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Public Reaction to Alien Contact **By Dick Moss, MN MUFON State Dir.**

This narrative is a condensed version of a presentation made during the 1988 MUFON UFO Symposium held in Lincoln, Nebraska. The speaker was Raymond Boeche who, at that time, was MUFON's State Director for Nebraska. Mr. Boeche was also on the Board of Advisors for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy.

What would be the public's response if our government were to admit that UFOs are interplanetary vehicles? Although there may be no real basis for predicting the public's reaction to such a declaration, there have been studies which have addressed this issue.

Dr. Hadley Cantril, of Princeton University, examined the public's reaction to the 1938 War of the Worlds radio broadcast and could find no single factor that explained the extremes in behavior resulting from hearing this radio program. But, the existing economic depression and unstable political atmosphere may have contributed to fostering some of the panic that was demonstrated during the program.

After UFOs appeared in 1947 the Robertson Panel felt that there was no direct threat from sightings of these objects. But, the overloading of emergency reporting channels with false information about alleged sightings, along with public vulnerability to possible enemy psychological warfare, could create a dangerous situation.

With regard to the discovery of extraterrestrial intelligence, individual reactions would be varied and relatively unimportant.

Societal reactions would presumably be shaped by several factors. Man has always thought of himself, as the only proven thinking being, to be the center of the universe and contact with an advanced civilization would destroy this belief. The thinking was that if a society's technological, intellectual and spiritual goals were suddenly surpassed by advanced concepts from ETs, then we might no longer direct our energies toward newly outmoded goals and could therefore drift into stagnation.

Politically, an authority crisis could spread criticism directed at political, scientific and religious leaders. Alien culture could, in the minds of some, overshadow authority figures such as presidents and popes. The Brookings Institute report, now known to most students of UFOs, made reference to the resulting confusion that might result from the intrusion of a superior culture. If society's basic rules were removed, it could begin to disintegrate.

How might society adapt? One way would be to reshape itself around the superior culture, thus resulting in a hybrid culture. Another way



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would be to try and preserve past values to retain cultural identity, thus creating more authority problems for government leaders. A third possibility might be that the idea of nationalism would be replaced with a sense of humanity. We would cease to be Americans, Canadians, Chinese, or Eskimos and might, instead, start to think of ourselves as Earthlings.

However, Mr. Boeche believes that so much has been said and written about the possibility of extraterrestrial life that people would not panic. Most of us understand that ET life may exist and that contact could ultimately occur. We are thus basically immune to a widespread hysterical reaction in the event of contact.

As usual, this is a very short version of a past MUFON Symposium presentation. If the reader is interested in reading the entire document, copies may still be available from MUFON. All previous Symposium Proceedings have been electronically recorded and are available on disk from MUFON. Access: www.mufon.com for details.

Could Aliens Be Hacking Into Your Computer?

Tom Spears, Dec. 12, 2005

The Vancouver Sun

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/story.html?id=ae92d01a-41ef-4323-80b5-188d1b2ed53e&k=48562>

OTTAWA -- Could little green men be hacking into your computer?

A scientist at a top U.S. physics lab thinks scanning the skies for signs of life leaves earthling computers wide open to virus attacks from space.

Richard Carrigan is careful to note his claim of a security threat to Earth isn't sponsored by his employer, the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois.

But he writes in a space journal that SETI, the project that invites people to run their computers non-stop in a search for life on other planets, may be inviting alien viruses to Earth.

If astronauts ever go to Mars, we'll quarantine them afterwards in a check for harmful germs, he says.

So why aren't we as careful with our computers?

The "SETI hacker" hypothesis works like this: Tens of thousands of volunteers leave their computers running to scan through vast amounts of data from SETI.

The network is called SETI@home. The signals are radio waves from space, and the SETI supporters hope that amid all the random background (radio waves from stars), there may be a signal from some distant civilization.

But Carrigan warns such a signal might carry a virus, which would then spread to Earth computers.

"The probability of a contaminated SETI signal is difficult to estimate; but if we never consider it the chance of infection is not zero," he writes. Then there's radio signaling, which has already told a good part of our galaxy that we're here, he argues.

"An intelligent system 50 light years away detecting Earth's first radio signals could have broadcast a return signal that would now be reaching Earth," Carrigan writes. "There are about 400 stars within this 50-light-year sphere."

He adds that "TV transmitters on Earth can be detected one light year away with contemporary technology."

Carrigan submitted his ideas to Nature, a major science journal. It turned down a chance to publish them.

A Nature editor explained: "While the subject does cross interdisciplinary lines this is not the main criterion we use for selection. Rather, papers should report deep new physical insights..... We have been unable to identify such aspects in the paper. The general premise of the manuscript even lacks some conceptual novelty, as it has already been explored in the book 3001, the Final Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke."

But physicists and space lovers are weighing in on science blogs with comments on the hacker theory and questions: Will space aliens use Macs or PCs?

"We have bigger things to worry about. Those SETI@home people don't need to worry about aliens. They have to worry about their neighbor who is trying to get into the computer with malicious intent," said Patrick Lyons, manager of instructional innovation at Carleton University in Ottawa.

"Aliens sending computer viruses? I suspect they have better things to do," he said. "They could be laughing themselves silly: 'Ha! They still use Microsoft!'"

In the meantime, Carrigan suggests scientists are too trusting.

"In science-fiction, all the aliens are bad, but in the world of science, they are all good and simply want to get in touch," he writes.

The CE4 Corner
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January/February, 2006:
A Strategy for Contact?

Picture in your imagination a cosmic civilization with a vast spectrum of member species and cultures. Imagine that it is governed in some enlightened way, maintaining order in the cosmos over many thousands of years - an evolved, ancient, stable federation of worlds. Now imagine that at the periphery of this realm is a new world with an up-and-coming civilization. On this distant blue planet, the beings are both civilized and warlike, poets and killers, saints and thieves. They are diverse and quarrelsome but they hold promise. They could bring a new creative spark but could also bring danger.

Is such a scenario reasonable? Might a vast cosmic civilization exist out there? Could we actually be pending newcomers to a cosmic community, of which we presently know nothing? Might there, in fact, be a civilization of Watchers keeping an eye on us? Ultimately, could they be preparing us for contact?

In the previous edition of The CE4 Corner (http://www.mm.com/user/crlang/CE4_Corner/The_CE4_Corner_-_2005_10_29.htm), we suggested that the result of open contact between human and cosmic societies would likely be negative. How could Visitors from elsewhere might safely open the door to contact with humanity without severely damaging our society? Let's examine some possible ways by which the Visitors might close the gap between "them" and "us". We can then ask whether an alien civilization, who or whatever it may be, might actually be initiating contact - and suggest some possible reasons they might have for doing so.

Are the Visitors actually conducting such a program of orchestrated contact? If so, then what might be their overall strategy? Could the close encounter phenomenon be an early stage of such a plan, one in which contact is conducted one individual at a time? Let's begin asking these questions by examining the big-picture of how the Visitors might conduct a program of contact, an E.T. strategy for Earth.

The Deardorff Model –
A "Possible E.T. Strategy for Earth"

Let's assume to be accurate, warnings of the dangers of open contact with extraterrestrial beings. How could an E.T. civilization initiate contact, yet avoid these perils? In his article, "A Possible Extraterrestrial Strategy for Earth"(i) Dr. James Deardorff postulates just such a model of contact, a slow, gradual progression of carefully managed steps. The article begins with one of the biggest questions posed, perhaps the biggest problem with the traditional contact paradigm. This is the lack of confirmed ET intelligence (ETI) detections to date. According to several possible interpretations of the Drake equation there should be a significant number of civilizations detectable to our radio ears. Thus, according to the SETI paradigm, we should have heard something by now. Furthermore, the reasoning goes that if "they" have space travel capability, they should currently be visiting our skies, and should thus be visible to us. In short, in the words of the physicist, Enrico Fermi, "Where are they?"(ii)

Probabilistic arguments alone suggest that a large number of worlds in our region of the galaxy could be home to intelligent races of beings. On at least some of these worlds, the inhabitants should have developed a technological civilization, and potentially an interest in humanity. Thus, any model of intelligent life in the universe must allow understanding of the statistical ubiquity of E.T. intelligence (ETI), while at the same time explaining this apparent lack of detection or open contact to date.

The Deardorff model suggests a way to explain the apparent lack of contact with E.T. by the scientific community. Yet at the same time, it hypothesizes a large-scale unfolding of covert contact between humanity and the extraterrestrial community. Deardorff envisions a staged program of quarantine, observation and gradual contact. Finally, once all previous stages are successful and the time is right, open contact can occur.

Assumptions

Deardorff and others⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ make some very broad assumptions about the nature of potential Visitors to Earth, which help us lay the groundwork for our hypotheses. They assume any world that has survived long enough, will be sufficiently advanced to be welcomed into the Cosmic Community, would have moved beyond its potentially warlike youth.

We can reason that such a society would have reached a level of civilized enlightenment, and would be reasonably benevolent. Thus, Deardorff suggests we can assume that, at least to some extent, they would be motivated to protect the interests of the developing worlds within their sphere of influence. They would therefore be nurturing to "up and coming" worlds such as Earth.

Contact Strategy

As mentioned earlier, a quick perusal of speculation about the consequences of first contact^(iv,v) suggests that for us, the consequences would be largely negative. Thus, Deardorff proposes that today, any enlightened E.T. civilization would avoid open contact. Instead, he suggests that an advanced civilization would follow a more subtle plan for the gradual acclimation of humanity to an E.T. presence.

Deardorff proposes that Earth (and other emerging worlds) would likely be under some form of quarantine, a Star-Trek-like "Prime Directive". This would serve both to insulate "primitive" worlds such as ours from external influence and to prevent the expansion of humanity into the cosmos while we are still in our primitive (warlike) adolescence. With this "prime directive" in place, a careful program of contact and acclimation could occur.

An evolving contact agenda would most likely begin with an extended period of observation in which the extraterrestrials study humanity extensively, learning as much detail as possible about our society, capabilities, psychology, etc. A program of limited contact would follow. This careful, covert interaction would remain out of the attention of human authorities (political, military, scientific, etc).

There would very likely be several stages to such a program of gradual contact:

1. An initial observing stage: mapping, surveying, and scientific observations, effectively concealed

from human perception, but including observation and study of humanity.

2. Initial covert interaction: abductions and expanding clandestine contacts

3. Gradual disclosure of the E.T. presence in subtle ways, beginning at the grass-roots level, but perhaps also secretly, at official levels

4. A Subtle infusion of knowledge of E.T. topics into the mainstream of human culture: This would include concepts and/or discoveries that shift human paradigms toward acceptance of contact.

5. As humans eventually became more accepting of an E.T. presence, a careful, ever-increasing level of overt contact could occur.

Deardorff also suggests that there might be an air of mystery and logical absurdity to such a contact effort, at least partially due to the advanced technology level of the E.T. visitors, "indistinguishable from magic"^(vi). He suggests that the E.T. presence might even deliberately conceal itself with such a veneer of absurdity. One purpose of such deliberately illogical behavior might be to make it seem nonsensical and thus "unscientific", making it uninteresting to the scientific community. In this way, the Visitors would avoid a premature acceptance by the authority structures of Earth - postponing official contact until humanity has sufficiently matured.

In its early stages - stage 2, above - covert contact would occur with selected individuals at a grass roots level. It would begin carefully, gradually widening in scope, acclimating greater numbers of people to the E.T. presence. Such a slow but ubiquitous process of contact would be compatible with an overall "Prime Directive" style embargo yet would bring about a relatively painless preparation of humanity for E.T. contact.

Within the CE4 phenomenon, we see many potential signs of such a covert, large-scale contact and acclimation process. Indeed, when one researches the UFO and close encounter phenomenon to any degree, one finds that it seems centered around this very concept. Most experiencers describe the phenomenon as being covert – coming to them in the dark of night. It also seems cloaked in mystery and absurdity, even an aura of magic. It presents us with a host logical paradoxes and superpositions of reality, an overlay of dreams and the physical. Is this "magic" simply our (mis)perception of a vastly superior technology? Or is there a deliberate presentation to us of apparent absurdity, in order to repel the

"rational" scientific community? The answer to this question is not at all clear but the fact remains that, in the eyes of the scientific community, no apparent contact is yet accepted as having occurred. Yet to the myriad of individual experiencers, such contact appears to be ubiquitous.

The vast scope of the CE4 phenomenon seems entirely compatible with the bottom-up strategy described in the Deardorff model. The Roper poll and other estimates suggest that phenomenal contact affects nearly one percent of humanity in some form. This could be seen as an indication of a massive effort to reach, and presumably to acclimate humanity to the Visitors' presence. We can imagine a goal of eventual open disclosure, when the time is right, presumably culminating in the entry of humanity into what UFO researcher and author, Stanton Friedman has referred to as "The Cosmic Kindergarten"(vii). Might such a program of covert, widening grass-roots contact - an "Extraterrestrial Strategy for Earth" - be a core component of such an alien agenda?

In the next issue, we will look at some more models of contact, such as the "Zoo" hypothesis, and the "National Park" metaphor. How do these models of contact mesh, and how might they conflict? How can we build a synthesis of possible ways to understand the interaction with our Visitors from the other side of the sky? For answers to some of these questions, check out the next issue of The CE4 Corner...

- i Dr. James Deardorff, "A Possible Extraterrestrial Strategy for Earth", in the book "Alien Update" edited by Timothy Good
- ii The Fermi Paradox is described on the UFO Evidence website: <http://www.ufoevidence.org/topics/Fermi.htm>
- iii Carl Sagan, "The Cosmic Connection", Cambridge University Press, 2nd Edition, 2000
- iv Brookings report can be found on the Enterprise Mission website: <http://www.enterprisemission.com/brooking.html>
- v "When UFOs Arrive" Popular Mechanics, February 2004 cover story: "When UFOs Arrive"
<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/space/1283081.html>
- vi Clarke's Third Law: see Arthur C Clarke's Laws:
<http://www.lsi.usp.br/~rbianchi/clarke/ACC.Laws.html>
- vii Reference to "The Cosmic Kindergarten" by Stanton Friedman in the site: The UFO Challenge, found on the web at: <http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfchlng.html>

ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION – 2005

By William I. McNeff

There were two important events in 2005 that further raised the visibility of the UFO/ET subject in the public eye, although one of them had more effect in Canada.

The first was the ABC-TV special "UFOs: Seeing Is Believing" presented on February 24, 2005 and hosted by the late Peter Jennings. The consensus of UFO researchers seems to be that the first hour persuasively made the case for the reality of UFOs as alien craft, but the second hour did a hatchet job on the idea that alien abductions of humans are taking place. Unfortunately, the aura of disbelief about abductions probably left the casual viewer with mixed feelings about the whole subject. The special did end with a plea by the well-known physicist Michio Kaku for open-mindedness and further study of the UFO/ET subject, which should have partially countered the previous negativism. In the months since the special, there has been so much compelling news about other subjects that any inclination of the media to do more with this subject has apparently been stifled. Yet, the fact that a major network did a more-or-less serious presentation of the subject is a major step forward.

On September 25, 2005, in a startling speech at the University of Toronto that caught the attention of mainstream newspapers and magazines, Paul Hellyer, Canada's Defense Minister from 1963-67 under Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Prime Minister Lester Pearson, publicly stated: "UFOs, are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

Mr. Hellyer went on to say, "I'm so concerned about what the consequences might be of starting an intergalactic war, that I just think I had to say something." Hellyer warned, "The United States military are preparing weapons which could be used against the aliens, and they could get us into an intergalactic war without us ever having any warning. He stated, "The Bush administration has finally agreed to let the military build a forward base on the moon, which will put them in a better position to keep track of the goings and comings of the visitors from space, and to shoot at them, if they so decide."

Hellyer has joined forces with three Non-governmental organizations to ask the Parliament of Canada to hold public hearings on Exopolitics -- relations with "ETs." By "ETs," Mr. Hellyer and these organizations mean ethical, advanced

extraterrestrial civilizations that may now be visiting Earth.

Hellyer also stated, "The secrecy involved in all matters pertaining to the Roswell incident was unparalleled. The classification was, from the outset, above top secret, so the vast majority of U.S. officials and politicians, let alone a mere allied minister of defense, were never in-the-loop."

It is my feeling, based on everything that I have studied and heard, that the "Roswell" crashes (there appear to have been at least two, and probably three) were crashes of ET craft, possibly caused by the high-powered radar the Army operated in the area. Also, there is much evidence that there was a group of men appointed to manage the crash debris, which may have been called MJ-12. On the other hand, many of the "MJ-12 documents" may be partial forgeries, serving a double purpose of providing both information and disinformation. Dr. Robert and Ryan Wood are researching these documents and attempting to make careful judgments of the authenticity of each.

Another pair of events, which may be of lesser importance, depending on the motivation behind them, concerned admission of "aliens" to the U.S. The "aliens" in this case consisted of good Canadian citizens. Grant Cameron, UFO Researcher and popular speaker, was denied entry into the U.S. under the claim that he was engaged in illegal work for pay. He was to speak at a UFO conference and receive an honorarium! It was surmised by many that his exclusion was possibly revenge for his revelations about U.S. officials' knowledge of the UFO subject. In the October timeframe, according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune a Canadian couple in their 70s, who own a condominium in Florida, stopped at an entry station at the U.S. border on their way to Florida. When the customs official discovered a small toolbox in the couple's vehicle, they were denied entry again under the claim that they were planning to engage in work without a green card!

This, from any reasonable viewpoint, was ridiculous; the toolbox was brought merely in case something in the condo needed to be fixed. The UFO research community needs to keep a careful watch on the U.S. government to see if these events represent an attempt to harass and to stifle research.

There are many theories about the purposes of ET visitation. An experimenter with whom I have been frequently communicating believes one of their purposes is to create a better human being. Quoting loosely, he says, "All the talk of [ETs] impregnating human females is true, but not for the reason that is commonly used. They are not trying to save themselves from genetic disaster; they are building a better human... They are...building the forces of life against...darkness..."

Let us hope that is the case, but let us continue to study the ET phenomenon and try to learn as much as possible about what is going on.

Walter Haut Issued UFO Crash Report Filer's Files #52, December 21, 2005 George A. Filer, Dir. MUFON Eastern

ROSWELL — I met and talked with Walter Haut several times during my speaking engagement at the museum. He was always friendly, an officer and a gentleman who had inside knowledge of the Roswell UFO crash. He was a U.S. Army lieutenant who was the Base Public Relations Officer at Roswell Army Air Field that issued the famous news release about the crash of a flying saucer, in New Mexico in 1947. Walter has died at 83, but the speculation he started about the UFO crash will live on.

He would invite me in and close his office door at the Roswell Museum to explain details of what he knew about the crash. He always told me there was a lot more information that he had sworn not to tell, but it would be released after his death.

He told me, that on July 8, 1947, Col. William Blanchard, the base commander dictated information about a recovered flying saucer and ordered Haut to issue it. He implied the story was designed to take the heat off the recovery of a UFO. That a weather balloon cover story would follow his release. Walter was convinced an alien craft had crashed but too many people knew about it.

The Roswell Daily Record ran a bold headline July 9, 1947: RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region. Later the Army claimed it was the recovered wreckage of a weather balloon. In 1991, Haut and two other men founded The International UFO Museum where he was president until 1996. More than 2 1 / 2 million people have visited the

museum since it opened in 1992. Walter was born June 3, 1922, in Chicago, and is survived by his two daughters. A funeral service was held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Roswell. He will be greatly missed.

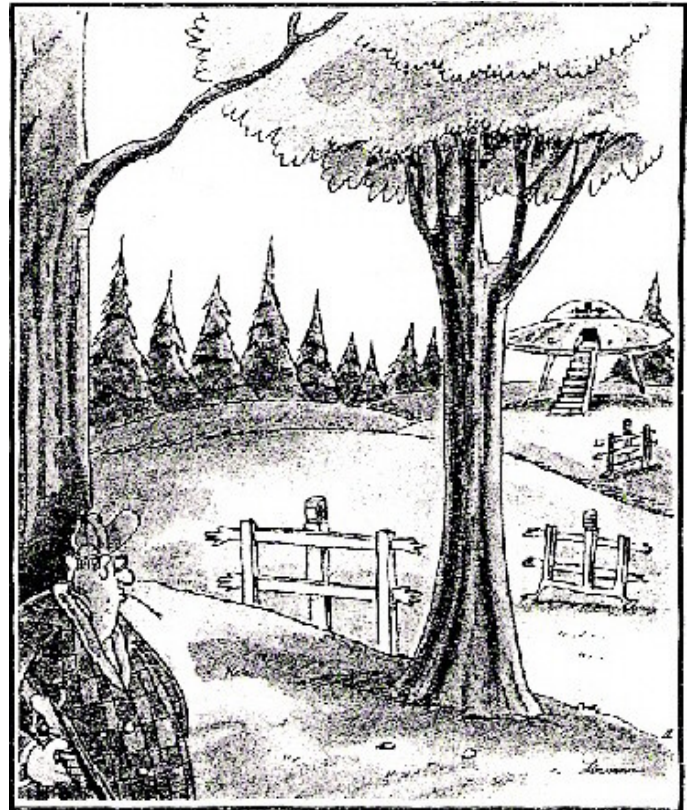
**Ufo Defense Tactics:
Weather Shield to Chemtrails
By: Johnstone, A. K**

Dr. Johnstone's book was selected by The Anomalous Book List, as one of the ten best UFO books of 2002.

Description: The existence of UFOs is a phenomenon that intrigues and captivates, yet it generates more skepticism than acceptance. Witnesses of unconventional craft are often disbelieved and even ridiculed. Belief in the existence of UFOs is obviously not yet mainstream, but that may one day change. Over the past few decades, reports of UFO sightings have dramatically increased in North America. Further, these sightings have been observed to be more blatant and even menacing. Some reports even imply that these craft are monitoring our planet.

Interestingly, many of these sightings have taken place over military bases. In *UFO Weather Shield*, A.K. Johnstone, PhD., explores the details of numerous sightings from a scientific viewpoint, including descriptions of craft, luminous sheaths and fireballs. So what, if anything, is the United States government doing about it? Johnstone suggests that military and government agencies have the ability to manipulate weather electromagnetically and with chemtrails to deter unconventional craft. This hypothesis also explains erratic changes in the weather in the last few years. Is the government creating a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering the Earth's atmosphere? Take a look at the evidence.

"Finally a book that answers the hard questions about UFOs", according to French Amazon; Science Daily.com designates *UFO Defense Tactics* a collectible. Chosen as one of the best UFO books in 2002, by Anomalous Book List, it is available at www.amazon.com;, Sales@hancockhouse.com, or by calling 1-604-538-1114



The Zeonions came with the answers to many secrets of the universe. Vern, regrettably, came with thick glasses and his deer rifle.

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This is U.S. Navy policy as defined in a new Instruction from the Secretary of the Navy.

See "Military Whistleblower Reprisal Protection," SecNavInst 5370.7C, 14 October 2005:
http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/5370_7c.pdf

2005 UFO Sightings Russian Wrap-Up

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Komsomolskaya Pravda

<http://www.mosnews.com/column/2005/12/15/ufoslist.shtml>

Russian intelligence agencies have repeatedly stated that no UFOs have ever been spotted over Russian territory. However, witnesses from the general public continue to contradict these reports with stories of their personal encounters with the paranormal.

Moscow newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda has put together the most reliable of these reports and come up with a list of UFO sightings in Russia and other post-Soviet countries for 2005.

Crop Circles

This year 18 cases of crop circles have been reported in Russia's regions — this is six cases more than last year and almost twice the number for 2003.

Mysterious signs were seen in all parts of the country — as far afield as the Komi Republic and the Far East, and as close to Moscow as the Voronezh and Novgorod regions. But just like last year, the southern Krasnodar region has had more crop circles than any other region.

Meanwhile, local people are not too thrilled by the unexplainable phenomena. In fact they are more troubled by ufologists who put up their tents in the fields, hoping to catch the unknown artists red-handed.

UFO Caught on Film at the Yenisei River

"This May I took visiting relatives out to see an ice drift on the Yenisei," nurse Raisa Kireyeva from the town of Igarka says.

"We stopped at the bank, I was speaking and gesturing and my son was taking pictures. We neither heard nor saw anything suspicious or unusual, so we were totally shocked to see some object hanging in the air over my head when we had the photographs printed."

The woman took the picture and the negative to the Eternal Frost Museum. At first the experts were skeptical about the photograph... "We've had so many of them." But after an examination they had

to admit the strange object in the picture was neither a fake nor faulty film.

"We checked all the negatives," the director of the Eternal Frost Museum's department in Igarka, Alexander Toshchev, said.

"But even when we magnified the image many times, the 'saucer' remained very distinct."

Astronomers Prove Continuous Reports of UFOs Over the Crimea

For many years people have reported the UFOs they have spotted in the sky above the Crimea in Ukraine, in the seaside city of Yalta. Astronomers at Crimea's Physical Astronomy Observatory decided to finally prove or disprove these reports.

The researchers indeed located a reddish ball that floated in the sky for about ten minutes, slowly changing its color from red to light yellow, and leaving a path of smoke in its wake.

The astronomers estimated the UFO was about 400 km away. So, in theory, the object could actually have been a secret flying device that the Turks were testing across the sea.

Extra Terrestrials Trim Russian Watermelons

This September bright luminous orange-colored objects, round in shape, became a familiar sight in the village of Yevseyevka in the Primorye region of Russia's Far East. Enormous lights moved across the sky in the evenings, disappearing from view and then returning again.

The balls demonstrated strange 'behavior': they froze for some time, started moving again, changed their path of motion, sent out rays of light towards one another and what's more, each ball beamed bright lights towards the ground.

A local farmer conducted an experiment on Sept., 7. When the balls appeared in the dark sky, Yuri Galayev took his torch and signaled to one of the balls, turning the torch on and off. The ball responded immediately with identical signals.

The next morning when the Galayevs went to their watermelons field they noticed a weird pattern on one of the watermelons. They remembered the day before the pattern had not been there, and came to

the conclusion it was a note from their night visitors.

The watermelon was taken to a well-known Primorye biologist and ufologist Valery Dvuzhilny.

"I studied the fruit, both the healthy and the impacted tissue," Dvuzhilny said.

"This could not be done by insects, bacteria nor by some fungi — none of these could produce such a symmetrical pattern."

The patterned watermelon is not an isolated case in the region. In September 2002 two watermelons with complicated pictograms on them were found in the field of farmer Nikolai Schislyayev.

"Well, let them draw, I don't care as long as they don't steal from the field," the farmer said.

On the History Channel in Jan. 2006:

<http://tinyurl.com/7tc8s>

Out of This World.

Airs on Monday, January 9 at 8:00pm ET

Are we alone in the universe? Is the earth on the brink of a cosmic catastrophe? Do aliens really exist? And if they do, how do they get here? Long before man landed on the moon, people have been asking these and other questions that are out of this world. Perhaps clues to some of these questions lie in understanding the behavior of asteroids, life on Mars, and secrets that our government may hold about UFOs and Roswell.

Deep Sea UFOs.

Airs on Monday, January 23 at 8:00pm ET

Join us for a detailed examination of the little-known phenomenon of USOs, or "Unidentified Submerged Objects", an advanced type of UFO that can operate just as efficiently in water as in the atmosphere. These supposed otherworldly vessels have been reported, some believe, as far back as ancient Egypt. Others believe that USOs were reported by Alexander the Great and Christopher Columbus, and might even involve the lost city of Atlantis. Highlights include the 1967 "Shag Harbour Incident", a government-documented USO crash off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada, and a trip to the area around Laguna Cartegena in Puerto Rico, a reported hotbed of USO activity.

Interviewees include the US Navy's Bruce Maccabee, UCLA's Kathryn Morgan, as well as USO and UFO experts Stanton Friedman, Bill Birnes, and Preston Dennett. TVPG

Britain's Roswell.

Airs on Monday, January 23 at 11:00pm ET

Over three nights in December 1980, Air Force personnel stationed at a NATO installation in England witness strange lights in the sky above the RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge bases. On the night of the 25th, when servicemen spot a glowing object in the woods, they investigate and come upon a triangular metallic craft. One of them touches it and records strange etchings in his notebook. It shoots above the treetops and the men are later found in a daze by other troops. Two nights later, the Deputy Base Commander and a team investigating the alleged site see lights over a field beyond the woods and a red object. It speeds off, beaming lights over the bases. Some witnesses allege use of force and sodium pentothal during interrogation. A memorandum issued by the Deputy Base Commander, which records some statements, is later released via the Freedom of Information Act. More files are released in 2002 but, to this day, the events remain a mystery. We'll try to unravel it. TVPG

The Day after Roswell.

Airs on Monday, January 30 at 8:00pm ET

Delve into the aftermath and repercussions of the 1947 Roswell incident, when many believe an alien spacecraft crashed in New Mexico. Based on *The Day after Roswell* by Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso and William Birnes, we explore if technologies like the laser, fiber optics, the integrated circuit, super-strong fibers, and night vision were developed with the aid of aliens. Career officer Corso claims his first alien encounter came on July 6, '47, while on late-night security rounds at Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he saw bodies of EBEs (extraterrestrial biological entities) inside shipping crates. In 1961, as Chief of Foreign Technology in the Army's department of Research and Development, his job included analyzing alien technology from Roswell, then introducing it into America's technological mainstream--thus, reverse-engineering alien artifacts. And we talk to many scientists involved at the time, who credit hard work, not alien contact, with these technological advances.

Brazil's Roswell.

Airs on Monday, January 30 at 11:00pm ET

In September 1977, something amazing appears in the night sky over the Brazilian island of Colares in the Amazon delta--a luminous object hovering about 15 feet over the water. For nearly two months, strange flying objects visit the island--some big, some small, saucer-shaped, cigar-shaped, some luminous and some not. Witnesses report they felt as if blood had been sucked from them by the strange rays. More than 30 residents suffer puncture wounds or burns after their encounters. Two islanders reportedly die from their injuries. The Brazilian Air Force sends a task force to the island for three months and it returns with 300 night photos and several motion picture reels. Though a 500-page report is compiled, along with a catalogue of the sightings, maps, and interview transcripts, it's kept from the public. Then, in May 2005, a few of the details are released, but many questions go unanswered. In this unique hour, we examine these mysterious happenings in depth.

Bermuda Triangle Mystery Still Haunts 40 years after plane's disappearance, families have no answers

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The last words were innocuous: "Roger. Miami overseas, 6567."

It was probably Louie Giuntoli's voice. The 41-year-old pilot of the C-119 Flying Boxcar sounded calm on the radio as he acknowledged switching to a clearer frequency of 6567 kilocycles.

He didn't sound like a man in distress.

He didn't sound like a man about to disappear.

The crew from Milwaukee's 440th Airlift Wing was flying over the Atlantic Ocean south of Florida on the heavily traveled Yankee Route. Though maps don't identify the area as such, it's known as the Bermuda Triangle. Another half-hour and the 10 men on board should have arrived at their destination, Grand Turk Island in the Bahamas.

It was a clear night with good flying weather. When they didn't land, radio traffic controllers started calling Plane No. 680. The crew didn't answer.

Nothing more was heard from Plane No. 680. Nothing was found. Not the men. Not their aircraft. Only a few scraps of debris that could have been tossed out of the cargo plane.

It's as if they were just swallowed up by the turquoise waters.

That was 40 years ago. It's been four decades of silence. And pain. For the families and friends and colleagues of the missing 440th crew, their questions will never be answered. And even though the Air Force Reserve wing in Milwaukee will soon close, Plane No. 680 hasn't been forgotten.

All that is left now is a plaque dedicated to the crew that hangs at the 440th headquarters and a C-119 plane painted exactly like the missing aircraft that's on display near one of the facility's gates.

The loss left a hole in the 440th - an entire flight crew plus experienced maintenance specialists. Kids grew up without their dads, wives continued their lives without their mates, co-workers wondered about the fate of their friends and colleagues. Two brothers, different fates

It was a routine mission: drop off an engine and a maintenance crew on Grand Turk Island, pick up bundles of concertina wire in Puerto Rico and drop them off in the Dominican Republic. Then return home to Milwaukee.

Dick Nugent was a loadmaster for the 440th, and so was his brother Thomas. Dick Nugent had just finished a week of air drops at Fort Benning, Ga., and since he had reached his allotment of military flights, his 30-year-old brother took his place on Plane No. 680.

"He was my kid brother. I got off and he got on," said Dick Nugent, now 72.

Dick Nugent knows he could just as easily have been on that plane on that day, and it would be his brother Thomas who would be asking questions four decades later.

"I wanted to go down there and help in the search, but they wouldn't let me. It was awful hard to take," he said.

Phyllis Adams dropped off her husband, Milt, 36, a flight engineer, at the 440th headquarters at Mitchell Field on June 5, 1965. It was a Saturday. Her daughters, 14 and 8, and 7-year-old son came along.

"Well, myself and my three kids took him to the airport and he said goodbye and he said, 'I'll see you in a few days.' And that was it," said Phyllis Adams, 73, who met her husband while she was on a date with Milt's cousin.

Milt Adams disappeared not long before he would have celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary. Someone from the 440th called her the day after she dropped her husband off and told her his plane was overdue but that she shouldn't worry.

"Famous last words," she said.

She has thought of him every day since June 5, 1965. She has questions that will never be answered. She has read the official accident report and noted the number of pages that are missing or blacked out.

"Let me put it this way: That was a big aircraft. There were 10 people on board. They had another engine on board. There was luggage," Phyllis Adams said. "You mean to tell me that if that plane crashed that nothing was found?"

"I don't buy it, I will never buy it."

Also on the plane that night: the co-pilot, 1st Lt. Lawrence F. Gares, 27, of Milwaukee; the navigator, Capt. Richard J. Bassett, 32, of Milwaukee; and the maintenance crew, Raoul P. Benedict, 35, of Milwaukee; Duane W. Brooks, 32, of Caledonia; Norman J. Mimier, 34 of Muskego; and Frank Ellison, 41, of Muskego.

A 10th person, John W. Lazenry, was also on board. The Air Force airman was picked up in Miami and hitching a ride to the Bahamas on the Flying Boxcar, which got its name from the bulky cargo area between the distinctive twin tails.

Crews used to joke that the C-119 traveled so slowly that the Earth rotated underneath it. Other planes vanished, too

The Milwaukee C-119 wasn't the first, the biggest, nor the last aircraft to disappear in the Bermuda Triangle.

Though the triangle has been the subject of many books and TV documentaries, Plane No. 680 is simply one more incident in a long list of mysterious disappearances in the area loosely defined as stretching from Bermuda to Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1945, 14 men in five TBM Avengers flying in formation on a routine two-hour exercise on a sunny day disappeared after leaving Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A PBM Mariner and its 13-person crew sent out to search for the missing planes vanished, too. Six planes and 27 men. Gone.

In 1948, a DC-3 with 31 people on board disappeared while flying from Puerto Rico to Miami during the Christmas holiday. The DC-3 signaled Miami air traffic controllers when it was about 50 miles away. Then nothing.

Gian J. Quasar, author of "Into the Bermuda Triangle," said aircraft have vanished as radio tower controllers watched them. Many disappeared in good weather, many were being tracked on radar when the signal was suddenly lost, and quite a few have been lost in relatively shallow water.

"One thing is in common: They don't send out (a distress) signal, there's no indication they had an impact, and they all vanish," Quasar said. "One or two you can dismiss, but we're talking about hundreds" of disappearances.

Planes and ships were sent out to look for Plane No. 680, but nothing was found during the days-long search of 54,000 square miles - no oil slick, no life rafts, no debris. A few months later, Milwaukee newspapers reported that the Air Force eventually found a wheel chock with the plane's number, and near Grand Rock Cay in the Bahamas, part of a box lid with "ION KIT" stenciled on it - from a "Contact Mission Kit" - turned up.

The discovery of debris is not mentioned in the 104-page Air Force investigation report obtained through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. Seventeen pages have been deleted from the report released to the public, and numerous pages are blacked out because of personal information about the crew and testimony from military officials.

Osbee "Sam" Sampson watched his friends get on the C-119 that day, joked with them as he did on many other missions and saw them take off at 10:51 a.m. A maintenance crew member who later

became a loadmaster and flew the same routes as the crew that disappeared, Sampson packed four yellow 20-person life rafts and 20 one-person life rafts on the plane for his friends in case something happened. Along with Sampson's buddies, the life rafts were never seen again.

"Frank Ellison, I remember his last words to me. He told me to behave myself. I told (Nugent), 'I hope they put enough food on the plane.' Man, he could eat," said Sampson, now 69. "There wasn't a time when I flew through the Bermuda Triangle that I didn't think that could happen to me. There wasn't anything you could do about it."

The flying crew was seasoned, with thousands of flight hours between them, and the maintenance crew were experts at their jobs, whether it was propellers or engines. So if there was a mechanical problem on the flight, there were plenty of people to take care of it.

Plane No. 680 landed at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida at 5:04 p.m., spent two hours and 43 minutes on the ground and took off at 7:47 p.m. ascending to 9,000 feet as it headed south to the Bahamas.

The radio chatter was routine. Then silence. Radio controllers in Miami, New York, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Grand Turk Island tried to find Plane No. 680 and asked each other if anyone had heard from the crew.

The investigation report notes the time the Flying Boxcar would have run out of fuel.

"It has to be an explosion or something for them not to say anything" on the radio, said Sampson, noting that with all of the gear on board, he was surprised that so little debris was discovered. "Even if you're having trouble, you switch on the radio so they can track you. There had to have been a big bang."

Word began to spread through the 440th the next day, a Sunday, that one of their planes was missing. Instead of going to church, many members went to the air wing's headquarters to talk, ask questions and comfort each other.

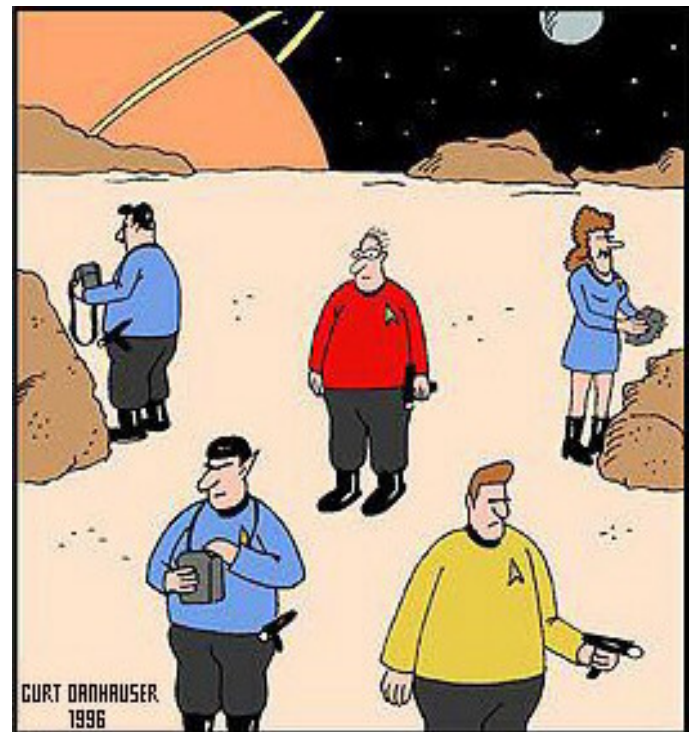
Some visited the families of the missing. Most held out hope on that first day and for the next few days that the crew would be found, said Joe Davis, 73, who spent three decades with the unit.

Their lockers at the 440th were left untouched for months. 'There's got to be an answer'

This is what went through Davis' mind: Maybe they panicked, but that's not likely since they were an experienced crew. Maybe it blew up, but if it did, there would have been a lot of debris. Maybe there was an engine failure and they tried to make an emergency landing on the water, but there would have been debris. Maybe they were shot down by a Cuban plane, but no oil slick was found.

"I think at the time everybody went through every scenario," said Davis, who coincidentally sold Benedict a \$10,000 life insurance policy. "The hardest thing to dispel is there's got to be an answer.

"The crew was highly qualified. That's what makes it all harder that there was some scenario that they couldn't handle."



Ensign Johnson suddenly comes to the alarming realization that he is the only red-shirt in the landing party.

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Mr. Webre is in telephone and letter communication with the President of the UN General Assembly, HE Jan Eliasson in regards to this initiative, asking the UN to focus and further study the UFO issue and move towards the necessary steps to eventually establish diplomacy with the ethical "off-planet cultures" now visiting Earth.

Please take a moment to read and join us in signing the petition. It takes just 30 seconds, but can truly make a difference. We can get 10,000 signatures if you, your friends and their contacts' contacts choose to sign here:
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-David Rudiak <drudiak@lmi.net>

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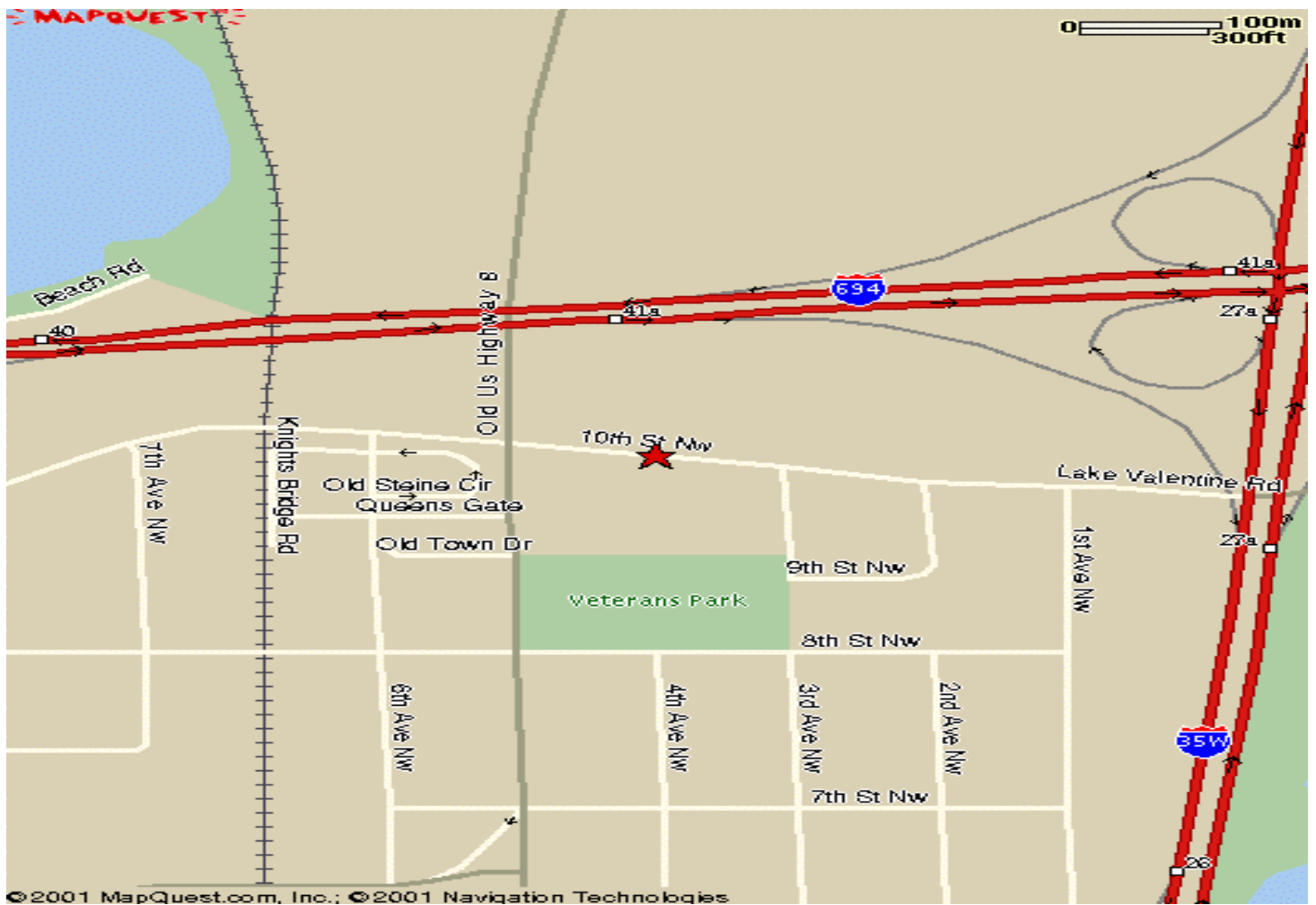
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