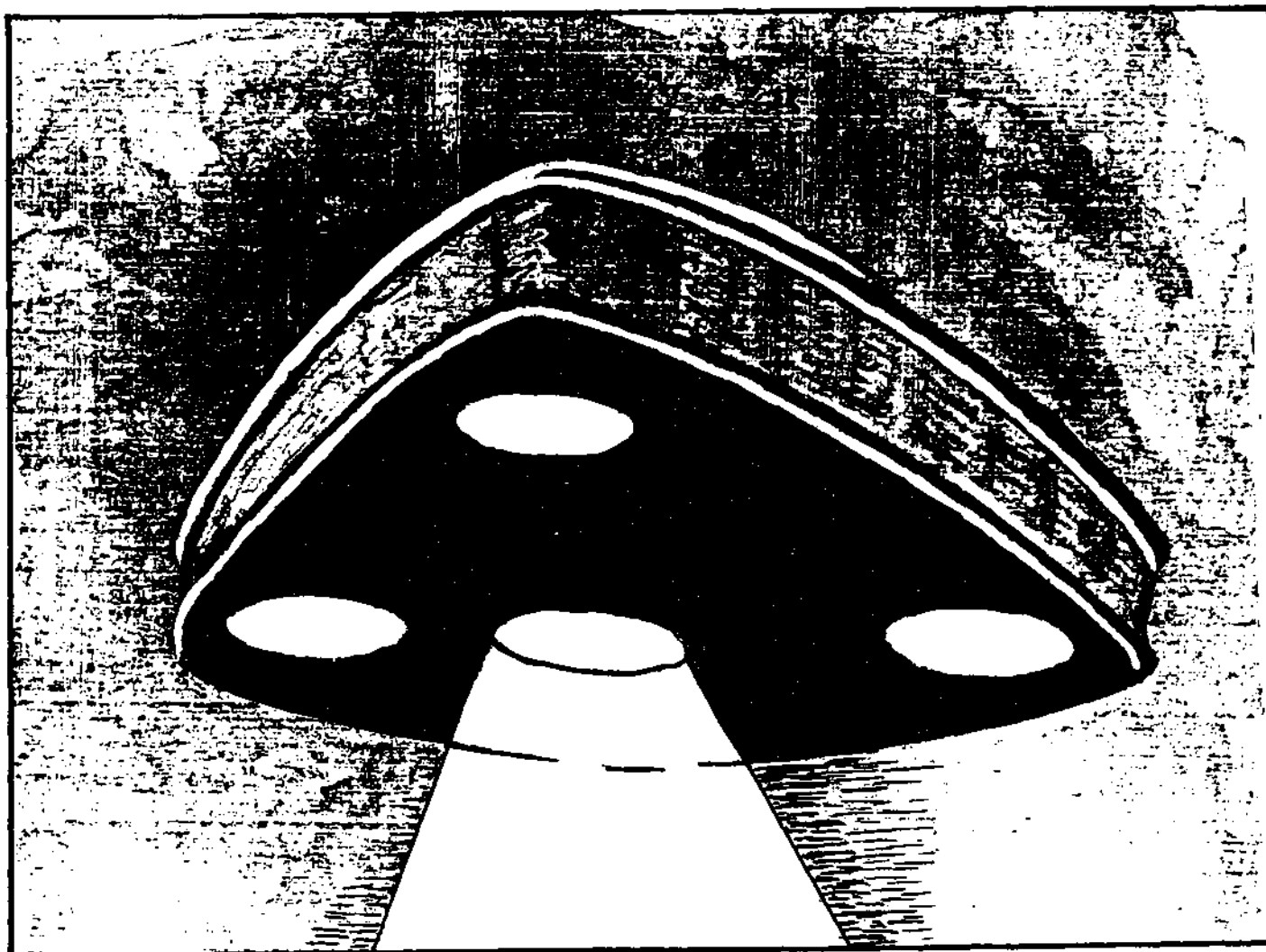


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LIGHT SHOW OVER LANCASTER

Bill Hamilton

1991 has been an unprecedented year for sightings and encounters in the Antelope Valley of California embracing the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, and Rosamond.

I was investigating the reports of sightings associated with a Northrop Skunkworks facility in the Tehachapi Mountains on the north side of the valley when I heard about two witnesses who had experiences of missing time. These two women, Pam and Jackie, lived within eyeball range of the facility and had experienced a number of strange events. In addition, Jackie, who could see the facility clearly from her property in the high desert, reported two daylight sightings. In each case she contends that she witnessed a large disk ascend from the facility and move eastward along the base of the Tehachapis. Construction workers have informed me that the facility itself has several underground levels.

On the evening of May 14, 1991, Pam had her strangest encounter ever. Shortly after 11:00 p.m. she reports that three "grays" appeared by her bedside and started to lift her off the bed. She lives in a large, custom-built pentagonal desert home that has one large room without partitions. The kitchen, bedroom and living room are open to one another. She started to struggle with the grays — the four-and-a-half-foot category — when she spotted a human in the living room area. A man, dressed all in black, was holding a device that resembled a small TV and dangling a cord. Pam heard the man say, "you have no electricity."

At this point she somehow freed herself from the entities and went to grab a light cord that would switch on a light from her twelve-volt system. The light would not come on. She then yelled for her husband to awaken. Events then took a bizarre turn.

Hearing her 100-pound Labrador barking in the yard, she and her husband went to the north-facing kitchen window. Her attention was drawn to a man who lay prone on a projecting part of the roof near a ladder. The man was dressed in full-dress Air Force blues. The three grays were now on the ground below the man as well as a K-9 sentry dog that was poised to attack Pam's dog, Casey. In the sky over the yard there were a number of red lights. The man yelled to the grays, "get her out of the house," while Pam yelled back, "don't kill my dog."

In the wake of this panic, Pam next remembers standing alone outside and behind their generator shack. The man, the dog, the grays, and her husband were no longer in sight. Red lights were revolving above her and a thick fog was emanating from ports set around the large craft hovering above. Her next memory was that of awakening, seated on her bed at 3:50 a.m.

I had arrived at Pam's place the next morning and spent

all day with her. That evening we had a local certified hypnotherapist, Miranda Cunha, regress Pam through the incident. We discovered a mental block in the missing time period. A few tidbits emerged from this session. It seems Pam believes that she may have been taken to a base inside the Tehachapis (the second case that reported this) and that she was cautioned not to reveal what she knows. She felt very threatened by this incident.

This is just a brief recounting of only one of Pam's encounters, but significant for its mention of human involvement and its disturbing implications. Pam is a good observer and very precise about her experiences. Jackie reports seeing Pam's yard enveloped in a fog that same night, but does not remember seeing the lights which may have been directed downward and obscured by the fogscreen put out by the object. Since that night Pam has also been buzzed by low-flying helicopters. One military helicopter hovered less than a hundred feet over her yard. Her yard comprises two-and-a-half acres of desert property.

Since there have been some remarkable sightings over this area during the year and Pam's account raises many questions, I would like to proceed by relating other events that enlarge the scope considerably.

On May 28th, the night of a full moon, I went to a certain observation area in the Antelope Valley just west of the city of Lancaster and south of the Northrop facility in the Tehachapi mountain range. Joined by three other observers we saw our first aerial light emerge at the crest of the mountains south of us. The light was white with an amber tinge. It moved west above the mountain ridge, reached a certain point, then started strobing fluorescent red and white lights.

As it continued to move west, then northwest, it began to jump and dance in erratic movements. When it reached the far end of the west valley I could see a silhouette against the twilight blue sky. The object appeared to be boomerang-shaped with several strobe lights dancing around its perimeter.

This object suddenly and instantaneously vanished. A second and third object appeared above the same mountains and followed roughly the same pattern of activity except that they continued on their course to disappear in the distance. The wild "jumpers" were sometimes so erratic that normal aircraft could not withstand the structural stresses that would result from such rapid changes in motion.

On the following night, with thirteen other witnesses gathered at our desert observation post, I viewed a spectacular light show starting in the same way as the previous night.

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SKYWATCHERS FLOCK TO ANTELOPE VALLEY

Researchers and abductees (including Pam and Jackie) were present. We saw between 25 and 30 objects. Several of these danced and zig-zagged at all compass directions.

One or two of the objects also disappeared when in clear view. In addition to the strobing jumpers, we saw what appeared to be a large craft maneuvering to the east. It appeared to be triangular with a steady fluorescent red light on the right and an aquamarine-colored light on its left tip.

This object flew both forwards and backwards as well as gliding silently sideways. It turned and tilted until it came to the south end of the street as if it were peering at us. It then tilted on its edge and turned to proceed back to its point of origin. I snapped four photos at that instant, but the lights failed to register on 1000 ASA Ektar film.

This light show lasted two-and-one-half hours. At one point two Air Force jets crossed from northwest to southeast and returned, but did not attempt to close with any of the UFOs.

Nearby Palmdale is the site of a major L.A. Air Traffic Control center as well as several aerospace facilities and Air Force Plant 42. Edwards AFB is a few miles to the north, near the town of Rosamond. Yet no aircraft were sent out to intercept these strange aerial objects!

I phoned Edwards AFB Public Affairs Office the next day and the officer on duty was extremely interested in our sightings, but could offer no immediate explanation for them except to say that he was aware that the Antelope Valley had several secret projects that may involve advanced technology aircraft and that he had no access to that sort of information. We feel that the people on these secret projects are well aware of what is flying in the skies over Lancaster.

In the early morning hours of July 25th, Pam and I were watching the valley skies as we had made it a sort of ritual during the warm summer nights. At 12:45 a.m. a string of gold-colored lights approached silently and rapidly from the west, moving east. The golden lights were surrounded by a coronal field that may have been ionized layers of plasma. Some of this "plasma" appeared to be shedding from its source and trailing behind. As the string reached the city limits of Lancaster, the lights disappeared one by one. At least two other sighting parties were viewing this same light string from separate locations. One of the other parties had a camcorder and starlight scope and videotaped this procession of lights. I have a VHS copy of the tape.

When one of the other witnesses mentioned the starlight scope and its ability to enhance night photography to his neighbor, his neighbor bought one and on the night of August 1st tested its ability to record the passage of an airliner over downtown Lancaster. To his surprise a small lighted object appeared and raced around the airliner, executing a sharp-angled, high-speed fly around and then faded out against the background stars. I also have this segment on video and have shown it on San Diego's ABC affiliate Channel 10 which did a special report on UFOs on their nightly news in late October.

One of the most spectacular sightings occurred on November 4th. While driving to work in the morning, Pam spotted a triangular shape over the Antelope Valley Freeway (Highway 14) at 7:11 a.m. It gave off a bright flash of gold and green. She was headed south on 60th Street west when the triangular object appeared. She then entered the freeway traveling south toward Lancaster. At 7:18 a.m. a very large charcoal-black, arrowhead-shaped vehicle passed over her pickup truck which was headed north and passing over the Avenue H overpass. It had no windows or openings. Running the whole length of the bottom of the craft was a tubular structure.

The craft had no vertical stabilizers and made no sound. It was traveling very slow. She estimated its altitude as 300 to 500 feet (very low) and its dimensions as a football field in length (300 ft.) and as wide as the freeway, including the central corridor and pullovers (about 80 ft.) She exited at Avenue I and pulled into an ARCO station and quickly jumped out to look for the object. The object was nowhere in sight.

There have been other peculiar activities and light shows reported to me from the east side of the valley. Some of these sightings are in the vicinity of another secret underground facility owned by the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. Near this facility is El Mirage Dry Lake and Shadow Mountain.

A team of skywatchers from Victorville has seen many strange balls of light and one huge lighted craft near Shadow Mountain. They have also reported seeing an identical string of lights on several occasions similar to the one we viewed on July 25th.

Another abduction case was reported in the Victorville area. The abductee, Diane, reports being taken to an underground facility jointly occupied by grays and men in Air Force uniforms. A Victorville psychotherapist is doing extensive work on this case. If we take these reports seriously and do not dismiss them as a product of the witness's imagination, then there are significant implications in the content of such reports.

The few informants from the Aerospace sector who have approached me have done little more than cautiously confirm the existence of these underground areas, the reality of the alien presence, and verified advanced technology projects. I am not advocating a wholesale belief in any conspiracy scenario nor do I believe all the tales I hear, but I am advocating a need for further careful and cautious investigation based on eyewitness testimony.

The light shows over Lancaster continue. The "jumpers" are still seen frequently. Skywatchers are flocking to the Antelope Valley in hopes of seeing UFOs.

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TRIANGLES OVER BELGIUM: THE SOBEPS REPORT

Wim van Utrecht

On November 29, 1989, hundreds of people living in and near the small city of Eupen, Belgium, witnessed the passage of huge, triangular aircraft equipped with bright spotlights. The event marked the beginning of one of Europe's biggest "UFO flaps" ever. In the early stages, most of the reports emanated from the eastern regions of Belgium. But in the course of the months that followed, other parts of the country, and especially the areas around Brussels and Liege, also became the seat of unusual observations.

Because of certain sensational aspects, the flap caught the attention of news agencies in all corners of the world. Journalists were impressed by the fact that there had been several occasions on which jet-fighters had taken off in an attempt to identify inexplicable lights. Equally exceptional: policemen, military personnel and scientists also claimed to have seen the unknown objects manoeuvring through the sky. Furthermore, almost all witnesses unanimously spoke of triangular platforms with bright, white lights in each corner and a red, pulsating light in the middle.

As for the physical evidence, the skywatchers had produced dozens of photographs and approximately 30 video-films. Aside from this, a handful of radar tapes had been made available for analysis. By the spring of 1990, the situation was such that many Belgians spent long hours outdoors, hoping to catch a glimpse of the bizarre craft. But perhaps the most unique aspect of all was the collaboration that had been set up between the national Royal Air Force and a Brussels-based UFO group named SOBEPS.*

As UFO reports kept pouring in for more than a year and a half, the popularity of SOBEPS increased at an equivalent pace. Interviews with members of the group were published in almost every journal and magazine in the country. Usually the group's address and phone number were given in case readers wanted to report a personal experience. On radio and television, ufologists answered questions about the possibility of an alien presence in our skies. On two occasions, first in December 1989 and again in June of 1990, the U.S. Air Force assured our Ministry of Defense that the F-117A Stealth fighter — believed by some investigators to be at the heart of the sightings — "has never flown in the European theater." This leaves unanswered, of course, the question of whether some other Stealth platform might have. All this time the scientific community kept silent, with the exception of some weather-prophets, who tried to calm down the situation by speaking of inversion layers and sea plankton ...

Under these circumstances, speculation and suggestion were given free play and it did not take long before almost any light in the sky which could not be readily identified was labeled a

UFO. People who had never made a habit of looking skywards were now surprised by the variety of luminous phenomena that could be seen in the course of a single night. As months went by it became clear that the popularity of SOBEPS had strongly influenced the course of events. Twenty years ago, a similar situation had occurred when the publicity following the initial creation of SOBEPS set fire to a local outburst of UFO reports. Conceivably, the wave of sightings that was now flooding the country would never have had the same magnitude if the group had not been promoting it so vigorously.

By the spring of 1991 things had quieted down a little and SOBEPS announced that a detailed report about the events would soon be published. On October 17, a book more than 500 pages thick was presented to the press. The title read: *Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel* (UFO Flap over Belgium - An Exceptional File). The book was sold out in no time.

The introduction to the SOBEPS book is written by Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit, Director of a research division at the French Centre National de Recherche Spatial (CNRS-National Center for Space Studies). Further scientific contributions included papers by Auguste Meessen, Professor in physics at the Universite Catholique de Louvain and Leon Brenig, physicist at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles. SOBEPS associates Bougard, Clerebaut, Vertongen and Ferryn signed most of the other chapters. Major-general Wilfried de Brouwer wrote the postscript of the book. As an aviator, de Brouwer had coordinated a skywatch during which, for the first time in history, ufologists and airmen joined forces. The authors almost unanimously concluded that, in view of the evidence, the extraterrestrial hypothesis seemed the most likely solution. Naturally, this was too much to swallow for the scientific community in our country.

On October 26, 1991, the newspaper *La Wallonie* noted the following news: at the instance of astrophysicist Andre Lausberg, ten Belgian scientists had signed a declaration in which the SOBEPS report was heavily criticized. Professor Meessen and Dr. Petit were especially reprimanded for their rash statements and pseudo-scientific approach. In a way, the scientific community had set up a tribunal that would deal with members who were supposedly feeding pseudo-scientific information to the public.

While highly respected by European ufologists, Meessen and Petit may not be household names to most overseas readers, so some background information may be in order.

Before he launched himself into the investigation of the Belgian UFO flap, Professor Meessen had already written

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theoretical and technical papers on UFOs for *Inforespace*, the journal edited by SOBEPS. Although written in an academic style, Meessen's work is almost entirely based on unverified witness accounts published in dubious UFO magazines.

A second reproach that can be made is that the professor is perhaps a too over-zealous defender of the ETH. This is known to have affected his evaluations in the past. In 1988 for instance, an analysis of a sound recording made by a ten-year-old UFO witness in France led Meessen to speculate about the propulsion systems that UFO pilots use. Unfortunately for him, it was later established that the recorded beeping sound had originated from an over-the-horizon radar transmitter, an interference phenomenon well-known to French radio amateurs.

One wonders if Meessen's personal convictions may not have influenced his analysis of the Belgium radar tapes as well. As a matter of fact, the unexplained radar images acted so spooky (impossible accelerations and sudden changes in altitude) that they remind one of false radar returns (due to meteorological conditions) or of distorted echoes from real targets (e.g., aircraft equipped with Stealth technology). But for Meessen the "only reasonable hypothesis" was that we were dealing with "UFOs, of which the performances clearly indicate a non-terrestrial origin."

As for Dr. Petit, it was he who introduced magneto-hydrodynamics into ufology in the Seventies. Now, with the publication of his latest book, *Enquete sur des extraterrestres qui sont parmi nous - Le mystere des Ummites* (In Search of Extraterrestrials Who Are Among Us - The Mystery of the Ummites), Petit has lost his last grain of credibility. In this book Petit reveals that his scientific work at the CNRS was in reality dictated to him by the inhabitants of Ummo, a planet far beyond our own solar system. Well-read ufologists will remember that, dating back to 1965, the Ummites have been held responsible for a series of mysterious letters and documents sent to UFO researchers and scientists around the world.

In fact, the Ummo virus seems to have affected other scientists at the Space Center as well and rumours have it that the entire question will soon lead to some sort of purification. Another incident is bound to discredit the Center's reputation even further. Last year, two journalists of a local French newspaper visited the headquarters of the Raelian Movement in Albi, southern France. This UFO sect is led by a man who claims to have travelled to distant planets and to have sat at a table with personalities such as Moses, Jesus and Buddha. During their visit to the sect, the journalists ran into a research member from the CNRS. Together with a doctor, a biologist and an engineer, the man had just ordered pizza and ice cream on the cult's premises!

Returning to the Belgian flap, it should first be emphasized that the evidence gathered by SOBEPS is impressive in quantity but not very convincing when considered as proof of unearthly manifestations. In fact, the photographic evidence

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yielded only one good slide, a copy of which is printed on the cover of the SOBEPS book. On page 418 we are told that an indepth investigation of this slide has yet to take place; but the absence of background details in the picture, together with the fact that the young photographer threw away a second photograph which he had taken during the sighting, create doubts about the authenticity of the evidence.

Stimuli for most of the remaining photographic documents varied from aircraft lights to reflections of sunlight in distant windows, and from bright stars and planets to xenon-lamps used by some discos. Many of these explanations came from the ufologists themselves, SOBEPS members included.

As for the eyewitness accounts that are not backed up with physical evidence, they number several thousand and mainly describe incidents which occurred within an area 200 kms long and 100 kms wide. About 5 to 10% of these cases are published in some detail in the book. Examination reveals that there is much less internal agreement in the descriptions than SOBEPS would like us to believe. Position and colour of the lights are rarely identical. Features, such as protrusions, windows, domes and hatches always appear to be positioned at different sides of the objects.

Furthermore, not only triangle, but rectangle, trapezoid, diamond and boomerang-shaped objects were also reported. In short, exactly those shapes that match designers' views of what airplanes of the future should look like. Apparently, the old flying saucer myth has put on a new face, perfectly in line with modern trends in design. Also worthy of note is the fact that only one or two witnesses mentioned daylight objects.

It is the opinion of the author that some kind of flying machine did indeed manifest itself over our country on several occasions between November 1989 and June 1991. This may have been some kind of platform, balloon or giant glider (self propelled or carried by helicopter), or perhaps an experimental airplane such as the F-117A Stealth Fighter, the A-12 Avenger or the TR-3A Black Manta. To try to find out the exact origin and motive of these apparitions will be extremely difficult because of the extensive media coverage that seems to have immensely influenced the reporting process.

The only thing that remains certain, even in the midst of a flap of major proportions, is the fact that it has proven almost impossible to solidify eyewitness accounts with substantial evidence.

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ALIENS AMONG US — A UFO CONSPIRACY HYPOTHESIS IN A RELIGIOUS MODE

By John White

Flights of angels came and we called them hordes of demons.

— Whitley Strieber, *Majestic*

The Rev. Barry Downing's commentary on the UFO experience ("The Rock of Ages Principle," *MUFON UFO Journal*, May 1990) is important because it further directs the attention of the ufological research community to the religious implications of UFOs. His 1968 book, *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, is a seminal work in the field. There he argues that some biblical passages are best understood in light of UFO research, including accounts of angels or God's messengers.

However, while Downing's perspective is a highly plausible explanation for some ancient events, I do not find it acceptable as an explanation of contemporary abductions. I am especially concerned that he tries to convince us that "disguise and deception" should be regarded as benevolent. He says we may have to decide whether UFOs are good or evil, and he opts for the "good" position, arguing that UFO reports, including abductions, are best understood in light of the biblical doctrine of angels.

I find Downing's position flawed because the Bible recognizes "fallen" angels who retained their superhuman capacities but turned from their allegiance to God. Since then, their paranormal abilities have been used for evil rather than good. Thus, the choice Downing would have us make with regard to UFO entities is not a simple either-or. Both good and evil are possibilities, depending on the sort of angels with which one is dealing.

Downing is well aware of the "fallen angel" perspective on UFOs; his contribution to the 1980 *Encyclopedia of UFOs* entitled "Demonic Theory of UFOs" is an excellent survey of the topic. Despite that, in "The Rock of Ages Principle" he arrives at what I regard as an unsupportable conclusion. My response to it focuses on the phenomenon of alien abductions and examines them in the light of biblical doctrine. I disagree with Downing's interpretation for several reasons other than the one above. First, there is nothing in the Bible which indicates that God or God's messengers use deceit as standard operating procedure. Due care for human limitations, yes - deceit, no. Only the primal adversary of God - called Lucifer/Satan - does that and is therefore known as the Great Deceiver. Second, nothing in the Bible indicates that contact with God's messengers results in the wild stories and wounded psyches of contemporary abductees. God's messengers identify themselves as such and state their purpose. They present their credentials without equivocation. Last of all, God's messengers show respect for the sanctity of human life and

do not overpower human will. Yes, one can point to the Angel of Death, acting at God's command, to slay the firstborn of the Egyptians when the Hebrews were in captivity, but that is the exception, not the rule. Any deaths which have occurred in connection with alien abductions - and I'll discuss some below - simply cannot be compared to that biblical circumstance. Abductees are not contemporary Pharaohs and the god of the Bible is a god of love and life-enhancement.

My interpretation contrasts radically with what Downing calls his "God hypothesis," while retaining a framework of religious concerns. And although it may seem that I am merely offering the simplistic Christian fundamentalism which Downing rightly rejects, I maintain there is an *enlightened* fundamentalism - that is, grasp of true fundamentals - which is congruent with that position but has greater depth and solidity because it is grounded in ufological data, metaphysical understanding and spiritual insight. That is what I offer here. It is a "worst case scenario."

Before proceeding further, however, I want to acknowledge that my interpretation is also similar to some scare-mongering science fiction novels and movies. And I acknowledge that it has underpinning assumptions which are open to challenge. (To name just two: Are the alien abductions physically real events or psychological projections from the mythic-imaginal level of the human unconscious? Are the MJ-12 documents authentic?) Moreover, the data on which I build this scenario are few, tenuous and far from indisputable. The evidence for my position is difficult to describe to an audience which is not psychologically sophisticated and parapsychologically educated. I've circulated a draft of this paper to a handful of UFO investigators and theorists. Some agree with me, in whole or in part; others think that, as one put it, I am "completely off-base" and "lapsing into a kind of primitive supernaturalism and infantile paranoia."

Perhaps so. I acknowledge the possibility, but at this point I'm not convinced to see things differently. Therefore I present this statement as an hypothesis for discussion of what is a perplexing aspect of the UFO experience - and potentially the most important. I welcome critical feedback in the interest of reality-testing. I don't claim to have the "final" answer to the UFO question. (I've said before that I think

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there is no single answer to that question.) And I am not "locked in" to this hypothesis. I only claim that this statement is the result of thoughtful observation and analysis by a seasoned investigator of the paranormal which draws out reasonable implications and leads logically to a plausible conclusion. I recognize, however, that a chain is no stronger than its weakest links and that this chain of logic has various weak links. So I simply offer the following with sincerity, the most rigorous thinking I can bring to it, and a wish to provoke further discussion and investigation along the lines I'm developing. Of course, it's possible to be sincere but deluded. I am willing — indeed, eager — to be shown that is so in this case because if I'm right, even partially, we're all in big trouble.

The thrust of UFO research is into the metaphysical, where things are not always as they seem. Downing sees UFOs — meaning, in these circumstances, the gray abducting aliens — as benevolent, superior beings who compassionately take into account, through "disguise and deception," our inability to directly perceive their "vastly superior reality." In Downing's interpretation, that reality is traditionally known as the full glory of God. In my judgment, however, the gray abducting aliens are demonic and untrustworthy. "By their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus said about evaluating spiritual credentials. Saint Paul added that the fruits of the Spirit are peace, joy and love. Judging by the fruit of the gray abducting aliens, I see aspects to the UFO abduction experience which indicate there may be profoundly sinister dimensions to it. I get a strong sense of conspiracy by the abductors — a vast, subversive plot of long duration and careful coordination which aims at nothing less than the complete enslavement of humanity. I see nothing about their words and deeds which indicates anything except lies, evasion, misdirection, manipulation, exploitation and total disregard for human values, personal property and our concept of respect for the inviolability of personhood.

We humans consider kidnapping and violation of civil rights to be criminal, rape to be loathsome, brainwashing and mind control to be heinous, lying to be despicable, deliberate infliction of pain to be sadism, unauthorized surgical invasion and unauthorized impregnation of people to be monstrous, mutilation of bodies to be savage, and damage to personal property to be vandalism. The gray abducting aliens exhibit such behavior — and possibly even murder (see footnote 4).

On the other hand, I know of no behavior by them which is clearly intended to show respect for our physical or psychological personhood, property, civil rights, moral values and concern for truthful speech; the abducting aliens routinely violate all that. As I view the situation, it's a ghastly picture which emerges. It is not merely alien; it is profoundly evil in precisely the sense given in the Book of Revelation and other sacred scriptures which describe a battle between the forces of light and the forces of darkness for the salvation or damnation of humanity and the planet. So when abducting aliens allegedly say, "We're here to serve you," I take it to mean they have something like cookbook recipes in mind.

SO WHEN ABDUCTING ALIENS ALLEGEDLY SAY "WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU," I TAKE IT TO MEAN THEY HAVE SOMETHING LIKE COOKBOOK RECIPES IN MIND

I want to make clear that I am limiting this discussion to one class of UFO entities: gray abducting aliens. I am not condemning all gray aliens. I'm willing to believe there may be good ones, just as there are good and bad people. And speaking more generally, my assessment of ufology's data leads me to conclude that Earth is probably one of the major crossroads of local space, with many alien life forms visiting us. Some of them may indeed be motivated by vision and values in keeping with our own most transcendent insights and sacred wisdom. Others, however, are not — and that is my point. If alien abductions are the work of angels, let us be clear about who they are: fallen angels or *demonic* entities.

To get specific about what I think may be going on, consider the humans and / or humanoids who have been reported by abductees to be present on UFOs, apparently working with and for the aliens. There are many such reports, most notably that by Travis Walton. If the grays have been conducting a genetic experiment or an interspecies breeding program for at least several decades — which is what Budd Hopkins' work indicates — then there could be adult humans who have been raised under alien control since infancy and who are thoroughly alien in their loyalties and psychology, although they certainly would be able to pass as "real" people. While seeming to be ordinary citizens, they would nevertheless be at least programmed, if not naturally inclined through psychological bonding, to identify with the alien culture. Such people could have been raised in an off-world site — say, a base on the moon or Mars or even a gigantic "mother ship"¹ — and then reintroduced to human society, with sufficient training and ongoing support from aliens to make their way into careers in many fields.

Depending on the scope of the aliens' work — which I take to be happening on an enormous scale since abduction reports are worldwide — the abducting aliens could have hundreds or even thousands of their people infiltrated into science, industry, finance, government, education, the military, etc., with some undoubtedly in positions of great power and influence. These people, in turn, could have recruited others to various degrees, creating in classic fashion the "cells" of a resistance movement preparing to overthrow the establishment. More likely, though, they would have made their true identity known only to other "aliens among us" and committed true-human collaborators who have been voluntarily working with the aliens.

How might the aliens begin to infiltrate and recruit? The MJ-12 group offers a point of entry. A crashed flying saucer would be "bait" to hook the military-government-scientific complex into contact. Of course, this infiltration activity would not be limited to the United States. If the aliens are doing it here, they're probably doing it elsewhere. If they've made contact with MJ-12 or its successors — as the Project Aquarius,

REMEMBER THAT AMERICAN POWs IN KOREA AND VIETNAM WERE CONTINUALLY SUBJECTED TO BRAIN-WASHING BECAUSE, WHILE THEIR BODIES HAD BEEN CAPTURED, THEIR MINDS HADN'T.

Project Snowbird, Project Sigma and Project Gamma reports indicate² — we can be fairly certain they've contacted the Soviet Union and other major powers. (Timothy Good's *Above Top Secret* demonstrates a worldwide cover-up of the UFO phenomenon, although he doesn't take that to the extreme I do here.) However, being scheming, untrustworthy and bent on planetary domination, the aliens would not have told MJ-12 anything about their contact with other scientific and governmental / military officials or groups they have contacted over the decades. It wouldn't do to let each know about the others. Infiltration would be the hidden agenda behind their contact with MJ-12 and the governmental-military-scientific elite of the world until the time is right to let all players know of the others' participation.

In the meantime, since "loose lips sink ships," the military-intelligence community would have undertaken counter-intelligence, disinformation and media influence programs to discredit anyone on the inside who might come forward to tell the truth and anyone on the outside who might surmise the truth. Thus, the ridicule and harassment which people who tell stories about ETs or UFOs encounter may have been started or aggravated by MJ-12 or its successors. Once the attitude "caught on" with the public, anyone who broached the subject was considered a lunatic and his / her claims or data disregarded. How could there be a "Hanger 18" at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base or *Alternative 3* - like colonies on the moon and Mars when everyone knows that UFOs are sheer fantasy, hallucination or misperception?

In parallel with the aliens' infiltration movement would be Manchurian Candidate-like programming of the true-human abductees and collaborators, as well as alien-human hybrids produced through interspecies breeding. My thinking is this: If the grays' ultimate intention is world control, they have several ways to get there. Their last resort would be violent takeover, using open warfare. That would certainly unite true humans in opposition, and even if the grays conquered humanity, we would continue to resist them by any and all means, even if our condition were reduced to the status of POWs at a Hanoi Hilton. No, the aliens would seek a bloodless takeover by conquering through deception, manipulation and propaganda. Remember that American POWs in Korea and Vietnam were continually subjected to brainwashing because their bodies were captured but not their minds. The aliens would recognize that and, in order to make their victory complete, try to indoctrinate us, through covert means, to accept them as we walk down a garden path, rather than have to "re-educate" some five billion people in effect held captive as POWs.

So, the more intelligent approach to *total* control would be to co-opt the human race — to subvert it through a cultural conditioning control system such as Jacques Vallee suggests in *Messengers of Deception* and *Dimensions*. (To be flip about

it, we can call it the "crock of ages principle" — meaning crock of you-know-what.) MJ-12 and its counterparts in other nations would be the starting point.

Here's where the plot thickens. In fact, it ties in with more mundane conspiracy theories in the political sphere which allege that groups such as the Rothschilds, Rockefellers, Trilateralists, Bilderbergers, Council on Foreign Relations and others are the hidden powers and the secret establishments directing world affairs through international banking and control of the media, education, science and military / political institutions in order to set up a one-world social order with themselves at the seats of power.

There are some plausible arguments for the political conspiracy theory made by responsible, credible thinkers and scholars such as Carroll Quigley and Antony Sutton; there are also some absolutely bozo claims made by head-for-the-hills redneck survivalists and fringe Christian fundamentalists. I try to assess them all to see what looks viable, weighing them against my standards of reason, logic and evidence. Now, it's perfectly clear, thanks to the Iran-Contra affair, that international conspiracies can and do happen. The real question is to what degree and how well coordinated and controlled they are by the alleged secret powers.

Until the last few years, I pretty much dismissed the notion of a generations-old international conspiracy to set up a one-world society controlled by international banking-financial interests such as the Rockefellers and Rothschilds. I reasoned that if there were one conspiracy, there would be others, and the net result would be to negate or at least neutralize each other. No one would gain total control or unassailable ascendancy. The vagaries of world affairs would be too unpredictable; too many things could go wrong; people wouldn't stay loyal to such a cause all their lives; evidence of it simply couldn't be covered up forever.

Then the abducting gray aliens came into view, and the situation took on a wholly different complexion.

If the aliens have secretly planted their agents throughout civilization for decades and if they are pursuing contact with the top echelons of power around the world for purposes of infiltration and subversion, then over the years they have been playing out a hand which was strategized nowhere but in Hell.

Look at MJ-12's roster. The members and their probable successors lead straight into the heart of the most disturbing "conventional" conspiracy theories about international finance and military / political / scientific intrigue. For example, consider the Skull and Bones Society at Yale University. It is, from the political conspiracy theorists' point of view, the quintessential "evil empire" within the USA. George Bush, McGeorge Bundy, and a large number of the Trilateral Commission members and the Council on Foreign Relations were tapped by this secret society while they were undergraduates at Yale and were bound by an oath of secrecy to be loyal to the "Bones" purpose. That purpose goes far beyond simple collegial fraternity and the typical "good ol' boy" network's interests.

The conspiracy theorists say that the aim of all this is to covertly create a new world order in which the secret establishment becomes the hidden power controlling global affairs — its economy, science, industry, religion, education, technology, etc., even while maintaining a facade of increasing freedom and prosperity for the world's masses. Nationhood would wither away, but political power would not. It would be consolidated behind a screen through the fraternal bonds of men (Skull and Bones presently excludes women) whose aims and loyalty are not to any country or group, but only to their own supranational cabal. They would be "the power behind the throne."

Imagine that such a conspiracy has been going on for decades. That would explain U.S. State Department approval of high-technology transfer from American industry to the Soviet Union, even when it ends up being used against America in military situations — as has happened. It would also explain multimillion dollar bank loans to the Soviet Union with no assurances sought that they wouldn't be used to underwrite anti-American activities — as has happened. Then imagine that the aliens not only know of the conspiracy and understand its operations, but have also cunningly planned to co-opt it by pretending to establish friendly relations with it. What would be the nature of the directing intelligence behind the aliens' scheme? It seems to me that the gray aliens alone are not smart enough or powerful enough to pull it off, despite their technological edge. They appear to be rather robotic or hive-like in their capacities. They appear to lack the intellectual creative flair for such scheming. A greater intelligence is required. I see it like this:

The alien abductors are glad to let the secret establishment continue its work aimed at world domination because the humans involved don't realize the danger they've gotten into by making what is *in reality* a diabolical pact — in the most literal sense. The secret establishment thinks it's simply got an edge by making contact with the aliens because the aliens can provide advanced technology³ to help the power brokers advance their scheme; all they have to do is let the aliens continue with their "scientific" work of abducting people for "examination." But the aliens' intention is to be *the power behind the power behind the throne*. And the MJ-12 successors played right into their hands.

UFO conspiracy theorist John Lear says that a team amalgamated from MJ-12 and the CIA have had a longtime joint venture in which hidden underground bases for alien activity play a part. He also says the team is now scared of that alliance because they have begun to realize the magnitude of the deadly game into which they've been suckered. From the perspective of this hypothesis, that makes sense. Just as they and their fellow conspirators see their "final" victory nearing — i.e., global affairs are tending well for the establishment of a one-world order, exactly as the conspirators have been working for over decades — the aliens trump them and in effect the secret establishment itself becomes secretly, subtly but inescapably enslaved, exactly

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as they sought to do to others. A delicious irony is there — but don't laugh too loud about it because, if this hypothesis is correct, the situation is appalling. It's the Book of Revelation coming true: a titanic war is being waged in "the heavens" — i.e., invisibly — between the powers of light and the powers of darkness for the liberation or enslavement of all humanity.

I'll say more about the powers of light in a moment. For now, return to those alien-raised humans and humanoids. If the aliens are as knowledgeable about human psychology, physiology and anatomy as UFO research indicates, then they are wholly competent to "program" human beings and humanoids to react in certain ways upon signal. Under hypnosis, abductee Betty Andreasson stated repeatedly in *The Andreasson Affair—Phase Two* that she would reveal something in the future when the time is right *as determined by the aliens*; quite independently, her future husband, Bob Luca, received exactly the same mental programming from abducting grays. All the hypnotists' skill could not retrieve the unrevealed information from Andreasson because there was/is a second, deeper-level block in her mind to prevent people from learning the truth about the aliens' intention, even after the primary block was removed and her abduction revealed. The hypnotist, Fred Max, agrees with me on this point. After speaking with him, I was gratified to see that Raymond Fowler's *The Watchers* confirms and greatly elaborates on this point. Fowler initially titled the book *The Andreasson Affair—Phase Three* because it reveals much more about the Lucas' experience and their precise, profound programming by the aliens ("... they have been and are in control of all the information stored within the deep recesses of Betty's mind" p. 128), as well as Fowler's own. On the basis of these further revelations, Fowler states, "They know more about our overall makeup than we do ourselves" (p. 183).

Think about the so-called medical exam given to abductees. Isn't it perfectly obvious now that the abduction-as-medical-exam scenario is merely a cover for something else? How many skin samples do alien "scientists" need before they have sufficient data? Why, as David Jacobs points out in a forthcoming book, hasn't their data-gathering become more sophisticated over the decades? It hasn't changed since Betty and Barney Hill were abducted in 1961. Why the now-stereotyped, unvarying and well-rehearsed routine for thousands of abductees? While performing — in the sense of theatrical acting — their seemingly elementary examination of abductees, the aliens demonstrate that they actually have a deep and highly detailed knowledge of human psychology, physiology and anatomy. Abductee reports show that the aliens can completely control the human nervous system. When aliens want to abduct them, abductees are routinely paralyzed instantly and placed in suspended animation. When they are on alien examination tables and report feeling pain from some operation, the mere touch of an alien hand can block the

person's perception of pain. Reports also show that aliens can effect instant healings, alter memory, distort a person's sense of time, and perform precise surgical operations on the brain and visceral organs, not to mention the wide range of gynecological procedures they employ. I conclude that the alien "medical exam" is a sham and a cover for something else, namely, brainwashing and mind control.

For what purpose? I suspect this: the alien-humans would undoubtedly be programmed to rise up violently in armed warfare if the aliens felt it necessary to achieve their aims *in extremis*. Imagine hundreds of thousands of Manchurian Candidates, each programmed to assassinate or otherwise eliminate designated leaders and officials so that the aliens' hand-trained agents can come forward. Is that far out? Not in the shadowy — or should I say *gray*? — world of political intrigue, subversion and life-or-death struggle for conquest of Planet Earth.⁴

Where would all the alien-humans come from? Many would have been bred *in vitro* from sperm and ova, or raised from fetuses, as Budd Hopkins' research indicates. But many others could have been obtained the easy way — by kidnapping children. An estimated one million children are missing in the United States each year. Where could they all go? If just one percent of them were abducted by aliens, that's a sizable population to work with at off-world bases.

If you grant the plausibility of this admittedly fantastic scenario so far, it then makes sense to say that the grays are not the "ultimate" type of beings contacting us in this matter. The grays are alien, and perhaps they're extraterrestrial. (I present the case for grays as extraterrestrials in "ET or MT? A Response to Kenneth Ring," *Mufon UFO Journal*, July 1989. That statement was deliberately devoid of the considerations made here.) They may also be what J. Allen Hynek called metaterrestrial. Whatever the case, it appears there is another "race" behind the abducting gray aliens, directing their activities. This "race" is not merely "alien" — it is evil. It is truly sinister, malevolent and unswervingly committed to the damnation of all humanity — and it is definitely *not* extraterrestrial.

These intelligences have been characterized in ancient scriptures and sacred traditions as native to Earth, diabolic, hostile to our very existence as free people and intent upon dominating us totally — physically, mentally and spiritually. St. Paul spoke of humanity contending with "powers and principalities." My reason, research and personal experience lead me to conclude that such entities are onto logically real, albeit parapsychical. I see the hand of such intelligences behind much of the UFO phenomenon. I will even name the chief entity, using its Judeo-Christian appellation: Lucifer/Satan. To say more than that in a meaningful manner, however, would take far more space than I have here. I am prepared to get into the issue of Lucifer/Satan and its nature, purpose and role in the UFO experience, but that will depend on my assessment of the response to this article.

Taking the widest possible view of the situation, I will say that, in my judgment, we humans are not alone against forces of darkness. I also see benign and even benevolent "alien intelligences" here as well — forces of light — trying to assist us in this struggle for psychobiological integrity, spiritual advancement and *true* planetary unity — not a new world order but a new world community. We are "surrounded by angels, unaware." These agents of godliness seek in gentle, non-coercive ways to guide us, protect us and enlighten us.

For example, the beings of light whom people meet during a near-death experience (NDE) are providing tremendous support for humanity. The light-beings' nature is clearly evident by the effect they have upon human lives. Completely unlike the abducting grays, the NDE light-beings produce no traumatic or ambiguous consequences on humanity. People who meet them while in the near-death state report later that they sensed only unconditional love and forgiveness for their misdeeds radiating wordlessly from these spiritual entities, along with heightened understanding of life. Abducting aliens induce fear and longlasting anxiety, disturbing dreams, intellectual confusion and a disturbed personality in their victims; NDE light-beings have an aftereffect which brings people a sense of ultimate peace, cosmic goodness, reverence for life, deepened spirituality, concern for fellow humans and the environment — a general revaluing of materialistic, egotistic lifestyle in the name of God and Love.⁵ Here in America alone, according to a Gallup poll, an estimated 14,000,000 people have undergone an NDE. If America is at the leading edge of a millennial demonic invasion directed by the "Prince of Darkness," as I'm postulating, it is also the site of an even greater number of transformative, uplifting, inspiring encounters with entities traditionally called angels, saints and enlightened teachers. And, like UFO abductions, such activity is happening around the globe. Altogether, this indicates a colossal support system of metaphysical forces which intend salvation — spiritual freedom — for humanity, building in opposition to what I have posited as a hellish plot aimed at complete enslavement of humanity and Planet Earth.

In conclusion, I must acknowledge that some abductees disagree strongly with my hypothesis. They regard their abductors' behavior as benevolent and intended for human betterment. (In *The Watchers*, Fowler explicitly equates the abducting aliens with the NDE light-beings.) I do not deny that abductees, on the far side of their traumatic experience, often demonstrate psychological gains, and occasionally even extraordinary physiological health gains, as in the case of John Salter of North Dakota. All that does not negate my position. I attribute such transformation — such real benefits — to the innate human urge to health and the bodymind's self-reparative capability rather than to the aliens' noble intentions. Holocaust survivors are stronger for what they've been through, but they don't thank Hitler for it. Likewise, recovering alcoholics don't thank the bottle. And while I'm mentioning the Nazis, I remind readers that the last attempt to "improve" the human race through a genetic breeding program such as the aliens apparently have was engineered by

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Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich.

To put it simply: I am concerned here with spiritual discernment and denouncement of evil, concerned with truth, freedom and public safety. Downing's stance — that all ETs are from God — is representative of a widely held view whose variations range from "ancient astronauts" through "Space Brothers" to "saviors from space."⁶ I see that as one which unwittingly "glorifies the devil" by giving legitimacy to alien abductions. Legitimacy goes beyond merely establishing their reality; it passes into the moral dimension and makes or implies a public judgment of the aliens' benevolence and trustworthiness. This gives aid and comfort to "the enemy," who, the Bible tells us, disguises itself as an "angel of light." Yes, we called those flights of angels "hordes of demons" because they really are that — fallen angels.

And lest I be accused of thinking in simplistic black-and-white, good-or-evil, us-vs.-them terms of Christian fundamentalism, I hasten to say that is not so, as readers of my book *The Meeting of Science and Spirit* (Paragon House, 1990), will see. What is so is this: in keeping with Jesus' teaching about the proper attitude toward others, I regard the gray abducting aliens and all other life forms with unconditional love. However, unconditional love is different from respect. My respect is entirely conditional; it must be earned. Unconditional love is directed at personhood; respect is directed at behavior. The abducting aliens have not earned my respect. I judge their behavior — not their personhood — to be unworthy of it. I am not casting them out of my heart; I am using my critical faculties to discriminate behavior from beingness and to condemn the sin, not the sinner.

The abducting aliens always come to us under cover of darkness. They never tell us precisely why they abduct us. The whole thing is as suspicious to me as a Trojan Horse, so I'm simply voicing my concerns. If the aliens change their ways — if they reveal themselves in the light of day, unequivocally state their business and allow us to convince ourselves of their benevolence — I'll welcome them into human society. But until they present themselves to us in unambiguous circumstances and without veiled intent, until they present themselves as trustworthy visitors to Earth-who do not violate and harm its human inhabitants, I shall continue to regard them as cunning, predatory creatures from a nether world bent on evil-disguised-as-good. And whether they ultimately prove to be physical, parapsychical or metaphysical will have no bearing on that conclusion.

Notes

1) In 1972, while visiting the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, I learned from my tour guide — a JPL employee — that the facility had analyzed many UFO photographs. The guide told me that JPL had explained away all of them except one. That one, he said, was taken by a man who provided such good information about the time of day, loca-

tion, camera and film that JPL, after using computer enhancement of the photo, could offer only two explanations. The man who submitted the photo said he saw a UFO passing in front of the moon. The guide said JPL would not confirm it but was convinced there definitely was something real in the photo. The only trouble was that they couldn't tell if it was a small object about two feet in front of the camera or something 1,000 miles long at a distance of 100,000 miles from Earth. A mother ship?

2) These projects were reported by Jerome Clark in *Fate* magazine (April 1988) in the last of his four-part article on crashed UFO retrievals.

3) Another implication of this scenario is that MJ-12 or its successors had access to UFOs through their alien contacts. If so, it must be assumed that (1) MJ-12 or its successors took advantage of that to visit the moon and other planets in our solar system long before the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, and (2) the NASA space exploration program is a gigantic boondoggle whose real purpose is to be another secret conduit for funding military/intelligence projects which are intended to be kept from scrutiny by Congress and the public.

4) I do not mean to have people regard all abductees with suspicion and fear, which might lead to a modern witch hunt against them. My sympathy for them is genuine and strong, and I trust that this essay makes that clear. I say this because Betty Andreasson Luca and Bob Luca, who are friends of mine, do not agree with me concerning the possibility of Manchurian Candidate programming of themselves and others. They do not believe the grays are evil, including their abductors, and have asked me to refer people to two quotations from Raymond Fowler's books about them. Betty points to her statement from *The Andreasson Affair* as evidence: "He [Quazgaa, leader of the alien abductors] says my race won't believe me until much time has passed — our time... They love the human race. They have come to help the human race" (pp. 110-11, Bantam edition). Bob points to his statement in *The Andreasson Affair — Phase Two*: "[Fred Max, hypnotist] Why do they need to meet other people?" [Bob] "Prepare us for something good. Going to be for mankind" (p. 40, Prentice-Hall edition). Since our conversation, *The Watchers* (Bantam, 1990) has been published, and it amplifies their position greatly.

The Watchers also reveals that the 1977 automobile accident in which Betty Andreasson lost two sons was "foreseen" by the aliens, who told her of it three days before their death. However, they claimed they could not intercede or do anything about it. Moreover, they suppressed Betty's conscious knowledge of it until afterward. I cannot accept that situation as simple precognition by the aliens. Parapsychological studies of precognition indicate that warnings can be given in order to alert people to impending danger and thereby avert tragedy; that, if anything, is the biological purpose of extrasensory perception: survival. Common sense leads to the same conclusion. So why should the aliens refuse to let Betty recollect their warning before it was too late? Moreover, since the aliens have legendary capability for tracking people and likewise have technology capable of controlling our own, they were not powerless to intercede; ufology abounds with stories of vehicles' electromagnetic systems being overridden. Last of all, since they are masters of mind control, capable even to the point of programming precisely timed and exact behavior in people, I reluctantly conclude that the aliens knew about Betty's sons' death in advance because they deliberately engineered the "accident." That can be described quite simply as murder. The aliens also told Betty that her religious faith would bring her through the tragedy. That proved true, but it was not thanks to the aliens. It seems to me that the situation had the effect of conditioning Betty — and, through her, Fowler and his readers — to the notion that the aliens are allied with her spiritual outlook, thus making even death an acceptable action in support of the aliens' hidden agenda. I therefore regard the situation as profoundly deceitful. It cleverly and completely undermines Betty's spiritual sensibilities.

5) For details, see Kenneth Ring's *Life at Death* (Morrow, 1980) and *Heading Toward Omega* (Morrow, 1984), Charles Flynn's *After the Beyond* (Prentice Hall, 1986) and George Ritchie's *Return from Tomorrow* (Chosen, 1978).

6) Another example is Fowler's interpretation of the Lucas' abduction experiences. He asks in *The Watchers*, "Are highly advanced beings from outer space god's agents of creation on this and other planets?" (p. 206). He concludes the answer is yes; "Watcher," he tells us, is translated from the Chaldean word for a class of angelic beings responsible for watching over the affairs of humanity (p. 214). Somewhat similarly, G. Cope Schellhorn's *Extraterrestrials in Biblical Prophecy* (Honus House: Madison, Wisconsin, 1989), concludes, "It would appear that the present mission of the large group of assorted extraterrestrials now operating near earth is a standby mission, or as the Gospel of Matthew put it, a gathering of eagles, 'Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together' (Mt 24:28). "Schellhorn, like Strieber, Fowler and Downing, indiscriminately lumps together all ETs as divinely motivated. There is a double irony in Schellhorn's use of this biblical quotation. First, the more accurate translation is "a gathering of vultures," as the Revised Standard Version notes, since eagles are not carrion-eaters who look for corpses. Second, and even more important, the quotation comes in the context of Jesus' enumeration of signs to distinguish false messiahs from the true one. A gathering of vultures, Jesus clearly indicates, is a sign of false messiahship - i.e., deception. Despite this and several other flaws in Schellhorn's work, his book is a very useful survey of biblical events which might be better understood as encounters with extraterrestrial societies.

Calendar of UFO Conferences for 1992

March 13, 14, 15, & 16 — Second Annual National New Age and "Truth About UFOs" Conference - Doubletree Hotel, San Diego, California. (619-492-8588)

March 20, 21 & 22 — The 3rd UFO/ET Alien and Abduction Congress - Days Inn, Bordentown, New Jersey. (Pat J. Marcattillo, 609-888-1358)

April 3, 4 & 5 — Fourth Annual Ozark UFO Conference - Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. (Lou Farish, 501-354-2558)

May 1, 2 & 3 — Exploring Unexplained Phenomena IV - Nebraska Center, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. (Scott Colborn, 402-483-7284)

May 23, 24 & 25 — International Symposium on UFO Research - Red Lion Inn, Denver, Colorado. (Carol Wagner, 303-482-3731)

July 10, 11 & 12 — MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium - The Doubletree Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Teresa Brito-Asenap, 505-247-4082)

IN OTHERS' WORDS/Lucius Farish

The proliferation of video camcorders in recent years has accounted for an increasing number of "homegrown" videotapes of UFOs. An article dealing with this subject appears in the November 1991 issue of *Videomaker*. The author, Allan Lundell, believes that "a concerted group effort of camcorder trackers could lead to a genuine breakthrough in comprehending the UFO experience."

Avon Books has recently brought out *The UFO Report* edited by Timothy Good. This is the same as *The UFO Report 1990*, originally published in England. With luck, Avon will eventually release both the 1991 and 1992 editions as well. The annual volumes are very good summaries of worldwide UFO activity.

For those who have followed the case of Bob Lazar, a new videotape is available which gives the story of Area 51 in Bob's own words. *The Lazar Tape ... and Excerpts from the Government Bible* is available from Tri-Dot Productions, Ltd. (1324 S. Eastern, Las Vegas, NV 89104) for \$29.95, plus \$3.50 shipping/handling.

A British videotape, *Cropcircle Communique*, is available from Linda M. Howe's LMH Productions (P.O. Box 538, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-0538). This is a 75-minute production which presents the major investigators of the crop circle phenomenon, their theories concerning the activity, etc. It includes beautiful aerial shots of the major 1990-91 events, as well as footage of a small white disk-like object moving through the crop near Barbury Castle, site of one of the most astonishingly complex formations of 1991. This video is available for \$35.00 postpaid for U.S. orders. Copies of other books, videos and video transcripts are also available from LMH Productions, including Linda's own tapes, *A Strange Harvest* and *Earth Mysteries: Alien Life Forms* (2-tape set). Full details are available upon request.

Alien Abductions Video

A new 90-minute videocassette is now available from CUFOS - the Center for UFO Studies. Titled *Alien Abductions*, it looks both backward and forward at the abduction syndrome, and includes many rare film clips from the earliest day of the UFO phenomenon. Current investigators interviewed include Jerome Clark, Budd Hopkins, Dr. Michael Swords, Mark Rodeghier, Walter Webb and others.

To order, send a check or money order in the amount of \$23 to CUFOS: 2457 West Peterson, Chicago, IL, 60659.

LAIBOW VISITS RUSSIA PLANS NEW TREAT

By Victoria Lacas

After meeting with Soviet building officials and a representative of the Russian Orthodox Church, Dr. Rima E. Laibow and General Albert Stubblebine (Ret.) held preliminary talks with the Deputy of the Ministry of Defense Building in Moscow. The meeting centered on plans to design, finance and build a model city for St. Petersburg, Russia. Dr. Laibow, a leading child and adult psychiatrist, is founder of The Center for Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma (TREAT). The model city's organizational plan specifies methods and applications to deal with the extreme Soviet problem of alcoholism, which is a crippling factor in Russia's productivity.

Dr. Laibow also presented a paper at the 2nd All Union Scientific Conference on UFOs organized by the SOYUZ UFO Center in Moscow. The three-day conference was presided over by Dr. Vladimir G. Azhazha, internationally recognized as one of Ufology's leading scientists. Dr. Azhazha's "invitation only" conference heard from Russia's scientific community on the physical, mathematical and theoretical aspects of Ufology.

Dr. Laibow spoke about her ongoing psychiatric work with abductees. Laibow also criticized past unscientific approaches to Ufology's artifacts. Laibow generated audience excitement by stating "all my information was, is and will continue to be publicly available to you." She told the standing-room-only crowd of well over 300 that she continues to exchange UFO-related materials with Russian researchers, and called for strict laboratory testing and freely published results.

Yuri Lubkow, Ph.D., a leading Soviet researcher with excellent relationships with the Soviet government and UFO researchers alike, has promised Dr. Laibow "metal-like balls" from the Voronezh landing. The Voronezh case, ridiculed by the U.S. press when TASS first reported it, is considered to be one of the strongest cases in Russia. Lubkow and Laibow have agreed to collect, under strict scientific guidelines, UFO landing soil samples from 10 sites in Russia in the spring of 1992.

Laibow also received for analysis a rock from a UFO crash site at Dalnagorsk supplied by Sergei Kuzionov, Ph.D., of the Leningrad State Technical University, and a member of the Council of Association for Anomalous Phenomena Research. Dr. Laibow was also given two large hardened soil samples from a UFO landing site in Middle Asia, presented to her by Andrew Poiarkow, a UFO researcher connected with an ESP laboratory in Moscow.

Dr. Laibow cautioned her Soviet audience to be wary of hypnotically-induced abduction reports conducted by non-clinically trained investigators. She advised researchers to keep in mind that biological evidence is available to confirm at



Drs. Rima Laibow and Vladimir Azhazha in Moscow.

least one aspect of alleged abductions. She proposed a study of morning-after urine analysis of UFO abductees. The body produces a substance in the urine as a result of traumatic stress. Such collected data would be invaluable. She urged researchers to make repeat abductees aware that this would be one viable step in confirming the reality of a biological stress state having taken place. Questions from the audience centered on U.S. claims of alien/human births, the so-called "Star Children." Laibow said she hopes that DNA testing will be made available for such children and adults.

Later, Dr. Azhazha proposed an exchange of information between SOYUZ and TREAT on the subject of Direct Contact. Dr. Laibow agreed to formally co-sponsor an International UFO Conference with SOYUZ. The three-day event will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia in September. Dr. Azhazha intends to invite a large number of Soviet specialists on Direct Contact. TREAT's co-sponsorship will enable U.S. and European scientists the opportunity to attend and for TREAT to help shape the direction of the conference. Laibow's TREAT IV Conference — The Range of the Anomalous — will be held April 9-12, 1992 in Atlanta, Georgia, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy of Georgia State University.

A Clinicians' Workshop scheduled for April 8th and 11th will be devoted to Russian anomalies. Leading Russian experts studying the vast number of Big Foot sightings, UFO landings and contacts, and extra-sensory research have accepted invitations to present papers. The general public's interest in previous TREAT "by invitation only" conferences has lead Dr. Laibow to open the 1992 Conference to the public.

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UFOs OVER SPACE & TIME:

Looking Back with Bob Gribble

February 1952 ■ On the second, radar operators aboard the aircraft carrier *Philippine Sea* picked up an unidentified high-speed UFO off the east coast of Korea. The object was first detected at a distance of 25 miles and when it closed to 20 miles it made a wide turn to the east, on a course directly away from the carrier. As excerpted from a message to the Commander, Naval Forces Far East, sent by the *Philippine Sea*, the report on the speed and unusual separation into two objects of this UFO contact stated: "Measured speed 10 miles per-minute (600 MPH) for first minute, 15 miles per minute (900 MPH) for second minute, 30 miles per minute (1800 MPH) for third minute. Opened as two contacts five to 12 miles apart."

Three signal observers on the deck of the ship sighted the UFO visually and reported independently to the bridge that they could detect three exhaust flames. However, no aircraft at that time was capable of the incredible speeds attained by the UFO and no conventional aircraft were reported in the area. The estimated altitude of the object was 52,000 feet; it faded from the radar scope at a distance of 110 miles.

A letter classified Secret was sent by the Far East Commander to the Chief of Naval Operations, enclosing a track chart of the UFO in question and stating, in part: "Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information and evaluation. This is probably the first instance of a visual and radar contact on a high speed aerial target being made simultaneously in the Far East." The Pentagon issued a press release on the 20th announcing that an investigation of the UFO encounters in the Korean war zone was "full scale," adding that top officials in Washington were being briefed on the case (*The Hynek UFO Report*, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek; *UFOs: A History, 1952*, by Loren Gross)

■ **1957** A challenging Radar-Visual case occurred at Lincoln Air Force Base, Nebraska, on the 13th. UFOs were visually observed by three control operators and by the Director of Operations, who was in town to supervise a wing mission. Objects were also observed on radar by two separate radar installations for three to five minutes. The UFOs were about five to six miles behind an airliner and moving twice as fast. One of the objects separated in two and another made a 180-degree turn. The radar operators estimated that the UFOs were about the size of a B-47 bomber. They appeared to stand still and then speed up and rush away. (*The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry*, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek)

■ An Unidentified Flying Object swept across the skies of Houston, Texas on the 27th. The object was reported to Ellington Air Force Base by F. J. Cornell of the Ground Observer Corps, who said he saw it make several sweeps across the

sky between 8 and 9 p.m. Then seven men of a radar crew in an Air Defense detachment at Ellington saw the UFO and tried unsuccessfully to pick it up on the radar scope. Lt. J. R. Poole said it moved across the sky and disappeared in 45 seconds. It looked like a star. He estimated its height at 40,000 to 50,000 feet and its speed at 2000 MPH, judging by its size and the lack of sound. He said Cornell looked at the object through binoculars and reported it looked white and "seemed to have some fire coming out of the back end." (*The Caller*, Corpus Christi, TX, 2/28/57)

1967 ■ At 3:40 a.m. on the second, Mrs. Ed Winn opened the front door of her home to check on weather conditions. "I didn't believe what my eyes were looking at," she said. Just a few feet over the television antenna of a neighbor's house was an object "as big, every bit as big, as my living room," Mrs. Winn said. She said it remained motionless, making not a sound. Mrs. Winn described the UFO as having a silver dome, encircled about two-thirds of the way down with a flange, which appeared to be a soft green fluorescent light. Around the dome she said she could see what appeared to be windows. After 20 minutes, with neither Mrs. Winn nor the "thing" making a move, the mysterious craft began to move slowly away. (*The American*, W. Frankfort, IL, 3/4/67)

■ Mrs. James Thompson had a strange experience about 10 p.m. on the 13th. She was driving in Bigfork, Montana when the engine in her pickup truck stalled and all of the lights went out. Mrs. Thompson got out of the vehicle and noticed a light above. "It was so bright I couldn't even look at it." Her two small children, Karen, 4, and Alan, 5, were with her. Mrs. Thompson got back into the pickup, sat for awhile and told her children to look at the bright object. She wasn't able to gauge the distance, but when the object veered to the right the engine started strangely without her pressing the starter. Mrs. Thompson said she could feel heat from the greenish-blue lighted object which moved over toward the trees and changed color to reddish-orange. It seemed circular in shape. The object was in sight for about 10 minutes. (*Hungry Horse News*, Columbia Falls, MT, 2/24/67)

1972 ■ An unexpected encounter with a mystery light on the evening of the 26th on the outskirts of Larned, Kansas, left Johnnie Beer, a high school junior, shaken and frightened. Young Beer told his parents that a big, white light appeared in front of his car as he was leaving Larned around 9 p.m., headed for the farm home. "Johnnie said the light lowered down in front of the car and kept about 100 yards ahead," Mrs. Beer reported. "He said it frightened him and

he slowed down and speeded up, but the object kept right in front of him. When Johnnie turned north at Riverside School, the object circled and traveled in front of him," she said. "As he turned west to the farm the light turned again and followed him into the farmyard where it hovered over the corral.

"Johnnie said he ran into the house and closed the doors and drapes but when we arrived home about a half hour later, we didn't see anything," Mrs. Beer added. "But the next morning, the bottom two wires of the corral fence looked like they had been cut and twisted up in a pile in the corral, and several of our milk cows had burn spots on their backs." The hair in the burn spots was singed to the skin. (*Tiller & Toiler, Larned, KS, 2/28/72*)

1977 ■ When Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Creel left on routine patrol on the evening of the second, he didn't expect to find his attention completely focused on a UFO. Deputy Creel first saw the object west of Flora, Mississippi, near the county line. He was with Constable James Luke at the time. "It looked like an evening star or something," said Creel, but it kept getting brighter and bigger." Creel contacted the Mississippi Highway Patrol with his car radio. When the strange object came within some 200 yards of his car, Creel said he "stopped and cut my engine and my lights to listen." What he heard was a whirring sound "like a blender, like it was straining, when you first put ice in it."

"The thing came right over the car," said Creel, "like it was being piloted. It hovered over us, about 20 or 30 feet up, for more than a minute." There was light coming out from little windows. The craft was about 30 to 40 feet in diameter and perfectly round. By this time Highway patrolman Louis Younger had driven his patrol car within a short distance of the UFO and reported seeing the same craft. Then the thing just picked up and took off. (*The Madison County Herald, Canton, MS, 2/17/77*)

■ About 4 a.m. on the 18th, Angel Maria Tonna, a 52-year-old rancher who lived on a farm nine miles south of Salto, Uruguay, and his foreman, Juan Manuel Fernandez, were driving about 80 cows into the barn for milking when all of the barnyard lights went out. Then a bright light appeared on the east end of the barn. Tonna jumped over the fence and ran toward the source of the light at the far end of the barn. His dog Topo was with him. "Then I heard a noise," he said, and he saw a fiery disc like two plates placed face-to-face hovering a short distance above the ground behind the barn. He stood and watched until he noticed that the cows "were going crazy" and all the dogs were barking.

At this point the disc began to move in a southerly direction, breaking off the branches of a tree near the barn. The object displayed a rocking motion as it flew, and stopped and hovered over some trees about 100 yards south of the barn at an altitude of about 60 feet. It stayed there only a moment, then moved east another 75 yards or so, and stopped

above a concrete bath that the cows were forced to walk through to disinfect them. By then Tonna and his dog, a 60-pound black and brown police dog, had run back to the west side of the barnyard and climbed back over the fence. The light from the craft illuminated the whole barnyard and Tonna said he felt attracted to it. Tonna and Topo walked a few feet toward the UFO and it made another turn and began moving toward them. It came to a stop about 60 feet from them and Topo ran toward it to attack it and protect Tonna, but stopped and sat on a small mound about 15 feet from the object and looked up at it and howled.

When the object started moving toward Tonna, he noticed six beams of light, three on each side "like small wings." At that point, Tonna said, he felt electric shocks which went all through his body and a very intense heat hit him. He flung an arm up over his face to shield his eyes. He said he felt attracted to the light and couldn't move. "I don't know if I couldn't move or didn't want to," he said.

After several minutes the object began moving away, turning from its original bright orange color to red. It increased its speed as the color changed and when it got to the forest about a half mile to the south, it was out of sight. When the disc left, the generator, which powers 20 lights in the barnyard area, started running again but didn't produce any electricity because the wires were burned out. The whole incident lasted about 10 minutes and Tonna's 19-year-old son, Tulio, who was a second year veterinary student at the University in Salto, witnessed the whole episode from the house.

Following the UFO encounter the dog would not eat or drink. He moved around normally but stayed in the house all day, which was unusual. On the morning of the third day after the incident, Topo was found dead on the same mound where he had sat and howled at the disc. An autopsy was performed at the ranch by a veterinarian who teaches at the North University in Salto. The doctor would not discuss the case but he did let Tulio make a copy of the autopsy report which said, in part:

"The hair along the animal's spine was sticky but completely hard. The fat under the skin was found on the outside. The fat is normally solid, so to get to the outside it had to be melted and come through the pores. Once it was outside it solidified again. The animal was exposed to a very high temperature that can't be reached naturally by the dog. All the blood vessels had been bleeding very much and all the capillaries were broken. The rupture of the blood vessels was caused by an increase in temperature that couldn't be natural. The liver, normally dark and red, was completely yellow, caused by a high fever. All the blood vessels were yellow, too. With all the blood vessels broken, the animal started bleeding inside and lost so much blood that 48 hours later the amount of blood he had circulating was insufficient and he died of a heart attack. When we took the skin off the dog, we didn't see any marks. He didn't have any bruises or anything, nor was the hair burned. The conclusion was that something very hot caused this."

On the morning after the incident, the underside of Mr.

Tonna's right arm, which he had put up to shield his eyes, began hurting. Several days later, Dr. Bruning Herrera, a friend of the Tonna's, and a physician in Salto, paid the family a personal visit. Tonna confided that he wasn't feeling well and Herrera examined him. He found that the underside of Tonna's right arm was very red and after being told about the UFO incident, decided the irritation was caused by some kind of radiation. Eventually the ailing arm cleared up with no lingering aftereffects. Later, Tonna and his farmhands found a dozen or more mysterious dark green circles in pastures some distance from the house and farm buildings. Most measured about 35 feet across, while several were nearly 200 feet across. One 35-foot circle about two miles from the farmhouse had three circular impressions forming a triangle in the center of the ring, the impressions being about 10 feet apart. The small rocks inside the circle were darker on the top than on the sides and bottoms, and appeared to have been burned. (*The APRO Bulletin*, August 1977. The APRO story was based on a 34-page report written by investigative reporter Bob Pratt following his on site investigation of a major UFO 'flap' in Uruguay in 1977. Pratt is a former editor of the *Mufon UFO Journal*.)

1982 ■ Aubre Brogden was driving home along Vermont 36 from St. Albans at about 9 o'clock on a clear mid-February night. "I was about a mile and a half out of Bakersfield, Vermont when I saw a large, white light moving slowly, quite low in the sky," she said. "At first I thought it was a plane about to land, so I flashed my car headlights to warn it off the road. And then it started coming towards me." As the object got closer, Brogden was able to discern it was triangular in shape. Then she lost sight of the object. When she turned into her driveway she was a little more than taken aback by the sight of the glowing triangle in her own backyard. "It was just hovering there, about 25 feet away from me," she said.

"I got out of the car, picked up my two bags of groceries and started toward the house. It was obviously watching me." Feeling fairly panicked, Brogden then began running for the house, and in the process dropped her grocery bags. "I looked down at the bags, then up at the sky. The thing was then moving right over my head, making absolutely no sound. And it was much bigger than I'd thought; maybe as big as a football field." She ran in the house and locked the door. The UFO moved away noiselessly. She would not go outside for the groceries. The next morning the UFO was nowhere to be seen and the groceries had frozen onto the snow. (*The Free Press*, Burlington, VT, 2/22/83)

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— Bill Moore



Aleksandr Umyarov
Moscow

Dear Editor:

Two articles in recent issues of the *MUFON Journal* require comment. In the November issue, Ann Druffel titles her piece "Missing Fetus Case Solved," and though her research is commendable, her use of the word "solved" is highly misleading. Like Ms. Druffel, I also have firsthand knowledge of the "Morgana" case, though I've never spoken to the "Dr. Levine" who conducted the D&C on the patient. Neither Ms. Druffel nor I have spoken to "Dr. Holland," the perinatologist whose "crown/rump" measurements of what he called a "fetus" are supportive of the original missing fetus interpretation of the data.

Despite the fact that many other missing fetus cases remain truly inexplicable, Dr. Levine presented Ms. Druffel with an apparently plausible medical explanation for this particular report. But in her piece on Morgana and her family, Ms. Druffel also outlined an extraordinary list of their previous UFO experiences — entities in their bedrooms, paralysis, ground traces, a small, mysterious, untraceable "nurse" in the hospital room just before the D&C, and so on — all of which may help to resolve this case in a less prosaic fashion than Ms. Druffel's readers have been led to expect.

As one might imagine, Dr. Levine has virtually no knowledge of these phenomena, and so quite naturally he rejects any UFO cause for the "no fetal parts" reports from the pathologist. Since he feels he has a plausible prosaic explanation for the missing fetus, he prefers his theory to any UFO-connected "paranormal" explanation. He may well be right. He may also be quite wrong. Given all the circumstances of the ongoing Morgana case, we simply do not know for certain what actually happened.

Moreover, with one of Dr. Levine's assertions I take strong exception. He states that any "physician" encountering a [missing fetus] would be anxious to talk about the case, because legally and medically he'd want to show that he did not do anything wrong." In fact, obstetricians are a very common target for malpractice suits, and it has not been easy for them to prove to a jury of laymen that they bear no personal responsibility when pregnancy-related tragedies occur. Therefore, it seems to me that something as final and incomprehensible as the disappearance of a patient's fetus while she was under a doctor's care might easily precipitate a defensive medical coverup rather than a spate of truth-telling.

Over the years, the thousands of letters I've received suggest that the mysterious paranormal experiences of military officers, airline pilots, doctors, police, scientists and other mainstream professionals are more often covered up than "eagerly talked about" to colleagues, employers and superior officers.

In fact, certain details of the Morgana case — details which involve Dr. Levine and which unfortunately I cannot disclose — support that assertion quite specifically. In the light of these many and various uncertainties, I hope that Ann Druffel, my respected colleague and friend, will join me in asserting that this intriguing case, as it stands, remains most definitely unsolved.

LETTERS

In the December issue of the *MUFON Journal*, Forest Crawford writes about his interesting and controversial "Ask the Aliens"

research program. Unfortunately, he does not explain exactly how and where the abductees involved in this research were able to question the aliens. How much of this information was channelled in the traditional way? How much was "intuited"? How much arrived in a dreamlike state and how much was elicited during abductions, while the receiver was physically aboard a UFO? The degree of validity we ascribe to such messages will undoubtedly be affected by these circumstances.

In a special report I wrote and distributed last year to the members of IF, the Intruders Foundation, I dealt with the problem of alien deception. In one important example, two young women, arriving home inexplicably late from a party in Washington D.C., remembered having come upon a brightly-lit, six-car pile-up of wrecked automobiles, with no occupants, witnesses or emergency vehicles in sight.

Subsequently, investigation, hypnotic regression and simple common sense revealed that there never had been an abandoned six-car pile-up in the middle of a deserted intersection at two that morning. What had happened is this: a virtually identical but false image had been, as it were, fed into the minds of the two young women as a screen memory to conceal the abduction of one of them. They were both made to remember the brightly-lit, hovering UFO as a string of wrecked, passengerless cars, all with their headlights ablaze.

Similarly, identical but deceptive "answers" to religious, cosmic or merely technical questions may very well be placed in the minds of various abductees, leading us wrongfully to infer the truthfulness of this special information. Channelled material of all kinds is notoriously unreliable, whether it comes from the "Ishtar Command," from Billy Meier, from small, gray humanoids, or even from Marlin Fitzwater himself.

Mr. Crawford could construct an equally persuasive article based solely upon various statements and answers to UFO questions received by the public from U.S. government sources. And, like the information he has presented from alleged alien sources, it will probably contain a tangled web of disinformation, truth and outright lies. The safest course is this: never believe a thing you are told by either an alien or a government source. Each side has demonstrated a capacity for deception, and each has a vested interest in controlling what we perceive as truth. Instead, each of us must develop a personal, highly critical truth-detecting system, and refuse to defer automatically to either alien or government "authorities."

— Budd Hopkins

Dear Editor:

In response to my friend and colleague Budd Hopkins, I would like to note several factors in the Van Klausen case:

1.) Morgana Van Klausen has a good deal of conscious memory concerning her entity experience and most research-

ers feel that hypnotic regression in such cases is unwise. Morgana, at present, prefers to let things lie. She has used resistance techniques to discourage further entity contact and is now leading a normal life.

2.) While hypnosis sometimes helps recover memories, there is always the danger of confabulation (unconscious embellishment). Any "memories" which surface will probably be a mixture of truth and unconscious invention, no matter how skilled the hypnotist and how sincere the subject. Hypnotic regression, at best, is a supplemental tool. There is also the possibility of telepathic leakage between hypnotist and subject. This has been established in parapsychological experiments, and I plan to write more about this in the future.

3.) Budd writes, "Despite the fact that many other 'missing fetus' cases remain truly inexplicable ..." as if these cases are fact. There is no case in the literature where a true "missing fetus" has been verified. I wrote "Missing Fetus Solved" to persuade other researchers to document suspected "missing fetus" cases. Only when such claims are proven, can they be accepted as fact.

4.) Dr. Levine's statement that true "missing fetus" cases would promptly be written up in medical journals surprised me as much as it did Budd. Such cases would be interesting anomalies, *but they have to be proven to exist before any credible case can be made that "UFO entities" cause them.*

5.) Witnesses who think they have a "missing fetus" situation need the perseverance and fortitude displayed by Morgana Van Klausen. The fact that my co-investigator on this case, Georgeann Cifarelli, is a physician's wife was most helpful. She knew how patients can obtain copies of their medical records. Physicians are obliged to provide copies if patients request them and give written permission. This task shouldn't be left to investigators. It is the witnesses' job; it is also their job to persuade their physicians to consult with researchers and to assure them they will not file malpractice claims.

6.) To my mind, the case of Morgana's "missing" fetus is solved; all the best evidence indicates it was a missed abortion, misunderstood by the witness because of the physicians' imprecise terminology and incomplete explanations. If evidence to the contrary is later proved to exist, I will be the first one to say so. The investigation of Morgana's many experiences continues, and we cannot predict the future.

— Ann Druffel

Dear Editor:

Following my piece in the December *Journal* of the English Hoax Update (written Sept. 21), I think some further updating is needed. The elusive "MBF Services" still cannot be positively identified despite early indications of a connection with "MBF Consultancy" which has a registered address in Shepton Mallet. The Director of this MBF, Dr. Andrew Clifford, whose scientific research is largely for the British Ministry of Defense and is of a confidential nature, has since then denied to me that he has any connection with "MBF Services" or with the *Today* newspaper, where Doug & Dave's 'confession' first appeared. Certainly "MBF Services" is

not a listed press agency.

Today deputy editor Lloyd Turner said that MBF Services was "just an agency that handled the details for us, that's all ... just an ordinary press agency, a freelance agency ... they put us in touch with these people [Doug & Dave] so they own the copyright." This conversation was taped and cannot be disputed. However, further inquiries to *Today* caused such embarrassment that reporter Graham Brough stated on November 4, when put on the spot by Pat Delgado at a meeting, "that MBF Services was just a joke. We made it up." Quite clearly either Brough or Turner is lying.

The suspicion that the Doug & Dave story is part of a deliberate disinformation campaign remains as strong as ever, but it will be exceedingly difficult to pin the scam on any visible government agency. This is something which we anticipated, and obviously *Today* are not going to tell us the truth of the matter. Some other reporters are interested, but of course dog doesn't eat dog. Moreover, most of the press in this country still treat the Circles with derision, like they have always treated UFOs. Even the remarkable discovery of 13 radioisotopes, which do not occur naturally, in a Wiltshire pictogram by Michael Chorost and Marshall Dudley seems to be of no interest to the impenetrably skeptical British Press!

— George Wingfield
Shepton Mallet, Somerset

Dear Editor:

In Bob Oechsler's article in the Jan. 1992 issue, he complains because J.R. Johnson did not contact him to get Oechsler's comments before publicly criticizing his so-called research with Adm. B.R. Inman. *Oechsler, in publishing a counterfeit letter purportedly written to me by a nonexistent USAF officer ("Maj. Thomas Shively") without trying to contact me to try to verify its authenticity, is guilty of that which he accuses Johnson.* Oechsler also read the letter at an earlier UFO conference and implied it was authentic.

Even cursory examination of the letter reveals that its "Department of the Air Force" letterhead is significantly fainter than the typewritten text, showing the letterhead is a hoax photocopy. And there are serious discrepancies in the contents, as I detailed in my letter of Dec. 24 to Oechsler, to which he has not responded as of Jan. 11.

Oechsler claims that "Maj. Thomas Shively" is a pseudonym, to protect the identity of the USAF officer. I have challenged him to produce *authentic* USAF letter in which the writer has used a pseudonym to protect his/her identity. And I've offered to pay him \$50 for each such example he can provide to support his claims.

— Philip Klass
Washington, D.C.

(Interested parties can find additional comments on the hoaxing of "official" government documents in general, and the "Oechsler case" in particular, in the current issue of Just Cause, no. 30, December 1991, subscriptions \$15 US, \$20 foreign; Box 218, Coventry, CT, 06238 - Editor.)

Dear Editor:

Here is my response to John Carpenter's suggestion in the September 1991 *MUFON UFO Journal* ("Gerald Anderson: Truth vs. Fiction") that Don Schmitt and I have not spent enough time investigating the Anderson story.

While it is true that I have never met Gerald Anderson, and that I only spoke to him once, it is not true that we never attempted any follow-up interviews. We made several attempts and left messages but he didn't return the calls. And he never answered the letters. We also asked Stanton Friedman for transcripts, which he promised but never sent. We were thus forced to advance the investigation in other arenas. It is not true that we spent very little time investigating Gerald's account. We have more than 70 sources on the case, including nearly every living archaeologist who was on the Plains of San Agustin during the summer of 1947.

Carpenter suggests that our tape is only 26 minutes long, and has even supplied a copy of Anderson's phone bill "proving" this. The problem here is that my tape of the interview runs 51 minutes, and since I have the tape to prove it, it suggests the bill Anderson submitted was doctored.

While Carpenter is so busy stepping on the ants he has missed the elephants about to run over Anderson, Friedman and him. This means, quite simply, that he has attempted to divert the discussion to points of trivia, overlooking the major discrepancies in the Anderson story.

First, Barney Barnett told others that he was the first on the crash site and watched the archaeologist approach. Anderson placed him there last. Barnett mentioned the archaeologists but never said a word about a family with two small children. And finally, Barnett placed the crash site either to the northwest of Magdalena or between Magdalena and Datil and not near Horse Springs which is more than 60 miles away. (We believe that Barnett was actually on the Corona site.)

Second, Carpenter changes the date of the event to suit his current scenario. The diary submitted by Anderson clearly puts the date of the event as July 5. The diary kept by Ruth Barnett shows that it was impossible for Barnett to have been there on July 5, and since Anderson said he saw Barnett on the site, there is a major problem. Next we are told it was July 3, but Barnett was in the office and not on the Plains then. Now, we are told it was July 2. If Anderson was there, why is the diary date *wrong*?

Speaking of the diary, it is interesting that no one mentions that the paper was available in 1947, but the ink was no older than 1974. Rather than have this suggest another discrepancy, we are told that it is a copy of the "real" diary. If it was not produced as the "real" diary in the first place, why would it be tested? And who laboriously copies a diary in the era of the Xerox machine?

There are other problems with this diary that Carpenter conveniently overlooks. For example, the diary clearly states they were close to Magdalena when they found the ship. Anderson found a site near Horse Springs. Why would the diary list a site more than 60 miles away when Horse Springs was less than a mile from the site?

Anderson identified the lead archaeologist as Dr. Buskirk. He even supplied an indentikit sketch of Buskirk. We found Dr. Buskirk and he has said repeatedly that he was not on the Plains of San Agustin in July 1947. That means either Anderson or Buskirk is fabricating, and I'm betting that Dr. Buskirk is telling the truth. He has the documentation to back up his claim, and he has living witnesses to his version.

Anderson also said that the archaeologists were from the University of Pennsylvania. We asked if he was sure and he said that he thought so. Carpenter's comment is splitting hairs. It was Anderson who introduced the University of Pennsylvania into the discussion, and he has reinforced it since then.

Dr. Buskirk was working out of the University of New Mexico. In fact, there were no field teams from the University of Pennsylvania working in New Mexico in 1947. This is another area where Anderson's story does not check out. Doesn't that raise a few eyebrows?

There are *no* first hand witnesses to anything on the Plains in the summer of 1947. We have interviewed (or been provided with copies or notes of interviews with) every living archaeologist from the Plains. There is not a single one who remembers or who saw anything. Not one. Robert Drake, working with Wesley Hurt and Dan McKnight, remembers hearing a cowboy tell of a crash, but both Hurt and McKnight remember nothing of that. Besides, Drake's information is second hand.

Dave Farr owns the ranch where Anderson claims the ship crashed. In 1947, Farr lived 11 miles away and he knows nothing of it. He spoke to more than 30 long time residents of Horse Springs and not one had any *first* hand knowledge. One man from Magdalena seems to remember someone talking about it some time ago.

One of the things that Carpenter does that I don't understand, is change my transcript to reflect what he wants to believe. Anderson told me that the eyes were milky blue, implying that they were light blue. Carpenter quotes from the transcript (not the tape itself) "not blue like blue in human eyes." Finish the quote, John! "... not blue like blue in human eyes, but blue like (long pause) sort of a milky blue." There is no trouble understanding him on the tape, but Carpenter changes the words because he doesn't want to have to answer the question of the changing eye color. (Note that Carpenter has a copy of our transcript, but has yet to send us any of his information.)

It was Anderson who talked about blood and I did ask him a leading question, a perfectly acceptable interrogation technique. I did it on purpose and he walked right into the trap, telling me that the blood was red.

I freely admit that I put in the moaning comment where it clearly did not belong. The oozing blood is the result of a typographical error. But these are minor points compared to the major discrepancies that have developed in the Anderson story. Anderson told me that three were dead and one was injured. Now he is saying that two were dead, one dying and one uninjured. Anderson told me that the eyes were milky blue, but now both he and Carpenter insist that he said murky

blue, without ever having heard my tape. Anderson said that Barnett was the last to arrive, but Barnett told others he was first. Anderson described a patch worn by the soldiers he saw, but we have not been able to find any American military unit to have ever worn such a patch. Anderson told me that there was no dome on top and now says that there was. Anderson claimed that they had been in search of moss agate, but the experts in New Mexico, including Robert Weber (notice that Carpenter and crew never name names but we always do?), say that moss agate is not available there. The dates Anderson supplied for the events don't track, and the diary blew up when the ink was found to be no older than 1974. Anderson (according to Friedman) was asked on the polygraph exam if he had ever seen Dr. Buskirk after 1947 and answered no. We've put them in the same high school. (Carpenter wonders how we could know what was asked, because, according to him, neither he nor Friedman had access to the particular questions. Friedman told us he had been asked.)

When some of these points were raised, Friedman answered that there was disinformation in the diary. Does this make any sense? Who would write a diary and put in "disinformation?" Isn't that just a fancy way of saying that the diary is filled with fabrication? Would the disinformation include the temperature in Albuquerque on July 4, 1947? According to the diary, it was "110 degrees no shade." The weather records show that it was only 95.

Carpenter has suggested that we were premature in releasing our information but that's not the case. We carried out an extensive investigation trying to verify the facts as outlined by Anderson and have been unable to do so. There is no *first* hand corroboration to his story and the facts he's given do not track with the independent sources available.

Carpenter has said that he wants "to preserve the truth and correct the record." I suggest that he do it. Look at the major discrepancies and answer some of those major questions. It is Anderson who must prove the veracity of his statements, because he is the one diverting from the norm. If these can't be adequately addressed, then the only possible conclusion is that Anderson was never there.

Yes, I freely admit that I called the Anderson story a hoax on a Kansas City radio station (KCMO) in June 1991. Just to set the record straight, I do not deny I said it. I deny that my conclusion was hasty and I wouldn't have expressed it publicly except that Carpenter and his team had already published several articles about Anderson. Why are they allowed the privilege of publication, but we are not supposed to ask our difficult questions or announce our conclusions?

The interesting thing here is that I don't have to conceal my sources. I name all the names. Let Carpenter do the same so that free-thinking, intelligent individuals can search for the truth themselves. I have nothing to hide because I have been very careful. Let them, Carpenter, Anderson and Friedman do the same. Let's just see who is right.

— Kevin D. Randle
Cedar Rapids, IA

Dear Editor:

Being a recent newcomer to MUFON (February '91), a long-time associate of — and occasional analyst for — CUFOS, and modest supporter of FUFOR, I am led to this comment:

I'm troubled by what I perceive to be an intensifying destructive trend. It's my impression that in recent years the ranks of UFOlogy, traditionally sporting an unalloyed mix of conflicting individual hypotheses and conclusions, are increasingly resorting to personal allegations and rebuttals couched in vituperative and deprecatory tones.

In recent issues of the *MUFON Journal*, for instance, ongoing interchanges laced with personal animus pit Schmitt/Randle against Shandera, and Shandera against Schmitt/Randle; also, Beckjord vs. Stacy, Stacy vs. Beckjord, Walters and Maccabee vs. the Salisberrys, the Salisberrys vs. Maccabee, Good vs. Johnson, and Hopkins vs. Strieber — to mention just a few at random.

This is not to deprecate the essential need to identify errors and unwarranted conclusions appearing in published works. Certainly exposure and correction of error in the endless search for elusive truth is a paramount mission of UFOlogy. But must we do it through personal invective? Many of the "versuses" noted above are far more subjective than objective. They're rife with condescension and wounded ego; with derisive personal attacks on scholarship and defensive retorts in support of pet hypotheses — even going so far as to question one's veracity because of minor grammatical and typographical lapses. This begins to resemble the personal attacks resorted to by some of UFOlogy's most vocal critics when objective argument fails them. And it consumes much valuable and limited space in our publications; space that would better be used more objectively.

Clearly no one has all the answers. And no one will, so long as those who have disparate elements of the truth jealously guard their own turfs in an adversarial way. How can you unite with another researcher in seeking the collective truth when you have antagonized him? Perhaps if we were to put cooperation above competition and controversy, for a change, we would all benefit. Although absolute objectivity is impossible to achieve, we can come much closer than we're now doing.

— R.H. Coddington
Richmond, VA

Letters of comment should be neatly typed and doublespaced. They can be addressed either to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155 or to Box 12434, San Antonio, TX 78212. The editors reserve the right to edit letters for publication.

THE NIGHT SKY

By Walter N. Webb

March 1992

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Little Mercury, nearest planet to the Sun, may be seen at its best evening appearance of the year during the first half of the month. Look for a tiny orange dot low in the western sky after sunset.

Brilliant Jupiter (magnitude -2.5), in Leo, rises in the E around sunset and advances westward across the southern sky during the night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Saturn (0.8) joins Venus (-3.9) and Mars (1.2) in the early dawn, all quite low in the ESE. The lunar crescent lies above Mars on the 1st, to the left of Venus on the 2nd, and above Saturn on the 29th. Saturn and Mars are less than half a degree apart on March 6.

Jupiter sets in the West around sunrise.

Asteroid Vesta

A minor planet or asteroid should be barely visible to the naked eye in a dark rural sky for several weeks around its opposition date. Vesta, 4th asteroid discovered and the 2nd largest (335 miles), is exactly opposite the Sun on March 8. At this time it brightens to magnitude 6.1 and is about 125 million miles from Earth. The dim object on the 8th is located at R.A. 11h 38m, Dec. +14° 41' (2000 coordinates). This places Vesta in Leo not far from the star Denebola, the lion's tail. The asteroid's motion against the stars can be followed with binoculars from night to night. *Sky & Telescope* will publish a finder chart to help locate the starlike object.

Moon Phases:

New moon — March 4

First quarter — March 11

Full moon — March 18

Last quarter — March 25

The Stars:

During midevening hours the bright stars of winter slide into the SW, while the springtime constellations ascend the eastern heavens — Leo the Lion (with temporary resident Jupiter), Bootes the Herdsman, and Virgo the Maiden. In this 1st month of spring, the sky is full of blazing stars; ten 1st-magnitude stars can be counted at 9 PM.

Rising in the NE about 7:30 PM in midmonth, orange-tinted Arcturus, in Bootes, is one of those celestial objects caus-

ing false UFO reports when low in the sky. Arcturus is the 3rd brightest nighttime star (after Sirius and Canopus).

The Big Dipper climbs high in the NE, turning its bowl almost upside down. The Pointer Stars on the end of the bowl point nearly to Polaris the North Star.

END NOTES

Our feature article this issue was originally going to be a lengthy report by Michael Chorost and Marshall Dudley detailing the discovery of 13 radionuclides in a crop circle near Beckhampton, England. But last minute number crunching (and checking) has forced us to postpone it until a later date. Instead, readers will find John White's "Aliens Among Us — A UFO Conspiracy Hypothesis in a Religious Mode."

Personally, this editor finds such theories almost wholly untenable and unprovable, for reasons too long and complex to enter into in the short space available. Suffice it to say that few issues are more inherently controversial than UFOs and alleged abductions, but that among that small handful religion certainly ranks as a top contender. We don't see what is to be gained by layering a hypothetical "Satan" atop an already confusing situation, but so be it. Some readers are no doubt interested in this particular viewpoint and here they have it, and in great depth at that. If White's article stimulates some rigorous thinking on the subject, fine; we hope it does. But if the issue of religion itself — and personal interpretations of same — become the central issue of focus, then the Journal may bow out of this one early. We have enough problems trying to decide what a UFO is without trying to arbitrate the religious beliefs of our readers!

Controversy reigns supreme in this issue's letters column, too. We applaud Mr. Coddington's comments in particular, and wish we could see an easy way out. Unfortunately, given the nature of the beast, nothing presents itself as a ready solution. Give and take must remain an integral part of the process of interpreting, and perhaps even of discovering, the multivariied UFO phenomenon. Any attempt to eliminate different points of view about this or that particular case (or witness, or photo, etc.) is obviously doomed to failure from the start. But while we can't ask everyone to march in lock-step behind a single hypothesis or approach, we *can* ask that those with variant views couch their objections in civil, courteous language. We *can* ask that researchers confine their remarks to the investigation and not the investigator. And we *can* ask that individuals continue to share their findings and let the facts speak for themselves.

We can argue *for* cooperation and *against* personal discordance, and we do so now.

MESSAGE, Continued

Ozark UFO Conference

The Fourth Annual Ozark UFO Conference will be held April 3, 4 and 5, 1992 at the beautiful Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and concluding at noon on Sunday, April 5. Of the 10-12 speakers planned, the following have been confirmed: Linda Moulton Howe, John Altshuler, M.D., George Wingfield, Norman Oliver, Forest Crawford, Jorge Martin, John Salter, Elton and Kandy Turner, Antonio Huneus and Steven Greer, M.D.

The registration fee for the entire conference is \$35 per person for advance registrations (through March 30, 1992). Payment at the door will be \$40 per person. Advance registration payments should be made payable to "Ozark UFO Conference Fund" and mailed to: Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AR 72127. Additional information may be obtained by calling (501) 354-2558.

Over a hundred rooms have been allocated at the Inn of the Ozarks for the conference with special rates of \$36 per night for single occupancy and \$42 for double occupancy. Rooms may be reserved by writing to the Inn (P.O. Box 431, Eureka Springs, AR 72632) or by calling (501) 253-9768. Please advise the reservation desk that you are attending the Ozark UFO Conference in order to obtain the special rates.

As in previous years, a shuttle service will be available between the Inn and the Fayetteville Airport, for the benefit of air travelers. Please indicate on your registration form or advise the Inn desk if you need this service.

Operation Right to Know

Operation Right to Know is a unique experiment that will be conducted in Washington, D.C. to further publicize UFOs and urge the U.S. government to disclose additional UFO secrets.

The most convenient format to share with our readers is to quote from an advanced flyer announcing the event. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, could MUFON support this demonstration, however we will be very curious to know how effective such an ambitious, innovative program was in achieving its goal and the degree of acceptance by the public and media.

"A demonstration promoting a greater public inquiry into the UFO mystery and urging the disclosure of government UFO secrets has been scheduled for March 21 through March 31, 1992 on the sidewalk across the street from the White House, Washington, D.C.

"**Operation Right to Know** is organized by private citizens and operates independently of all UFO organizations. The message presented by **Operation Right to Know** asserts that there is a high-level cover-up of information and encourages the disclosure of that information. It is suspected that a small number of persons at the highest level of government have been granted need-to-know access to information confirming the presence of extraterrestrial visitors on this planet. We feel that fact can be safely disclosed to the public.

"**Operation Right to Know** will offer at the White House sidewalk demonstration site a comprehensive briefing package for educational use by journalists and other interested persons. Briefing material will reflect different aspects of UFO events and of the investigations into them. No particular point of view characterizing the exact nature of the cover-up, and of the alien presence, will be adopted by **Operation Right to Know**.

"It is the intent of **Operation Right to Know** to operate in legal, non-disruptive manner and that all activities organized shall remain free of hostile behaviors and fanatical agendas."

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The organizers have a written permit from the Washington, DC Chief of Police to conduct the educational table display. In order to evaluate the impact of this demonstration upon the printed media, I am inviting and encouraging every reader to send me all newspaper clippings, identifying the newspaper, city and date. May I thank you in advance for your help?

Current Case Log

The Current Case Log initiated by **Dan Wright** several years ago has been reinstated by **Donald M. Ware**, Eastern Regional Director. These are summarized recent UFO investigations that are rated significant and of definite interest to members to show continued UFO activity. The four regional directors accepted the responsibility for screening and evaluating the reports in their regions from the state directors when Dan Wright took a temporary leave of absence nearly a year ago. Mr. Wright is going to devote his primary time to computerizing the MUFON UFO file starting this month, therefore he will not be involved in the evaluation of reports.

Since Don Ware has been the only regional director fulfilling this responsibility, there are probably several reasons why the other three have not done so. (1) The state directors are not screening the reports submitted to them; (2) The state directors may not be forwarding investigated reports to their regional directors; (3) The regional directors are not currently processing the reports as received; and (4) If they are processing the reports currently, they are not submitting the completed reports and summarized current case log to MUFON headquarters.

Readers are asking the question why only eastern states investigated reports are being published in the *Journal*. This problem can be corrected by having all State Directors and Regional Directors review the established procedures and responding accordingly. If there is a question about the procedure please contact Walt Andrus. Thank you for your cooperation.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: ————— — MUFON News by Walt Andrus

MUFON 1992 UFO SYMPOSIUM

The theme for the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium is "UFOs: The Ultimate Mystery of the Millennia." Hosted by MUFON New Mexico, the conference will take place the weekend of July 10, 11 and 12 at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Albuquerque. New Mexico State Director **Teresa Brito Asenap** is the symposium chairperson. Major meetings will be held in the nearby convention center, which is attached to the hotel by enclosed walkways.

Two-hundred rooms have been blocked for July 10 and 11, and 60 rooms for July 9 and 12. The special group rates for the symposium are single or double occupancy at \$60 per night. Reservations are now being accepted by calling the Doubletree Hotel at (505) 247-3344 and advising the reservations desk that you will be attending the MUFON 1992 UFO Symposium in order to obtain the group rate.

Speakers already confirmed are **Stanton T. Friedman** (Canada), **Philippe Piet van Putten** (Brazil), **Richard F. Haines**, Ph.D., **Budd Hopkins**, **Richard M. Neal**, M.D., **J. Antonio Huneus**, **Linda Moulton Howe** (keynote speaker), **Jacques Vallee**, Ph.D., **Montague Keen** (England) on crop circles and **Clifford E. Stone**. We anticipate receiving the names of two speakers from Moscow selected by **Pavel Popovich**, President of the Soviet UFO Association, which will complete the speaking program.

Registrations for the entire symposium are now being accepted at \$50 per person for five sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The reception on Friday evening at 6 p.m. is \$5 extra. When making your advance registration, if your last name starts with A-M, please write to MUFON-NM, P.O. Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191, or if N-Z, write to MUFON-NM, P.O. Box 7191, Albuquerque, NM 87194, with a check or money order payable to "MUFON 1992 UFO Symposium."

American Airlines has again been selected as our official carrier for the 1992 symposium with special group rates from the 48 contiguous states and Hawaii. Another group rate applies to Canada. Individual reservations may be booked through the American Airlines Meeting Service Desk toll free number 1-800-433-1790 and identifying the symposium account number Star #S02727L.

New Officers

Juan Eduardo Failla, living in Olivos, Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina, has accepted our invitation to become the MUFON Representative for Argentina. Mr. Failla is a radio producer/writer, an English and German translator, and is active in three Argentinian UFO groups, C.I.U., R.A.O., and R.I.F.O. He was highly recommended by **Alejandro Agostinelli** when we recently conferred in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A member since 1985 and a State Section Director, **Anthony A. Neugebauer** (Texas City, TX) has been reassigned

to Galveston County. **Steven A. Morrow** (Nacogdoches, TX) is a new State Section Director for Nacogdoches, Cherokee and Angelina Counties. Other new State Section Directors volunteering their leadership talent this month are **Clark E. Bowen** (Tonopah, NV) for Nye County; **Kenyon A. Spencer** (Aurora, CO) for Adams, Clear Creek and Summit Counties; **Jon Dahlheim** (Yellowstone Park, WY) for Park and Teton Counties; **John M. Hayes** (Kingman, AZ) for Mohave County; **Joseph A. Tackett** (Ferndale, MI) for Oakland County; and **Allen and Darleen Dunkin** (Riverbank, CA) Co-State Section Directors for Tuolumne County.

New Consultants and Research Specialists

New Consultants this month are **Ralph J. Laguardia**, M.D. (Lebanon, CT) in Medicine; **Carl L. Snare, Jr.**, Ph.D. (Long Beach, CA) in Business Management; **Carl E. Stephens**, Ph.D. (Winnipeg, Manitoba) in Psychology; **George S. Harris**, D.D.S. (Menominee, MI) in Orthodontics; and **Samuel P. Faile**, Ph.D. (Cincinnati, OH) in Solid State Science. Research Specialists volunteering their expertise this month are **Richard M. Spangler**, M.S. (Loveland, CO) in Electrical Engineering; **Brad Merrill**, M.S. (St. Petersburg, FL) in Sociology; **Don Aoki**, M.S. (Mountain View, CA) in Computer Science; and **Lee Katchen**, M.S. (Potrero, CA) in Physics.

Gloria Anna Colon (Dallas, TX), former State Director for Puerto Rico, volunteered to be a translator for Spanish.

Field Investigator Exam

Shirley A. Coyne, Director of Field Investigator Training, proudly announced that 22 Field Investigator Trainees had successfully completed the examination during December 1991 and will be reclassified to Field Investigators. Both New Mexico and California each had five people passing the 100 question exam. Congratulations to each of these investigators for upgrading their role in ufology.

The Top Ten

Your Director hereby apologizes to **Shirley** and **George Coyne** for an error in the ranking of the state membership lists. Michigan at 98 ranked 8th and was thus ahead of VA, WA and NJ. We are indebted to **Tom Stults** for posing the question about Michigan's position. Shirley is to be congratulated for the progress in Michigan since she became the State Director.

Cosmic Collision

"Cosmic Collision: The U.S. Military Retrieval and Cover-Up of a UFO" is the working title for the forthcoming book by **Stanton T. Friedman** and **Don Berliner** published in hardback by Paragon and scheduled for a July 1992 release. Since the release date will occur simultaneously with the MUFON 1992 International UFO Symposium, plan to hear Stan clarify some of the discrepancies in the Roswell Crash investigation previously published.

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