appearance of the trickster always signaled the advent of novel modes of thought and new views of reality.

In his recent articles in the *MUFON UFO Journal*, Chris Aubeck chronicled the many striking similarities between the modern entities described by abduction researchers and the "demons" portrayed in the 1486 theological treatise *Malleus Maleficarum*. As British researcher Patrick Harpur reminds us in his insightful book *Daimonic Reality*, "all daimons are tricksters ..."

Perhaps Aubeck and Hansen are covering some of the same ground. This mythological and folkloric material, however, poses a conundrum for ufologists. Are the demon/tricksters actually extraterrestrial entities misinterpreted by the superstitious and culturally biased belief systems of ancient times? Or... are they manifestations of humanity's deepest psychological underpinnings? Or... are they something else entirely?

Hansen draws much of his material from research on the trickster and "primitive" religions done during the 1960s by Western anthropologists. He admits that much of this analytical work is highly abstract and theoretical, but "nevertheless abstract theory can be powerful." He compares the "trickster" to a differential equation that governs and describes many seemingly unrelated things.

One example would be UFOs and psychic phenomena, where Hansen sees a considerable "overlap." As Randles and other researchers have noted, psychic experiences play a significant role in the lives of many close encounter witnesses. Virtually all of the U.S. government's psychic spies have encountered UFOs in their remote viewing excursions.

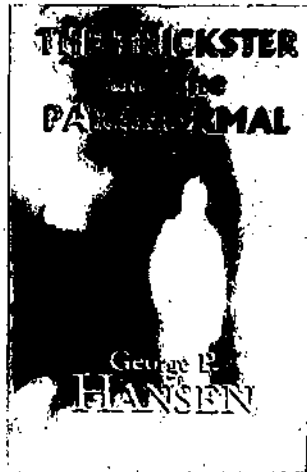
Hansen quotes from a 1997 article by Gerald Haines, a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office, which suggests that intelligence agencies had a strong interest in these links: "During the late 1970s and 1980s ... some in the Agency and in the Intelligence Community shifted their interest to studying parapsychology and psychic phenomena associated with UFO sightings."

Mythological motifs

Another area of overlap is the strong presence of mythological motifs in the accounts of many abductees, including the well-known experiences of Whitley Strieber and Betty Andreasson Luca. Still other overlaps involve UFOs and spirituality.

Dr. Barry Downing argues that there is no "scientific justification to continue to try to study UFOs apart from the religious dimension." Many of John Mack's "experiencers" have commented on the meaningful spiritual dimensions of their UFO encounters. Mack counseled the 2001 MUFON Symposium on the "terrible social and religious consequences associated with rejecting the testimony of authentic witnesses."

One of the primary qualities associated with the trickster is "anti-structure," a concept introduced by anthropologist Victor Turner. Anti-structure refers to marginal,



unstable and transitional conditions. Hansen's primary insight is that anti-structure describes much psychic and UFO phenomena, the environment around them, the experiencers and even the investigators. As an example of the anti-structural nature of large-scale tricksterish outbreaks, Hansen notes that the pandemic UFO wave of 1964-68 in the U.S. coincided with a period of cultural transition and rapid social change. Also, during the breakup of the former Soviet Union, "there was an explosion of paranormal activity throughout eastern Europe."

An aversion to bureaucracies

The inherent anti-structural nature of psi and UFO phenomena also connotes an aversion, or even antagonism, to large bureaucratic institutions. Hansen points out that there are no university departments devoted to UFOs or parapsychology. This "anti-institutional" aspect of ufology and parapsychology is apparent when limited and unstable funding comes from wealthy individuals rather than philanthropic organizations.

Although there appears to be avid public interest in paranormal themes, as witnessed by some of the top grossing movies of all times, such attention does not translate into funding for research. A message is subtly conveyed that the phenomena are "fictional." Hansen ponders why SETI gets far more support from established institutions than does ufology. Ufology has a massive amount of real data, while SETI has virtually nothing to show for itself. Millions of people have seen UFOs, yet mainline funding sources disdain ufology.

The marginality of UFOs is also perpetuated by what Hansen terms "reversals," another feature of anti-structure. For instance, some of the best cases are ignored by the media (Cash-Landrum and Eddie Doyle Webb, which Hansen praises) whereas the more fragile cases receive enormous attention (Roswell, Gulf Breeze).

Hansen's corrosive critique of the CSICOP skeptics alone is worth the price of admission, but his chapter "Government Disinformation" is the most disturbing and perplexing. The chapter reads like a dark episode of the "X-Files," complete with shadowy "operatives," dangerous intrigues, betrayals, human folly, and murky, competing agendas supposedly involving the future of humanity.

Schizoid policies?

Hansen details the government's seemingly schizoid UFO policies, both official and unofficial. First... they do exist. Then... they don't exist. Then... they might exist. Then... whatever they are, they pose no threat. Then ... they are taking over the world. Then ??? Even arch UFO debunker and NASA scientist James Oberg seems puzzled. Hansen quotes from an Oberg letter: "from my own experience, they [the government] seem to have played a tremendous role in inciting and enflaming public interest in UFOs."

The intelligence community in particular is given close scrutiny by Hansen. He points out that the only really substantial and sustained funding for parapsychology and psi-related research has come from the intelligence agencies. Since their job is institutionalized deception, it is logical that they would gravitate to these "tricky" realms.

Hansen raises the possibility that some government personnel are "manipulating public belief in order to establish a new mythology..." and he questions whether the promotion of mythological beliefs is healthy for the larger society. In the short run, the government's disinformation and cover-up tactics have bred more fear and distrust in government.

In the long-run, the policies may have been designed to bluff the Soviets into thinking that the U.S. has obtained alien technology, or to signal that the U.S. actually does have it.

Another possibility is that the military anticipated a massive decrease in post Cold War funding and needed the public to believe in some other external threat. The permutations are limitless, and maybe total confusion is the goal. It's hard to be united when you're confused.

A wealth of material available

Despite the prodigious amount of static generated by the government on the UFO issue, Hansen still has cause for hope. There is a wealth of material to analyze if those who tread the slippery slopes of ufology can cultivate "a high tolerance for ambiguity to avoid premature conclusions or paranoia."

He cautions researchers to detach themselves emotionally, and to understand that "the shrieking and sneering attacks on ufology" are reactions not to ufologists, but to the UFO phenomenon itself.

There is something "extremely important about UFOs" that can be ascertained if researchers can overcome tendencies toward "personal destabilization" and the feelings of disappointment and disillusionment that seem to go with the territory. MUFON Director John Schuessler has also commented on dealing with "the unique types of stress due to the nature of the job." Perhaps there is a reason why the early psychiatrists were called "alienists."

In *The Trickster and the Paranormal* George Hansen goes beyond the obvious trickster/UFO parallels and attempts a "grand synthesis," a new way of approaching all the great mysteries. He dislikes the current trend of referring to UFO and paranormal phenomena as "anomalous," because such labeling "divorces the phenomena of today from their historical predecessors."

The implication is that anomalous phenomena are "merely minor curiosities, without threat or of much immediate import." Of course any well-rounded ufologist should be familiar with mythology and other possible historical antecedents of the UFO phenomenon. What comes through clearly in Hansen's work are the reasons why the UFO remains the greatest challenge to science.

A thorough examination

Hansen's most significant contribution, however, is his thorough and comprehensive examination of the vast array of forces which have aligned themselves to keep ufology marginal. It is arguably the best analysis of its kind ever written. If we are going to attempt to understand UFOs, we must not only grapple with the phenomenon itself, but we must also proceed with a complete understanding of the powers that would attempt to impede our progress.

Now ET can call home

Green circle shocks rancher

A well-known resident of Jacinto Arauz, a town in Argentina's Buenos Aires province, was reportedly hospitalized on Aug. 2, 2002, in a state of shock after having had a strange experience in a field he owns.

According to investigating police officer Marcelo Alarcon, "On Friday afternoon, Raul Dorado, 64, was touring the field located 5 kilometers (3 miles) northeast of town (Jacinto Arauz), as he is accustomed to do. The man explained that he had heard sound on two occasions, like a whirlwind, which drew his attention. The third time, he saw something he describes as a green circle with three legs hovering over him.

"At that moment, Dorado fell to the ground and, according to his story, he carried a shotgun, binoculars, and a cell phone, the last of which was taken from his hand, and he could clearly see it being sucked into the object, which was apparently at low altitude."

In an interview with the newspaper *La Nueva Provincia*, Dorado described his experience with the green UFO:

"As I was heading back toward the farmhouse, where I'd left the car, that's when the thing appeared," Dorado said. "It was a dim, green-colored circumference—although in daylight I wasn't able to see its luminosity. It had three legs and was barely a meter (3.3 feet) to a meter-and-a-half (5 feet) away from me," he stated.

"When I saw it," he continued, "I felt something like an electrical charge. I fell to the ground on my knees, paralyzed, unable to do anything, with my shotgun leaning on the ground. I was also carrying binoculars and had a cell phone in my left hand, which was sucked up by the green circle. I saw it rising and disappearing."

As the object disappeared toward the east, Dorado said he remained at the location for an hour before being able to rise and walk back to his car, returning to town in a state of shock. Aided by his wife and neighbors, the man was admitted to the local hospital, where he was cared for by Dr. Ana Maria Lazaric.

Following this incident, Deputy Sheriff Daniel Rosane decided to do some investigating on his own. Rosane reported that he has since dialed the cell phone's number a few times. It would ring and then make the typical sound of when buttons are being pressed to dial.

In a subsequent attempt, he discovered that the phone was answered, but he heard only breathing sounds. In later attempts, the operator reported that the phone was either shut off or out of range. (See the Argentinian newspaper *La Arena* of La Pampa for Aug. 4, 2002, "Local resident claims seeing a UFO; hospitalized in shock," and *La Nueva Provincia* for Aug. 9, 2002, "Rancher claims being paralyzed by unknown object.")

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Close encounter with sphere reported in Pennsylvania

By Stan Gordon

On Aug. 1, 2002, I received an interesting report of an encounter with an unusual object that had taken place on July 24, 2002. I had the opportunity to interview the reporting witness later that day. The sighting occurred in a shopping complex in North Huntingdon Township, in Westmoreland County, PA.

The incident involved three witnesses—a man, his wife, and a friend. Since these people hadn't seen each other for some time, they stood in the parking lot and got involved in a long conversation. It was about 10 P.M., and the local businesses had all been closed for awhile.

In the middle of the conversation, the friend suddenly said, "Look behind you." They turned around to look, and observed a small odd object which looked like a bubble, but was "absolutely round and shiny." The sphere was estimated to be the size of a tennis ball. While it gave the appearance of looking something like a bubble, the witness described it as "solid, in a way not like a bubble. You could see thickness in the wall of the object."

As they watched, the object floated past them at a distance of no more than 10 feet. The object, which was only six feet off the ground, continued to move slowly in a straight line down the middle of the road.

The witness commented, "It was a perfectly calm night, with no wind at all, yet this bubble zoomed on past us as if being driven by something unseen." (The Pittsburgh National Weather Service Office verifies that the winds were calm at the time.)

As the object continued to move straight down the road, at one point it zig-zagged left then right, and was halfway down the complex when they lost sight of it. At one point it passed under an awning, and it was apparent that there were no strings attached to it. The object did reflect light from the overhead lighting. There was no sound detected during the approximately 20-second observation. There was no one else in sight during the observation.

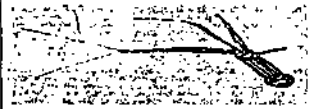
Arizona MUFON celebrates UFO Awareness Week

Judy Varns of Arizona MUFON sends this report on their participation in UFO Awareness Week:

"Here in hot, hot, hot Phoenix, we took advantage of UFO Awareness Week, and had two exciting days at the Mall. We had MUFON participants from Tucson each day, Fountain Hills, Ahwatukee, and of course Scottsdale and Phoenix.

"We took as many e-mail addresses as we could get from interested people. Signed up some for MUFON membership, and we sold an investigators manual.

"We were also represented on two TV stations, two radio stations, and the local newspaper, appearing four times on each. Great news coverage for MUFON."



Perceptions

By Stanton T. Friedman

Roswell and the History Channel

On Dec. 13, 1999, the History Channel ran a program about the Roswell Incident. My strong Dec. 21 letter to the HC about the massive misrepresentations in the program is posted at my website www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html. I received a brief unsigned response months later saying thanks for your interest. We can't please everyone... Dealing with none of my specific objections to false claims made by debunkers on the show..

They did it again on June 13, 2002. "Roswell Declassified." This show by Indigo was even more deceptive and inaccurate than the first one. Very selective choice of data, many factual mistakes, serious misrepresentation, character assassination, and creative blending of items having no connection with each other or Roswell.

Despite the title, there were no newly declassified Roswell documents!! A big fuss was made about 11 boxes of material at the National Archives. The material dealt almost exclusively with the USAF's attempts to debunk Roswell as opposed to the Roswell event itself.

It was as if the consultants were USAF Col. Richard Weaver, author of the huge 1995 "Roswell Report: Truth Versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert" (He provided the fiction) and Capt. James McAndrew, author of the 1997 2nd Volume, mercifully only 231 pages long, "The Roswell Report: Case Closed." (In the TV program for reasons unknown, it was dated 1998.)

In the first place 11 boxes is not a lot of material. USAF Headquarters Files for the Post WW II period until about 1956 totalled 9,800 feet of material, or about 1,000 4-drawer filing cabinets. I have been to 19 Archives, and at none of the archives including the Nat. Archives in College Park, MD, where some of the TV program was shot, was I asked to use gloves as were shown.

There was great drama when a triangular box was slowly opened to reveal, guess what, a radar reflector used with weather balloons. Connection with Roswell? NONE. It was pristine, clearly had a light foil backed with paper that any 3-year-old could tear.

Where was the very strong foil with no backing described by Maj. Marcel and Mack and Bill Brazel? That material when folded many times would come back to its original shape. The reflector material was certainly not memory metal.



Stanton T. Friedman

The narrator claimed that the Roswell witnesses said the wreckage included balsa wood. More nonsense. Jesse Marcel told me that the I-beams weighed almost nothing, just like balsa wood, but couldn't be cut, broken, or burned—very much unlike balsa wood.

Where were the strange lavender symbols on the I-beam as described by Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr.? Where was the 2" wide toy factory tape used to hold the radar reflectors together? Its strange symbols were supposedly mistaken for what Dr. Marcel described. None has been found, not even in the picture taken in Gen. Ramey's office showing him and then Col. (later Retired General) T J DuBose and some phony wreckage.

A small piece of a video of Gerald Anderson (I shot the footage) was shown, and it was falsely claimed he was speaking to government investigators. On that same 105-minute video, "Recollections of Roswell" (assembled by the Fund for UFO Research), is testimony from 26 other witnesses, including Gen. DuBose. He makes clear that the material in the photo was substituted for the real wreckage.

Using only the brief Anderson clip and none of the other witness testimony is a great example of selective choice of data, which we have come to expect from anti-Roswell propagandists.

Many films are shown of huge teardrop-shaped polyethylene balloons. None were used for Mogul balloon trains until after Roswell. Instead, the small neoprene balloons were used. Repeatedly we were told how highly classified Mogul and other USAF programs were.

Mogul was so classified that several launches were allowed to just float on down in the middle of nowhere without a chase plane or jeep recovering it. None of the technology—only the purpose—was classified. Not a shred of evidence was presented to link the supposed June 14 launch of a Mogul balloon train to Roswell.

The program falsely claimed that Marcel changed his tune and made up a new story in the late 1970s, and then researchers swarmed all over him. He supposedly was sent out to the crash site and then was joined by a platoon of soldiers!! Neither Marcel nor Brazel via his family or neighbors ever said any such thing.

Jesse told me in 1978, in his first conversation about the incident in years, that the rancher had come into town on Sunday, July 6 (The Program made it sound like Brazel called the base—despite not having a phone—on the 7th.) Marcel and CIC Capt. Sheridan Cavitt followed Brazel out to the ranch, spent the night in sleeping bags, having had a can of beans, and then went to the site, loaded two vehicles with wreckage, leaving almost all of it behind, and went the long way back to town.

Yet the program showed Brazel picking up a small amount of crunched up aluminum foil with his daughter or

wife, who was not even with him at the ranch.. This follows the obviously false claim of Cavitt in an interview with Col. Weaver that he suddenly recalled just a small amount of wreckage from an obvious weather balloon which covered an area only 20 feet square and would easily fit in one vehicle.

Of course, if that had been the case, Brazel would have taken it all with him to the Sheriff's office in Roswell, and there would have been no reason for Marcel and Cavitt to make the long trek, much of it cross country, to the ranch.

Marcel, in our first conversation in 1978 and as shown on the Rec. of Roswell tape and in my Video "UFOs ARE Real," said the wreckage covered an area about ¼ of a mile long and hundreds of feet wide. There was nothing conventional such as vacuum tubes, wires, rivets, etc. He had had a course in radar, and knew about radar reflectors, which had to be very light weight.

In his volume, Weaver described the genesis of the crash story, making the following false statement: "In 1978 an article appeared in a tabloid newspaper, the *National Inquirer* (sic) which reported the former intelligence officer, Marcel, claimed that he had recovered UFO debris near Roswell in 1947. Also in 1978 a UFO researcher, Stanton Friedman, met with Marcel and began investigating the claims that the material Marcel handed was from a crashed UFO."

The story has just been tabloidized, since the only way the *National Enquirer* could have known about Marcel is if he had gone to them with his story. The fact is that the *Enquirer* article appeared in 1980, well after William Moore and I had talked to 62 witnesses while working on the first book *The Roswell Incident*.

I didn't get my lead from the *Enquirer*. In early 1978, I had been referred to Jesse by an old ham radio buddy of his who had seen the original wire story about the crashed saucer, and was twiddling his thumbs as manager of the TV station where I was being interviewed to promote my lecture that night at LSU in Baton Rouge, LA.

The reporter, fortunately, was late. Jesse didn't go to the *Enquirer* or to me. I gave their excellent reporter, Bob Pratt, Marcel's address. Marcel did not change any earlier story. He hadn't given one.

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That *National Enquirer* story was probably responsible for Capt. (and outstanding pilot) "Pappy" Henderson's telling his wife Sappho around 1980 about having seen the wreckage and bodies and flown wreckage to Wright Patterson. Sappho and her daughter and his good friend, Dr. John Kromshroeder, told their story on that same video.

Karl Pflock, author of the Roswell debunking book *Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe* dismissed Pappy as a practical joker who, rather than handing Dr. Kromshroeder a small piece of saucer wreckage back in 1978, on John's honor as a former naval officer not to talk about it, had supposedly shown him a piece of a V-2 rocket that he had. The family knew about the V-2 piece. Pappy's son and son-in-law also held the strange wreckage. Pappy had also quietly told his story to his WW II bombardier, the late Vere McCarthy, who in 1989 wrote me about it in response to my call, and even had been one of Pappy's pallbearers in 1986. Pflock doesn't say any of this in his book or in his many negative comments in the History Channel video.

McAndrew had focused on various crash test dummies used to evaluate ejection seats and methods of jumping out of very high altitude balloons. Nice visuals of these experiments were shown in the video. These had absolutely nothing to do with Roswell, especially since none were dropped until after 1953. McAndrew used a map of drop locations three times. Strange there were no dummies dropped near either the Foster Ranch or Plains of San Augustin crash sites!

The man in charge of the program told me that the dummies were 6 feet tall and weighed 175 pounds. Could anybody mistake such items for small alien beings??? Time travel was further demonstrated by the claim that the reported red headed officer seen by Glenn Dennis at the Roswell Army Air Force base (and also independently claimed to have been observed in the Plains by Gerald Anderson, in both cases accompanied by a black sergeant) was actually famed red haired pilot Joe Kittinger, who had been to the hospital with a friend injured by a balloon that had come down near Roswell. This was 1959!!

No black sergeant seen. Naturally there was a chase team present very quickly. It was claimed that because the military wasn't desegregated until 1948 there could not have been a black sergeant with a white officer. FALSE. Black sergeants were allowed to work with security dog patrols, of which there were several at the Sandia National Lab in Albuquerque from which the Officer had supposedly come.

Other visually interesting items were shown, such as a chimp in a space capsule and a bear used for a space launch. People out in the desert seeing these coming down would obviously have thought they were space aliens!! NONSENSE It wasn't noted that none of these experiments were conducted until well after Roswell, and that there were always chase teams to dissuade any tourists in the desert from interfering.

The "expert" team included Dr. Robert Park, a member of the American Physical Society (as are Dr. Bruce

Maccabee, Dr. Robert M. Wood, and myself. All active in MUFON.) Park is the APS chief debunker of all things "paranormal." His 10 pages in "Voodoo Science: The Road from Foolishness to Fraud" about UFOs in general and Roswell in particular are a splendid example of the pseudoscience of anti-ufology.

He bought into the McAndrew and Weaver opuses (crash test dummies, Project Mogul, ad nauseum) hook line and sinker, and couldn't even get straight simple facts, such as that George Wilcox was sheriff of Chavez County not Lincoln County, and ignored the fact that newspaper articles of July 8, 1947, noted that the wreckage had been found by Rancher Brazel "last week," not the June 14 date deemed appropriate by the Army Air Force People who reprogrammed the rancher with "new" (dis)info as noted in the *Roswell Daily Record* on July 9.

Park casually has the false story of Maj. Marcel loading sticks, cardboard, and metal foil into the trunk of his car growing over the years into a major operation. There isn't the slightest indication that he read any of the books briefly flashed across the screen, including Don Berliner's and my *Crash at Corona*, and three books by Kevin Randle, very briefly shown on the program. The noisy negativists clearly had done no independent research, and accepted Weaver and McAndrew.

A silly attempt was made to link the nearby crash in 1956 of a bomber resulting in 11 crewmen being burned to death with mortician Glenn Dennis' confusing this with Roswell aliens. Speaking to me at the Ballard Funeral Home, Glenn recalled that crash very well. Another ludicrous claim on the program was that the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell is owned by Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut, who had issued the famous press release!! It is a non-profit organization, does not charge admission, and is NOT owned by them. It has had 1.2 Million visitors in less than a decade.

Those who want facts about Roswell didn't find them in this program, which will, of course, be repeated, as was the 1999 History Channel production. An excellent source is outstanding researcher David Rudiak's website <http://www.Roswellproof.homestead.com>. For those who want to review a serious effort to compare the wreckage descriptions with the makeup of Mogul Balloons, I would recommend FUFOR's 69-page 2002 report by engineer Robert A. Galganski, "The Roswell Debris Field: An Engineer's Perspective."



Sept. 21—Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society 4th Annual East Coast Bigfoot Conference/Expo, Jeannette, PA www.pabigfootsociety@lycos.com. www.pabigfootsociety.com

Sept. 28—National UFO Conference, 2002, Cincinnati, OH., see <http://home.fuse.net/ufo> or call Kenny Young at 513-588-4548

Oct. 12-13. UFO/ET Congress of 2002, Days Inn, Bordentown, NJ. 609-631-8955 (after 11 A.M.).

The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb



October 2002

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus (magnitude -4.5) is especially visible until around mid-October to southern observers. Look for it at dusk low in the WSW.

Saturn (-0.1), in Orion, rises in the ENE around 10:30 on the 1st and about 7:30 on the 31st. The planet giant begins retrograde (westward) motion on Oct. 11. It can be seen about 3 degrees below the gibbous Moon on the night of the 25th-26th.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Mercury reaches a point farthest W of the Sun on Oct. 13, a favorable appearance for the tiny orange world. Look for it after the 1st week of the month low in the E at twilight below fainter red Mars. See Mars.

Mars (1.8), in Virgo, improves its position in the E at dawn, rising about 5 AM. It is paired with somewhat brighter Mercury, the former being 3 degrees above the latter on the 10th. Thereafter, the separation between the two planets widens.

Jupiter (-2.1), in Cancer, rises in the ENE about 1 AM in mid-October and is about halfway up the SE sky by dawn. This largest planet is visible 4 degrees to the left of the lunar crescent on the 2nd.

Saturn reaches a point high in the SSW at dawn.

Moon Phases:

New moon—Oct. 6; First quarter—Oct. 13; Full moon—Oct. 21; Last quarter—Oct. 29

The Stars:

October evenings bring into view a portion of the sky in the S known in ancient times as "The Sea." All its constellation members are inconspicuous and have an aquatic theme. Sweeping W to E, the observer comes upon diaper-shaped Capricornus the Sea Goat, Aquarius the Water Bearer (his water jug is a small "Y" of stars), Piscis Austrinus the Southern Fish (has a bright white star Fomalhaut), Pisces the Fish (two strings of stars form a big "V"), and Cetus the Sea Monster (a sprawling pattern below Pisces).

Fomalhaut (fo-mal-hot) in Piscis Austrinus is the only bright star in this entire "watery" region. It is the southernmost bright luminary seen from northern latitudes.

Be alert to a number of celestial IFO candidates near the horizon around 9 PM. Atmospheric refraction close to the horizon can cause stellar objects to appear to move and change color, brightness, and shape.

These low-level objects are Capella (NE), Aldebaran (ENE), Fomalhaut (SSE), and Arcturus (WNW). Contrary to popular belief, even the normally steady planets can be affected by the atmosphere if they are low enough.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By **John F. Schuessler**
MUFON International Director

The Celebration of Doing

MUFON's excellent volunteer cadre is comprised of the people who work tirelessly to keep UFO investigations and research on track. They investigate, record, analyze, communicate, and never quit digging for answers. They are applauded by all of the people they help, and at times are criticized by people who lack an understanding of the importance of their work.

With this in mind, one of our volunteers sent me a statement attributed to President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910. While it is not politically correct today because it refers only to men, the message fits the situation faced by all workers. It reads as follows:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievements, and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."



John Schuessler

Position Announcements

The state of Washington has a natural mountain barrier between the eastern and western regions of the state. This makes the management of investigations and organization growth across the state very difficult. Therefore, based upon a recommendation by State Director **Gerald Rolwes**, we will have a State Director for each region. Jerry will continue as State Director for Eastern Washington and **Kathleen Anderson** has assumed the role of State Director for Western Washington.

The state of Oregon has new leadership. **Laura Barry** of Medford is the new State Director and **Tom Bowden** of Gresham is the new Assistant State Director.

Nicholas Roesler, State Director for Wisconsin, appointed **Matthew Sloan** of Appleton to the position of Assistant State Director.

David Marler, State Director for Illinois, appointed

David Finkbeiner to the position of State Section Director for the Illinois counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, and Boone.

Ken Cherry, State Director for Texas, appointed **Monica Morris** to the position of State Section Director for Parker County.

Bland Pugh, State Director for Florida, appointed **Michael Forte** to the position of State Section Director for the Florida counties of Hillsborough and Pinellas.

After a brief hiatus, **James Carrion** has returned to the position of State Section Director for the Colorado counties of Weld, Morgan, Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, and Washington.

James Bouck, State Director for New York, appointed **William J. Callahan** to the position of State Section Director for Warren and Washington counties.

Jon Nowinski has been appointed to the position of Consultant in Parapsychology.

Dennis Glassberg has been appointed to the position of Research Specialist in Intellectual Property Rights.

Bernie Raines has been appointed to the position of Research Specialist in Environmental Engineering.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, announced that the following Field Investigator Trainees have completed the Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators: **Martha M. Calnen**, East Berlin, CT; **Larry G. Powell**, Canton, TX; **Linda Revere**, Tucson, AZ; **Dr. S. James Sullivan**, Mooresville, NC; and **Brian Wyatt**, Lexington, KY.

Field Investigator Trainees are urged to study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam. The price for the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* is \$25 + \$3.50 p&h. The exam is provided free of charge by MUFON Headquarters.

Donation to MUFON Archives

Kenneth Ewing, of Los Alamos, NM, donated his collection of materials of historical value to the MUFON archives. The collection includes *APRO Bulletins*, *NM MUFON News*, *Hermit's Peak*, *International UFO Reporter*, *CUFOS Bulletins*, *CUFOS Associates Newsletters*, and Fund for UFO Research Reports. We thank Kenneth for helping us preserve these valuable items for posterity.

New MUFON field investigator t-shirt

The new field investigator t-shirt has the MUFON logo over the left chest pocket and MUFON Field Investigator on the back. It comes in S, M, L and XL in white with a blue logo or black with a white logo. White shirts are \$12 + \$3 S&H. Black shirts are \$15 + \$3 S&H.