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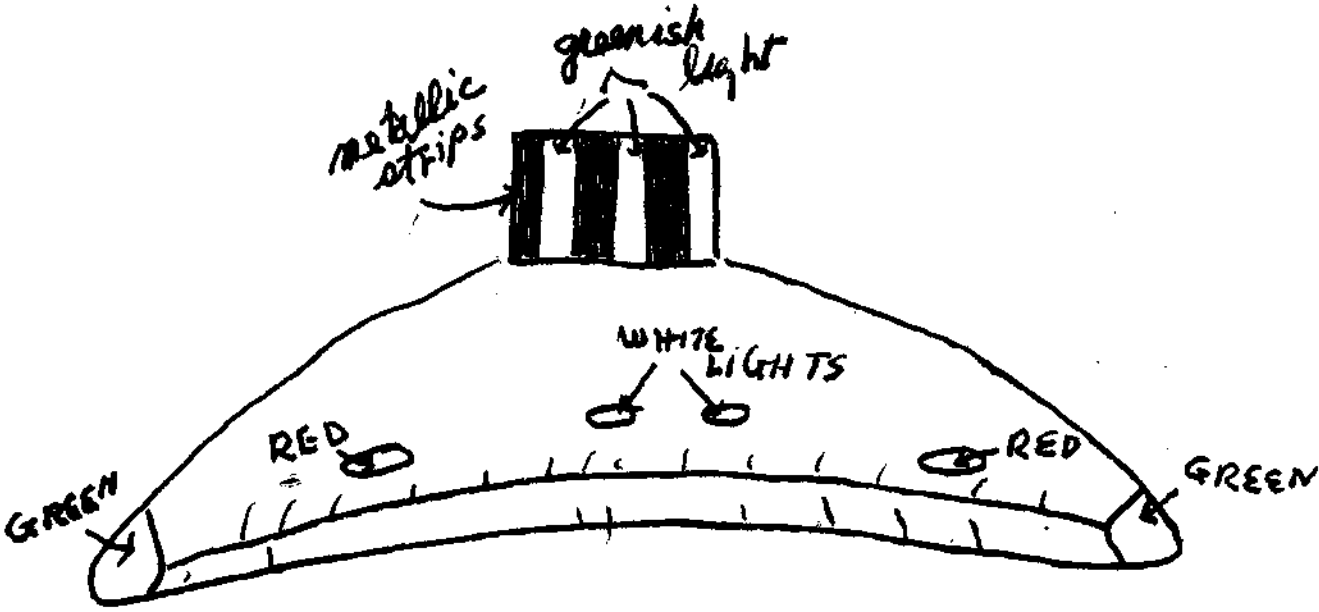
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This drawing was made by Jane Tiger in connection with an investigation of a sighting by Miss Tiger and Tom Cahill at Mountain Lakes, NJ, on July 4, 1975. The couple reportedly

had an excellent view of the object as it passed over their auto. The complete story begins on page 3.

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# Editor's Column

The UFO Conference in Fort Smith, AR, Oct. 17, 18, and 19 has the potential of being the beginning of a cooperative effort which is long overdue in the UFO field. Bill Pitts, who conceived and has organized the conference, deserves a great deal of praise for what may well be the most outstanding UFO conference organized to date.

There is, in my humble opinion, a great need for the sharing of UFO information and research capabilities by the major UFO organizations. No one group can afford the basic hardware needed for research. No one group can afford to have experts ready at a moment's notice to fly to the scene of a good sighting. No one group can afford to maintain a central library of UFO investigative reports and studies.

There is a natural jealousy among the UFO organizations--each wanting to be the biggest or the most scientific or the

one with the greatest number of "name" players on its team.

This is not necessarily bad, so long as it does not result in pettiness. Pride in doing a job well should be the goal of every group. But pride which results in a failure to share research information is detrimental to the total effort. Pride which results in failure to cooperate in the financing of UFO field and laboratory research is inexcusable in a field where no one group has the resources to do the job alone.

Let's take steps to end some of the unprofitable duplication of effort. Let's cooperate in one or more worthwhile joint ventures which will further UFO research while still preserving the unique diversity which the major UFO groups have provided in the past.

Coming together at Fort Smith may be a significant step in this direction for the major UFO groups.

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Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

## Close sighting reported by couple

**LOCATION OF SIGHTING:** Mountain Lakes, NJ.

**DATE OF SIGHTING:** July 4, 1975

**INVESTIGATED BY:** Ted Bloecher.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is termed an "interim report" by Bloecher, who said on Aug. 16 that he cannot prepare a final report "because several basic facts regarding this observation are still unknown," including reports by possible collaborating witnesses.

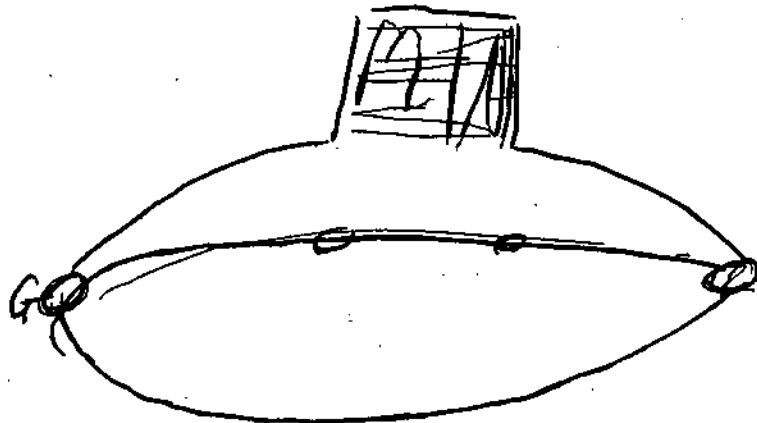
Tom Cahill, a political science major at Boston College, and Jane Tiger, 18, of Lake Hopatcong, NJ, were westbound at about 60 m.p.h. on Highway 46, from Loews Theatre in southeastern Mountain Lakes, NJ, at approximately 12:05 a.m. on July 4, 1975. Just east of the Hess service station, they observed red, green, and white lights about 300 feet above the ground, approaching the highway.

### It Was Not a Plane

"It was so low," explains Jane, "that if it were an airplane they should have been really worried...It looked a little smaller than a plane. As we got closer we noticed that it wasn't a plane, and it wasn't a helicopter--we could see it very clearly. It was coming down toward the highway."

Jane says that as the couple got in front of it, "I'd say it wasn't more than 100 feet above us, and at that time we could see a lot of the details on it."

Tom adds that the object "had a bluish-green light. It was ovular-shaped with bluish-green lights on each of the ends. It had one or two red



This is the initial sketch made by Miss Jane Tiger at the time she reported the sighting to the Parsippany, NJ, police.

lights closer in toward the center, and it had two white lights just off center. On the top it had a cylinder turret-sort-of-thing, and it was a washy-green color. There was a band of washy-green color around the bottom of the turret and the rest of the turret was illuminated, but not as bright. And I really couldn't say whether it was illuminated or whether it was reflected--the top part was a reflection from the bottom band, which I said was the brightest."

Jane described the object as "the typical flying saucer kind of shape, kind of ovular on the bottom and, um--curved--the bottom sort of curved, like this (gesture with hands indicates upward or inward curve--concave). And on the top--in the center, on the top, was a little turret-like thing. It had metal strips going vertically all around it, and in between these strips, when we got right close to it, when I could see it best, I could see it was like greenish, like a greenish fluorescent light, kind of--almost--and it was inside it, but it looked--it's so hard to

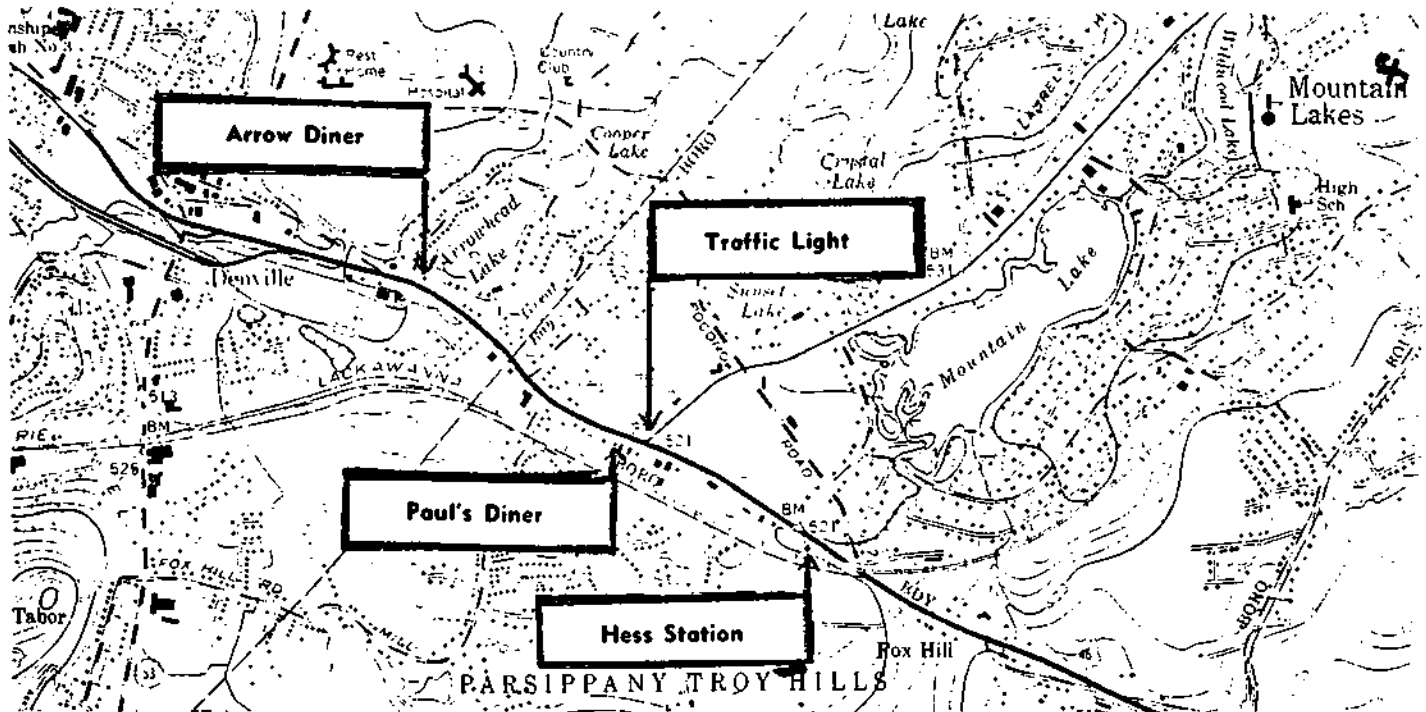
describe; when we were coming up on it, I thought that the turret might have been spinning around, because of the weird color of the thing. Then, like I said, when we got closer, it looked like it was just within it, you know?"

Jane says it is possible that the green light could have been coming from some type of windows. She says the turret was "very hard edged. It had a--it was flat on top, it wasn't rounded, or anything. It was very flat and very cylindrical."

### Beneath the Object

As the couple passed beneath the object, Tom gave Jane the wheel and as the auto slowed to 35 m.p.h., looked out the window, "straight up at the object."

Says Tom, "I got a very good view of the hull of the object: it was smooth, greyish metal and I saw the left green-blue light, which extended all the way around the bottom (the rim. It was within the body of the ship. None of the lights were attached outside the ship;



they were within the body of the ship."

He says the light on the rim of the object was "sort of oval-shaped, and I guess if you chopped off the two ends of the oval and stuck lights on them, it would sort of finish the oval out."

Tom says the blue-green lights were the largest, except for the turret, and he estimated that the blue-green lights were 8 feet by 6 feet by 5 feet. (Note by Bloecher: this sounds very much like the Coyne case near Mansfield, Ohio, in 1973). The two white lights were smaller, he says, "and sort of off center."

Tom says all of the lights, except the two white lights, "looked like they were sort of gaseous lights. They weren't filaments, or any other kind; they were sort of, uh, they weren't so bright as mercury lights or any of the lights we use, but they were very--washy."

#### Vertical Bars

Describing the turret, he explains, "The green light on the turret--there were vertical

bars extending down, spaced about three feet apart on the turret. You could see the green light coming out from behind them. Also, the green light--when we first sighted the object, we didn't see the turret; the green light was sort of outside our view, which was very strange because it seemed like as it got to a certain distance from us, then the green light came into view. But farther away, it just sort of cut off, you know--they didn't turn on; they just sort of faded into our view. It was very strange that way because I guess it only had a certain distance where it was visible."

As the object passed over the couple, they could see the lights from the nearby Hess service station reflecting off the bottom of the object (they had also seen a reflection off a portion of the upper part of the object earlier).

#### Oblong Object

Tom said the object was more oblong than round as it passed over the auto, with the long part across the highway rather than running with the highway.

Jane gave the wheel back to Tom as the object became situated to the upper right and behind the auto, and she sat in the window of the car door to get a better view. She says the object "flew up above the trees on the right hand side of the highway, and it was floating in our direction (westerly, with the auto). Finally we pulled over (at the Arrow Diner on the right side of the highway) and the thing just sort of stopped over the trees, just sort of peeking out behind the trees."

Tom continues: "After it had gone behind the trees, the two white lights I could see were--the lights were going in two directions. I guess there were two rays (beams) from each light: one straight ahead and one down on the tops of the trees. It was illuminating the tops of the trees."

He said the white lights were "much smaller than the bluish-green ones--about the same size as the red light, or the red lights--I'm not sure if there were one or two. It probably could have been in a circular--probably three feet wide, maybe two feet wide, somewhere around

there."

### Object Disappears

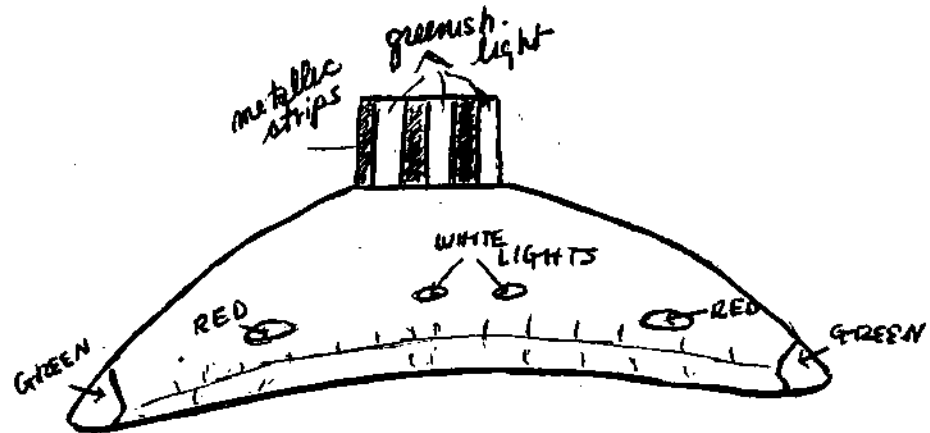
As the couple pulled off the road at the Arrow Diner and stopped, the object rose slightly so that the turret was visible behind the trees. Then it disappeared.

Jane explains: "As soon as we stopped our car, when we started to get out--this is probably the weirdest thing that happened the whole time we saw it--it left. It flew--or something--into the sky at such an incredible rate of speed. It took less than--now this was about, I'd say, 150 feet above us--and it left. And it was a very clear night--I could see all the stars--it left in less than, I'd say, one second, and it was out of view. It just got smaller and smaller. It just sort of vanished."

Tom says he was getting out of the car when the object disappeared, and he did not see it leave. Neither witness heard any noise as the object left.

In reviewing the sighting, both Tom and Jane agreed that the object moved very gracefully. Tom estimated the size of the object as 60 to 80 feet long, based on the width of the highway.

He said he was not sure it was concave in shape on the bottom (as Jane had said), feeling that it may have been convex: "When we went underneath it, the lights from the highway--there were a couple of gas stations around, and diner lights--it was so close to the highway that, you know, I could tell the color of the metal and everything. The lights reflected off the bottom of the thing; it illuminated the bottom of the object, and it looked like to me it was convex, because, I don't know, it's not really a contradiction, because--I don't really know how to explain it. I think the front profile could have been concave, however--see, the object was such a



This is the sketch made by Miss Tiger during an interview with Ted Bloecher on July 17, 1975. Note the additional detail in this sketch which corresponds to statements made by both Miss Tiger and Mr. Cahill, but which were not present in the initial drawing made for the Parsippany Police Department on July 4.

weird shape."

### Different Views

He said that the object would look differently when viewed from different angles. "From the bottom (which Jane did not see) it sort of looked like--the object was like that (he cups one hand palm down in an arc), but the bottom part sort of came out like that (he cups the other hand underneath with palm up, at a right angle to the upper hand)." He said the object appeared to be longer on the top in one direction, and longer on the bottom in the other.

Jane says the object appeared concave when viewed from the front. Says Tom: "Yeah, from the front. It looked like that to me, exactly--from the front. But from the bottom it was more rounded on the bottom. Sort of like the ends overhung the--oh, it's really hard to try to explain. I don't even think it's important."

Following the sighting, the couple went to the Mountain Lakes Police Department, where the police "were real comedians about it, except for one guy who was operating the radio." The couple then searched for the state police, but ended up at the nearby Parsippany Police Department, where the reaction was better.

Despite a number of autos on the highway at the time of the sighting, no other reports were apparently made by the motorists. "I really can't imagine people not noticing this," said Tom. "It would be like not noticing the Queen Mary floating across your backyard."

A pilot, Jimmy Quodomine, supposedly chased an object at Caldwell that same evening, but information on this is not available. An unidentified couple reportedly had their auto buzzed by an object, but no information is available on this either. And finally, a 13-year-old Morris Plains girl reportedly saw an object, but again information is not available at this time.

Parsippany Police Department Lt. John Walsh reported that "we were having trouble dispatching and receiving" over the police radio between 12:05 and 12:30 on the morning of July 4, the approximate time Tom and Jane saw the object.

Walsh noted, however, that a malfunctioning radio in only one car could have caused the problem, and that one of the car radios had been having problems. There had been a similar problem in the week prior to the sighting, and it, too, cleared itself before a repairman arrived.

# Gilroy, CA, sightings reported

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following information regarding alleged sightings comes from four newspapers — The GILROY DISPATCH, THE MERCURY (San Jose), the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, and the STOCKTON RECORD—and from a report by the Gilroy Police Department. This preliminary information was provided by Paul Cerny, who is investigating the cases for MUFON and the Center for UFO Studies. As additional significant information becomes available it will be printed in SKYLOOK.

At least seven different cases of possible UFO sightings were reported in the area of Gilroy, San Jose, and Stockton, CA, the week of Aug. 10, 1975.

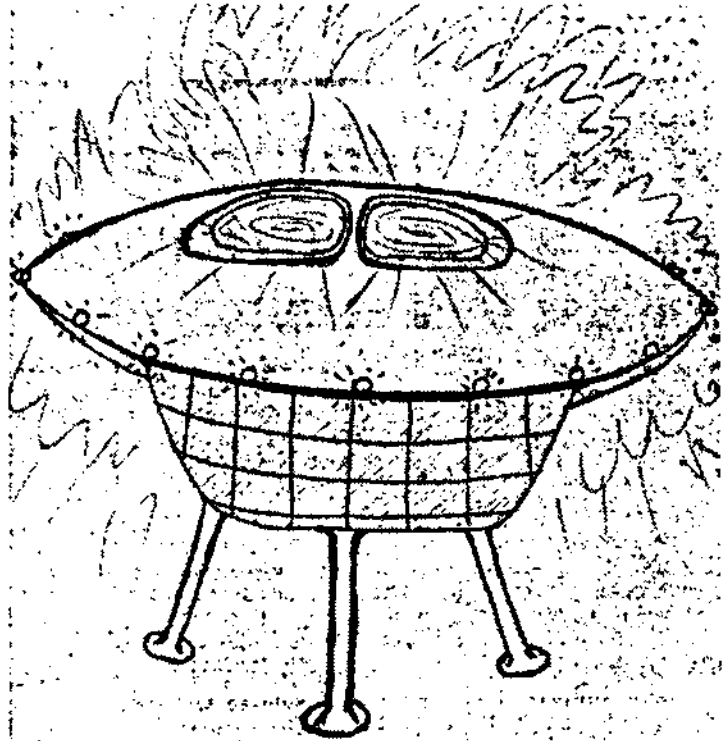
The first and most detailed report came from Gilroy. Mrs. Terri Smith, 19, was taking Imelda Lugo, 12, home shortly after 11 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10, in a panel truck. They had just turned onto First Street from Kelton when an unusually bright light was seen.

## Fascinated and Curious

Mrs. Smith drove toward the bright light because she was "fascinated and curious." At one point the witness stopped the truck to look at the object.

Mrs. Smith described the object as having two headlights, "but they were bigger (than a car's headlights). There was no airplane noise, but just a slight humming sound coming from the lights. There was a blue light surrounding the object."

Mrs. Smith said the object she saw was "round, had four large landing gear-like arms coming out of it, evenly spaced all around. The round center section was larger than a car, but smaller than a small house. Between the four arms were four small antenna-like protrusions from the center circle, and each of these protrusions had a



This is a sketch made by Paul Cerny, MUFON state director for Northern California, from details supplied by witnesses Mrs. Terri Smith, Imelda Lugo, Mrs. Frances Lugo, and Jose Lugo.

beacon mount on it like a beacon on top of a police car, except the lights were green and red and they rotated."

Near El Cerrito Way and Wayland Lane the object made a U-turn and came "quite close" to the truck, according to the witnesses, as if it was coming down on them.

"My curiosity turned to fear right then," said Mrs. Smith. "I turned right on El Toro and it seemed to come for us."

## Ran for House

Reaching the Lugo home, the two witnesses ran for the house, leaving the truck doors open, the lights on, and the ignition on. "I was scared," said Mrs. Smith.

The yelling by the two girls and the resulting commotion brought Imelda's mother,

Frances Lugo, running. "I was in bed," said Mrs. Lugo, "but not asleep, when I heard them yelling 'It's coming, it's coming. It's going to take us.' I ran outside in my nightgown, thinking maybe there were hoodlums after them. They told me not to come out, 'It will get you.' I had never seen such fright in my life."

When Mrs. Lugo went out, the UFO was hovering just above the trees and telephone lines. "It was a gray-colored disc with small lights all around," she said. "Two lights were shining."

Next out of the house was Mr. Lugo, who saw the object head north. According to the police report, Mr. Lugo described the object as "big...it was like what you see in the movies from outer space. I would never have believed it if

I hadn't seen it myself. As it was going away I could see from the panel of all the lights that the top was triangularly shaped." The object was last seen moving north-northeast, bound towards San Jose, traveling at a high rate of speed.

#### 'It was Huge'

Mrs. Lugo described the object as a "gigantic round flying machine" with three or four antenna-type landing legs coming out of it "and all those white and red flashing lights. It really scared me. I'd never seen anything like it in my life. It was gray metal-looking and it was huge."

In investigating the case, Paul Cerny was able to piece together a description and produce a drawing of the object. The object's metal skin is depicted as rough and in square sections similar to metal plates on the underside. The object was estimated to be about 40 feet wide.

Mrs. Smith and Imelda reported that they believed they saw the same object a second time as they were bike riding near Las Animas Park the next evening (Monday, Aug. 11). "It was the same thing, but up way higher," said Mrs. Smith.

Looking back on the experience, Mrs. Smith concluded: "I'd do it over again, but I wish they'd let me know they weren't going to harm me. I'm as curious as the next person. I'd even go with them if they would come back for Thornton (her husband)."

#### Another Sighting

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bluemmer of Gilroy reportedly saw a strange light about 8:15 p.m. as they looked out their living room window towards the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountain range in the general area of Gavilan College.

"I thought at first it might

be a big setting star," said Bluemmer, a printer, "then I reasoned that it was too early in the evening for that. I read about the fuselage of a plane picking up the rays of the dying sun and having it look like a UFO. This wasn't it."

Bluemmer explained that "the thing ballooned out into a very white light skirting the eastern side of the Santa Cruz range. It was about three miles away. It rose and ducked behind a background of trees. The whole sky seemed to light up briefly."

The couple, watching from two different windows, agreed that the light had "an eerie red center." Bluemmer said he opened the window once during the 15 to 20-minute sighting, but heard no noise.

He said that at first he thought the object might be a helicopter with a search light, "but the very red glow shining through the white convinced me it wasn't. It was literally beaming into the valley. It was completely round. Staring into it, with its whiteness, made it difficult to determine size."

According to Bluemmer, the object "transversed the contour of the mountain and finally disappeared into the cleft of a mountain, seeming to settle there." The Bluemmers kept checking the area off and on for an additional three hours, but saw no sign of the object.

#### A Third Sighting

Another Tuesday report came from Mrs. Lynn Lace, wife of a Gilroy High School teacher who lives near Gavilan College. She said she and her family of seven saw "a big light on the mountain, back of the college which nests in the foothills of the Santa Cruz range." The sighting was between 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., the same time and location reported by the Bluemmers.

#### And a Fourth

Also on Tuesday, another couple, who asked that their names not be made public (ID also unknown to SKYLOOK), said they were driving in the vicinity of Glenview School in Gilroy between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. when they observed "off to the west what looked like a big headlight. It had a glowing pale color and formed sort of a halo against the mountains. The light came down about 50 yards."

The man said that "at first we passed it off as nothing," but after going home and getting a telescope they reported that the light seemed to be blinking. They said the light "turned off on top of the hill and disappeared."

The wife noted that "it kind of scared me. It moved quite fast. There was no sound. Although the light was bright at times, it didn't hurt to look directly at it."

#### Number Five

The next night, a Wednesday, Chick Bambino of Morgan Hill reportedly observed "an orange glow to the west" at 11:45 p.m. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing," he said. "It seemed to be a sphere on an angle. It seemed to hold still for about one minute, then it disappeared. It was like something had put a light out."

Bambino said he went into his house, told his wife and son what he had seen, and the three of them went back outside to observe. "Then it came on again in a slightly different vicinity. Everybody saw it. It was maybe less than a minute before it went off."

#### Sighting Six

Also on Wednesday, at about 11 p.m., Rudy Cosio reportedly saw "a large white light" as he sat in his car in the Blossom Hill area and looked toward

the Santa Theresa Foothills.

Cosio, 19, an aeronautics student at San Jose State University, said the light appeared to be a mile or two away, sitting on top of the foothills. "At first I thought it was a helicopter," he explained. "Then more and more it looked like a bright white light." Cosio, a pilot, said he viewed the light for three to five minutes before traffic began moving in the area where he was parked and the sky became black where the light had been.

### Seven at Airport

On Thursday, Aug. 14, at about 9:35 p.m., an object variously described as a steady light, a disc, and a "round, orange object" was reported from Metropolitan Airport near Stockton, CA., about 60 miles northeast of San Jose.

One of three air traffic controllers reporting the object, Joe Savage, said the round, orange object "did not appear to be an aircraft, or for that matter a rocket." (The sighting was made 10 minutes after a rocket had been fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base, but a spokesman from the base said, "You shouldn't have seen it, and it sure doesn't go along the ground.")

Savage said he radioed a helicopter to look at it. Savage said the pilot (ID not known by SKYLOOK) confirmed the sighting.

According to Savage, the object traveled from east to west, then shot upward and leveled off again, appearing to hover. Then it went west in level flight, slowed down almost to a stop, and haze or smoke came out around it. After a few seconds, it shot straight up.

Savage said the roof of the airport tower obscured his view at that point, but that two persons on the catwalk reported that it disappeared after it



shot upward.

Another air traffic controller, Dan Long, said the object appeared to be a disc. He said the object was flying at about 2,000 feet.

### Collaboration Near Airport

Gary Duran of South Stockton, who lives near the airport,

said he also saw the object, which he said was a steady light similar to an airplane, except that it did not flash. Duran said he did not notice any variation in flight pattern, except for the object's sudden rise. He said it suddenly emitted a big puff of green smoke or mist and then disappeared. "It was really freaky," he concluded.



## 'Ancient astronauts' and anthropology

# Astroanthropology suggested

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The past is precious, for it has nurtured the present. It is a partly-understood pattern of development and catastrophe, and we know too little about it.

Time has erased much that we would dearly like to know, and the hand of man has too often contributed to the destruction of early records, in both written and architectural form.

Anthropology is the science that deals with the origins and customs of man, and includes archeology, which is concerned with "digs." It is a responsible and difficult science, for in attempting to unravel the past we are tampering with sporadic records of a series of events fixed in time and space, and our investigations must have as their objective the attainment of enlightenment without the partial or total destruction of records or, perhaps more critically, their alteration.

### Chain of Evolution?

Anthropologists appear to have adopted as a working principle the concept that man is the product of a continuous chain of development that can be fitted into the overall pattern of the evolution and development of life on the earth.

However, if we set aside this concept for the moment and examine the facts as far as they have been ascertained to date in any basic textbook on anthropology we readily establish that the concept is not substantiated.

The gaps in our understand-

ing are considerable, and when we have had enough of phrases such as "it seems reasonable to suppose" we are left with a recognition that the question of the origins of man is wide open.

### Extraterrestrial Intervention?

In these circumstances, the hypothesis that man is, at least in part, the product of extraterrestrial intervention in terrestrial affairs is perfectly legitimate.

The present writer has coined the term "astroanthropology" for this developing area of inquiry, and he was first stimulated in this direction by reading the first section of the book *FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski in 1953.

The Adamski contact reports have perhaps tended to overshadow the thoughtful and provocative studies by Desmond Leslie of ancient artifacts and myths that appear to provide support for the hypothesis.

Leslie gave a talk to the Bristol (England) Flying Saucer Bureau shortly after the appearance of the book and dealt with the evidence for the idea of extraterrestrial intervention in the past, as well as the Adamski reports. The present writer attended the talk and was impressed by Leslie's scholarly treatment of his material and his acknowledgment of the background provided by the works of Charles Fort.

Other writers have since developed these concepts, but Leslie's work remains as an example of a style that can both stimulate and inform. It de-

serves more recognition than it has perhaps yet received.

### Ancient Astronauts?

At this point the present writer is going to make an appeal to those who incline to the belief that the "ancient astronaut" hypothesis may help explain not only the origins of man but also contemporary UFO phenomena. The appeal is to observe the standards of scholarship practiced by Desmond Leslie and other thoughtful proponents of the hypothesis, and to work with anthropologists rather than to attack them for their conservatism.

We should recognize that much of our source material has been painstakingly unearthed and defined by anthropologists --and this in the face of continuing frustration and, too frequently, having to cope with fraudulent material.

### Conservatism a Virtue

Conservatism is a virtue in a field where conservation of the ancient records is vital to the continuing availability of data on the past for use by future scholars, whose perception may be expected to be in advance of our own.

We have every right to contribute a stimulus to the work of anthropologists by promoting the field of astroanthropology, but we will only secure the confidence and cooperation of anthropologists if we understand their methods of operation and at the same time show that our own material is organized with care and a respect for the truth we seek.

# Semi-transparent UFO reported

By Ann Druffel

The possibility that UFO activity is being revived in Yorba Linda, CA., has resulted in careful monitoring of this isolated Southern California community. In 1967-68 the small town at the foot of the Santa Ana Mountains range was the scene of numerous puzzling and bizarre events. UFO activity during that period included an enigmatic photo, immense lighted flying objects, as well as poltergeist events and the sighting of vaporous apparitions. (1,2)

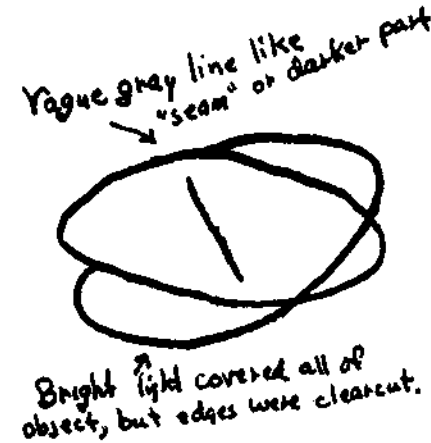
Now, after a lapse of eight years, the Yorba Linda area is again the scene of extraordinary events.

At about 10:15 p.m. on the evening of May 5, 1975, Mrs. Mary Nystul of Yorba Linda was driving east toward her home on the outskirts of town. (3) While passing a large vacant field, she was startled to see a huge white lighted object suddenly appear to the left of her car.

Stunned, Mrs. Nystul let her small Gremlin coast to a near-stop. The object was about fifty feet across the road, hovering over the field. Its height was less than 70 feet from the earth as it pulsed silently with regular rhythm. Mrs. Nystul judged its size to be that of a regular-size automobile, and its length subtended an angle of arc larger than the entire window (driver's side) through which she viewed it. (4)

The object pulsed in two-second periods, for a duration of fifteen seconds. The effect was phantasmagoric, and Mrs. Nystul later was hard-pressed to find proper words to describe it.

"The light was clear white, like luminescence. It wasn't even like it was solid. It had



the appearance that you could see through it. It looked like a solid object in that it had an outside to it, but it didn't look like it was metal. It seemed as though I could see "seams" through the light..like gray blurs..not definite enough to give the impression of 'welds,' but portions where the object was darker in color, particularly one vague line down the middle of the oval-shaped object, angled down to the right." (5)

In Mrs. N's sketch of the object, she tried to convey the fact that, as the object pulsed, she "could see a different dimension or a different side to it." It never changed its basic, clearcut shape, but seemed to angle off to the right during the dim pulsating stage.

The light from the object was self-contained. It did not cast light or shadows on the ground and surrounding terrain. There was no animal reaction in the neighborhood, and no electrical interference of which the witness was aware.

After about fifteen seconds, Mrs. Nystul thought to herself, "I'd better get out of here." As she was thinking this, the object abruptly disappeared, as if vanishing or dematerializing on the spot. Mrs. Nystul states at no time was she frightened, though she felt strange and

stunned. She was unable to verbalize any motive for feeling she should leave the sighting scene when she did. This facet of the sighting recalls other UFO incidents in which extraordinary objects in view seem, somehow, to react to the witness' will.

The object was seen over a large piece of vacant land which is being prepared for the construction of twenty-three new homes. It is interesting to note that the prior Yorba Linda flap of 1967-68 took place in an area of new homes and construction activity.

Mrs. Nystul seems a most reasonable and stable sort of individual, given to careful and objective statements, and displaying no tendency to embellish details.

In view of the prior ufological history of Yorba Linda, care is being taken to monitor the area for other possible reports.

## FOOTNOTES

(1) See article entitled "The Yorba Linda Photograph," by Ann Druffel in Flying Saucer Review, Special Issue No. 5, November 1973.

(2) Additional copious information of sighting reports and documentation in author's files.

(3) Original report received from police dispatcher (Yorba Linda) to CUFOS. The Center referred case to MUFON for investigation.

(4) Narrative information from witness Nystul contained in signed report form, returned to CUFOS.

(5) Forty-five-minute tape recording obtained during MUFON interview of witness by Druffel on behalf of MUFON and CUFOS.



## Microwaves and water

# Scientific deduction and UFO investigations

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following copyrighted article for SKYLOOK by James M. McCampbell, director of research for MUFON, illustrates how science can be utilized in attempting to resolve the UFO phenomenon. Although no definite conclusions are reached regarding the effects of UFOs or their means of propulsion, McCampbell does illustrate possible techniques which may be useful in developing tentative theories.

By James M. McCampbell

author of  
**Ufology, New Insights from  
Science and Common Sense**

When witnesses report a UFO sighting involving an object moving near the surface of a body of water, they may describe a ripple effect on the water which appears to have been caused by the object. The UFO researcher should be interested in studying the possible cause of this effect, and what this may suggest about the nature of UFOs.

### Molecules and Surface Tension

A molecule buried deeply

within a liquid experiences attractive forces from its neighbors that are equal in all directions. A molecule that is on or quite near a free surface, however, is subjected to unbalanced forces. Forces from the molecules in the liquid below pull more strongly than the molecules in the air above.

Molecules at the surface are thereby drawn downward, creating a zone in which the intermolecular spacing is smaller than normal. The next result is a very thin layer that acts as an elastic membrane.

This "skin" is responsible for many notable and important phenomena due to a force known as surface tension. It governs such processes as atomization in garden sprinklers and automotive carburetors. Also, the capillary rise of moisture within plants and trees is possible only because of the surface tension.

The phenomenon can be easily demonstrated by floating a clean, dry needle on the surface of water (although when wetted, the needle will sink). The quantitative expression of

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surface tension is a force per unit of length acting with equal intensity in all horizontal directions.

### Wave Generation

Any disturbance of a liquid surface will generate waves. A classical derivation based upon balancing the forces exerted upon a wave shows that the wave velocity is governed by two independent forces, namely, gravity and surface tension (1).

The effect of surface tension is entirely negligible for large waves of common experience, such as those produced by a ship at sea. On the contrary, the effect of gravity is negligible for very small waves whose behavior is controlled largely by surface tension.

Wave velocity, dependent upon several factors, becomes minimum when the influence of gravity and surface tension are equal. This critical condition occurs at a wavelength of 17 cm (2).

Waves of shorter wavelength are known as capillary waves or, both technically and colloquially, as ripples. Gravity plays less and less role for the shorter wave lengths. For example, the speed of a 1-cm wave is influenced about 75% by surface tension and 25% by gravity (3).

### Unique Properties

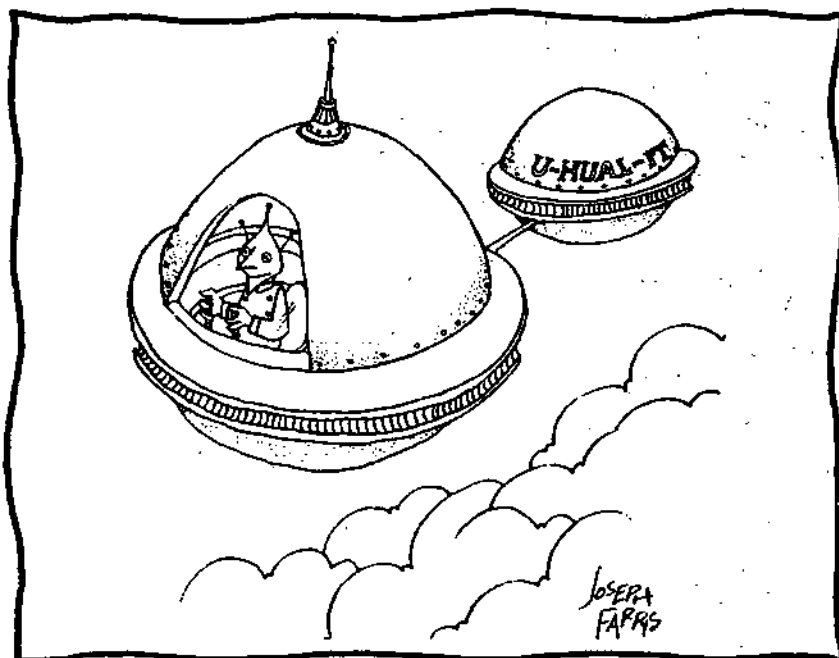
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ties. On a calm pond, a light breeze will almost instantly create an array of ripples. Also, ripples will quickly disappear when the wind stops, while true gravity waves will continue to propagate with little loss of amplitude (4).

The reason for this behavior is that the surface tension tries to minimize the surface area--that is, to pull the surface into a plane by flattening out the ripples. It is easy to see that a strong surface tension would hamper the buildup of ripples whereas a fluid with weak surface tension could easily be agitated to produce ripples.

Such comparisons are observable in three separate dishes containing mercury, water, and benzene, whose respective surface tensions are approximately 475, 73, and 30 dynes per centimeter (5). Mercury strongly tends to retain its mirror surface. Benzene, as most organic fluids, is notably lively compared to water.

Because surface tension is due to intermolecular forces, anything one can do to increase the kinetic energy of the molecules in the surface skin will reduce it. Increasing the

temperature of the liquid lowers the surface tension by an amount of about 0.16 dyne per cm<sup>°C</sup> (6).

Thus, raising the temperature of water from, say, 60°F to 200°F will reduce the surface tension from 73.5 to 61.1 dynes per cm, or about 17%. (Incidentally, it is this change that permits one to tell only by listening whether water running into a bath tub is hot or cold.)

### Microwave Effects

Now consider the effect of irradiating a surface of water with microwave energy--that is, electromagnetic radiation whose frequency lies roughly between that of television and the far infrared.

Due to resonant absorption of the water molecule for radiation in the range of 0.01 to 1.0 cm, all the impinging radiation will be absorbed with very little penetration. In other words, the energy will be absorbed in a thin layer below the surface including the surface membrane.

Because the membrane is so thin, about two dozen molecules thick at room temperature (7),

it does not contain much mass. Its heat capacity is, therefore, very small and the absorbed radiation will be quite effective in increasing the temperature of the water at, and just below, the surface. A decrease in the surface tension should be evidenced by an increase in the ripple height. In other words, the water surface would become less effective in its attempt to stay in a plane and it would depart farther from one.

#### UFO Effect

Such an effect should be observed on the surface of a pond as a UFO cruises past, provided the UFO is emitting suitable radiation and the other necessary conditions prevail. The general manager and chief engineer of a radio station in St. Louis were surprised one morning in 1953 when they set out fishing on The Lake of The Ozarks, according to an account by Frank Edwards in *FLYING SAUCERS--SERIOUS BUSINESS*:

"Out some three or four hundred yards from shore, their outboard motor died. They were sitting there in the fog, listening for a passing boat which might help them, when they heard a heavy humming sound. They could see nothing until the fog parted briefly; then, about a hundred feet from them, and not more than five feet above the still waters of the lake, they saw a shiny disc-shaped thing. It was oscillating slowly, and both men noticed that directly beneath it the water was dancing in thousands of tiny sharp pointed waves." (8. Emphasis added.)

It should be noted that this observation was made in conjunction with other details that have also been ascribed to radiation, i.e., fog, dead motor, humming sound (9).

Also, the peaking of wavelets was confined to a region directly below the disc, a point that appears to be sig-

nificant in relation to its levitation. This restricted zone of influence was emphasized in a similar sighting by the famous actor Clint Walker of the television serial, *Cheyenne*. He told Frank Edwards about an experience that he and another fisherman had on a river when their boat drifted under an overhanging tree limb:

"As they sat there taking a break and smoking, a disc-shaped UFO came slowly and silently down the river, about six feet above the water. As it silently crossed the pool where Walker and his companion had been fishing, they noticed that the water beneath the UFO was dancing madly--a circular patch of tiny waves that moved along with the UFO and was unquestionably caused by it." (10. Emphasis added.)

#### A Physical Mechanism

These details prove to be most helpful in identifying a physical mechanism that could be responsible. It appears quite likely that microwave radiation beamed downward from the UFOs heated the surface layer of the water. The resulting loss in surface tension would then cause ripples that were already present to increase their amplitude, peaking upward toward the UFOs.

Furthermore, these episodes lend credence from unsuspected quarters to the suspicion that UFOs emit microwave radiation, and that it is intimately associated with their propulsion system.

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## Klass book unscientific

By Stanton T. Friedman

The casual reader of "UFOs Explained," by Philip J. Klass, (Random House, \$8.95) could easily conclude that author Klass is a combination of Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, and Sherlock Holmes. Ufologically knowledgeable readers will say that at best the book is "pseudoscience." This is not surprising since Klass' earlier debunking "UFOs Identified" was equally unscientific.

In "UFOs Identified" Klass focused on various plasma phenomenon similar to ball lightning but without any grasp of the physics involved in plasmas. Some of the same sightings explained in "UFOs Identified" are re-explained, differently, in "UFOs Explained."

### Never a Scientist

Mr. Klass is a professional writer and is not now and has never been a scientist. The book does read well. However, the tools used in "explaining" away UFO sightings are not those of science. They include character assassination, selective choice and misrepresentation of facts, innuendo, false logic, positive and negative name calling, guilt by association, and the other tools of the propagandist...not the scientist.

The first half of the book belabors the obvious fact that most UFO sightings can be explained as something other than extraterrestrial space ships. Every scientific ufologist knows this. I have personally checked into almost all the major sightings "explained" in the second half of the book. I find that in every instance there has been significant mis-

representation.

Concerning the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill in 1961 (see "The Interrupted Journey" by John G. Fuller), Klass misrepresents the facts of the sighting, emphasizes Dr. Simon's apparent lack of belief and casually ignores the star map work of Marjorie Fish (ASTRONOMY, Dec. 1974), the USAF radar UFO sighting at the same time and location, the background and reputations of the witnesses, and, perhaps most important, the fact that Dr. Simon, a highly rated psychiatrist and hypnotist, knew nothing at all about UFOs and the myriad of worldwide reports of landed UFOs complete with creatures!!!

### 1973 Ohio Case

Klass "explains" the Oct. 18, 1973, helicopter-crew UFO sighting over Mansfield, Ohio, as a fireball somehow associated with the Orionid meteor shower. This huge "fireball" paced the helicopter, approached at high speed from the East in level flight on a collision course, stopped dead as the helicopter took evasive action, sat still for several seconds, flooded the cockpit with green light, then moved off at rapidly increasing speed, while changing color, toward the Northwest and up at 45 degrees to the horizontal. Despite extremely clear weather and the time of 11 p.m., the brilliant "fireball," though observed for more than a minute, wasn't reported to any of the groups collecting fireball data. Remember that this was during one of the busiest UFO sightings and publicity weeks in the past decade, with many people out looking for UFOs. The fireball,

if it had been one, would have been visible over an area of tens of thousands of square miles. Klass "explains" the green light as the result of the green plexiglass above the cockpit. The crew stated that the object was in front and at 45 degrees above the horizon with the light penetrating through the clear bubble, not the green cover. Klass tried to reduce the time of the sighting by claiming that the crew couldn't have watched it moving away for thirty seconds while they were heading down because they would have been fearful of crashing into the ground just 400 feet below. Factually, the crew could see the ground, and helicopter ambulance crews are quite accustomed to moving up and down at altitudes less than 400 feet.

A South Hills, VA., sighting of an object taking off from a road with a blinding flash of light and strongly affecting the road surface is "explained" as a hoax produced by the town's leading citizen in order to help his brother get elected to public office. Supposedly, he poured gasoline on the road and ignited it. Klass doesn't mention that several other witnesses described the flash as brilliant white (gasoline does not burn white) and that a number of attempts at duplicating the physical changes in the road surface by burning various chemicals were totally unsuccessful. He doesn't mention that the witness had strongly advised his brother NOT to run for office because of his drinking problem and because he was running against an excellent candidate who worked for the "hoaxster."

The 1964 Socorro, N.M., daytime sighting of an object tak-



Stanton Friedman, far right, is one of the recognized experts on UFOs in this country and the world, serving as a resource person, lecturer, and writer for various public and private groups and organizations. In this photo he is with Marjorie Fish, who developed the famous Hill Star Map model, and Ralph Blum, author of **BEYOND EARTH: MAN'S CONTACT WITH UFOs.**

ing off with a roar by a police officer who had moments before seen two small beings next to it is "explained" as a hoax perpetrated by the policeman in cahoots with the local mayor, who also happened to be president of the bank and the owner of the unimproved landing site. Klass dismisses the supporting story of a mystery witness because he couldn't have seen the object landing and the police officer driving up the mesa at the same time. The fact is the witness had reported seeing the object land and then the police car driving towards it--NOT simultaneously at all. Klass postulates the purpose of the hoax was the desire to attract tourists, with the mayor and town benefiting from new hotels and restaurants, a newly paved road, etc. No restaurants or hotels were built, and the road wasn't paved, and the police officer has in no way benefited and has even left the force.

#### Delphos, KS, Case

Klass "explains" the Delphos, KS, UFO landing case of Nov. 2, 1971 as a hoax. He barely mentions the measurable physical changes produced in a ring of soil 8 to 10 feet in diameter and 1 to 2 feet across and, most impressive, 14 inches deep. He correctly quotes my

measured ratio of the soluble zinc concentration in the ring soil as 11 times greater than that in nearby normal soil so that he can suggest that it was produced by an undiscovered zinc feeder. He doesn't give the actual quantities of zinc or the other nine elements measured, so the reader has no way of knowing that the "very high zinc content" was all of 1.18 parts per million in the normal soil and 20ppm in the ring soil. Zinc was actually the next to the least abundant element in the ring soil and the least abundant in the normal soil.

Klass mentions my name in his book three times but never mentions that I am a scientist with 14 years of industrial experience in the development of advanced nuclear and space systems. He details the "great" backgrounds of his experts. He describes Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center For UFO Studies as a one man operation, ignoring the active participation of scientists from major universities in the U.S. and overseas and the fact that 300 Mutual UFO Network investigators supply data to the center. Klass says that Hynek and I get paid \$1,000 for an hour lecture. Neither of us has ever received as much as \$1,000 for a lecture. Normally I spend all day

on campus giving seminars and visiting classes, and my fees have to include transportation from Redondo Beach, as well as the postage and phone and other costs of obtaining lectures.

#### 'A' for Effort

If space were available I could easily find 10,000 more words debunking the debunker's pseudoscience. As a scientist myself, I would have to give Klass an A for effort and flunk him for his distortions of fact, his failure to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and his lack of understanding of human nature. To summarize, Klass dismissed.

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# In Others' Words

By Lucius Forish

A good report on the Mexican UFO incident of May 3, 1975 appears in the August 12 issue of NATIONAL ENQUIRER. The August 19 ENQUIRER issue devoted two pages to the film version of John Fuller's book, THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY. This will be shown on NBC-TV sometime in the new fall season and promises to be well worth watching.

Two additional UFO-related articles have appeared in more recent issues of NATIONAL ENQUIRER. The first, in the Sept. 2 issue, told of Charles Fort's pioneering efforts in researching UFOs and a host of other anomalous phenomena. The Sept. 9 issue contained an article on the N.C. sightings of a triangular UFO during April of this year.

The July 27 issue of NATIONAL TATTLER contained an article on the recent UFO flap in west-central Wisconsin.

A very interesting interview with Leonard Nimoy (Star Trek's "Mr. Spock") was featured in the Aug. 31 issue of NATIONAL TATTLER. Nimoy, like his serious co-star, William Shatner, takes the UFO subject seriously. His comments on the subject are certainly worth reading. The "ancient astronaut" theories received more attention in the TATTLER issues of Aug. 31 and Sept. 7. The many rock drawings at Val Camonica, Italy, were discussed in the first instance, while the research of a Danish scientist formed the topic for the latter article.

NATIONAL STAR for August 12 featured two articles of interest. One dealt with a UFO landing and crop damage in Ontario, Canada; the second item concerned producer/author Alan Landsburg's recent film and book, THE OUTER SPACE CONNEC-

TION.

NATIONAL STAR for August 26 alerted its readers to the upcoming UFO conference at Fort Smith, AR., and quoted Charles Hickson as saying he would give new details of his experiences during that meeting. The Sept. 2 STAR carried an article on UFOs and animal mutilations; the issue for Sept. 9 gave details of recent California UFO sightings.

ARGOSY has recently published a UFO ANNUAL, consisting largely of material which has been published in various issues of the magazine over the last 10-15 years. For those who don't ordinarily read ARGOSY, this might prove interesting.

The September issues of SAGA, PROBE THE UNKNOWN and FATE have UFO articles of interest. The October issue of MALE has some rehash and speculations about sexual experiments by the Ufo-nauts.

The October issue of SAGA contains an interesting article on UFO occupant cases by Gordon Lore, as well as John Keel's regular column. Don't take Keel seriously when he says Skylab is the only visible artificial satellite. He has never been able to get his facts straight on this particular topic (or a few dozen other topics, some would say!).

In the July column, I mentioned the "#3" issue of OFFICIAL UFO, stating it was then on sale. I should have said #2, so my apologies for that goof. However, the #3 (October) issue is now available and shows a great deal of improvement over the first two issues. This magazine is rapidly turning into a very good source of information on UFOs. The #3 issue contains articles by Richard Hall, Kevin Randle, Vincent

Gaddis, Dr. Felix Zigel (via Joe Brill), George D. Fawcett and other well-known researchers. The publication schedule for OFFICIAL UFO has been increased to 9 issues per year, so watch for it on your newsstands about every six weeks or so.

For those interested in von Daniken's theories, a couple of privately-published volumes should be mentioned. THE LEGACY OF METHUSELAH and THE TESTIMONY OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS are both written from a Fundamentalist Christian viewpoint, based on the supposition that an advanced Antediluvian civilization is responsible for the mysterious sites and artifacts found all over the world. Many of the evidences cited in these books will be familiar--the Bagdad batteries, the Salzburg cube, the Piri Reis maps, etc.--but there are also some items which have not been widely publicized in previous books. It is obvious that a considerable amount of research has been done on such subjects. THE LEGACY OF METHUSELAH is priced at \$4.50 and THE TESTIMONY OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS is \$2.50. Both can be purchased from the author, Joey R. Jochmans, at: Box 6463 - Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. I recommend the present two volumes, and others are in preparation.

I must admit being a trifle disappointed with a recently-released volume, PHYSICAL TRACES ASSOCIATED WITH UFO SIGHTINGS. This has been compiled by Ted Phillips and edited by Mimi Hynek, with publication by The Center for UFO Studies. While I recognize and appreciate the very great amount of work which has gone into such a compilation, I found some of the individual



entries to be erroneous in various details, as well as being (in some cases) quite superficial. Even so, a 144-page book devoted solely to physical traces caused by UFOs cannot be taken lightly. In this sense, it is a fascinating and valuable document. Photos, illustrations and graphs are included. The time period for trace cases ranges from 1490 to 1975. The book is available from the Center for UFO Studies (P.O. Box 11 - Northfield, IL 60093) for \$8.00.

Richard E. Mooney's COLONY: EARTH might appear to be just another attempt to cash in on the "ancient astronauts" publishing goldmine, but it actually goes a bit deeper than a first glance may indicate. Basically, Mooney agrees with von Daniken that visitors from the stars may well have influenced early humanity, but he thinks such visitors may have set up a colony on Earth. He also speculates that perhaps there was no "Ice Age" as we commonly think of it; that the Pyramids and other huge constructions may have been intended as shelters from some global catastrophe; and that some religious rituals may be garbled memories of ancient nuclear wars and their effects. An intriguing book and certainly worth reading. The hardcover edition of COLONY: EARTH may be obtained from Stein & Day - Scarborough House - Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510; the price is \$7.95. A paperback edition is available from Fawcett Books at \$1.50. Mooney's new book, GODS OF AIR AND DARKNESS, is due for August publication by Stein & Day.

### California professor initiates local UFO hotline

Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, professor of English at the California State University at Long Beach and MUFON state section director for Orange County, has initiated a 24-hour hotline for UFO reports.

### Betty and Barney Hill case on TV Monday, Oct. 20

A two-hour motion picture depicting the well-known story of Betty and Barney Hill will be televised by NBC on Monday, Oct. 20.

The program, which describes the unusual UFO events which allegedly occurred on Sept. 19, 1961, in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, will star Academy Award Nominee James Earl Jones and Academy Award Winner Estelle Parsons. The presentation is entitled "The UFO Incident."

Universal Studios, which produced the film, utilized transcripts of tape recordings made by the Hills while under hypnosis, Air Force records, files of the Hayden Planetarium, and the book INTERRUPTED JOURNEY by John G. Fuller. In addition, screenwriter Hesper Anderson spent many hours talking with Betty Hill (Barney Hill died in 1969).

Stanton T. Friedman, who served as technical advisor for Universal Studios in the preparation of the program, says, "I was very impressed with the quality of the effort I saw being put into 'The UFO Incident' and the dedication to accuracy rather than sensationalism.

"The script, the special effects, and, of course, the acting were all first rate," concludes Friedman, noted UFO lecturer, MUFON consultant, and nuclear and space scientist. "My own investigation of this UFO experience has convinced me that it is one of the most important on record. I believe the viewers will come to share my opinion."

Dr. Lawson, who teaches a course called "UFO Literature: The Rhetoric of the Unknown," says his hotline is not competing with the national hotline operated by the Center for UFO Studies.

## Ft. Smith conference Oct. 17, 18, 19

Plans for the UFO conference at Ft. Smith, AR, scheduled for Oct. 17, 18, and 19, are going as scheduled, according to conference director Bill Pitts.

As noted in the July and August editions of SKYLOOK, the conference will bring together for the first time the four major UFO groups in this country: APRO, CUFOS, MUFON, and NICAP.

The lineup of UFO celebrities will include Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Stanton Friedman, Jim and Coral Lorenzen, Ray Stanford, Phillip Klass, Walt Andrus, Charles Hickson, Dewey Fournet, Dr. Richard Haines, Capt. Stephen Pease, and William Spaulding.

Also attending will be an FAA radar team, a NASA research scientist, and the space object identification analyst from NORAD.

As previously announced, advance reservations for the conference will be accepted until Oct. 1 at \$12.50 per person. After Oct. 1 and at the door the cost will be \$17.50 per person. This includes all meetings and events, as well as the Saturday evening buffet dinner. For registration information, contact Bill Pitts, UFO Conference, 500 N. Second St., Fort Smith, AR 72901 (Office phone 501-782-0373; home phone 501-783-0754).

Motel reservations should be made directly with the Trade Winds Inn (Best Western), 101 N. Eleventh St., Fort Smith, AR 72901 (phone 501-785-4121), specifying UFO Conference. The rates are: singles, \$13.50; double, \$18.00; twin double, \$22.00; triple, \$20.00 for two and \$3.00 for each additional guest.



# Director's Message

By Walt Andrus

## Hawaii State Director

With the addition of Hawaii and Montana, MUFON has expanded its coverage in the United States. Michael L. Broyles, 2717A Hipawai PL., Honolulu, HI 96822 has been appointed state director for Hawaii. Mike has his M.S. from the University of Wisconsin and is now a Ph.D. candidate in Seismology at the University of Hawaii.

A. V. McDowell, Box 104, Worden, MT 59088; telephone (406) 967-6098 has been selected as the state section director for the Montana counties of Yellowstone, Treasurer, Musselshell, and Bighorn. Mr. McDowell is a publishing-editor.

Virgil P. Chabre, 811 Ridge, Rock Springs, WY 82901; telephone: (307) 362-6230 has volunteered to serve as state section director for Sweetwater County. Virgil was recommended to MUFON by R. Leo Sprinkle.

## Canal Zone Representative

The Canal Zone is now represented by Wendell F. Taylor, P. O. Box 1305, Balboa, Canal Zone, expanding MUFON internationally. Wendell is an illustrator and freelance artist by profession, and was recommended by John Schuessler and Jose Fuentes of Houston, TX.

Tommy Roy Blann, 57-A Boiling Drive, Waco, TX 76705; telephone: (817) 799-3146 has been appointed state section director for McLennan, Hill, Bosque, Navarro, Bell, Coryell and Hamilton counties in Texas. Tommy is a student and is working toward a B.S. in nuclear science. He is director of the recently organized Texas UFO Study Group.

MUFON is proud to welcome a new consultant in psychology, Robert B. Bechtel, Ph.D.; 5741 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64113; telephone: (816) 363-2111. Dr. Bechtel has done extensive research in parapsychology and his speciality in research is in the response to environmental stimuli. This comes under the heading of environmental psychology, and more precisely, ecological psychology. He was recommended by Grey Woodman, M.D.

## Legal Advisor

William C. Shead, 2927 Broadway, Houston, TX 77017; telephone: (713) 941-2790. Mr. Shead, a practicing attorney, has been appointed a legal advisor to MUFON and will also serve as a field investigator. He will be working with MUFON's deputy director, John F. Schuessler, in Houston. Gary Graber, state section director, from Mt. Pleasant, IA, and your director met with Mr. Schuessler on Aug. 17 and later toured the NASA Space Center in Houston.

On the same date, Rosetta and Dick Holmes were hosting the seventh Annual MUFON UFO picnic in Carlyle, IL, under the sponsorship of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. From the fine reports we have received, the picnic and skywatch were again a roaring success. Everyone who helped to make this event such a memorable affair is to be congratulated.

Both John Schuessler and your director regret that we were unable to attend the Annual UFO

Picnic in Carlyle, IL., but vacation plans for 1976 may be more favorable for the trip.

## Ft. Smith Conference

"United For Objectivity" (UFO) is the theme for the national UFO Conference to be held Oct. 17, 18, and 19 in Ft. Smith, AR, at the Trade Winds Inn. The four major UFO organizations in the United States will be represented: APRO, MUFON, NICAP and CUFOs. For details on this outstanding event, please refer to a separate article in this issue of SKYLOOK.

This conference promises to be not only an enlightening experience for the news media, but an opportunity for the major UFO organizations to pool their investigative and research resources so as to resolve this perplexing enigma. Your director will be one of the speakers.

## New MUFON Office

MUFON members from Mt. Pleasant, IA; and Waco and Houston, TX have already visited the new MUFON Administrative Office at 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155 during the past few weeks. The office telephone number is (512) 379-9216. Your director may also be contacted at his business during the day at (512) 379-8850.

Please keep these new telephone numbers readily available for reference. New membership identification cards reflecting the new address will be issued as each member's dues and SKYLOOK subscription is renewed during 1975 or 1976.

# McC Campbell, Friedman accept Klass challenge

Two California ufologists have accepted the challenge of Philip J. Klass, an outspoken critic of UFO investigators, to "put your money where your mouth is" in wagers that could earn the winner of each bet \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Klass, senior avionics editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, renewed his long-standing challenge in his latest book, UFO's EXPLAINED (Random House), and in the broadcast and print media.

Klass says he will pay \$10,000 to anyone able to prove to his satisfaction that extraterrestrial visitors or spacecraft exist. Those accepting the bet must pay Klass \$1,000 at the rate of \$100 per year for ten years if the required proof is not forthcoming during that ten-year period.

Jim McC Campbell, author of UFOLOGY, NEW INSIGHTS FROM SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE (Jaymac Co., 12 Bryce Court, Belmont, Ca. 94002), and Stanton Friedman, the well-known UFO lecturer and writer, have each signed the necessary contract and put up the \$100 to cover the first year's bet.

In order to win, McC Campbell

and Friedman will have to see one of the three following events occur:

1. Any crashed spacecraft is found whose design and construction clearly identify it as being of extraterrestrial origin in the opinion of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences.

2. The National Academy of Sciences announces that it has examined other evidence which proves conclusively that earth has been visited by extraterrestrial spacecraft in this century.

3. The first bona fide extraterrestrial visitor, born on a celestial body other than Earth, appears live before the U.N. General Assembly or on a

nationwide TV show.

Those challenging Klass are obligated to make the \$100 payments for a maximum of ten years, but Klass is obliged to pay the \$10,000 if proof is forthcoming anytime during the lifetimes of Klass and a challenger.

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"A Catalog of Humanoid Reports for 1974" by Ted Bloecher, co-chairman of the MUFON Humanoid Study Committee.

"Interpreting Reports of UFO Sightings" by James M. McC Campbell, author of **Ufology — New Insights from Science and Common Sense**.

"UFO Research Proposals: What, Who, and How Much?" by Dr. Jacques Vallee, author of **Anatomy of a Phenomenon**, etc.

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# Recapping and commenting

By Richard Hall

(This column is directed toward articles appearing in the July, 1975, edition of SKY-LOOK).

What can one say about the 1964 "UFO repair" case in New Berlin, N.Y.? Was it (1) earthly technology? (unlikely, considering the configuration and the rate of departure); (b) a staged event? (which requires invoking deceptive spacemen--or somebody); (c) the "real" spacemen (in which case they appear all too "human"); (d) other?

Having just returned from the International Fortean Organization (INFO) convention in Oak Brook, Illinois, I suspect some "new wave" UFOlogists would think in terms of a human unconscious projection of some kind, a la Carl Jung. There Jerome Clark expressed the view that the UFO mystery basically is a subjective one, with only relatively minor objective aspects. Be that as it may, we were also regaled by "Christof Friedrich" who insists that UFOs are an outgrowth of Nazi technology at the close of World War II when various super weapons, including high-performance saucer-shaped aircraft, allegedly were on the verge of being perfected. The straight extraterrestrial interpretation was alluded to by a few participants as "passé" and, by implication, the "backward" view of "conservative UFOlogists!"

Another speaker was Rev. J. Gordon Melton, research director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion. He surveyed the activities of several well-known contactees, showing their links with pre-existing religious cults, revealing derogatory information

about some, and generally presenting a negative picture of them as far as being relevant to possible objectively real UFOs. I hope the "new wavers" were listening. One of the myths floating around, which I was accused of to my face, was that NICAP "suppressed" or "destroyed" evidence that did not fit its views and didn't bother to investigate contactee reports. We definitely did investigate and, in general, found ample evidence of fakery and unreliability. Also, I personally answered the first correspondence from Betty Hill, put Walter Webb in touch with her, and encouraged all possible investigation from then on.

Apparently the "new wave" includes strong anti-government and anti-scientific elements, which is not surprising considering Watergate, revelations about the CIA, and scientific disdain of UFOs. Still, their substitute seems to me to be subjective, mystical, and chaotic. The need for input from psychologists and other behavioral scientists seems more urgent than ever.

At the Fortfest I met and chatted with Ron Westrum, and was pleased to learn that he is doing some sociological studies related to UFOs. It strikes me that some time, some place (perhaps next year's convention), a panel discussion or forum of some kind for behavioral scientists would be particularly valuable. I might be proved wrong, but it is my humble opinion that outright dishonesty, psychosis, neurosis, egoism, and cultism are being grossly underestimated in the UFO field, and that these are detracting from careful investigation of serious facts. At least some of the muddle of



By Mark Herbstritt

## October Sky

Mercury--on the 24th it is at greatest western elongation standing about 17° above the horizon just south of east at sunrise. For the last half of the month it is an easily observed morning star.

Venus--for about 3 hours before sunrise it dominates the eastern sky; greatest brilliancy is on the 3rd.

Mars--moving from Taurus into Gemini, it rises late in the evening and dominates this part of the sky.

Jupiter--this is the month of Jupiter's opposition (on the 13th) when it is at its brightest and rises as the sun sets and is visible all night.

Saturn--is in Cancer. It is magnitude -2.5 and rises about midnight.

The Orionid meteor shower reaches maximum on the 21st.

spectacular "data" is almost surely false and irrelevant. I am not saying that any report should be thrown out because of its content; I am saying that a cold, hard look should be taken at the reporters.

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