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A COMMENTARY ON THE USAF ROSWELL INVESTIGATION REPORT

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When in July, 1994, the Air Force asserted that it would never again produce a report relating to the Roswell matter, it must have sensed it had done all possible to protect its image and to defend the position that had been the official attestation for so many years. To do otherwise would have meant conceding that its position over the decades had been fraudulent and that those Air Force personnel who made public statements had all been liars. It would have meant that it had misled the Congress and that, with much dishonor, it had deceived the American people. Since to answer criticism would create additional difficulties, the greater part of wisdom would be to say no more. "It is recommended that this document serve as the final Air Force report related to the Roswell matter, for the GAO, or any other inquiries" (p.22). It can be presumed that these people feared the truth of the old adage: "Be sure your sin will find you out."

It is generally believed, in ufological circles, that the most significant UFO cases were seldom investigated by Blue Book, but that they were investigated by someone else. We now believe that Blue Book was a charade. We also know about cases, denied by the government, that were never included in Blue Book. Who investigated these cases? If they were investigated by the Air Force, then the Air Force lied. If they were not investigated by the Air Force, then they were investigated by someone else. Undoubtedly such investigation, including the files, would be in charge of the intelligence establishment. It may be presumed that any Air Force files relating to the Roswell crash would either have been destroyed, or that they would have been transferred to some other organization. An additional possibility would have been the retaining by the Air Force of the relevant documents but with a tremendous upgrading in classification.

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WAITING FOR THE SAUCERS

Part I

By Allen Dunkin, State Section Director,
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Being the State Section Director in this area for the Mutual UFO Network, I would like to give an exclusive report of some recent cases. The counties that I do investigations in are Stanislaus, Merced, San Joaquin and Tuolumne. They are located in the central valley of California, except for Tuolumne County, which reaches into the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

On the night of August 27, 1993, at around 10:45 p.m., Tuolumne County Sheriffs and Firefighters received several phone calls about an airplane crash in the area of Jacksonville Road,

about fifteen miles southwest of Sonora. The reports consisted of a flaming object traveling east, down into the foothills, crashing with a golden flash that filled the sky. Thirty miles to the southwest, two eye witnesses reported a large, green ball of flame the size of a nickel held at arms

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length, shoot across the sky and into the mountains. The next second, the eastern quarter of the sky was filled with a yellow flash. No sound was reported from the witnesses. Search crews on Friday night and Saturday morning found nothing. I investigated the area on the following Thursday, September 2, 1993. The region is very hilly, so I went to the highest mountain in the area. I could not find any evidence of a crash. I looked for

downed trees, broken branches, burned ground or an impact point.

On the way back down the mountain we passed a truck pulling a trailer. On the trailer was a large metal box, held down by chains. My co-investigator jokingly remarked, "There goes the government, sneaking out the crashed saucer." As I looked at the back of the box, I saw stenciled in black paint, M-12. We turned and followed the truck for about twelve miles. It seemed that the truck did not want to be followed: they were driving excessively fast for winding mountain roads. I later had the license plate checked. The truck had been rented in Fairfield, California.

A couple of weeks later I had the chance to talk to a man and his wife: longtime residents of the area. They did not know that I am a UFO investigator. "I heard you had an airplane crash a few weeks back. Did you see anything?" I inquired. The man replied, "That was no airplane, that was a flying saucer. That's the word around." He looked at his wife, then back to me and said, "We've never told anybody this before, but about ten years ago we were sitting on our porch when we saw one of those fireballs shooting across the sky." His wife added, "It didn't crash, it flew into the ground." They looked like they had more to say but the situation wouldn't allow further questioning.

Tuolumne County has had a long history of strange things seen in the sky. There is more than gold in them thar hills!

Part 2

"The Livermore Herald quoted two gentlemen who said they had a fantastic encounter near Knight's Ferry in Stanislaus County on the evening of November 22, 1896. While their buggy rattled across the covered bridge, something like a ball of fire caught their eye about a furlong ahead. The "fireball" rose slowly and then flew low for one hundred yards before beginning a shallow climb. The strange thing began its take-off in the direction of the perplexed witnesses, yet made a half-circle maneuver to keep its distance. At two hundred yards, the men discerned a couple points of intense white light on the "nose" at right angles to the body and another on the rear as the red glowing object rushed by. The two watched open mouthed, as the thing gathered speed and sped out of sight. in

relating their story to the editor of the Herald, the gentlemen discounted the meteor possibility, remarking that the thing skimmed the surface of the ground. Nor did they want to give credence to the popular balloon rumors. However, they asked, if it were not an airship, what could it have been? The witnesses were two prominent Methodist Ministers, Reverend H. Copeland and Reverend John Kirby."

From *UFO's: A History 1896*
by Loren E. Gross

Knight's Ferry and the surrounding Tuolumne County foothills have long been known as an area of high strangeness. Anomalies such as the mysterious secret society known only as NYMZA, the Sonora Aero Club, Bigfoot, the 1896 Airship flap, and up to modern day abductions have occurred in this region. During the 1970's there were quite a few abductions reported around the area of Lover's Leap. Experiencers report the usual scenario of stalled cars, the appearance of small, gray beings, and being taken onboard a craft. One abductee was insistent that the craft she was taken onboard went underground, not in the air.

A series of strange events began in late September of 1993. A young lady returning to her home in Knight's Ferry from Oakdale, observed a bright, white light traveling east into the foothills. She followed the craft to a small hill down an off road where it was hovering about seventy-five feet in the air. She got out of her car and watched the craft land on the hill. The craft was quite unusual in appearance. A black, criss-cross landing support surrounded the craft. The craft itself was birthday cake shaped and gave off a bright, white light with a red glowing base along the bottom. There were red and blue diamond shaped lights pulsating at irregular intervals completely surrounding the craft. She walked closer, to within about sixty feet of the craft. After what seemed about forty-five seconds, the craft turned extremely bright and emitted a wave of heat. She crossed her arms over her face as the craft flew straight up and out of her sight. Feeling dazed, she returned to her car and drove home, where she realized she had over eight hours of time unaccounted for. After sleeping the whole next day, she awoke to find many small

burns covering her exposed arms, neck and forehead. She experienced extreme thirst and her hair began to fall out. There were four deep puncture marks in the shape of a rectangle on her right forearm and the left side of her neck was beginning to swell. The swelling increased for three days until a brown, crystal-like object broke through the skin. The half-inch long object immediately disintegrated when removed with tweezers. Twice that week, she observed short, large-headed beings watching her from the corners of her yard. The intruders were translucent and glowed a soft green.

Since receiving this report we have had several other witnesses stating that they, too, have sighted strange craft in the same area. Joint MUFON/OSIRIS sky watches have been successful in observing anomalous air activity. Knight's Ferry is a place of ongoing mysteries. I'll keep you posted, because I'm here, sitting on the hood of my car, WAITING FOR THE SAUCERS!

In our next issue, Allen Dunkin will continue his report with an article on The Great California Airship Flap of 1896.

(U.S.A.F. Report continued from front page...)

It has been reported that there are 28 levels of classification above Top Secret with ten additional levels. The number of individuals cleared to view these upper levels must be minimal. That GAO people would have these higher clearances is unlikely. If not, they would not have seen the files. It is unlikely that such highly classified materials would ever be found at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, the Air Force Safety Agency at Kirtland AFB, or the National Archives and Records Administration. So that any attempt by the SAF/AAZ team in these places would be unlikely to produce any results.

The July, 1994, report at various places refers to the "pro-UFO researchers." Does this mean that the Air Force considers itself to be anti-UFO? Is it conceivable, with all that is known to be going on, and with all the official documents about UFOs, that the Air Force is really anti-UFO? If the Air Force is anti-UFO can one trust the statements made concerning the Roswell incident? It is interesting that while the Air Force claims to possess no documents, and therefore has no knowledge of the Roswell incident, it believes that it knows more about what did or did

not happen than do those who remember various details. In other words, we are asked to believe that an absence of information is superior to the memories of dozens of witnesses who were in one way or another involved. To know nothing about an event is superior to memory of the event.

The Air Force denies the threats to civilians and proves its case by calling our attention to its failure to murder present day witnesses. This is an incredible position. Moreover, what about the nurse who talked to the mortician? What can the Air Force tell us about her future years, and of her whereabouts? "What is uniquely lacking in the entire exploration and exploitation of the 'Roswell Incident' is official positive documentary or physical evidence of any kind that supports the claims of those who allege that something unusual happened." But how could such materials be available knowing the record of some agencies to confiscate everything known? On page 9 it appears that the Air Force does not know about black projects. At the very least: these people are very funny. Can anyone take this report seriously?

There are outright errors in the report. Undoubtedly someone will eventually deal with these. On page 22 one finds: "Thirdly, when such claims are made, they are often attributed to people using pseudonyms or who otherwise do not want to be publicly identified, presumably so that some sort of retribution cannot be taken against them (notwithstanding that nobody has been shown to have died, disappeared or otherwise suffered at the hands of the government during the last 47 years)." It will be noticed that the Air Force makes no mention of the harassment of witnesses that we all know about: the tapping of telephones, the opening of mail, and the breaking into private homes. Finally, on page 3, it states: "This report is intended to stand as the final official Air Force response regarding this matter." It is good. Many of us will agree that we have had enough of the same. Nothing has changed. It is the same old story. The old adage, continues to be true, that "sin has many tools, but the lie is the handle that fits them all."

CASE BRIEFS

CASE 1: Clear Lake, July 10, 1993.

In March, 1993, Renzie (pseudonym) was visiting in Santa Cruz, California. In a conversation, someone remarked: "Oh, you live in Clear Lake? Have you seen the UFOs?...Don't you ever look up?" The individual then continued: "They're there. All you have to do is look up." When Renzie returned to Clear Lake she began going out at night to look at the stars.

Her neighborhood is very dark at night and her driveway is a relaxed place to view the heavens. After the kids were put to bed, she and Maurice (pseudonym) frequently went out to study the heavens. Often-times she went out about 4:00 a.m. because the kids had awakened her about that time. The morning of July 10, 1993, was one of those times. The drawing that appears below (Figure 1) was seen from the roof of her home. But Renzie and Maurice have seen something similar at other times and on July 4th, on 32nd Street, near Phillips, they had seen much the same luminosity when they were standing in the middle of the road at about 4:15 in the morning.



"White bright
light: pulsates
Moves back away.
and then closer"

Figure 1.

On the morning of July 10, 1993, at about 4 a.m., Renzie and Maurice climbed up onto their roof to better view the luminous display that was appearing to the east. These two used their camcorder and were outside for approximately two hours. The huge luminosity was apparently over School Teacher Hill, which is approximately one mile to the southeast. It has been estimated that the luminosity was approximately 500 feet above the apex of the hill. Maurice commented: "An object that makes light that big has to be big - maybe as a standard size car." We calculated the bearing to be approximately 101 degrees, and the luminosity approximately 25 degrees in elevation, or 500 feet above the hill. The luminosity had first been seen slightly to the northeast, but by 6 a.m. it had moved into the southeast and lifted itself to about 50 degrees of elevation.

At some time during the early morning, the pulsating, bright white luminosity, with hunks that appeared to have been taken out of the outer boundary, dropped a very small reddish light out of the bottom. The reddish light was not a point source, but somewhat extended like a short stick. The light dropped a few degrees out of the bottom and then flew off towards the north. While they could see this reddish light, it appeared to flash about once per second. We have no information as to whether or not this ejection was

caught by the video camera. Both estimate that the apparent size of the luminosity was ten or more times larger than a "typical" planet and that the real size was possibly that of a standard automobile. This footage is presently in the hands of Independent International Pictures (IIP).

DETAILS OF CAMCORDER:

1. JVC
2. 6X zoom
3. F=1.4
4. F=7 42mm
5. Full range A
6. JVC Video Movie Model #GRAX2U
7. Compact VHS Videomovie GR-AX2
8. Eyepiece #YU30595-A

CLASSIFICATION: Significant/Unknown

1. Hynek: DE-1
2. Berliner Strangeness Scale: 2
3. Berliner Credibility Scale: 8
4. K/U Coefficient: 16
5. Speiser Strangeness Factor: S-4
6. Speiser Probability Factor: P-5
7. Hynek Strangeness Factor: (Speiser) S4+P5=9
8. Bray Classification: Class II
9. Gepen Classification: Type C
10. Vallee (1965): Type III
11. Vallee (1966): Type V, Class A
12. Vallee Anomalies (1992): AN-1
13. Vallee SVP Credibility Rating: S-4, V-3, P-2

CASE 2: THE PERILS OF KATHLEEN (Part 2)

When the State Director queried Kathleen concerning possible early anomalous experiences, she produced a number of memories of potential importance. As a child, she grew up in Guerneville. At that time, the area was less heavily populated than now, and her parents drove her and her brother approximately one mile to the bus stop where the kids would wait, in a fairly isolated area, for the arrival of the school bus.

"There was this small opening through the trees where we got a good view of the river, and one winter morning when my brother and the little neighbor girl were waiting for the school bus, we children were playing while waiting for the bus to come. We all turned our attention to the opening where we could see

the Russian River and the beach. The morning was a clear, sunlit morning." There were no clouds and the weather was cold and crisp. "From out of the sky there were these little clear white balls - a whole bunch of them - coming down like raindrops, at an angle, and hitting the top of the water and then coming back up slowly again into the sky. We children looked at it for a couple of minutes and then once again. We were only seven or eight years old with not much attention span. We assumed that it was something natural." These small white balls appeared to be only about an inch or two in diameter and approximately 50 -75 feet distant. These struck the water at an angle and then "came off the water at another angle."

In November, 1970, at about 8 p.m., Kathleen stepped out onto her back porch to check on the weather. What she saw was a "buttermilk sky" with a 500 to 1000 foot ceiling of stratus clouds. A big, soundless light was drifting in from the north and her first thought was: "What is that?" Almost directly over the house it appeared as a "boomerang thing with four portholes going around the front of it." The vehicle "appeared black underneath and it was burning off all the fog in a trail behind it." The vehicle was 25 to 50 feet wide and one porthole had a "bald head looking out." There were no flashing lights or sounds, and it left behind a trail of clear sky. Otherwise, all was broken fog." As it moved in a southerly direction, she felt awe and reverence. She was shocked that it had come over the bounds of town and she "didn't say anything to anyone at the time since it was a kind of sacred experience."

Over twenty years ago, "at three different times, I woke up in the middle of the night with an extreme terror that I had never felt in my life. My entire body was totally paralyzed and I remember on one occasion that my eyes were open - my mind was alert - my heart was beating, but I could not speak, verbalize or scream. I couldn't move - not even a toe or a finger on my body. One time when that happened, I could see the bedroom wall, and on one of the first occasions I saw the back of two figures actually walk out through the bedroom wall. All I could do was lay there totally paralyzed just mentally praying to God for his protection."

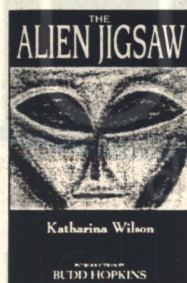
Kathleen has no precise dates recorded for these events, since, as she says, "I didn't know what was happening." She had always believed that UFOs were science fiction. Kathleen says that on each occasion after the entities walked through the wall, that "it took

two or three minutes to be able to roll over in bed, and move my hands and feet. This was a tremendously terrifying experience. At first I thought this was a dream of the two figures walking out through the bedroom wall. It happened two other times too. I woke up with this extreme terror and not being able to move, and just feeling a presence around me of something bad or evil. I was totally frightened. I think the paralysis intensified my fright of not being able to move. My mind would be sharp. All I could do was mentally lie there and mentally pray until I could start moving again. I only had about three of these experiences and then seeing the UFO in 1979, 'I thought that was the end of things.'" In 1989 or 1990 Kathleen began having dreams and we will consider these in the next issue of Case Briefs.

INTERVIEWS

THE ALIEN JIGSAW THE EXPERIENCES OF AUTHOR KATHARINA WILSON

By Laura Steiger,
Case Briefs Editor



It was my pleasure to meet the very personable Katharina Wilson, author of *The Alien Jigsaw*, at MUFON's 25th Annual Symposium last July. Her book was fascinating and I was impressed and intrigued by her in-depth analysis and insights into her own abduction experiences. Katharina's encounters were explored at length during sessions with Budd Hopkins and his comments about her in the Forward of *The Alien Jigsaw* pay tribute to this most remarkable lady. While I was unable to interview her at the Symposium, Katharina graciously consented to the following "pen and pencil" interview.

LS: What were your motivations for going public with your abduction history and writing your book, *The Alien Jigsaw*?

KW: My motivations for going public with my abduction history and writing *The Alien Jigsaw* were two-fold. Although a few excellent books about abductions had been written over the past decade, I found myself feeling somewhat alienated from the so-called 'mainstream abduction case.' This isolation stemmed from the fact that I was experiencing events during my abduction encounters that had never before been published. When I began meeting with and interviewing other abductees, I realized they were feeling the same way I was feeling. We were seeing Beings other than the Greys, and experiencing phenomena such as teaching dreams, visions and theatrical scenarios.

These are a very important part of abductions and they are designed to test and elicit emotional and behavioral responses from the abductee. I thought it was time for someone to share this type of information with both the research community and other abductees.

The other factor that motivated me to go public were my abduction experiences involving apparent military/government interaction. I had reported such interaction as far back as 1990, but my information wasn't getting out to the UFO community. I can only assume that there weren't enough reports to warrant sharing my information with the UFO community. My book covers the first thirty-two years of my life and out of 119 experiences, I documented fourteen experiences that had military/government overtones. Some of these experiences occurred in underground bases. It was these types of experiences that really drove me to go public.

LS: So far, has going public with your book helped or hindered you?

KW: Going public is always difficult even if you think you feel completely comfortable with it. I find it stressful to speak to hundreds of strangers at UFO conferences. However, I am compelled to do so because I know that even if I only help one person come to terms with their experiences, then it is worth it.

Every time I go to a conference I say to myself, "Okay, this will probably be my last one." Then, by the end of the first day, I realize how sincere the people are and how much they appreciate my being there to talk to, to ask questions of, and to have someone to share their information with. Many people tell me things that they wouldn't dare say to their friends or family. The release they feel and the thanks I receive leave me saying, "Oh, I could do this forever - I actually feel as though I may be doing something meaningful."

There is something important I want to stress and that is: while doing this work I have never told anyone, "You're an abductee." That's not something anyone needs or wants to be told. I always let the person talk to me, and I keep the conversation on their terms.

LS: Do you prefer the word **abductee** vs. **experiencer**? If so, why?

KW: I use the term 'abductee' because it was the word that was most commonly used to describe people who interacted with non-human Beings back in the eighties. I don't associate any negative feelings with the word, in fact, many people are surprised when I tell them that 45% of my experiences were neutral.

A lot of people would say the word 'abductee' means, "To be taken against your will." Well, for most people I think we are taken against our will, or at least we believe we are. Of course, when we understand more about past lives and the research that is being done relating to them, we may find out one day that we agreed to do this work in a previous life. However, right now I don't think we can say this with certainty. It is only a theory.

LS: What has been the most difficult thing to deal with - outside of the actual abduction experiences - since you became consciously aware of them?

KW: The most difficult thing to deal with revolves around a specific anxiety concerning the safety of my pets, which I will address later. I would have to say that the next most difficult thing to deal with is the possibility that I may never know the truth behind the whole abduction phenomenon. I don't want to die without knowing what really happened to me. Being abducted and remembering what happened to you is one thing. Understanding 'why' is quite another. I want to know *why* I'm being abducted. And, I want to know why I'm seeing military and government personnel in my experiences. I don't want them to be there, but they are. And, during my experiences I don't feel as bad about it as I feel I should. Sometimes I feel quite comfortable with the military people I see.

Isn't it normal that I would feel it is wrong to be abducted by military or government personnel? I ask myself this question a lot these days. Just like I wonder how the families feel whose loved ones were experimented on in the radiation experiments during the Cold War. And just like I wonder about the black men who were experimented on in the Tuskegee Institute's syphilis study. Could something like that happen again? Did the experiments ever end?

LS: Where, if at all, do you feel that your experiences differ from those reported by other abductees (such as those who have reported experiences to Budd Hopkins, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Mack...)? What are some of the commonalities?

KW: I'm different in the ways I described when I answered the first question. I have so many conscious memories that I could have literally written my book to fit the 'Hopkins-Jacobs abductee' or the 'John Mack experiencer.' I decided to include ALL of my experiences in *The Alien Jigsaw* because I know that we are not either abductees or experiencers - we are both, and that is what makes studying abductions so confusing.

The fact that Dr. Mack is rattling the establishment is great. He is giving us options that our western culture has taught us to ignore. We

are standing at a door that we have to open if we are to move forward. We have to open it for our children's sake. Right now there are a lot of people standing in front of that door with their eyes closed, terrified of what they will discover.

LS: Abduction researchers such as Ray Fowler and Dr. John Mack indicate that some of their abductees (experiencers) are reporting themes of reincarnation, dual human/alien souls and future ecological trauma to planet Earth. What are your feelings about these reports and how do they fit into your own experiences?

KW: As I told my friend Patti Weatherford, "I know past lives are real, but I don't do past lives - I'm not into it." Since I made that statement, I've experienced two reincarnation themes that felt as vivid and reality-based as my abduction experiences, but they were not connected with alien Beings. The spontaneous memories of these two past lives shook me to my core because I never imagined or believed that I would remember something like a past life.

Dual human/alien souls are another subject I felt similarly about until recently. Whenever the subject came up I would simply tune the information out. While I was completing my work on *The Alien Jigsaw*, I found myself thinking about the blue-skinned Being. She was a small Being with a large bald head and huge round eyes. She had beautiful pale blue skin and I believed she was exceptionally wise. I always thought she had her eyes closed during my interaction with her, even though she telepathically told me that she always has blue-gray eyes when she comes into the Earth plane.

One day I got my answer about the color of her eyes in a manner that left me with more questions than answers. I found myself standing in front of a mirror or some type of reflective wall. I was looking at myself and was gently rubbing my hand across my face. As I admired my reflection I said to myself, "I really am beautiful. I am very satisfied with my physical appearance." I had my eyes open and was staring at myself in the 'mirror.'

I was a blue-skinned Being with large blue-gray eyes, but inside, it was still *me*. I experienced the same knowing I felt during my two past life memories. I know I used to be those 'people.'

LS: Have your religious beliefs changed since you became aware of your experiences? If so, how.

KW: I was raised and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. I went to Sunday school or church almost every Sunday until I was eighteen. I do not want to offend anyone by saying this, but I never felt as if I fit in there; I never quite believed what I was being taught; and no one could ever answer my questions to my satisfaction.

I believe there is a great creative force, and I have been taught to call this force 'God.' I pray and give thanks to God every day, which is not something I did prior to connecting my memories with the abduction phenomenon.

I am not a religious person, but I do consider myself a spiritual person. I live my beliefs, I don't preach them. My spiritual beliefs center around the basic premise that all life is equal and is special, and should be treated with respect and love. I am a vegetarian not for health reasons, but because I love animals. For me to eat an animal would be like someone else eating another human. When they are available, I buy products that have not been tested on animals and I will always buy vinyl over leather.

A lot of people assume that I'm a vegetarian because I've been manipulated by the aliens and they wanted me to be a vegetarian. Not so. In 1984 I began to realize the connection within all life and drastically changed my diet. Over the course of two years I changed my behavior. People don't just wake up one day and decide to be vegetarians. Many vegetarians are people who have made that (sometimes painful) connection to the value of other life. They realize that humans aren't the most important species on our planet and they decide to live their life accordingly.

In living out my life on this planet, my spiritual beliefs tell me that I should leave this world at least as good a place as when I entered, preferably better. One person can make a difference - I think a lot about all the animals who are not being created and slaughtered just to put meat on my plate. I have been a vegetarian for eight years and I am just as energetic and healthy as ever.

LS: Aside from the fact that the whole phenomenon can be considered strange, what do you feel was your most strange or unusual experience?

KW: My most strange and unusual experiences are the experiences about reincarnation and a dual human/alien soul. I recently shared this information with Forest Crawford at the Gulf Breeze conference during a private conversation, but this is the first time I've spoken about this type of information publicly. I don't know why, but I feel I may be taking a risk by talking about it. I still don't understand it.

My most unusual abduction experience involved my being taken to a place that I was told was, "The dark side of the moon." I saw enormous domed-shaped structures on the horizon and tall crystal like structures in the foreground. I was with two humanoid males who were wearing gray body suits. I was wearing a body suit also and was learning how to use a hand-held weapon that resembled a machine gun. However, this weapon was lightweight and emitted energy instead of bullets. I distinctly remember looking at the dome-shaped structures and wondering if this was a city and how it could be here. Once you experience something like this, it is impossible to ignore it.

LS: Is it your feeling that these Beings are extraterrestrial, extra dimensional or something else altogether?

KW: Yes - and I say that with a smile. I have had experiences that have led me to believe that

some of the Beings are inter-dimensional while some of them are extraterrestrial. The category "something else altogether" should stay on the board as well since we understand so little about the universe.

LS: How do you deal with skeptics and those who say it's all in your head?

KW: The skeptics I hear on television make me laugh when they say abductions are caused by mass hallucinations, fantasy-prone personality, false memory syndrome and sleep paralysis. FFP, FMS, sleep paralysis and hallucinations probably do affect a portion of the population. For example, Carl Sagan publicly admitted in a March 7, 1993 *Parade Magazine* article that he has had auditory hallucinations probably a dozen times since the death of his parents.

These new 'syndromes' have never been proven to be as organized on such a massive scale as abductions appear to be. Incidentally, FFP, FMS and sleep paralysis are not officially recognized in the DSM-III-R (the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental disorders).

I haven't been challenged in person about my abduction experiences. I have, however, met with skeptical people who have open minds and I think that is about all we can ask of them - just try to keep an open mind. We don't have all the answers yet.

LS: You mention throughout your book your concern about the safety of your pets. Have you ever had any reason to believe that your fears for them were justified?

KW: I wonder a lot if my fears or concerns for the safety of my pets are justified. This is my last great hurdle to overcome. I feel very strongly that I have been threatened and whoever made the threat used my pets' lives as the controlling factor. However, I have no memory of this actually occurring.

On the other hand, I have seen my pets during my experiences, and I have seen the aliens

on the porch with my pets. When the aliens make me think they have opened the door to my pets' enclosure, I become frightened for their safety. I have also had a few encounters during which I felt I had to protect my pets because there was a 'polar bear' in my house, or there were 'lions,' 'Siberian tigers' and 'floating penguins' in or around my house. At the time, I viewed them as a great threat to my cats.

Budd Hopkins and I have talked about this and he believes I am projecting my fear onto my pets; that perhaps I fear being taken again by the aliens and I am projecting the fear I feel from myself onto my cats and my dog. The only problem I have with this is, I do not fear the aliens. I don't particularly want to be taken again (unless the Beings will be honest with me and tell me what is going on), but I am not afraid of them anymore. Even when I sense the aliens' presence prior to an abduction I am not afraid.

LS: Finally, when you were a little girl, what went through your head when you looked out at the stars at night? How about now?

KW: When I was a little girl and I looked up at the stars at night I felt that the universe was wondrous. My father spent time with me showing me how to use my little telescope and we would look at the moon together. I remember the first thing I wanted to be when I grew up was an astronomer. I loved looking at the night sky as a child, and still enjoy it as an adult.

I enjoy looking for satellites and on a clear night I will almost always be able to spot one. A few months ago I went outside and sat down on my deck. I looked up at a group of stars and marveled at how clear the sky was and how beautiful the stars were. Then I began thinking about the Beings. I felt a little sad and I said to myself (while still looking at the group of stars), "Why don't you ever let me see you (anymore) like I am right now - completely awake and on my terms?"

At that moment, one of the stars I was looking at moved across the sky. Not fast, but it definitely moved. If I were to hold my fist at arms

length, the 'star' moved from my left to right, about ten inches across the sky (that is holding a ruler at arms length) in three seconds. It then blinked out.

I couldn't believe what I had seen. Even though I had asked to see it and I observed it, I still couldn't believe it had anything to do with me. It left me questioning: Who and what am I, that would cause an advanced alien species to have an interest in me?

*Special thanks to Katharina Wilson for graciously providing this interview. I recommend that our readers who are interested in learning more about Katharina's experiences read one or both of her excellent books. **The Alien Jigsaw** (\$26.95) and **The Alien Jigsaw Researcher's Supplement** (\$16.95) are available by sending your name and address along with a check or money order payable to Katharina Wilson to: Puzzle Publishing, P.O. Box 230023, Portland, OR 97281-0023. Prices include shipping and handling.*

ARTICLES

ON THE ROAD WITH RUBEN URIARTE

By Laura Steiger, *Case Briefs* Editor

As proof of Ruben Uriarte's extraordinary commitment to investigating the UFO phenomenon, he has been traveling the globe to study different international UFO "hot spots." In the last several months, Ruben, MUFON's Northern California Assistant State Director, has not only attended MUFON's 25th Annual Symposium in Austin, Texas, but has explored this season's crop circles in England and Scotland with George Knapp and Colin Andrews. He also traveled to Puerto Rico this past October to investigate sightings in the Laguna Cartegena and El Yunque rain forest areas.

During late July, while the rest of the world was watching the comets crash into Jupiter, Ruben joined a group of 14 people on a "crop circle tour" through England. The tour was organized by Above All Travel, in conjunction with the former Triad Research Foundation. Ruben is the official UFO/Paranormal Coordinator for Above All Travel and is instrumental in planning some of their highly successful tours.

Whether on the Salisbury Plain of southern England or the green fields of Scotland, the group visited a number of areas where crop circles have recently appeared, as well as areas that have been sites in year's past. There was an opportunity to attend the Crop Circle Conference in Andover, in addition to meeting and working with lots of local investigators and scientists, including an afternoon spent with Colin Andrews. Part of the tour included spending time with investigative journalist, George Knapp, and assisting with the filming of a documentary he was working on.

Among the highlights of Ruben's visit to England was seeing the now famous crop circles which have been dubbed "the eye," "the galaxy," and the second largest "scorpion." One Wednesday night, while the group was in an area near Golden Ball Hill, they observed strange lights that glowed a bright, golden amber in the approximate direction of the famous hill. They looked at the lights through binoculars and night scopes and saw what appeared to be half-dome shaped objects. On Friday, a day and a half later, a crop circle ("the galaxy") was discovered in a field near the area where the lights had been sighted. Before returning to the states, the group made a short trip to Scotland and met with a group of UFO researchers and investigators.

On an interesting note, Ruben recently received a letter from Scottish investigator, Ron Halliday, who reported that within a short time after the group left, 4 crop circles had appeared in nearby Kingnussie, while another appeared just an hour's drive away from his home. According to Ron, this summer produced more crop circles than have appeared in Scotland for a long time.

A few short months after returning to northern California, Ruben was off again, this time to Puerto Rico. On a tour that was also organized by Above All Travel, Jorge Martin, UFO Researcher and the Editor of *Evidencia Ovni*, the largest UFO magazine in Central and South America, accompanied the group of ten (mostly MUFON members) throughout Puerto Rico. One of the most interesting places they visited was Laguna Cartegena, where they interviewed several people who have reported sightings of strange craft, some of which were seen entering or leaving the lagoon. (There are many people who believe that underground bases exists under Laguna Cartegena and the ocean off Puerto Rico's southwestern coast.)

During his stay, Ruben heard reports which included sightings of triangular shaped craft and Bigfoot type creatures, and he interviewed fishermen who maintain that saucer shaped craft are continually going in and coming out of the ocean along Puerto Rico's coasts. Throughout the trip, participants had frequent opportunities to speak with many of the local citizens. Ruben observed that the UFO phenomenon seems to be generally accepted as a reality by most of the populace.

Group members were surprised by the many stories they heard of healings that sometimes occurred when people were abducted and taken onboard alien spacecraft. It seemed as if every other person they spoke with knew of someone who had been taken and then healed. One person reported that a young man he knew was healed from his chronic childhood asthma attacks after being abducted and operated on by aliens. There were other individuals they interviewed that maintained that their diseases were cured in a similar manner.

A highlight of the visit to the Laguna Cartegena region was spending time with Amaury Rivera, the young man who took the now-famous photographs of the UFO and the F-14 Tomcats several years ago. Although some people believe that the photos are hoaxed (this is MUFON's official position), Ruben had an opportunity to get

to know Amaury and was impressed by his sincerity. Amaury, who works as a hot dog vendor, is angry that no official person or investigative agency has bothered to tell him that they think the photos are hoaxed. He is also upset that the photos are being reproduced and sold without his permission.

While the group visited the El Yunque rain forest area in the Caribbean National Forest, Jorge Martin told them that there had been over 700 cases of sightings or abductions in El Yunque alone. In the Cabo Rojo region there was an area that the group wished to explore, near the Aero Drome, a white unmarked surveillance blimp that is used by the DEA to help in the prevention of drug smuggling. However, there have been a number of reports that the Aero Drome is actually used for UFO surveillance. The Aero Drome is flown above the Laguna Cartegena area and the coast line where many sightings have been reported. It is interesting to note that while traveling in the area, they came upon a sign that read: "Advertencia. Esta Acercandose A Propiedad Federal Restricta Uso De Fuerza Mortal Esta Autorizado En Esta Area." Translated, it means that the land is a federally restricted area and that deadly force is authorized for trespassers. Hmmm.

Among the interesting reports they heard, was one that was told by a ninety-one year old man. Apparently, one day in 1970 he came home and opened the door to discover 5 aliens standing in his living room. He was so frightened that he made the sign of the cross and then chased them out with a stick. He has not seen them since, but two of his daughters have had some anomalous experiences.

Both of Ruben's trips were filled with great adventures and interesting people and he is planning more adventures for 1995. Above All Travel is offering several interesting UFO related tours next year, including trips to Puerto Rico (leaving January 30th) and England & Scotland (July 24th - August 3rd). If you would like information about the tours they offer, please call them at (800) 572-1576.

TIDBITS

ACCET ANNOUNCES ITS FORMATION (A NEW ORGANIZATION FOR THERAPISTS COUNSELING CLOSE-ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCERS)

The Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists (ACCET) ["as-set"] officially announced its formation on August 27, 1994, and invited psychotherapists around the country and abroad to join, according to spokesperson Richard Boylan, Ph.D., the organization's Secretary - Treasurer. "ACCET is a federally-recognized non-profit international educational organization, designed to educate therapists and foster cross-communication about the exploding phenomenon of persons reporting extraterrestrial encounters," Boyland explained. ACCET will also conduct public information lectures, research into the ET-contact phenomenon, publish research findings and other data, and dialogue with other professional and scientific organizations.

Its Board of Directors includes psychotherapist, ET-contact experts: Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., a Laramie, WY counseling psychologist, former Univ. of Wyoming professor; ACCET's President, Rauni Kilde, M.D., a former Acting Surgeon General of Finland, and ACCET's Vice President, Maralyn Teare, M.A., an Ojai, CA marriage and family counselor, Virginia Bennett, M.A., a Berkeley, CA certified clinical hypnotherapist, and Boylan, a clinical psychologist in Sacramento.

Consultants to ACCET include John Mack, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and John Carpenter, MSW, a Springfield, MO licensed clinical social worker, national experts on ET encounter reports.

"ACCET plans to bring together the thousands of therapists struggling in isolation to make sense out of clients' reported ET contacts, and to develop the skills to best assist close-encounter experiencers," Boyland noted. "ACCET

also recognizes that there are a variety of possible explanations for the phenomenon and hopes to eventually bring the pooled data and experience of thousands of therapists to refine a scientific understanding of what is happening to many thousands of people."

ACCET's headquarters is located at 2826 O Street, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95816.

CROP PICTOGRAPHS

Gavegin Productions has produced another video that one will be proud to include in a library of the anomalous. Dr. Patrick Bailey interviews Ruben Uriarte (MUFON's No. California Assistant State Director) concerning his participation in the 1994 Crop Circle Expedition to Great Britain. This is the chance of a lifetime for one to tap the quality of photographs taken by Ruben both inside, outside and above some of the current pictograms.

The tape includes close-ups of the swirled motion and of the bent, but unbroken, sticks within the spirals. It also includes suggestions of how to identify hoaxes. There is a discussion of the golden balls seen near Golden Ball Hill, and photographs of choppers that spied on the group most of the time while they were on location. Most of the photographic work was done on or near ancient sites and there can be little doubt that \$20.00 is not too much to ask for this hour of pleasure that can be experienced over and over again. A final bonus is the cacophony of sound, provided by Colin Andrews, that came out of the center of one of the great circles. Address: Space Cities Video, 23392 Connecticut Street, #5, Hayward, CA 94545.

4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS CONVENTION

The International UFO Congress Convention will convene on Sunday, November 27th, and continue through Saturday, December 3rd, (with hotel check-out and departure on December 4th). The convention offers an extraordinary panel of world class speakers, such as

Michael Hesemann, Robert Dean, Michael Lindemann, John Carpenter and George Wingfield, among many others. One of the event's many highlights will be the information presented by China's leading UFO scientist, Professor Sun Shi-Li.

The most exciting thing about the convention is the amazingly low price: \$319.95 per person (double) for the whole week is a great value for your dollar. If you are unable to attend for the entire week, the Congress will be happy to customize your attendance for as little as a one night stay, at proportionately low prices. Air fare to Las Vegas from the Bay Area is available for a little as \$49 each way. Southwest Airlines offers a 2 for 1 "Friends Fly Free" fare from several Bay Area cities.

The International UFO Congress has started a tradition of breaking the latest and most important UFO information at their Fall Convention, and this year will be no exception. Every day of the event offers at least one speaker who would, all by themselves, be worth the time and effort to attend. To register or obtain further information on this outstanding value, please contact the Congress Monday through Friday at (510) 428-0340. (For your convenience, they accept Visa or Master Card.)

OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW

Plans have been announced for next year's ORTK campaign to help end UFO secrecy. A petition to the United Nations is already being distributed throughout the United States, Great Britain, Argentina and Japan, and ORTK is looking for help to distribute the petition in other countries. The petition calls for governments world wide to disclose classified information and their conclusions concerning UFO events. Signed petitions will be delivered to the U.N. during ORTK's Public Awareness Week which is scheduled for the first week of July, 1995. Brenda Lancaster, ORTK's organizer and leader, has described the event as "a week of public awareness and action aimed at the governments of the

world." She further states that "participation can be as simple as wearing our designed arm band, our pin and tying blue ribbons on your trees for the week. Or it can be as elaborate as setting up a public awareness event with speakers and action aimed at our government such as a mass letter writing and call-in campaign."

If you would like a copy of the petition, or would like to volunteer or make a donation, please call Mike Jamieson at (707) 257-2102.

FIELD INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

Another Field Investigator Training Session is planned for sometime in January or February of 1995. MUFON's No. California Training Coordinator, Les Velez, would appreciate hearing from our members about what areas they would like the training sessions to focus on. If you have ideas that you'd like to share, please feel free to call Les at (408) 268-2837.

MEDIA CORNER

TELEVISION & RADIO

Many of the shows which deal with UFO's and topics of the paranormal are continually under review and subject to cancellation or suspension. Television or radio stations that air the kinds of programs we enjoy need to know that we support them. Phone numbers for several of our Bay Area stations are listed below and we encourage you to call their programming departments with your thoughts.

KTVU, our Oakland Fox affiliate, has been airing new episodes of "Encounters" Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For the month of November, however, it will be replaced by episodes of "The X-Files." It is scheduled to resume the Sunday 7:00 p.m. time slot in December. (510) 834-1212

"Sightings" has returned and is airing on CBS Channel 5, KPIX, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. (415) 362-5550

The syndicated show called "The Extraordinary" airs in the Bay Area on KTVU Channel 2, Saturdays at midnight - after "Tales from the Darkside." (510) 834-1212

Art Bell's "Dreamland" is still airing Sunday evenings 7 - 10 and has grown to 82 stations nationwide! One new California station that was recently added is KNNY 1240 AM serving the Monterey Peninsula area.

EVENTS

MUFON Bi-Monthly Bay Area Meeting

Usually held on the third Sunday of odd numbered months. The November meeting which was tentatively scheduled for Nov. 20th has been changed to Nov. 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Divine Science, 1540 Hicks, San Jose

Monthly OSIRIS Meeting (Outer Space International Research and Investigations Society), third Friday of each month at 6:45 p.m., The Ranch House, 8155 N. Lander Avenue, Hilmar, CA. Call Ray Keller at (209) 531-2404 to reserve, or write OSIRIS, P.O. Box 882, Hilmar, CA 95324 for free sample of NEW MILLENNIAL STAR newspaper.

The Santa Cruz UFO Study Group holds monthly meetings. For more information call (408) 425-4831.

4th Annual International UFO Congress Convention

November 27th through December 4th at the Peppermill Oasis Resort, Mesquite, Nevada. For more information call Bob Brown at (510) 428-0202.

OPUS Get Acquainted Night

Friday, November 18th, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
900 Kiley Blvd., Santa Clara

OPUS, the Organization for Paranormal Support and Understanding, is hosting an evening of interactive discussion regarding their activities (i.e., establishing a professional referral network for experiencers of anomalous phenomena and a resource data base). For more information or to RSVP call (510) 689-2666.

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