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LA MUFON UPDATE:

An Open Letter from the MUFON State Director: I have submitted my letter of resignation as MUFON State Director for Louisiana, to be effective 31 December, 1996, to Walt Andrus, International Director. Mr. Andrus will appoint my successor.

My decision to do this has been under consideration for several years and was prompted by growing and conflicting demands for my time and energies. My priorities necessitate giving up some things that required an inordinate amount of time and effort and, unfortunately, this newsletter and some of the things I felt a part of the State Director's responsibilities were at the core of the problem.

My interest in the UFO phenomenon continues and I plan to remain a member of MUFON and continue as an independent UFO investigator, researcher and lecturer. I will sorely miss the exchange of information and ideas gained from exchange newsletters and personal contacts with other directors, members and state organizations. I hope to maintain some of these as well as contacts with interested Louisiana educators, scientists and law enforcement officials.

I have treasured the feedback from this newsletter and would be remiss if I did not recommend some continuing sources of UFO information for those interested. Therefore, I will devote some of the next and last

ROCKEFELLER FUNDS UFO BRIEFING REPORT FOR U.S., WORLD LEADERS

Roughly 1,000 copies of a 168 page *Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence* have been delivered to carefully selected "movers and shakers of society" who may be almost entirely ignorant of the documented UFO evidence but who could, if sufficiently moved, very quickly undo the atmosphere of secrecy that has surrounded this subject for decades. Distribution began in April and recipients of some of the early copies reportedly included John Gibbons (President Clinton's science advisor), the president of France, Henry Kissinger, Colin Powell, other heads of state, and influential people in the U.S. Congress and around the world.

The purpose of this briefing is stated in the cover page as follows: "While several Governments of the world have dealt with this (UFO)

problem, as you can see from this report, we believe these Governments should make available NOW all the UFO evidence they have collected for a thorough and open inquiry by the scientific community."

Principal author of the report was Don Berliner, a respected UFO researcher, author and senior associate of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR). co-authors were Antonio Huneeus, an internationally known science writer and editor and MUFON's International Coordinator, and Marie Galbraith, an advocate of "frontier science" (which she described as "...science that is on the cutting edge...") and wife of investment banker and former Ambassador to France, Evan Galbraith. An *Executive Summary* to accompany the report was prepared by Richard H. Hall, Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research and a recognized international authority on UFOs since the 1950s.

The Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) provided data for this report and had equal input on its contents. A letter of endorsement signed by the head of these organizations appears at the front of the report. Supporting documentation is on file at FUFOR.

issue of this newsletter to UFO publications and data sources I have found useful. I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you could send me about your favorite sources of UFO data and information. Send to the Baton Rouge, LA, address in the letterhead or E-mail it to "garner@eatel.com".

Thank you — Barney.

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IDENTIFIED HEAVENLY OBJECTS

Michael D. Sandras

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Two extremely bright planets are visible during September and October. In the evening sky you will find **Jupiter**; in the morning, **Venus**. Jupiter is visible in the southern sky just after sunset throughout this period. Venus is in the east during pre-dawn hours. Venus and Jupiter are respectively the second and third brightest nighttime astronomical objects (the Moon is the brightest); thus you should have no trouble finding these bright wanderers of our skies. **Saturn** will also be visible in the evening sky early in this period. Look for it just after sunset in the eastern sky. **Mars** is visible in the early morning sky to the west of Venus. It has a very distinctive reddish hue.

The evening sky is now dominated by the stars and constellations of the "Summer Triangle". The stars

that form the "Triangle" are **Vega**, **Deneb** and **Altair**. Respectively they are in the constellations Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila. Just after sunset this time of the year these stars can be found roughly overhead.

In the southern part of the early evening sky are the constellations Sagittarius and Scorpius.

From Sagittarius and Scorpius up through the Summer Triangle is a band of light we call the "Milky Way". It is the combined light of hundreds of billions of stars in the Galaxy we live in.

The early morning sky is dominated by the stars and constellations of the Winter Sky. Most notable of these are the stars of the constellations Orion, Taurus and Canis Major.

The Orionid Meteor Shower peaks on October 21st, but this is a

minor shower and this year the Moon will interfere with this shower at its peak.

On September 26th there will be a total Lunar Eclipse visible from most of the United States. This type of eclipse is totally safe to view without any type of eye protection. During a Lunar Eclipse the Earth goes between the Sun and the Moon and we observe the shadow of the Earth as it moves across the face of the Moon. This is one of the ways the ancient Greeks knew that the Earth was a globe; they correctly deduced that the shadow falling on the Moon was that of the Earth and they could see that it was round. The eclipse begins at 7:12 PM CDT, but most people will not notice a difference in the Moon's appearance until after 8:12 PM CDT. The eclipse becomes "total" at 9:12 PM CDT.

It is also interesting to note that Saturn will be only three degrees away from the Moon as the eclipse occurs. This provides an excellent opportunity to positively identify and observe Saturn. A Lunar Eclipse is also one of

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IDENTIFIED HEAVENLY OBJECTS FINDER

A listed planet or star can be located on or near a listed date by using the azimuth (Az) and elevation (El) shown for that object. Azimuth and elevation are computed from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but are generally accurate for all of Louisiana. A negative elevation, highlighted by italic print, indicates the object is below the horizon. The magnitude (Mag.), or brightness, of each object is given after its name; the smaller, or lower, the number, the brighter the object. The constellation to which a star belongs is printed after the star name and magnitude. Daylight Savings Time ends October 27; Central Standard Time is used for dates thereafter.

0500 CDST/CST

Moon (Mag. -12.50)

Mars (Mag. 2.65)

Venus (Mag. -3.30)

Adara (Mag. 1.50) *Canis Major*

Aldebaran (Mag. 0.85) *Taurus*

Betelgeuse (Mag. 0.50) *Orion*

Canopus (Mag. -0.72) *Carina*

Capella (Mag. 0.08) *Auriga*

Procyon (Mag. 0.38) *Canis Minor*

Pollux (Mag. 1.14) *Gemini*

Rigel (Mag. 0.12) *Orion*

Sirius (Mag. -1.46) *Canis Major*

2100 CDST/CST

Moon (Mag. -12.50)

Jupiter (Mag. -1.40)

Saturn (Mag. 1.65)

*Altair (Mag. 0.77) *Aquila*

*Deneb (Mag. 1.25) *Cygnus*

*Vega (Mag. 0.03) *Lyra*

*Stars of the "Summer Triangle".

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Az 967; El -60

Az 090; El 32

Az 088; El 11

Az 159; El 27

Az 226; El 71

Az 166; El 66

Az 172; El 06

Az 350; El 74

Az 124; El 51

Az 086; El 61

Az 187; El 51

Az 157; El 40

15 AUG 96

Az 249; El 01

Az 222; El 23

Az 123; El 41

Az 234; El 58

Az 329; El 72

Az 295; El 53

31 OCT 96

Az 234; El 70

Az 103; El 50

Az 101; El 18

Az 189; El 30

Az 262; El 47

Az 231; El 57

Az 191; El 05

Az 310; El 59

Az 178; El 65

Az 138; El 87

Az 237; El 39

Az 196; El 41

31 AUG 96

Az 064; El -07

Az 240; El 04

Az 166; El 57

Az 260; El 33

Az 306; El 53

Az 300; El 29

15 NOV 96

Az 059; El -63

Az 117; El 54

Az 105; El 13

Az 203; El 26

Az 270; El 34

Az 247; El 46

Az 199; El 02

Az 307; El 49

Az 210; El 62

Az 260; El 79

Az 240; El 28

Az 213; El 36

15 SEP 96

Az 245; El 08

Az 247; El -05

Az 194; El 57

Az 268; El 20

Az 305; El 42

Az 305; El 18

30 NOV 96

Az 219; El 69

Az 130; El 57

Az 109; El 07

Az 216; El 20

Az 277; El 21

Az 257; El 34

Az 207; El -02

Az 307; El 39

Az 233; El 53

Az 271; El 66

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Az 252; El -14

Az 218; El 51

Az 278; El 08

Az 307; El 32

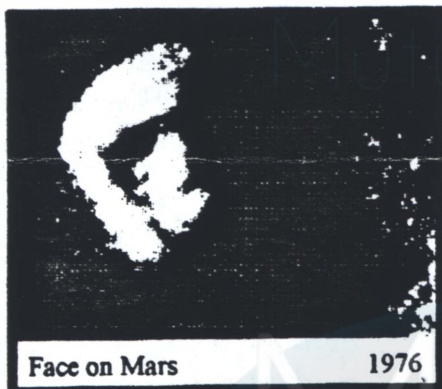
Az 310; El 08

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those astronomical events that look very nice through binoculars.

The Moon Phases are: Sep 20 - First Quarter; Sep 26 - Full Moon (Harvest Moon & Lunar Eclipse); Oct 4 - Last Quarter; Oct 12 - New Moon; Oct 19 - First Quarter; Oct 26 - Full Moon (Hunter's Moon); Nov 3 - Last Quarter.

Just a reminder; Autumn begins at 1:00 PM CDT on September 22.



Face on Mars

1976

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Laurance Rockefeller, 85-year-old venture capitalist and philanthropist, funded the report and is reported to have bent the President and Hillary's ear about it last August when he played host to them at his sprawling ranch in Wyoming. Fraser Seitel, Mr. Rockefeller's spokesman, said, "Laurance's feeling is that he is not convinced one way or the other. But he is interested in learning what the Government has on file..."

Rockefeller has funded other UFO-related projects including some of Dr. John E Mack's abduction research at Harvard. According to Michael Luckman, director of the *New York Center for UFO Research*, Mr. Rockefeller has financed at least two recent meetings of a group called the Starlight Coalition, which Mr. Luckman said is "composed of former intelligence officers and military officials from the Pentagon who are prepared to talk about extraterrestrial contact."

Don't go to the corner bookstore expecting to pick up a copy of this report. Apparently Mr. Rockefeller has directed that only 1,000 copies of the report be printed and that it not be offered for sale. Many well-known

UFO researchers are known to be frustrated by their inability to obtain a copy.

UFO Magazine (UK publication) published an article on the report in its July/August, 1996 issue. *Unexplained UFO Sightings* published what it defines as Richard Hall's "Executive Report" in its Fall, 1996 issue. Several Internet sites have published comments about and alleged extracts from the report.

The Report is divided into three sections: a 19 page Overview, 98 pages of Case Histories and 40 pages of Quotations. There are also 10 pages of Appendices.

Part I, The Overview, argues the pros and cons of "Government Secrecy" as it applies to UFO information and national security. Then it presents "The Case for UFO Reality", "The Case for Extraterrestrial UFOs", and documents "The UFO Cover-Up." Finally, it uses extracts from quotes of high-ranking military personnel, prominent scientists and others to summarise:

- Reality of UFOs.
- Extraterrestrial origin of UFOs.
- Secrecy and National Security.
- Challenge for today's science.
- Effect of ridicule on potential witnesses.

Part II, Case Histories, presents 19 case discussions (see article, this page). Experts may argue over the inclusion or exclusion of specific cases, but these are extremely well documented cases and appear to be carefully selected for the basic purpose of establishing the physical reality of the UFO phenomenon.

More than half of the cases are basic CE1 (Close Encounters of the First Kind) cases, or simply close observation of unusual craft or airborne objects. The rest are CE2 (Close Encounters of the Second Kind) cases in which the object left clear physical evidence of its presence.

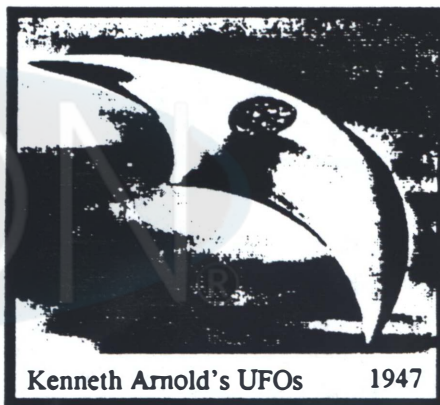
Perhaps surprisingly, none of the cases involve alleged abduction of humans by UFO occupants (CE4 cases). In fact, only one CE3, or direct observation of apparent alien beings, case is included. The logic may have been to concentrate on the basic question of UFO reality and not confuse the issue

with reports and claims still being debated by many UFO investigators and scientists.

Part III, Quotations, is a collection of quotes from prominent scientists, high ranking military and civilian government officials, and others that indicate the Government has been deeply involved in the UFO phenomenon since at least World War II.

The Appendices include:

- Characteristics of IFO's and UFO's.
- Terminology of UFO's.
- International Agreements and Resolutions.
- Recommended Reading.
- Resource Catalogs.
- CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON.



Kenneth Arnold's UFOs

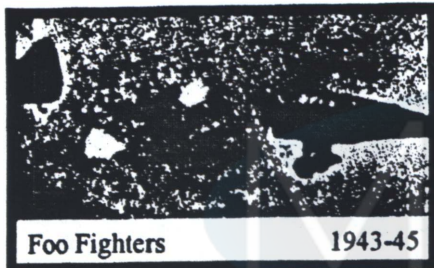
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CASE HISTORIES: The Best Available Evidence

Several sources list the following 19 incidents, or groups of incidents, as those detailed in the Rockefeller Report, *Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence*. It is not clear if these were the only incidents cited. The introduction to Part II states in part, "UFOs, under one name or another, have been described and depicted throughout recorded history and from most countries of the world. [Renaissance painting reproduced.]" (Note: More than a dozen Middle Age/Renaissance paintings showing UFOs have been identified.)

The following has been edited and paraphrased for brevity from the Executive Summary:

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Foo Fighters

1943-45

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1944-45: "Foo Fighters" Over Europe and Asia. Hundreds of pilot and aircrew debriefing reports from both the European and Pacific Theaters of World War II describe their encounters with "glowing balls of light". Two examples were cited:

On August 10, 1944, a B-29 bomber over the Indian Ocean reported a brilliant red-orange spherical object that paced the bomber about 500 yards off the starboard wing. The pilot reported: "It seemed to throb or vibrate constantly....It went into evasive action, changing directions constantly, as much as 90 degrees and altitude of about 2000 feet. It followed our every maneuver for about eight minutes....When it left, it made an abrupt 90 degree turn, accelerating rapidly, and disappeared into the overcast."

On December 22, 1944, over Hagenu, Germany, an American night fighter encountered two glowing orange objects that climbed rapidly toward them. The pilot stated: "Upon reaching our altitude, they leveled off and stayed on my tail....After two minutes, they peeled off and turned away, flying under perfect control."

1946: "Ghost Rockets" Over Scandinavia. A wave of sightings began over Scandinavia on June 9, 1946 when a brilliant light streaked over Helsinki, Finland. The next night a similar object streaked overhead, then turned and went back in the direction it had come from; definitely not a meteor. Hundreds of reports were made in July and August of tubular or "spindle-shaped" objects flying low and slowly with little or no sound. Similar reports came from Norway.

A British Air Ministry Intelligence Report concluded: "...the most notable characteristics of the projectiles to be: a) great speed; b)

intense light frequently associated with missile; c) lack of sound; d) approximate horizontal flight....[If they] are of natural origin, they are unusual..." Suspicions of Soviet tests of captured German rockets were later proven unfounded.

When the Scandinavian sightings began to taper off in September, 1946, similar sightings began in southern Europe and North Africa.

1947: First American Sighting Wave. Private pilot Kenneth Arnold's June 24, 1947, sighting of a chain of "nine peculiar looking aircraft" over Washington State is the most notable of hundreds of sightings that summer. It was an editor's translation of Arnold's description of the craft that created the term, "Flying Saucer."

Air Force studies soon afterwards concluded that:

- The objects were metallic.
- Shapes usually were circular or elliptical.
- They sometimes flew in formations of 3 to 9.
- The discs oscillated laterally while flying along.
- They were "something real and not visionary or fictitious."
- Some sightings may be caused by natural phenomena.
- The maneuverability and flight characteristics suggest controlled flight.

In January 1948 the U.S. Air Force established its first announced UFO investigation: Project Sign.

It is unclear if the Roswell Incident, which occurred during the first week of July, 1947, was mentioned in the report.

1952: Second American Sighting Wave. Early in 1952 reports from jet interceptor pilots sent aloft to investigate radar sightings began to increase and by late July reports to Project Bluebook were averaging 27 a day. On three consecutive weekends

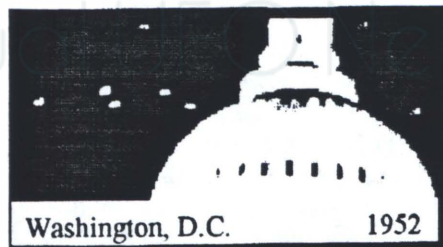
in late July, there was intensive UFO activity over Washington, D.C. Luminous objects were observed from the ground and from the control towers at Washington National Airport, Bolling AFB and Andrews AFB. The objects were darting around the sky and invaded restricted areas over the White House, the Capitol Building and the Pentagon. They were also tracked by radars from all three airports. Radar operators conferred by telephone to insure they were tracking the same objects and airline pilots arriving or departing from Washington National often provided visual confirmation of the radar targets.

Early in 1953, the Central Intelligence Agency convened a secret panel of five prominent scientists who focused on the potentially adverse effects of UFO sighting reports on the national intelligence gathering effort (such reports would "clog the channels"), and recommended a debunking effort. The panel failed to address the question of what the reports were really describing.

1956: Radar/Visual Jet Chase Over England. On the night of August 13-14, radar operators at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Lakenheath in eastern England repeatedly tracked single and multiple unidentified objects which displayed high speed, as well as rapid changes of speed and direction. The RAF jet interceptor launched to investigate had a visual sighting and locked onto it with his airborne radar as he closed in on the target. Suddenly the unidentified "target" disappeared; then reappeared behind the interceptor. The following is an excerpt from the official Air Force Intelligence Report on the incident:

"[Radar showed] that as the Venom [interceptor] passed the target on radar, the target began a tail chase of the friendly fighter. Radar requested pilot acknowledge this chase. Pilot acknowledged and stated he would try to circle and get behind the target. Pilot advised he was unable to "shake" the target off his tail and requested assistance....[He said it was the] 'clearest target I have ever seen on radar.'"

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Washington, D.C.

1952

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1957: Third American Sighting Wave. During November, 1957, a sudden wave of sightings coincided with the launch of the dog-carrying Soviet satellite, Sputnik II. Hundreds of cases poured into the Air Force. The most striking feature was electromagnetic effect cases concentrated in and around Levelland, Texas.

Glowing objects, usually blue-green and elliptical or oval, were observed repeatedly on or near highways. Headlights and engines of the witnesses' vehicles failed. The Air Force blamed the sightings on a severe electrical storm and witness excitability. A scientific study later determined that there had been no storm or source of excessive moisture in the area at all.

1958: Brazilian Navy Photographic Case. On February 21, 1958, a Brazilian Navy training ship was conducting research near Trindade Island in the South Atlantic Ocean. Personnel on deck observed a Saturn-shaped UFO and watched as the professional photographer took pictures of it. The film was immediately developed in an improvised darkroom, and the UFO images were confirmed.

At first the photographs were kept secret, but the pictures were later given to the press by the President of Brazil, Juscelino Kubitschek. Several high-ranking military officials vouched for their authenticity. Later tests by the Navy determined that the UFO had been flying at 900 to 1,000 km/hr [500 to 600 mph]. The negatives were analyzed by photographic experts and there were no signs of tampering. Indeed, the pictures confirmed what the witnesses had all seen. However, the U.S. military has labeled the case a fake.

1964: Landing Case at Socorro, New Mexico. On April 24, 1964, police officer Lonnie Zamora abandoned chasing a speeding car and turned off on a side road to investigate when he heard roaring sound and saw light from flames behind hills just off the highway. On the brow of the hill Zamora saw, parked below him, a shining egg-shaped craft sitting on one end and resting on slender legs.



Two small beings in white coveralls were outside the craft. He radioed in that he was going to investigate. As he got out to walk closer, he heard loud thumps like doors shutting hard, and the beings were no longer visible. Then the object began to roar and emit blue-orange flames from underneath. Fearing an explosion, Zamora ducked behind his cruiser. The roaring stopped and when he looked the craft was hovering silently a few feet above the ground. Then it moved away, gathered speed, and quickly disappeared over the distant horizon.

Zamora was quickly joined by a State Police sergeant and they examined the landing spot. Charred and singed foliage and four prominent "landing pad" imprints were clearly visible. Within hours, an Army investigator from White Sands Missile Range and an FBI agent were on the scene. Zamora described the object to them:

"It was smooth—no windows or doors. As the roar started, it was still on the ground. There was red lettering of some type. The insignia was about 2-1/2 feet high and about 2 feet wide. It was in the middle of the object. The object was...aluminum-white."

Zamora sketched the object showing the red "insignia" as half a circle over an inverted V with a vertical line inside and a horizontal line below.

An Air Force and other investigations followed. Some physical evidence was sent to laboratories. Zamora was recognized to be "a serious police officer, a pillar of his church, and a man well-versed in recognizing airborne vehicles in his area." A recently declassified memorandum to the CIA mentions this case as the "best" of its kind that the USAF Project Blue Book ever found.

1967: Physiological Case at Falcon Lake, Canada. At midday on

May 20, 1967, near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada, Amateur prospector Steven Michalak reported seeing two glowing objects hovering overhead. One flew away while the other landed nearby. Michalak said it appeared oval and disc-shaped, was about 35 feet in diameter and 12 feet high, and was metallic—as if it had been machined out of a solid block of aluminum.

Michalak approached the craft and, while observing the craft, a door opened. He heard voices from within but could not see inside due to brilliant lights. He tried communicating, calling out in several languages which he speaks fluently. When he reached out with his left, gloved hand to lean over and look in, the glove burst into flames. Immediately the door closed and a whining sound was heard. Exhaust gases from a vent hit him in the chest and abdomen setting his cap and shirt on fire. When Michalak was able to look up again, the object was hovering silently above the trees, then it shot quickly out of sight.

Within moments Michalak had a pounding headache and nausea. He stumbled back to his motel, vomiting along the way. Michalak spent days in the hospital showing symptoms of radiation sickness. The burn marks on his chest and abdomen were in a geometric pattern conforming to the exhaust grid on the side of the craft. He was eventually seen by 27 doctors (all at his own expense), but neither laboratory analysis of his clothing nor medical tests were able to determine what caused the burns. Later he had weight loss, reduced blood lymphocyte count, swelling and other symptoms. Soil samples from the landing spot were found to be significantly radioactive.

1975: Strategic Air Command Bases UFO Alert. From late October through mid-November, 1975, high-security Air Force bases in the northern states experienced intrusions by "military helicopters" whose origin could not be determined. The Commander-In-Chief of the North American Aerospace Command (NORAD) issued a report of the events on November 11, 1975.

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Some excerpts: "Reliable military personnel at Loring AFB, Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, Minot AFB, North Dakota, and Canadian Forces Station Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada, have visually sighted suspicious objects....[At Malmstrom AFB] site personnel reported the object as low as 200 feet and said that as the interceptors approached, the lights went out. After the interceptors had passed, the lights came on again....the object increased to a high speed, raised in altitude and could not be discerned from the stars....Minot AFB on Nov 10th reported that the site was buzzed by a bright object the size of a car at an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet. There was no noise emitted by the vehicle."

On November 7th at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, a Sabotage Alert Team saw a brightly glowing orange disc that illuminated the Minuteman ICBM missile site. As jet interceptors approached, the UFO took off straight up, NORAD radar tracking it to an altitude of 38 miles.

1976: Multiple Witness Case in the Canary Islands. On June 22, 1976, a large luminous UFO was observed throughout the Canary Islands for 20 minutes. Depositions were taken from 14 witnesses and at least one color photograph was taken.

According to the declassified military report, a Spanish Navy ship made the first report, numerous civilian reports starting about three minutes later. The object alternately hovered and moved around, its brilliant light at times illuminating the terrain.

A physician and his taxi driver filed a report of a translucent sphere seen near the ground. His deposition states in part:

"It had an electric blue color but tenuous, without dazzling; it had a radius of about 30 m. [100 feet], and in the lower third of the sphere you could see a platform of aluminum-like color as if made of metal, and three large consoles. At each side of the center there were two huge figures of 2.5 to 3 m. [8.5 to 10 ft.] tall [humanoids wearing some kind of head gear]....it rose slowly



...suddenly it reached enormous speed like none I ever saw in an airplane [and] disappeared in the direction of Tenerife."

A few months later the Commanding General of the Canaries' Air Zone and his aides, who had investigated this case, encountered a similar phenomenon while flying on an Air Force transport plane.

1976: UFO Dog Fight Over Tehran. A thoroughly documented aircraft-UFO encounter occurred near Tehran, Iran, on the night of September 18-19, 1976. Two F-4 Phantoms of the Imperial Iranian Air Force were scrambled to intercept a UFO that had been sighted flying over restricted airspace. As the pilots closed in on the target their communications and weapons systems were suddenly jammed.

During a second F-4 Phantom jet scramble, the UFO flashed various colored strobe lights alternately and its image on the radarscope was comparable to that of a Boeing 707 tanker aircraft. The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile, but at that instant his weapons control panel and entire communications system also failed.

The UFO emitted a missile-like object that descended, illuminating the ground, and apparently landed. The next day, investigators questioned citizens in the landing area who reported "a loud noise and a very bright light like lightning" at the time of the landing.

A Defense Intelligence Agency report concluded: "This case is a classic which meets all the criteria necessary for a valid study of the UFO phenomenon." It cited six points of justification for a study including "an inordinate amount of maneuverability was displayed by the UFO."

1980: UFO Incidents at Rendlesham Forest, England. In late December, 1980, U.S. Air Force personnel at RAF Bentwaters and RAF

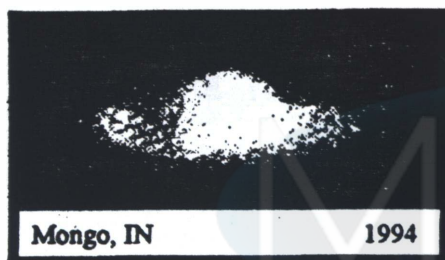
Woodbridge, then NATO bases leased to the USAF, had strange encounters over several days. Base security personnel reported strange lights in the forest between the bases and were given permission to investigate. Led personally by Lt. Col. Charles Halt, the patrol reported seeing a strange glowing object, triangular in shape and apparently metallic, maneuvering through the trees. The forest was illuminated by its glow. Animals at a nearby farm were agitated by it. As the patrol approached it, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. The next day, three depressions were found in the ground where the object had been, and radioactivity was detected. A few nights later, luminous objects were seen flying overhead.

Col. Halt's report stated, "The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. Then they turned to full circles....The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time."

Col. Halt, the Base Commander and others reported beams of light illuminating the weapons storage area and other places on the base. Other base personnel reported contact with a landed craft and humanoid beings in the woods, and various extraordinary phenomena. These reports are still being investigated.

1981: Physical Trace Case in Trans-en-Provence, France. On January 8, 1981, an object shaped like one saucer inverted on top of another landed on a farm near Trans-en-Provence, France. It was observed in the air and on the ground by Renato Nicolai, 55, who thought he was seeing a military experiment. The craft left a circle about two meters [7 feet] in diameter with landing tracks at certain spaces. Physical traces were collected by the Gendarmerie and investigated by GEPAN, the French counterpart of NASA.

Studies of the soil and biological samples, and control samples, were conducted by major French laboratories and universities. They included



Mongo, IN

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physico-chemical analysis, electronic diffraction, mass spectrometry, and biochemical analysis. Some of the scientific findings were:

- A strong mechanical pressure was forced on the ground surface.
- Thermal heating of the soil was detected along with or soon after the impact.
- Chlorophyll pigment reduction was detected in young leaves.
- The chlorophyll transformation could be related to the action of an electrical energy field.
- Significant differences were determined between the impact site and more distant control samples.
- The environmental effects collectively suggest the occurrence of a significant event.

GEPAN has also documented three other UFO physical trace cases that occurred in 1979, 1982 and 1987. Jean-Jacques Velasco, the primary GEPAN investigator, has since stated that the best hypothesis to explain the laboratory findings is powerful electromagnetic fields in the microwave frequency range.

1986: Jet Chase Over Brazil. Two F-5E and three Mirage jet fighters were scrambled in southeast Brazil on May 19, 1986, to identify objects reported by civilian and military pilots and tracked on radar. The luminous objects darted from point to point, made sharp turns, and sometimes operated in groups. The incidents were widely reported in the news media and openly discussed by Brazilian officials, who were outspoken about the strange nature of the encounters. Excerpts of their quoted statements follow:

Brig. Gen. Otavio Moreira Lima, Minister of Aeronautics: "Radar doesn't have optical illusions....It's fantastic. The signals on radar were quite clear."

Maj. Ney Cerqueira, commander

of Air Defense Operations Center: "We don't have technical operational conditions to explain it. The appearance and disappearance of these objects on the radar screens are unexplained."

Among the pilot witnesses were retired colonel and executive jet pilot Ozires Silva, president of the state-owned oil company Petrobras, and several fighter pilots.

1986: Japan Airlines 747 Case Over Alaska. On the night of November 17, 1986, a Japan Air Lines 747 was approaching Anchorage, Alaska, when two small unidentified lights and one huge lighted object were sighted visually and tracked on airborne and ground radars for more than a half hour. Aircraft commander Capt. Kenju Terauchi, a 29-year veteran flyer described the object as "two times bigger than an aircraft carrier."

With permission of the FAA air traffic controllers, Capt. Terauchi took evasive action as the objects maneuvered around his airplane. They moved quickly and stopped suddenly, once moving directly in front of the 747. At one time, the light was so bright that it illuminated the cockpit.

At a March 5 press conference, FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said: "As far as we know, the whole crew are people of integrity and did report what they saw accurately."

1989: Multiple Witness Case at Russian Missile Base. A recently released KGB file describes a multiple witness sighting at an army missile base in the Astrakhan Region on the night of July 28, 1989. It includes depositions by seven military witnesses.

The summary report states: It was determined that the reported characteristics of the observed UFOs are: disc 4-5 m. [13-17 ft.] in diameter, with a half-sphere on top, which is lit brightly. It moved sometimes abruptly, but noiselessly, at times coming down and hovering over ground at altitude of 20-60 m. [65-200 ft.]....the UFO did not let the [fighter interceptor] aircraft come near it, evading it."

One witness said: "It hovered over the [rocket weapons] depot at a height of 20 meters [65 ft.]...[and]

shone with a dim green light which looked like phosphorous. It was a disc, 4 or 5 m. [13-17 ft.] in diameter, with a semispherical top....A bright beam appeared from the bottom of the disc, where the flash had been before, and made two or three circles, lighting the corner of one of the buildings..."

1989-90: Sighting Wave in Belgium. From October 1989 into 1990, hundreds of reports were made of dark triangular UFOs with bright body lights and often light beams. They were tracked by ground and airborne radar as Belgian Air Force F-16 jets chased them, and numerous photographs and videos were taken. Military leaders were open and candid about the unexplainable incidents.

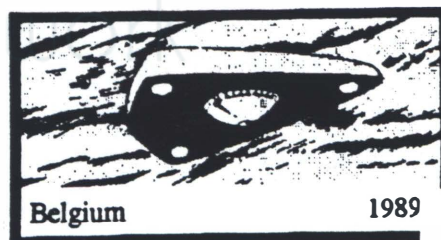
A Belgian Air Force General Staff Report on a March 30-31, 1990, radar/visual jet scramble includes the following excerpts:

"Each time the pilots were able to secure a [radar] lock on one of the targets for a few seconds, there resulted a drastic change in the behavior of the detected targets...[Once] their speed changed in a minimum of time from 150 to 970 knots [275 to 1,800 km/hr] and from 9,000 to 5,000 feet [2,700 m. to 1,500 m.], returning then to 11,000 feet [3,300 m.] in order to change again to close to ground level."

Maj. Gen. Wilfred De Brouwer recently stated: "These were credible people and they told clearly what they saw....On at least one occasion there was a correlation between the radar contacts of one ground radar and one F-16 fighter....If we add all the possibilities, the question is still open, so there is no final answer."

The sighting wave was documented by the Belgian Society for the Study of Space Phenomena (SOBEPS), whose report listed these UFO characteristics:

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- Irregular displacement (zig-zag, instantaneous change of trajectory).
- Displacement following the contours of the terrain.
- Varying speeds.
- Hovering.
- Overflight of urban and industrial areas.
- Sound (faint humming to total silence).

1991-1994: Recent Cases. Impressive sightings have continued since the 1990 Belgian cases, with investigations still underway. They include:

1991: Paraguay. June 8 radar-visual sighting from two airplanes, with electromagnetic effects on instruments of a Cessna 210.

1992-1993: Mexico. Many sightings over Mexico City, including the International Airport on March 4-5, 1992, with radar confirmation.

1993: United Kingdom. Widespread sightings March 30-31, investigated by Ministry of Defence, including a huge diamond-shaped object slowly flying low overhead with a humming sound; RAF meteorologist report of UFO emitting light beam to ground.

1994: United States. Widespread sightings on the night of March 8 in southwestern Michigan; confirmation of anomalous targets on Weather Service radar.

Analysis: Some stars may yield own planets.

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NEW YORK — After a year in which scientists discovered several apparent planets outside the solar system, a new analysis concludes that folks, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

Hidden planets may be lurking around half the Milky Way galaxy's 100 billion stars, the analysis suggests.

"We'll see an explosion" in planet discoveries, said researcher Steven Beckwith of the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Heidelberg, Germany.

He presented the evidence for his optimism in today's issue of the journal *Nature* with Annelia Sargent of the California Institute of Technology

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