



Fillow and Mazzola pore over back copies of Ideal's UFO Magazine, during visit to magazine's office with ufonaut friend.

a disc with the capabilities of a UFO will have superiority in the air, will be able to pass through radar, hover quietly and outrun anything in the sky. So, militarily speaking, a disc is probably the best weapon that you could create. If you can equip the disc with a laser beam — a technology that we already have — then you can destroy almost anything. You will have a very heavy weapon."

We asked the SBI's "two chief honchos" — as they jokingly call themselves — the inevitable question: "Have you seen a UFO yourself?" Mazzola replied that he and his wife Elaine saw a formation of about a dozen UFOs flying in a V-shape over their home in Staten Island on New Year's Eve of 1978. "Now this is Staten Island, this is my home and I was not expecting to see a UFO here," he remarked. When he first told his wife, "She thought I was on the brink, you know, of flipping out. Being a UFO investigator you would think I was prepared but I was not, I didn't have a camera loaded."

Luckily, after a 40 minute wait, the formation appeared again, this time flying in the opposite direction. Pete took his only shot, which was later analyzed by computer enhancement and verified.

Fillow's close encounter had a special significance since, he said, "I had never seen one before and I had started very skeptical initially." Driving through North Jersey, both he and Pete saw "two beautiful gold discs. I did triangulation on them, estimating that they were no more than a half a mile away, below a thousand feet." Although he had a loaded camera with him, he did not use it because, he explained, "I didn't want to take my eyes off the objects for fear of using them." Pete, who was also a witness, added that "An interesting thing happened in which we were both looking through binoculars at two different UFOs simultaneously, and only when they converged we realized we had each been watching a different disc. It was fantastic."

Nearing the end of our long interview we came to a subject that

fascinates all ufologists and the interested public without exception: the U.S. Government cover-up of UFO information, variously known as "Cosmic Watergate," "UFOgate" and so on. The SBI is currently acting to obtain UFO-related documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Like Ground Saucer Watch and Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, the SBI is joining its legal efforts with New York attorney Peter Gersten, whose partially successful legal struggle to obtain Washington's secret UFO File has become one of ufology's recent landmarks. (See *Ideal's UFO Magazine* No. 8)

Mazzola explained that they have filed several FOIA requests to NASA, the Department of Defense, the Navy, the Air Force and the CIA. "We want to cover the entire basic structure of the United States Government," he remarked, "and we don't care about the consequences. We are not militant, we are not radical, we are not subversive, but we want to get information which we

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