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DR. PAUL TYLER SPEAKS ON THE GOVERNMENT-UFO UN-COVER-UP

On October 20, 1993, we were fortunate to have Dr. Paul Tyler speak at our regular MUFON monthly meeting. Dr. Tyler has spent 39 years in the military [the Army and Navy] as a medical officer. He has had an interest in UFOs since the early 60s. Dr. Tyler was the capable MC of the 1992 International MUFON Symposium held here in Albuquerque and was a speaker at the 1993 TREAT conference in Santa Fe. The following is a synopsis of his October 20 address. - Carolyn Duce-Ashe

When Dr. Tyler was stationed in McMurdo, a small Antarctic station, in 1961-62, he witnessed an impressive UFO incident which was never explained. It was a Saturday night in June. Most of the staff on base were occupied watching old B-grade movies, a double feature. The radar operator was watching released weather balloons to see the direction they would go in for aiming the radar when he yelled for everyone to come out. There were three little lights going across the sky below the Aurora Australis. In Antarctica at that time of year *no* planes could fly there--their engines would freeze up. The lights were seen on radar and visually. The scientists (a joint US-New Zealand team) were there studying the aurora with a camera. They took photos in which the objects appeared as streaks.

This was an excellent sighting and it was duly reported. Has anyone heard of it? Did it appear in Project Bluebook? Dr. Tyler's interest in UFOs was understandably stimulated by this incident, as was his hypothesis that the government is not *officially* covering up UFOs but that the information gets *lost* because of the following:

JOHN ALEXANDER ADDRESSES NM MUFON

"Time and space, as we know it, are irrelevant..."

I'm glad Col. Alexander made a return visit to NM MUFON. His first talk to us, in 1992, was shrouded in mystery: he didn't want to be taped or videorecorded and the implications were that he would let on to all sorts of secrets! That wasn't the case.

His November 30, 1993 talk was completely different. He didn't mind being recorded, and he matched that lack of concern with a buoyant attitude and a clear message that the topics he would talk about were of much interest to him. He hoped we would participate with lots of questions, and we complied.

First he warned us that if we had read his friend Raymond Moody's recent book *Reunions*, the material he would talk about would be familiar. Few in the audience of more than 50 had read it.

Col. Alexander has a Ph.D. in Thanatology, the study of death. His mentor is Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, and he has worked with Kenneth Ring, Ray Moody and many others in that unusual field. He is president of the International Association of Near-Death Studies, "a fairly small group of researchers."

As a sidelight, he mentioned that "people started dropping out of that field [near-death studies] and we found them popping up in the UFO arena."

He told us that he and Larry Dossey are of the opinion that "the next big area in the whole realm of paranormal phenomena" has been introduced in Moody's *Reunions*. He described to us the origin and concept of the psychomantium and its use. He related some stories from Moody's book as well as

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1. *The Government is not A Government*; there are many government bodies. For example, the Army, Navy and Air force don't get along and they fight each other for funding.

2. There is a lack of continuity. To get civil service promotions one must move from job to job. Most government people stay for a short time in a specific job. Political appointments change even more often.

3. Very few records are actually maintained. "If the government kept every piece of paper that was generated, we wouldn't have a place to live!" Documents are classified to keep valuable information from enemies, and to protect sources.

4. What happens to classified material then? It is archived; then, after 20 or more years, it is released if someone requests it. But the number of safes and file cabinets are limited, so when they are filled up and more space is needed, old material is often thrown out or shredded to make way for new material generated by new people taking over the office. "99% of classified material gets destroyed. It gets wheeled to a warehouse when people get transferred and they forget about it and it gets lost!"

So is this a conspiracy? No.

Dr. Tyler was a consultant for the CIA and other agencies. "There were always people who were unofficially interested in UFOs... Was someone really looking at this? No one knew."

Dr. Tyler has a degree in radiology and was head of Aerospace Medicine for the Bureau of Medicine Surgery. He ran the program on electromagnetic radiation. He personally investigated the Cash-Landrum case in which UFO witnesses were burned by some kind of radiation. He studied the hospital records and concluded that it wasn't microwaves but had to be some sort of ionizing radiation. What was it? *"Nothing that we have or had at the time."* Also, the reported helicopters didn't *"fit into the military pattern."* There were not enough helicopters in Houston at the time nor people there to pilot them (it was Christmas week)--it *wasn't a military operation*. How does Dr. Tyler explain this case? "UFOs can do things we can't. Maybe they use holograms. *If they want to confuse us they could put holograms into systems that we have.*"

Does the government keep secrets? Yes, according to Dr. Tyler, but not very well. Watergate and Iran-Contra were known only by a small group of people, but they were found out. "I'm not saying that Roswell didn't happen or that somebody didn't write it up and then it got shredded... stupidity, lack of adequate deciding what to keep and not to keep." The "not invented here syndrome" is responsible for

many things getting lost. Making waves or creating new problems is not the way to get to the top in government. Most employees strive to do nothing more than what is in their job description.

Dr. Tyler studies alternative medicine. *Belief systems* color everything in medicine and in everything else, too. Belief systems influence everything people hear or want to evaluate. "We're inoculated by our own paradigms."

Dr. Tyler's group looked at Bluebook. Some reports were well researched, but most were miserably done. 15 to 20% of the actual reports were classified *unknown*, but Bluebook concluded that UFOs were explainable. This was largely due to the belief systems at the time. Also, later, Condon's preface was skewed and biased. Why did he do it? "He had his own blinders and probably to please his bosses in the Air Force... Everyone is biased because of their own belief systems. If you want me to write a report or come up with a specific answer, I can find a panel to support it (even from the 'unbiased' scientific community)."

"In every agency," said Dr. Tyler, "I ran into people interested in UFOs. But it wasn't their job and there was no money to look into it, so tidbits got filed into personal file cabinets!"

So what is the bottom line on UFOs? Dr. Tyler feels they are "probably [guided by] intelligent beings capable of doing things that we can't." Some of the things we can do now include: putting false belief systems into a person's mind, fooling lie detector tests, and instilling false truths and even amnesia in people. Aliens can do all of this, too, and probably a lot better! Dr. Tyler wonders whether UFOs are a physical thing or a mental experience. Are aliens using the out-of-body experience--taking the soul out of the body? He also cautions about the accuracy of information derived from hypnosis.

So is there a fancy government cover up? A lot of things go unreported or get lost in the system because the government isn't a single, unified or efficient entity. "There's no interest in UFOs by the government because UFOs are not in the paradigm and there's no money in it!... Thank God the government isn't efficient or we'd have a dictatorship!"

Science says everything must be proven in a lab. Dr. Tyler suggests that science should accept *all* hypotheses and then look at them and investigate. "They should study how to change their own paradigms." Will we ever know about UFOs? Dr. Tyler advises: "Let's keep looking."

(For a different view on this subject, see book review of *Visitors From Time* on page 7 of this issue - Editor)

stories that he has gathered personally. He hasn't tried the psychomantium himself largely because he's so busy. "I think I'd do it just out of a matter of interest."

He said that Moody sees the psychomantium experience as a healing one. Moody describes how to make your own psychomantium in his book--at the same time warning no one should make one. His patients go through an eight-hour preparatory session--Col. Alexander wondered about the need for this--its therapeutic nature is obvious, but if anyone can make one... there is the chance that it could be seen as devilish by some and, by others, the skeptics, as totally impossible. The majority of psychomantium experiences, though, as in reported near-death experiences (NDEs), have been positive and usually helpful. Interestingly, he notes that a person will enter a psychomantium all primed to ask for the secrets of the universe of whoever appears in the mirror, but they wind up seeing someone with whom they had unfinished emotional business and dealing with that in a healing manner. Later they realize they forgot to ask the Big Questions.

About a half hour after he began his talk, Col. Alexander opened for questions. Though we were already overwhelmed with the amount of information, we were able to pose questions that lead our speaker off into new realms. The history of the study of NDEs. Psychologist Moody's decision to get to the bottom of it. Positive vs. negative experiences. NDEs compared to abductions (see Ken Ring's *The Omega Project*). Col. Alexander's own belief system and his desire not to interfere with anyone else's belief system.

The movie *Resurrection* and that the heroine was a composite figure. A possible trip to the site of a big psychomantium in Greece.

Sleep studies. Work with EEGs, biofeedback, brain waves, "driving the brain," and other technical means of figuring out what is going on in the mind and helping to enhance the experience.

Terminal patients talking to already transitioned loved ones. Walk-ins ("I put this in the 'substantially far out' [category]... Personally, I am not convinced... The people who I've talked to, NDEs, have all gone out and come back as the same person." T. Lobsang Rampa.

OBOs. Ouiji boards. The First Earth Battalion.

He was asked to elaborate on remote viewing and psychokinesis. He declined to comment on the former, "I would be reluctant to do that with Ed [Dames] here... Let me talk about [psychokinesis] because I think that best suits my model for physi-

cal observation..."

This question launched him into recollections of Uri Geller. He said, "Uri's an exceptionally nice guy, but he's also a prestidigitator by trade..." Yet he has witnessed Geller doing some odd things. Col. Alexander and his friends have studied stage magicians, and he knows quite a few of the tricks people like Randi will use to explain spoon bending. According to what Col. Alexander told us about what he witnessed, those tricks weren't used.

He told us about spoon-bending parties and how he is now *persona non grata* at Trinity College, Cambridge (it has to do with stores closing at 5 pm and the need for participants to supply their own silverware...). Yet, considering how he has seen and facilitated such parties, he puts that "in the very subjective category... I'm not sure how much of that had any psychokinesis involved. I saw an awful lot of white knuckles..." But he went on to say that that was the "kindergarten stuff": one is allowed to use one's hands. More advanced participant's hands are kept busy holding two forks, for example, and they start doing things that rival Geller and can be quite scary for some. I'm sure I wasn't the only one in his audience that night who wanted to rush right out, find a spoon, and chant "bend, bend, bend..." to it.

What is it about NDEs that he finds most interesting? "I'm interested in the constructs of multi-dimensional realities, and near-death experience certainly plays a role in there." He is particularly interested in the "subset of cases in which you can get independent verification of the event." He told us about a friend, a paraplegic "basket case" who died and was subsequently discovered to be doing ballet in the morgue. The official medical explanation was, "strange things happen."

Asked what he thought was driving all the different phenomena, what tied them together... he didn't know. He is "constantly amazed at the commonality of those sorts of events... I also have what I call the 'Law of Appropriate Complexity' which says that as you approach a more complete understanding of anything, a new level of complexity will emerge that forces you to then deal with it. Your answers will work very well at one level, but you've now got to evolve another set of answers for the next level of complexity. And I think those are some of the things that we're grappling with. I'm not sure there's an end to that."

And that was almost the end of Col. Alexander's fascinating talk with us (see box). As the field expands and he finds some of his questions answered and more questions occur to him, we hope he'll come back and let us in on the latest.

-Debby Stark

The Aviary: Just for the Birds?

No doubt many of our readers, upon hearing that NM MUFON would host John Alexander, immediately thought of *The Aviary*. The rumor mill seems to work overtime on this topic, but, surprisingly--or not surprisingly, considering the overwhelming information given in the preceding talk--no one in the audience seemed to think asking about it was of any importance! It was up to our State Director to broach the subject with a smile:

Richard: None of you researchers are going to ask him--

JA: Oh, [inaudible due to audience laughter; he is too obviously trying to dissuade Richard from hinting so that people won't figure it out and ask, but then he says] if you want to ask...

Richard: John, are you a member of the so-called [mispronounces it at first:] Avairm, Ave... Aviary?

JA: What's an aviary? [pause] I guess I'll answer the question... The infamous Aviary. Um, let me tell you what the Aviary is before--or maybe what it is not. It is not a mystical organization or an organization of any kind, for that matter. There was a guy by the name of Bill Moore, who some of you may be familiar with. He's certainly written a fair amount, and came up with the whole MJ12 scenario and that, and he and Jamie Shandera used to talk on the telephone a lot. And so people who they would talk to or talk about, they decided they didn't want to use their names, so what they did is they started assigning bird names to them.

So, yeah, I have a bird name. It is not the one that's being bantered about lately--I'm not going to tell you what it is, but the stuff that's being published is not right, but it is not an organization of any kind, it was just a thing that Moore set up, and I told you people would be very disappointed, but that's the truth...

They also have--I should have mentioned at the beginning, I have a rule on answering questions: There may be questions that I don't answer, but I won't lie to you. So that's the Aviary.

--Transcription by Debby Stark

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

January 1994 marks the completion of our first year of publishing *NM MUFON News*. Debby and I have had a great time and learned a lot in the process. And we thank all subscribers and readers for your support and contributions of articles, letters, cartoons, clippings, etc.

We are looking forward to another "Event"ful year of bringing you the most up-to-date news and views on UFOS and related subjects that we can find. We hope you will continue sending your contributions so *NM MUFON News* will remain your newsletter.

Once again, New Mexico is in the spotlight as the news about secret government radiation experiments on humans is revealed. Also, on January 13, NM Rep. Steve Schiff announced that he has initiated a Congressional investigation into the 1947 Roswell case and the possible government cover-up! (See articles, next page.) This proves, once again that New Mexico is, indeed, the "Land of Enchantment"! (But if you move here, bring your own water!)

Thank you for the many cards and good wishes for my husband's and my recovery from the serious car accident we had on November 7. We are both doing fine and our broken ribs, bruised knees, etc. are almost mended.

Soon after the accident I jokingly said I thought we had been hit by an invisible UFO! But we collided with a very real truck, even though we didn't ever see it... We rolled twice in our tiny Geo Metro and then felt like we'd experienced missing time! As in any serious accident, our lives were "turned upside down," shaken up. Is this a metaphor for the "earthquakes" which were recently predicted for Albuquerque? It may be coincidence and speculation, but worth thinking about as we begin 1994.

A Very Happy New Year to All!

--Carolyn ("Lucky") Duce-Ashe

Correction:

Peter Limone, State Chief of Investigations, wanted us to let you know that the correct address to write to Chaco Canyon for information about the astronomy class is: G. B. Cornucopia, Chaco Culture National Historic Park, Star Rt. 4, Box 6560, Bloomfield, NM 87413

Schiff Reopens UFO Case

Agency Takes New Look At 'Roswell Incident'

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 46 years now, and Rep. Steve Schiff thinks it's high time the federal government came clean on whether space aliens crashed their flying saucer in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Republican has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether a government cover-up followed the crash of a mysterious object near the little ranch town of Corona on July 2, 1947. And the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, has begun such a probe.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said Wednesday.

The congressman admitted he's curious about the incident, but added, "I would not ask for an investigation of something I was just curious about. The issue is whether the government is being forthright with the American people, and that is a serious issue to me."

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Schiff Reopens 1947 UFO Case

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The 1947 crash, known as the "Roswell Incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel, and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and, perhaps, the bodies of aliens.

They also assert the remains of the crash were taken first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Air Force said the day after the recovery that the material was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar reflecting gadget.

But UFO believers say the incident was the beginning of a government secrecy program that has hidden proof of the existence of extraterrestrial visitors for more than four decades.

"For sort of all-around thoroughness, Roswell's the best case we've got," said Michael Lindemann, a

Santa Barbara, Calif., futurist who does research on UFOs. "If we had no other UFO case at all, the elements of the Roswell case would go a very, very long way to proving we have had alien visitation."

Philip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who's worked for decades debunking UFO sightings, said, however, that there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell. He said declassified military documents show high-ranking Air Force and White House officials never had any knowledge of such a find, and it's absurd to think lower-level operatives could have kept such a secret from their bosses.

But Schiff said long-standing suspicions of such a conspiracy make the GAO investigation worthwhile.

"I just assume that if there were alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, somebody would have discovered them during all these years," he said. "On the other hand, you have to say anything is possible as long as the government won't talk. The government

promotes these things with its silence."

The congressman said he decided to look into the allegations after receiving letters from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

Last March, according to Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, Schiff wrote to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin requesting an Air Force briefing on the Roswell Incident. Schiff said Wednesday that Air Force officials told him later they couldn't brief him because all the documents from the investigation known as Project Blue Book had been sent to the National Archives.

He contacted National Archives officials, who said they're not in the business of giving briefings.

"We went back and forth a little bit and, frankly, I got tired of going back and forth," he said. "I talked to the people at GAO (in October) and I told them about this."

Schiff has frequent contact with GAO officials because he's on the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

"I asked them, 'Is this anything that you might be able to assist me with?'" Schiff recalled. "They said, 'We've never done anything like this before. We mostly look into fiscal matters ... but it sounds interesting. Why not give us a stab at it?'"

Since then, said GAO spokeswoman Laura Kopelson, an investigator has begun studying documents and looking into the cover-up allegations. She said the results will be reported back to Schiff.

Schiff said he was told a few days ago the investigator had nothing to report yet, and one of his aides was told the investigator was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," he said.

Friday, January 14, 1994

Albuquerque Journal

Letters Lead to UFO Inquiry

Schiff Denies Prompt From Aide's Spouse

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Rep. Steve Schiff says his investigation into the 1947 recovery of a mysterious object in New Mexico was prompted by letters from constituents, not by his aide's UFO-hunting husband.

Placitas resident Karl Pflock, who's married to Schiff's district director, Mary Martinek, has worked vigorously for nearly a year investigating the so-called "Roswell Incident" under a grant from the Fund for UFO Research in Washington, D.C.

Last fall, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office, which he helps oversee from his position on a House committee, to investigate allegations the military pulled off some sort of cover-up after crash debris was recovered on a ranch near Corona in the summer of '47. The investigation is under way.

Pflock said Thursday he didn't prod Schiff into seeking the GAO probe.

"This is his baby," Pflock said. "He's not doing me any favors. He's doing it because he's committed to the idea that this is something that should be brought out in public."

Pflock said he's talked to Schiff in "strictly casual conversations" two or three times about his interest in the case. Schiff said he didn't recall those conversations, and that his interest was sparked by a "flurry" of letters from constituents.

What matters, he said, isn't why the inquiry began, but how the Department of Defense "stonewalled" when he asked for information.

The Pentagon told Schiff it no longer had the records on whatever was recovered from the ranch and steered him to the National Archives.

Archives officials, however, said, "We have not located any documents related to this event in the (Air Force's) Project Blue Book records, or in any other pertinent Defense Department records in our custody."

The Roswell Incident has been the source of debate and research among UFO buffs for decades. Many think the incident is the best case for alien contact with Earth, despite the military's statements at the time that the debris was from a weather balloon.

Schiff said Thursday he doesn't believe a UFO was recovered at the ranch.

"I think, first of all, it could be a weather balloon," he said. "But because of the government's obvious disinterest in giving me the information, that leads me to think it might've been something else."

Like what?

"If I had to guess, I would say some kind of military experiment," he said. "But that's a guess."

Pflock, too, said he isn't convinced an alien space-

craft was recovered by the military, but "something extraordinary was recovered."

Pflock said he and other UFO researchers first made formal contact with Schiff's staff about the incident in August 1992.

Pflock and fellow researcher Fred Whiting subsequently compiled a 130-page "briefing paper" filled with news accounts, military documents and testimony from witnesses, much of which points toward some sort of government plot to hide whatever really happened in 1947. That paper was given to Schiff's office in December, Pflock said, and "they're going to be giving that to the GAO, if they haven't already done that, to help in the investigation."

Schiff began his search for information in March 1993, when he and Martinek wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, seeking a "definitive explanation of what transpired and why."

In the three-page letter, they said records and witness testimony make it appear that "the balloon explanation was a cover story" and that "federal authorities sought to intimidate witnesses and their families into silence."

The letter said Martinek, then Schiff's legislative director, would "coordinate all activities concerning this request."

After a series of letters resulted in one dead-end after another, Schiff took his quest to the GAO. Schiff said he hasn't gotten any answers yet from the GAO, but when he does, he'll make them public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Busy local researchers Gene Nieri and Peter Limone have appeared on Jeffrey Candelaria's *Perspectives* on cable community channel 27 in recent months. Peter informs us that the next biweekly show will be on January 20, at 8 to 9 pm. Jeffrey has been attending our meetings and hopes to continue to explore the topic of UFOs. He'd like your input!

Intrepid members Richard Rowlette and Peter Limone were interviewed for an article scheduled to be published in the January 23 Albuquerque *Journal*. They will be talking about NM MUFON and about Michael Lindemann's visit. Watch for it! (See this issue's *Calendar*.)

Linda Moulton Howe informs us that volume one of her new book became available in December, 1993. Volume two will be out in June, 1994. Also, her new video *Strange Harvest - 1993* is also now for sale. For info on how to order write to LMH Productions, PO Box 538, Huntington Valley, PA 19006.

Dave Crossley called and suggested that everyone should read "Mufon Versus The New Age" by W. L. Garner, Jr. in the December 1993 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* (p. 13-14).

\$1000 Prize! (no, not from NM MUFON News...) Contest and call for papers on the UFO topic by Dr. Alexander Imich. Info and submissions: W. P. LaParl, Contest Organizer, 19 Wood Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748-1132.

The January 12, 1994 talk on "One Hundred Plus Prophecies, Predictions, and Projections of Future Events" by Richard Rowlette was well received. If you are interested in learning about future talks, call Richard Rowlette at 293-9543, or write Richmar Earthgate Group, PO Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

CALENDAR



Wednesday, January 26: ~~Michael Lindemann~~ will speak on "True Stories of Encounters With Non-Human Intelligence on Earth". 7:30 pm. Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (2401 - 12th St. NW, Albuquerque) Tickets: \$7 at the door (students & seniors: \$5). Info: call Maria (505) 293-9543 or Donna (805) 964-3889.

February MUFON meeting: Details are not yet finalized due to the fact that the Village Apts. clubhouse may not be available. If you have any suggestions about a new meeting place (preferably free, but requiring a deposit of no more than \$50), please call Maria at 293-9543.

January 22-23: "Are There Intelligent Life Forms Out There?", a Triad Research Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Info: call (417) 882-6847.

FROM OUT OF THE BLUE

Dear Carolyn,

November 23, 1993

Sharon and I just wanted to write to say hello. We were out there in New Mexico just a few weeks ago. Once again we found ourselves in Roswell knocking on doors, taking pictures, and talking to those historical dudes. We were doing some research on that oh so familiar Randle, Schmidt, Friedman Story. You know the one,

Four little grey martians
that lost their way
They made a wrong turn
and crashed that day
Then the military came
and carried it all away.

And now Uncle Sam,
has a monkey on his back
That somehow
just won't go away.

Well, I guess by now you have realized there has been a change on the board of HUFON. Just one of those things, I guess.

Completely undaunted, Vince Johnson has once again taken his place at the editor's chair with a new organization. The organization is C.E.R.N. or Close Encounters Research Network.

In it's premier issue Vince delves into the strange world of the Aviary, the Aquarium and Eschatology. It's plainly obvious in this article that Vince's dedication and determination have provided him with some valuable inside sources.

After reading this article, one of the first people I thought of was Richard Rowlette, your NM MUFON State Director. I felt he would enjoy reading it because it deals with a subject he is very knowledgeable in.

P.S. The Triad Conference was held here in Houston in mid October. I mentioned Debbie Stark to George Wingfield and he smiled. I thought they probably knew each other. Those crop circle people are everywhere.

P.S.S. Also at the Triad was retired NASA psychologist Richard Haines. I posed the same statement to him that Debbie Stark had heard at the 93' Mufon Symposium (statement [made by a] NASA Employee). [that astronauts and NASA workers have seen UFOs--DLS.]

Richard Haines said "Yes, she is right. The vast majority of employees at NASA do believe extraterrestrials exist. Both astronauts and mission specialist have spoken about what they have seen in space."

So Carolyn, there you have it. Even some of our government employees believe in the little grey martians. Gee, that's a real comfort.

Later days,

Rick and Sharon Biskynis, Houston, TX

BOOK REVIEW

VISITORS FROM TIME

by Marc Davenport

Reviewed by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

Have you ever wished you had the answers to this list of questions? (from pages 48-49)

Why do automobiles, televisions, even the electrical systems of entire cities sometimes--but not always--cease to function in the presence of UFOs?

How can UFOs fly at such incredible speeds in our atmosphere--speeds that would incinerate conventional aircraft? How do they perform right-angle turns at these speeds? How do they hover soundlessly without moving the air?

How can they appear, disappear, and change shape? Why are they sometimes not detected by radar? Why are they sometimes picked up on radar but not seen?

How can there be so many different types of craft and occupants? Why aren't there any good photographs?

Why do some abductees suffer paranormal manifestations following encounters? What is the connection between the government and UFOs?

Visitors From Time, by Marc Davenport attempts to answer all these questions and more by showing that *time manipulation* is the key to understanding UFOs--they are actually various models of time machines from the future, piloted by "good" and "bad" humanoids (Mafia types and secret agents) from our own "future" government conducting myriad operations and counteroperations, experiments, practical jokes, and/or deadly serious attempts to "change" history!

This isn't a completely new idea--it has been suggested by researchers like Jacques Vallee, John Keel and others--but *Visitors From Time* is the most completely researched and documented treatment of this idea that I've read. It is a methodical examination of the UFO literature, revealing the author's 20-year study of the phenomenon.

In addition, Marc Davenport's analysis of science (including Einstein's physics, quantum theory, the nature of space/time, the Doppler effect, optics, radar/evolution, etc.) corroborate his time-travel hypothesis! This is fascinating reading, guaranteed to stimulate the reader to new ideas about the UFO phenomenon.

How the government is involved is another unique angle which Davenport develops by reviewing the current conspiracy theories and going beyond them to show that if our government knows the time-travel nature of UFOs, they may be in league with UFOers in ways never imagined before! This theory goes a long way in explaining Men In Black and other seem-

ingly bizarre aspects of UFOs, including illogical messages given to contactees, biological/genetic operations performed on abductees, the impossible aerobatics movement of craft, and why time perception, hearing, physical sensation, and memory and psychic abilities of experiencers are distorted or manipulated.

Here are some passages quoted from the book which will give you some idea of the thought-provoking nature of *Visitors From Time*:

"If, however, they share this planet with us--and their own admission that they have craft which are only used here seems to support that hypothesis--they would likely be terrified by our idiotic proclivity toward war and our stockpiles of enough weapons to destroy all life on this planet forever...

"Does the oft-repeated declaration made by ufonauts that 'we are one' mean that we and they are the same? Are they human? Do they have a vested interest in us? Is this why they have gone out of their way to rescue people on several occasions?" (p. 187)

"If, on the other hand, UFOs are something that will be invented at some time in our near future, you can bet your bottom dollar our army will do everything in its power to get its hands on some of them. It would even be completely consistent with present policy if they were to attempt to monopolize the use of them. And all manner of future military and paramilitary operations--from intelligence-gathering sorties, to policing of escaped criminals, to combat--may require that they occasionally expose themselves to public view." (p. 205)

"We do not understand the true nature of the universe as well as we think we do. Time is elastic, nonlinear and inconstant. Our ideas of time are illusions caused by (or confused by) the convoluted patterns of motions that our earth, our solar system and our galaxy follow. Time, like space, is not a thing, but an abstract concept used to describe certain aspects of space-time. It is possible to warp space-time, thus to, in a manner of speaking, 'step outside the universe,' and then return to it at other coordinates." (p. 241)

And, finally:

"Maybe someone in the future has made a decision to allow this book to be published because the proper time to announce the discovery of the time-warping field is just around the corner." (p. 252).

Maybe! At any rate I highly recommend *Visitors From Time* as the one book you should read, in the meantime, if you consider any of these ideas relevant, as I do. Despite Davenport's inclusion of such far-out aspects as Al Bielek's Montauk Project and such questionable data as George Adamski's writings and Billy Meier's photographs, I think this all-too-short but well-documented book is well worth the \$16.95 plus \$2 S/H it will cost you to order it from the publisher, Wild Flower Press, PO Box 230893, Tigard, OR 97281 (it was also seen at The Brotherhood of Life bookstore on Dartmouth SE in Albuquerque).

Note: Marc Davenport Edits the fine newsletter *Contact Forum*, also available from Wild Flower Press.

RICHARD'S RUMINATIONS

by Richard Rowlette, NM MUFON State Director

A Pink Hippo in Hypno Land?

I am not a hypnotherapist. And I am not trained in any mental health field. But I have studied hypnosis a little, and I have listened to and read about the pros and cons concerning the use of hypnosis to retrieve memories of alien abductions. It seems to me that we may be too quick to take what comes out of recall sessions of missing time and memory flashbacks completely literally. Recent debates about related recalls throw the whole question of the reliability of this data into a very confusing arena. We may not be suffering the visions of pink elephants of the alcoholic, but we may be seeing something close: pink hippos in hypno land.

Let me start with some information from John Keel. In one of his old books, Keel had mentioned that hypnosis subjects he had worked with reported the standard abduction story. However, when he probed further, there was a second level of information. At this level, the subjects would report government agents doing the dirty work. (Please note that this same thing is often reported currently by abductees.) I wrote Mr. Keel for his latest opinion and/or information about all this. Here is part of his answer:

"Hypnosis is worthless in most memory retrieval cases--which is why it is not accepted in courts. All books on hypnosis (there are thousands) explain this. In the 1960s we experimented and found subconscious intervention was too extreme - the unconscious mind is a great joker. 'Abductions' have been studied for thousands of years by religions. Look into the vast religious literature."

If Mr. Keel is right, clearly we have a huge pink hippo standing before us; it is the illusion that we are getting the truth.

Another area of this, one that is very important in sorting out the truth in this field, is the defense offered by our UFO experts that the recall subjects are "uncontaminated" by being exposed to the UFO literature and the hypnotist's views or expectations. I question that this can be true in this day and age. Thousands of subtle hints appear in our media concerning current UFO expectations. Ads in magazines feature craft and alien faces. TV and movie stories and promos push UFO events. Alien faces are on the covers of books displayed for us to buy. Whether it is consciously or unconsciously, all of us are exposed to current UFO beliefs in thousands of ways. A subject need not have read one UFO article, nor have watched even one UFO story on TV, to have been contaminated. And a researcher and/or hypnotist who wants to explore a subject's strange memories of even stranger events is subtly but clearly telling the subject what the researcher is likely to want to hear. The subconscious mind is not a dummy. Nor is it deaf and blind. But it is, as John Keel says, a great trickster.

The hippo gets bigger, and pinker, when we look at some of the recent cases of claimed child and satanic abuse. I am not saying these things don't happen and that they don't do tremendous damage to the innocent victims. But if you follow these cases, and you should because the same types of recall and therapy is used as with alien abduction cases, it becomes clear that innocent people, usually parents or relatives, have been found guilty of things which never happened. In some cases the accusers later realize their memories are false.

The whole area of memory is in question. Repressed memories may or may not be accurate in each case. Memories do change. The approach used by a therapist, and there are some very bad ones, is all important. Once a subject gives in to a persistent and overly sure therapist, the mind will invent all sorts of "memories" which have no basis in fact. In hypnosis there is even a name for this well recognized phenomenon, confabulation. Further, experiments have been done in which purposely false memories have been created in a person's mind. Later, the person will defend that memory even when he or she is told that it was made up. It has become a real truth for them.

There is yet another aspect to all this. I know many UFO researchers insist we must study just UFOs, without considering other possibly related areas. To me this is somewhat like insisting that we study only local weather without considering global climate, the atmosphere, the earth's magnetic field, volcanoes, technological effects on climate, and more. Any results and theories we come up with in such a limited study will be incomplete and incorrect. Why then should we study UFOs and so-called alien abductions without looking at other fields,

Take ESP. Some of you will believe in it and some won't. Yet, to me, there is no doubt that it exists in many forms. Ingo Swann in his book *Your Nostradamus Factor*, goes to some trouble to explain why predictions are usually wrong. He finds that cultural and social expectations and a process of "telepathic osmosis" works to cause predictors to give others what they want or expect to hear. Isn't this possibly what is happening in the alien abduction field too? Aren't we often getting the results which we as a society or as researchers in the field expect to get? And if telepathic osmosis is possible, aren't we likely to project our beliefs into the minds of others (especially hypnotic subjects) without realizing it?

All of the above presents some huge pink hippos to us. It complicates an already complicated field. Yet, this does not make the study of UFOs and apparent abductions unworthy. UFOs are real. Something is occurring to people which is being taken as an abduction. It does effect their lives greatly. But if UFOs have always been with us, if as John Keel says abductions have gone on for hundreds of years as the religious literature indicates, and if our cultural expectations are coloring what is really going on, then shouldn't we be looking at UFOs in some new ways?

In past articles for the NM MUFON newsletter, I have questioned the huge number of reported UFO crashes. I have questioned the apparent number of abductions and the supposed collection of human sperm and ova. I have questioned all the supposed underground alien bases. I have questioned the idea that UFOs are hiding from us when they really call attention to themselves. One thing I don't question is that they are masking what they are truly up to. Whitley Strieber during one of his abductions recalled being shown rows of "masks" and was informed that the aliens appeared to us as what they wished. Many other clues along similar lines are offered by some UFO observers. The implications of this goes far beyond an alien invasion or a program of breeding. The solving of this problem is likely to be the most important aspect of this ever fascinating puzzle.

Personally, I have elected to look at all this in a new way. I have asked, "What are the effects of UFO and abduction experiences on people," Those effects leads us down a totally different path from the main one. It is certainly "a road less traveled" by the majority of UFO students and researchers, but I find it a path with some beautiful if sometimes sinister scenery. I also find it meaningful that many leading UFO and/or abduction researchers are affected along the same lines as some of those who have endured the experiences. Maybe these "masked effects" are a major part of the phenomenon and not just secondary byproducts? Maybe the pink hippos in hypno land are illusions with a truth behind them?

As always, NM MUFON invites your comments or

articles about the views I have presented here.

UFO "BIG EVENT" WITNESSED IN ALASKA!

by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

In late October I received a letter from a 44-year-old father of 3, a man I know personally who lives in Alaska. In subsequent phone conversations, "Andy" (who wishes to remain anonymous) gave me permission to report this incident.

On the same weekend in August (28-30) that Ed Dames of PSI TECH affirms that the so-called New Mexico UFO "Big Event" occurred, Andy and his three children (two boys ages 12 and 14, and a girl age 9) had a multiple UFO sighting with *communication* in a remote area of Alaska! (The *exact* location is known to the editor.)

Here are excerpts from Andy's letter dated October 17, 1993:

"I just finished reading your August and September issues of *MUFON News*. Tonight (Oct. 17) is the first time I've read these issues. I was really interested in the 'Big Event'... On Aug 28-30 I was on a 10-day hunting and back-packing trip with my kids in a remote area. My kids and I were back-packing late into the night enjoying the stars. We were walking along the tops of the mountains...

"We sat down for a rest. [The 12-year-old boy] said, 'Look, there's a shooting star and it just changed direction!'

"I looked up and saw and said, 'That's no shooting star--that's a lightship and I've seen them before.' I asked them to watch.

"But just at that point the sky was full of light ships. They were everywhere, changing directions. There were over 30, 40, 50, maybe 100, we could not count them all. We lost track.

"I then finished telling them to watch. I said, 'Watch, they'll start flashing back.' So I turned on my flashlight and flashed it on and off. All of a sudden, light ships came down to the mountain and flashed their lights! We saw 10 or 15 light ships descend on us and flash lights, all kinds of lights, similar to the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. One came down flashing all colors. And the sky was full of other ships. We lost count there were so many. Everywhere we looked light ships were moving back and forth changing directions and zooming around.

"They were doing this for about an hour. They were slowly moving. They moved past us and ascended over a far mountain. One by one they went into the valley out of sight, flashing their lights as they went over the mountains.

"My kids and I saw this with our own eyes."

As I mentioned above, this witness and his children are very well known to me and I have no reason to believe they would not be telling the truth! I confirmed the details of the sighting in phone conversations with Andy and two of the children. His daughter enthusiastically added that she wanted one of the ships to land so she "could go with them!"

I later discussed this incident with Ed Dames, president of the remote-viewing firm PSI TECH. He expressed interest and surprise in the sighting and the coincidental timing with the "Big Event." He also added that the overwhelming majority of children (who claim UFO experiences) that he has interviewed say that "they want to go with them," expressing excitement and lack of fear of the phenomenon.

Andy reports that he continues to see these light ships near his Alaska home and his children also have occasionally seen them where they live (in a major city) in Alaska since the incident happened in August.

We'll keep you informed of any developments in this case.

In an effort to keep up with what has been published about *NM MUFON News* recently in *Fate* magazine, we present the following totally unauthorized but we *did* hear him say it:

DAMES FORECAST

For January, 1994:

Cattle mutilations will continue! It's sad about the farmers/ranchers economy--but "They" don't care!

Little Known Dames Fact: As of November 30, 1993, Ed Dames had not read Arthur C. Clarke's *Childhood's End*, even though several people had recommended he do so!

You Read It Here First: Ed Dames will *not* be speaking at the 1994 MUFON Symposium due to the press of business.

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