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UFOs Exist

Recently Nova, a science-related series on PBS television, ran a program titled "The Case of the UFOs" that was as fine a piece of propaganda as I have seen in a long time. Based upon the presentation, the viewer was invited to make a judgment as to the existence of UFOs.

Several scientist-UFO experts gave their opinions regarding the UFO phenomenon. Not one had ever seen a UFO.

These scientists seek a natural explanation for the UFO phenomena. As an example of how far they will "reach," one claimed a correlation between earthquake activity and lights in the sky. But such correlations are illusory. For instance, a correlation exists between an increase in worldwide UFO activity and the nearness to earth of the planet Mars in its orbit about the sun. Yet NASA has no evidence that UFOs are on Mars.

Another example of reaching is one scientist's belief that UFO sightings result from the observation of swarms of insects that give off an electrical discharge while in the vicinity of an electrically charged cloud, a natural phenomenon too.

Having lived in the vicinity of the New Madrid fault for 20 years and having directed a long-term scientific field study of UFO phenomena, during which I observed some 150 UFO lights, I do not believe that any of these were produced by insects or earthquakes — nor were any of the seven craft I observed.

Contrary to the opinion of "experts," I can state unequivocally that real UFOs exist and that they are not a phenomenon of nature.

Dr. Harley Rutledge

Director, Project Identification
Cape Girardeau

UFO turns on its red light and pulls over three cops

Palatine Commander Michael McDonald has been a policeman for 16 years — long enough to know that officers who report seeing UFOs end up taking a lot of ribbing.

Nevertheless, McDonald is an officer of the law. It's his job to report anything out of the ordinary. And he says that what he saw in the sky early Saturday morning was "real unusual."

McDonald was the first of three Palatine officers on routine patrol Saturday to report seeing a UFO drifting across the village.

Commander John Setzer said McDonald and officers Dennis Somsel and Ron Roszak each spotted a strange light in the area of Northwest Highway and Smith Street just before 5 a.m.

"I SAW an intense white and red light...pretty good size. It was bright enough to light up the ground,"

McDonald said. He estimated the light was 300 to 500 feet above the ground, moving south.

After McDonald called in the sighting, Somsel and Roszak independently saw the light. It made no noise, and no shape could be distinguished by the police officers because of its brightness.

McDonald, remembering a fellow officer's UFO sighting in 1965, knew he'd take some razzing for the sighting.

"You feel kind of like 'I didn't see nothing,' but it was there," McDonald said. "I thought it was real unusual."

He said Palatine police called O'Hare Airport, but no aircraft was reported in the area. "I watched it (the light) for about nine minutes, then it disappeared behind Busse Woods," he said.

NEARBY ROLLING Meadows police, who were monitoring the Palatine

calls, found "nothing stranger than normal going on at this time," Sgt. Richard Hammer said. Arlington Heights police said they didn't see anything either.

The Center for UFO Studies in Evanston said the description of the UFO partially matched the description of an unidentified flying object sighted Wednesday at about 4:30 p.m. in the South suburbs.

Mimi Hynek of the UFO center said in that incident, a railroad conductor watched a bright light in the sky until it moved off to the north. He said shortly afterward three similar lights appeared. The lights were entirely white, she said.

Hynek said the conductor heard no noise from the sky when he saw the lights, "and that's what struck him funny."

SUN STAR, Merced, CA - Nov. 23, 1982

UFO landing is reported

COULTERVILLE — An unverified report of a UFO landing in Mariposa County was turned into the Sheriff's office over the weekend.

Stephen Meeks, calling from a phone in Coulterville, reported he and another motorist were northbound on Highway 49 when their vehicles suddenly stopped. They exited from their cars to find the UFO landing on hilly terrain between Bear Valley and Coulterville.

The two drivers stood mesmerized as the object came down until the second man started taking some pictures.

At that point, the UFO starting making "unearthly sounds" and the two men jumped into their cars and fled the scene.

Sheriff's Department officials could not find the driver of the second car or verify Meeks report.

BKE, Clarence, NY - Nov. 24, 1982

A UFO was reported by a Clarence man. The caller said that it appeared to look like a wing of an airplane and as blueish in color.

The UFO was observed near Greiner and Goodrich Rds. and was seen only for a few seconds in southeastern direction. After a short burn-out from its two engines, it disappeared in a northeast direction.

COURANT, Hartford, CT - Dec. 7, 1982 CR: T. Beckley

Enfield UFO Sighting: 'A Monstrosity of a Disc'

By DIANE LEVICK
Courant Staff Writer

Former Enfield Town Councilman Paul A. Boucher is a seemingly down-to-earth guy with a story that is, quite literally, out of this world.

It isn't every day that a contract administrator for Hamilton Standard sees an acre-sized Unidentified Flying Object with some 300 piercing, white lights hovering above his car.

Yet friends and Robert H. Bletchman, a Manchester lawyer and head of Connecticut's chapter of the national Mutual UFO Network, believe Boucher actually did see such an object.

Other UFO investigators say Boucher's story bears striking similarities to other reports of UFOs.

Mark J. Rodeghier, a member of the board of directors for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., a privately financed nationwide group, said Monday that he would contact Bletchman for more information.

Each year in Connecticut there

are scores of UFO reports, many of which are attributed to pranksters. But Boucher, an Enfield resident for 17 years, Town Council member from 1977 to 1980 and a district director of Enfield's Republican Club, is a pinstripe-suited executive who initially shunned publicity about the Oct. 20 incident.

Contacted through Bletchman, Boucher consented to talk about his encounter, which, he said, "impressed the hell out of me."

Boucher, who sports a beard and moustache, was driving from his home to a Republican Club meeting in Enfield on a "nice clear, crisp night" and had turned from Elm Street onto Washington Road.

"The next thing I remember, I was onto Washington (Road) with my foot on the brake. I was looking at a monstrosity of a disc," Boucher said.

Hovering "a couple hundred feet" directly over his car, the circular object — rimmed with approximately 300 basketball-sized lights — cast bright, white light

over the area, he said. He described the object's color as "a watery gray, like sharkskin."

He said he saw heat waves rise from the hood of his white 1979 Chrysler New Yorker but didn't feel hot himself. He heard a low-pitched, grinding whir like the sound of a motor that won't turn over.

A moment later, the lights went out and the whirring stopped. The UFO then turned a flaming red, shot up in an arc through the sky and disappeared, Boucher recalled.

"I was bawling. I was really shaken. My digital clock said 7:02 p.m.," Boucher said, adding that he left his Rosanne Street home around 6:30 p.m. and that the drive to Republican Club meetings normally takes only 15 minutes.

Boucher said he wasn't scared while the UFO was hovering above him but became frightened when the object flew away. He said he doesn't know if he blacked out during the incident.

As he talked about the encoun-

ter, Boucher appeared calm but fidgeted with a pen. He said the event somewhat unnerved him.

"Ever since I've been confused," he said. "I have an eerie feeling it's going to happen again."

Boucher said he fought the urge to return to the area, which has homes on one side and an open field on the other, but he finally did a few days later. He saw nothing unusual there.

Republican Club President Charles Duren, who listened to Boucher relate his experience that night, said he doesn't doubt Boucher saw something unusual and considers Boucher on the level.

Bletchman said he finds Boucher's story consistent with other UFO sightings except for the large number of lights that Boucher described.

"His story holds together," Bletchman said. "I am extraordinarily impressed with his credibility."

Coventry patrolman Lawrence A. Fawcett, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, said

he believes Boucher's story.

Fawcett, who has looked into UFO sightings for 20 years and is writing a book on UFOs, estimates about 10 percent of the reports can be attributed to natural phenomena. Other UFO investigators estimate closer to 20 percent are unexplainable.

Boucher, smiling at the question, said his mental stability is "beyond reproach." He said his only other possible UFO sighting was in the mid-1970s when he saw two white discs in the sky. He said that when he called Bradley International Airport about the sighting, he was told other people had reported seeing something similar.

A Bradley Airport spokeswoman said no one had reported seeing anything unusual Oct. 20.

Boucher said he isn't greatly interested in science fiction, although he has seen the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." He said he "can't really relate" to the eagerness that some of the characters displayed to meet extra-terrestrial life.

Thinking it over

Is U.S. government engaging in UFO coverup?

By Walter Massey

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Post-Herald Editor



Hastings did not condemn government policy. It has a rationale in that it is designed not to create panic, he said. But he disagrees with it, saying it is "short-sighted."

Apparently out of concern for the nation's sense of security, the government has been covering up UFO reports for 30 years, Hastings said.

The position of the government is that UFOs can be explained as solar reflections on clouds, as small meteors or as flattened hailstones, Hastings said.

The "debunking" effort began in 1953 when the CIA took charge of UFO investigations, Hastings said. A regulation was issued to provide procedures for making reports of UFO sightings. Military pilots were forbidden to release information on sightings to the press or the public. Later, the secrecy order was extended to commercial airline pilots.

Hastings said that those covered by secrecy orders are subject to severe penalties for unauthorized disclosures of UFO sighting reports.

AMERICAN citizens have made direct contact with aliens, Hastings said.

One such contact happened in 1961 in New Hampshire. Betty and Barney Hill were driving when they became drowsy. They awoke two hours later several miles down the road.

Under hypnosis by a psychiatrist, the couple remembered a terrifying experience in which they were taken aboard an alien spacecraft and given physical examinations. They recalled under hypnosis that the aliens communicated with them in broken English, and that they were told they would not remember their experience. Under hypnosis, the couple even drew sketches of the aliens and their spacecraft.

HASTINGS may well be right. I offer this to readers as he has, as a "take it or leave it" proposition. If we are being visited by extraterrestrials, they mean us no harm. They are far more advanced than we are. If they meant to harm us, they could have done so already.

I agree that the government secrecy is misguided. Information is the best way to avoid panic. When widespread sightings are attributed to "marsh gas" as happened in the 1960s, credibility is strained.

Disclosure now of all that the government knows about alien spacecraft, if that's what they are, would prepare the people for the contingency that all of us have in mind: The day that a spacecraft lands in Washington and something looking like E.T. says, "Take me to your leader."

One such crash, in the 1950s, was reported to the Air Force by a rancher in the Southwest. Widespread media coverage resulted. Reports at the time, according to Hastings, described the metal in the wreckage to be very thin but extremely strong. If it were bent, it would spring back into its original shape. It could not be permanently dented. It was very light-weight.

Hastings said officials at the scene were quickly hushed up by a high-ranking officer who arrived and took charge. The rancher was taken into custody and held for a week until publicity subsided and reporters finally left.

An official statement said the wreckage was part of a weather-tracking project. But when reporters left, Air Force personnel combed the area for every bit of wreckage. It was loaded on an airplane and flown out of the area in secrecy.

HASTINGS contends, despite the government's claim that it ended UFO investigations when Project Bluebook was closed in 1969, such research continues in top secrecy.

The highly publicized Project Bluebook by the Air Force was merely a public relations gimmick, Hastings said. The real information on UFOs is closely held by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Administration (NSA) and by the White House.

While campaigning, Jimmy Carter had said he had personally sighted a UFO. Hastings showed a slide of an article from *U.S. News & World Report* in early 1977 which said that "unsettling disclosures" on UFOs would be made soon. But those disclosures never came through. Hastings theorized that national security advisers had convinced Carter not to change government policy on UFOs.

The U.S. government for years has denied that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are alien spacecraft and has explained sightings as mistaken identification of familiar phenomenon.

But UFO researchers, through Freedom of Information Act lawsuits, have obtained documents which show that the government takes UFO sightings seriously — and has deliberately misled the public in order not to cause panic.

Robert Hastings, a researcher into the subject of UFOs, presented a 1½ hour slide show and lecture to students and faculty members Monday at Beckley College.

Hastings' assertion — given on a "take it or leave it" basis — is that earth has indeed been visited by spacecraft from other worlds, that officials of the U.S. government know this, and that the truth has been deliberately covered up.

The lecturer got involved in the UFO controversy after a first-hand experience. He was in a military air traffic control tower when radar screens tracked five UFOs nearby. When jets were scrambled to pursue the UFOs, the objects left the vicinity in bursts of speed far exceeding the capability of any earthly aircraft, Hastings said.

That experience left a deep impression on Hastings, and he began researching the entire subject of UFOs.

NOW, AS a full-time lecturer on UFOs, Hastings says his telephone has been tapped and that parcels of documents being mailed to him apparently have been intercepted. He feels that he is under surveillance by the government agencies which have hushed up and "debunked" information on UFOs for years.

According to Hastings, not only have alien spacecraft been tracked on radar, but much more tangible evidence has been gathered which has proven that they are extraterrestrial in origin. Alien spacecraft have been filmed, photographed and — astonishingly — examined first-hand by government agents.

Hastings showed a slide of a memo from J. Edgar Hoover, then FBI director, which indicated that other government agencies had excluded the FBI from an examination of the wreckage of an alien spacecraft which had crashed in the U.S.

RETIRED military officers, Hastings said, have given sworn statements that the government has collected not only the wreckage of two alien spacecraft which have crashed but also the charred remains of the non-human crew members who had died in the crashes.

Hovering object mystifies Nebraska residents

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Dec. 18, 1982

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Reports of a hovering purplish-pink object and a brilliant flash of light have left authorities and residents with a lot of questions but no answers.

Tammi Murman and her husband, Joe, said they saw the object late Saturday hovering near a neighbor's home near the southeast Nebraska city. Mrs. Murman said the round, glowing, purplish-pink object seemed to hang in the sky.

Mrs. Murman said her husband went inside when spooked horses ran toward the house. She said there were two objects.

"One, about half the size of a Volkswagen (Beetle) came down and the other went south," she said. "It looked like it sat down in our neighbor's pasture. If it didn't, it came pretty close. Then, it looked like it bounced across the highway (U.S. 73-75)."

Mrs. Murman at first thought the object was a plane, but the object made no noise and had no flashing lights. Murman called Acting Otoe County Sheriff Rich Tilson and the neighbors, Ted and Phyllis Lyons.

Mrs. Lyons said she saw the object as it flew over U.S. 73-75 but didn't have an opportunity to view it as closely as the Murmans.

Tilson said he and law enforcement officers in Johnson, Nemaha and Cass Counties saw a flash of light but no objects.

Tilson and Deputy Tom Prudler arrived to find Murman and some neighbors still staring intently at the clear sky. Then, as they watched, a bright flash lit up the sky and spread out in every direction.

What Tilson witnessed Saturday night was like nothing he had ever seen, he said. He said the Otoe County Sheriff's Office investigated UFO reports several years ago when a helicopter was used to rustle cattle in the Nebraska City area.

"This may turn out to be the same type of thing," he said.

It's Hard To Shed Light on Strange Sightings at Cruces

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Dec. 24, 1982 CR: F. Hudson

By JOE SMITH
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Las Cruces Bureau

LAS CRUCES — Sometimes trying to track down the origin of reports of "strange lights in the night sky" can be following a trail as elusive as the plot in some B-grade science fiction movies.

The Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department was deluged with telephone calls Monday and Tuesday nights from persons inquiring about strange lights in the sky.

A spokesman at the Sheriff's Department

said the calls came from as far away as Dona Ana, about nine miles north of the city, and Vado, about 16 miles south.

Also, several officers and a dispatcher reported having seen the lights.

The dispatcher Thursday attributed the lights, which she said lit the entire horizon east of the southern Organ Mountains, to flares dropped from military helicopters for maneuvers on Dona Ana Range, an Army training area of Fort Bliss.

However, the lights sighted from north of Las Cruces could not be explained by anything

occurring on Dona Ana Range nearly 30 miles to the southeast.

Checks with public affairs offices at both Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range shed some light on the lights.

An Army spokesman at Fort Bliss confirmed that there were night training maneuvers at Dona Ana Range both nights, and said certain atmospheric conditions could cause visible phenomena from the light of aerial flares bounced off low clouds.

And both nights there were training exercises at White Sands Space Harbor, where 4.8-billion-

candlepower lights turn the landing strip's night into day.

But a White Sands spokesman said all lighting at the shuttle landing strip were stationary ground lights, except for two T-38 NASA jets used in landing simulations. And he said he doubted that the high-flying jets could be mistaken for UFOs.

"Maybe it was the Mother Ship," he said in reference to the spacecraft in the motion picture "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

But additional reports of strange lights in the sky from as far away as Roswell and Pecos, Texas, could not be attributed to either flares

from Dona Ana Range or landing strip lights at White Sands.

A spokesman for the Associated Press in Albuquerque said the Roswell reports had been traced to "something launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California."

But the Pecos sightings remain unexplained. Maybe it was the flares at Dona Ana Range enhanced by the glow from the landing lights at White Sands Space Harbor and bouncing off the thing launched from Vandenberg.

Or maybe it actually was the Mother Ship. But tonight, if you see in the sky a light that resembles the glow of a reindeer's red nose...

They do agree on the frozen alien bodies...

He ain't heavy, he's my Reticulan

By LENITA POWERS

The lineup of speakers for the UFO convention this weekend at the Nevada State Fairgrounds reads like characters in an Isaac Asimov science fiction novel.

One built a time machine in the backyard of his Laguna Beach home and converses with a female alien with long, strawberry-colored hair.

Another says the Reticulans went to the U.S. government and angrily demanded the return of one of their flying saucers and the dead crew aboard.

A third says documents show former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were involved in the worldwide conspiracy to keep government knowledge of UFOs a secret from the people of Earth.

The convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending sometime late in the evening each day. It will feature speakers, film and slide shows, special events and display booths with crystals, pyramids, books and other items.

The convention is open to the public. Admission is \$15 per day or \$25 for both days.

From descriptions straight out of the convention's own press release, some of the speakers at the conference include:

□ Dr. Frank Alper, a space age clairvoyant who channels various entities including a being known as "Kryon" from the Quadrille V universe;

□ Hal Wilcox, whose first contact with aliens was in 1961 when he met "Zemkila" from the planet Selo;

□ Maj. Wayne Aho, a former Intelligence Operations officer who was grilled by the CIA after meeting aliens in the Mojave Desert;

□ Dr. Frederick Bell, a NASA spacecraft checkout engineer who says he converses frequently with a slender spaceman called Samjase from the Pleiades.

Are they crackpots? Nuts? People who have become so desperate in a world threatened by nuclear war and acid rain that they're hoping some folk in flying saucers will bail us out?

No, said several of the speakers who had gathered Friday for a press conference.

"My own feeling is it doesn't really matter too much to me what other people believe," said Timothy G. Beckley, publisher of UFO Review, the world's only flying saucer newspaper. "If they haven't had a sighting or encounter or read all the literature on the thousands of incidents which have occurred, then they're only keeping themselves in the dark."

Beckley said he used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain previously classified documents that show the military has the remains of downed UFOs and aliens.

"They have been seen flying circles around our fastest aircraft," Beckley said of UFOs. "There are notarized memorandums from Hoover and Kissinger that show they knew about the remains of UFOs and their occupants that had crashed in the late 40s and early 50s."

Beckley said governments throughout the world are keeping such proof secret because they fear it would cause chaos.

"They are withholding the information because they fear it would bring about the collapse of society. We feel the opposite; that it would open the world to invaluable new technology through information they would give us."

Dr. Bell, who said he worked with NASA during the Saturn and Apollo programs, said when he also was in the Air Force, reports of UFOs routinely were put through a shredder and destroyed.

"When I was in the Air Force's early warning radar systems section, operators would have to fill out forms and I saw many times flying saucers going at speeds up to 5,000 miles per hour," said Bell, who wears a wire pyramid on his head to detoxify his body. "The radar operators would fill out reports and after they were filled out, they would end up in the shredder."

Bell removed the wire pyramid from his head and placed it over a newspaper reporter's cup of coffee.

"That will remove the acidity," he said. "I'll give you the next cup of coffee without putting the pyramid over it and you'll notice how much more bitter it is."

The reporter sampled the second cup but couldn't tell any difference.

Bell plans to build his own flying saucer and said he already built and traveled in a time machine. But building officials in Laguna Beach made him dismantle the 2½-story, 3-ton machine he had in his yard.

Bell said he speaks with a spaceman named Samjase from the planet Pleiades, which he credits with "seeding" Earth with people.

Bell said he has ridden in their ships and they have told him Earth might destroy itself through ecological destruction, with a majority of the population dying by the year 2060.

Those who look to aliens for a way out are "lost souls," said Bell.

"We have to help ourselves first," he said. "They're looking to us to see if we can work as a group. If we can, then they'll join us and help us. If we can't, then they'll let us destroy ourselves."

Some of the speakers at the convention also have companies that sell various space-related items, including pyramids that cleanse the body and help us reach a higher spiritual plane so we can communicate with aliens.

Bell, who heads Global Innovators Inc. in Cerritos, Calif., sells pyramids, vitamins, air cleaners, ionizers and other products to cleanse environmentally polluted bodies.

"In the early 70s, I used to take acid trips," said Bell. "Now it would just give me a headache. I finally learned to get my mental and physical state synthesized."

Already synthesized and cleansed?

Others at the convention are merely trying to sell people on the importance of heeding the warnings aliens have been sending us for years.

Maj. Aho, the former Intelligence Operations Officer who said he was questioned by the CIA after meeting with aliens in the Mojave Desert, said the aliens are trying to help us, but they have been ordered not to interfere with our culture or development.

He cited an interruption of a televised broadcast in England that carried a warning from them.

"There was a message purported to be from an alien being," said Aho. "The message was that we should give up our warlike activities and learn to live in peace and harmony."

Aho said the next day, officials said the message was a hoax but didn't name the perpetrator.

Robert Short, who the convention's press release hails as being widely known as "the man who talks to space beings," said UFOs have crashed with occupants aboard during the 60s and early 70s in Europe, Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona.

Short said the Reticulans came to the U.S. government and demanded the return of their space craft and dead crew.

"Not only did our government refuse but they tried to capture them," he said.

"Luckily, they got away. They went back to their council and discussed retribution against the U.S. After a very heated debate, they decided we were so childish they would leave us alone and we'd bring about our own retribution. And we can see how that has come about."

Hogwash! shout doubting scientists

By LENITA POWERS

The UFO convention being held at the Nevada State Fairgrounds this weekend is a "charlatan" event to bilk people out of their money, representatives for a group of scientists investigating UFOs said Friday.

Virgil Staff and Paul C. Cerny of the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies said they came to Reno to monitor the convention.

Staff and Cerny said they represent "an organization of legitimate scientists trying to solve the UFO phenomenon. We take a very dim view of charlatan activities like this."

Staff and Cerny said their organization does believe there are UFOs and that the world governments have conspired to

hide the remains of UFOs and aliens from the public.

"That's the only thing we agree on," Cerny said of his organization and the people who hold UFO conventions like the one in Reno. "But they're trying to sell their books, tapes and newspapers full of wild, crazy stories. They're trying to bilk people out of their hard-earned money."

Staff said such conventions and the people who hold them detract from attempts by scientists to obtain factual information about UFOs.

"One of the worst things about this type of affair is that it really turns off other scientific minds when it comes to considering the possibility of the UFO phenomenon," he said.

Scientists involved in the Mutual UFO Network and Center for UFO Studies agree that aliens have visited our planet and the governments are conspiring to keep that information secret, said Staff.

"The planet obviously is under surveillance but for reasons totally unclear," he

said. "These other people have manipulated it for various reasons. Either they're sick or for monetary reasons."

"They're out to make a fast buck," Cerny added. "They can't prove any of the stuff they claim. They have names for all these crazy planets, but it's a bunch of fictitious stuff made up in their own minds."

Cerny and Staff said their organization has documented approximately 300 instances in which people were abducted and studied by aliens.

"The excuse the government uses for keeping all this secret is that they're afraid people would panic," said Cerny. "That's baloney."

The real reason is that governments fear their political systems would be destroyed, he said.

"We've documented about 300 abductions," Cerny said. "But it's different from these people who claim they've gone to Mars and Saturn."

He cited a scientific study done on various photographs of alleged UFOs which showed they were phony.

"These other people are trying to sell naive people a bunch of garbage," he said. "It does more damage to the legitimate scientific research being done than anything else."

TIMES, Maiden, NC - Dec. 22, 1982 CR: G. Fawcett

'UFO Coverup' Told

By GEORGE D. FAWCETT

Students and faculty members of the Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte Thursday learned for the first time about the massive coverup UFO information by various governmental agencies.

The speaker, Robert Hastings, a professional photographer and a UFO researcher from Myrtle Beach, S. C., illustrated his talk with slides documenting newly declassified documents recently obtained through the Freedom of Information Laws.

"UFOs-The Hidden History" was the topic that outlined the U.S. government's involvement with UFOs from 1947-1982.

The speaker outlined the newly revealed concern by the CIA, the FBI, the USAF, the NSA, the State Department and even the White House with unidentified flying objects. Hastings told of behind the scenes excitement created by UFO encounters near atomic testing sites, military installations and research and development facilities.

Hastings who became interested in UFO incidents

after his own personal encounter with a UFO in 1967 at one of the Minutemen missile bases near Great Falls, Montana, revealed cases where UFO eyewitnesses suffered radiation burns.

"UFOs that demonstrate superior speeds and maneuvers far beyond Russian and American experimental devices have been subjected to top secret, high priority, inter-agency investigations since the late 1940s and these reports indicate that the UFOs do exist and have become both a national, as well as international problem at many levels," Hastings stated.

Instead of the massive coverup by governmental agencies over the past almost four decades, the speaker suggested that the public should have been given the better UFO information in government files in a low-key, non-sensational manner.

"The public would respond favorably to such an approach," Hastings concluded. His talk was well received by the audience and a lively question-answer period followed his presentation.

Details Recalled Under Hypnosis

An Encounter With Aliens

(Sonoran Martha Throne is listed as an "abductee" in records of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network. She has retold her memories of a 1977 encounter in an interview.)

By BETSY WING

The hypnotist's voice is smooth and persuasive.

"We are going back to that day in October, 1977, and you will be able to remember... You will feel no pain and no sorrow.

"It does not matter what suggestions some other being may have given you. It is now all right for you to remember.

"Just let yourself relax now. Deeper and deeper relaxation..."

The subject's voice, hoarse from a long silence, interrupts.

"I'm being carried to the ship!" she says.

It happened nearly five years ago, but it took years before Martha Throne was able to remember. Even then, it was only the help of a Bay Area hypnotist, Jean Richards, that "opened up the flood gates" of memory.

In a recent interview, Throne told The Union Democrat that on the day before Halloween in 1977 aliens removed her from her car as she drove on Highway 108 toward Sonora and examined her brain on their space ship.

Throne, 74, was raised on an Illinois horse ranch and moved to California in 1929. She lived in Stanislaus County for many years and has worked on a turkey ranch, trained horses and dogs and worked as a waitress.

She and her husband, Ernest, moved to the Phoenix Lake area after her husband

retired in 1969.

Throne says that, when she encountered the aliens, she had no interest in UFO's. But she did (and does) believe that she has "psychic ability," and that she is more open than others to experiences which some might call just plain strange.

Throne's husband confirms part of the story.

They were driving home from Oakdale, and had just reached the four-lane portion of Highway 108 when a big cloud of bluish smoke enveloped the car.

There was a jerk. The car

going exactly the same speed as when I stopped," Throne said.

Throne says her watch and her husband's stopped at shortly past 7, "never to run again." She said she took the watches to jewelers, who could not repair them.

Throne told her story to local UFO enthusiast Marv Taylor. Following the MU-FON (Mutual UFO Network) investigation process, Taylor checked weather and traffic accident reports for that night. There was no fog and there were no accidents at that spot.

It was Taylor who arranged for the Thrones to be hypnotized.

Under hypnosis, Throne told a story that filled in some of the blanks.

She regained consciousness as she was being carried to a space ship. Her husband had been left behind in their car on the highway.

The aliens placed an incredibly soft, snowy-white blanket over her, preventing her from seeing much.

She was frightened at first, but the aliens seemed to communicate without words that they would not hurt her.

They took her into a "terribly, terribly big" space craft on legs, and everything inside was shiny and bright.

"It was like going into the belly of the fish," Throne said. "It was safe."

"I remember thinking I might have died and gone to heaven."

They placed her on a shining table. One alien, who seemed to be "the doctor" stood behind her and felt all over her head. Another alien stood on each side of her.

She got only glimpses of the beings, who seemed to have bodies like humans encased in skin-tight suits that also covered their hands and most of their heads.

Their ears were covered, and their noses were flat. They had "smoky-looking" complexions and no eyebrows.

The ship seemed to be filled with the creatures, all of whom seemed to be too busy with other things to be preoccupied with Throne.

There were also metal and white boxes that seemed to be powerful electronic equipment of a kind Throne had never seen.

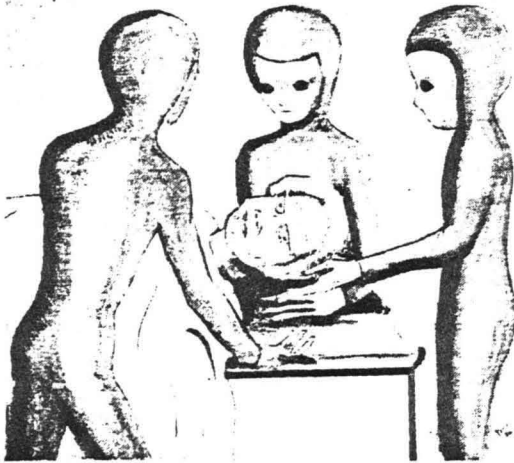
Throne says she now recalls the events without being under hypnosis.

She believes the aliens shared a spiritual experience with her. She says she feels more at peace and more confident in her opinion that there is more to life than events that can be easily sensed and explained.

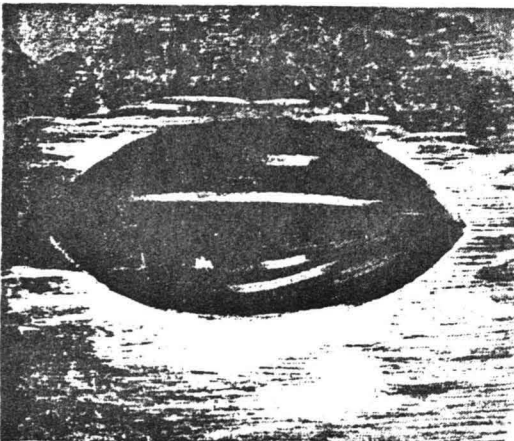
"I've always been a person who would let myself be run over and intimidated," Throne said. "They said that would not happen any more."

The aliens didn't speak to her, Throne said, but she seemed to understand them.

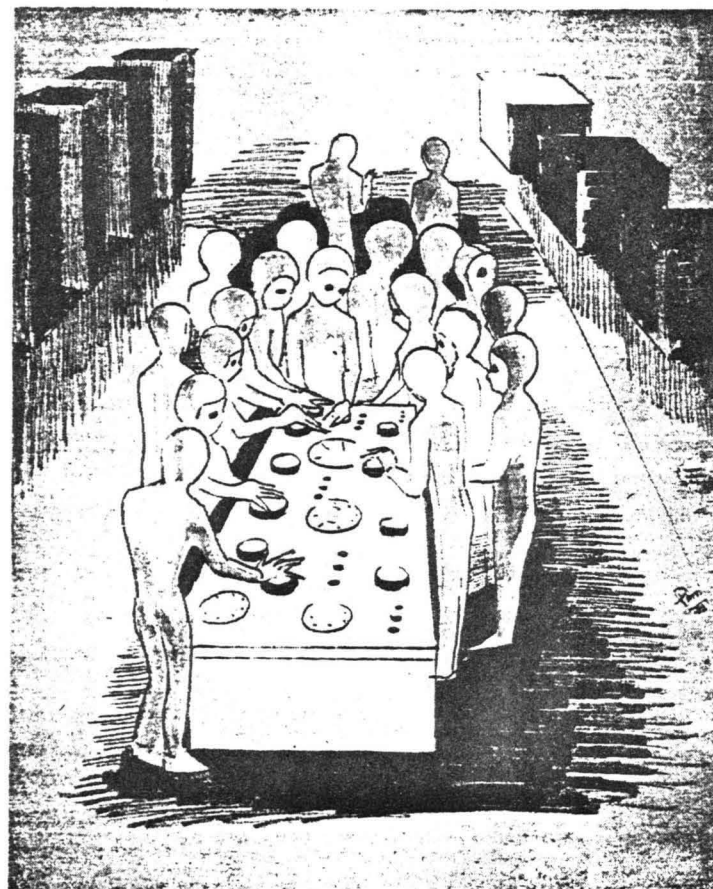
"I don't know how but I knew what they said. To me, after it was over, it was a wonderful experience."



ARTIST'S RENDITION of the examination table.



THE SPACE SHIP, recreated by an artist.



THE ALIENS — An artist captured Martha Throne's impressions of the aliens she says abducted her and the interior of the ship.



Barbara Schutte in field where her latest encounter occurred.

REGISTER PHOTOS BY HARRY BAUMERT

Close encounters . . .

By VALERIE MONSON

Register Staff Writer

Stardate: Jan. 22, 1982.

Captain's log: We are light years away from our own star system. Our mission is to seek out one of our regular contacts on the planet Earth — an Iowan — who will carry out important tasks for us. She now is within our range. Beam her up.

And so Barbara Schutte, a 30-year-old unemployed practical nurse, was off on another trek. She was about to have a close encounter of the third kind — for the fourth time.

Anyway, that's what she has been saying lately.

She has been saying this to UFO clubs in St. Louis and Chicago, she has been saying this on radio talk shows and local television stations, she has been saying this to the National Enquirer.

And earlier this month she was saying this to the local Mensa and UFO chapters in a speech held at — of all places — the chapel of the Merle Hay Funeral Home in Des Moines. (It was the only suitable location, said club members.) She was accompanied by her daughter Stacey, 8, who was dressed in an "E.T." shirt.

All this draws guffaws from a few of her neighbors in Wever, a town that's little more than a spot in the road on the way to either Burlington or Fort Madison. The general feeling seems to be that, without a doubt, Schutte is imagining all of this.

Well, almost without a doubt. Most of those contacted appear to be 98 percent absolutely 100 percent positive that Schutte's is the tallest tale to hit these parts, but they usually add: "Well, you don't really know."

"If they're (belittling me), then they're doing it behind my back," said Schutte. "There are usually three basic reactions. The first group is people who just shake their heads and walk out the door. The other type is a person that knows me and feels I have no reason to lie and they basically believe something happened to me, and there are those who seem to know that there has been something going on all along."

Even Schutte's mother won't completely support her daughter's claim to having been taken aboard an alien craft time after time.

"She's a good girl, she's smart, she's a good mother," says Schutte's mom, Lily Brookhiser. "She's not a freak, she's not a weirdo, she's not on drugs. . . . I just don't believe (she was abducted), but she believes it."

The UFO group in Des Moines doesn't know quite what to make of all this, either.

"I believe that she believes it; I think she's sincere," said Forrest Lundberg, state director of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. "I think she might have had some

unusual (UFO) experience, but I don't swallow the whole thing as of yet without further proof."

In Schutte's corner is one Dr. Leo Sprinkle, director of the counseling and testing center at the University of Wyoming, a man who earned his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, has been teaching at Wyoming for nearly 20 years and has worked with some 150 persons, including Schutte, who contend they have come face-to-face with aliens.

"It is my feeling that she had a physical abduction," said Sprinkle in a telephone interview. "I can't prove it. . . . No, she's not lying, as far as I'm concerned."

UFO aductions are somewhat different than the usual pace of life in Wever.

"She's different; she's always been different," said more than one Wever resident — none of whom wanted to be identified. When asked to elaborate on that somewhat indefinite definition, they simply replied: "Just different."

Several days ago, Schutte related her "different" experiences again — from her first apparent abduction when she was 8 years old, to another when she was 21, another in September 1981, and the most recent one that occurred last January.

"All I can tell you is what I know, what has happened to me," she began. "I do not know if I was physically aboard a UFO or not — this all came out under hypnosis. I do know that something happened to me."

It was Sprinkle who conducted the hypnosis sessions in which Schutte recalled these apparent abductions.

Her captors, she says, were friendly. They communicated through telepathy, conducted extensive and exhaustive physical examinations on her, implanted something in her head and left her with the feeling that she was to "do some important work for them." She thinks that work is in UFO research.

To hear Schutte describe the physical characteristics of the creatures brings to mind the aliens Richard Dreyfuss went off with in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Schutte recalls that they stood about 5 feet tall, were thin with large skulls and had cat-like eyes and slits for mouths. They had no ears or hair, their arms dangled to their knees, and four digits were on each hand.

"Yes, I saw 'Close Encounters,'" Schutte freely admitted. It is a question she is often asked. "I watched 'Star Trek.' I saw 'E.T.'"

Schutte's first conscious encounter with a UFO was in March 1978. She and her brother saw three "huge, red lights" near the family farm. They watched the glowing objects for about 20 minutes and Schutte's mother recalls her children "were shook up. I had been at their practice and when I came home they were upset. They

saw something."

When she couldn't find a logical answer to the identity of the peculiar lights, Schutte became interested in UFO research and eventually became a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies. At this time Schutte made no claim to ever having been aboard an alien ship.

But, in September of last year, two days after she returned from a UFO conference in Chicago "something happened." She awoke in the middle of the night from what she thought was a violent nightmare. She said she was suffering from a variety of illnesses — nausea, diarrhea, aches and pains. She said she had bruises and three burns on her body. Later, she recalled the nightmare — she was undergoing a physical examination by creatures from outer space.

That's when she contacted Sprinkle, well-known for his work with persons who feel they have had, literally, far-out adventures. She underwent hypnosis and soon learned that this may have been the third time she was in contact with aliens.

But, Barbara, couldn't it have been just a bad dream? Since you were so immersed in UFO studies and just back from a UFO conference, couldn't you possibly have had a dream so vivid that it seemed real?

"I suppose that's possible," she said.

Sprinkle doesn't necessarily think so.

"It's possible that a person could lie or fabricate a story," he acknowledged. "Hypnosis is no guarantee that a person is telling the truth, just like a polygraph test isn't a guarantee. . . . I back (Schutte's claims) in the sense that she does believe it. . . . She realizes she looks strange in the eyes of some people. . . . The majority of those who come to me are 'normal' people, yet they describe these bizarre circumstances."

Schutte is presently out of work. She was employed by the Burlington Medical Center until last April. She thinks going public with this UFO business had something to do with her losing her job.

An official at the Burlington Medical Center didn't want "to get personally involved in that." He said her work as a practical nurse was generally up to snuff, but Schutte "had some absenteeism problems." He wouldn't deny, though, that the UFO revelations were part of the reason to dismiss Schutte.

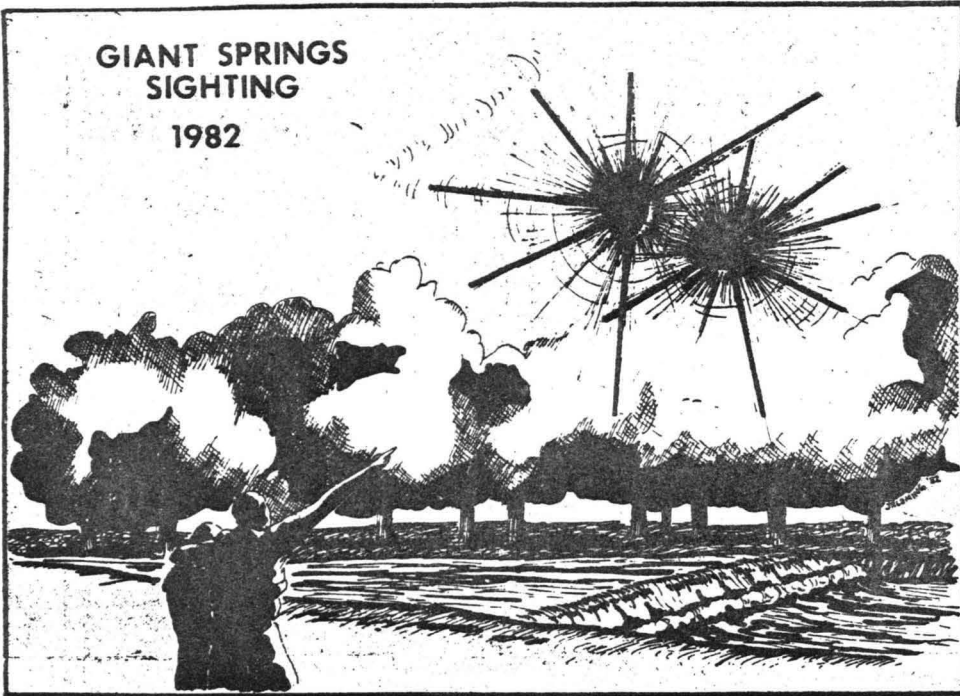
Schutte says this isn't a money-making scheme. The Enquirer paid her \$500 to talk and UFO clubs generally pay her expenses to meetings, but nothing on top of that. She would consider writing a book if she could get some funding.

So the question remains: Is Barbara Schutte just "different," or did she have some very close encounters?

Only the aliens know for sure.

GIANT SPRINGS SIGHTING

1982



TRIBUNE, Great Falls, MT

Dec. 2, 1982

Researcher of UFOs seeking information on local sighting

By TOM KERIN
Tribune Business Editor

Although there hasn't been much said about them recently, UFO sightings are alive and well.

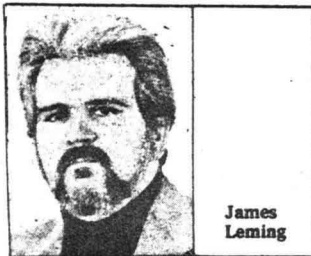
During the past summer, several witnesses reported seeing two glowing, disc-shaped craft hovering low over Missouri River dams northeast of Great Falls, in the Giant Springs area. The craft reportedly ascended at a high rate of speed and presumably disappeared from sight.

James Leming would like to add to this sketchy bit of information available to him on the Giant Springs sighting.

He holds more than a passing interest.

Leming has been appointed by MUFON as the state section director for Cascade County. MUFON stands for "Mutual UFO Network," a non-profit corporation "composed of people seriously interested in resolving the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon." UFO, of course, stands for "unidentified flying object."

Leming claims there have been UFO sightings this year near Kalispell as well as at Giant Springs, and additionally he said there have been



James
Leming

four cattle mutilation cases within a radius of 50 miles of Great Falls.

Cattle mutilations throughout the West gained national attention several years ago and, in some cases, were linked to the UFO phenomenon because of the mystery that surrounded them.

Leming, a free-lance artist, came to Great Falls last month. He said his interest in UFOs was of a limited nature until Aug. 17, 1977, when he spotted one himself. That was near the Nebraska-Colorado border, he said. He further said he took photos of the object.

When he saw the UFO, he said, his limited interest became intense

and this led him to the MUFON organization, based in Seguin, Texas. He is now staff artist for MUFON's publication, which periodically reviews UFO sightings.

Short steps on identifying UFOs, Leming said, revealed that the one he sighted was a solid object. He indicated there are other steps available to him which will possibly give more information about it.

Leming said MUFON is a low-key organization which concentrates chiefly on field research, such as the type he will be doing in the Great Falls area. However, it likes to win the cooperation of the news media, since information can often be relayed to and from reluctant witnesses via the press.

He said he is digging for information on the Giant Springs sighting, but too often people are "turned off" by any questions relative to UFOs. Leming said UFO investigation for its own sake cannot be classed as idle time-filling motions. "There is indeed a phenomena that does exist in our skies," he declared.

Leming said people having infor-

mation on UFOs should be encouraged to come forward. As it is, he said, they fear ridicule. The enigma of the UFO can be dealt with only if people are allowed to express their feelings and relate their experiences without fear of reprisal, Leming said.

Leming recalled two other instances of UFO sightings in the Great Falls area besides the most recent one at Giant Springs.

In the 1950s, there was considerable attention focused on motion pictures taken by Nick Mariana, then general manager of the local entry in the Pioneer baseball league.

At the time Mariana, who now resides in Portland, was said to have taken about 20 seconds of footage of two UFOs as they hovered near Legion baseball park. Later the Air Force borrowed the films and, according to Mariana, returned them with about 30 frames missing.

Leming also noted that in 1978, Air Force planes "chased" several UFOs in the Great Falls vicinity. According to Leming, "the natives are edgy and reluctant to discuss these events but with patience and time, I am hoping they will want to know the answers more than fear reprisals."

He said MUFON has been investigating UFO sightings since 1968. He said there are four general questions which need to be answered:

- Are they extra-terrestrial?
- How are they propelled?
- Where to they originate?
- Can people learn from their technology?

Leming is looking forward to the time when UFO information can be stored in a computer, which would be able to separate the "hard information" from those sightings which are obviously a balloon, meteor, satellite, star or the like.

That will make the job easier, but the "digging" for information will still have to be done, he said.

Leming can be contacted in care of Rural Route 4398, Great Falls.

ADVOCATE, Victoria, TX - Nov. 13, 1982

Over Victoria Six Sight UFO

A half-dozen people claim they saw an unidentified flying object to the west of Victoria around 6 p.m. Friday.

Described as being dark, oval to saucer shaped, the dark object moved along a southerly course about 25 degrees above the horizon and was visible for several minutes.

Although no reports of a UFO had been reported to local law enforcement authorities, the object was, according to witnesses, clearly visible.

Symantha Hoffman of 3401 Woodland said the UFO appeared dark brown against a light but greying sky shortly after sundown.

"It was about like your average space ship," she told The Advocate.

Cynthia Carroll, of 605 N. Moody, No. 2, referred to the object as "weird."

"I don't believe in UFO's or that sort of stuff," she said. "But now, I'm not so sure."

Loretta Roy, of 605 N. Moody, No. 1, said, "I don't know what it was, but I know it was ugly looking."

The three had just pulled into the parking lot of King Bee Food Market on Rio Grande and saw the object off in the distance."

Ms. Hoffman guessed the object was 10,000-20,000 feet in the sky. She and her friends watched until it disappeared from their view some four to five minutes later.

Store owner Cruz Ortiz and his son Mike also saw the strange object in the sky.

"It looked like a flying saucer, exactly like what you'd think a flying saucer would look like," said Cruz Ortiz.

"It was sort of roundish, and dark. There were no lights. No noise," said Mike Ortiz.

Eleven-year-old Arturo Ramirez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estella Ramirez of 904 Oak, also claimed he saw the UFO.

"It looked like a little space ship," he said.

The National Weather Service at Victoria Regional Airport launched a weather balloon at 5 p.m. Friday, and said that it tracked slightly south of the city for a few minutes and then shifted east.

Such a balloon would normally rise at a rate of 1,000 feet per second, to around 100,000 before finally bursting in the rarified atmosphere.

Weather bureau personnel said they doubted if the object seen was their balloon.

Colorado encounter has physical effects

A woman in a rural area of Colorado had a close encounter with a UFO accompanied by several physical effects, including a rash on her arms, reactions from farm animals within a wide radius, and physical traces where the UFO was seen to touch down, according to a report in the APRO Bulletin, Vol. 30, No. 11.

On the early morning of Aug. 30, 1982, Elizabeth Conway was awakened by what she described as a ticking sound, like an electric motor giving off sparks. Getting out of bed to investigate, she first saw a bright, orange glow through the screen door and then saw a large, orange ball descending at an angle toward a pond 100 yards from the house.

Mrs. Conway went out onto the balcony adjoining her bedroom and watched the object, which she said appeared to be about the same size as the nearly full moon and in the same quadrant of the sky, although the object was below the moon.

The object, demonstrating a wobbly motion as it descended, touched down on the pond and stayed for about a minute as the ticking sound continued. When the object took off at an angle of 45 degrees the sound stopped.

Mrs. Conway made no attempt to wake her husband, a heavy sleeper.

She estimated the entire sighting lasted about two minutes.

Later that morning Mrs. Conway had a rash on her forearms which had not been there before, but it was nearly gone the next day when she was interviewed by APRO investigator B.V. Wilson.

One notable aspect of this case was the reaction of the animals. The horses in the Conway paddock ran about during the sighting as if frightened. Wilson discovered that neighbors about 1/4 mile away had been wakened by their dogs barking furiously and their horses running about as though terrified, but none of the neighbors saw the object.

On Sept. 2, the Conway's son on returning from school noted that the tall weeds growing in and around the pond had been flattened in a circle about 9 feet in diameter. The pond itself is about 2 feet deep. From the evidence Wilson calculated the orange globe to have been about 12 feet in diameter.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY

Jan. 8, 1983

professor's story printed

BY SUE LAW

A UW-Oshkosh professor came out of the closet by writing a UFO story that appeared in the Oct. 12 issue of the *National Enquirer*.

Dr. Bob Jacobs, a Radio-TV-Film professor, supports his teaching habit by freelance writing. This past summer, he claimed he needed some quick cash to pay his rent. Knowing the *National Enquirer* accepted UFO stories and paid rather well, he wrote about a UFO he had encountered when doing photography in the service.

"It's a true story," Jacobs said. "I'm not prepared to say it was a flying saucer or something from outer space, but it was a UFO — an unidentified flying object."

While Jacobs was an officer in charge of optical instrumentation at Vandenberg Air Force Base, he was assigned to provide high speed photography for every missile

launch. He was in California doing photography designed to fool the Russian radar in 1964 when the incident occurred.

As they were photographing an experiment, a small object flew into the frame. There was a big flash of light similar to a strobe light. The object continued to fly around flashing until it finally flew out of the picture.

Back at the base in Vandenberg, Jacobs' commanding officer called him into the office, showed the film of the experiment and wanted to know what the mysterious flashes were. Jacobs claimed it must have been a UFO. Two plain-clothed men from the CIA took the film and warned Jacobs never to talk about it.

The *Enquirer* story had little relationship to the one Jacobs wrote. His story was a very nice, detailed account of what happened, according to Jacobs, but the *Enquirer* rewrote it in their own silly, flamboyant language.

Jacobs said the facts they reported were accurate, but the *Enquirer* just made the incident sound as though more happened than actually did. He added that this is typical for this particular English tabloid.

"Their headlines are rather sensational and lead you to believe you're going to read big, secret things concerning people when actually all of the articles are rather simple," Jacobs said.

Jacobs was not surprised that it took three months from the time he wrote the article to the time of publication because the *Enquirer* did a lot of checking. They checked

him and his service record and contacted the Air Force to see if he was ever in the service. "They did a pretty good journalistic job in short," he said. "They didn't just take what I wrote and throw it in the paper and say this is fact. They did check it."

Jacobs has just had another UFO story accepted by the *Enquirer* that will probably be published after Christmas.

This story is about a friend of Jacobs who had been a security man in the Air Force. He and his partner were out guarding bomber planes in Greenland when they spotted a figure of what they assumed was a woman on a hill about 100 yards off. The figure was wearing a blue ski suit and had long flowing blond hair.

She was standing on a hill where she should not have been, and so the partner of Jacobs' friend went up the hill toward her. As he got closer, it was apparent how much taller this figure was than he was, and that it was not a woman but rather a man.

The figure put his arm around the man and led him over the hill. After a few minutes he came back to Jacobs' friend and his eyes were all glassy, and he was dazed.

He said the figure took him on a spaceship and began to talk to him, but his mouth did not move. The partner claimed he could hear music in his ears. The figure had said to him that we have to stop testing atomic bombs because we're screwing up the atmosphere.

Jacobs' friend then looked up, and a flying saucer lifted off from behind the hill and disappeared.



Dr. Bob Jacobs, UW-Oshkosh professor, is among other things, a published writer in the *National Enquirer*.

WAYNE INDEPENDENT, Honesdale, PA - Dec. 4, 1962

3 boys report UFO sighting near Lake Ariel

By ELLEN BRADBURY

Charlie Termini, Chad Saprana and Dean Donnoni, of Lake Ariel, reported they sighted an unidentified flying object Thursday while playing at the Saprana home off Route 590, near the RJD Stables.

According to the boys, who range in age 10 to 12, an object appeared in the sky, hovered over them briefly and flew away. Charlie described the UFO as being round, with glowing white lights and intermittently-spaced blue lights. Both Chad and Dean said that the flying object was triangular in shape with one bright blue light in each corner. All the boys related that the UFO hovered over them briefly, gained altitude and accelerated until out of sight. They also agreed that it definitely was not an airplane.

The 5 p.m. sighting was confirmed by Chad's mother, Ramona Saprana, and Mrs. Termini, both of whom said that by the time they were called by the boys to see the object, it was quite a distance from them. Mrs. Domini related that she and her husband, who were enroute to their home about 45 minutes after the sighting, saw a "tear-shaped object which appeared as though it was falling to the ground." Mrs. Donnoni did comment that her son was not given to story-telling, and that after listening to his recounting of the incident, lent more credence to his story.

The sighting was reported to the Pennsylvania State Police at the Honesdale substation, who in turn notified Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Dr. Hynek telephoned each of the boys and directed them to draw and forward a picture of what they had seen. According to the doctor's wife, investigation of the report is dependent upon the availability of a volunteer investigator.

UFO Couple: Strange Vigil in the North Woods

By MARTHA MALAN

GRAND MARAIS, Minn. (AP) — From Oct. 5 to Nov. 15, Gerald Flach and LaVerne Landis sat in the bucket seats of his 1979 Chevrolet Monza and waited, deep in the northern Minnesota wilderness, for visitors from outer space.

The autumn leaves, already faded past their prime, fell from the trees. Crisp days gave way to blowing snow and temperatures that sometimes dropped to 10 degrees below zero.

The visitors never came. The couple might have waited longer — Flach later said his companion insisted "spirits" had reassured her a UFO would arrive — but after weeks without food and days without water, Mrs. Landis, 50, perished of starvation, dehydration and hypothermia.

Flach stumbled and crawled the quarter mile to the main road and was found by a passing construction contractor.

"She was in contact with them (the spirits) just about every night," Flach told Deputy Frank Redfield of the Cook County sheriff's office after his rescue. "They kept telling us they would be picking us up. It never happened. Every time it never happened."

What drove them to abandon their families and roam through the Northern Plains for six months, searching for unidentified flying objects, then maintain a six-week vigil without food, heat or adequate clothing?

What part in the expedition to Loon Lake was played by a spiritual group called Search and Prove, to which Flach and Mrs. Landis belonged?

Flach, who may hold the answers, has been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment and reporters' telephone messages asking

for an interview have gone unanswered.

Part of their story is now known from interviews with sheriff's deputies who talked to Flach, people who saw Flach and Mrs. Landis at the remote lake and with sources close to the family who asked not to be identified.

Friends and relatives described Mrs. Landis, a registered nurse who worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., as always seeking to learn more about people. She once commented that much was known about the body, "but we know so little about the mind," according to a friend.

People said she was extremely stable, a person who, "if you were down, would always say look at the bright side." They also said she had a longstanding interest in psychic phenomena that approached obsession after her husband died in 1975.

In 1978, she joined Search and Prove, which had advertised workshops on astral projection and psychic development. There she met Flach, 39, a founding member of the group. Flach's interest in UFOs preceded his involvement with Search and Prove, but had not appeared excessive, friends said.

Search and Prove members believe in contacting spirits through meditation and astral projection, the phenomenon in which a person's spirit is thought to leave the body to function independently. A spirit named Mora purportedly spoke in a rasping voice "through" group leader Jerry Gross, advising members on lifestyle and the seven astral planes of existence.

Early this year, Flach and Mrs. Landis attended a psychic convention in California. After that, they began taking trips, often for several days at a stretch and

usually neglecting to tell their families of their whereabouts.

On May 17, they disappeared. Flach's wife of 14 1/2 years, Diane, traced her husband through a credit card bill to a motel. Friends said he refused his wife's request to come home.

Mrs. Flach filed for divorce; her husband was still missing when the petition was granted Oct. 25. She has refused to talk to reporters.

One of Mrs. Landis' five daughters telephoned Gross a month after her mother disappeared. Family sources said the daughter told Gross she would file a missing person report with the police if her mother did not contact her. Mrs. Landis called within hours, the sources said.

Gross was the contact again five months later when he bore the news that Mrs. Landis was dead and Flach was in a Grand Marais hospital. Nevertheless, Gross has denied any connection between Search and Prove and the couple's trek to the north.

During the six months from May to Nov. 15, Flach told Redfield, he and Mrs. Landis drove through Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, always seeking contact with spirits and unidentified flying objects.

"We made contact out in the central Dakotas and they guided us into the Gunflint Trail for a pickup," Flach said in a statement made to Redfield.

The Gunflint Trail is State Route 12, a narrow, winding highway that stretches 50 miles into the wilderness toward Canada from Grand Marais. They reached the road on Oct. 5, settling at a secluded spot near a boat landing.

They parked in a small, circu-

lar lot surrounded by tall pines, balsam, spruce, birch and aspen. Flach backed the car up against the south side of a hill and waited.

Deputy Kenneth Carlson, who interviewed Flach in the hospital, said Flach told him he and Mrs. Landis were "supposed to be picked up by a flying saucer ... and get a transaction of some money ... and make payments at Search and Prove and then get back with their families."

In the same interview, Flach said they expected the spirits to give them powers to heal the sick and money to pay off loans for the Search and Prove Study Center in Afton, Minn.

The couple got their water from the lake — until it froze. They had brought some food with them, Flach said, but for three weeks had nothing but vitamins to eat. He said the spirits had told them they didn't need any food.

"They would be taking care of us, our food needs," Flach told Redfield. "We believed. We had firm belief."

The area is sparsely inhabited, particularly between the summer resort season and the winter's cross-country skiing. Local residents were aware of the couple parked down by the lake. On Oct. 14, nine days after the couple began their vigil, residents reported their presence to the sheriff's office. Deputies drove past periodically until the side road into the landing was blocked by snow the first week in November.

The only person known to have talked with them at length was Patrick O'Leary, a U.S. Forest Service technician.

O'Leary and an assistant stopped at the car Oct. 13. "I asked him if they had any problems," O'Leary said. "He said,

"No. There's no problem. We're OK. Everything's fine. Then I looked at her and said, 'Are you OK?' She said, 'Yeah, we're fine, just fine, everything's OK.'"

"She said that several different times and then he started on this spiel about how they were doing this study on hypothermia and car survival. He said he was working on a college thesis."

O'Leary said Flach told him they would sit in the car to observe the effects of cold weather on themselves for three to five days and then go into town to get food and clean up. In another interview, however, Flach said he and Mrs. Landis remained beside the lake.

"They looked a little rough then, but no more than a person coming off a canoe trip or anything like that," O'Leary said.

The only other person known to have talked with the couple was Kim Danielson, a Gunflint Trail resident who drove to the landing to look for deer tracks in the snow Nov. 5, the day before hunting season opened.

"I pulled up to the passenger side. She opened the window and I asked if they needed a pull out or anything," Danielson said. "He said no, that they were doing a study for some college. He asked when the plow would come in. I told them it doesn't."

"She never said a word the whole time. She just kind of stared straight ahead."

Danielson said he thought it "kind of strange they wouldn't have somebody overlooking it. Once hypothermia sets in, it's too late to do anything."

After his rescue, Flach told Redfield the hypothermia study had been "just a story to protect the project we were really on ... the UFOs."

Snowmobilers spot "saucer" over Chumstick Valley Sat.

Going out to get the Christmas tree is always a memorable experience, but for Scott and Nadine West Saturday evening, it became absolutely unforgettable.

On snowmobiles with Brad Burgess, just below Maverick Saddle at about 5:30 p.m., the Wests rounded one of the many sharp turns and there it was, over Chumstick, what they are calling a UFO "for sure, no doubt".

What the Wests describe is an inverted saucer, outlined in clear white lights, rounded on the top and flat at the bottom. They first guessed its size at about 200 feet long and 50 feet high, but revised that upwards the next day when they had a chance to better gauge placement and distances in daylight.

Now they feel it must have been twice as big as they estimated in the dusk of Saturday evening, and farther away than the five miles they had thought at that time.

The big "ship", Nadine says, was

accompanied by two smaller ones, marked by red lights, which moved about near the large object, which always appeared to be slightly tilted.

The Wests made very sure that they were not looking at lights, perhaps of snowmobiles, on another ridge. But from where they were, high above the low-hanging clouds, the only other land formation visible was Entiat Ridge, which they could easily place.

For about 40 minutes, the Wests and Burgess watched the UFO, then just froze out from the dropping temperatures and a day in the woods.

They were never scared, Nadine said, although they debated turning on the snowmobile lights, thinking it might influence the actions of the object. "It was a little eerie," Nadine said.

They also debated wondering if they should report the incident, because of its unlikely nature, but

decided "so what, let's tell somebody".

The dispatcher relayed their message to a UFO research organization in Seattle, whose members subsequently called and asked "a whole lot of questions, and seemed quite impressed."

Now the Wests are wondering if anyone else saw the object, realizing whoever that might be would have to have been above the clouds as they were.

A plane flew over the area while they were watching, they report, which also helped them be sure it was not an airplane they were seeing.

They heard no sound while watching the UFO, other than the sound of other snow machines in their area.

They'd be delighted to hear from anyone else who has seen such a phenomenon in the Chumstick area, that night or any other time.

FOCUS, Hickory, NC - Jan. 6, 1983 CR: G. Fawcett

Many UFOs Visit N.C. In 1982

Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in North Carolina came from a dozen towns and cities during 1982. These encounters included a series of UFO photographs, severe animal re-actions, physiological effects, multiple eye-witnesses, sounds and other aspects, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON-NC) from Lincolnton said.

Ten members of a farm family at Hillsborough watched a 50 foot object with a "row of windows" maneuvering above their home on January 4. The UFO made a "whirring sound." In January a series of eight photographs were taken, as the UFO maneuvered at night above Washington.

In March two postmasters with their wives reported an object that "looked like a large window of rectangular light" that went out like shutters being closed from top and the bottom at the same time in Maiden. On March 30 a high school student at Kernersville suffered burning eyes, extreme thirst and red arms after a domed UFO hovered above him as he played on his family basketball court. The court lights also went out while the UFO remained in the area, but

came back on when the UFO departed.

On April 13 a J.P. Stevens Co. employee watched a chrome-dome-topped UFO rise from behind the reservoir at Stanley at 1:35 p.m. He watched sticks, bushes and dirt falling off its bottom edge. In his excitement he was able to

take one photograph with his Polaroid camera, before the UFO left the area at a 75 degree angle. A family at Monroe spotted a UFO with red, blue, amber and white lights on it and noticed the dogs, cows and chickens were severely agitated by the presence of the UFO on April 19.

On June 8 at Pineville a housewife reported a UFO with "lights attached to it" that hovered near her home and made "whirring sounds."

An Eastern Airline employee watched three UFOs making wide sweeps, right angle turns

and rapid vertical ascents near the South Park area of Charlotte. The UFOs were maneuvering below the cloud cover on July 6 at 3:05 a.m.

On September 10 at Belmont, Police Communications Center supervisors were swamped by over twenty phone calls reporting a long black cigar-shaped UFO with a light on it that hovered overhead, before moving away in the direction of Mount Holly. Another September UFO observation came from a woman, her grandson and another friend at Monroe, where a large UFO with "six red lights" hovered over a field next to a road. The UFO had a "search-light beam" that swept the ground as if searching for something.

Lincolnton came in for a series of UFO encounters in Oc-

tober. Nuclear Plant, two employees there encountered a round disc-shaped metallic UFO in the early daylight hours. The UFO had four "landing legs" on it and flew about 250 feet above the ground. The witnesses estimated the UFO was about 150 feet in diameter. Previous UFO sightings in the area resulted in the loss of power output at the McGuire Plant.

Probably two of the more interesting UFO events of 1982 including a Supreme Court ruling of May, 1982 that upheld a lower court ruling to the effect that UFOs were a "threat to national security", thus keeping the secret files of UFOs in the National Security Agency, still secret from members of the scientific community that had filed law suits for this data through the Freedom of Information laws.

The other event was the 6th Annual Mutual UFO Network, Inc. UFO symposium that was held in Winston Salem in June that was the most successful one yet held there, in terms of both the quality of speakers and the information that was presented during the two-day confab there.

And let's not forget that June 24, 1982 was the 35th Anniversary of UFOs in modern times. 1983 promises more of the same and North Carolina,

which ranks 4th in the USA for the number of UFO sightings over the past 3 decades is expected to continue to do so, UFO investigator George D. Fawcett concluded. This 4th ranking is based on only the ten percent of the Tar Heels, who experience UFOs, who report them. 90 percent of UFO encounters go unreported in North Carolina and elsewhere, Fawcett added.

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tober on October 2, October 15, October 16, and October 20, where a large number of multiple witnesses and independent observers reported a red UFO that made a "swishing sound" as it shot straight up and out of sight and three bright bronze objects that maneuvered and dropped behind and below the tree line, which were followed later by six to eight planes, who seemed to be looking for the UFOs themselves.

On October 18 at Lake Norman near the McGuire

Pineville teen can't forget UFO

By JOHN WILDMAN
OF THE NEWS STAFF

Ginger Harris of Pineville can't shake the memory of the "humongous" triangular-shaped aircraft with brilliant lights that hovered over her head for minutes.

"I'll never forget it," she said, when asked Thursday to recall the UFO sighting she reported to the Mutual UFO Network last year.

Miss Harris, 16, is one of about 50 North Carolinians who reported seeing Unidentified Flying Objects during 1982, said George Fawcett, a field investigator for the UFO organization.

"And those who report them represent only about 10 percent of those who see them," said Mr. Fawcett of Lincolnton.

Miss Harris said she left work at Hardee's in Pineville about 11 p.m. June 8 for her one-mile walk home along N.C. 51.

"It was real quiet," she recalled. "That's usually a very busy street, but there weren't any cars around."

In the next instant, she said, "I saw a weird object in the sky. At

first I thought it must be an airplane. Then I thought it looked like a bunch of airplanes."

When the object seemed to merge into one large brilliant mass, she said, she stopped walking.

"It was very big, and it came right over me and stayed there for what seemed like 10 to 20 minutes, although I know it couldn't have been that long."

The object, which she estimated came within 300 feet of where she stood, was "shaped kind of like a boomerang but more like a triangle. It really tripped me out. I was afraid to look at it because of all the white lights."

In the distance, a car approached. "Then it (the UFO) just zipped away, just like that," she said.

Mr. Fawcett reported other UFO sightings from the Piedmont region during 1982:

• Two Duke Power Co. employees at the McGuire Nuclear Plant — Gary Fortenberry and Jimmy Bumgardner, both of Stanley — said a disc-shaped object with four "landing legs" flew about 250 feet above the ground in the early daylight hours in October near the plant on Lake Norman.

• Sgt. Frank Olszewski, a guard at the Timken Plant in Lincolnton, and Security Officer Patricia Chapman observed three brightly lit objects maneuvering above the plant. After the objects left, the pair reported that six to eight airplanes appeared in the area, as if searching for the UFOs.

• Police in Belmont received more than 20 phone calls Sept 10 about a long, black, cigar-shaped UFO with a light. It was reportedly seen hovering over Belmont.

• Larry De'Armond, an Eastern Airlines employee, said he saw three UFOs making wide sweeps, right-angle turns and rapid ascents near Charlotte July 6.

• Members of the Roland Lowry family of Monroe said a UFO with red, blue, amber and white lights appeared, causing dogs, cows and chickens to become agitated April 19.

• U.S. Postal Service workers Robert McRee of Maiden and Jack Bolick of Conover said they saw an object that "looked like a large window of rectangular light" over Maiden in March.

Mr. Fawcett said North Carolina ranks fourth in the nation for the number of UFO sightings in the last 30 years. And, after studying UFOs for 38 years, he said he is convinced that they "are intelligently controlled machines, guided by intelligent humanoid beings."

"In North Carolina alone, I've got reports of 20 landings and 22 sightings of occupants over the last 38 years," said Mr. Fawcett, who teaches a course on UFOs at Gaston College.

"There are an average of 150 reports a day worldwide," he said, complaining that the federal government has hampered scientific research into UFOs.

"In a ruling last May, the U.S. Supreme Court said UFOs are a threat to national security and that classified National Security Agency records could therefore not be released," he said.

"Everything that I've got reports on has had to be without government help," he said. He asks those who see UFOs to write to him at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton 28092.

Gallup-area residents search for cause of fires on plateau

GALLUP (AP) — Amid speculation that a meteor might have fallen, authorities were trying to figure out Thursday what sparked a fire on a high plateau east of this western New Mexico city.

McKinley County Undersheriff Jack Graham said he believes the fire and reports of explosion-like noises may have come from dynamite explosions.

"We're pretty sure someone was trying to get rid of some dynamite ... and didn't know it would cause this kind of problem," he said.

Graham said he went to the scene and could see "where it looked like someone had put dynamite." He said he could smell dynamite and had found a "little piece of tape that binds blasting cap wires."

"Apparently the guy made several bundles of dynamite and let the fire take its toll," he said.

He said it's also believed dynamite was used in another area about one mile northeast of where the fire occurred.

Authorities were looking for a man in his 20s with curly blond hair who was seen in the area 30 to 45 minutes before the first explosion, Graham said.

The man, carrying a backpack and a rifle, was reported by a resident in the area.

Graham said, however, officers will make a search Friday in the Cibola National Forest about 25 miles southeast of where the fire occurred for a possible meteorite.

He said that when officers were trying to get to the fire Wednesday night, "we saw a falling star or a meteorite fall, and it burned longer than it should."

"Some of the residents up there reported being hit with gas, which dried their lips and made them nauseous," Graham said.

Earlier Thursday, McKinley County Sheriff Bennie Padilla said the fire was "definitely caused" by a meteorite or some foreign object, but not a plane crash.

The fire continued to burn after daybreak and was visible from Interstate 40 near the McGaffey exit east of Gallup.

The blaze was reported after the McKinley County Sheriff's Office and state and city police in the Gallup and Farmington areas were deluged Wednesday evening by residents reporting at least two explosion-like noises.

The plateau was difficult for investigators to reach because of two feet of snow in the area, and police Thursday used a helicopter loaned by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Albuquerque.

State Police Lt. John Toney told a news conference later he saw a burned area about 75 feet across, and it was smoldering.

"I saw no crater, and the only thing that I saw was just some burned brush," he said.

Toney said investigators dug down a couple of inches into the soil, and it was hot underneath, but fairly cool on top.

Toney said there was "no sign of any impact." "I'm baffled," he said.

State Police Sgt. Willard Morrow said a representative of the Kerr McGee Corp. took a geiger counter to the burned area and "there was no sign of abnormal radiation counts."

LOOKING BACK

NEWS, San Francisco, CA - July 30, 1952. CR: G. Haas files

'Nothing That Might Menace U. S.' Found by Flying Saucer Studies

Air Force Man Cites History

His Own Opinion—
'Atmospheric Shifts'

By Charles Corddry

UNITED PRESS AVIATION WRITER
WASHINGTON, July 30—Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force Director of Intelligence, declared yesterday that Air Force "flying saucer" investigators have found nothing that might menace the United States.

He made the statement amid a new nationwide flurry of saucer reports topped by fresh mystery objects seen today on radar screens here.

Obviously trying to put down any wild speculation that might stem from the reports, Samford traced the history of the Air Force investigations since the saucer epidemic first started in 1947.

2000 Reports Sifted

He said between 1000 and 2000 reports have been studied and less than 20 per cent of the reported aerial objects remain unidentified.

This percentage, he said, was caused mainly from lack of information by the saucer spotters.

Samford expressed his personal opinion that the unexplained "blips" of light appearing in radar scopes at National Airport here were the result of "temperature inversions."

He and another spokesman explained that radar disturbances can be caused by sudden changes in temperature.

Samford told reporters during a 90-minute news conference that most of the saucers reported seen in the past five years turned out to be friendly aircraft, hoaxes, meteorological phenomena and electronics.

No Pattern Found

"No pattern reveals anything like a purpose or anything like a consistency in any way that represents a menace to the United States," he said.

He said the Air Force will continue to give reports on unidentified flying objects "adequate attention, but not frantic attention."

Asked about reports that the Air Force had called in top scientists to help solve the saucer mystery, Samford replied it makes use of scientific knowledge when necessary. But he said the scientists usually can't find enough information to produce an answer.

Samford added that reports of mysterious flying objects go back to biblical times. He said the flurry of reports in the last few years may be because there is now more aerial activity. He pointed out that while the human race has developed better methods of observation it has not improved a great deal on its ability to measure.

Distances Uncertain

Thus, he said, it is difficult to determine distances and speeds of objects in the air.

He said radar now picks up objects which it was not meant to observe. He explained it was designed to observe aircraft but now picks up many other objects which may make it valuable in determining scientific matters that were not known before.

While he said radar does not measure with the kind of precision needed, he mentioned two improvements being developed.

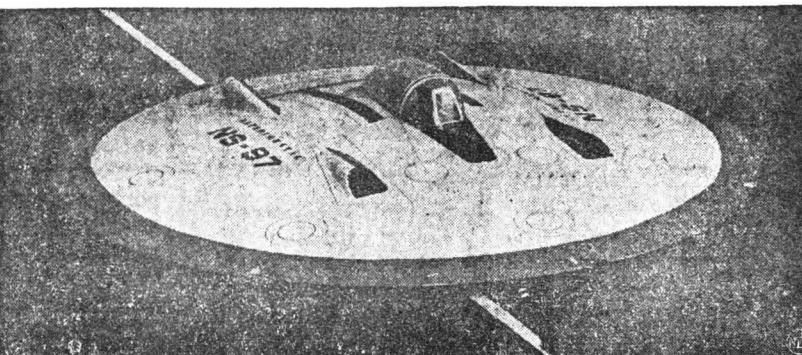
One is the refraction grid which costs about \$15 and a new camera costing about \$15. About 200 of them have been ordered, he said.

A spokesman also mentioned the Schmidt telescope costing from \$3000 to \$5000 which keeps a continuous record of anything going on in the heavens.

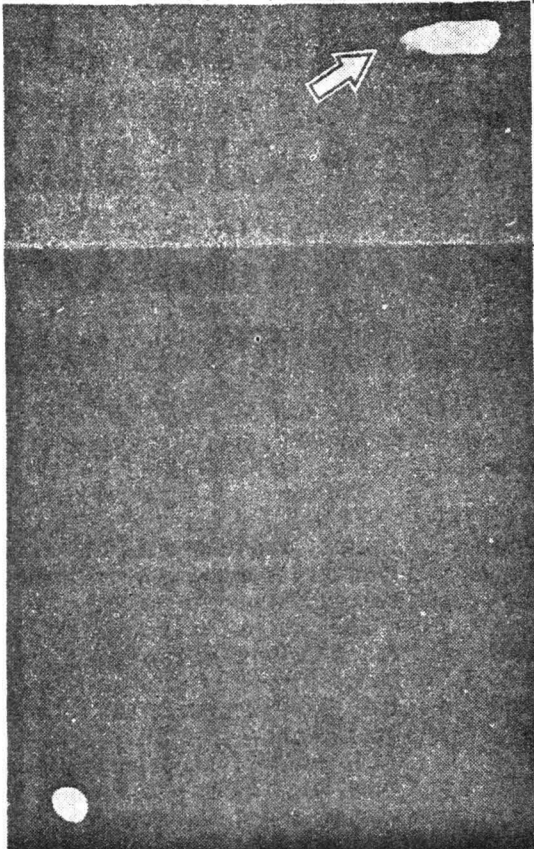
None of these has been ordered.



—United Press Telephoto
HUDDLE OVER SAUCERS—Air Force officials discuss recent wholesale reports of "flying saucers." Front row, left to right, Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, director of operations; Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, director of intelligence. Back row, Capt. R. L. James, Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, Col. Donald L. Bower and B. L. Griffing. "Nothing to menace U. S.," said Gen. Samford.



NON-FLYING "FLYING SAUCER"—This model "flying saucer" was built by Nick Stasinos of Inglewood, Cal., on order for a New York museum. The craft, called the "Experimental NS-97," shows two main jet installations in the center section and eight tube-jet ports on the outer revolving disk. Considered aerodynamically practical, the saucer is not scheduled for production now.



—United Press Telephoto
WHAT IS IT?—Plane spotter in Jersey City, N. J., took this night photo of a "flying saucer" (arrow, upper right) over 20th-st in Manhattan Monday. Fixed circle at lower right is light atop Metropolitan Life Insurance Building.

1st Daylight Disc Photo Under Study

Air Force Skeptical
Of New Evidence

By Jim G. Lucas

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, July 30. — The Air Force is checking the authenticity of a photograph which purports to show five flying saucers in formation over Salem, Mass.

The picture was taken by Coast Guardsmen at Salem last Thursday about 10 a. m. It was flown to Coast Guard headquarters in Washington and turned over to the Air Force. It is now at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, Dayton, where flying saucer reports are investigated and evaluated. I saw it yesterday in the Pentagon.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, the Air Force's flying saucer expert, had it in his brief case—out of sight and unmentioned—through a 90-minute press conference in which Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Air Force intelligence chief, discounted recent saucer sightings over Washington. Capt. Ruppelt still had it in his brief case when he took a plane for Dayton an hour later.

In the picture, the flying saucers—if that's what they are—appear egg-shaped white objects with wavy edges suspended in air. If the photograph can be accepted at face value, it is the first daylight picture of flying saucers.

Although several photographs of what purport to be flying saucers have been taken in the past, all were snapped at night. The Air Force invariably has explained them away as meteors, rockets or bursting fireballs.

Although the sky is light in the photo, the white objects which may be flying are easily distinguishable. They somewhat resemble, but could not be confused, with clouds. There are several buildings in the foreground.

Capt. Ruppelt said he is skeptical.

NEWS-TRIBUNE, Duluth, MN - Sept. 5, 1966

UFO Sighted Near Duluth

Four occupants of a car reported an unidentified flying object over their car Tuesday night, causing the driver to flee in the opposite direction.

James Luhm, 720 Lakewood Road, the driver, and his sister, Sally, and two nieces, saw the object just after they turned off Highway 61 onto Lakewood Road. They continued driving toward the object and it dimmed, but suddenly the object whirled and changed colors, heading to-

ward the car. When the object was only a few blocks away, Luhm turned the car in the opposite direction and drove toward the highway.

Luhm then called the police, who notified authorities at the airport, and returned to the site. The object rose up from behind the woods northeast of the road and, after a pause, ascended, he said.

Size of the object was difficult to determine, Luhm said, but it looked about the size of a football field. Blue, green and faint red whirling lights turning to a definite blue-green as the object came closer were seen by Luhm and his relatives. As the object came closer to the car, the car's windows started to steam up, he said.

Several other persons in the state reported seeing objects similar to the one Luhm saw. Twin Cities radio stations and the weather bureau received more than 75 calls reporting sightings.

Several pilots reported noting an object at the Flying Cloud Airport, southwest of Minneapolis. They said it settled down on an east-west runway and then zoomed up and away.

CR: R. Heiden

Information---Please

Experts Tackle the 'Flying Disks'; Physicist Says: 'Mass Hysteria'

Explanations of the flying disks came from everybody everywhere yesterday. They were as varied as the people who offered them—and more numerous than the number of saucers reported to date.

Here they are. Take your pick—or make up one of your own.

General H. H. "Hap" Arnold, head of the Army Air Forces during World War II and no a retired Sonoma rancher—

"They might be a development of U. S. scientists not yet perfected. They might be a development of some foreign scientist operating out of control. They might be just plain jet fighting planes."

Dr. Raymond T. Birge, professor of physics at the University of California—

"Don't worry about them zipping in out of space. If they were, they'd come in and land with a bang. They wouldn't fly about, parallel to the earth. They'd come so fast you couldn't see them. Attraction of the earth would bring them in at seven miles a second.

ATOMIC THEORIES

"Any idea that the disks were thrown off by the atom bomb explosion is silly. In the first place, electrons were not thrown off; in the second place, they do not get together. They repel each other.

"It sounds more like an optical illusion. You can always see things. A little drop of water on your eyeball or on your glasses will cause you to see things. Specks of dust in the air also make you think you're seeing objects.

"Yes, we are interested in a final explanation—but there's nothing to all this fuss."

Dr. B. J. Spence, head of Northwestern University's physics department (laughing heartily)—

"In all its present stages atomic research is far from devising anything that could zip across the horizon at 1200 miles an hour. In

all of the science of physics, there is no explanation. But there undoubtedly would be found an explanation in psychology—mass hysteria or self delusion or both."

'POSTWAR SEIZURE'

Professor Bergen Evans of Northwestern, author of the "Natural History of Nonsense"—

"Mass hysteria. Such seizures follow wars and involve the heavens because that is the last frontier of the unknown."

Loyal B. Aldrich, director of the astrophysical laboratory of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.—

"A very strange thing, unless they are optical illusions of some sort. We have not given them any serious thought. No, there is no astrophysical explanation that we know of."

An unidentified Army Air Forces pilot—

"You're standing on the ground at dusk. The sun has gone down for you. But way up in the clouds the sun is still shining on anything that the sun can shine on.

"So an airplane, or a flight of planes, is going along under the clouds and the sun shines on them through a hole in the clouds. You see flying saucers, not whole planes."

'EYES FROM MARS'

R. L. Farnsworth of Chicago, president of the U. S. Rocket Society and a member of the Fortean Society, a club honoring Charles Fort, founder of an anti-science cult—

"This isn't the first time people have seen legitimate spots in the sky. It happened at least three times in the last century. Nobody ever found out what any of the objects were. Scientists agree they weren't astronomical bodies.

"Nothing surprises me. I wouldn't even be surprised if the flying saucers were remote-control eyes from Mars."

'NAZI-TYPE CRYSTALS'

Charles Odom, 23, Pan-American

Reward Offered For Capture of A Flying Disk

CHICAGO, July 7 (UP)—E. J. Culligan, president of a Northbrook, Ill., company, today offered \$1000 reward "for the capture of a flying disk, if tangible, or the true explanation of the phenomena."

"The offer," he said, "is prompted solely through an interest in science."

Airways employee at Houston, and former B-17 navigator over Germany—

"They might be modified versions of radio-controlled 'crystal balls' such as the Nazis used. We used to see them all the time, especially around Vienna, Munich and the other larger targets. They were about the size of basketballs, crystal clear, like fortune tellers' crystal balls. The Nazis used them to get the altitude, speed and other data on Allied bombers."

Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press science writer—

"This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island Sound not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast. But they were not a mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves."

Distorted Disks Take Dizzy Shapes

They're not flying saucers—if you believe those who have seen them. They're milkweed seeds, houses, airborne autos, celestial wagon wheels, anything you set your eyes upon.

A touring Seattle resident reported one floated to the ground in front of him near Pocatello, crawled around a few minutes, then took off again.

He described it as about the size of a farm wagon wheel and was surrounded "by a tube that had an enlarged opening at one end, like a funnel, and ending in a tapered point at the other."

A Spokane woman insisted the disks she saw were "about the size of a five-room house."

A Clearwater, Fla., woman said they resembled "pie pans."

Bob Johnson, operator of a flying service at Missoula, Mont., said they were milkweed seeds. He said he had spotted several silver-colored disks racing over a hay field and described them as about the size of a silver dollar and composed of silvery, fuzzy spikes radiating from a hub.

Mrs. Army Herdiska of Palm-dale, Cal., told the Sheriff's office she saw a "parent disk" leading five smaller disks over the mountains, like a brooder hen with baby chicks.

Ralph Dismore of Port Costa said he had observed a formation of disks in the vicinity of Mt. Diablo and soberly noted:

"The middle saucer seemed to have an object on it that looked like a cup of coffee. Traveling in the saucer behind the one with the coffee was another with a sign that said 5 cents. As I watched the 5-cent sign seemed to give way to a 10-cent figure and at the same time the amount of coffee in the saucer cup grew considerably less. The sugar shrank noticeably and the cream disappeared entirely."

Latest Word On 'Disks'

AAF Investigating As More Platters Are Reported Seen

More "flying saucers" were reported in American skies yesterday, but the identity of the whirling, luminous objects remained a mystery.

The Army Air Forces announced in Washington that since July 2 its intelligence officers have been investigating the mystery.

"No such phenomena can be explained by any experiments being conducted by the AAF, and the statements of witnesses are being correlated in an effort to identify the reported objects," the AAF said.

New reports of the aerial objects came from several local witnesses, as well as from persons in Nevada, Arizona, Idaho and Massachusetts.

An Associated Press tabulation showed the whirling, disk-like bodies have now been reported from 39 States, the District of Columbia and Canada. They have most frequently been reported over the Pacific Northwest.

AIR PATROL

The Washington National Guard yesterday assigned air units to patrol the "flyways" where the disks have most often been seen.

An air and ground search in the vicinity of St. Maries, Idaho, for six disks which reportedly made a "landing" there last Friday proved fruitless.

An Army spokesman in Washington said the Air Forces were keeping an open mind about the disks, the United Press reported. But the spokesman would not label the stories a hoax.

The disks were variously reported flying singly, in pairs, in threes, and in formations of 30. They were described as round, platter-shaped, oval, luminous, phosphorescent, metallic and "translucent like a white plastic."

UP TO 1200 M. P. H.

They were described as flying at various altitudes up to 20,000 feet, and at speeds up to 1200 miles an hour.

Both the Army and Navy said they had no experiments under way which might account for such reports. The Nation's atomic research authorities also denied the flying bodies were the results of any atomic experiments.

COLLISION A HOAX?

Vernon Baird, a Los Angeles pilot flying a P-38 camera plane on a Federal Reclamation Bureau mapping survey in Montana, reported his plane was overtaken by one of the disks on Sunday.

The object—which he described as a pearl-gray, clam-shaped airplane with a plexiglass dome on top, about 15 feet in diameter and four feet thick—got caught in his propeller wash, split in half and fell to the earth, he said.

L. J. Archer, Baird's employer, described the story as a hoax, however, and said Baird had admitted making it up while "gassing around the hangar."

In Nevada, a survey team working 10 miles north of Reno trained their transits on three flying objects about 10 a. m. yesterday and computed their speed to be 900 miles an hour. They estimated the height to be 20,000 feet and the shining objects to be 20 feet in diameter.

City Editor John Brackett of the Nevada State Journal also reported seeing a metallic, saucer-shaped object moving across the sky at high speed at about the same time.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported two Army P-80 jet planes were over the Reno area at the time.

'THREE FLIGHTS'

Mrs. Robert Turley, 25, wife of an Albany policeman, said she saw three flights of 10 "flying saucers" heading for the northwest while hanging out her wash yesterday morning.

Stanley Miramon of Redwood City also reported seeing 30 flying saucers about the same time and called them to the attention of his mother, Mrs. Marie Miramon.

Bill Butler, 15, of Mill Valley, who reported one on Sunday, said he saw another one yesterday from the same spot. It was traveling northeast at an altitude of about 4000 feet, he said.

Dr. A. K. Carr, chief of the division of animal husbandry of the State Department of Agriculture reported he and his wife observed two flying disks directly over Sacramento on Saturday morning.

Other disks were reported from Walnut Grove, Santa Rosa and Auburn.

SHOWDOWN SEARCH

Kenneth Arnold, businessman-pilot of Boise, Idaho, who first described the flying saucers on June 25, flew back to Pendleton, Oregon, yesterday on a showdown search for the mysterious disks.

'Those Flying Saucers Out Of This World'

UC Aircraft Experts Cite Present Limit On Plane Speed

By United Press

American supersonic development cannot match the speed of the mysterious "flying saucers" seen all over the West recently, so aircraft engineers at the University of California conceded they must be really "out of this world."

H. A. Johnson, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, said air travel at more than 600 miles per hour is not practical at the present time because of the temperatures generated by air friction. The saucers have been described by witnesses as traveling up to 1200 miles per hour.

"At 1200 miles per hour, air friction would generate a temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit, which is about the limit of safety for metals now in use," Professor Johnson said.

Scientists at the university said the problems of friction and the breakdown of metals at ultra-high speeds still were unsolved. They admitted that V-2 rockets travelled at 3600 miles per hour, but heating or overstraining of metals was not a major problem because they were in the air only for a short time and did not have a chance to overheat.

ARMY, NAVY GROUPS CAN'T EXPLAIN 'SAUCERS'

U. S. Naval Observatory officials concluded unofficially today that the mysterious "flying saucers" were not at least, astronomical phenomena.

An official said the observatory's unofficial decision was based on descriptions of the strange flying objects since none of their astronomers had seen them.

Meanwhile, both the Army and Navy confessed themselves unable to give an explanation for the reported objects. The Army began an investigation Thursday.

Although there were some reports the saucers might have been a new-type Navy plane, "the flying pancake," the Navy said it had only one such plane and that was in Hartford, Conn.

TRIBUNE, Oakland, CA - July 8, 1947

Official Washington Stumped

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(UP)—Official Washington is sure today it knows what the flying saucers are not—but it hadn't the faintest idea what they are.

The Army Air Forces said they had the matter under investigation. Preliminary study has revealed the flying disks are not:

- 1—Secret bacteriological weapons designed by some foreign power.
- 2—New-type Army rockets.
- 3—Space ships.

Privately, some Air Forces officers say the saucers are not—and let it go at that. But officially, the AAF said it is "keeping an open mind," because the disks have been reported by so many normally responsible persons.

CORRELATING STATEMENTS

"No such phenomena can be explained by any experiments being conducted by the AAF," the official report said. "The statements of witnesses are being correlated in an effort to identify the reported objects."

Rear Admiral Paul F. Lee, director of the Naval Research Laboratory, said tersely:

"We concur in the Army announcement. The skeptics got a rude awakening when a guided missile expert attached to the Naval Research Laboratory claimed he has seen one of the saucers. Dr. C. J. Zorn said he and two fellow-scientists saw it June 29, near White Sands, N.M. But when he reported the finding to the Army, he said, he got nothing but knowing smiles."

IT DISAPPEARED

"We noticed a glare in the sky," he said. "We looked up and saw a silvery disk whirling along. We watched the thing for nearly 60 seconds and then it simply disappeared. It didn't go behind a mountain range. At one time, it was clearly visible, and then it just wasn't there."

A Civil Aeronautics Board spokesman said the agency hesitated to get into the investigation, but might have to take a hand if the mysterious disks interfered with commercial airliners.

This Amazing World!

China Saucers

SHANGHAI, July 14 (AP).—

Among Chinese reports of dazzling flying saucers and some even made of jade, one man said today he had seen a disc land on the Shanghai Bund.

When he reached the scene, the Chinese told newspapers, the saucer already had disappeared into the black market.

North China News Agency said crowds of Chinese near the summer palace in Peiping's suburbs reported seeing "an enormous saucer emitting bright beams in all directions and dazzling the eyes of all who saw it."

POST-ENQUIRER, Oakland, CA - July 14, 1947

'NOT A MYTH,' SAYS U. P. MANAGER

The following dispatch is by John C. Corlett, Idaho manager for United Press, a newspaperman of 15 years experience.—The Editor.

By John Corlett

BOISE, Idaho, July 5.—Just before dusk last night, as my wife and I and two friends were relaxing after dinner, a tiny white disc—one of the mysterious "saucers"—scudded across the sky at a terrific speed.

In just about the time it takes to turn your head, the silver object was nearly out of sight.

Both my wife and I, and our guests, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Selby, caught a glimpse of the tiny object. Selby is a Boise artist.

There was no noise—absolutely none that we could hear, either before or after the disc shot by.

The sky was clear, and we could not have mistaken a cloud for the disc we saw.

At one point in its progress the disc was almost directly overhead. It was flying fairly high, I'd judge at about 10,000 feet.

Until last night I didn't believe in them. But now I know that those "saucers" aren't just a myth, part of some one's imagination. It took seeing them with my own eyes to believe in it.

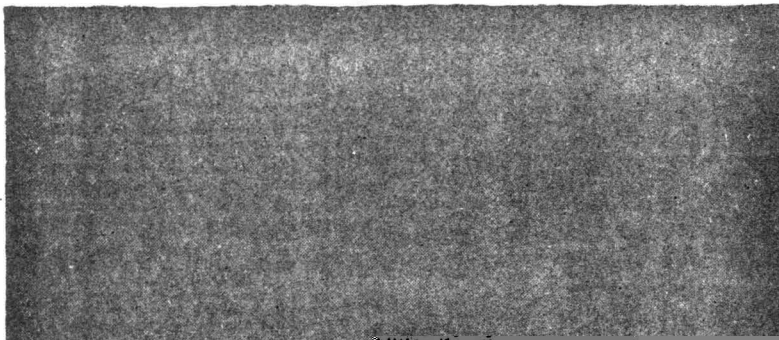
(All items from the files of the late George F. Haas)

FIND MYSTERY MAN IN PHOTO OF SPACE TRIP

BY CHICK HUNT
News-Sun Saucerman)

A "man who wasn't there" turned up in several photographs of a space expedition yesterday and nearly upset plans for a flying saucer lecture to be given tomorrow.

Camera Catches 'Glimpse' Of Flying Saucerman



AIR LINER HAS NEAR COLLISION IN TEXAS SKY

El Paso, Tex., July 17 (AP) — An air liner with 85 persons aboard narrowly averted a collision in early morning darkness today with an unidentified aircraft, the air liner's pilot said.

Capt. Ed Bachner, pilot of an American Airlines BC6 flying from Dallas to Los Angeles, said he was forced to turn and descend "very rapidly" to avoid hitting the other craft which he said was "a

L - July 18, 1957 CR: R. Heiden



SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, (City Unknown), W.A., Australia - Aug. 15, 1982

Two UFO sighters may be 'regressed'

TWO Esperance women who claim to have had a close encounter with a UFO earlier this year might be hypnotically regressed to see if they actually came in contact with aliens.

UFO researchers in both Perth and Melbourne are keen to undertake the experiment since it became

apparent the women spent at least 30 minutes they cannot account for on the lonely South Coast Highway.

The subject was first raised by Melbourne author John Pinkney who investigates unexplained phenomena.

At least four other people — including a policeman and two kangaroo shooters — saw the object but no others shared the harrowing experience of Esperance women, Mrs Maggie Yeend and Mrs Frances Collins.

The bright swooping object, identical to many other reported UFOs, "chased" them for some 100km before hovering over Esperance Bay for some time, they said.

Mrs Collins said even though she did not believe they were taken into the

By BERNIE TIER

craft, there was no way to account for the time gap.

She said they left Ravensthorpe at 12.50am — she remembers looking at her watch and drove the 96km to Munglinup at around 110kph.

Their first sighting was shortly after this, and the craft stayed with them the remaining 100km to Esperance.

From then, their late model Kombi van's top speed was 80kph even though before and since it has gone much faster.

Mrs Collins said they did not slow down to look at the object.

"Would you if you were staring death in the face?" she said.

Next morning the van was found to have a flat rear tyre which also needed a new rim which could explain the speed difference but not the time gap.

The regression may take place in Perth in October as both will be in the city for the Perth Royal Show.

They tried to arrange it during their last visit but the man involved from the Perth UFO Group was out of town.



• YEEND and Collins — chased by a UFO.

Bell over Birdlip

IF YOU thought UFO sightings were a post-war phenomenon you were wrong. A man who spotted an unidentified flying object over Shab Hill Farm, Birdlip, in 1939 is now having problems verifying his story.

Mr. F. W. Payne of 65 Cumberland-road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, has written to Cheltenham police saying he was working in Brockworth when he made the sighting.

He describes the UFO as a "large bell-shaped object" which hovered motionless over the Birdlip area for about two minutes.

Mr. Payne has reported the incident to the UFO network but is now looking for a second person who can back up his story.

If anyone in the Cheltenham area made a similar sighting in November, 1939, Mr. Payne would be very pleased to hear from you.

GLoucester Echo, Cheltenham, England - Nov. 8, 1982

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Dec. 1, 1982

I SAW UFO — COASTGUARD

A SENIOR coastguard is one of several people claiming to have seen a UFO over Skegness.

Mr Bernard O'Reilly, with more than 20 years experience as a trained observer of shipping and aircraft, said he could not explain a "triangular lit up object" which flew and hovered like a helicopter.

Checks with the RAF showed that no helicopters or other aircraft were

in the area at the time and that nothing was showing on radar screens.

Mr O'Reilly said the strangest thing about the craft was that it was silent with no engine noise.

Several people saw it as it hovered over Ingoldmells, moved over Skegness, hovered again and then disappeared over the sea towards the Norfolk coast.

Mr O'Reilly did not report it and did not talk about it for several days. "Quite honestly, I was completely puzzled about it," he said.

But then he talked to a policeman about it a few days later to be told that another police constable had also seen the object. Now several people have come forward to say they also saw it — and have given similar descriptions.

STAR, Cwmbran, Wales - Nov. 24, 1982

HOUSEWIFE SPOTS ANOTHER UFO

A housewife who spotted a UFO floating above her home has claimed to have had similar sightings before.

"I've had a few other sightings but never bothered to report them," said Pauline Hooper of Glam Rhyd, Coed Eva.

Mrs. Hooper (33), saw the star-like object emitting a light beam above her street on Tuesday evening, around 5.30.

"It went down the back of the houses opposite my home and gradually floated out of sight," added the mother of three.

UFOs back in Turkey!

Uncertainty over identification of mysterious objects

Turkish Daily News

ANKARA — Telephones rained on the Meteorology Institute and the newspaper offices here as hundreds of curious Ankarans reported the "astounding" passage of a cluster of "unidentified flying objects" in the clear night sky at around 20.30 hours Wednesday.

The eyewitnesses who called from all parts of the city, and the town of Şereflikoçhisar, 150 kilometers from the capital, reported in unison, observing "some 10-15 bright objects flying in a cluster, as if following a brighter object that seemed to lead them". It appeared from the accounts that the objects moved on a southeast-north-westerly direction.

The President of a major engineers' and architects' organization, who asked to remain unnamed, told of his experience "I heard dogs howling outside and looked through the window. I saw some strange lights moving in the sky. It was not a single light, but more like a cluster of lights."

Another "witness" who observed the unidentified objects recounted that he felt compelled to curb his car, when a very bright cluster of lights appeared right before him as he was driving. "I...I cannot properly explain," he stuttered on the telephone, "soon after the observation. I was so astonished, I was tongue-tied."

The witnesses placed the duration of the "passage" at approximately 15 to 30 seconds, although exaggerated accounts of one to five minutes of observation were also reported. The unidentified skyflights were also observed in Istanbul.

A similar incident had taken

place in February in an around the town of Aksaray, two hundred kilometers from Ankara, where allegedly a bright lighted object recurrently appeared in the sky. It was then concluded that a meteorite, a stray satellite or some other form of solid matter had entered the atmosphere, combusted and caused a mass-illusion that "led people to look skyward and exaggerate the naturally bright celestial objects into fantastic visions."

Although no mass-hypnosis theory was so far advanced, scientist maintained that Wednesday's parade of lighted, unidentified objects in the sky were no part of something so dramatic as flying saucers. Specialists of the Meteorology Institute tentatively suggested that the "vision" might be a cluster of meteorites, flying high enough to be observed everywhere at once, but also close enough to be observed brighter than "normal" stars.

Professors Cemal Aydın and Ethem Derman of the Ankara University, Turkey's two main skywatchers, said this was not the season for "star showers" and tended to reject the explanation of raining meteorites. Instead, they speculated on "hearsay evidence" that a stray satellite, or a similar object of the space had entered the top layers of the atmosphere catching fire. "It was high enough to be seen simultaneously in many diverse points," said Prof. Aydın. "The duration was probably so short because, whatever the object was it was so shattered in entering the atmosphere and so quick in burning that it virtually evaporated."

TURKISH DAILY NEWS, Ankara (?), Turkey - Sept. 10, 1982 CR: G. Barley

MACCLESFIELD EXPRESS TIMES & COURIER, Cheshire, England - Dec. 2, 1982

Another oval-shaped UFO spotted

Report: NICOLA HILL

ANOTHER unidentified flying object has been spotted over Bollington and Macclesfield.

Mrs. Marion Pritchard was washing up in her kitchen at 26 Bishop Road, Bollington, when through the window she saw a stange object. "It was oval

shaped with three bright lights like car headlights.

The middle light was flashing and the thing just hovered about 40 feet above the houses. There was no sound at all."

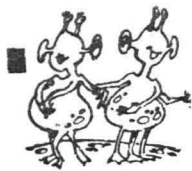
Although dark, at 4.50 p.m. it was not raining and Mrs. Pritchard (26), could see very clearly. The object hovered over to St. John's School. She dashed upstairs to see if she could see

more clearly.

But by the time she got there it had gone.

Mrs. Pritchard insists it was not a low flying aircraft; there was definitely something stange about it, she felt.

She later discovered her niece, Suzanne Davenport, and a friend, Andrea Parri had seen exactly the same thing five minutes earlier over Marlborough Drive, Tytherton.



Town is to be centre of a probe into the UFO's



MACCLESFIELD is to be the centre of a survey into UFO phenomena in the wake of more than a dozen reported sightings over the past few months.

A local UFO investigator is to look more into the incidence of strange lights and unusual craft which have materialised in the night skies around this area.

It is part of extensive research being carried out in the Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside area by the British UFO Society.

Their investigator Alan Bramhill says: "Many people are ignorant of what is happening or are afraid: we want to prove people's beliefs on the subject".

He urges anyone who thinks they have seen something which cannot be explained as a usual event, to get in touch

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SPECIAL REPORT By **JO HARTLEY**

with him or another organisation like BUFOS. He added that he and his fellow investigators will deal with any information in the strictest confidence and no one need fear ridicule.

BUFOS aims to unveil the many mysteries surrounding UFOs and to encourage and promote unbiased investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena, collect and analyse evidence of UFOs and co-operate with others engaged in similar research.

Says Alan Bramhill, "It's not a case of believing it's whether one accepts the undeniable weight of evidence of hundreds of people from all walks of life throughout the world who have reported seeing UFOs".

BUFOS, he explained, was formed to encourage and promote investigation and research into UFOs and look into the deeper meaning of the visitations.

He went on, "Thinking people have stopped believing the patronising attempts of the authorities to explain UFOs as natural phenomena. Do they come from other worlds? Are they here to stay?"

If you are interested in taking part in the survey, Alan Bramhill asks you to answer the following questions and post your replies to him. Alan Bramhill, 127 Boston Avenue, Runcorn, Cheshire.

- Do you believe in the existence of UFOs? Yes No Don't know.
- What do you think they are?
- Have you seen any mysterious object in the Macclesfield skies?

WHITBY GAZETTE, North Yorkshire, England - Nov. 5, 1982

NEW UFO MYSTERY

A number of people have reported seeing a baffling object in the evening sky above the Whitby area.

Mr Charles Clarkson, of East Way, saw the mysterious aerial object at about 6.15 pm on Friday as he was shutting his garage doors.

"It was unusual because there was a light at the front, like a star, and a cluster of lights at the back. The lights had a yellow tinge, but I think that was due to haze in the atmosphere," he said.

"There was also a big enough distance between the front and rear lights to make it out of the ordinary. They were all moving at the same speed, but it was far too big for an aircraft."

"There was no sound at all - and no flashing lights or coloured port and starboard lights like you see on aircraft. Trying to imagine the outline of it, I would think it was the shape of a large airship."

A general foreman at the Wilton Works of civil engineers Monk and Co, Mr Clarkson believes the strange craft was heading north or north-west.

As he watched it he was joined by insurance agent Mr Sydney Weatherill, of Stakesby Road, who had stopped his motor-cycle in East Way in order to get a better view.

He thinks it might have been a delta wing Vulcan, the RAF bomber which looks like a large flying triangle, but like Mr Clarkson he heard no sound of engines.

"It looked a tremendous size and was going very slowly, like Vulcans sometimes do. It had about four lights at the back and one at the front."

Mr Clarkson reckons he watched it for up to two minutes before it passed out of sight.

By a strange coincidence, the two men had had a similar

experience 12 months ago. On that occasion, too, Mr Weatherill had happened to be passing along East Way.

"It was spectacular as far as size goes and the number of lights it had," said Mr Weatherill. "You could imagine it being an airship as much as anything else."

"It certainly wasn't an ordinary jet aircraft. It was ambulating across the sky really."

Mr Weatherill's daughter and her husband, who live at Dunsley, also saw the object from their home at about the same time.

Someone else who spotted the UFO - if that is what it was - was radar technician Mr Peter Glover, of Castle Park, who had just left his home at about 6.30 pm.

It was the lights which attracted his attention - like Mr Clarkson and Mr Weatherill he heard no sound of engines. "At first I could see three lights at the front, in a triangle, and then when it was overhead I could see a cluster of lights at the back."

"The lights were white and quite steady. I have never seen anything similar before, and it didn't tie in with a normal aircraft. It gave the impression of floating across the sky. I was watching it for quite a few minutes. When it went out of view it seemed to be heading out to sea."

This is by no means the first time strange objects have been seen in the sky around Whitby. Three years ago there were a number of sightings of bright flashing lights, sometimes travelling fast and sometimes slowly, or hovering. They, too, were soundless.

A spokesman at RAF Fylingdales said nothing unusual had been detected there at the time the object was in the vicinity. Coastguards had had no reports either, of out of the ordinary lights being seen.

LINCOLNSHIRE DAILY ECHO, Lincoln, England - Dec. 1, 1982

UFO reported over coast

A SENIOR coastguard is among several people claiming to have seen a UFO over Skegness.

Mr. Bernard O'Reilly, with the car outside his home in more than 20 years' experience as a trained observer of shipping and aircraft, said he could not explain a lit-up triangular craft which hovered over the resort for several minutes before travelling soundlessly across the Wash in the direction of Hunstanton.

Police received at least three reports of sightings of the craft from other people, including a police constable.

Hovered

Checks with the RAF showed that no aircraft were in the area at the time and nothing was seen on radar screens.

Mr. O'Reilly said he first saw the UFO hovering over Ingoldmells as he pulled up in

the car outside his home in Seathorne Crescent, Wintorpe, some two miles away.

"From that distance I thought at first it was a helicopter with a searchlight," he said. "I called one of my neighbours out, and just then it started coming towards us, moving slowly."

"Then it hovered almost overhead and we could see it was triangular shape and had several lights on."

"I then thought it must be a Harrier jet, but it became obvious that it was not. It was deathly silent and on a calm clear night like that we would have heard the engines if it had been a jet."

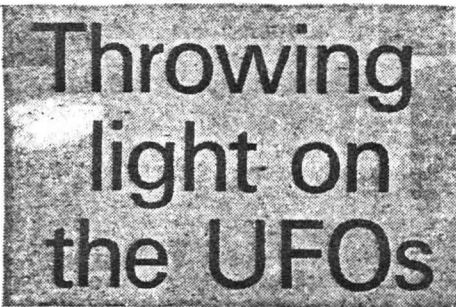
"It finally moved away in the direction of Hunstanton, not very fast, at about the speed of a helicopter, but it definitely was not a helicopter."

Mr. O'Reilly did not report it or tell anyone else about it for a few days. "To be quite honest, I was completely puzzled about it," he said.

Then he heard that other people had reported seeing it including a policeman who had also said nothing for a few days because he did not want to be considered a crank.

Said Mr. O'Reilly: "It is still a complete mystery to me."

MERCURY, Leicester, England - Oct. 29, 1982



A Leicester man is causing a stir in cosmic circles with a theory which brings UFOs firmly down to earth.

Mr. Paul Devereux, whose parents live on Melton Road, claims that UFOs are the result of natural phenomena caused by geological movement under and on the earth's surface.

Mr. Devereux, an art teacher currently living in Wales, was a former pupil of Humphrey Perkins High School, Barrow-on-Soar, and has just published his findings after considerable research in Leicestershire and Wales.

He has studied the areas of Leicestershire with fault lines, and known to be geologically unstable like the Charnwood area, and discovered that a high percentage of the county's UFO sightings were seen nearby.

In Leicestershire 50 per

cent of sightings were made in a 10 mile radius of Croft Hill, and 25 per cent within five miles of the hill.

He said: "I found that sightings of unusual phenomena and UFOs matched pretty well to the geologically unstable areas. "This is true of Leicestershire as well as Wales where I have also studied."

Great pressure

Mr. Devereux has seen two such phenomena and on both occasions the effect was of bright light as opposed to a solid object.

Mr. Devereux said that American scientists had proved in the laboratory that when crystalline rocks are crushed at great pressure, electricity in the form of balls of light are produced.

WHITBY GAZETTE, North Yorkshire, England Nov. 12, 1982

UFO TAKES SHAPE

Whitby's latest UFO has been described as a wide-based triangle shape with a domed covering by a Whitby woman, Mrs Rachel Morton, of Saxon Road, who saw it pass overhead.

Reports were received last week of a single light followed by a group of lights passing silently over the White Lays/Castle Park area.

Mrs Morton told the Gazette that she was waiting for the 6.15 pm bus to Hinderwell at White Point Bridge when she saw the UFO approach along the line of the old railway track.

She first saw two small lights at the front, similar to car head-

lights, just above housespot level. It glided noiselessly over and she was able to clearly see the shape in the light from the street lamp at the bus stop.

The object widened out from the front lights into a triangular shape, and along the back, which was curved, were three larger lights.

'DOME'

The whole shape had a domed covering rising from front to back.

Mrs Morton continued to watch the UFO as her bus arrived, and she saw it head out to sea.

AUSTRALIAN, (City Unknown), Australia Dec. 2, 1982

UFO baffles defence staff

THE Department of Defence has failed to identify a flying object that left vapor trails in the sky above Derby, Western Australia, on Monday.

A statement issued by the department late yesterday admits that neither the RAAF's radar system nor coastal surveillance aircraft spotted the aircraft that left the trails.

The pilot of a Qantas aircraft sighted vapor trails on Monday near where the defence forces are conducting Exercise Sandgroper.

The Defence Department said there were seven civilian flights through the area, "Of these, only two flights, three minutes apart, reported the sighting."

IPSWICH EVENING STAR, Suffolk, England Nov. 25, 1982

Mystery light hovers over school

TEACHERS and pupils at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, spotted an unidentifiable orange ball of light floating above the school buildings last night.

According to one teacher, Mr. Don Hall, the object radiated light from all around it and reflected off the clouds. He said that it was completely silent but he was unable to judge how far away it was.



Frederick Valentich
... banished



FREDERICK VALENTICH's father, Guido... so far, a fruitless search of Bass Strait for his son.

Film man: I'll find riddle plane

By BILL HITCHINGS

A group of Melbourne businessmen say they are only weeks away from finding the wreckage of the mysterious Valentich plane.

They say it is among four light planes lying in a boomerang pattern on the ocean bed just off Cape Otway.

"Remarkably, they are all within a relatively short distance of each other," the group's spokesman, Mr. Ron Cameron, said today.

"A strong swimmer could swim over the spots where all four of them are sunk."

Mr. Cameron, an independent film producer, of Springvale, and the others plan a salvage operation early next year.

The raising of the planes — particularly the one they believe belonged to pilot Frederick Valentich — will form part of a documentary film.

A Japanese television company is interested in financing at least part of the operation and the film.

"It will be costly, but we are convinced it will be worthwhile and very revealing," Mr. Cameron said.

He said the other members of the group wanted to remain anonymous for the time being.

And, he said, he would not reveal the exact whereabouts of the wreckage until the salvage operation was underway. "We believe what is there is extremely valuable," he said.

the plane and make a documentary on the mystery, confirmed that two men — both divers — had offered to sell him the photos and the plane's position.

He said they wanted "a large sum" for the photos, which had yet to be authenticated.

Mr. Cameron said the photos were clear and showed an empty cockpit.

"The plane was a little bit twisted, but it's still in one piece," he said. "Once we get a line down to it we will be able to bring it to the surface in half a day."

Mr. Cameron, like the Valentich family, believes a UFO was involved in Frederick Valentich's disappearance.

By JOHN BEVERIDGE

single-engine Cessna in Bass Strait.

A radio message from the man soon before he disappeared mentioned strange metallic objects hovering and following him. It sparked an as-yet-unresolved UFO mystery.

Mr. Valentich said yesterday: "It is disappointing that these people try to sell such things when they haven't got the dignity or the courtesy to come along and show them to me."

"It indicates they are so cold-hearted that they don't care about people's feelings."

Mr. Ron Cameron, an independent film producer who intends to salvage

SUN, Melbourne, Australia

Jan. 11, 1983 CR: P. Norman

'UFO plane photos' upset father

MR GUIDO VALENTICH is upset that two men, who claim to have photographs of his missing son's plane, want to sell them for \$10,000.

Frederick Valentich, then 20, disappeared on October 21, 1978, while flying a blue and white,



• MR VALENTICH

● UFO Reports: The weekly publication, *Sovietskaya Kultura* said yesterday that the existence of unidentified flying objects should not be ruled out and disclosed that a Soviet fighter aircraft had a brush with a mystery object two years ago.

The aircraft encountered a "fiery ball" 16 ft in diameter, which travelled in front of it for some distance "as if measuring its speed" and then passed through the aircraft, exploding as it reached the tail and causing structural damage.

MONEY

"We have to raise money for the job, and we don't want anyone else getting to it before us."

Mr. Cameron said the Department of Transport had been told of their plans.

Discussions also had been held with Frederick Valentich's father, Guido.

Mr. Valentich has travelled from his Avondale Heights home to Cape Otway every year since his 20-year-old son disappeared on October 21, 1978.

Mr. Valentich and his family believe Frederick was attacked and captured by alien beings in a UFO.

Between 7.06 p.m. and 7.12 p.m. young Frederick Valentich sparked one of the world's greatest aviation mysteries with a short radio message just before he vanished.

He told of strange metallic objects hovering over him, orbiting and following him.

Outside official Government investigators, Mr. Valentich is the only person to have been allowed to listen to that message.

PILOT

The Department of Transport and NASA officials have investigated the disappearance.

The report says the young pilot's blue and white single-engine Cessna crashed and sank somewhere in Bass Strait.

Mr. Cameron said detailed charts were now being drawn up by a local seaman who said he had seen the planes.

The seaman would navigate the boat to be used for the salvage operation.

"We don't know yet exactly how deep the planes are in the water, but I understand we will have to use a diving bell," Mr. Cameron said.

He said he also had seen photographs said to have been taken of the planes.

They were now in America.

One, according to the man said to have taken them, had the same markings and color of the Valentich Cessna.

The doors were said to be closed, and no body could be seen inside the cockpit.

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

- 1) City and country of incident: Botucatu, SP, Brasil
- 2) Date of incident: November 30, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, December 2, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

CITIZEN CLAIMS BEING ATTACKED BY EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS

Bauru, SP (O Globo). - The doorman of the State Hospital of Botucatu, João Valerio da Silva, 45, visited Police Chief Waldereidi Cavallari to declare he had been attacked by "beings from a flying saucer." The Police took his statement down in the book and sent João Valerio over to see Dr. Felipe Heimbeck, to examine physical proof of the fact. This revealed that João Valerio had suffered "an undefinable shock." Dr. Heimbeck was "impressed by a number of marks on the man's chest which, according to the doorman, were produced by three extraterrestrials, and the marks resemble hieroglyphs."

What João Valerio told the Delegate Cavallari was that: "he had woken up at two o'clock last Tuesday at his home, in Rua Carlino de Oliveira, 257. He had listened to some noise in his back yard and, on opening the door, he had seen two men and a woman, about 1 meter 60 tall, wearing brilliant blue coveralls. They had approached him, showing the palm of their hands up, and he had felt dizzy and fainted."

At 5 a.m., his family found him lying there in the back yard, unconscious, naked, with his clothes in a pile beside him. They had taken him to hospital where he regained consciousness some time later.

Yesterday afternoon, João was still making statements at police headquarters.

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: The news of João Valerio's encounter came over Radio Globo on the same morning and the next morning he was interviewed. In his statement, he says that the extraterrestrial clothing looked as if it was made of rubber material. The beings had talked to him, shown him on the wall—obviously, he had been led inside the craft—a drawing of a human being, just an outline. He saw that two of the extraterrestrials were looking at the drawing and at him, seemingly comparing the two. Then they left. A naked girl came in, long-haired, tanned or dark, and picked up an instrument about 30 centimeters long, took hold of his face, and it was then he lost consciousness, but felt nothing. He went on, saying: "My wife found me there, unconscious, and my body was covered with an oily substance, and on my right chest, there were some undecipherable marks which you can still see. My genitals were burning." It seems that not a drop of blood was lost, according to Radio Globo. Perhaps we could connect this part with the possible origin of the cattle mutilations—the "marks" were really cuts. — Irene Granchi.)

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Luis Gonzalez

- 1) City and country of incident: Miguez and Maldonado, Uruguay
- 2) Date of incident: November 20, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: HOJA DEL LUNES, November 22, 1982
- 4) City and country of paper: Malaga, Spain

UFO IN URUGUAY

Montevideo, Nov. 21 (EFE). - An "Unidentified Flying Object" was seen by many people in two towns of Uruguay, within the space of half an hour.

The UFO, during its flight over Uruguayan territory, affected the emissions of a local radio amateur who was talking with Argentina, according to a local source in Maldonado, a town 120 KM east of Montevideo.

The UFO was seen last night in Miguez, 70 KM east of Montevideo, and three youngsters called the police, one of whose officers could see a lighted ball with changing colors which crossed the sky towards the East.

Half an hour later, in Maldonado, three young students saw the object again while a local radio amateur found his broadcast interrupted.

- 1) City and country of incident: Arequipa, Peru
- 2) Date of incident: December 25, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: SUR, December 28, 1982
- 4) City and country of paper: Malaga, Spain

UFO CHASE IN PERU

Lima (EFE). - A supersonic fighter of the Peruvian Air Force chased unsuccessfully a supposed UFO, but had to return to its base.

According to the local newspaper EL DIARIO, the UFO appeared last December 25 over Arequipa, 1000 KMs south of Lima, and was there for about 40 minutes.

The strange object flashed in many colors, from bright red to silver.



Mystery Cattle Mutilation Told

By MARTHA THOMPSON
Eagle Correspondent

The cattle mutilation story, quiet for two years in this area, may have emerged again with the slaying of a nine-year-old cow.

Reluctant to give much information because of negative experiences of ranchers who report such killings, a rancher said he found the animal with one eyeball gone, half an udder, rectum and vagina removed with clean, surgical cuts which left little blood in the surrounding area.

There were no signs of a struggle, he said, and not one part of the rest of the flesh had been touched.

A coyote, he said, would have torn the flesh from the

mutilated areas, and not stopped with selected parts of the animal.

As yet, no predators have approached the dead cow, and coyotes have not devoured the remains.

Some theories have been advanced that coyotes have refrained from eating the remains because of the smell of human handling. But that theory does not explain why a dead rabbit or other animals commonly thrown out of a pickup, or lying dead along a county road is immediately eaten by a hungry coyote.

The rancher said there were two clean cuts on the cow, one below, and one above the eye,

and clean cuts with very little hair disturbance and little blood around the organs removed from the cow. The cuts were so clean, he said, it looked like a professional surgical job.

If a coyote ever tore open a rectum, the rancher said, it would clear everything into the body cavity and clean up all the meat. No flesh, he said, was eaten in the attack of the animal.

The cow was found about 11 a.m., while ranch crews were checking cattle, and was about five miles from habitation or any dogs. A two-inch snow covered any signs of tracks.

The rancher said he had heard of no other cattle mutilations in the past two years, although reports of such happenings were prevalent about 10 years ago.

The wave of cattle mutilations at that time spanned a geographic area from Minnesota to Texas, and from Iowa to Idaho, and hit states in this region about 1975, perplexing law enforcement officials and causing intense contradictions and posing perplexing questions.

When the first wave of cattle mutilations occurred in this area, it was like a Sherlock Holmes mystery, and theories of the slayings did not suit everyone.

They were blamed on bands of cultists for primitive rites, satanic or pre-Christian in nature, landing helicopters on cattle ranges, or outer space men operating from strange landing crafts, or perhaps some branch of the U.S. government, using laser beam surgery for experimental purposes.

There is documented evidence of cattle mutilations in this part of the West, dating back to the 1960s, and various media over the same area have reported such mutilations since 1973.

No one ever saw a landing craft at mutilation sites, and no one has ever seen mutilations occurring.

There are no statistics on just how many mutilations may have occurred in surrounding areas, because after waves of publicity dating back to 1975, ranchers have become increasingly reluctant to publicize such crimes because of the unfavorable reactions to such announcements due to the bizarre nature of the occurrences.



DAILY NEWS, Norfolk, NE - Dec. 15, 1982 CR: T. Adams

Dead heifer's ears, front leg missing

MADISON — Sheriff's deputies were called to a rural Norfolk farm last week to investigate the mutilation of a heifer that officials are calling "very unusual."

Deputy Darrell Grebe said the ears and right front leg of the 750-pound heifer were missing. In addition to the right leg, skin and flesh up the right side from the leg to the face were cut off cleanly, Grebe said.

"It was unusual, very unusual," Grebe said. He said it has been quite a while since any cattle have been mutilated in Madison County.

In addition to the missing parts of the animal, a half-moon shape was carved into the heifer's side near the back leg. Grebe said very little blood was seen at the location of the animal.

Jim Lehman called the sheriff's deputies to his farm one-half mile north of Norfolk on Highway 81 on Dec. 2 after discovering the mutilated heifer in a field. He discovered the heifer valued at \$1,000 one week after he noticed it was missing, Grebe said.

Grebe said there was no trace of scavengers having touched the carcass, which he said was unusual. While he was at the scene, Grebe said he saw a dog approach the carcass, sniff it and leave without touching it.

Ear tags had been cut from the missing ears and were left, one on a leg and one on the ground, Grebe said.

Grebe said it appeared the animal was cut with a very sharp knife and that there was no indication that it had been shot.

JOURNAL, Milwaukee, WI - Dec. 28, 1982

Who boomed? Odd noise unnerves Ohioans

Cleveland, Ohio —UPI— Authorities Monday were unable to explain a loud, violent boom that rattled walls and windows in a 400-square mile area and prompted frightened residents to call police.

Between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, some 100 people flooded police agencies with calls about a boom heard in Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina Counties.

Police said some callers were terrified by the loud noise. "One guy called and said it felt like the walls of his house were coming in," Lorain County sheriff's communication officer Tom Kelley said. "We sent someone out for an hour and they checked, but couldn't find anything."

Police and firefighters scoured the area for possible gas line explosions, plane crashes and dynamite blasts, but found nothing.

"I have no idea what it was," said assistant Columbia Station Fire Chief Roger Fitch. "It is strange. No one can figure out what it was."

Fitch said he was home when he heard the boom and ran to his back yard and front yard to look for its source.

Minutes later he received word a natural gas line had exploded, but firefighters checked out the report and determined there was no explosion.

Columbia Station firefighters also checked gas wells to see if any had exploded, but found nothing to explain the boom.

"Some of the fellows at the station said it rattled their windows," Fitch said. "To me, it sounded like an explosion."

The Cleveland Hopkins International Airport control tower said there was no indication from radar that a plane had caused a sonic boom.

The Cleveland National Weather Service said there were no thunderstorms in the area Sunday night.

Natural gas companies said they knew of no explosions in their lines.

PRESS-GAZETTE, Green Bay, WI - Dec. 10, 1982

From out of the blue, Ice puts hole in roof

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lucille Barthke was outside planting flowers when something made her look up. As she watched, a shard of blue ice plunged out of the clear blue sky and knocked a hole in her roof.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said the ice, 10 inches in diameter, could be from an airplane's lavatory system.

"Why me?" Mrs. Barthke asked.

"For some reason I had looked up a few seconds before the thing hit and I noticed it falling toward the house," said Mrs. Barthke. "It was distinguishable. When it crashed through my trees and into the roof, I sort of ducked because I thought it might be a meteor."

"It's strange enough as it is, but what if I hadn't been there when it hit? What if I had just come home and found this gigantic hole in my roof? How are you going to explain that?" she asked.

FAA spokesman George Burlage said the agency is checking to see if any jetliner flying in the area developed a leak in their lavatory pumping systems.

Ice Block Rips Hole Through Roof

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — A huge chunk of ice that may have dropped from an airplane ripped a 3-foot hole in the roof of a backyard guest house, causing \$2,000 damage, police said.

Lt. Robert Thomas said Dominic Varady was watching the movie "Meteor" on television in his bedroom about 10:10 p.m. when he heard a loud crashing noise in his backyard. He ran to the unoccupied guest cottage, threw open the door and saw ice cascading through a gaping hole in the roof.

He said a huge chunk of ice apparently broke through the roof and shattered, sending a steady stream of fragments pouring into the room.

Thomas estimated the giant ice cube that made the hole was "at least three feet and 200 pounds." He said it broke a large wooden beam as it smashed through the wood ceiling.

A check with the Federal Aviation Administration indicated Varady's home is in the flight path of Los Angeles International Airport. Several planes landing at the time of the incident were having trouble with ice that accumulated on their wings after flying through a heavy storm front, Thomas said.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Dec. 31, 1982 CR: F. Hudson

Barging into Nessie's lair

HERE we go again: yet another sophisticated stratagem to coax out Nessie, the shy and retiring Loch Ness Monster.

This one has been devised by Eric Hutchinson, a Yorkshireman with a sizeable Humber barge and an insatiable curiosity, who has been harbouring ambitions of flushing out Nessie for ages.

Actually, that is only part of the story because Mr. Hutchinson and his wife Fionna, who ply their two converted craft — "John William," the Humber keel, and "Phyllis" — in Scottish waters, have a grander plan.

In the coming months they will embark on their plan to persuade the 22-mile-long loch to yield up its ancient secrets. "It

has remained one of the last unexplored, unrecorded portions of Scottish, if not British, history — but not for much longer," he says.

"After the New Year we are launching just about the most ambitious, large-scale survey ever attempted by individuals. With John William and Phyllis and as many volunteers as we can muster, we are surveying, recording, video-taping, excavating for artefacts and mapping Loch Ness.

"While we are not monster hunting exclusively, this offshoot will certainly rear its head. By the end of our research, if there is an inhabitant in the peaty waters we shall find it and film it. At the end of five years or so, we will have the most comprehensive visual and written record of what is probably the world's most famous water."

In pursuit of this quest, Mr. Hutchinson, a former engineer in the Sheffield steel industry, is forming a club to be known, not unreasonably, as the Loch Ness Explorers' Club. Members will be given the opportunity to join the exploration team to help to monitor equipment and take an active part in the project.

Having the odd doctorate in electronics would help. Mr. Hutchinson, with an eye towards costs, says: "We are seeking hobbyists to design and build equipment that they believe will aid investigation in deep, very peaty water up to 800ft. deep. Things like robots, remote-controlled grabs, sonar, TV cameras, low level lighting systems."

For these simple souls who would find that a mite too taxing, there will be mapping, video-recording, filming, collecting information, archaeology.

COLUMBIAN, Vancouver, WA - Dec. 19, 1982

Sasquatch encounters told

Just when we think the Bigfoot legend has been neatly laid to rest, up it jumps again, even more lively than before.

Just recently, a building contractor, Scott Brown, reported 14-inch footprints leading up a hill close to a home he has been working on near Washougal.

A story and photographs of the prints in The Columbian has prompted a colorful woodsman to come forward and insist he has been hobnobbing with old Bigfoot for about 36 years.

"I'm willing to tell about it because I don't want some

yahoo armed with a rifle to go up there and shoot Bigfoot," said Datus Perry, 70, who used to live in Washougal but now resides on a farm near Carson, in Skamania County.

Perry has no tangible proof of his confrontations with Bigfoot, not even a shred of hair, but his story sounds so plausible and is told so colorfully that one is tempted to look back over his shoulder to make sure one of the mountain apes is not creeping up right now.

Perry said he had his first brush with the sly sasquatch back in 1946. Since then, he said, he has been eyeball-to-eyeball with the mountain monster on at least 10 occasions. In each case, it was Bigfoot who blinked first and went fleeing through the ferns.

"I first saw Bigfoot at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 12, 1946, on the Quesnell River in British Columbia," said Perry, who



Perry

recounts every little detail as if it had happened only yesterday. "I got within 12 feet of him and could see every hair."

Perry was going upriver in a canoe, he said. At first, the sasquatch looked like a burnt snag, but as he got closer he made out the details. "He was easily 9 feet tall. His body was like a well-developed man's body, with no fat on it. The hair on his body was about like that of a black Angus cow. His eyeballs were black and his face had the look of black velvet, as did his hands. He had gray fingernails."

Perry said the creature had heavy, black, bristly eyebrows. His hair grew up from his head almost to a point. He appeared to have virtually no neck.

Man and beast watched each other for several minutes. Then Bigfoot loped off into the trees, Perry said.

The more recent sightings have been in Skamania County, the traditional home of the sasquatches in this area, Perry said. He believes they have a regular route they travel, existing on such vegetation as skunk cabbage roots, Oregon grape and maybe rabbits and small rodents.

"Sometimes they will come into a farmyard and make off with a small pig," Perry said.

Once, Perry said, he was able to estimate the height of a sasquatch by relating it to a branch on a tree under which the animal had been standing.

"The sasquatch was 9½ feet to the edge of his shoulder," he said. "You could add another couple feet for his

head and hair."

All of the Bigfoots (Bigfeet?) Perry has spotted, he said, had the same bristly hair, but they have come in different shades of black and brown, leading him to believe they are different species.

His theory, Perry said, is that the sasquatch is related to prehistoric man, an offshoot of the human race that failed to evolve. He suggests the creature migrated north, because he is usually spotted in colder climates.

"I consider Bigfoot a human, not an ape or other animal," he said. "He is a cousin from our distant past. That is why I don't want to see him shot."

If there are such creatures roaming the woods here, why hasn't one been captured or at least photographed? Perry's answer is that loggers, hunters and others who tromp through the woods make so much noise that the shy, timid sasquatch is frightened away.

"They can be watching us and we never know they are there," he said.

In every case he has experienced, Perry said, Bigfoot has backed off slowly and then disappeared into thick brush. He has found their beds, he said. The sasquatch beds down by digging a shallow depression in soft ground and lying full length in it, he said.

He said it is only bad luck on his part that he never had a camera in his hand when he confronted a sasquatch. He has made a plywood replica which stands among some low bushes in the yard of his home.

my kind of people

By BOB BECK/The Columbian



around Town

Win Freund



Have any of you deer and bear hunters seen anything of Big Foot? I ask because I have been looking through "The Bigfoot Casebook" written by Janet and Colin Bord.

Bigfoot or Sasquatch has been heard from more than 1,000 times between 1818 and 1980 and the Bords list the reports, including six in Wisconsin.

There have been many descriptions of Bigfoot. He is generally seven feet or more tall, apelike, with long arms and immense hands. His gait is slightly stooping. He is supposed to have hairy, broad shoulders and a ferocious look.

Bigfoot has been seen in Wisconsin

Bigfoot has been photographed from distances and the pictures are generally brought into question. The sightings have ranged across the North American continent from Alaska to Florida. There is always a question if the sightings are hoaxes, but the Bords ask: "If so, the

hoax would have had to have been perpetrated by hundreds of seven-foot-tall people dressed in elaborate and expensive fur suits, braving the elements virtually everywhere in North America since the early 19th century."

Sightings close to home, as reported by the Bords, include one at the Deltos Marsh, near Fremont, during November 1968, when a powerfully built, manlike creature covered with short dark-brown hair and with a hairless face and palms was seen several times.

"On November 12, men were on the marsh, strung out in line on a deer drive," the Bords report. "The men on the extreme left saw it first and passed the word down to the rest. The creature was not aggressive but evidently was interested in watching the men, keeping a certain distance from them..."

In December 1974, William Bosak, a 69-year-old dairy farmer of Frederic, Wis., reported seeing a Bigfoot as he was driving home at night. The strangest feature, he said, were the ears on the creature, sticking out about three inches on either side of his head.

The creature was standing behind the curved glass window of a disc-shaped craft. As he sped past the craft, he said his car lights dimmed and he heard what he thought was a soft whooshing noise. He was not the only person to report seeing

UFOs in close proximity to a Bigfoot.

In September 1976, there was a Bigfoot hoax near Cashton where four boys admitted dressing up one of their number and making Bigfoot tracks by means of large pieces of wood fixed to his shoes. However, authors of the book say there may have been a real Bigfoot sighting hidden behind the hoaxing.

They report a farmer about September 1 of that year saw a seven-foot-tall, dark, hairy creature which smelled very strong and bellowed like a young bull. The farmer's dog rushed in and bit the Bigfoot, which brushed it aside. However, some saliva from the creature fell onto the dog and the farmer reported the saliva smelled the same as an odor he had noticed before on cows that had been in the same part of the woods.

The book is illustrated, mostly with pictures of footprints left by the creatures known as Bigfoot.

With only six sightings reported, Wisconsin is not very fertile Bigfoot country. Pickings are much better in the West. Washington reports 111 sightings; Oregon, 76; California, 102; and British Columbia, 90. In the East, Pennsylvania reported seeing Bigfoot 42 times, probably because Pennsylvania is famed as deer country and hunters often take to the woods where, after all, Bigfoot lives.

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Elusive Champ Was a Star of 1982, Staging Nine Water Ballets on Lake

By JOSEPH W. ZARZYNSKI

Special to the Free Press

Last year was a near-champion year for sightings of specimens of Champ, those 15- to 25-foot-long mystery animals of Lake Champlain.

Nine 1982 Champ sightings have been processed by the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation. The organization has collected approximately 170 sightings of the Champ animals, three-quarters of them during the 20th century.

The total may increase as more Champ eyewitnesses become willing to report their sightings, due in part to publicity, a more open-minded public and a heightened scientific curiosity about the Champ phenomenon.

Besides the nine processed 1982 sightings, at least seven others from the Port Henry, N.Y., area await further investigation, review and documentation.

But 1981 holds the blue ribbon for the best Champ sighting year, when 21 sightings were collected and studied by the investigators.

The Champ creatures appeared shy and tardy in making their initial 1982 appearance.

Champ made its 1982 debut May 1 for Raymond W. Sargent while he was motoring aboard his houseboat east of Long Point near Treadwell Bay, N.Y. The North Hero resident sighted the creature at a range of 150 yards on a calm lake surface at 1:30 p.m.

Sargent reported the creature's head to be 18 to 24 inches out of the water and "dark brown or black."

"In my 20 years of boating, logs do not make a sudden disappearance such as this one did," Sargent said.

Champ appeared to several women off Port Henry May 8 while the group was entering a restaurant for a bowling banquet. Theresa Whitaker and several of her friends viewed several humps, grayish black in color and estimated to be about 20 feet long. The Moriah, N.Y., residents made their sighting at 6:10 p.m.

Champ was sighted again during May by a Colchester couple. James and Gerda Carroll viewed the animal May 30, while motoring north in their yacht about four miles due west of Shelburne Point.

The Carrolls estimated the animal's body to measure upwards of 30 to 50 feet, with a 2-foot-high head and neck easily visible.

"We saw a living creature swimming south on the surface of Lake Champlain," noted the Carrolls, whose sighting lasted 10 minutes. The Colchester couple motored up to approximately 40 feet from the animal before it submerged.

Debbie Towne and several other Port Henry witnesses saw a three-humped animate object off the terminal dock at the Port Henry Village Beach June 10.

"We saw something that looked like a giant snake," said Towne, 31.

Champ's profile almost was captured on film July 19 by Claude Van Kleeck, a Rockland County, N.Y., animal warden who was vacationing in Port Henry.

Van Kleeck saw a blackish-gray object about 45 to 50 feet long with a head "24-30 inches in height" plowing the becalmed surface off his campsite at Bulwagga Bay, Port Henry. Van Kleeck said the object had a "serpent-shaped head," possibly eel-like, with a "long and thinner" neck "than the rest of the body."

As Port Henry built up its case for hegemony over many of the Champ sightings, the village of Rouses Point, N.Y., soon had its share.

The first of four separate sightings off Rouses Point occurred Aug. 1.

Rouses Point police officers John Annette and Michael Dumar told the Valley News, an Adirondack region weekly newspaper, they saw the Champlain animal at dusk that Sunday evening.

They reported a 12- to 20-foot-long creature in the water.

"It looked something like a periscope sticking out of the water," Annette said. "There was a wave in front of it as it pushed the water along."

The next Champ sighting at Rouses Point was Aug. 5 in King Bay.

Edward Sheldon, 58, Dan Ormsby, 13, and Shawn Elvidge, 14, reported seeing a "big black animal, like a huge snake with three humps" in the shallow bay about 7:30 p.m.

The three-humped animate object reportedly struck a large

moored boat in the bay as it headed out for the deeper water of midlake.

Cathy Cooper of Rouses Point spotted Champ this past autumn as she was walking toward the downtown area of Rouses Point.

"I saw three distinct humps out of the water," she said. "I saw no head or tail, or at least something which looked like a head or tail."

The North Countryman weekly newspaper of Rouses Point reported Oct. 13 that "Champy" was spotted by "about 30 area residents and at least one plane" Oct. 6.

The residents watched a short distance offshore from busy Lake Street. The object submerged when buzzed by a seaplane.

The year also saw the Vermont House of Representatives pass, on April 20, the Champ resolution sponsored by former Rep. Millie Small, R-Quechee.

By a 77-28 vote, the House acted to protect Champ "from any willful act resulting in death, injury or harassment." The resolution also encouraged further scientific inquiry into the phenomenon and asked eyewitnesses to report their sightings.

The New York Senate passed a similar resolution June 3, sponsored by Sen. Ronald Stafford of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Champ supporters are working to get the Vermont Senate and the New York Assembly to pass the Champ resolution this year.

And 1982 also stimulated further international scientific interest in the Champ animals. The newly formed International Society of Cryptozoology moved to adopt the 1977 Mansi photograph for further analysis as one of the society's two initial laboratory projects. The Mansi photograph depicts what many believe may be one of the Champ animals' head, neck, body and appendage lying on the surface of the lake.

The society was created in January 1982 "to promote scientific inquiry, education and communication among people interested in animals of unexpected form or size, or unexpected occurrence in time and space." The co-founders, Dr. Roy P. Mackal and J. Richard Greenwell, participated in an Aug. 29, 1981, "Does Champ Exist?" seminar in Shelburne.

Discounting some sightings as honest misinterpretations of known phenomena, other sightings seem to resemble animals with prehistoric lineage.

The classic example of a prehistoric creature thought to be extinct but suddenly "reappearing" in the 20th century is the fish known as the coelacanth. Netted in 1938 off East London, South Africa, the coelacanth was believed extinct for about 70 million years.

With this in mind, some scientists have suggested Champ may resemble a plesiosaur or zeuglodon.

Plesiosaurs were marine reptiles thought to have become extinct about 70 million years ago. They used their powerful elongated head/neck and four flipper appendages to their advantage as fish predators.

There is some speculation that they may have survived, adapted to the environment of Lake Champlain, and developed oxygen-retaining capabilities to slow their metabolic rate during the winter. Thus, they may have minimized the need to surface to gather in life-supporting air.

It would seem that if Champ is an adaptation of the plesiosaur line, the creatures have managed to harmonize with the seasonal whims of the lake and may be sedentary.

The zeuglodon was a snakelike whale believed extinct for at least 20-25 million years. These mammals required periodic and scheduled surfacings for intake of air. The working hypothesis is that if Champ is a zeuglodon, the creatures must migrate into and out of the lake as seasonal change or feeding habits dictate.

Residents and tourists along Lake Champlain have been seeing strange animals in the lake for centuries. Champ is not a newly created phenomenon fashioned and propagated by tourist boards. Something quite large, but shy, lives in the lake.

The mystery of Champ's identity may be solved by a persistent individual willing to invest time gazing over the lake with camera at hand.

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Cattle mutilations linked with aliens

By Cathie Huddle
Journal Staff Writer

For decades, law enforcement officials, veterinarians and farmers have been baffled by a phenomenon known here as cattle mutilation, but involving a variety of animals the world over.

Linda Moulton Howe, who wrote, produced, directed and edited a television documentary on the subject, spoke on mutilation Sunday during the final session of the two-day "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena" conference at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln.

Howe's Emmy-award-winning program, "Strange Harvest," made for KMGH-TV in Denver, included interviews with ranchers, law enforcement officials, surgeons and scientists. During the conference, Howe and Ray W. Boeche, Nebraska director of the Mutual UFO Network, said the "classic" cattle mutilation includes the following elements:

'Classic' elements

- A previously healthy animal is found dead.
- The area immediately surrounding the animal is undisturbed. There are no footprints (sometimes including those of the dead animal) leading to or from the site.
- No sound is heard during the incident, even though such occurrences frequently take place near a house.
- The animal has been cut with a sharp instrument, but there is no blood on the ground and blood and tissue around the cuts usually are dry.
- Parts of the body have been removed, frequently including all or part of an ear, eye, reproductive organs and the tail.
- A hole is bored into the animal's abdomen or rectal area, burrowing as far into the animal as 18 inches.
- The animal's jaw is skinned to the bone.
- Natural predators steer clear of the carcass.
- Frequently, glowing orange discs of light the size of

a football field are reported in the area during the time of the mutilation.

Carcasses marked

Mutilated carcasses of animals have triggered reactions on a Geiger counter (which measures radiation) and some have geometric markings on their backs or heads that show up under black light, indicating they may have been marked for easy detection at night, Howe said.

She suggests that the dried-up incisions may have been made with a laser rather than a scalpel or knife.

In the documentary, Howe provides what may be the first story by an eyewitness to a mutilation.

During hypnotic regression, Judy Doraty recalled the night she watched as a cow was hauled through a beam of light aboard a hovering aircraft. She told how she seemed to be on the road beside her car, and at the same time, in the craft watching two "beings" cut into the animal.

Then Doraty's daughter is placed on a table, and though she is not hurt, she is examined and the "beings" take scrapings from several parts of her body.

"I don't think they have emotions. It's like routine business, like it's just a job they have to do," Doraty says. She claims she was told by the creatures that they were here to study nuclear waste and testing on this planet and to test radiation levels in animals, soil and water.

Mutilations have been reported in 37 countries, Boeche said. Frequently, U.S. farmers and ranchers report sightings of phantom or mystery helicopters in the air near the mutilation site. But government officials interviewed during "Strange Harvest" say silent helicopters do not exist.

Howe offers no answer, but says explanations such as natural predators, perverted humans or satanic cult members are not enough.

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IS DRACULA ALIVE AND WELL AND PROWLING AMERICA?

So far the following is an unsolved mystery. The many weird, stymying aspects of it make every bloody thriller ever written look like a rectory tea party.

Under cover of night, the cattle of ranchers and farmers as widely separated as Canada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and other Western areas are being subjected to spine-chilling mutilations and have been since the early sixties.

The mutilations are not only eerie and unprecedented in nature but are carried out under circumstances similar but baffling in the extreme. To date none has been able to solve this mystery, let alone make any sense out of the crimes. Those who have seen the mutilations express themselves as "never having seen the mutilations express themselves as "never having seen anything like it."

Every aspect is bizarre and baffling. Only certain organs are taken and these with the clean cut precision of surgical cuts. Almost always there is a total absence of blood in the carcasses and of trampled grass or foot prints. Only in a few instances was there a watery red fluid in the veins.

Very usual, however, are low-flying helicopters above the cattle, their identifying markings painted or covered over. Because many mutilated animals are found to have broken bones there is substance to the theory that cattle are taken into helicopters, mutilated, then dropped. No one knows or can discover from where the helicopters come or where they go. No flight records show their movements.

The mutilations have in common the removal by expert surgical methods of tongues, rectums, testis, vulvas, sexual organs, eyes (usually only one from each animal), tip of an ear or a complete ear. Rectums are neatly cored out, leaving large smooth cavities, as if removed by a special instrument. In many half the face was cut away. Tails are often removed, varying sizes of skin patches cut off. Examined under a microscope, the patches were seen to have been cut off cell by cell. A veterinarian said "I have never seen the like and know of no way this could be done."

Mystery as dark as the nights on which these crimes are perpetrated surrounds the method and purpose of draining carcasses of every drop of blood. Nor is it known why the mutilated cattle remain so long as a month with no signs of decay, nor why no predators, not even birds or maggots, will feed on them.

Many cattle owners have reported seeing bright lights of varying colors on helicopters whose flights preceded mutilations. Ranchers have frequently been fired on by these helicopters.

Rather than clarifying the situation, each piece of information serves only to deepen the mystery. For example, on a severely bent and twisted tree, previously straight, radioactivity was found about four feet off the ground in an area of about fifty trees. Another tree was scorched black on one side, its top branches scorched and blackened. Black light showed a patch of fluorescence on a mutilated horse's head on the site.

In a May 1980, case, five cows were found along a section line of over one and a half miles, dead, in a straight line, all facing north. One had obviously died of lark-spur poisoning, the other four had a

perfect square cut from the abdomen where the udders had been. All four rectums were "cored out," leaving holes six inches wide, four to six inches deep. On two of the cows one half of the face was gone to the bone. No signs of blood or struggle, as with all these mutilated cattle. Viewers commented their positions suggested they had been dropped from above, as their bones were crushed. The cause of death has never been determined in any mutilated cattle.

Sightings of unmarked helicopters, unidentified flying objects (UFO's) and inexplicable events extend over a long period. In 1979, Mr. Thomas Adams, a Texas glass company executive who has been investigating this mystery since he was in college, estimated that the number of classic mutilations since the 1960's ranges between 3,000 to 10,000 in over 30 states and parts of Canada. He said "When you consider the large number of mutilations performed with no one even being caught in the act, this begins to look like the crime of the century." The government's indifference amounts to the monumental.

Worse yet, it has consistently maintained this incomprehensible attitude despite mutilations reported in Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma, Utah, Puerto Rico, Mexico, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, Kentucky, Arkansas. Similar mutilations have been reported (by 1977) in Sweden, Africa, Australia and the West Indies. Indifference of these proportions almost approaches the size of its talent for wasting our money.

The frustrating aspect is that no explanations can be found for any part of these mutilations. For instance, cattle near mutilated cattle suddenly developing mysterious diseases. They degenerated and died within days of the mutilation and no cause of death has been determined in any of them.

One of the most extensively publicized and investigated cases was that of a buffalo at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado in Oct. 1975. The zoo is in the heart of the North American Air Defense Command area, a heavily guarded, secret part of Colorado and a major scene of mutilation activity for several years. Mutilation occurred despite tightened zoo security stemming from past widespread mutilations in the area.

Mr. Adams asks that such livestock mutilations be reported to area sheriffs and to Project Stigmata, a quarterly magazine on mutilations published by Mr. Adams and available for \$10 yearly from him at Project Stigmata, P.O. Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75460. Phone (214) 784-5922.

All the information above is from Mr. Adams, who, at my request, kindly sent me a wealth of same for use in this column.

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PASU seeks answers to the unexplainable

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In January, 1982, a motorist reports a large animal which he described as a "black panther", walked onto a road in front of his car, outside the city of Latrobe.

In February March and April, a rash of triangular shaped UFO's are reported throughout many sections of Western Pennsylvania. A UFO estimated to be over 100 feet long is observed near Uniontown at treetop level.

A near landing of a disc-shaped object is reported near Indiana County, and a huge object which hovered several hundred feet over the heads of three observers in Butler County involved the suffering of physical effects such as headaches, numbness, and diarrhea by observers.

These are just a few of the largest number of good quality Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) and mystery animal sightings since 1973 reported to the Pennsylvania Association For the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) during 1982.

PASU, based in Greensburg, is an all volunteer, non-profit research unit made up of specialists from the scientific and technological fields. These volunteers provide their time and equipment to find answers to phenomena reported by the states' residents.

PASU serves as a statewide clearinghouse for reports of an unusual nature such as UFO's, Bigfoot, and numerous other sightings.

PASU is directed by Stan Gordon, an electronics, radio communications specialist, recognized as an authority on the UFO and Bigfoot phenomena.

Gordon formed the original Westmoreland County UFO Study Group in 1970 which expanded to the Pennsylvania Center For UFO Research in 1975.

In 1981, Gordon organized the PASU unit in order to keep research and investigations on a more professional and scientific level.

PASU evaluates all reports received and tries to establish a logical explanation for what has been reported. Cases which remain unexplained are passed on to reputable research organizations worldwide. PASU works closely with the Mutual UFO Network of Seguin, Texas.

In a year-end wrap-up report recently released by Gordon, dozens of UFO sightings were reported throughout the state during 1982. In addition, numerous reports involving the sighting of Bigfoot, black panthers, mountain lions, and strange animal killings were received by PASU.

Many UFO reports this year involved large solid

objects of an unconventional design which were observed below 200 feet in altitude. In some instances, the object produced a physical effect on a witness or surrounding area, according to the report.

The Bigfoot creature has been reported in Pennsylvania since at least 1830, yet sightings of the large hairy creatures have increased since 1972. Many Bigfoot encounters were reported this year, with several close range daylight observations being made.

There has also been an increase in cougar, or mountain lion, reports throughout the state. The cougar has been officially extinct since the late 1800's, yet responsible observers continue to report sightings of the beast.

The witnesses to various phenomena this year came from all walks of life, according to PASU. They have included police officers, farmers, businessmen and a state game protector.

Computer evaluations have indicated that most unexplained UFO sightings occurred between 9 and 10 p.m. with females being the primary witnesses to unexplained UFO events.

Director Gordon recently announced the group will undertake three major projects during 1983.

These include a computer study of thousands of unexplained Pennsylvania cases from his files covering the years 1950 until present. This venture will try to uncover various patterns to some of these mysteries.

PASU will begin activation of a quick response medical and technical team who will attempt to arrive at the scene of a close encounter with a UFO or other unusual incident shortly after its occurrence. The team will examine witnesses and obtain specimens for testing to determine if the phenomena may have caused any physiological effect on the observer.

Also, a detailed study will be undertaken to study medical, psychological, and para-physical effects that may have occurred to a close encounter observer prior to, or after his or her observation.

PASU maintains a 24 hour hotline number for reporting unexplained sightings. The number is (412) 838-7768 and callers can report their sightings in the strictest confidence and without fear of ridicule. PASU, located at 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg, is interested in all reports no matter how long ago they may have occurred.

PASU Director Gordon, as well as several state residents, were recently filmed for a new television series "The Physic Connection" due to be aired in the Spring of 1983 over a major network.