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A VIEW OF THE UNKNOWN

by Paul M. Makuch

What began as an investigative referral of "a picture of a strange event" from the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington in February of 1990, has become a modern day version of the quest for the holy grail, encompassing over two and one half years of investigation.

It has become a tale of mixed emotions, one of curiosity and fright, wonder and disbelief and questions, many questions, about the meaning of it all.

During the first two years of this investigation, the witness requested no release of the photograph which had captured this unusual event, because of her child's involvement in it.

It has become apparent to both this investigator and the witness that the picture must be released.

I have reached the point where only a computer analysis of the photo could further the investigation and hopefully provide answers. As of this writing and the help of another investigator, the photo is in the process of being analyzed. *(The picture included in this article has been copyrighted and any reproduction of it is prohibited without written request of this author and the witness.)*

What follows is a chronological narrative of the events which took place in December of 1989. *(By request of the witness only her first name and that of her girlfriend will be used.)*

BACKGROUND

On January 5, 1990, at 10:44 a.m. the UFO Reporting Center in Washington state received a phone call from Edison, New Jersey. The caller, Dawn, explained that she was calling for her girlfriend who had taken a picture in December in which an alien was seen on her TV. The operator dually annotated the Center's reporting form as "has picture of strange event" and explained to Dawn that the report would be forwarded to the appropriate investigative group, and that she would be contacted in the future.

This report among others were sent through normal channels and forwarded to Walter H. Andrus and the **MUFON UFO Network, Inc.**, in Sequin, Texas. Upon receipt, the various reports were reviewed and forwarded to the MUFON state organizations in which the various events had taken place.

By mid February, the report involving the "picture of a strange event" was forwarded to myself and a copy was sent to our state director. Upon receipt my curiosity was raised as to what this "strange event" was. My first thought was that someone had a picture of a UFO they had photographed over New Jersey.

I called the reportee's number provided to me and spoke to Dawn. I identified myself and told Dawn how I had obtained her number. Dawn explained that she was not directly involved in the event but had seen a series of pictures her girlfriend had taken at Christmas of her 8 month old baby. She explained that her girlfriend was extremely upset about one photo in particular. Dawn described the photo she had seen. I asked if her girlfriend would be willing to talk to me by phone about the incident. Dawn explained that she had done this on her own and her girlfriend did not know she had contacted the National UFO Reporting Center and had filed the report. Dawn promised me she would talk to her friend about an interview, if she was willing to talk. I gave her my phone number.

On February 19, 1990 I was contacted by phone by Renee, Dawn's girlfriend. I introduced myself and explained what **MUFON** is about and what our purpose was. Renee was extremely nervous, frightened and cautious. After gaining her trust, Renee began to relate the event which had occurred in December of the past year. She explained a chain of events as it related to one picture in a series of pictures which she had taken of her daughter. After this first telephone interview, Renee was still nervous and although she trusted me on the phone a face to face meeting was not possible at this time. Throughout March we spoke on the phone and finally agreed that we schedule a meeting

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

WE BEGIN OUR THIRD YEAR OF PUBLISHING with the strangest investigation I've ever been on. Our lead article ***A View of the Unknown*** chronicles my two and a half year investigation into a photo incident of a young women who unwittingly captured a unique image on a television, while photographing her daughter using a walker. The image wasn't seen by her until she got the photos back from a local supermarket. A must read...if after reading the article you have any comments or suggestions please write....hopefully by the next issue we'll have some answers...in ***Letters to the Editor***..writer George P. Hansen levels some strong charges against Budd Hopkins and others of the UFOlogical hierarchy concerning the Linda Napolitano abduction case...I read it and felt that our readership should have some insight into what is happening on this case since being presented at the MUFON Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico this July..reader comments and reactions accepted...write!....a little levity is needed after George's letter to the Editor and is provided by ***A Lighter Side of UfOlogy***... A chilling tale in ***Something is Coming Our Way***.....in 1987 NASA picked up the presence of a large planetoid entering our solar system..well folks it's still coming...I hope John Ford is wrong.....A little local recognition for New Jersey in ***Mars Satellite Built Locally***..and a little back patting for Jerome Clark in ***Editor Receives UFO Award***....Tom Benson gives and in-depth review of the latest New Hampshire MUFON UFO conference in ***An Inside View***...after reading Tom's article I'm definitely attending next year.....a great chronology entitled ***The Elusive UFO*** was found in Lucius Farish's, *UFO Newsclipping Service October 1992 edition, Number 279*..reprinted here....Paul Ferrughelli in the ***National Sighting Research Center Update*** start a two part statistical investigation into UFO Descriptions....great stuff...the Fund for UFO Research have a ***Call For Entries*** for the 1992 Donald E. Keyhole Journalism Award...***Bit's and Piece's*** has three separate stories...the first is on some strange growth discovered by NASA on a LDEF (Long Duration Exposure Facility) that was placed in orbit in 1984 and recovered by a space shuttle in 1990...what is it...the second article deals with a recent discovery by the Hubble telescope (imagine what it might see if it working at 100% capability) of a black hole...and the third story comes from London, England about the super secret "Aurora" pulsar vehicle...

and finally ***The Omega Project*** by Richard D. Seifried....reviewing and commenting on Dr. Kenneth Ring's *The Omega Project*..comments?

That about covers everything in this issue...except...that to everyone who reads this newsletter...May you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas season...what seems to have become a tradition continues...due to the holidays the first two issues of our new publication year have been combined into a double issue....till next year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's Note: I received this piece from its author, October 21, 1992. The cover letter began "To Those Interested in the UFO Problems" I read it and felt that the readership would be interested in its content.)

Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case

by George P. Hansen

ABSTRACT: UFO abductee Linda Napolitano claims that she was kidnapped, assaulted, battered, harassed, and nearly drowned by two agents of the U.S. government. Prominent ufologists Budd Hopkins, John E. Mack, David M. Jacobs, Jerome Clark and Walter H. Andrus, Jr. accept these claims. Hopkins has collected extensive materials that could be used to help apprehend and convict the agents. Yet Hopkins, Clark and Andrus have vigorously argued that these crimes should not be reported to law enforcement authorities; they indicate that such could be "politically damaging" to UFO research. These ufologists are asked to defend their decision and priorities.

Budd Hopkins' case involving the abduction of Linda Napolitano by a UFO has been discussed in the *Wall Street Journal* (May 14, 1992, pp. A1, A10), *Omni* (April 1992, p. 75), *Paris Match* (17 Sept. 92, pp. 13-14, 18, 96, 98), and the *New York Times* (October 5, 1992, pp. B1, B2). The *Mufon UFO Journal* labeled it "The Abduction Case of the Century" (August 1992, p. 9). By virtue of this intense interest, it will become an exemplar for the study of UFO abductions.

Briefly, it is asserted that at about 3:15 a.m. on November 30, 1989, Linda Napolitano floated out of her 12th floor apartment in lower Manhattan. Allegedly three witnesses in a car about two blocks away observed Linda and three humanoid figures emerge from a window and ascend into a craft hovering over her building. Two of the witnesses, Richard and Dan, were government security officers who were guarding the third witness, a dignitary. More than a year after the case, Richard and Dan wrote to Hopkins describing what they saw, and a few weeks later they visited Linda in her apartment. Hopkins has never met these two but has over 80 pages of letters from them, and he has accumulated much other material pertinent to the case.

The affair is quite complex, and the story is now only beginning to be told. Hopkins presented a few details at the 1992 MUFON convention in Albuquerque and then in the September 1992 issue of the *Mufon UFO Journal*. One of the most disturbing elements of the case is that felonies were allegedly committed by the government agents; these include assault, battery, kidnapping and attempted murder.

Hopkins' published account of this aspect is so sketchy that some might consider it deliberately misleading. His entire written summary is only one sentence long: "In April and again in October 1991, Linda would suffer hours-long forced confinements and interrogations at the hands of these confused frightened `law-enforcement' officers; she would be struck by a car during a chase through the streets of lower Manhattan" (Mufon UFO Journal, September 1992, pp. 13, 14). Hopkins' brief statement hardly conveys the gravity of the situation. It suggests that he may have taken these matters much too lightly.

The kidnappings and attempted murder

On January 28, 1992, Linda Napolitano contacted Richard Butler and requested a meeting because she was concerned about her personal safety, and she was worried that Hopkins might not be able to adequately protect her. Linda had earlier become friends with Butler at meetings in the home of Budd Hopkins. On February 1, 1992, Linda met with Butler along with Joseph Stefula, a former Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command who has extensive contacts in law enforcement.

During the meeting, Linda stated that in April 1991 she encountered security agent Richard on the street near her apartment. She was asked to get into a car that Dan was driving, but she refused. Richard then picked her up and, with some struggle, forced her into the automobile. Linda reported that she was driven around for 3 1/2 hours and interrogated about the aliens.

At the MUFON symposium in July 1992, Linda was asked if she had reported the kidnapping to the police. She said that she had not and went on to say that the kidnapping was legal because it had to do with national security; she later commented that she did not want to go head to head with a government agency because she might be killed and pieces of her might be found in the East River (Hopkins did not dispute these statements). Linda did remember another car being involved with the kidnapping, and under hypnotic regression she recalled the license plate number of

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in early May so that we could meet face to face and she could show me the picture. Renee gave me directions on how to get to her apartment complex in Edison and we set the time and date.

INITIAL INVESTIGATION

May 2, 1990

I arrived at Renee's early in the late afternoon. Renee greeted me with her daughter in her arms. Renee was observably nervous. We decided to have the interview in her kitchen. I asked if I could tape the interview, nervously she agreed. The interview began with the standard background questions leading up to the "picture" incident. What follows is a description of the events that had transpired in Renee's own words as taken from the interview tape.

"On approximately December 23, 1989 between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., I was taking pictures of my daughter in our living room. In one picture I did not like the angle in which she was standing so I moved her closer to the TV.

When the roll of film was finished, I brought it with others taken at Christmas to our local Shoprite for developing. When I picked them up from Shoprite, I looked through them quickly after I got to my car. One picture caught my eye, I checked it out for a while..felt kinda strange..tried to figure it out but couldn't.

Later that day my girlfriend (Dawn) came over to my apartment and looked at the pictures. When she came to the "strange" picture she got very excited. She said..'My God!..this looks like an alien in your T.V.' When I looked at it again it scared me. I got so scared I took by daughter and went with Dawn to her apartment and didn't go home till my husband got back from work. I showed the picture to my husband...he thought maybe it was a developing mistake. The next day I took the negatives to a local photo shop "Picture This" in Edison. I asked the owner if the image in the negative was a developing error. He checked it out and explained that whatever it is, it's on the negative. This really scared me. Later when my husband got home I told him what the photographer said. His opinion was 'I don't know.'"

I asked Renee if I could see the picture. She went into the bedroom and handed me a photo. (see Figure1) As I looked at the photo, I had no explanation as to what it was or what could have caused it. The most amazing aspect of the picture is that the T.V. IS NOT **turned ON.** (*I apologize for the loss of definition and clarity of the photo due to the reproduction process used to print this newsletter, the original color photo is much sharper).*

I then asked Renee if I could take some pictures of the room and look at the T.V., she agreed. I took a set of 8 shots from various angles within the room attempting to get the same perspective as the original picture and a the total layout of the room. *(I was later to find out that Renee's husband had done the same thing, trying to duplicate the "picture" with the T.V. on, but was only able to get a picture of some game show host with a electronic roll captured in the picture.)*

TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

My next step was to inspect the television set. It was an old style Sears Medalist II model (See Figure 2). The television was manufactured in 1975 and is rated 120v 60 cycle 250 watt. The Medalist II is an old style television in which everything is done by manual control. When the T.V. is on the on/off button is illuminated by a light. (See Figure 3) The UHF channel selector is visible on the top dial. The UHF station chosen is illuminated on the dial. If the VHF as been selected the horizontal bar running between the two dials is lit. The numbers illuminated are 14 through 83 (See Figure 4 for blow up).

At the time of the initial interview Renee's apartment had not been adapted for cable use, all transmissions received are from standard public stations for our area 2,4,5,7,9,11 & 13. At the time the "picture" was taken the family did not own a VCR.

My next step was to ask Renee to see the camera that she used to take the pictures of her daughter. The camera used was a 35mm Ricoh AF-40 Autofocus. This is a typical commercial autoloading autofocus currently being sold on the market today. Basically the operation would run like this; you would drop a film cartridge in and close the back, the film would advance to picture #1 you are then ready to take pictures. All you have to do is compose your picture, point and shoot. It has a internal motordrive that advances the film each time a picture is taken. Upon completion of a roll the camera would rewind the film to its beginning, you open the back and take the film out. Not much to it's operation, what professional photographers call an "idiot camera".

I asked Renee if she knew what kind of film she had used. She didn't know. I than asked her if she still had the negatives and if I could see them. She found them for

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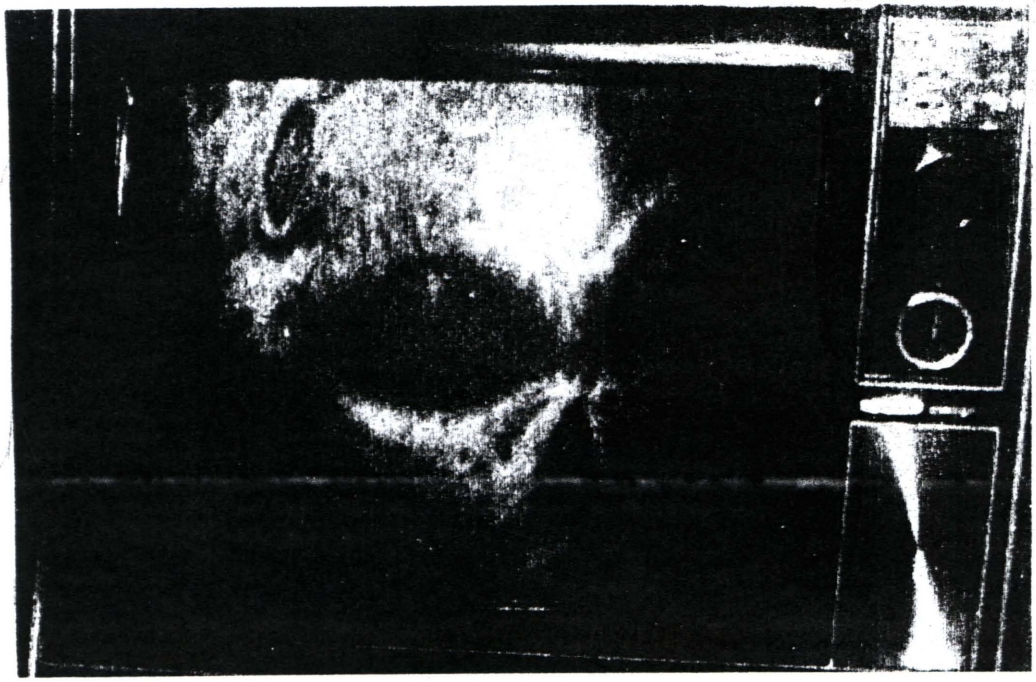


Figure 1

Above is a 170% blowup of the image photographed by Renee in December of 1989. The central focus of the picture was her young daughter in a walker. In the original photo , the television is part of the background and was located in the upper right hand corner of the frame.

1975 SEARS MEDALIST II
120v 60 cycle 250 Watts

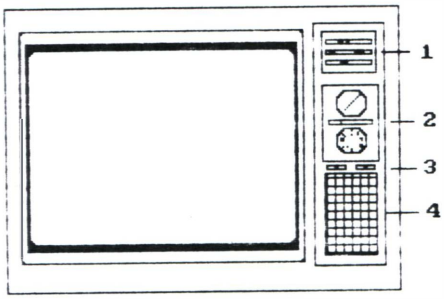
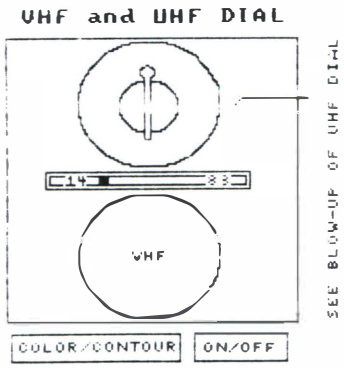


Figure 2

(1)...Color and tint control; (2)...UHF and VHF control dials;(3)...Color/ contour & on/off; (4)...Speaker grill

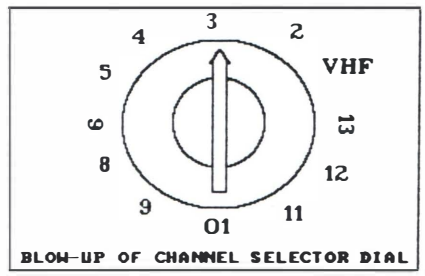
Figure 3

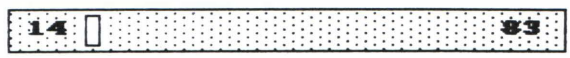


When the T.V. is on the on/off button is illuminated by a light. The UHF channel selected is visible on the top dial and is lit. If a VHF station as been selected the horizontal bar running between the two dials is lit.

Figure 4

The following diagram shows the positions of channels on the UHF dial and the VHF horizontal bar that was found on the Sears television. (The number that would be lit in this illustration would be 3)





The above VHF horizontal bar as if appeared on the television. The following VHF channels received were 33/34, 50?, 59 and 70? This type of bar is not very precise in pinpointing the station received.

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me. The film used was a 35mm format manufactured for Polaroid with a ASA 200 rating. That was amazing to me. The image on the television caught by Renee, had the definition and clarity of a Super VGA display as seen on a computer versus the standard image photographed from an "ON" T.V. with the film used. The photos that I took that day and those Renee's husband took in January show a washed out image with the ever present "roll".

I asked Renee if it were possible that I could take the negatives to make some contact prints and blowups. She was extremely nervous and frightened. She wanted absolutely no publicity and would not release the negatives until I signed a statement that the picture would not be released what-so-ever without her permission and that the negative should not leave my possession under any circumstances.

My next step was to have contact prints and blowups made, which was done. I called our State Director and explained to him about the case. I told him that I had a picture to give him but could not give him the negatives. He stated that if I had a contact print of the negative strip that would do. A date was set up at the end of May and Trenton was the place, due to the distances involved for both of us. I met him and the Assistant State Director and filled them in on the case. They looked pretty skeptical until I showed them the photo, then it was a case of what is it? The State Director gave the print to the Assistant State Director telling him to forward it to Bruce Maccabee for analysis. Upon returning home from the meeting I phoned Renee and told her about the meeting and that the photo was being mailed to a man who does photo-interpretive analysis for MUFON and that we should have at least a starting point on the photo, what it is or is not. Throughout June I kept in contact with Renee by phone.

In July of 1990, my wife and I attended the MUFON Symposium held in Pensacola, Florida. If any of the readers have any attended a MUFON symposium, you know that there is more going on in the hallways and hotel rooms between fellow Ufologists than in the lecture hall. My wife and I happened to see Bruce when he was getting a "breather" from the presenter at that time. I introduced myself (we had met briefly at the Symposium held in Washington, D.C.) and asked him if he had received the photo that New Jersey MUFON had sent him, and had he come to any conclusions yet. Bruce said that he had heard he was to get a photo but had not yet received it. Surprised I told him that I was working on the case and had a copy with me. I showed him the photo. He had no explanation, thought it was very interesting and unusual and would not give any opinion without further analysis. At about this time Linda Moulton Howe was taking a break from the lecture, Bruce called her over and asked her if she had ever seen anything like this before. She said that she had heard about a photo of several images taken in Colorado and was still trying to track it down. She gave me her card and asked if I would let her know about the outcome of the investigation.

THE QUEST.....

Upon returning to New Jersey I contacted Renee and told her that I saw Bruce Maccabee and he saw the photo but had not yet received the contact prints and 5X7. Late in September I tried calling Bruce but only was able to leave a message on his machine. The months went by and no word, no other contact was made with him by me.

In February of 1991, I was contacted by the Union County State Section Director for MUFON. He was interested in how the investigation of the "alien in the T.V." was going. I told him that the investigation had hit a brick wall when it came to having a computer anaylis done on the photo. He told me that he had contacts with a investigative paranormal group in northern New Jersey that might be able to help. This group knew an owner of a professional photo lab in Morristown, New Jersey that had done some interpretive work for them in the past. If I wanted he would contact them and have them call me if they were interested in helping with the case. I told him I was interested and to contact them.

Early in April I was contacted by a representative of this organization. I explained to him about the picture and the circumstances surrounding it. He wanted to know if I could send a print or the negatives. I explained to him the situation on the print and negatives and the concern of the photo taker. He understood and said that he could see what he could do. Another 3 months past. All this time I was in phone contact with Renee, attempting to explain the delay.

In July I was contacted again by the same representative. He was sorry about the delay but had suffered a heart attack in May and had been recuperating. He told me that the owner of the photo lab was willing to check out the photo. I asked if a computer anaylis could be done. He assured me that it could. He told me that he would give the owner of the lab my number and have him set a date and time when we could meet. I thanked him for his help. I contacted Renee and told her the good news. We waited. Within the week I was contacted again, this time by the lab owner. We discussed at length the photo and agreed that the next

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step was that of a computer analysis of the print, and he saw no problem in having that done. A date was set in late September. Both Renee and I were excited about the prospect of finally having a professional check out the photo through a computer. Had our quest finally come to an end?

The night we drove up to Morristown, our spirits were high. That same night on the drive back down to North Brunswick our hopes were smashed.

What had transpired was a travesty. The gentleman who did own the lab proceeded to inspect the photo and negative through a series of magnification loops and theorized the different angles within the room that might cause reflections upon the T.V. After 3 hours of this, his conclusion was that what was pictured in the television was there and was no reflection or chemical anomaly on the negative. Finally he concluded his amazement of the clarity and definition of the image.

There was no mention of computer enhancement or digital scanning. When I asked him about it, he said that he didn't have that kind of equipment. It was as if that subject had never discussed before.

This incident almost broke the camels back, and in a sense for a while it did. That night Renee took back her negatives. I felt embarrassed and at a lost for words. Promises were made and hopes were raised only to be broken, my credibility was, in my eyes very low if none existent with Renee at this time. What the gentleman in Morristown had done, we had done the first few months on the case. We had reached a point where only a computer could help us.

Contact between Renee and myself was broken off for a period of 6 months. I had reached the point of just forgetting the whole thing. But my curiosity still wanted to know what that was in the T.V. that Renee had captured in that split second of time.

Several times in 1992 Renee called to see if any progress was being made, I had none to report.

In July of 1992, I was contacted by a fellow New Jersey investigator who was interested in how the "alien in the T.V." case was going. I explained that it was going nowhere and what was needed was access to a computer that could do analysis of photographs. He said he would be willing to check around. I contacted Renee and told her there might be a chance of getting the picture digitized. By August several sources were found that were willing to do the digitization. In October a meeting was set up at my house so that Renee could meet my fellow investigator and answer some questions pertaining to the case and have him explain the photo process to be performed. The investigation is progressing and within a few weeks we shall finally have a computer delve into the secrets of Renee's photo.

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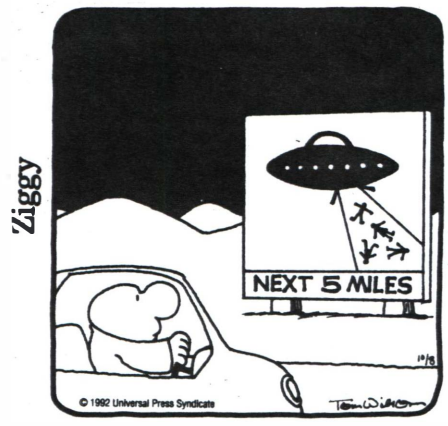
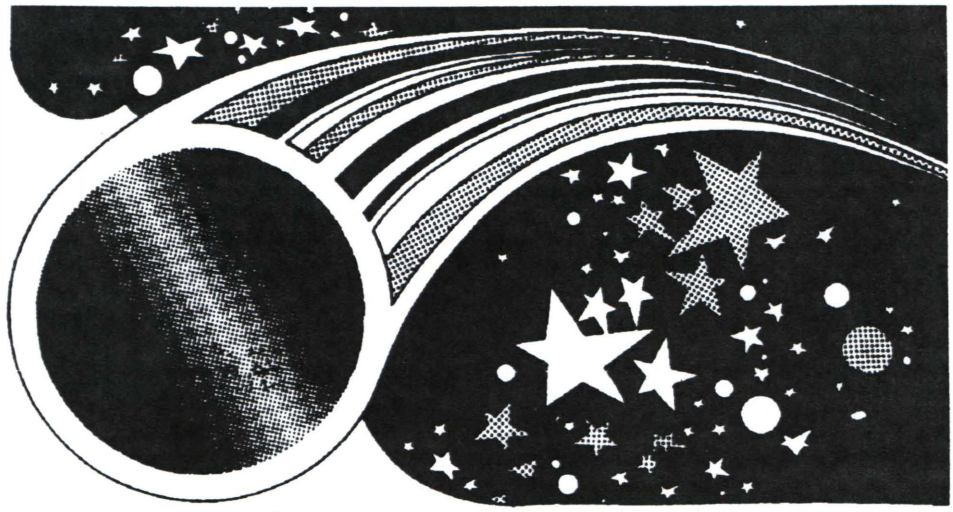
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF UFOLOGY

"Let's see. one if by land, two if by sea . . ."

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



Something Is Coming Our Way!



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The following information is taken directly from the April issue of The Long Island U.F.O. Update, the monthly bulletin for the Long Island UFO Network.

by John Ford

In Ufology, you hear a lot of strange stories. Some you have to take at face value, while others are too far fetched to believe even in this strange study of unusual objects and humanoid beings. Some stories you mark off as holding merit, but lack supporting evidence to bolster their credibility until a later date when something might surface which could prove their validity. This is such a story.

As yet no evidence exists to support it, yet I have a gut feeling that there might be something to it. Only time will tell if the evidence or a coming event will prove its veracity.

It seems that in 1987, NASA picked up the presence of a very large planetoid object entering our solar system near the area of Pluto. It was first detected by Voyager and later confirmed by telescope observations both radio and optical.

The object is very large, measuring over a thousand miles in diameter or even larger. The object has been under constant observation since. It was last reported in the area of Jupiter.

That last position was of January of this year. It was observed to be leaving a very long ionization trail behind it. By the way, the object has made at least three mid-course corrections. That is peculiar for a planetoid object like an asteroid to do. It sounds as if it is not what it appears to be. It sounds like it is under intelligent control.

Its orbit will bring it into Earth's orbit by late 1992 or early 1993. What it is, is anyone's guess. Linda Moulton Howe has reported this story to us. She had it confirmed by a Pentagon Military Officer. The story relayed to her indicates that the Government is keeping it a secret and is tracking it through the auspices of the Jet Propulsion Laboratories and McDonald Douglas' facilities.

The object is being tracked by the Hubble telescope and several of the recent infra-red telescopes recently lofted by various Space Shuttle Missions. All of this concealed by public announcements that the missions are being deployed to photograph distant stars or the Sun's corona.

The Hubble telescope doesn't work and needs to be repaired, yet it is pointed straight out there and can return pictures through computer enhancement.

I have had the story confirmed by George Dickson and Mike Crystal, (Christol, my corrected spelling) both reputable U.F.O. Researchers of impeccable reputation, through independent contacts in the Scientific-Military establishment.

The object may soon be seen by the average person as time advances. It may not be so easy then to conceal the truth from the public.

Consider this too, our Moon's orbit has condensed by three thousand miles while the Earth's axis has tilted slightly as if pushed ever so gently by the invisible hand of a tremendous gravitational field.

Have you noticed the strange weather patterns we have been having lately?

U.F.O. Abductees recount their experiences with the authority that something very big will happen in the next several years. Whatever it is, they can't recall it, but they know the event will occur. Is something coming our way? Is this one of those stories to mark away?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article originally appeared in the November edition of the Oklahoma MUFONEWS.

Mars satellite built locally

The HOME NEWS, New Brunswick, NJ
Tuesday, September 29, 1992

EAST WINDSOR — The first American spacecraft sent to Mars in 17 years was designed and built at the General Electric Astro Space Division in East Windsor.

It took 3½ years for more than 1,000 scientists and engineers to complete work on The Mars Observer at the Princeton area site. The spacecraft took off **Saturday** from Cape Canaveral, Fla., to begin its 450 million-mile trip that is expected to last three years.

The 5,600-pound spacecraft was built under contract to NASA and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory by GE Astro Space. The spacecraft completed all testing at the East Windsor satellite facility and was shipped to the launch site on June 15, a company spokesman said.

It is expected to reach Mars in August 1993 and the spacecraft will start mapping the planet and recording weather conditions four months later, after it is maneuvered into a near-polar orbit 235 miles above Mars' surface.

The spacecraft cost $511 million and the total cost for the mission is estimated at $980 million.

Seven scientific instruments on the spacecraft will take measurements for 687 days, or one full Martian year.

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that automobile, as well as part of the number of the car she was in. Hopkins reports that the numbers have been traced to particular agencies.

During the February 1 meeting with Stefula and Butler, Linda reported that on the morning of October 15, 1991, Dan pulled her into a red Jaguar sports car. Linda happened to be carrying a tape recorder and was able to surreptitiously record a small part of Dan's questioning, but within a few minutes he discovered and confiscated it. Dan drove to a beach house on the shore of Long Island. There he demanded that Linda remove her clothes and put on a white nightgown, similar to the one she wore the night of the UFO abduction. He said he wanted to have sex with her. She refused but then agreed to put on the nightgown over her clothes. Once she did, Dan droppped to his knees and started to talk incoherently about her being the "Lady of the Sands." She fled the beach house, but Dan caught her on the beach and bent her arm behind her. He placed two fingers on the back of her neck, leading Linda to believe that it was a gun. He then forced her into the water and pushed her head under twice. He continued to rave incoherently, and as her head was being pushed under for the third time, she believed that she would not come up again. Then, a "force" hit Dan and knocked him back onto the beach. Linda started to run but heard a sound like a gun being cocked. She looked back and saw Dan taking a picture of her (the pictures were eventually sent to Hopkins). She continued to move, but Richard came running, seemingly out of nowhere. He stopped her and convinced her to return to the beach house, and he told her that he would control Dan by giving him a Mickey Finn. She agreed to the plan. Once inside, Richard put Dan in the shower to wash off the mud from the beach. This gave Linda a chance to search the premises; she recovered her cassette tape and discovered stationery bearing a Central Intelligence Agency letterhead.

In a brief conversation on October 3, 1992, Hopkins told me that Linda came to him shortly after she arrived back in Manhattan after the kidnapping. She was disheveled, had sand in her hair, and was traumatized by the experience.

Linda also reported to Stefula and Butler that on December 15 and December 16, 1991, one of the men had tried to make contact with her near the shopping area of the South Street Seaport. He was driving a large black Fleetwood sedan with Saudi Arabian United Nations license plates. To avoid him, Linda said that she went into a shop during the first incident. The second day a similar thing happened, and she stood next to some businessmen until he left the area.

Evidence accumulated by Hopkins

Hopkins reports accumulating much information about the identities of Richard and Dan, and this could be extremely helpful in a criminal investigation. He has approximately 80 pages of letters from the two men. These might potentially be used to identify typewriters on which they were produced. They may also contain fingerprints. Hopkins has tape recordings of Richard and Dan; perhaps these could be used to help identify them by voiceprints. Hopkins claims to know which government agency employs the two. He says that he knows the identity of the dignitary they were guarding, and this person should be in a position to help locate and identify Richard and Dan. (Linda told Stefula and Butler that the dignitary was Javier Perez de Cuellar, then Secretary General of the United Nations.)

The counsel of ufology's leaders

The reader may be tempted to dismiss Linda's account as a preposterous script for a grade B movie, and I personally do not believe her claims. However, several notable figures in ufology have expressed the conviction that Linda is telling the truth. On October 6, 1992, I spoke with Dr. John Mack, former head of the psychiatry department at Harvard Medical School, and he confirmed that he had met Linda and concluded that she was not the type of person to make up this kind of story. That same day I also spoke with David Jacobs, a professor of history at Temple University, an abduction research colleague of Budd Hopkins, and author of the book *Secret Life*. He too believed that Linda was telling the truth.

Hopkins presented additional secret evidence to Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark who are now both persuaded of Linda's honesty. Andrus and Clark are arguably the two most influential figures in U.S. ufology. Andrus is International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), and he organizes the largest annual conference on UFOs in the country and regularly writes for MUFON's monthly magazine. Clark is a columnist for *Fate* magazine, editor of *International UFO Reporter*, and a vice-president of the Center for UFO Studies.

At a meeting in New York City on October 3, 1992, Linda said that she is willing to testify against Richard and Dan (though she had previously indicated that she was afraid of filing charges herself). I informed those at the meeting that I was prepared to make a formal request for a federal investigation of the attempted

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murder of Linda. Hopkins, Andrus, and Clark all vigorously objected to this, and they strongly urged me not to do so. They said that such action would be "politically damaging" to ufology. I was extremely puzzled by their reasoning and their apparent priorities. On October 5, 1992, two days later, I called Andrus to make certain that I understood his position. I asked him to join with me and request a formal investigation of these allegations by the proper law enforcement agencies. I explained to him that UFO researchers were generally not qualified to investigate attempted murder. I was taken aback when Andrus asked me what right I had to raise these issues. He again urged that the crimes not be reported. The following day I spoke with Clark. He told me that he accepted Linda's statements, and he reaffirmed his opposition to reporting the crimes.

I have not been given a satisfactory explanation for their views. At risk is not only the safety of Linda but also that of the general public. If federal agents have engaged in kidnapping and attempted murder, they should be brought to justice. The matter is of great concern for the general citizenry and for the conduct of UFO abduction research. I call upon Clark, Andrus, and Hopkins to publicly explain their rationale and priorities.

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EDITOR RECEIVES UFO AWARD

(Washington, D.C., October 20) -- The Fund for UFO Research, Inc., a nonprofit scientific organization based in Washington, D.C., has selected Jerome Clark to receive its 1992 "Isabel L. Davis Memorial Award."

The award was established in 1986 "to recognize long-term accomplishments and excellence in promoting rational inquiry into reported UFO sightings and related phenomena." With the recognition comes a grant of $1,000.

Clark is editor of the International ***UFO Reporter*** (IUR), published by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, and he is the author of ***The UFO Encyclopedia*** , a multi-volume compilation of data bout the UFO phenomenon.

"In IUR, Jerry has presented the pros and cons of highly controversial information in a fair and even-handed manner, and he has editorialized articulately and effectively on the foibles of UFO skeptics," according Richard Hall, a member of the Fund's National Board of Directors.

"He has also been a pioneer in analysis of 'contactee' and 'abductee' reports and in examination of the 1896-97 U.S. airship mystery. He has been a voice of reason for several decades and an important contributor to the scientific literature of UFOS," Hall said.

Isabel Davis was a pioneer in the field of UFOlogy. She was a co-founder of one of the first scientific UFO organizations and she helped form the Fund for UFO Research in 1977. She passed on in 1984.

Nominations for the Isabel Davis Award are made by the Fund's Board of Directors, and the recipient is chosen by the Fund's donors, who contributed more than $1,000 to support the 1992 award.

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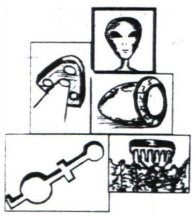

New Hampshire MUFON UFO Conference

"Presenting the Evidence"

by Tom Benson

The second annual New Hampshire MUFON UFO Conference, entitled,"Presenting the Evidence" took place at nearby picturesque and historic Portsmouth. The Conference held on September 13th, was well attended (about 450) and Pete Geremia, MUFON State Director, his wife, Fran, and Walter Friesendorf,MUFON Assistant State Director again amiably hosted and very efficiently managed it. Stan Gordon, MUFON State Director for Pennsylvania gave a comprehensive review of the 1965 Kecksburg,PA UFO crash retrieval. Stan is still not sure if the UFO was a Soviet satellite or something else. He is still pursuing Soviet ufologist contacts and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process to ferret out any additional data on the incident. Also Stan mentioned that "Project Moondust" is responsible for UFO retrievals. Stan recently appeared on the "*Sightings*" TV show (Channels 5 & 29) on October 9, 1992 that featured the Kecksburg incident.

John E. Mack, MD, a Harvard University Medical School psychiatrist discussed his work with about 70 abductees. The highlight of Dr. Mack's presentation was an audiotape he ran where an experiencer, a psychologist, he placed under regression hypnosis, kept screaming out in pain and anguish: "The aliens, they are taking my sperm...!" Dr. Mack said he takes physical evidence seriously and, he seeks independent witnesses. He thinks "abduction" is not the right word to describe the experience. He has been studying people's mental states for over 40 years. Dr. Mack mentioned that the cultural boundaries involving the abduction phenomenon should be examined. He discussed his first meeting with Budd Hopkins and his recent articles on the subject in the ***Noetic Science Review*** (Autumn,1992) and ***International UFO Reporter*** (July/August, 1992, Vol.17, No.4) (Recently, Dr. Mack was featured in a Boston Globe Magazine article on October 11,1992). Dr. Mack in closing said the jury is still out on who should do the work with abductees (e.g. psychotherapists, ufologists, etc.). Privately, I asked Dr. Mack when the proceedings of the Abduction Study Conference held this past June at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology(M.I.T.) (which he co-chaired), will be published? He said it should be published by the end of the year. Also, Dr. Mack eventually intends to publish a book on the UFO abduction phenomenon.

Next on the agenda, Steven M. Greer, MD discussed his attempts to communicate directly with aliens. He claimed that successes have already been achieved in Gulf Breeze, Florida and in a crop circle area in Great Britain. At the earlier pre-Conference reception, I asked Dr. Greer the range of his laser and other light devices and if they may interfere with regular aircraft.

He said the range was 50,000-60,000 feet altitude and his group (now over 400 throughout the world) do contact the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.), etc. before communication attempts are made in a specific area.

Budd Hopkins made a presentation similar to one he gave earlier this year at the M.I.T. Abduction Study Conference (June 13-17) and MUFON's international annual UFO symposium held this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico (July 10-12). His presentation dealt with the extremely controversial "Linda Napolitano" case that allegedly occurred in New York City in November, 1989 where she was abducted by three aliens (grays) from a twelve story high rise building. But, what was most unique was the claim that the abduction was observed by independent witnesses including a top politician (rumored to be the Ex-Secretary General of the United Nations, Javier Perez de Cuellar, other officials from other countries, security personnel and other witnesses on the Brooklyn Bridge, etc.). Hopkins mentioned Linda was a religious, Italian-American who along with her children had earlier experiences with the aliens (Linda was a member of Hopkins's Abductee Support Group before the November, 1989 incident). Hopkins played an audio tape from two allege government security agents that witnessed the abduction, and they described their visit with Linda. These two witnesses have refused to meet with Hopkins in person (the two agents contacted Hopkins via mail and audio tape over a year after the November,1989 incident). Hopkins claims he knows the agency the two security agents work for and he knows their military records. The agents claim the reason they couldn't come forward is because of the third person in the car. Hopkins claims he has confirmed the third person's identity from an outside source. Hopkins says he has over 80 pages of letters from the third man and the two security agents and that four different typewriters and different styles were used. Hopkins says the letters reveal personalities of the witness wrestling with events. He also discussed the peculiar behavior exhibited by the two security agents such as when Linda was picked up by

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them, driven around in their car, questioned, etc. It was claimed that one of the two security agents had a nervous breakdown. Another witness to the incident, a telephone operator, who lives in Putnam County,contacted Hopkins via the white pages of the Manhattan, N.Y. directory in April, 1991, one and a half years later after she witnessed Linda's abduction. This witness wishes to remain anonymous and sent drawing of what she saw. Hopkins expressed concern about perspective in the witness's drawing. Being an artist he went into much detail about it. Hopkins said that the telephone operator's car was stopped during the abduction. The politician's car also stalled as they were going on their way to the helicopter pad, and they pushed the car beneath the FDR Drive (an overpass).

Independently, another woman contacted Hopkins, who claimed she had a UFO experience at 36th street by the East River, on the same night, approximately at the same time Linda had her experience. Hopkins feels Linda's abduction was staged for the third man and he still has a complicated way to reach the two security personnel witnesses.

During his presentation Hopkins showed a slide of the X-ray of an implant in Linda's head. Hopkins said the X-ray was not related to the November, 1989 incident. Hopkins mentioned that when he showed Linda's X-ray to a neurosurgeon friend, he said,"Holy Shit"!

Regarding what he has presented thus far on this case, Hopkins said, it is only chapter one, and he is doing background checks. Hopkins says, he has already contacted the Pakistan and Russian delegations at the U.N., the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. State Department. Hopkins claims car license plates have been traced to particular agencies.

Hopkins feels that there are two sides to the UFO phenomenon:

(1.) It is physically beautiful with lights, movements, colors, and people are awed by its beauty and

(2.) Onboard experience, inside is unpleasant and the aliens are neutral. Related to the above analogy, Hopkins used another figurative comparsion describing the beauty of the crop circles on one hand and corpses of mutilated animals on the other.

Hopkins says, questions remain on the Linda case such as why did the aliens allow the third party to see them?

Linda and the other woman witness to her abduction claim approximately the same time frame to go from the window to the ship (12-14 seconds). The object was in view for approximatelyone and one half minutes.

During his presentation, Hopkins presented another "I see an alien abduction" report. He said it occurred in a rural area of Connecticut to a 10 year old boy, now 19 at 3:00 A.M. where he said he saw, "god taking somebody up to heaven" on a blue beam near a cementery. The person being abducted and not coming out of the cementery, wore blue jeans and a T-shirt and was in a horizontal position, going up slowly. The witness sat up night after night after the event.

Because of the above evidence, Hopkins stated, a landmark moment has arrived. Are we now being allowed to see abductions, something is changed.

Obviously, Hopkins, a hard act to follow, Colin Andrews with a preachers' enthusiasm and very windy at that, alarmingly described, the ongoing crop circle phenomena, mainly occurring in Great Britain near Stonehenge. Andrews was hot on how the indigenous people interpreted the pictogram aspect of the phenomenon (e.g., Hopi Indian described one pictogram symbol as saying, "Mother Earth is crying!").

Hoax and military experiment explanations for the phenomenon were glossed over by Andrews (such as Dr. Poher's theory presented at the Society for Scientific Exploration's recent conference in June 11-13, 1992 at Princeton University. Poher suggested that the crop circle pictograms may be caused by the military testing a electro-gun laser focusing device. (see the ***New Jersey Chronicle***, May-June, 1992, Vol. 2, No.5 issue.)

Andrews tended to advocate the GAIA theory (where the Earth is a living organism). Andrews feels that the Earth is attempting to communicate with us via pictograms because we are causing planetary, environmental degradation due to pollution, etc. Andrews is preparing to move his operation to the United States soon to spread the word.

A lot of evidence was presented at the conference described above. Perhaps by next year, some conclusions will be forthcoming, such as on the "Linda" case. As Bobby Dylan implies in a song he wrote and sang, there is much "blowin' in the wind", very adequately applies to this case.

I plan to attend next year's 3rd Annual New Hampshire MUFON Conference on September 12, 1993. Please make plans to join us next year. For information, write: New Hampshire MUFON, P.O.Box 453, Rye, N.H. 03870.

The elusive UFO

Through history, people have seen odd things in the skies and reported encounters with [illegible]. But in the last century, [illegible] apparitions have been [illegible] with science and technology. The curiosity about unidentified flying objects even applies at NASA, where $100 million will be spent this year to seek out space aliens. Here's a look at a century of these oddities.

1890-1940

Long before the acronym "UFO," new technology sets the stage for imagination.

1890s: Inventor Nikola Tesla glows in the dark with millions of volts to show safety of alternating current, but the new science of mysterious electrical waves attracts occultists, con artists. 1940s schemers will use Tesla's name to promote a flying saucer deal.

1899: In Colorado Springs, his equipment detects a "message from Mars." Power blackout. Tesla's tower is powered by town's generator and he shorts it out while sending up a 135-foot bolt of lightning.

Nov. 1896-May 1897: In 19 Western and Midwestern states, thousands of people report seeing dirigible-type cylindrical airships and unearthly lights. One sighting, in April 1897, was in Elkhart, Ind.

1905: Tesla's second man-made-lightning tower at Wardenclyffe, Long Island, N.Y. Effects of the experiments fit later UFO sightings. Tesla's predictions of TV, robots, radar and lasers stimulate imaginings of then-alien technology. In jest or awe, some called him a Venusian.

The Martians are coming!

1938: In New York, Orson Welles' radio dramatization of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds* is broadcast. Panicked by warnings of imminent space alien invasion, thousands of people flee the area in their automobiles. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, citizens fire shotguns at a water tower, mistaking it for a Martian spacecraft.

1940s: Sightings

World War II: Some pilots report seeing glowing spheres at their planes' wingtips. The pilots name them "Foo Fighters," for a cartoon-character cat. Foo, who ran so fast that his legs became wheels.

June 25, 1947: Kenneth Arnold, at Yakima, Wash., airport, tells of nine disc-shaped objects which undulate like a "saucer skipping over water." A newspaper reporter coins the phrase "flying saucer."

Jan. 22, 1948: Report of object shaped like ice cream cone over Godman Air Force Base, Ky. Four National Guard F-51 fighters scramble. Flight leader, Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., says object [illegible] and is killed.

Mid-1948: Pilot Clarence Chiles and co-pilot John Whitted, while flying an Eastern Airlines DC-3 between Montgomery and Mobile, Ala., report a 100-foot torpedo-shaped craft with 50-foot flame from rear streaking past at 700 mph.

1950s: More sightings

July 14, 1952: Captain William B. Nash and co-pilot William Fornerbern, while flying a Pan Am airliner east of Newport News, Va., report six bright objects of great speed, red-orange and "in 5-6 formation, some [illegible] and flew off in unison," they said.

June 26, 1959: New Guinea. The Rev. William Booth Gill, Anglican priest, reports an [illegible] and five humanlike figures on top. Gill says he waved and the creatures waved back.

1960s: Abduction, plasma

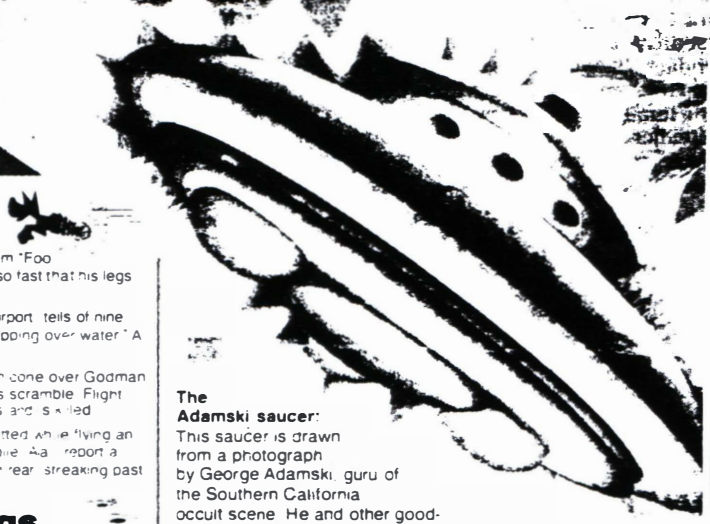
Sept. 19, 1961: Betty and Barney Hill are driving in New Hampshire. They see red, amber, green and blue flashing lights and a row of windows with faces. The Hills drive away, with no immediate memory of the sighting. But later, they dream of alien abduction and a medical exam aboard the ship. Psychiatrist hypnotizes them separately, and Betty draws a star map, which shows the location of star Zeta Reticuli.

April 24, 1964: In Socorro, N.M., Deputy Marshal Lonnie Zamora reports an object with orange and blue flame. Its red insignia was a hooded, Arabic sign for Venus. Zamora saw two white-clad beings, charred brush, four ground indentations.

Were Hills entranced? Philip J. Klass, UFO debunker, theorized the Hills were mesmerized by plasma from a nearby power line.

Lost-time theories: Tectonic strain theory (electricity from rocks) advocates believe lost-time experiences can be induced in the amygdala of the brain.

Birth-trauma theory: The brain could compensate for lost time with memories from birth. The fetal body images would range from embryo to aliens with big heads. The theory of Otto Rank, a contemporary of Freud, was applied to UFOs by Alvin Lawson in 1981.



The Adamski saucer: This saucer is drawn from a photograph by George Adamski, guru of the Southern California occult scene. He and other good-humored UFO contactees of the 1950s made the rounds of talk shows, claiming to have made trips on UFOs and met space beings at bus stations.

1970s: Plasma, gravity

Oct. 18, 1973: South of Mansfield, Ohio, the crew of an Army Reserve helicopter reports a 60-foot gray metallic "fat cigar," red light in front, green in back. They say it pulled the copter upward.

Oct. 11, 1973: Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker in Pascagoula, Miss., see blue light, hear buzzing sound. Oblong object hovers. Three silver-skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears carry the two men into ship. Witnesses at a distance see mysterious lights.

Jan. 28, 1975: In Hinwil, Switzerland, Eduard Meier takes photos, recordings of silver disc-shaped "beamships." Oddities: counterclockwise swirls in grass, time travel, crystals. Meier says he talked to a female space being who called herself Semjase of the Pleiadeans.

1980s: Abductions studied

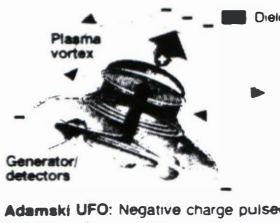
1980s: Artist Budd Hopkins, in his book *Missing Time*, finds a trend among many reports of UFO abductions. Contactees are hypnotized, and most of their accounts are similar:

Car goes dead on lonely road | Interaction with strange human-oid creatures | Quasi-medical operations, samples taken, devices implanted | Subjects told by aliens to forget

Science vs. science fiction

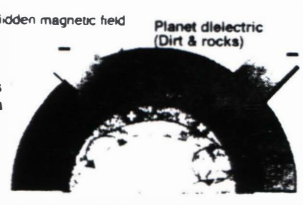
Earth-bound physicists have developed theories of matter and energy that might help explain bizarre lights in the sky such as those reported in many UFO sightings. Several unusual man-made devices have caused light effects that fit the description. But the same physical theories that could explain away sightings might also explain the propulsion of alien spacecraft across vast distances.

Could plasma and magnetism power Adamski-type craft?



Adamski UFO: Negative charge pulsed through craft could propel positive charge toward negative space ahead.

The biggest, fastest conventional rockets on Earth couldn't reach the closest star in tens of thousands of years. So, assuming there isn't intelligent alien life in our own solar system, how would UFOs get here from so far away? Some scientists speculate that plasma and electromagnetism could play roles in a form of hyper-drive, pushing spacecraft like the one Adamski reported at speeds fast enough to span the stars. In effect, this type of propulsion would simply be the opposite of planetary magnetic fields, like Earth's. Entering into the speculation is a "hidden" magnetic field containing the positive charge that draws negative charges. In planets, the field is beneath the surface; in the Adamski model, the field is generated ahead of the spacecraft.



Planet: Magnetic "thrust" naturally occurs toward the positive charge beneath the surface.

Sources: News reports; *Tapping the Zero-point Energy* by M.B. King; *UFOs Exist!* by Pans Flammonde; *UFOs* by Michael Arvey; *UFOs in the 1980s* by Jerome Clark; *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* by Jacques Vallee; *The American Cyclopaedia, 1857-1883* by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana; *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* by Edward Condon; *The UFO Experience* by J. Allen Hynek; *Inside the Space Ships* by George Adamski; *Angels and Aliens* by Keith Thompson; *Lightning in his Hand* by Inez Hunt; U.S. Geological Survey.

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— UPDATE —

By Paul Ferrughelli

UFO DESCRIPTIONS

STRANGE LIGHTS/STRANGE OBJECTS (part 1)

BACKGROUND

Many skeptics over the years have stated the UFO witnesses have been observing nothing more than strange man made lights in the sky. According to the UFO organizations based on their investigations of UFO sightings, up to 80% of ALL reported sightings can be explained a natural phenomena. The leading cause of mis-identified UFO's are those lights and illuminations, such as: aircraft lights, flares, ball lighting, meteors, sun dog/moon dogs, stars, planets and reflections off kites and balloons.

Another point the skeptics state is that UFO witnesses use the strange observation of a light as a stimulus for reporting solid objects. Although this is possible for a long distance sighting such as a daylight disc or nocturnal light, close proximity reports should not be as easily dismissed.

The purpose of this analysis is to evaluate the 1032 UFO sightings from 1987 - 1991 in the National Sighting Research Center's Data base that are classified as Lights/ Illuminations and Objects. The Data will be analyzed to determine if there is a relationship between the Quality of *LIGHTS* reported, and the Quality of *OBJECTS* reported including Close Encounter reports. Various graphs and statistical plots will be examined to determine if there is a statistical relationship between the two groups of reported sightings.

DATA

The four groups of sightings of interest are: Nocturnal Lights (NL), Daylight Discs (DD), and Close Encounter reports (CE-1 & CE-2). Of the 1032 total reports, 575 reports or 55.7% were described as an object or shape and 457 reports or 44.3% were described as a Light or Illumination. Since Close Encounter UFO sightings offer Quality Observational Data, they shall be evaluated against the Long Distance reports of nocturnal lights and daylight discs. Below is a breakdown of the two groups based on the quality of reports by their description of either Lights or Objects.

NL/DD - Objects: 365 Sightings....46.1%
NL/DD - Lights: 427 Sightings....53.9%

CE-1/CE-2 - Objects: 199 Sightings...89%
CE-1/CE-2 - Lights : 25 Sightings...11%

Note: Of the 1032 sighting reports, 16 were classified as the CE-3 and CE-4 type.

OBJECTS/LIGHTS COMPARISON

Figure 1 below displays ALL of the 1032 sightings from 1987 through 1991, and is based on the Quality of reports by month.

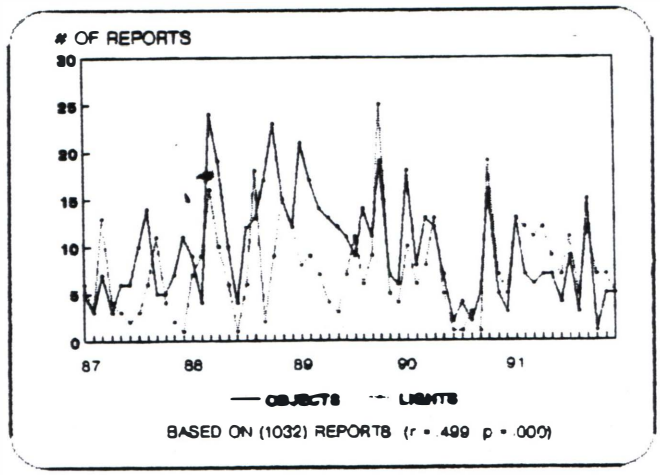

Figure 1

This two range graph compares the quantity of Light sightings with the quantity of Object sightings over the 5 year time period. The plot is used to see if there is a symmetrical "rise and fall" of the two type of reports, thus indicating a correlation or stimulus between the two groups.

There is no observable symmetry until October 1989. This symmetry continues through 1991, except for the decline from March through June 1988. When observing the entire plot over the 5 years, the Object type reports DECLINE steadily starting from March 1988 through 1991. *(NOTE: March 1988 represented the 61 month peak for UFO sighting based on the data from the UFOCAT data base.)* From January 1989 through July 1989, the Object reports constantly declined above the average value. This may be significant since the Light type reports never declined more than 2 months above the average value.

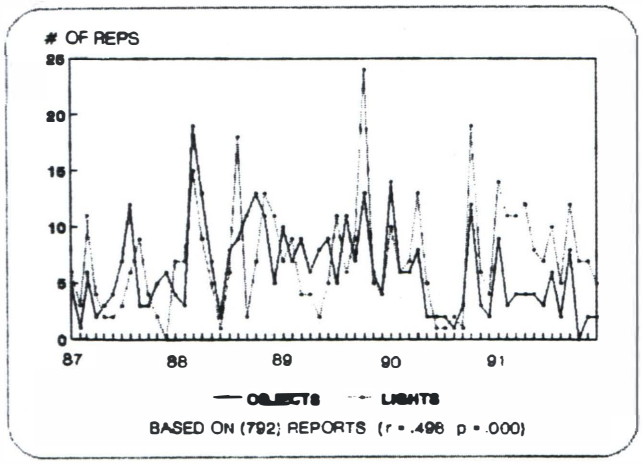

Figure 2

This graph displays only the Nocturnal Lights (NL) and Daylight Discs (DD) type reports over a 5 year period.

What is interesting about Figure 2 above, is that (as in Figure 1) there is no symmetry until October 1989, again continuing through 1991. When looking at the entire plot, it can be observed that there is a difference in the profile of the Object type reports. Based on the plots of both Figure 1 & 2, the reports of lights and objects from 1987 through 1989 do not appear to correlate to each other. However, from October 1989 through 1991 there appears to be some symmetry in the "rise and fall" of the Light and Object type reports.

As illustrated by Figure 3, only the year 1987 displays a slight symmetry in the distribution of lights and objects. From 1988 through 1991, there does NOT appear to be any significant relationship between the quantity of lights and objects observed over time. Overall, the close encounter reports classified as objects reach an apex in January 1989 and then decrease and level off toward the middle of 1990. When comparing the Figure 2 graph data of NL's and DD's to the CE-1 & CE-2 data for objects in Figure 3, there appears to be a slight difference in the distribution of reports over the same time period.

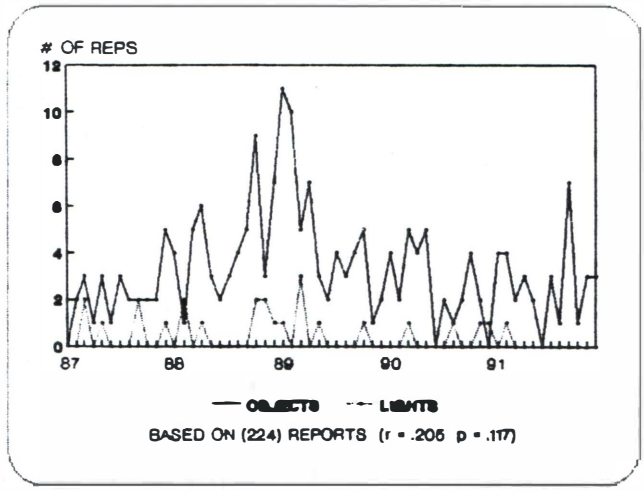

Figure 3

The Figure 3 graph displays the distribution of the Close Encounter UFO sightings reported as lights or objects with repect to Time from 1987-91. Unlike the Figure 1 & 2 graphs, there is a noticeable difference in the Quantity of objects reported as Close Encounter sightings as compared to Lights. As described by the above breakdown, 89% of the Close Encounter sightings were classified as objects as opposed to lights.

CORRELATION ANALYSIS

The plots of Figures 1 through 3 consist of 60 months of UFO sighting data from 1987 - 1991. Figure 1 displays ALL of the UFO sightings consisting of NL,DD and ALL close encounter reports. Figure 2 shows only NL, and DD, and Figure 3 is CE-1 & CE-2 reports ONLY. There are two statistical values displayed on the bottom of each graph, they are; "r" (The Pearsons rho correlation coefficient) and "p" (The T-Test). When "r" is greater than or equal to +/-.500, and "p" is less than or equal to .050, this indicated there is a significant linear trend or relationship between the two variables. It should be noted that a strong trend may NOT indicated a "cause/effect" relationship, although this is what some skeptics believe. It can be observed that the Figure 1 & 2 data DOES indicated a strong trend between lights and objects while the Figure 3 data does NOT indicate a strong trend.

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"UFO Descriptions" continued

In Figure 4 below, the statistical data is broken down by EACH year based on the 3 groups of data in Figures 1 through 3.

	ALL REPORTS		NL & DD		C1 & C2	
YEAR	r	p	r	p	r	p
1987	-.077	.811	.158	.623	.450	.143
1988	.401	.188	.453	.140	.200	.535
1989	.490	.106	.501	.097	.180	.584
1990	.817	.001	.830	.001	-.240	.450
1991	.754	.005	.788	.002	.220	.499

Figure 4

According to the Tabulated Correlation data above, 1990 and 1991 represented strong linear trends between lights and objects for ALL REPORTS and NL/DD. The "r" values increase from 1987 through 1990 then decrease in 1991 for both groups.
When comparing the CE-1 & CE-2 data, there were NO statistical trends between Lights and Objects over the 5 year period.

SCATTER DIAGRAMS

A Scatter diagram or plot is a graphical display of the 2 groups of data and is helpful in visually examining the relationship between the 2 variables. Let's examine the NL/DD and CE-1/CE-2 scatter diagrams since these groups represent long distance sightings as opposed to Close Proximity Sightings. The Figure 5 Scatter diagram represents a strong trend between Lights Observed and Objects Observed according to the correlation value and T-Test. It appears as the Quantity of lights increase so do the Quantity of objects increase for NL/DD reports. The Figure 6 Scatter diagram represents a WEAK trend between Lights and Objects for Close Encounter UFO sightings.

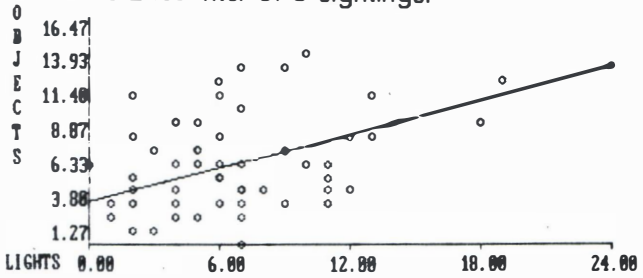

Figure 5

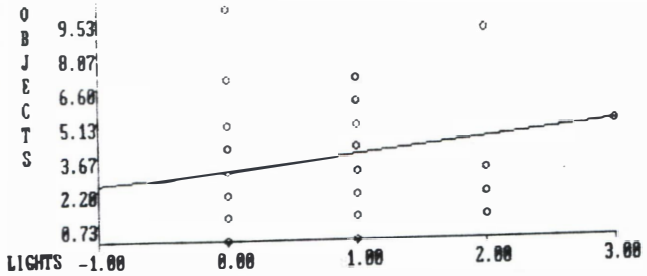

Figure 6

OBSERVATIONS

Close Encounter UFO sightings DO NOT exhibit a significant trend between Object and Light type sightings. This is not surprising, since 89% of the CE reports were classified as objects. From the Correlation data it appears unlikely that the reports of Strange Lights are a stimulus for reporting strange objects.

The long distance UFO sightings of Nocturnal Lights and Daylight discs data show that there IS a significant trend between Light sightings and Object sightings. This is most apparent during the years of 1990 and 1991, however, over the 5 year period the correlation value is strong toward the low end of the range. It appears possible that lights could be misidentified as objects for the long distance UFO sightings.

According to the major UFO organizations, 80% of ALL UFO sightings are misidentified natural phenomena or objects. According to the data in the NSRC data base of 1201 reports from 1986 through 1991, 21% of all sightings were Close Encounter reports and 79% were long range reports, an unusual similarity.

The distribution of the CE reports classified as Objects had a peak year beginning in January 1989. From October 1989 through April 1990, CE reports were well above the 5 year average of 3.3 sightings per month. Since there were 7 continuous months above the average, this seems to indicate an external effect for it's cause, but it does NOT appear to be the Reports of Strange Lights. As stated earlier in this article, 1988 was the 61 month peak cycle according to the *UFOCAT* data base, a difference in the timing for CE sightings.

This analysis is based on the simple classification of the descriptions of UFO's, either a LIGHT or an OBJECT. This classification was broken down by the Hynek classification which is based on the distance of the UFO to the witness. What now remains is to analyze the individual descriptions of Close Encounter Objects and examine what possible explanations are possible. *To be continued.....*

CALL FOR ENTRIES

1992 Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award

Sponsored by The Fund for UFO Research, Inc.

The Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit scientific organization based in Washington, D.C., announces cash awards for the best articles or stories published or broadcast in 1992 concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The award was established in the memory of Major Donald E. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps pilot and former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Maj. Keyhoe was an aide to Charles A. Lindbergh after the aviator made the first solo, non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927. During the 1930s, Keyhoe was a freelance writer whose work appeared in such publications as *The Nation*, *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Readers Digest*. He passed away on November 29, 1988, at the age of 91.

Last year, the recipients of the third Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award were:

- Cindy Horswell for her follow-up article on the Cash-Landrum case, published in the *Houston Chronicle*;
- Linda Moulton Howe for her documentary broadcast on the Fox Network, "UFO Report: Sightings"; and
- Cathy Wogan, for her article on a college UFO Studies class, in the Defiance (OH) *Crescent-News*.

The three winners shared a $2,000 cash award.

Eligibility Requirements

Any journalist working for a newspaper, magazine, radio or television station whose story on UFOs was published or broadcast between January 1 and December 31, 1992, is eligible to enter the competition. In order to be considered, the story must be submitted with an entry form, signed by the principal author of the story, and a newspaper or magazine clipping, audio cassette or videotape on VHS format. Foreign language stories must be accompanied by an English translation in order to be considered.

A winning entry will be one which--in the opinion of the judges--makes the most significant contribution to public understanding of the UFO phenomenon. Entries should emphasize scientific research. Possible topics may be, but are not limited to: the U.S. Government's involvement in the UFO subject; the phenomenon of UFO "abduction" cases; or investigations into eyewitness reports of UFO sightings.

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 1993. The panel will make its decision by April 1, 1992. Entries should be mailed to:

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BITS & PIECE'S

Mystery growth formed in outer space baffles NASA scientists

By STEPHEN STRAUSS
Toronto Globe and Mail

Is it animal, vegetable or mineral? Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are scratching their heads over how a tiny patch of something managed to grow even though it was exposed to the harshness of outer space for nearly six years.

The mystery growth has been found in a toothpick-sized region on what is known as the Long Duration Exposure Facility. The bus-sized LDEF was launched in 1984 and was retrieved by a space shuttle in January 1990, a few weeks before its decaying orbit would have sent it crashing back to Earth.

The can-shaped satellite was designed to conduct experiments to measure how heat, cold, radiation, vacuum and other inclement conditions associated with space affect a variety of materials. Such information is considered vital by engineers trying to design parts for a space station that is supposed to have a working life of 30 years.

NASA materials scientists in Huntsville, Ala., discovered the growth while examining a brownish discoloration 0.08 inches wide by 2.8 inches long on a Teflon-covered section of the satellite.

Using an electron scanning microscope they saw tiny, stalactitelike structures on the Teflon. Tiny means the longest was about seven microns in size. That's about one-tenth the width of a human hair.

At first NASA scientists thought the growth might be a fungus or a mold that had contaminated the LDEF upon its return. However, their initial biological tests were negative.

Now the researchers are unsure exactly what they have. It is possible, however, that gases could have leaked from the satellite and, in the absence of gravity and through an unlikely chemistry, produced a physical structure never before seen on Earth.

"We've never had stuff returned from space that had been out there for six years," said NASA materials scientist Jim Zwiener of the confusion surrounding the growth.

Whatever was formed was strong enough to withstand both high ultraviolet radiation and the extremely corrosive power of atomic oxygen.

One extra problem for the physicists is that they have been unable to determine its exact chemical composition because so little of the mystery material exists.

NASA scientists are so unsure of what they have found that they've published an account of the material in a recent newsletter devoted to LDEF results and are asking scientists around the world to suggest what substance X could be. No possibilities are being discounted.

Asked whether the material might be a life form not based on DNA, Zwiener responded: "That is why I was scared to death to publish this. I thought, 'God, as soon as we publish this stuff, someone is going to suggest something like that.' I hope it's more mundane than that."

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Hubble gives glimpse of possible black hole

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Hubble space telescope has captured the most detailed view yet of an immense caldron of heat, violence and energy surrounding what may be a black hole, a celestial object 10 million times more massive than the sun.

Astronomers said the photograph provides powerful support for the theory of black holes by showing several of the features predicted to surround them.

Walter Jaffe of the Leiden Observatory in the Netherlands said yesterday that a photograph taken by the orbiting Hubble telescope gives a view into the middle of a galaxy that is spewing out energy at a gigantic rate. The image shows a swirling cloud of gas that appears to be spiraling into a center where there could be a black hole, he said.

"This is the best look we have ever had of the nuclear engine at the center of an active galaxy," Jaffe said at a news conference. "We haven't seen a black hole itself, but we're viewing as close to a black hole as we've ever seen before."

The photograph is of a galaxy called NGC4261, one of many galaxies in the grouping known as the Virgo Cluster, about 45 million light years from Earth.

Jaffe said the galaxy was studied because radio telescopes, which study invisible radiation from stars, had detected a powerful signal. This signal, he said, came from two jets of material, stretching across almost 100,000 light years, that are streaking way from the galaxy at millions of miles an hour. Such jets are thought to be a feature of black holes.

"Black hole" is the name theoreticians have given to the impossible-to-see celestial object that they predict is formed after the collapse of a very large star. Matter from the star compresses and eventually becomes so dense that its gravitational force will not permit anything—not even light—to escape. Since it retains all light, a black hole cannot be seen.

Astronomers for some 30 years have speculated about the existence of black holes. They have created theories about how black holes would look and how they would affect nearby stars and galaxies. And many of these features are seen in the Hubble photo, said Jaffe.

"We have not proved that we have a black hole, and we have not seen a black hole," he said at the news conference. "But we have visualized many of the things theoreticians have said must be there. This is the first picture that shows they are there."

The photo shows a bright disk with dark matter filling the center. In the very center of the dark matter is a bright spot. The disk measures about 400 light years across.

Jaffe said the dark matter in the disk is gas and dust rotating very rapidly, perhaps as fast as 3,000 miles per second, about the center bright spot. Projecting from the nucleus of the disk, like a pencil sticking through a donut hole, are two jets of ionized gas that have been measured as moving at a speed of about 1 percent of the speed of light.

"It is almost certain that this disk is material that is feeding a black hole and it is the spinning of this material that provides the orientation and the two very bright jets," he said.

Jaffe said a bright spot on the edge of the disk "might be a piece of a smaller galaxy that this is swallowing."

Astronomers believe that material being sucked into a black hole would be accelerated to near the speed of light and heated to tens of millions of degrees just before crossing into the black hole. Thus, a smaller galaxy being swallowed would give off a bright burst of energy in its final moments.

Bruce H. Margon, University of Washington astronomer, said the Hubble photograph provides powerful support for the black hole theory.

"Almost every piece of the puzzle is in place now," Margon said. "For 30 years, indirect reasoning has led everyone to hope there was this, and now everybody can actually see it."

A light year is the speed that light will travel in a vacuum in a year, about 6 trillion miles.

THE STAR LEDGER
November 20, 1992

Secret US spy plane is Kintyre's dark visitor

by Christy Campbell
Defence Correspondent

A MYSTERIOUS, fast-moving shape in the sky has been scaring sheep in the Mull of Kintyre and rattling windows in Los Angeles. From both sides of the globe have come reports of sudden "pulsating roars", and strange smoke rings in the sky.

Defence analysts are convinced they are caused by the US Air Force's top secret Project Aurora — a spy plane as big as Concorde that can fly three times as fast.

The US Air Force is using the remote RAF airbase at Machrihanish, Strathclyde, as a staging point, it was claimed last week. The mystery aircraft has been stealthily dropping in at night before streaking back to America across the North Pole at more than six times the speed of sound.

Flying on the edge of space, powered by a "pulser" engine, the aircraft is being tested in missions that circle the globe.

Guy Norris of *Flight* magazine, who is based in Los Angeles, said last night that Aurora was being flown from a base in the Nevada desert to an atoll in the Pacific, then on to Scotland to refuel before returning to the US at night.

Specially modified tanker aircraft flying from Britain are being used to top up Aurora's tanks with liquid methane fuel in mid-air.

The aircraft carries high-powered cameras and infrared radar which can see down through cloud cover. Its flightpath covers targets in Iraq. An F-111 fighter-bomber is scrambled as the black-painted aircraft lands, flying in close formation to confuse prying civilian radars according to reports from US airmen.

Paul Wiggins, editor of *Scottish Aircraft*, describes Machrihanish as "the remotest military airfield in Britain — with a very long runway." It is guarded by a detachment of US Seals, the equivalent of Britain's Special Boat Squadron.

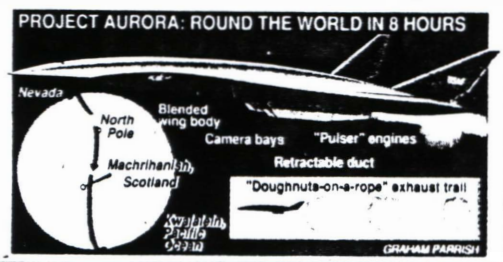
"It would be ideal for operating a secret high-performance aircraft," he says.

People living nearby reported strange ear-splitting noises and mysterious smoke rings in the sky earlier this year. As rumours grew of secret developments at the base, Archie Hamilton, the Defence Minister, told Parliament last month that the existence of, and any operations by Aurora were a "matter for the American authorities". A US air force spokesman yesterday refused to confirm or deny its existence.

But last week independent evidence came from Washington that the Pentagon is spending billions from its "black budget" on a clandestine successor to the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, retired two years ago.

Kemper Securities, the financial analysts, said up to $6 billion has already been spent on the project at Lockheed's "Skunk Works" in California where the F-117A stealth fighter was developed.

"Something has been booming Los Angeles regularly for the last six months," said Bill Sweetman, a US-based aerospace writer. "The frequency of the sonic booms indicates that whatever is making them is now an operational aircraft."



The Omega Project

by Richard D. Seifried

Editor's Note: Dr. Kenneth Ring is a professor of psychology at the University of Connecticut. He has previously written two books on the near death experience entitled, *Life At Death* and *Heading Toward Omega.*

It must have been three years ago, at least, that someone from CUFOS contacted me asking if I would participate in a study of abductees. Not only did I do so, but I asked some of the abductees that I had worked with if they would also cooperate in the research program. Since that time I hadn't heard what transpired.

This summer I acquired a copy of Ring's *Omega Project* and have recently concluded reading it. At first I became very excited about the writing, especially when I found testimony from a young man who was the very first abductee Dr. Jeanne Byrne and I had worked with, back in Ohio. Probably my analysis will not be completely fair but I must respond to what I have read.

In summary Dr. Ring has used his statistical analysis of the respondents to arrive-at several disturbing conclusions. I don't mean this in a derogatory manner. He approached the subjects with a scientific attitude while I was reading from a participating point of view. This is what is reported in *The Omega Project.* Near-Death experiences and UFO encounters, especially abduction experiences, are the result of several traumatic events in the experiencer's life. Critical illness can contribute to such hallucinations. Child abuse or early sexual abuse makes the possibility of seeing UFO's more likely.

Critical life-threatening events often result in "after-death" experiences with the bright light, deceased relatives, and/or religious figures. One who has such an experience then is more likely to experience other unusual phenomena. In summary, the reality of UFO and after death experiences is the result of the mind responding to trauma. Similarities are explained because of the wide distribution of science fiction (Buck Rogers was mentioned) and current literature.

On page 144 I read, "...a child who is exposed to either the threat or actuality of physical violence, sexual abuse, or other severe traumas, will be strongly motivated selectively to "tune out" those aspects of his physical and social world that are likely to harm him by splitting himself off from the sources of those threats, that is by dissociation. By doing so he is likely to enter into other realities where, by virtue of his dissociated state, he can temporarily feel safe regardless of what is happening to his body....dissociation would directly foster relatively easy access to alternate, non-ordinary realities."

I take very strong exception to this conclusion. My childhood was nearly perfect. My parents gave me wonderful childhood and adolescent years. Too, I consider my adult years filled with positive experiences, adventure and some danger; a real thriller for me.

In fairness to Dr. Ring I must admit that I had three bouts with illnesses when I was a small child. Too, at age 36 I was in an accident and had a near-death or after-death experience. Having an imagination certainly isn't a negative factor. Yet, in spite of all that happened to me I was absolutely disinterested in the UFO phenomenon until that day in July, 1977 when I had my "experience" and came up with missing time. I had read about UFOs only because I was recording sightings for the United States Army during the Korean War, and the fact that I read newspapers and magazines as a matter of habit; not cheap tabloids! Neither did I nor do I enjoy Science Fiction.

One experience with six UFOs occurred in the presence of at least nine adults, half-seasonal National Park Rangers. Were we all victims of child abuse? Near-terminal illnesses? Sexual molestations? I think not.

If the premise that children and people use "dissociating" mental techniques in dealing with UFO sightings and after death experiences is true, then why just those two types? Where are the hundreds who imagine other types of experiences, who experience other realities?

Did all of the Jews surviving the holocaust, the German's and Japanese who survived the fire bombings and nuclear destructions fantasize space craft, abductions, moving to God or Heaven; the her after?

Almost everyone who has reached my age (64) has experienced some sort of brush with death or an unexplained encounter.

Dr. Ring is working with percentages but I think he has much more work to do to prove his theories.

A good example is the fairly recent sightings in the country of Belgium. Thousands of people saw them. They were large craft. Have all of the Belgians experienced the types of trauma Ring has worked with?

According to articles, such as some published in the *MUFON Journal*, most, if not all, abductions seem to be taking place in America. Why is that? Don't the French read science fiction? Are the Russians free of stresses?

I guess the reason that I am so sensitive to Ring's conclusions is that I am an abductee. I raise my left pant leg and gaze in wonder at the scoop mark on my shin; just like those many others who have had the same type of experience.

How could that have happened if it is all due to alternate realities? How could the burn marks on lawns, whole families remembering strange lights & objects, the electronic interferences, radar trackings, and animals going wild with fear, all be the result of "dissociating?"

Of course scientists work with hard facts; but not always!

Dr. Ring has provided the UFO researchers with an important book. We all should seriously consider his conclusions. To not do so would be "unscientific." We must consider all ideas for after all, the UFO problem is the most fantastic puzzle mankind has likely ever faced. On page 223 Dr. Ring has quoted Michael Grosso:

"The image of being visited by a majestic power from the sky and lifted out of this world has been incubating in our collective psyche for close to two thousand years. Given the structural analogies between UFO contact...and near-death contact, I...believe we are dealing with a single mass reorientation in the global mind." Well?

What do you think?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article originally appeared in the October edition of the Oklahoma MUFONEWS.