

## Voices from the Ether

Richard T. Miller, a participant in the famous Mantell UFO case, left the air force in 1949 but served as an undercover civilian UFO investigator for ATIC [Air Technical Intelligence Center] until 1952 on a part-time basis. Full-time he worked as a television repairman.

In the summer of 1954, Miller met George Hunt Williamson, one of the early contactees, who claimed to have received alien transmissions using ham radio equipment. Williamson gave Miller a list of radio frequencies that he said carried the transmissions, and on September 10, 1954, Miller and some friends did indeed hear a strange broadcast in English. Thinking some fellow ham operators might be pulling a joke, Miller and others used direction-finding equipment to trace the powerful signal but failed to locate the source. The Federal Communications Commission was called in, but agents also failed to locate the signal's source. After one of the ham operators accidentally broke his antenna, it was discovered that the signal was being beamed straight down on the earth from the direction of the North Star. Shortly after beginning to receive these strange signals, Miller and some friends had another startling experience at his home.

"A glowing UFO came down to treetop height, jockeyed back and forth and lined itself up beautifully with our little [radio] unit, sat there, and then did the next most impossible thing electronically we could think of—it modulated the glowing force field around the craft at an audio rate, and sent us a message." The message, among other things, advised the listeners to contact none other than contactee George Adamski at Mount Palomar and warn him of a coming earthquake. Although Miller failed to reach Adamski, he learned from newspapers that a mild earthquake had indeed struck Mount Palomar on the designated date. "That was all the verification we needed," said Miller, who went on to record dozens of transmissions from "our friends from outer space."

Some time later, Miller claimed to have been taken aboard a UFO for a lengthy conversation with a human-appearing alien named Soltec. Following this experience, Miller said he was able to converse with the space beings by telepathy alone. By this means, he was able to accumulate much information.

Miller said he was told the UFO that took him was a "Galactic Survey scientific ship" named the "Phoenix" measuring "magnetic field anomalies" and cosmic radiation around the earth as well as on the moon. He learned the craft represented a Galactic Confederation that had been studying and observing the earth for millions of years. Miller was told that the earth was somewhat "unique" from other worlds due to the "crudeness and ferocity" of its life-forms and that

the planet was "approaching the end of a cosmic cycle and there going to be a form of transition into a new state."

"He said they were primarily attempting to reach as many people as they could," Miller recalled. "They had instrumentation on board their ships, that as they flew around the planet, they could pick up on individuals who had telepathic potential. The main reason they were here was to help raise the general level of awareness of all life forms on the planet Earth."

Miller learned that, unlike the newborn of other worlds, humans were born with no memory of past lives or conscious telepathic powers. This deficiency was one of the basic causes of human strife. "As a result of all this, they quarantined the planet Earth and it has been quarantined ever since," Miller stated in a compilation of his communications published in 1979. In these detailed and intricate messages, an astounding history of the earth was revealed, including references to ancient civilizations such as Atlantis and Lumeria. One part dealt with the Great Pyramids of Egypt, which, according to Miller's notes, were built by aliens as giant "motion stabilizers for the planet," eliminating a dangerous wobble in its rotation about forty-five thousand years ago. In this account, the pyramids originally were built on the earth's equator but ended up on the thirtieth degree of north latitude following a prehistoric axis tilt. This shift resulted in the Great Flood of Noah, which nearly exterminated mankind.

According to Miller, these aliens used a form of energy surrounding them even in deep space. "[Soltec] described it as being the electromagnetic and electrostatic lines of force that they twisted or bent parallel for a fraction of a moment. This provided them with all the energy they needed," he wrote. "Aboard this particular space ship, they did have a small fusion generator, an atomic generator which was like a starter motor. It generated the power to create a force field, which in turn, could bend the lines of force and release the energy they needed." Interestingly enough, there has been productive modern research into just such energy—called zero point energy. Research at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Austin, Texas, has determined that the vacuum of outer space is neither empty nor tranquil, but filled with phantom particles of energy and fluctuations only now being discovered. According to physicists John Wheeler and Richard Feynman, there is enough energy in the vacuum of a solitary lightbulb to boil all the earth's seas. It has been speculated that zero point energy may be "the Rosetta stone of physics, explaining everything from gravity to atoms to the origin of the cosmos itself."

Through telepathic communication, Miller recorded a variety of messages from nonhuman beings with names like Hatonn, Korton,

# A Message From Our Space Brothers Via Short Wave Radio

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*Lecture given by: Dr. George Hunt Williamson  
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It is a great privilege and pleasure to be here in Detroit to speak to you on the subject of "flying saucers." The term "flying saucers" until very recently in the world has been more laugh provoking than it has been thought provoking. But now people all over the world are beginning to realize that this phenomenon known as the "flying saucers" may have a great bearing on the lives of each and everyone of us in the not too distant future!

Tonight I will tell you of our own experiences with flying saucers. I also know of a number of men who have had various similar experiences. I was with George Adamski in November of 1952 when he had the memorable contact in the desert with the flying saucer. Both my wife and I were witnesses to that event. The event as it is described in the book entitled *Flying Saucers Have Landed* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski is accurate and true. However, our work in flying saucers started long before our contact with Mr. Adamski. It was through our own work that we heard of him and eventually met him. We wondered what to do with the information we had collected and decided to go to see George Adamski who was only 400 miles away from us.

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in the book *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, Mr. Adamski has several good pictures of saucers. The great astronomical observatories of the world also have pictures of saucers. I have a friend who went to school with one of the astronomers who is now working at the "Big Eye" (telescope) at Mount Palomar. Many times the students of various universities are allowed to spend time at the Big Observatory to work on certain projects. This friend of mine was at Mount Palomar and asked his former classmate, the astronomer, how it was that an amateur photographer like George Adamski could get pictures of saucers and Mount Palomar could not, and if Adamski's pictures were fake. The astronomer replied that Mr. Adamski's pictures were NOT fake and if he thought Adamski's pictures were good, he should see the ones they have at Mount Palomar.

The government has the story. They also have made radio contact with saucers. Whether they will ever give out this information or not we do not know. They may wait until we all know about it and then confirm it. There is a project known as MQ707 at Edwards Air Force Base which is a project for telecommunication with saucers. They contact these craft and attempt to get them to land. 1954

In August 1952 we had our own contacts with space people via short wave or radio telegraphy. I had been in Minnesota a year or more previously where I was working among the Chippewa Indians gathering little known legends and facts about them that had not been accumulated or written down before. I knew nothing more about saucers than most people. There had been a few things in the newspapers and I had, of course, heard of flying saucers.

On the way to Minnesota I picked up a copy of Major Kehoe's first book *Flying Saucers Are Real*. When I arrived in Minnesota, it was raining and continued to rain for several days. I could not get out of my cabin so I read the book. Once I started it I could not put it down until I finished it. After I finished reading it I was thoroughly convinced myself that these things could at least be interplanetary. Here was a man, a former Marine Major, who had gone into the subject in an objective way and had analyzed all the facts and had come to the conclusion that they could not be anything else but something from outer space. In fact, I believe he mentioned in the book that it was hard for him to accept this and that it was fantastic, but that no other conclusion seemed to fit the evidence.

As I read this book, all the Indian legends I had been collecting seemed to fall into place, and I began to see that a number of the stories I had collected sounded like flying saucers. I checked with my wife who was doing work among the Mexican Indians and found she had been finding the same thing. On further investigation, we found that all American Indian tribes had practically the same legends. There were slight variations but they almost all had the same basic facts.

For a long time anthropologists had discarded Indian legends and the stories of so-called primitive people throughout the world because they said they were merely the stories of superstitious people and had no basis or fact. No longer are they doing this for they realize that there must be something to start a story and although these legends or stories were not written down as they did not have a written language, they were passed from generation to generation.

One of the Chippewa's legends is the account of the "Gin Guin" or the "Earth-rumblers," or the "Wheels-that-rumble-the-earth." The story in essence is this: At various times a rotating wheel or whirling wheel, sometimes surrounded by a cloud, would descend and lightning would sometimes be seen to shoot from it. Then out of it would step a young fair-haired man whom they called "Bococitti," the fair-haired god who comes from the skies. Stories like these are found throughout the United States and in fact almost all primitive people throughout the world seem to have the same kind of legends.

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After I left Minnesota, I joined my wife in Prescott, Arizona, where my family lives. A friend of mine, Alfred C. Bailey, came to visit me and asked to see what I had been accumulating on my recent trip. I did not mention saucers, but let him read some of the legends. When he finished reading the material I had collected, he said: "This sounds like flying saucers. I thought your trip was to collect legends of the Indians?"

We discussed the flying saucer phenomena and thought perhaps they might be weather conditions, for we would not be the first to observe weather conditions. The Indians would have seen the same things and perhaps made legends about them. We also talked about the possibility of man traveling to other planets by rockets. One of us suggested something with a lot of "ifs" in it. If in the future we of earth planned to go to another planet, and if we found it inhabited and if they had radio or some similar type of communication, why could we not monitor their radio and attempt to learn their language and find out about the culture of the inhabitants before we landed? We decided that perhaps if the other planets were inhabited and space people were visiting us that they might now be doing this very thing. Perhaps they might even be interested in contacting certain people on earth, people who were not afraid.

We were just discussing these possibilities and were really not too serious about it. We reasoned this way. If these people from outer space have been here since Kenneth Arnold first observed them in 1947, certainly they must know our language and our Morse Code communication system. By monitoring our radios they undoubtedly could pick up our language in a short period of time, as the Morse Code System is no secret and it is used daily throughout the world. However, we decided it was all too fantastic and we then dismissed the subject.

However, several weeks afterwards Al Bailey called me and said: "Remember what we were discussing about flying saucers? We have had success."

"What do you mean?" I asked, "Have you seen one?"

"No," he replied, "I do not mean that, I mean that we have made radio contact."

Then I asked the question that all of you would ask: "Is it a hoax?"

"Yes," he said, "The radio man thinks it is a hoax because he cannot figure out why they would contact a nobody like him. He wonders why they did not contact the government or Einstein."

I later asked the radio man: "How do you know they have not contacted the government?" He thought his might be a reasonable assumption.

Regarding the messages we were receiving, the radio man suspected that they might be from another amateur. He noticed that the code was extremely loud and he had to turn his whole set almost completely off and the volume way down. He also noticed that the code was very fast. The radio man is not only a "ham" (amateur) operator but is also a commercially licensed operator with the Santa Fe Railroad in Arizona, and he has a reputation of being very fast on both receiving and sending. But he missed much of the messages we were receiving. He constantly asked them to slow down and they would slow down between words but not between letters. The words would come in very fast and then a long pause before the next word. He then began to realize that the messages could not be coming from another amateur. He then thought that if they were coming from earth they might be from communists in Mexico. This was a poor idea and he did not keep this idea too long, but he thought possibly they might be communists in Mexico preparing for a landing, and when they landed we would greet them in

friendship and out would come the Russians. He thought it might be a plan preliminary to an atomic bomb attack to cause panic. However, he dismissed that idea very quickly.

His ham radio shack in his backyard was separated into two sections. One part was where he did repair work and the other part contained his radio set. He did technical work for the Santa Fe Railroad and also for police radios. He noticed that if he was at his work bench, the saucer people would come in and give a preliminary warning before giving the message and when he got to the set the message would start. The warning was in the form of a couple of preliminary beats. However, if he was already at the set they never gave this preliminary warning. This gave him a very strange feeling for they seemed to know whether he was at the radio equipment or not. The messages were received in international Morse Code. One time we had radio telephone contact with the space people but the rest of the time it was radio telegraphy.

The radio man decided to run some sort of a test and told them he was operating at a disadvantage because they knew who he was but he did not know who they were.

He asked: "As you have made this contact you must be interested in us. Therefore will you give us some type of assurance so that we can know that you are who you say you are?"

They replied immediately, and said: "Yes, yes. If you will get a glass we will be by Solus at high time tomorrow."

We took that to mean that if we would get a telescope they would be by the sun at noon the next day. We did not have a telescope and did not know exactly what they meant by being "by the sun." I went out the next day and looked up at the blazing sun, but of course did not see anything. However, that evening the newscast coming up from Phoenix, Arizona at 5:45 p. m. announced that a large fleet of the so called "flying saucers" had been sighted around noon that day. This could have meant something but we did not want to jump at conclusions and decided to wait until something else developed.

The next day the Los Angeles Times reported that Mount Wilson Observatory in the middle part of the previous day had observed tremendous sun spots suddenly appear on the sun.

Now there is nothing unusual about sun spots on the sun, except that this was a period of declining sun spot activity. There should not be any sun spots at least not large ones, and instead of their lasting the usual two-week to thirty-day period these sun spots lasted only one day. We do not know if there is any connection or not, or if this is just a strange coincidence.

I would like to mention that I am not a technical man. One of the reasons anthropology appealed to me was that I did not have to take mathematics. It is said that the men go into anthropology because they do not have to take mathematics, and the women go into it because there are men in it! Now what I tell you as we get into more scientific terminology this evening is for you to accept or reject. I am not going to inject any of my own opinions or ideas for I am sure you are not interested in my opinions. However, I do feel that the experiences that I have had and the experiences of others with flying saucers should be told.

We were very much interested in our radio contacts and wanted to find out if it was all true. The radio man decided to run a test. He was on 40 meters and asked a question and got an immediate answer. Then very quickly he switched to 160 meters and asked another question and the answer came in promptly. The 40 meters that he was going to switch to 160 meters the man would not have had time to

find him and therefore could not have heard the question and could not have answered it. That was one of the first tests he made.

Then one night a cousin of his visited him while he was in communication with another ham. He did not mention saucers to the cousin but they heard a strange buzzing sound outside. He has a fluorescent tube on the outside of his shack and when he is sending messages it flashes on and off. He asked his cousin to go outside and see if there was anything wrong. The cousin did and called to him to come outside quickly.

"You might think I'm crazy but I think that there is one of those flying saucers," he said excitedly.

Above the antenna a large orange disc was hovering but it soon took off at high speed. Then the radio man told his cousin what he had been doing in trying to establish radio contact.

The radio man figured as long as they had contacted him by radio perhaps they would be willing to land in some remote area. He asked them and they replied they would be willing to land, it would just be another saucer sighting and there are hundreds of such sightings. Then the radio man made all the arrangements as to where we would go the next day to make the contact. He was to drive in one car, and we would follow him in our car.

That same evening the radio man's father-in-law came in from Tennessee. He was quite an elderly gentleman and was very senile and childish and could not keep his balance. He was really a sick man. The radio man had finished transmitting for the evening when his daughter came into the shack and told us that she had quite a problem as to what to do about the elderly gentleman. She felt they should not take him with them on the trip in which they hoped to contact the space people and she felt she could not leave him alone. If she took him on the trip and he saw something unusual he might have a heart attack and certainly she could not tell him that she was going out to contact a man from another world. Also, she was afraid that if they saw him they might not want to land.

We discussed this problem for at least an hour and we were not attempting any experiment in mental telepathy or anything like that, it never entered our minds. The receiver was on as always and all at once a message came in which said:

"Now, about the father."

Believe me I think my hair stood on end when I looked over the radio man's shoulder and saw what he was writing. The radio man turned around looking very pale and said:

"Believe me if I ever doubted, I do not now, because this is impossible but it is happening before my very eyes."

These space people told us about the old man's condition, which was verified later by a doctor. They also said there was a saline solution by the bed which was hampering the contact and asked that someone remove it and clean it up. The daughter went inside and found the solution. She came back looking very pale also. The space people seemed to know everything that went on in the ham shack and in the house. This message in connection with the elderly gentleman was the longest and I feel that it was the most significant message we received. But they said it would be all right for us to take him with us the next day. Their parting sentence was:

"Never fear the aged for they can help when they are brought back into life again."

You will all have to interpret that for yourselves, but I feel that it is very important.

The next day a fourteen year old boy from next door who was staying with his uncle, a Colonel in the Air Force, came over and asked us what happened last night. The radio man thought this strange because he was on the air almost every night and the neighbors were used to this. He asked the young boy what he meant, and if he had seen anything unusual. The boy replied that he woke up, and gave the time he awakened which was the same time we were having the radio contact about the old gentleman. He looked out from the glassed-in porch where he had been sleeping and saw a long tubular shaft of white light above the house. He could not see where it ended as it kept going straight up into space. The lower end went right down into the house and into the bedroom. The boy said he knew he was not dreaming. He was fully awake and knew what he saw.

This was just another check, for no one knew what we were doing. In fact, I did not tell my father until months later but he was quite skeptical and thought we were being hoaxed. However, I have since heard from my mother and she said father finally saw a flying saucer and it was confirmed by his friend, the head of the weather bureau. So my father is beginning to wonder too.

Unfortunately we did not succeed in making our contact the next day. The radio man went on first and we were to meet him. However, in trying to follow his car we ran into a great deal of traffic and we lost him. He took a left fork in the road which we unfortunately did not see him take. We tried hard to find him but could not. When we all returned later that evening we made radio contact with the saucer people again and they said that the plans had been changed but that when all was ready we would be contacted "by a man." I did not know what they meant but that is what they said.

Now I know you must wonder what all this means. It is very interesting to speak to a Venusian on the desert and to talk to a saucer by short wave radio, but really when the novelty wears off and the excitement subsides, what does it mean? If it just means that some stray Venusian happened to drop down and talk to a man in the desert and took off again and that would be the end of it, it does not mean much.

The people of the world are asking what it means. If saucers are interplanetary and they are coming here, what does it mean to us? Are they here to conquer us, are we all going to be annihilated? What does it mean and why have they come. We asked these and all manner of similar questions.

One of the questions was asked by my wife as she is interested in medicine: "You have such tremendous development in space ships, etc., have you advanced in medical science?"

They answered with just "No."

We were amazed and said: "That does not seem right. You have space ships yet you have not advanced in medical science? Why?"

The answer was: "Simple, no disease, no medical science."

They also said it was not natural for man to die in agony of cancer or other diseases, and that it is not the germs we have that cause disease. The germs are merely the scavengers and it is incorrect thinking that

causes disease.

We asked about the length of life on the other planets. They replied that on Mars or Venus the inhabitants live between 300 to 1500 years, and when they have learned the lessons of the planet they have been living on, and then are ready to go to the next, they merely pass out of the picture.

Believe me, this saucer business is fantastic, but even living itself is fantastic. The fact that we are alive and sitting here is fantastic. Truth is stranger than fiction and we must keep an open mind. We realize that what we know now is only a pale shadow of what we will know tomorrow. Remember the learned men in Columbus' time at the Spanish Court! Columbus was held up three years because the great

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George Hunt Williamson &  
the Genesis of the Contactees

Brother George, B:.B:.

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[George Hunt Williamson -- 1950's era carnival barker for Adamski's Venusian UFO Space Brothers was not only a seminal UFOlogist but also an mysterious occultist and maverick archaeologist, after who the legendary "Indiana Jones" was eventually patterned. -B:.B:.]

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"There can be no doubt that, by accident or design, he [Williamson] and his various collaborators played an enormous part in shaping New Age thought in all its manifestations. Together they constituted the single most important occult group of the post-war era. Their influence is made all the more remarkable by the fact that it has seldom been acknowledged, or even perceived, by other researchers in the field.

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...ey and Adamski ...Hunrath and Laughhead ...John Mc Coy and the Stanford brothers...It was from the tangled lives of these men that the contemporary UFO mythos first grew and took shape."

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The 1950s threw up any number of space-age mystics and messiahs, each more dotty than the one before. Among the earliest and most influential of these was American channeler Dr. George Hunt Williamson, who died in 1986 at the relatively early age of 60. Williamson was a prolific writer on the theme of contact with extraterrestrials. It would however, be a capital error to classify him solely as a UFO researcher. He was above all an occultist whose activities helped to usher in a new magical aeon -- the aeon of the Flying Saucer. No attempt can be made to understand him or his work unless this fact is first taken into account.

[Image] Little is known of Williamson's life. Jacques Vallee states in Messengers of Deception that his real name was Michael d' Obrenovic. This canard has been repeated in several articles on the early days of UFO research. I have on file a photocopied bibliography of the contactee movement (source unknown) in which it is stated that "Williamson [frequently] used his Yugoslavian family name of Michael d'Obrenovic although most of his writing was done under the Anglicized name." In actual fact, Williamson was born in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the son of George and Bernice (Hunt) Williamson. Inquiries to the Yugoslav government have revealed that although there was at one time a family named d'Obrenovic, it ceased to exist as long ago as 1903, when the head of the line was assassinated by revolutionaries.

Williamson's use of the title appears to have been entirely spurious, dating from an occasion in 1961 when he attended a wedding posing as H.R.H. Prince Michael d'Obrenovic van Lazar, Duke of Sumadya. Like some latter-day Dr. Mabuse, he routinely used disguises and aliases to further his own ends.

Williamson's academic qualifications were equally bogus. In the late 1950s he was listed in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science as a leading anthropologist and authority on the Hopi and Zuni Indians. It later transpired that his various degrees and qualifications were either self-conferred or, in one notable case, acquired from an institution known as the Great Western University of San Francisco, which researcher John J. Robinson was moved to describe in Saucer News as "a massage parlour." Williamson's formal education actually came to an end in February, 1951, when the University of Arizona disqualified him for further study on the grounds of poor scholarship. Disdaining to re-register, he instead moved temporarily to Noblesville, Indiana, and there took up an editorial position with Valor, the in-house journal of William Dudley Pelley's Soulcraft organization.

Pelley was at the time enjoying a new lease on life, having recently been released from prison after serving an eight-year sentence for his wartime opposition to Roosevelt. A former fascist and leader of the Silver Shirts, he also had an abiding interest in occult matters and compiled 32 volumes of automatic writing on contact with higher intelligences. In addition to Williamson, his post-war circle is believed to have included seminal contactee George Adamski and others of the same kidney. Some authorities suggest that Pelley and Adamski first became acquainted as a result of their mutual interest in Guy Ballard's I AM cult. There is also evidence to suggest that Pelley may have introduced Williamson to Adamski.

Like many a UFO buff before and since, Williamson later gravitated to the southwestern state of Arizona, settling in Prescott and attempting to contact the space people by radio telegraphy and direct-voice channeling.

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Williamson started to channel, it was something truly inexplicable.

[He] would begin speaking in several different voices, one right after the other."

On November 20, 1952, Williamson and his wife Betty were among the witnesses to George Adamski's historic first meeting with Orthon the Venusian in the desert near Mt. Palomar, California. This event more than any other seems to have catalyzed his activities. From then on, he switched into high gear, publishing The Saucers Speak in 1954 and following it up with a series of the most remarkable UFO documents ever conceived.

Brother Orthon

[Image]

Beloved Venusian

Another little-known but influential saucer cultist was Dr. Charles Laughead, [who was also alleged to have founded the Lockheed aircraft company -- the name being the anglicized version of Laughead] who with his wife Lillian published Williamson's Book of Transcripts in 1957. (Lillian Laughead was among the dedicated to Williamson's Other Tongues, Other Flesh "for her contribution to the Lemurian interpretation of the tracks in the desert.") Laughead is thought to have emerged from the same pseudo-occult background as George Adamski, et al. In 1949-1950 he gave up a position at Michigan State University to help the famous Marion Dorothy Martin, aka "Mrs. Keech", who had lately been told by spacemen that the end of the world was imminent. The full story of what happened next is told in When Prophecy Fails (Festinger, Reicken and Schacter, University of Minnesota, 1956). Laughead's role in that affair was basically that of agent provocateur. Without him, it is doubtful whether events would have turned out as they did. He is referred to throughout When Prophecy Fails as "Dr. Armstrong." His efforts on behalf of Mrs. Keech were rather akin to those of Thurber's Get-Ready-Man, who "used to go about shouting at people through a megaphone to prepare for the end of the world." When the appointed hour came and went, and the world continued much as before, Laughead moved on to other things, and chanced to meet Dr. Andrija Puharich in a hotel in Acambaro, Mexico.

Puharich records his impressions of Laughead and his wife in Uri, referring to them as "charming but naive people." Laughead, for his part, was delighted at meeting a fellow M.D. in such unlikely surroundings and immediately launched into an account of his work with George Hunt Williamson:

The Holy Art of

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Channeling

"Through the assistance of a young man who is a very fine voice channel or medium, we have been in frequent communication for over a year with one of the ancient Mystery Schools in South America. These sessions covered a wide range of subjects, from ancient history and life origins on this planet, to science and religion. This Brotherhood also serves as a communication center for contacts with intelligences on other planets and star systems, and on spacecraft. Some of these intelligences are obviously not human. Their knowledge and wisdom far exceed our comprehension. For simplicity we referred to them as Space Beings or Space Brothers..."

Puharich was initially dismissive of all this, no doubt viewing it as a flight of fantasy. Later, on returning to continue his research at the Round Table Foundation in Maine, he received a letter from Laughead containing two space messages, "each from a different channel." These, together with a paranormal experience involving a self-renewing piece of carbon paper, went some way toward changing his mind, laying the groundwork for the Spectra/Hoova affair described in the latter half of Uri.

Puharich's pursuit of Spectra (a hawk-headed entity said to communicate through Uri Geller) effectively placed him beyond the pale of orthodox science. Few people during the 1970s were persuaded to substantiate his

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The 1950s threw up any number of space-age mystics and messiahs, each more dotty than the one before. Among the earliest and most influential of these was American channeler Dr. George Hunt Williamson, who died in 1986 at the relatively early age of 60. Williamson was a prolific writer on the theme of contact with extraterrestrials. It would however, be a capital error to classify him solely as a UFO researcher. He was above all an occultist whose activities helped to usher in a new magical aeon -- the aeon of the Flying Saucer. No attempt can be made to understand him or his work unless this fact is first taken into account.

Little is known of Williamson's life. Jacques Vallee states in *Messengers Of Deception* that his real name was Michael d'Obrenovic. This canard has been repeated in several articles on the early days of UFO research. I have on file a photocopied bibliography of the contactee movement (source unknown) in which it is stated that "Williamson [frequently] used his Yugoslavian family name of Michael d'Obrenovic although most of his writing was done under the Anglicized name." In actual fact, Williamson was born in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the son of George

and Bernice (Hunt) Williamson. Inquiries to the Yugoslav government have revealed that although there was at one time a family named d'Obrenovic, it ceased to exist as long ago as 1903, when the head of the line was assassinated by revolutionaries.

Williamson's use of the title appears to have been entirely spurious, dating from an occasion in 1961 when he attended a wedding posing as H.R.H. Prince Michael d'Obrenovic van Lazar, Duke of Sumadya. Like some latter-day Dr. Mabuse, he routinely used disguises and aliases to further his own ends.

Williamson's academic qualifications were equally bogus. In the late 1950s he was listed in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science as a leading anthropologist and authority on the Hopi and Zuni Indians. It later transpired that his various degrees and qualifications were either self-conferred or, in one notable case, acquired from an institution known as the Great Western University of San Francisco, which researcher John J. Robinson was moved to describe in Saucer News as "a massage parlour." Williamson's formal education actually came to an end in February, 1951, when the University of Arizona disqualified him for further study on the grounds of poor scholarship. Disdaining to re-register, he instead moved temporarily to Noblesville, Indiana, and there took up an editorial position with Valor, the in-house journal of William Dudley Pelley's Soulcraft organization.

Pelley was at the time enjoying a new lease on life, having recently been released from prison after serving an eight-year sentence for his wartime opposition to Roosevelt. A former fascist and leader of the Silver Shirts, he also had an abiding interest in occult matters and compiled 32 volumes of automatic writing on contact with higher intelligences. In addition to Williamson, his post-war circle is believed to have included seminal contactee George Adamski and others of the same kidney. Some authorities suggest that Pelley and Adamski first became acquainted as a result of their mutual interest in Guy Ballard's I AM cult. There is also evidence to suggest that Pelley may have introduced Williamson to Adamski.

Like many a UFO buff before and since, Williamson later gravitated to the southwestern state of Arizona, settling in Prescott and attempting to contact the space people by radio telegraphy and direct-voice channeling. According to investigator Sean Devney, quoting from eyewitness accounts, "When Williamson started to channel, it was something truly inexplicable. [He] would begin speaking in several different voices, one right after the other."

On November 20, 1952, Williamson and his wife Betty were among the witnesses to George Adamski's historic first meeting with Orthon the Venusian in the desert near Mt. Palomar, California. This event more than any other seems to have catalyzed his activities. From then on, he switched into high gear, publishing The Saucers Speak in 1954 and following it up with a series of the most remarkable UFO documents ever conceived.

Another little-known but influential saucer cultist was Dr. Charles Laughead, [who was also alleged to have founded the Lockheed aircraft company -- the name being the anglicized version of Laughead] who with his wife Lillian published Williamson's Book of Transcripts in 1957. (Lillian Laughead was among the dedicated to Williamson's Other Tongues, Other

Flesh "for her contribution to the Lemurian interpretation of the tracks in the desert.") Laughead is thought to have emerged from the same pseudo-occult background as George Adamski, et al. In 1949-1950 he gave up a position at Michigan State University to help the famous Marion Dorothy Martin, aka "Mrs. Keech", who had lately been told by spacemen that the end of the world was imminent. The full story of what happened next is told in *When Prophecy Fails* (Festinger, Reicken and Schacter, University of Minnesota, 1956). Laughead's role in that affair was basically that of agent provocateur. Without him, it is doubtful whether events would have turned out as they did. He is referred to throughout *When Prophecy Fails* as "Dr. Armstrong." His efforts on behalf of Mrs. Keech were rather akin to those of Thurber's Get-Ready-Man, who "used to go about shouting at people through a megaphone to prepare for the end of the world." When the appointed hour came and went, and the world continued much as before, Laughead moved on to other things, and chanced to meet Dr. Andrija Puharich in a hotel in Acambaro, Mexico.

Puharich records his impressions of Laughead and his wife in Uri, referring to them as "charming but naive people." Laughead, for his part, was delighted at meeting a fellow M.D. in such unlikely surroundings and immediately launched into an account of his work with George Hunt Williamson:

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