

TRANSCRIPT: COMPUSERVE CONFERENCE
GUEST: Tracy Torme

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(Dale) We burning MUFON cards tonight?

(Steve G) Greetings, Marge!

(Drax) Now, now, Dale.

(Drax) <Mine is in the bottom of my bird cage> GA Marge

(Bert) Hi Marge.

(Mike) Gerry- read UFO Crash at Aztec

(mjc) !Hi, all.

(Gerry) I have it. Will start it immediately, Mike.

(Dale) Hi Ms. Mufon, how are you.

(Drax) By the way, "C" is hexadecimal for 12, so we have MJ-12 online tonite.

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(G-WIZ) ha!

(Bert) Marge, have you really resigned from MUFON?ga

(Drax) OK, our guest is here. Kevin: Type /HAN Tracy Torme

(Guest) Sorry for the delay.

(Drax) s'alright.

(Drax) OK, formal conference rules now in effect....

(G-WIZ) change the name to Tracy please.

(Drax) Please type a question mark <?> or exclamation point <!>...

(Drax) and please try to keep lines less than 72 characters...

(Drax) makes it easier for us to read....

(Drax) Tracy Torme is a Peabody-award winning filmwriter in...

(Drax) Hollywood. He is currently working on several projects,...

(Drax) including the upcoming October 14th documentary,...

(Drax) "UFO COVER UP: What Does the Government Know"...

(Drax) <at least that's the title I was told, Tracy>....

(Drax) he has also just completed the script for the motion picture...

(Drax) "Fire in the Sky" about the famous Travis Walton abduction....

(Drax) among other things contemplated for the documentary,...

(Drax) Tracy has done extensive research and interviews on the Gulf Breeze affair.

(Drax) He wants it to be known that...

(Drax) contractually he can't discuss the actual TV...

(Drax) segments in detail, and may not be able to answer all your....

(Drax) questions regarding the show, and apologizes for it, but...

(Drax) I know he has some interesting things to say anyway. Tracy, any...

(Drax) opening comments? GA

(Tracy Torme) Just a moment...

(Tracy Torme) Thanks, Jim. It's UFO Coverup? Live!, by the way.

(Drax) <starting queue, hold for Tracy>

(Drax) OK. When finished, please use "GA" by the way. GA

(Tracy Torme) GA

(Drax) OK, Don?

(DON) Alright....

(DON) Tracy, on Paranet Alpha, and here on CIS...

(DON) Jim Speiser has placed several uploads concerning you...

(DON) and has stated that you are approx. 99 percent..

(DON) sure that GB is legit.....

(DON) He said you stated that you are holding...

(DON) out one percent on the off chance of a hoax, however...

(DON) you feel sure that it is on the up and up.

(DON) OK, why? ga

(Tracy Torme) First let me say that I started out as a complete skeptic
on the case...

(Tracy Torme) I have come around, little by little to the conclusion
that it is...

(Tracy Torme) almost certainly real. I base this on a number of things,
including...

(Tracy Torme) my respect for Hopkins and Maccabee, the number of excellent
first-hand ...

(Tracy Torme) witnesses, the lie-detector and PSE results, and my personal
feelings...

(Tracy Torme) regarding the integrity of Ed and his family GA

(Drax) OK, Bert, GA

(Bert) ok...

(Bert) Tracy, I know you just spent some time in GB just recently...

(Bert) Can you tell us if there has been any activity at all...

(Bert) since Ed's May sighting-abduction....

(Bert) Also can you report anything about the regressions that are...

(Bert) going on. Is it true that all the regressions are being video taped? ga

(Tracy Torme) OK Bert -- Very little activity since 5/1/88...

(Tracy Torme) There are some abduction elements involved with nearly a
dozen witnesses...

(Tracy Torme) but most of this is being explored now and the res
in yet. GA

(Drax) OK, gang, please keep your questions brief, and...

(Drax) Kevin, or Tracy, whoever is typing,...

(Drax) please press ENTER at about 60-70 characters. Jim, GA

(Jim) In Phil Klass's recent book he says that Dr. Howard...

(Jim) Kandell was provided a urine specimen that Travis's...

(Jim) brother Duane said was the first voided by Travis...

(Jim) upon his return. ...

(Jim) The analysis of the specimen showed no trace of...

(Jim) acetone, which the Dr. found perplexing since...

(Jim) Travis claimed he had lost 10 pounds during his...

(Jim) 5-day absence. Lack of food for the period claimed...
(Jim) should have resulted in acetone in his urine. ...
(Jim) Can you comment on this contradiction in the...
(Jim) physical evidence?...GA

(Tracy Torme) My understanding is that there were acetone traces...
(Tracy Torme) in his blood but I'm not sure of all details on that aspect...
(Tracy Torme) I don't think Kandell became involved until a little...
(Tracy Torme) later in the sequence of events. GA

(Jim) Duane said he had taken the specimen almost immediately
(Jim) after Travis's return.. GA

(Drax) Any response, Tracye?

(Tracy Torme) Don't believe this to be the case. I'll find out for you. GA

(Drax) OK.

(Jim) OK thanks..

(Drax) Tracy, I'm sure you know there are a lot of rumors and bad press...
(Drax) going around the country about the GB case. There are also a...
(Drax) couple of people speaking out on the case with less than...
(Drax) verifiable facts. Do you have any comments on stories such as...
(Drax) the one about the Devil photo, which was rumored to be a...
(Drax) double exposure hoax by Ed? Or his "prison term"? GA

(Tracy Torme) There was no devil photo. This is typical of the ...
(Tracy Torme) misinformation going around. Photo in question was ...
(Tracy Torme) taken at Halloween party and had nothing to do with double-...
(Tracy Torme) exposure. Don't wish to comment on other question except...
(Tracy Torme) to say that it too has been presented in misleading fashion. GA

(Drax) OK, Steve, have at it. GA

(Steve G) First, Tracy, a belated WELCOME to CI\$. . .
(Steve G) Next, I was wondering, are you not in a similar position . . .
(Steve G) as Whitley Strieber, being a Science Fiction writer? . . .
(Steve G) I do not mean to question your credentials, . . .
(Steve G) just remind everyone (including me) that you are . . .
(Steve G) Fairly famous in the Science Fiction area. GA

(Drax) GA Tracy

(Tracy Torme) Thanks for the welcome, Steve. I'm currently a writer/producer ..
(Tracy Torme) soon to be director (hopefully). Sci-fi is something i...
(Tracy Torme) enjoy and have recently been working in...
(Tracy Torme) However, I don't consider myself a sci-fi writer per se. GA

(Steve G) May I?

(Drax) Please do.

(Steve G) To clarify my question, then . . .
(Steve G) Do you consider yourself more of a Science Fiction . . .
(Steve G) Writer/Producer, or UFOlogist? Just want to be sure of the answer GA

(Tracy Torme) Am somewhat uncomfortable with either term...

(Tracy Torme) i consider myself a film-maker who's been ...
(Tracy Torme) lucky enough to utilize some of my personal ...
(Tracy Torme) passions in my work. Hope that answers your question. GA

(Steve G) Thank you and goodnight! GA

(Drax) It should be said that Tracy has been researching UFOs for longer...
(Drax) than he has been writing sci-fi professionally (I think). Before...
(Drax) this he was <dare I say it?> a comedy writer! <Grin> Dale? GA

(Dale) Thanks Draxter.....

(Dale) Speed typing lessons after the Co.....

(Dale) As a side note, on Saturday night at the Cleveland NUFOC

(Dale) Conference, Dr. Willy Smith of CUFOC, MUFON, and UFO UNICAT

(Dale) fame was very critical of the GB case. He went over the videos,

(Dale) photos, and was critical of Maccabee and Andrus. It will

(Dale) be interesting to see where this goes. I taped it and will

(Dale) get it on line. Lastly, have you spent time with Walton, and

(Dale) what are your feelings on the case and the man?ga

(Tracy Torme) I've been to Snowflake four times and have spent ...

(Tracy Torme) alot of time with almost all concerned...

(Tracy Torme) i have a great affinity for Travis and ...

(Tracy Torme) needless to say I support his contentions...

(Tracy Torme) Think this case was terribly botched by ...

(Tracy Torme) Ufologists. I believe W. Smith is to GB what

(John LEar) Great, whats going on

(Tracy Torme) Spaulding was to Walton case...

(Drax) OK, remember, formal rules in effect....

(Drax) thanks Tracy, next is Rick, then Marge. GA Rick.

(Rick) Tracy, even more facinating than the actual phenomena is this...

(Rick) government coverup. Under what conditions do you think the ...

(Rick) might rethink their position on this and ...

(Rick) start releasing some of the amassed data they have...

(Rick) in their possession. GA

(Drax) GA Tracy

(Tracy Torme) Unfortunately Rick, I wouldn't hold your breath. GA

(Rick) OK thanks and I won't!ga

(Drax) Marge, GA

(mjc) Tracy, Jim S. says that a great deal of info in support of GB is not ...

(mjc) being made public. Why not- in light of all the disagreement by

(mjc) UFOlogists? Also, is Don Ware appearing on the 14th documentary?

(Tracy Torme) Yes Marge, I believe he is. Much info withheld due...

(Tracy Torme) to privacy constraints as well as fear of ridicule. GA

(Drax) OK, Bert, GA

(Bert) ok...

(mjc) What is the role of former astronaut Brian O Leary in the GB casse?

(Bert) Tracy, I understand that NBC has moved up their air time of their....

(Mjc. He was on the Late Show Fri night with GB photos. ga

(Bert) Unsolved Mysteries show to Oct. 5 from a December date.....

(Bert) Do you think the reason for this is to get the jump on

(Bert) your documentary? Also, I understand you are one of 3 producers...

(Bert) doing the Oct 14 show. Was there much argument between the 3 of you....

(John LEar) I dont want to interrupt . Is this ok?

(Bert) regarding how to pitch the tone? ga

(Drax) Answer Berts first, then Marges.

(Tracy Torme) Think I got two questions at once...

(Tracy Torme) Marge -- Think O'Leary is interesting guy but don't know...

(Tracy Torme) anything about GB involvement...

(Tracy Torme) Bert -- Yes, I do think that's why they jumped...

(Tracy Torme) ahead several months. Also "pitch the tone"? GA

(Drax) Yeah, "pitch the tone"?

(Bert) any particular slant?ga

(Tracy Torme) We disagree most of the time. <grin> GA

(Drax) OK, Gerry, GA

(Gerry) ok...

(Gerry) Tracy, there are now 3 films (I belive) in the making

(Gerry) and 2 tv documentaries coming up in October. Are we finally

(Gerry) entering a period of greater media coverage of UFOs, and if

(Gerry) we are, don't you think enough of this would elicit some sort

(Gerry) of change of our government's official position of silence? ga

(Drax) <showoff> GA Tracy

(Tracy Torme) You type almost as fast as me!...

(Tracy Torme) Hope we'll see more quality UFO stuff but I ...

(Tracy Torme) think the public's interest comes and goes...

(Tracy Torme) Think "the conspirators" realize this GA

(Drax) OK...

(Drax) Next is John Lear. GA John

(John LEar) Thnks and Hi Trcy. Is the important
going

(John LEar) to be addressed having people like
their

(Drax) John got knocked offline

(MIB) we got him!!

(Drax) standby...

(Drax) he says..."tell their case....also about Grudge

(Drax) with Bill English and he is willing to come for

(Drax) Any comment, Tracy?

utilations

tell

(Tracy Torme) Got worried there for a moment...
(Tracy Torme) Thought John had been eaten by the aliens ...
(Tracy Torme) and lizard men that live in a secret underground...
(Tracy Torme) base beneath his house...

(Aliens) John gives us gas!!!

(MIB) Watch it Tracy, YOUR NEXT

(Tracy Torme) We will be mutilating cattle live on the air...
(Tracy Torme) and serving them as steaks for the tv critics GA

(Mike) speaking of bases...
(Mike) do you have an opinion...
(Mike) on the reality of the ...
(Mike) UFO Base in N.Mex...
(Mike) as reported by Bennewitz?

(Tracy Torme) I've been to Dulce and met with P.B....
(Tracy Torme) in his New Mexico office. Strange man, strange ...
(Tracy Torme) place. Think something is definitely going on
(Tracy Torme) in northern New Mexico, but think elaborate stories
(Tracy Torme) of underground bases are probably untrue and certainly ...
(Tracy Torme) fall neatly into the hands of the forces of disinformation

(Drax) OK, Don of ParaNet Rho, your up. GA

(DON) OK...
(DON) Tracy, you eariler mentioned that the public interest
(DON) comes and goes. Dont you think this may be
(DON) because of the irresponsible manner in which the "Media"
(DON) treats the subject? Any "soft" story such as a
(DON) town in Wisc. building a UFO landing pad is covered...
(DON) and things such as overflights of military bases are ignored....
(DON) the public per say never get the real story. I propose that it
(DON) is as much a fault of media as the elements in the govt that
(DON) suppress the story. and follow up. ga

(Drax) GA Tracy.

(Tracy Torme) Don -- agree with you 100%. Right on the nose...
(Tracy Torme) a refreshing point of view. GA

(Drax) Follow Don GA

(DON) Couple of weeks ago, myself and another MUFON investigator
(DON) Dale Wedge proposed attempting to get both pro and con
(DON) elements together in an attempt for a "trial" to try
(DON) the evidence in a court setting. If people such as Klass
(DON) and ciscop would be willing to enter such a setting
(DON) with people such as Imbrogno , Speiser, Lear, Mcabee
(DON) would you be willing to produce such an attempt if it would occure? ga

(Tracy Torme) Good idea. But beware. Showtime's...
(Tracy Torme) "trial" of JFK assassination "proved" L.H. Oswald...

(DON) EXACTLY

(Tracy Torme) acted alone. Ha Ha.GA

(Drax) no, Tracy, it proved he pulled the trigger....
(Drax) a separate poll of the jurors afterwards...
(Drax) proved that he DIDN'T pull it alone. ...
(Drax) John Lear is next. GA

(John LEar) Thanks. What about the Grudge/13 papers. I just spent 2 days with
(John LEar) Bill English and contrary to what several others have said, those
(John LEar) papers and Bills synopsis of them was accurate. He is willing to
(John LEar) come forward at this time and stat his case and debate ANYBODY.
(John LEar) GA

(Tracy Torme) If English is willing to come to us with...
(Tracy Torme) substantial evidence, there is still time to change the show...
(Tracy Torme) GA

(Drax) Follow up, John?

(Drax) OK...
(Drax) John got knocked off again...
(Drax) "what kind of substantial proof would you like" he asks.

(Tracy Torme) Hungry lizards...GA

(Drax) Hahah
(Drax) OK,...
(Drax) Jim is next, then Marge, then WEdge
(Drax) GA Jim

(Tracy Torme) Something a little beyond "I saw it, and you'd...
(Tracy Torme) better believe me. Some evidence would be nice. GA

(Jim) Just a observation on something said earlier
(Jim) There is a certain irony in the percieved
(Jim) need to withhold info on GB and other cases...
(Jim) while condemning the Gvt for doing same. GA

(Drax) Response, Tracy?

(Tracy Torme) I think that's a flawed analogy...
(Tracy Torme) The gov. isn't withholding because of sensitivity...
(Tracy Torme) toward people's privacy. GA

(Jim) That is not the only reason given for withholding..
(Jim) on the part of UFologist.

(Drax) Can you elaborate, Jim?

(Jim) Often there are claims..
(Jim) that they don't want to give out too much..
(Jim) because they want to use the info...
(Jim) to verify later cases....
(Jim) Unfortunately, there may never be similar later...
(Jim) cases so the fact that the info...
(Jim) is never verified later simply never comes out.ga

(DDN) Not to mention writing other books!

(Drax) Tracy?

(Tracy Torme) Agree that GP is a freakish case that may never ...
(Tracy Torme) be repeated. GA

(Drax) Oh, Marge?

(Marge) and did not receive much enthusiasm. I hope the Oct 14th program...
(Marge) makes the UFO subject credible, because UFOlogists certainly haven't
(Marge) been doing a very good job of that lately. Got to leave you. Have a
(Marge) hungry alien to feed. Thanks, Tracy' ga

(Drax) We lost your first line Marge,....

(Drax) what did not receive much enthusiasm?

(Marge) The idea of a trial of the UFO subject, which was brought up...
(Marge) to the MUFON P.I.P.E. Committee during the Wash. D.C. symposium. ga

(Drax) No, it did go over like a lead balloon, but I still think...

(Drax) its viable. Next is Dale. GA

(Drax) Bye Marge, thanks!

(Marge) off

(Wedge) Just a follow on the Trial. Tracy mentioned Showtime, but I did
(Wedge) not see what he said. The question is: If Don and I were
(Wedge) too contact both sides, come up with cases, people to debate,
(Wedge) and lawyers from each side, would someone be interested in
(Wedge) producing such an endeavor that you know of?ga

(Drax) GA Tracy

(Tracy Torme) Could be. I think it's an idea of...

(Tracy Torme) merit, but a hard one to sell. Can't ...

(Tracy Torme) make a judgement without knowing more. GA

(Drax) Could it be sold to Showtime? Any idea of how succesful...

(Drax) the Oswald trial was? I know I couldn't tear myself...

(Drax) away from it. GA

(Tracy Torme) Not too successful. Cut down several hours...

(Tracy Torme) for American release. Euro version much more...

(Tracy Torme) complete. GA

(Drax) My gosh, six hours is "cut down"? Oh well...we can...

(Drax) talk about the trial later...

(Drax) I'd like to get into another aspect of the documentary...

(Drax) First, can you tell us what the general segments will cover? GA

(Tracy Torme) I'd rather answer specific questions...

(Tracy Torme) To make a list would be inappropriate considering...

(Tracy Torme) non-disclosure pact. GA

(Drax) OK, just tell me if we get too specific then...

(Drax) Can you tell us anything about how much MJ-12 material...

(Drax) or other "deep blue" stuff will be covered? GA

(Tracy Torme) As much as we can get our hands on...

(Tracy Torme) providng we can do some verification work...

(Tracy Torme) on the sources involved. GA

(Drax) OK. Bert, GA.

(Bert) ok...

(Bert) Could you elaborate a little on your...

(Bert) comment about Dulce (Bennewitz) and that "something definitely is going ..

(Tracy Torme) Sure. I think New Mexico is a place of ...

(Tracy Torme) great importance in the UFO mystery...

(Tracy Torme) Dulce is obviously a place where some...

(Tracy Torme) unusual sightings and possibly even some ...

(Tracy Torme) mutilations have taken place...

(Tracy Torme) On a personal level, I know that I

(Tracy Torme) instinctively felt that Dulce...

(Tracy Torme) is an area of high-strangeness...

(Tracy Torme) As to why, that's anybody's guess...

(Tracy Torme) And I do mean "guess". GA

(Drax) OK,

(Drax) Don is next.

(DON) Tracy, do you have an address where

(DON) we could send the proposal? ga

(Tracy Torme) 5555 Melrose Blvd. L.A. ..

(Tracy Torme) not sure of zip (mental block)...

(Tracy Torme) but it's Paramount Studios and my office #...

(Tracy Torme) is 402 in the hart bldg. GA

(Drax) Dale next. GA

(Wedge) Tracy, just wanted to mention that I've seen your dad 3 times

(Wedge) in concert. I was under 30 and find him to be one of the best

(Wedge) entertainers I've seen. Second, will there be any Anti-UFO

(Wedge) people on the show, such as Klass, Shaeffer, Oberg, etc?ga

(Tracy Torme) Thanks, Wedge. I'm under thirty too, (just...

(Tracy Torme) barely). Unfortunately there will be anti-ufo...

(Drax) (Oh, did we go metric?)

(Tracy Torme) clones on the show. Understand -- I'm not against

(Tracy Torme) honest skepticism, I just haven't found much ...

(Tracy Torme) of it. GA

(Drax) Gerry, your up. GA

(Gerry) ok...

(Gerry) I take it there is a military installation at Dulce which mere

(Gerry) civilians may not enter. When you say you've been to Dulce, do

(Gerry) you mean that you gained entry to the installation? ga

(Tracy Torme) What installation? As far as I know...

(Tracy Torme) that's a rumor, and rumors are hard to enter. GA

(Drax) OK, Mike is next, then we have to wrap. Mike?

(Mike) ok...

(Mike) time /channel on the ...

(Mike) west coast for the 10/14 doc...

(Mike) and do you "believe" in crashed saucers?

(Tracy Torme) West coast?Ga

(Drax) Its not "network," Mike.

(Mike) Bay area.ga

(Mike) Then where?

(Tracy Torme) Time is 8p.m. Don't know station...

(Tracy Torme) I do believe in the Roswell crash...

(Tracy Torme) and possibly in Laredo crash...

(Tracy Torme) Crash stories . GA

(Wedge) San Agustin?

(Drax) Tracy, would it be possible for LBS to send ParaNet a list...

(Drax) of stations carrying the program, sometime before it airs? GA

(Tracy Torme) Don't even think Bill Moore believes

(Tracy Torme) San Augisten location anymore...

(Tracy Torme) Believes it to have occured in two ...

(Tracy Torme) different places on same vast ranchland...

(Tracy Torme) Drax -- I'll see what I can do. GA

(Drax) Pershitate it, Tracy.....

(Drax) Thank you for joining us tonight, its been enlightening...

(Drax) oh, two quickies, you have a release out this week, don't you? and...

(Drax) when is "Fire in the Sky" due out? GA

(Tracy Torme) Thanks for having me GA

(Tracy Torme) Yes. i wrote original screenplay called ...

(Tracy Torme) "Witching Hour". It opens this Friday entitled...

(Tracy Torme) "spellbinder". Story has been changed so much I barely...

(Tracy Torme) recognize it, yet most charactors are still mine. Hope it won't be...

(Tracy Torme) too bad. "Fire in the Sky" is just going...

(Tracy Torme) into pre-production and should be out within a year...

(Tracy Torme) Also, do I have time to comment on Rumor mill? GA

(Drax) Absetively, posolutely. GA

(Tracy Torme) There are people in UFO circles who

(Tracy Torme) have been spreading ridiculous rumors about

(Tracy Torme) upcoming show. Should you hear such stories...

(Tracy Torme) floating around, _please_ take with grain of

(Tracy Torme) salt. Most have absolutely no basis in fact...

(Tracy Torme) Getting people to take this vitally important...

(Tracy Torme) subject seriously is hard enough. Let's not...

(Tracy Torme) allow the inmates to start running the asylum...

(Tracy Torme) Thanks everyone, Tracy. GA

(Wedge) Thanks Tracy

(Drax) Thanks again, Tracy....

(Jim) Many thinaks

(Mike) Yea Tracy

(Drax) And our thanks also to Kevin Bacchus for...

(Drax) supplying the CIS access...
(Drax) Kevin: GET THAT BOY A MODEM!!!
(Drax) Take care, and goodnight.

(Wedge) Way to go Kevin!

(Bert) Thanks Tracy, Night.

(Tracy Torme) Bye, all.

(Drax) This has been a production of The Issues Forum
(Drax) Your moderator was Jim Speiser
(Drax) A Georgia Griffith Presentation
(Drax) MJ-12 has paid for the promotional announcement.
(Drax) This is Don Pardo. Goodnight.

(DON) WOW

(Wedge) Playing the MIB was Don Ecker!
(Wedge) Playing Aliens was Dale B. WWWedge
(Wedge) Playing Phil Klass was a Horse's, well you know.
(Wedge) Hey, does anyone know about Willey Smith?

(Drax) Wish John Lear had stayed online. Funny that every time...
(Drax) he started typing, he got knocked off. I suspect, tho, it...
(Drax) had nought to do with MIBs.
(Drax) unless MIBS stands for Modem In Bad Shape
(Bert) Still funny tho isn't it?

(DON) for all that are interested
(DON) got a nice debate going in Paranet RHO...
(DON) call area code 208-338-9187, tell em Don Sent Ya

(Drax) plug plug
(Drax) About the trial...
(Drax) Lemme send you guys the proposal I did two years ago...
(Drax) see if you get any ideas from that...
(Drax) don't be discouraged by the PIPE committee results. That was...
(Drax) a very bad presentation on my part. GA

(DON) Well, may;be we will
(DON) sacrifice a virgin. (if we find one)

(Bert) What about Willy Smith, Dale?

(Wedge) Have you been asked to be on the program Drax?

(Drax) No, I don't have anything to contribute on the front lines,...
(Drax) I get everything second hand. If there was a debate, I might be...
(Drax) asked, but thats about it. GA

(Wedge) About Willy....
(Wedge) he did a number on Gulf Breezes. I was wondering if...
(Wedge) he had SOLID connections with either CUFOS or MUFON.ga

(Drax) Dale, Moseley told me not to tell anyone that Willy...
(Drax) was going to do a hatchet job on Gulf Breeze, precisely because..
(Drax) he IS in MUFON. Didn't want to suffer the same fate as Boyd. GA

(Wedge) I was just wondering where Smith's allegiance was....

(Wedge) if with CUFO'S, this could be significant...

(Wedge) if with MUFON, I can see another crucifixion coming....

(Drax) His allegiance is to the truth, I think. Fiercely independent.

(Wedge) I'll get the tape and make up the transcript of it....

(Wedge) it was wild.ga

(Drax) Did he do a convincing job data-wise, or was it just...

(Drax) "this looks hokey"?

(Wedge) I could not attend due to the little duffer, but Rick taped

(Wedge) it and told me that he went into great detail on the video, the

(Wedge) pictures and how Macabee did a bad job on that,

(Wedge) and the motives behind Andrus being either duped by a hoax,

(Wedge) or blind because he wants to write a book to be like the

(Wedge) big guys. I see many ramifications from this one.ga

(Drax) Yes, indeedy. The dust is still being kicked up, and ...

(Drax) will be for a long time. What's amazing is this...

(Drax) usually, you either have a Meier-type thing, with lots of negatives ...

(Drax) and explanations for the positive, or a Hudson Valley -type thing,...

(Drax) with lots of positives and few explanations. This one has...

(Drax) long lists of items in both columns. Its damned peculiar. GA

(Wedge) By the way....

(Wedge) Smith wants to put Lake Erie in his UNICAT system. He thinks it

(Wedge) is a very good case. There will be an Ohio symposium in October

(Wedge) of this year. We are getting our people together. Also,

(Wedge) had an Abductee report from Stan Goredon. That was given to

(Wedge) the State guy in charge. Things seem to be picking up again.ga

(Drax) You guys chat, I gotta go 10-100.

(Wedge) PISS

(DON) I was just notified yesterday...

(DON) by a person at the Fair, of a friend, women, professional driver,

(DON) that had a sighting here in Id, that looks like poss.....

(DON) abduction. about 1 hour and half missing..

(DON) to get more info tomorrow, when she will have "victim"..

(DON) call. Will set up appointment, and talk to her. ga

(Wedge) You know....

(Wedge) Jim had a good point on the withholding of info by the

(Wedge) investigators. It would be nice for the "RICHH GUYS" such as

(Wedge) Hopkins, Striebler, etc., to have some sort of an answering

(Wedge) service so that people investigating missing time

(Wedge) reports could find out if they are on the right track because

(Wedge) because of what they know. Too much money.

(Drax) Oh, by the way, may I present Jim Delton, ParaNet Alpha's resident skeptic.

(Wedge) Let Jim talk

(Wedge) Jim D., that is

(Jim) I would like to know

(Jim) all of the stuff that isn't known about GB..

(Jim) Why I must Mr. Ed's..

(Jim) criminal backgrd, if he has one, be shrouded in mystery?

(Jim) I also..

(Jim) Wonder about the quality of the research done by either...

(Jim) Tracy or by Klass because if there is a question raised by the..

(Jim) urinalysis they BOTH should be aware of it if they are going to ..

(Jim) profess to be experts on the case. I do not claim to be an..

(Jim) expert, only to have read the book by Klass, but it is..

(Jim) one of the few items of physical evidence in the whole case.

(Drax) I must admit, I was rather surprised by Tracy's answers...

(Drax) to all your questions, Jim.

(Drax) GA Dale

(Wedge) The time that you will see Ed, in all of his glory.....

(Wedge) will be on a book tour. I still loove to sit back and see the

(Wedge) Hopkiins tapes when he says only a hand full of people who have

(Wedge) been abducted have come forward...I have seen enough

(Wedge) to count on both hands, toes, and any other thing protruding...

(Wedge) come on Hopkins, you made your money, give us the info we need

(Wedge) to see if our cases are as ggood or as bad as the ones you have

(Wedge) investigated.ga

(Gerry) Can someone straighten me out on Dulce? ...

(Drax) Well, to be fair, Hopkins is speaking comparatively, based on how...

(Drax) many people he BELIEVES have actually been abducted....

(Jim) Lear says millions

(Drax) On Ed's criminal background, there is a reason for shrouding that...

(Drax) in mystery, and that is that it is NOT significant, if what I hear
about it...

(Jim) well...

(Drax) is true. Don't forget, the guy is still opting for anonymity, and if...

(Drax) it should come out who he is by accident, he may lose his business. GA

(Jim) IF it...

(Jim) is not significant, what;s the big deal and you don't have to say who he

(Jim) is to say what the crime was unless it is such a strange..

(Jim) crime that telling would identify.

(Drax) No, I wont say who he is, but someone else might, and he chooses NOT...

(Mike) Gerry, read page 578 in UFO CRash

(Drax) to have that made public. Besides, one thing I've been...

(Drax) skeptical about is "where are all the other witnesses?" Well, it seems...

(Drax) there are many after all, and so one mysterious rap decades ago...

(Drax) is, to me, insignificant. GA

(Bert) Jim....

(DON) Speaking as a policeman

(DON) if you have a child molester living in the area

(DON) and if children are molested...

(DON) he is questioned. So, if ED was arrested for fraud, or bunko...

(DON) it would only be proper procedure to know if this
(DON) could be the case.

(Drax) No. Nothing like that. It was mere teenage mischief.

(Wedge) Criminal Mischief - First Degree Misdemeanor

(Jim) IF...

(Jim) so then what is the big deal? But don't violate any confidences

(Drax) Alas, I already have. And it gained you nothing.

(Jim) Well..

(Jim) It doesn't affect my opinion either though

(DON) Hey Drax....

(DON) lets play "I've got a SECRET".

(Wedge) Wait.....

(Wedge) Everybody.....

(Wedge) What percentage would you put on GB being real! Vote now.

(Wedge) 20%

(Drax) 50%

(Bert) 99%

(DON) 0%

(Drax) Cops always vote in a block. <grin>

(Gerry) 86.4%

(Gerry) No, 7%

(Wedge) Jim D?

(Jim) someone who knows his mind..

(Jim) I was the 34.6789%

(Gerry) 86.4% is the most significant number

(Gerry) 7 is the most secret

(Drax) Don, I don't like the secrets game either....

(Drax) but sometimes its gotta be played...

(Wedge) OK....

(Wedge) Can we quick poll?

(Drax) AS LONG AS the negatives eventually DO come out, along with the
positives. GA

(Wedge) OK...

(Wedge) 3 quick ones...

(Wedge) Abductions....

(Drax) 70%

(DON) 85%

(Mike) 30%

(Gerry) 100%

(Mike) 70%

(Wedge) Whitley Striebler....

(DON) What about you Dale?

(Bert) Yeah Dale

(Wedge) How sincere is Whitley from 0 - 100 %

(Wedge) I'm about 65

(Drax) 70%

(Gerry) 50%

(Mike) 60%

(Drax) Oh, sincere? 100%

(DON) 30%

(Wedge) 100

(Jim) sincere is 80% did it happen in actual fact 3%

(Bert) 80%

(Wedge) But, actually how much of it happened as written 0 - 100

(Wedge) 10%

(Gerry) 40%

(DON) .0000000000058000002144%

(Drax) What percentage of it happened as written: maybe 40%

(Mike) in his mind -100%

(DON) What about you Dale??????????

(Drax) He said 10%

(Wedge) I said 10 %

(Wedge) Has CSICOP talked about GB?

(Drax) No. Klass called me last week...

(Drax) he hasn't had time to really delve into it...

(Drax) he came up with one photo...

(Drax) where the camera was in motion, but the object wasn't blurred...

(Drax) I don't know which one he's talking about...

(Drax) but Maccabee says Ed was tracking the object when he snapped it. GA

(Drax) Also, I don't think they are behind it. I asked a few questions. GA

(Wedge) Can you....

(Wedge) with a piece of glass,

(Wedge) project an object in the air and photo it?

(Drax) Yes, but that's been ruled out in many of the photos. GA

(DON) Nite all

(Wedge) Nite Don

(Jim) Gnite

(Bert) Night Don

(Drax) Nite, Don.

(Wedge) I gotta run too....

(Wedge) the kid needs breast feeding...

(Wedge) and the wife is tired....

(Gerry) dale!

(Drax) Dale, you perv!

(Wedge) talk about flying saucers, BOY!!!

(Drax) I'm outtahere, too. Nite all!

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AQUA CONF.

The recent INSIDE UFOLOGY article presented the possibility that a medical anomaly might be an "alien implant." The "implant" was described as assuredly non-metallic (since an MRI did not "rip it right out of her") and that its removal would be extremely dangerous, because of its "proximity to the crucial nerve."

First of all--as pointed out--the M in MRI stands for magnetic. The REAL truth is that MRI stands for Magnetic Resonance Imaging. (Actually, it used to be called NMRI--Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging, but the Nuclear was dropped for fear that the public would connote that with radiation.) An MRI works by magnetically aligning the nuclei in each cell in a certain direction. This allows images which are highly resolved, and tumors and anomalies are therefore seen more readily. An MRI places NO magnetic pull on any molecule. If this were true, an MRI would be contraindicated for any patient having any type of medical implant--a simple amalgam filling, for example.

Second, the proximity of the "implant" to the crucial nerve would not make its removal dangerous at all. Why not? Because there IS no crucial nerve. In fact, if this particular patient does have a "crucial" nerve, then I believe we definitely have an alien on our hands. Not likely.

Why am I raising a fuss about these two seemingly small points? Because I feel that gross inaccuracies as these is the primary reason few serious reporters and researchers take ufology seriously. This is not likely to change, until ufology researchers become better versed in the scientific method and the basic sciences. Science-fiction authors, artists, and other dreamers are unlikely to help the cause of ufology by proposing preposterous explanations of scientific observations. Contra, they are VERY likely to hurt the cause, as they become the easy targets of those who DO have the proper background and they can be easily led and manipulated.

It is not my purpose, here, to detract from ufology or from those who have a serious interest in ufology. Doubtless, most following the recent developments are well-intentioned and sincere individuals. However, for the good of the investigation, it is necessary to be able to scientifically verify ALL theories and explanations if the truth is ever to be learned.

Certainly, if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, then in all probability, it's a duck. However, during the past year such a myriad conflicting documents, theories, explanations and accusations have been circulating, that I myself find it necessary to discount almost everything. If Moore, Lear, Cooper, and the rest have ANY real evidence, then let's see it. Either sh*t or get off the pot. All we have so far is a quackless duck. The amusing question remains: where (or, more appropriately, who) are the quacks?

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Eric Andrews
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THE EBE'S AND THEIR RELATIONS TO HUMANITY

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The following synopsis discusses the significance of UFI accountancy and its role in the development of the EBE's. To understand the significance of the EBE's discussed in this paper, readers are encouraged to examine the following works: FI Crash at Area 51 by William Steinhilber and William Steinhilber, particularly the accounts in the book titled "The Roswell Incident" pages 115-116; The Roswell Incident by William Steinhilber, pages 115-116; The Roswell Incident by William Steinhilber, pages 115-116; John Lear's "LEAF-TIT" on Paramec computer bulletin board; the 1987 transcript of Linda Howe's documentary, "Strange War Story" page 54; Jerome Clark's article in the April 1988 issue of Fate magazine, "UFI Crashes, Part 1", and comments by Whitley Strieber.

Introduction

In December of 1987, airline pilot and UFI researcher John Lear published a letter to Paramec. Based on his research, Lear concluded that extraterrestrial biological entities (EBE's) are malevolent beings from space who have orchestrated a deceptive, "well-planned invasion of Earth for its resources and benefits." Lear's scenario reads like the plot of a science fiction horror film: The EBE'S have perpetrated a "grand deception" on humans to hide their true motives which are to create human-alien crossbreeds, presumably for sinister purposes, and consume human biological matter. According to Lear, the EBE'S terminate any humans who might interfere with them.

Because John Lear appears to be sincere in his research and has impressive credentials, ufologists are seriously examining his statement. For example, Jim Speiser, Paramec's administrator, says in his introduction to Lear's letter, "John...has contacts in sensitive positions that could conceivably allow him access to information of this type."

Lear may have contacts that have provided him with accurate data, but his speculations and hypotheses are presented with the same authority and confidence as his alleged facts, even though his conclusions seem extremely questionable.

Rather than being sinister or malevolent, is it possible that EBE'S are members of an advanced evolutionary level of life who are tending this planet as a garden? Might they be cultivating human life, not as a food source, but to give human beings the opportunity to become, through their choices, potential members and contributors to the EBE's' advanced level? Could this planet be one of numerous planetary "gardens" established by the EBE's for such a purpose?

In this context, all EBE activity could be seen as benevolent. However, certain aspects of their work might seem frightening or traumatic to a human mind, depending on that mind's level of development and comprehension. Does the plant understand when the gardener uproots it to replant it in better soil, or prunes and grafts to ensure proper improved growth?

In the field of science, a single set of data has often been interpreted in profoundly different ways. When we are dealing with obviously advanced technology, how can we be sure that we are interpreting what we see with any accuracy? Can those who base conclusions about

advanced beings only on what is measurable or verifiable by current technology ever see more than a limited picture? Even if John Lear's facts are correct concerning underground CIA-alien facilities, body parts floating in vats of amber liquid, etc., the facts do not necessarily warrant Lear's horrified conclusions.

Is it possible to arrive at a valid conclusion based solely on "hard evidence"? Perhaps not, but we should not adopt a purely spiritual approach either, as do many UFO contactees and "channelers" or we risk arriving at pleasant metaphysical fantasies that do not jive with observed phenomena.

Lear posed the question, "What is the big picture, anyway?" (Lear.txt). In attempting to answer this, we obviously need a big frame of reference. Perhaps examining some of the details that Lear discussed will give us that perspective.

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John Lear suggests, along with Budd Hopkins, that EBE's may be on the "backside of an evolutionary genetic curve." They base this on the EBE's having, for example, a lack of hair and teeth, fewer fingers and toes, and atrophied or missing digestive and reproductive organs. Isn't it possible that just the opposite is true--that the absence of digestive and reproductive organs are signs of evolving and outgrowing the need for "primitive" organs? Rather than the EBE's needing to revitalize themselves by inbreeding with humans and/or consuming extractions from human and bovine tissue, isn't it possible that they are experimenting with hybridization and tissue samples for our sakes?

If you consider the possibility that UFO occupants may have been involved in the creation of free-willed human beings from the very beginning, couldn't their present genetic work be an effort to correct the severe damage that we have inflicted upon our genetic structure? Maybe the EBE's are seeking ways to undo the effects of generations of unrestrained primitive behavior (territorialism, wars, selfishness, etc.), drug usage, pollution, food additives, etc.?

Could EBE's represent the goal toward which human beings have the capacity to evolve if they choose? This may be difficult for some to accept if they see the EBE's appearance as "strange" by human standards. Could it also be hard to think about because our egos have difficulty with the notion that human beings do not represent the height of evolutionary advancement in the universe? Lear himself notes how difficult it was for the human mind to accept that the Sun does not revolve around the Earth.

Lear acknowledges that EBE's may be as much as a billion years ahead of human beings in advancement. How does this jive with his statement that "the EBE's have a genetic disorder in that their digestive system is atrophied?" It seems more probable that a digestive system is simply not required for a space-dwelling organism. (Just think of the time that leaves them free to do more significant work than preparing food, eating, digesting, and eliminating.) And if they are so advanced that they can create life in a laboratory, why would they need reproductive organs?

Lear concludes that EBE's are deriving sustenance from enzyme or hormonal secretions applied to their skin. Aren't there other possible explanations for these applications? This is pure conjecture, but could they be applying these secretions to their skin as a means of analyzing them, that is, using their own bodies as test subjects?

Let's take a look at so-called mutilations for a moment. A significant point in researcher Linda Howe's examination of animal mutilations comes in an update to her documentary "Strange Harvest." In

the transcript of that film (update 1st broadcast, May 25, 1980), Howe says she received information from a psychic in Albuquerque. The psychic correctly predicted that a deviation would occur in the surgical method used by the aliens, "...which is...a necessity in order to arrive at a success in formulation of a serum-like concoction which will be returned to mankind during a time of need." (Howe p. 64) Linda Howe might be commended for her courage as an investigator in quoting a psychic. The point is that there may be beneficial reasons why the EBE's are performing their surgical operations. It is interesting that when a tribe of American Indians were once asked what they thought of "mutilations" occurring on their reservation, they replied simply, "The star people know what they are doing, and should be trusted."

Before continuing to speculate about the motivations of UFO occupants, we have to ask ourselves, is it possible to understand what EBE's are and what they are doing if we don't know what human beings are?

Consider, if you will, that the true nature of man is a "life force" or mind (often referred to as a "soul") encapsulated in a physical body. Could the human mind itself be the creation of a higher evolutionary level (the EBE's)? Could the human mind be a perennial that experiences successive seasons of growth on a planet's surface just as a perennial plant experiences seasons of growth in a garden?

In this context, reincarnation is not a religious concept. It is merely one way of describing how a mental being (man) can experience evolutionary growth and development by progressing through various physical vehicles.

If this is the case, then nothing is lost when the physical body dies. The "life force" or mind is not destroyed, but merely transferred to another body, or possibly somehow put in storage.

Many close encounter records indicate that the EBE's, although aware that nothing is lost when the human body is destroyed, are reluctant to destroy a human body, even though they have done so in certain circumstances. Ironically, although most humans regard the physical body as a person's totality, we are inclined to destroy each other senselessly, and wantonly.

UFO occupants seem to understand far more than we do about the difference between mind and body, and how to work with both, separately or together. It appears that they can extract the consciousness (mind, soul) of a person from the body which is housing that consciousness. In addition to the numerous accounts of physical "abductions", UFO literature is filled with incidents where humans reportedly experience being taken outside of their physical bodies.

In addition, some humans feel they have encountered the same UFO occupant on different occasions, even though the individual they "recognize" has a totally different appearance. This could suggest that the EBE's can also transfer their own consciousness or mind from one body to another, like changing clothes.

We can see that the variety of UFO occupant types may not necessarily represent different species from different galaxies. The various vehicular types may simply show different levels of development. It seems likely that the more advanced minds of this highly evolved level are the ones in the more advanced bodies..

UFO occupants who appear to be in human form, including the so-called "Nordics," may in fact be advanced humans from other productive gardens (planets) who have been allowed to work with the EBE's, even though they haven't yet advanced enough to earn more evolved vehicles. The presence of such individuals may come in very handy at times, as in the famous Travis Walton case where a large human-looking occupant was able to restore calm to Walton.

John Lear states that UFO researcher William Moore has a videotape containing an interview with a colonel connected to MJ-12. The colonel

says that the EBE's claim to have created Christ. Once again, Lear draws a negative conclusion from this, speculating that the claim "could be an effort to disrupt traditional values for undetermined reasons." (Lear.txt)

But what if the claim is true? If the primary concern of EBE's is the cultivation and nurturing of human minds, then isn't it conceivable that Jesus could have been one of them in human "clothing"? Considering recent evidence that human mothers have been artificially inseminated by extraterrestrials to produce hybrids, isn't this a possible explanation for Jesus' alleged virgin birth? Wouldn't such a hybrid vehicle have given him a greater capacity to stay in touch with his "father," and even perform what humans would see as "miracles"?

Consider that the Bible, divested of its traditional religious interpretation, may actually be a record of close encounters. According to this record, the extraterrestrials apparently worked closely with the ancient Israelites and saved them from the terrestrial power of the Egyptians. But the EBE's didn't hesitate to wipe out thousands of the Israelites when they were disobedient. If you see this in the light of the EBE's trying to teach humans how to become more refined and more evolved, the first step being simple disciplines and leaving a strong impression on human minds, it's food for thought. Only human bodies were lost, not minds. It also puts Lear's alleged altercation between humans and EBE's at the Dulce underground base in a different light.

Maybe we should be asking: Are we growing in the right way? How should we conduct ourselves in the presence of these individuals and how should we conduct ourselves with each other? What do we have to gain by treating EBE's as hostile invaders? What is the real purpose of these visitations? Since we seem to be far less advanced, maybe the only way we can gain is by concluding they are here for our benefit.

J.S.
April 1988

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It is not for me to decide what is sensitive or not, but I believe that the information that is being disseminated here could be detrimental to the cause of the investigation of the unknown.

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LEAR.THD

Msg: #4620 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 08:39 AM
Subj: #4558 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Jim Delton
To: John Lear (X)

Even if cat scans are spaced at 5mm, you have a 50-50 chance that on any single cat scan you will hit the 3mm sphere. I'm not all that familiar with cat scans, but I strongly suspect that the normal 5mm spacing could be reduced if there was some reason to but just taking multiple scans would almost assure that one would find the 3mm sphere if there was one. I don't doubt that Bub wants a "better way" to find them since the current methods somehow "miss" them.

Reply(s) #4669

(Reply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4630 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 08:47 AM
Subj: #4561 - Lear.txt
From: Jim Delton
To: John Lear (X)

Sure copies would be nice. Actually, if you have that much stuff, why not edit it down into a coherent documentary? Does any of it stand on its own or must it all be taken together to synthesize the big picture? How much is anecdotal as opposed to factual or physical?

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Msg: #4635 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 09:16 AM
Subj: #4599 - Lear.txt
From: Jim Delton
To: Tom Mickus (X)

Most people don't have Cat scans of their head unless their doctor is looking for something. I think it is fairly safe to assume that if the Dr. saw a mysterious 3mm dot he would want to know what it was.

Msg: #4638 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 10:06 AM
Subj: #4558 - Lear.txt
From: Ralph Toscano
To: John Lear (X)

Perhaps X-rays and CAT scans MAY miss these devices... But I don't think a MRI scan would... This may be worth investigating...

(Reply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4639 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 10:10 AM

Subj: #4586 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano
To: Steve Gresser (X)

MRI is the new name given to the technique called Nuclear Magnetic Resonance... The AMA didn't like the term "Nuclear", so they renamed the technique to MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging...

Reply(s) #4652 #4672

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Msg: #4652 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 03:23 PM
Subj: #4639 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Jim Delton
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

If it is the device I think it is, you must remove all metal object before being "installed" in the machine. It would quite permanently ruin a watch due to the high magnetic fields. I think it would find the 3mm sphere's but of course if it didn't then we would be told that was because the EBE's made them out of something that has the same properties as brain matter so it won't show up. There is always a reason why they can't find them, but it is never because they aren't there.

Reply(s) #4692

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Msg: #4692 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 09:42 AM
Subj: #4652 - Lear.txt
From: Ralph Toscano
To: Jim Delton (X)

Good point, probably the response we would get...

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Msg: #4672 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 02:35 AM
Subj: #4639 - Lear.txt
From: Steve Gresser
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

I knew I heard NMR somewhere - didn't some guy who used to work for the Beatles develop it, or something as weird?

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Msg: #4640 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 10:21 AM
Subj: #4605 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano
To: James Vincent (X)

Actually, the nuclei of many atoms possess angular momentum (spin) and nonvanishing magnetic moments. The former may be characterized by an angular momentum quantum number I (integer or half integer) of the nuclear particles.

As far as is known, stable nuclei with an even number of neutrons and even number of protons have zero spin and magnetic moment, hence are incapable of exhibiting magnetic resonance. Thus NMR may be observed in insulators, metals, paramagnetic salts, antiferromagnetic substances and other solids, liquids, gases.

Reply(s) #4683

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4683 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 04:27 AM
Subj: #4640 - Lear.txt (R)
From: James Vincent
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

So then I assume MRI could find these "alien brain balls" without too much difficulty...unless of course GM developed the MRI machines, and conveniently placed some sort of safety feature that "ignored" small spheres secretly planted in the brain...

--James

Reply(s) #4695

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4695 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 09:48 AM
Subj: #4683 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano
To: James Vincent (X)

As a matter of fact, the company that I work for North American Philips is ONE of the developers of the MRI(or NMR) system... and as far as I can tell, there is no "safety" feature of the type you describe...

Reply(s) #4721

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4721 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 04:47 AM
Subj: #4695 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Nick Ianuzzi
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

Ah, but what the designers don't (and can't) realize is that the EBEs implanted devices in their brains to prevent them from designing an MRI machine capable of detecting the implanted objects. It's all quite simple when you think about it.

Reply(s) #4726

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4726 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 06:35 AM
Subj: #4721 - Lear.txt
From: Ralph Toscano

To: Nick Ianuzzi

Really??!! That's one hell of alot of people... Them there EBE guys musta been pretty durn busy... That's thousands of people we're talking about here....

(Reply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4641 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

18-JAN-88 10:32 AM

Subj: #4614 - Lear.txt (R)

From: Ralph Toscano

To: Steve Gresser (X)

In short, a phenomena exhibited by the magnetic spin systems of certain atoms whereby the spin systems absorb energy at specific (resonant) frequencies when subjected to alternating magnetic fields in referred to as Magnetic Resonance... These resonant frequencies can be detected and processed into an image for diagnostic use. With MRI, we are NOT restricted by the location of a "foreign" body under examination...Or the composition for that matter...

Reply(s) #4673

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4673 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

19-JAN-88 02:38 AM

Subj: #4641 - Lear.txt (R)

From: Steve Gresser

To: Ralph Toscano (X)

I know, I've seen some of the things that they can do with this sucker. Imagine being able to not only see a tumor for where it is, but to see it alone, in 3 dimensions (spinning and rotating, and all that) from any angle. Or to see a skull fracture as it looks from inside the skull, including any shards of bone in the brain. We're talking Star Trek here!

Reply(s) #4682 #4693

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4682 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

19-JAN-88 04:13 AM

Subj: #4673 - Lear.txt (R)

From: James Vincent

To: Steve Gresser (X)

Right, but then what is the one that measures the liquid levels, and all that? I know there is such a technique. I think.

--James

Reply(s) #4702

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4702 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

19-JAN-88 03:16 PM

Subj: #4682 - Lear.txt (R)

From: Steve Gresser

To: James Vincent (X)

Really don't know, James. Mayhaps Ralph can help again?

Reply(s) #4719

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4719 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 02:51 AM
Subj: #4702 - Lear.txt (R)
From: James Vincent
To: Steve Gresser (X)

Yes, where is that Mayhaps Ralph when you need him?

Reply(s) #4757

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4757 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
21-JAN-88 02:03 AM
Subj: #4719 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Steve Gresser
To: James Vincent (X)

M. Mayhaps Ralph hath doth left me a post - I'll be reading it in a 2400 baud second!

Reply(s) #4790

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4790 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
22-JAN-88 12:53 AM
Subj: #4757 - Lear.txt (R)
From: James Vincent
To: Steve Gresser (X)

Read and summarize!!!

--James

Reply(s) #4794

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4794 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
22-JAN-88 04:00 AM
Subj: #4790 - Lear.txt
From: Steve Gresser
To: James Vincent (X)

Summary is as follows: Ain't got nothin to do with what we're talking about.

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4642 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 10:42 AM
Subj: Lear.Txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano

To: John Lear (X)

John;

I found your statement intriguing to say the least. It would seem that your credibility is quite solid, yet I feel a certain hesitancy about certain statements. And others I feel are mere pooh! As an ex-Air Force Officer, I find it rather incredulous to think that an unknown object could land at an AFB without a near riot occurring... And for ET to "walk" up to the Wing Commander... Well I just can't buy this... I still wonder about why the EBE's are letting you talk.

Reply(s) #4645

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4645 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 12:07 PM
Subj: #4642 - Lear.Txt
From: John Lear
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

Like many of those responding you obviously know very little about what you speak. Bentwaters was one of the best documented UFO with Aliens debarking incidents that the public is aware of. As an ex-Air Force Officer you would be the least qualified to talk about UFO's on a network such as this if for no other reason than JANAP 146. If you can find Gen. Gordon Williams (I have) go talk to him. He is the one that the aliens went up to. Or you can talk to Col Charles I. Halt (he wrote the memo to the British) or how about Col Ted Conrad or how about Maj. Greg Williams or how about AF Security policeman Larry Warren or how about AFSP Adrian Buztinsa. (QB^S&N\$Dae 7DZH2wCa Just tell me how many of these guys you have personally interviewed to make the statements you have. John

(Reply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4649 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 01:59 PM
Subj: #4558 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Sue Miller
To: John Lear (X)

How convenient. Now the devices are only in children. Hmm. Lots of little kids stuff things like beads up their nose.... hmmm. And why is "Bud" not pursuing this any more? Could be he found NOTHING? Nah.

Reply(s) #4696

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4696 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 09:51 AM
Subj: #4649 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano
To: Sue Miller (X)

How interesting it is that when children are LOSING at a game, they CHANGE the rules to suit themselves...If you get my drift??

Reply(s) #4706

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4706 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 04:31 PM
Subj: #4696 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Sue Miller
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

Yes. I have pretty much dropped out of this discussion for that reason. Sort of like trying to argue with JW's (Jehovah's Witnesses). They have their minds firmly made up, you can't speak logically with them -- and then they tell you you're narrow minded (or stupid, or worship the devil, etc.). Not worth it, really. heheheheheh

Reply(s) #4725

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4725 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 06:32 AM
Subj: #4706 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Ralph Toscano
To: Sue Miller (X)

I feel more or less as you do... However, there is that tiny spark in me that wonders if any of this dung is true... Mind you, a VERY tiny spark!!

Reply(s) #4733

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4733 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 08:25 AM
Subj: #4725 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Jim Delton
To: Ralph Toscano (X)

It may be true (it could happen) that some alien probe found its way here and crashed in Roswell NM. It could also be true that our government retrieved it and covered it up. I don't find that assertion too hard to swallow. We sent out a number of probes and I beleive a few were specifically intended to be "greeting cards" in the event they ever make it to some other inhabited planet. It doesn't seem reall likely, but it is possible and one might even say reasonable. Now to take that and expand it to the whole alien invasion thing, that requires almost a complete suspension of all disbelief and reason. That doesn't mean it isn't true, but it would require more "proof" then has been forthcoming so far.

Reply(s) #4735 #4745

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4735 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 11:29 AM
Subj: #4733 - Lear.txt
From: Ralph Toscano
To: Jim Delton (X)

Agree completely! -- Especially after learning how eccentric "certain" individuals may be...

(REply Quit ?) (D F): r

Msg: #4745 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 07:03 PM
Subj: #4733 - Lear.txt
From: John Aultman
To: Jim Delton (X)

Exactly my thoughts. No disrespect intended to John Lear, but I've seen claims of this sort before (they go back to the fifties), and although almost all have had statements regarding evidence, none of it has ever come forth. I think that one explanation for UFOs to be taken seriously is alien life; and in that respect, it is conceivable that one has crashed, and we could have recovered it and kept that secret. However, the rest of the story requires far more than anyone's word. It requires absolute proof.

John

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4651 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 03:08 PM
Subj: #4600 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Jim Delton
To: Tom Mickus (X)

I do not see why you or anyone for that matter thinks that the media are somehow remiss in their coverage of UFO topics. Every time they provide any serious coverage they are presented with nothing but anecdotes, vague allegations, blurry photos, etc. I'm suprised they give it any coverage. They still have some desire to maintain their credibility and reporting the typical unbelievable, undocumented UFO story would hardly bolster the low opinion many people have of the media anyways. It seems you want it both ways, you don't seem to think much of the media, but you want them tho cover your story your way when you want it.

Reply(s) #4664

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4664 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
18-JAN-88 10:20 PM
Subj: #4651 - Lear.txt
From: Sysop
To: Jim Delton (X)

You're wrong, Jim. They have been presented with government documents which show a clear intent to hide something from the American public. What that something is may very well be quite mundane, but then why hide it for forty years?

We don't want them to report the typical, unbelievable, undocumented UFO story. But when we present them with an atypical, unique, well-documented report from numerous credible witnesses with multiple independent photographs, we not only want coverage, we want an in-depth investigation. That's their job.

Jim

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4699 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
19-JAN-88 01:17 PM
Subj: #4687 - Lear.txt (R)
From: Sysop
To: Jim Delton (X)

I will read Veil. Sounds interesting. Will you read Night Siege?
Jim

Reply(s) #4728

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4728 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 07:44 AM
Subj: #4699 - Lear.txt
From: Jim Delton
To: Sysop (X)

I will read it if at all possible.

(Reply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4720 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 02:55 AM
Subj: This Lear thingy. (R)
From: James Vincent
To: Most everybody...

Okay, I've read LEAR.TXT seven times now. Did he really mean to give away our secret defense against the aliens when he mentioned SDI? Or is he saying the aliens know about it, and aren't worried? Input please...

--James

Reply(s) #4732 #4758

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4732 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
20-JAN-88 08:19 AM
Subj: #4720 - This Lear thingy. (R)
From: Jim Delton
To: James Vincent (X)

That is just one of the many questions that John has not answered. I think he must have concluded we are all too gullible.

Reply(s) #4781

(Reply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4781 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy
21-JAN-88 09:59 PM
Subj: #4732 - This Lear thingy.
From: Craig Kraft
To: Jim Delton (X)

The aliens drank his Vital bodily fluids for revealing their secret.....

Craig

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4758 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

21-JAN-88 02:04 AM

Subj: #4720 - This Lear thingy. (R)

From: Steve Gresser

To: James Vincent (X)

Number Five is ALIVE! Need INPUUUUTTT

Reply(s) #4791

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4791 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

22-JAN-88 12:54 AM

Subj: #4758 - This Lear thingy.

From: James Vincent

To: Steve Gresser (X)

Tee Hee Hee!

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4740 (P) Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

20-JAN-88 04:11 PM

Subj: Mr. Lear (R)

From: Sue Miller

To: ralph toscano (X)

I expect that we were just too "dumb" and "gullible" for our friend John. Or maybe "they" have come and taken him away? The aliens, I mean. Or the guys in white coats, eh?

Reply(s) #4765

(REply Quit ?) (D F): rr

Msg: #4765 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

21-JAN-88 07:49 AM

Subj: #4740 - Mr. Lear

From: Ralph Toscano

To: Sue Miller (X)

Quite likely...You know what they say...if you're poor - you're nuts, but if you're wealthy you're eccentric...

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

Msg: #4838 Sec: 1 - UFOlogy

23-JAN-88 10:52 AM

Subj: #4832 - Lear.txt

From: Steve Gresser

To: James Vincent (X)

Yeah, well, dat's lyfe in da big sitee!

(REply Quit ?) (D F):

#: 132723 S10/Paranormal Issues
24-Jan-88 20:44:40
Sb: #132714-#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Michelle & Charles 76701,11
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

One thing we'd like to ask you about your theory: Why the USA? It seems that we (and/or the USSR) are the most risky place for UFOs to stage operations. The Amazon, or middle of Africa, or any other "backwards" region would seem a better bet than here.

--- charles

* Reply: 132762

#: 132762 S10/Paranormal Issues
25-Jan-88 09:09:29
Sb: #132723-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: John LEar 71251,642
To: Michelle & Charles 76701,11 (X)

Its not just the USA. Apparently the Russians got caught up in thss scenario too and that was the reason for the meeting at Iceland and the reason that Gorbachev caved in. Now the question is: are any of us more favored than the other? Can it be coincidence that for the past 2 years that our space program has been a major and I mean major disaster? While the Russians keep setting endurance and payload records? I'm probably just as gullible as the next guy but I mean, give me a break! The worlds most technologically advanced nation can't even get a Minuteman III into the sky? As to the staging of operations it is my speculation (and speculation only) that materials and supplies of some kind were needed and not readily obtainable in the middle of the Amazon or Africa. But its very difficult and almost absurd to speculate as to why or why not of a species advanced by probably more than a billion years from ourselves.

#: 132783 S10/Paranormal Issues
25-Jan-88 18:46:57
Sb: #132714-#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: DBC 71450,3504
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

John: Thanks for your message. I'm glad you refer to your story as a "hypothesis". There is plenty of room for hypotheses around here, and if you look back through the thread you will find several. Of course none are near as comprehensive as yours. It would seem your position has the advantage of numerous military contacts among whom are those concerned with "strange air craft" that have been flying around our planet for the last 40 years.

Parts of your story are xtremely hard to swallow; however, if one can keep an open mind about EBEs at all, then I suppose one could keep an open mind about anything and everthng. Since you have entered the forum I was wondering if you could answer some questions. First, regarding the loss of 66 soldiers in an underground "CIA-EBE" facility at Dulce in 1979, was there ever any newspaper articles about the dissappearance of these men? I have other questions, but for the moment let me ask only one additional question. In all your thousands of hours of flying in all types of aircraft, have you yourself

piece of the universe). And I'm wondering if you've come across anything in your research that indicates that we have visitors from more than one source (planet).

Some of the European visitors claim they're from the Pleiades (and are reported to look very human) while our EBE visitors seem very different than that. Anything in your research indicate where the EBE's originate? The only reference I've been able to come up with on that topic is Betty Hill's discussion (brought out in hypnosis by Dr. Simon) with the apparent EBE about where he's from, and his chiding of her for not being more well versed on astronomy and her lack of recognition of her location in star maps when they were presented to her. Any comments would be appreciated.

Michelle

* Reply: 132853

#: 132853 S10/Paranormal Issues
26-Jan-88 21:39:58
Sb: #132846-#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: John LEar 71251,642
To: Michelle & Charles 76701,11 (X)

We are being visited by about 70 different species most in a covert nature. The 4 main types of visitors were listed in a USAF Academy physics book volume 2 chapter 13 titled UFO's. This chapter was taken out several years ago because of the publicity it got. They mention 4 types: the EBE, the Blondes (similar to us but invariably blonde and blue eyed) a species similar to the blondes but taller with eyes that wrap a little further around the face, and a short hairy creature about 4 feet tall weight of about 40 pounds and extremely strong. The Pleiades case has created a lot of controversy. Apparently some of the photos were faked. Some weren't. No negatives are around these days to check. Some people call it an out and out fraud. There are some aspects of the case that would lead one to believe that maybe 'something' did happen but that it has been lost in the shuffle. Me? I haven't made up my mind yet. It is relatively certain that the EBE's came from a binary star system called Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2. It is visible only from latitudes south of Mexico City. It has a spectral class of G-2 which is identical to our sun. The story of how we know all this was in Astronomy magazine circa 1976. I have a poor copy in case you want me to send it to you...its about 30 pages long. Please let me know and will talk to you later.

* Replies: 132878, 132879

#: 132879 S10/Paranormal Issues
27-Jan-88 19:03:03
Sb: #132853-#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Ted Markley <s10> 76067,3777
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

John,
I must say your hypothesis is quite amazing. I happen to believe there is a larger body or evidence out there that points to non human visitors

(extraterrestrial or earthly origin I can not say) or a very sophisticated method of manipulating human perception (an equally amazing feat.) But your story, with all its plots and subplots is impossible for me to swallow without, at least, some form of prima facie evidence. In "Communion" Whitley Strieber presents corroborative accounts of wife, friends as well as professionally administered lie detector tests, psychological examination and hypnotic transcripts done by a noted professional. In "Night Siege" Phil Imbrogno has amassed numerous eye witness accounts including professionals and technical professional (not to mention a video tape.) In "Intruders" Budd Hopkins relates physical evidence as well as corroborative statements from several experiencees. In addition he has carefully concealed specifics of the craft's interiors from the individual witnesses and the public in general. In spite of this there is an uncanny similarity of the abductee's reports in terms of the craft's interior, the details of the pupils of the creatures, and the descriptions of the writing seen in the craft. What can you offer?

* Reply: 132910

#: 132910 S10/Paranormal Issues
28-Jan-88 09:06:26
Sb: #132879-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: John LEar 71251,642
To: Ted Markley <s10> 76067,3777 (X)

Ted, thank you for your comments. If you ever get to Las Vegas you are welcome to go through all the documents I have collected on the subject and which led me to the 'hypothesis' which was presented here and on Paranet. Your observation about the earthly origin of non-human visitors may have great significance. Talk to you later.

#: 132848 S10/Paranormal Issues
26-Jan-88 19:59:16
Sb: #132823-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: DBC 71450,3504
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

John: I suppose one of the more difficult to believe parts of your story is that a live EBE is being held in a secret facility at Los Alamos. I should think that, if true, he/she(?) could be easily rescued by fellow aliens who seem to be able to "float" human "abductees" through walls and into their ships etc. Is this the same EBE on the alleged video tape being interviewed using an Air Force Colonel to interpret by telepathic reception? (If true the subsequent interview scheduled at the time of the "stock market correction" in October would certainly have blown the market to bits.)

Another question. Can you tell us who or what rank were the highest ranking government/officials you interviewed in your study? Your comments about Sen. John Glen inquiring about an NSA "Aquarius" file and that Henry Kissinger, Adm. Bobby Inman and Adm. Poindexter are currently members of MJ-12 are interesting, as is the point that the Nat. Security Council receives regularly a list of abductees. I can just see all of them (including EBE) on a future ABC "Nightline" show.

I must admit, your story is a scary one. A year ago I would have laughed it off, but after reading Night Siege, Communion and Intruders, it's hard to dispute that something very strange is happening. Parts of your story fit. I can only hope other parts of the "hypothesis" are not true. Will stay tuned. Regards, DBC.

* Reply: 132855

#: 132855 S10/Paranormal Issues
26-Jan-88 21:58:50
Sb: #132848--#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: John LEar 71251,642
To: DBC 71450,3504 (X)

One of the video tapes being held by Moore is that of an interview with the EBE using an AF Col. to help with the telepathic commun communication. This may be one of the videos that Moore will supposedly release soon. As far as the rescue attempt it is my understanding that this EBE is a 'defector'. Sound far out? Yep it is. As far as escaping, apparently the electromagnetic facility is pretty secure. Yes they can float and disappear but can't get out. I was allowed to see some top secret eemos regarding the EBE's a few months ago. If anything can be humorous about all this, this one mone memo came close. In the text of the memo from someone to someone else it had the message..."by the way EBE-2 wants to see the ocean. We had better make the arrangements or he'll disappear again." The highest ranking official I interviewed was a Col. at Sandia. Will keep in touch.

* Reply: 132875

#: 132875 S10/Paranormal Issues
27-Jan-88 18:26:56
Sb: #132855-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: DBC 71450,3504
T:: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

John: Can you elaborate some on the brain insertioss. A number of Ufologists including Budd Hopkins (author of Intruders) have proposed that abductees are "tagged" via insertion of a small object into the brain (frequently through the nose). Your hypothesis gives various reasons for doing this, however, do you have any info on whether such "brain beads" have actually been physically detected in abduction victims (e.g. CT or MRI scans)?

Your comment about the "senior scientist" from JPL brings to mind Jim Dolce's story dealing with the reaction of a JPL scientist to his Bentwaters tape (see message #132063). Probably the same guy!

DBC

#: 132878 S10/Paranormal Issues
27-Jan-88 19:01:47
Sb: #132853-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Michelle & Charles 76701,11
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

Dear John:

Very interesting to hear that the USAF has so cleanly classified our visitors! (And these are the same folks that supposedly, in Project Grudge days, pitched into the wastebasket any UFO sightings that involved contact!)

As I understand it, the Zeta Reticuli work was done by a high school science teacher from Ohio, working with Betty Hill? I very much appreciate your offer of a copy, but I think I've read enough about it (and I'm still brushing up on my astromy in the course of this research). What are your feelings on the contention (Waller's, I believe) that because Betty Hill's map was drawn from memory, by hand the relative distances can't be assumed to be correct and therefore Mrs. Fish's work is only chance/speculation?? But to counter this, I was also asked what she got it published in "Astronomy".

According to your research, all the abductions, genetic experimentation and government 'tests' have been accomplished by our visitors from Zeta Reticuli? Also, are you one of the member of the House of Representatives from Kansas who in 1937 or so witnessed one of his head of cattle being roped and lifted up by a saucer, only to find the head and hide and legs bearing his brand on his neighbor's property the next day? They were mutilating cows back then? I appreciate your ongoing comments and information, as I'm fascinated with the topic (but don't quite know what to make of it yet) and I am ravenously devouring all info! Any tips on good sources (i.e. mail order/bookstores) that carry this research?

Best, Michelle

#: 132949 S10/Paranormal Issues
28-Jan-88 21:38:36
Sb: #132878-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: DBC 71450,3504
To: Michelle & Charles 76701,11 (X)

Michelle: If you examine the data library in the "space forum" under "extraterrestrials", you will find a list of books on the topic. Regards, DBC

#: 133011 S10/Paranormal Issues
29-Jan-88 15:41:31
Sb: #132878-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Jim Speiser 72335,424
To: Michelle & Charles 76701,11 (X)

Michelle, if I may jump in here for a sec...

First, I think it was Sagan who proposed that Betty Hill's map was invalid, due to chance factors, unreliability of memory, etc. However, I am impressed with the work of the schoolteacher, Ms. Fish, as she was able to find one and only one match in three dimensions. Sagan restricted his arguments to the two-dimensional model, but as far as I know has not responded to the three-dimensional one.

As to the Kansas case, the rancher's name was Alexander Hamilton (no relation to the Founding Father), and the case was later exposed as a hoax. (Cohen, "The Great Airship Mystery"). It is still quoted to this day as an example of a 19th Century mutilation, however. Old khoppers die har..

Jim

#: 132941 S10/Paranormal Issues
28-Jan-88 19:09:08
Sb: #132910-#UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Ted Markley <s00> 76067,3777
To: John LEar 71251,642 (X)

John,
Thanks for the invitation to review your material in Las Vegas. While I don't foresee a trip in the immediate future I do occasionally get out that way.

There is a point in your hypothesis that troubles me. You mentioned that "Cows and Humans are genetically similar. In the event of a national disaster, cow's blood can be used by humans". May I ask the source of this information?

Regards,
Ted

* Reply: 132944

#: 132944 S10/Paranormal Issues
28-Jan-88 20:35:49
Sb: #132941-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: John LEar 71251,642
To: Ted Markley <s10> 76067,3777

Regarding the cows blood that statement came from 2 university studies. I will get you the names by tomorrow. I questioned that statement myself as a doctor I know said that what they probably meant was that a fraction of the blood could be used. But on further checking I found out that it can be used whole. I have the names somewhere so let me work on it. Talk to you later.

#: 132793 S10/Paranormal Issues
25-Jan-88 21:18:40
Sb: #132240-UFO phenomenon
Fm: Michelle & Charles 76701,11
To: phil 76636,44 (X)

Dear Phil:

I must say I read your book with great interest. I have a few questions, if you don't mind. First, didn't Whitley Streiber mention a sighting of "your" UFO(s) at the end of "Communion"? I think he mentioned an ad exec seeing a large UFO over a L.I. highway flashing "signals". Any comments?

Also, doesn't it seem like the object wants to be seen, and by large numbers of reliable, credible witnesses? Any comments on this in relation to John Lear's theory of a grand master plan of revelation to the U.S. public would be interesting to hear.

Michelle (Charles is still reading the book)

#: 132948 S10/Paranormal Issues
20-Jan-88 21:26:08
Sb: UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: DBC 71450,3504
To: Jim Speiser

Jim: As a result of your own investigations or contacts with fellow ufologists, could you comment on whether there is support from independent sources for any parts of John's hypothesis? Could you be specific about which parts if any? Regards, DBC

#: 133039 S10/Paranormal Issues
29-Jan-88 21:28:52
Sb: #133011-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Michelle & Charles 76701,11
To: Jim Speiser 72135,424

Thanks -- we've seen the story about Al Hamilton i several books presented as fact. It's very interesting that it's a hoax. We guess part of the fever of the airships going on at that time.

-- C&M

#: 133015 S10/Paranormal Issues
29-Jan-88 16:21:24
Sb: ufo phenomena
Fm: phil 76636,44
To: dbc

thanks Yes the virgina flap is similar since there seems to be many witnesses over a long period of time. More and more boomerang sightings popping up all over!
phil

#: 133120 S10/Paranormal Issues
30-Jan-88 23:09:32
Sb: #132948-UFO PHENOMENA
Fm: Jim Speiser 72135,424
To: DBC 71450,3504 (X)

I understand that John is not putting forth anything that hasn't been received by other researchers, some reportedly from independent sources. Most of these sources, however, seem to be of the anonymous "deep throat" type. Some of what

John has said comes from a fellow by the name of Paul Bennewitz, who is mentioned in connection with the Kirtland AFB landing of 1980; some is from Moore's work; and some is from John's own research into UFOs and Cattle Mutilations. I don't really have any comments on the material at this time, except to say that, if you leave the door open even a crack for the basic, generic ET Hypothesis, then anything's possible.

Jim

#: 133404 S10/Paranormal Issues

03-Feb-88 21:22:33

Sb: UFO PHENOMENA

Fm: DBC 71450,3504

To: John Lear

John: Thanks. I had missed your message (132920), probably because it wasn't labeled UFO PHENOMENA. I see we also have a related thread going now under the topic "cows blood".

You mentioned you have a set of X-rays from the "Liz Stoner" case in which Stoner was "rushed to a hospital within three hours after being abducted". I'm not familiar with that story. Could you provide a little background on what happened and, if possible, describe the location you see a "small sphere" in the X-rays. It would certainly be worth getting a professional evaluation of the films.

DBC

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Also, doesn't it seem like the object wants to be seen, and by large numbers of reliable, creible witnesses?



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Grant Cameron

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P. 162 "Strangest of all"
Frank Edwards

- order to shoot down objects given shortly after noon on July 26
 - the order got nationwide coverage.
 - a number of scientists including Dr. Albert Einstein called the White House demanding the order be withdrawn
- by 5 in the afternoon the order had been rescinded

20 & 26 July 40. objects

Civil Aeronautics Administration 68 sighted or on radar within 10 miles of Washington August 13, 1952. within 3 hour period

- not a word from government - didn't become public till 1954 with publication of a CAA booklet instructing government personnel how to report identify and track UFOs.

The Washington Merry-Go-

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T. Scott Crain Jr.

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Port Matilda, Pennsylvania 16870

June 14, 1977

Mr. Richard Dalrymple
c/o Sunn Classic Pictures
556 East 200 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Dear Richard:

Enclosed is my first report on the UFO fragment examined by Wilbert B. Smith. My investigation into this incident reveals the facts about to be presented. It appears, in my opinion, this is an excellent example of our government having in it's possession a UFO fragment and then denying having any knowledge of it. Unfortunately for them, Smith revealed this fact to several individuals before his death. So no matter how much our military leaders try to censor or confuse the facts, Smith, the scientist from Canada, will be a sore spot in their cover-up operation!

Concerning information on newsmen Roy Dimmick and his alledged meeting with government people about a captured saucer in Mexico, I'm running into some difficulties in securing additional information.

According to a copyrighted story appearing in the Detroit Times, March 10, 1950, a man named Roy L. Dimmick, who was a Los Angeles businessman at the time, . . . "said he spoke directly with government people who had examined the captured saucer that came down in Mexico."

The quote is derived from Saga's Special UFO Report Vol. 1 No. 1, 1969 in the article "Secret Flying Saucer Evidence," by Otto Binder and Joan Whritenour pp 20. Aztec, Mexico, if you may recall, was the location of where a UFO supposedly crashed according to Frank Scully in his 1950 book, "Behind the Flying Saucers." According to Scully, the craft contained 16 little men, all who had died, presumably because of a very rough landing.

According to Dimmick, in the news article, the government people told him the disc was approximately 46 feet in diameter and that within the disc were found little men, about 23 inches tall, all dead. Dimmick indicated his informants told him the craft, at the time, was being held in a secret Air Force hanger for examination. This is where the story ends. I tried to get ahold of the original newsclipping from the Pennsylvania State University in microforms, but they didn't have the Detroit Times on file. I contacted a correspondent of mine, Robert Thompson, who is stationed at Norton Air Force Base, California to see what he could find out about Dimmick, who I thought may still be living in the Los Angeles area. However, his attempts to locate the man were to no avail. I'm still trying to get an address of the Detroit Times, so I can furnish you with a copy of the original clipping. Any help you can give me on this Richard, would be appreciated. My personal opinion on this case is that it appears quite weak, but I will continue to pursue it to meet my obligations in your contract.

Several interesting papers have crossed my desk over the past few days which may be of some interest to you.

One is concerning a document which from all indications is not to be made public. It was obtained from Bob Hipp, State Director for the

Mutual UFO Network here in Pennsylvania, which was apparently mailed out only to a select few. He sent me page two of that letter which made several interesting references on censorship and several cases involving residuum material analyzed by the Office of Scientific Intelligence. Please use discretion if you intend to use anything in the document. I'm sending you a copy of it along with a copy of the letter I forwarded to Bill Spaulding, a prominent member of the Ground Saucer Watch operation. All three references at the bottom of the document should be of great interest to you. When and if Spaulding answers my letter, you will get a full report.

One other report to cross my desk came from "The UFO Investigator," a NICAP publication, where a spanish newspaper La Gaceta-Del Norte, discusses a crashed UFO found in the jungle of Ema, Peru, on November 11, 1975. Local police led by Rodolfo Chujutallo, who is the Regional Director of Education there, retrieved the oval shaped mettalic craft. Last heard was the machine was being held by the Spanish Civil Guard Station where attempts are being made to have experts look at the disc.

I am still trying to secure additional information on the Wilbert Smith case, and will keep you up to date as the facts roll in.

Sincerely,

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SMITH: "Using Scientific Methods
to Prove Existence of U.S. 75-100"

In view of the following statements made by a respected scientist

he gives us something interesting leads into who takes possession of UFO fragments. Smith says a "highly classified group" are the controllers. Hence, when the Air Force and Defense Department says they have no real UFO hardware in their possession, perhaps they don't. Perhaps it is given to someone else, some other highly secret group, which we have no knowledge of. If this is true, how do we find out who these people are? Since Smith returned the fragment too this group he is the first person one would want to contact. However, Smith passed away in December, 1962. I got a tip from Gene Duplantier to write to Carol Halford-Watkins, a close associate of Smith's who worked with him for some time. Watkins carried on Smith's UFO publication, Topside, up until 1971. I received a return letter from Mrs. Watkins dated May 25, 1977 where she confirms Smith's statements about doing an analysis on the UFO fragment. (SEE LETTER). She also said all of Smith's documents relating to this incident were in the hands of Smith's Widow. Currently, I am trying to get in touch with Smith's widow to see if I can secure the required documents.

It may be interesting to note what our own military has to say concerning this rare incident. One may wish to consult the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, (Project Director: Dr. Edward U. Condon) on page 91. (The Condon Committee was a research team under contract with the U.S. Air Force to make a report on UFO's.) Anyway, the team made a request for official confirmation on whether or not the fragment does or does not exist. The request was forwarded to U. S. Air Force headquarters. A reply came from J. W. Clinton, who was with

the Chief of Information, Department of the Navy. On page 91 of the Scientific Study of UFO's, it states:

"Mr. Clinton indicated that a thorough search of all Navy records available failed to reveal any account of a Navy jet fighter's encounter with an UFO in July 1952, or at any other time."

As J. W. Clinton concluded,

"The incident is not beyond the realm of possibility, but due to the nature of the Navy's jet operations about the Washington, D. C. area at the time, it was very highly unlikely."

Continuing on page 91, the Condon Committee admitted:

"Reports of UFO incidents over Washington D. C., in 1952 contain no reference to such a gunfire incident. If such a fragment did exist and was classified "secret" as was claimed, its existence and whereabouts would not necessarily be revealed to this project."

Since the U. S. Air Force admits they have no "secret UFO evidence," we are lead to believe through this piece of tricky piece of wording listed above, some other outside source has knowledge of the existence and whereabouts of the fragment.

I have already established Smith did indeed undertake the investigation which Mrs. Watkins will most freely admit, so now all that is needed is to acquire the names of Smith's contacts and the notes of his investigation. To this end, I am currently pursuing.

PROJECT MAGNET

THE CANADIAN FLYING SAUCER STUDY

PROJECT MAGNET WAS AUTHORIZED in December 1950, following a request made to the Canadian Department of Transport by W. B. Smith, for permission to make use of the Department's laboratory and field facilities in a study of unidentified flying objects and physical principles which might appear to be involved.

The program consisted of two parts. The first part was the collecting of as much high quality data as possible, analyzing it, and where possible drawing conclusions from it. The second part consisted of a systematic questioning of all our basic concepts in the hopes of turning up a discrepancy which might prove to be the key to a new technology.

Unfortunately, the program was plagued by well meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy, or copy which could be turned to political account, to such an extent that both those who were working on the project and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. Consequently, when the Project Magnet Report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through Federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole subject had suffered.

PROJECT MAGNET WAS OFFICIALLY dropped by the Department of Transport in October 1954, although the Department indicated its willingness to permit the continued use of laboratory facilities, provided this could be done at no cost to the public treasury. The project has been continuing under these conditions, and to this extent may be said to have gone underground. The Government of Canada are not participants in the Project and not in any way responsible for its conclusions.

The conclusions reached by Project Magnet and contained in the official report were based on a rigid statistical analysis of sighting reports and were as follows: There is a 91% probability that at least some of the sightings are of real objects of unknown origin. There is about 60% probability that these objects are alien vehicles. (Alien meaning not of earthly fabrication.)

THE CONCLUSIONS BASED ON STUDIES of the basic physical concepts were as follows: Many of our fundamental concepts are inherently ambiguous and quite a different philosophy can be built up on the alternatives. Several of these alternatives lead to much simpler arithmetic and presentations which do not have to resort to patchwork corrections to make them all embracing. Furthermore, some of our ideas with respect to fields and their behaviour are wrong.

Recent Project Magnet activities have dealt with following up any and all leads. Many of these leads were dead ends, but a few were quite significant and well worth the overall effort. At the present time a definite pattern is emerging, and the groundwork is being laid for a new technology which may literally lead us to the stars.

—W. B. Smith.

May 25, 1977

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CANADA.

Mr. T. Scott Crain, Jr.
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Port Matilda, Penn. 16870
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Crain:

Thank you for your letter of May 20 received today from which I was interested to learn that you are working as a UFO research consultant for a forthcoming motion picture on UFOs. I also note your interest in the late Wilbert (not Wilbur) B. Smith with whom I was closely associated in the past and from whom, after his untimely death in December, 1962, I took over the editorship and publication of his UFO magazine, TOPSIDE for 8 years until 1971 when, due to my late husband developing serious heart trouble, I had to give up publication of TOPSIDE to look after him over 5 major heart attacks, open heart surgery and finally a fatal heart attack in July, 1974 and I should add here that I am no longer in a position to resume publication of TOPSIDE.

I note that you are particularly interested in the piece of metal shot off a UFO near Washington in July, 1952. I can confirm that WBS undertook an analysis of a small piece of this metal which was returned, together with his report, to some top government official in Washington. I regret that I do not have a copy of this analysis and report, nor any documentary evidence concerning this incident. After WBS's death, his widow took possession of all his papers, reports and documents and to my knowledge to date, she has consistently refused to release them to any source, claiming she is in a 'sensitive' position working for the Canadian Federal Government.

I regret, therefore, that I am unable to send you any documentary evidence of this incident. I can only assure you that it actually took place and perhaps your next best step would be to write to some appropriate department of the U.S. Federal Government in Washington, DC. Now I am only quoting this from a vague memory of an incident which took place nearly 25 years ago so I can't vouch for its veracity, but somewhere in the back of my mind I seem to recall that it was a top U.S. Naval Officer with whom WBS dealt and I only mention this for what it may be worth.

As you request anything I may have on WBS's work with a Canadian Govt. UFO Research Program, I am enclosing a copy of a reprint of an earlier edition of TOPSIDE dedicated to WBS and his work which, to fill requests for same, I had run off in 1970, on page 13 of which you will find an account by WBS on Project Magnet, originally a Canadian Government-sponsored project which was, in effect, the World's First Flying Saucer Station. I am sure you will also find the other articles by Wilbert B. Smith of considerable interest and I hope they will be of some help to you in your movie project. Undoubtedly, in his day, Wilbert B. Smith was recognized as the world's leading pioneer researcher into the mystery of what were then called Flying Saucers, a man with the courage of his own convictions despite the so-called Silence Policy on UFOs originally initiated by Washington, although there are reasons now to believe that they are now taking a more open-minded view on these phenomena.

In conclusion, I wish you every success with your UFO research for the motion picture which I hope will eventually reach Canada and if I can be of any further assistance to you in this project, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

C. Halford-Watkins
Carol Halford-Watkins.

June 11, 1977

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Port Jervis, Pennsylvania 16870

Carol Halford-Watkins
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Canada

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your prompt reply and your confirmation that Wilbert Smith did indeed make an analysis of the metal allegedly shot off a UFO in July, 1952. Smith admitted he was a recipient of this metal during a recorded interview in November, 1967 with L. P. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio and George Popovitch of Akron, Ohio.

During the interview Smith stated he showed the metal to Admiral H. B. Knowles, U. S. Navy, retired. Did you know this man and do you know his current address?

In your letter, Mrs. Watkins, you said Smith's wife took possession of Wilbert's papers and documents, after he passed away. Would it be possible for you to give me Wilbert's wife's address and perhaps her phone number? I realize this is asking a lot and Mrs. Smith will probably turn me down as she has to so many others in the past. But I can't help but wonder if she might negotiate with Lunn Classic Pictures for the material in her possession. Even what I saw of Lunn Classic, they would compensate her graciously for adding valuable material to help them make their movie. Of course, Mrs. Smith would make the final decision. I believe Mrs. Smith should be at least aware of Lunn Classic's interest in her husband and his work. You don't it as great to have Wilbert's work made available in a permanent record for the entire world to see!

The silent policy in the United States in these matters is softening, but still exist. The Navy and the Air Force claim they have nothing in their files concerning this incident. You and I both know Mr. Smith received and returned this ~~Confidential~~ ~~information~~ from some top officials here in the states.

If I could only get the names of A) the person who gave Smith the metal and/or B) the name of who Smith gave the metal back to, I could follow up in my own investigation here in the States. But for now, my hands are tied.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter, and if you can help me on anything I stated above, please write ~~as soon as possible~~ ~~as soon as possible~~ as possible.

p.s. THANKS FOR BOOKLET ON SMITH.
I'M SENDING PORTIONS OF IT TO LUNN CLASSIC.
Enclosed is \$1. to cover any postage cost you may have incurred.

T. Scott Grain Jr.

June 14, 1977

95 Centre Street
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CANADA.

Dear Scott:

Thank you for your letter of June 1 which I received after my recent return home from visiting friends - hence the delay in my reply. With regard to your query about Admiral H.B. Knowles, U.S. Navy, retired, while it is quite possible that I met him, among the many Americans who visited Wilbert B. Smith and our Club, in the early '60s, I did not know him personally although his name is very familiar to me from conversations with WBS and I think it is quite possible that Admiral Knowles may have acted as the go-between in arranging for WBS to carry out the analysis on the piece of metal. Unfortunately, I do not have his address, although Mrs. Smith may have it, but in view of the fact that the Admiral was retired in 1961, it seems doubtful that he would still be in the land of the living! It also seems very doubtful that you will obtain the name of the person who gave the metal to Smith & to whom he returned it, as WBS was sworn to secrecy by Washington officials and he never divulged the name. In his day, WBS made several trips to Washington to consult with N.A.S.A. officials & others interested in the UFO phenomena and I recall that he once told me that there was a Top Secret Room in the Pentagon which housed UFO data and a collection of UFO fragments which he had personally handled. In support of this statement, I enclose a newspaper clipping of an interview with WBS which appeared in the April 22, 1961 edition of The Ottawa Journal and which I hope will be of some interest and assistance to your research into WBS's background. I should explain here that the figure appearing in the accompanying cartoon is not that of WBS, but the Rt. Hon. John G. Deifenbaker, who was Prime Minister of Canada at that time.

With regard to your request that I supply you with the address and telephone number of Mrs. W.B. (Muri) Smith, because I want to help you with your project, I am willing to do this, but I must ask you to honour my request that you do not reveal my name as the source of this information, particularly Mrs. Smith and I would appreciate your confirmation of this. Her telephone number (for Long Distance purposes) is: 1-613-521-2032, and her address is: Canterbury Apartments - Suite 507, 810 Canterbury Street, Ottawa 8, Ontario, Canada. Unless she has had a sudden change of heart, I rather doubt that she will release very much information to you, as in the past, she has always claimed that she is in a "sensitive" position working as a Secretary to a Senator in the Canadian Government which, like the U.S. Govt., prefers to maintain a discreet silence on UFOs! However, in view of Sunn Classic's movie, there is a possibility she might be interested and I wish you Good Luck with this project. Knowing Muri - and if I may pass on a little 'inside tip' - she is a great talker & I think your best bet would be to try & arrange a personal talk with her & if you handle her wisely without pressing too early for the information you require, and let her do most of the talking, there is a good possibility she will drop at least a few fragments of information into your lap which you can carefully follow up on later! As the old saying goes - A word to the wise is sufficient!

Now I don't know if this would be of any interest to you and Sunn Classic Pictures' proposed movie, but I have in my possession a tape recording of Wilbert B. Smith giving lectures to a UFO group in Vancouver & being interviewed on TV and one of these talks deals with his work in Ottawa, and it struck me that extracts from WBS's talks might be used for the audio part of the movie and the visual part might include a photograph of WBS superimposed over pictures of UFOs; it's just an idea & maybe Sunn Classic might have better ones! Of course, you may already have a copy of this tape recording as I recall that several years ago, copies of it were sent to UFO buffs in the U.S.A. However, if you should be interested in this tape & Sunn Classic would be prepared to reimburse me for the cost of the tape & sending it by registered air mail to you, I shall be pleased to do so. Again, wishing you every success with your project,

Sincerely,

Monday 15
6:34

"The MIS-12 Documents - An Analytical Report" Bill Moore
Q.L. Wright at Canadian Joint Staff in Washington (contact with
Smith in 1953 re Hughes's new book)

(Smith to Fitch) "You seem to be most interested in UFO 'hardware'.
There is a great deal of this around, most of it in US official
(not USAF!) hands..."

R. Adm. Herbert B Knowles U.S.N.

Navy Cdr. Julius Larsen ONI, Arthur Lundahl, Lt. Cdr. Robert
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1962 letter from Alden Knowles. "a group of scientists working with the Government."

in another Knowles letter Smith was "working in very close cooperation with our authorities in Washington D.C."

Dr. W. K. Kozie - Smith

→ worked with Bush on A bomb - plutonium

Sarabach says "I suppose you could be cleared thro' your own Defense Department and I'm pretty sure arrangements could be made to exchange information."

Bush was not mentioned - see second T.S. memo.

Sarabach ran National Science Laboratories and had written a textbook "Hyper and Ultra - High Frequency Engineering. He was on Massachusetts Ave, not far from the beginning of Embassy

Sarabach - scientific consultant to Navy 42-45

Arthur Bray. "The UFO Connection"

Demand

Solandt & Dr. W. K. Kozie met Bush on April 23, 1951 (no reference to top secret) Bush visited O'Hare.

Jan 3, 51 Smith to Embassy. Keyhoe was to take his article to "Bush for clearance" "if permitted by the U.S. Research & Development Board."

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FROM-

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by Frank Edwards pp. 86-88.

In view of the following statements made by a respected scientist

he gives us something interesting leads into who takes possession of UFO fragments. Smith says a "highly classified group" are the controllers. Hence, when the Air Force and Defense Department says they have no real UFO hardware in their possession, perhaps they don't. Perhaps it is given to someone else, some other highly secret group, which we have no knowledge of. If this is true, how do we find out who these people are? Since Smith returned the fragment to this group, he is the first person one would want to contact. However, Smith passed away in December, 1962. I got a tip from Gene Duplantier to write to Carol Halford-Watkins, a close associate of Smith's who worked with him for some time. Watkins carried on Smith's UFO publication, Topside, up until 1971. I received a return letter from Mrs. Watkins dated May 25, 1977 where she confirms Smith's statements about doing an analysis on the UFO fragment. (SEE LETTER). She also said all of Smith's documents relating to this incident were in the hands of Smith's Widow. Currently, I am trying to get in touch with Smith's widow to see if I can secure the required documents.

It may be interesting to note what our own military has to say concerning this rare incident. One may wish to consult the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, (Project Director: Dr. Edward U. Condon) on page 91. (The Condon Committee was a research team under contract with the U.S. Air Force to make a report on UFO's.) Anyway, the team made a request for official confirmation on whether or not the fragment does or does not exist. The request was forwarded to U. S. Air Force headquarters. A reply came from J. W. Clinton, who was with

the Chief of Information, Department of the Navy. On page 91 of the Scientific Study of UFO's, it states:

"Mr. Clinton indicated that a thorough search of all Navy records available failed to reveal any account of a Navy jet fighter's encounter with an UFO in July 1952, or at any other time."

As J. W. Clinton concluded,

"The incident is not beyond the realm of possibility, but due to the nature of the Navy's jet operations about the Washington, D. C. area at the time, it was very highly unlikely."

Continuing on page 91, the Condon Committee admitted:

"Reports of UFO incidents over Washington D. C., in 1952 contain no reference to such a gunfire incident. If such a fragment did exist and was classified "secret" as was claimed, its existence and whereabouts would not necessarily be revealed to this project."

Since the U. S. Air Force admits they have no "secret UFO evidence," we are lead to believe through this . . . tricky piece of wording listed above, some other outside source has knowledge of the existance and whereabouts of the fragment.

I have already established Smith did indeed undertake the investigation which Mrs. Watkins will most freely admit, so now all that is needed is to acquire the names of Smith's contacts and the notes of his investigation. To this end, I am currently pursueing.

Jockum Rd. C.I.D.#1

Elletts Maine, -

July 1, 1962.

Dear Mr. Fitch, -

Very tardily I shall try to answer
your questions of May 9, 1962.

1st As to "Wib" Smith, he is still actively
employed by the Canadian Government,
but their U.F.O. research work ceased some
years ago. Right now he is slowly recovering
from a very serious operation and may not
make the grade, so the M's. say.

2nd As you know the Air Force is charged
with the Air Defense of this country and it
controls the investigation and issuance
of information on U.F.O's. I have heard
reference to the C.I.A. and also to a group
of scientists working with the Government.
As to the truth or falsity of these matters
I have no worthwhile information, merely
rumors such as you have undoubtedly heard.

3rd There is no reason to prevent me from giving you the name or names of the organizations who control the UFO situation - I simply do not know and have already given you the rumors I have heard above.

4th I do not know what has happened to WICAP. I know they got enough financial assistance to continue for an indefinite period on a reduced scale, but I have had no communication from them for months. Russell I feel Keyhole is bumping his head against a stone wall, one which he can feel but not see, and that if and when those in control of the situation wish to reveal what they know, then and then only shall we be enlightened.

Yours truly,
J H Bunker

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Dear Mrs. Smith,

I am writing with regards to an item that took place many years ago. I hope your memory of these events related to UFOs still serves you.

As the record shows, you were chairman of the Senate Finance Committee for Space Research. During this period I have record of your having contacts with at least two contactees, George Adamski (enclosure #1) and a contactee in Maine, Mrs. Frances Swan (enclosure #2). I assume you probably met with others as well?

Hopefully you can assist me with answers to any or all of the following questions:

- 1) How much involvement did you or your committee have related to UFOs?
- 2) What are your reflections about these two contactees, Adamski and Mrs. Swan?
- 3) What prompted your meetings with contactees? (I would assume this was a controversial move)
- 4) Did you or your committee ever study the rumors of crashed flying saucers in U.S. possession? (enclosure #3)
- 5) Did your committee have any contacts with Canadians or Canadian government authorities on the UFO problem?

I hope you will be able to assist me with these concerns of mine. I hope to visit your library next year and would like to know if these items would be a part of the materials there.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Washington 1952 - part of 1952 global wave

1st wave. 19-20 July 26-27 July

19-20. two ^{Andrews} radars covering Washington picked up 8 UFOs in restricted air space 100 mph. to phenomenal velocities visual from pilots

- started at 11:40pm, stopped at 3:30am when jet interceptors arrived - continued to 5am after jets left
- even one object hovered right over the base

26-27. started 9pm 6 to 12 objects

2am interceptors from Wilmington Delaware scrambled UFOs disappeared visual and radar

as planes left the objects returned

3:20 jets scrambled again but this time the objects remained

- intro of the temperature inversion theory put out by Donald Menzel witnesses said objects were bright and clear unlike those ground echoes created by inversion

On Saturday, December 17, 1977, at 7:45 P.M. a red, luminous airborne object was observed by two residents of Council Bluffs, Iowa. This object crashed to earth in the vicinity of a dike at Big Lake Park, on the northern city limits. A bright flash was seen, followed by flames eight to ten feet high. When the witnesses reached the scene they found a large area of the dike covered with a mass of molten metal that glowed red-orange, igniting the grass in the vicinity.

Police and fire fighters arrived quickly. One law officer described the molten mass "running, boiling down the edges of the levee" over an area about four by six feet. The central portion remained warm to the touch for another two hours. The hoax hypothesis had to be eliminated; there were too many independent witnesses, eleven in all. Two of them had seen a hovering red object with lights blinking in sequence around the periphery.

Inquiries were made at Eppley Air Field and Offutt Air Force Base: no engine failure had taken place and there was no aircraft operation in the area.

The recovered residue was analyzed at the Iowa State University laboratory and at the Griffin Pipe Products Company, leading to the determination that the metal was chiefly iron with small amounts of alloying metals such as nickel and chromium. Such composition would exclude meteoritic material.

An examination of the microstructure indicated that the material was a carbon steel that was cast, subsequently reheated to about 1,000°F, and cooled, so that it resembled wrought iron.

Having failed to persuade Stanford University to conduct a new analysis of the material I had in my custody, I turned to NASA in the hope that they might allow their facilities to be used. Here I ran into a legal brick wall: NASA wanted to be released from liability if they examined the samples! In September 1978 I called the examining authorities in Council Bluffs again, and in the course of the conversation I learned a surprising fact: two similar falls had again been reported in the community, both in July 1978. A fall on

July 5 was about one mile southwest of the 1977 incident and was followed five days later by another fall.

But the Council Bluffs incident is not unique. While in Mexico in November 1978 I heard of a fall of metallic residue in the mountains near Puebla. The object was chiefly composed of iron, with 1.1% of silicium and traces of manganese, chromium, and carbon. On October 11, 1959, two witnesses in Sweden are said to have recovered a specimen that turned out to be common tungsten-carbide. Professor Peter Sturrock of Stanford University has in his custody a specimen from an object recovered by an Eskimo near Kiana, Alaska. It is silvery, light, and looks as if it had been poured in a molten state from a source close to the ground.

Two other interesting samples have come to us from Brazil. The first one was allegedly recovered on December 14, 1954, in Campinas. Numerous witnesses observed three disks in flight over the city. In a now-common pattern, one of the disks started wobbling wildly and lost altitude. The other objects followed it down and it stabilized at an altitude of three hundred feet. Suddenly, the troubled disk emitted a thin stream of silvery liquid. This material, according to independent researcher Kenneth Behrendt, was collected after cooling and subsequently analyzed by a Brazilian government laboratory. It was determined to be tin, with other metals present.

According to the late Frank Edwards, a renowned journalist, Brazilian authorities found the silvery liquid to have splattered over a wide area, including roofs, streets, sidewalks, even clothes left outside to dry.³ An independent analysis by a private chemist, Dr. Risvaldo Maffei, revealed that the material was indeed mostly tin, but that it contained about 10% of other components.

The second Brazilian case concerns a sample at Ubatuba Beach near São Paulo. This sample first came to light in 1957, although its precise origin is still uncertain. It was studied by Dr. Olavo Fontes and was for several years under the control of Jim and Coral Lorenzen, the leaders of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), who conducted a careful investigation of the case. Since

the death of the Lorenzens, the sample has been under study at Stanford University. According to Professor Sturrock and to Dr. Pierre Kaufmann of São Paulo, the specimen could be linked to an event that occurred as early as 1933 or 1934.

The witnesses of the Ubatuba case stated that they had seen a disk plunging toward the ocean at very high speed. Suddenly, it rose again to about a hundred feet and exploded in a shower of bright fragments. A few of these fragments fell into shallow water.

The first analysis was conducted by Dr. Luisa Barbosa at a Brazilian laboratory specializing in mineral production studies. Dr. Barbosa concluded that the sample was composed of very highly pure magnesium. Subsequent work at the University of Colorado, at Stanford, and at various specialized laboratories in France confirmed that the material was magnesium and magnesium oxide, with a very minute amount of impurities. According to Sturrock:

After all these years, we still do not have a single reliable measurement of the actual impurities and impurity level of the Brazil magnesium. By contrast, the isotopic ratio has been measured at the California Institute of Technology and at the University of Paris at Orsay with high accuracy and with consistent results. The ratios are the same as in normal terrestrial magnesium.⁴

In 1987 Dr. Sturrock asked me to bring back from France the Ubatuba sample that had been under analysis at Orsay University. As soon as I arrived in Paris, I called the scientist who had run the tests and made an appointment to meet with him the next afternoon at a cafe near the Sorbonne.

It turned out that there was considerable political turmoil in the Quartier Latin at the time. That evening a massive student demonstration took place. Some extremist elements among the French police went on a riot of their own. Roaming the area on their motorcycles, they found an isolated student in the street behind the cafe I had foolishly selected as our rendezvous. They attacked the young man and clubbed him to death.

At the very moment the French physicist handed me the mag-

nesium sample we found ourselves on the Boulevard Saint Michel with about 60,000 demonstrators, who had converged to protest the events of the previous night; we managed to get away before there was another clash with police. I did not relish the prospect of walking into Dr. Sturrock's office at Stanford to confess that the only remaining sample of the Ubatuba magnesium had rolled into the gutter during a close encounter of the rough kind with French riot cops.

There is a curious parallel between the Ubatuba and Campinas cases, on one hand, and the strange explosion triggered at Atafona by Manuel and Miguel, the two victims of the Niterói tragedy. All three events occurred on a Brazilian beach; all three involved rumors of a "flying saucer" exploding or plunging into the ocean; and in all cases the examination of the residue was inconclusive.

Two other cases reported in the literature mention the presence of magnesium. During the summer of 1952 a metal fragment is said to have been shot from an unidentified flying object. It was found to be "a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate," according to Frank Edwards. The Condon report states that there is no official confirmation, and the disposition of the sample is unknown.

In 1967 a collision is said to have taken place between a car and a UFO near Maumee, Ohio. The next day the driver found a small lump of metal at the site and some "fibrous" metal on the car. This fibrous sample turned out to contain 92% magnesium, according to Lorenzen and Condon.

What can we learn from all the work that has been devoted to the analysis of alleged UFO samples? Table 1 summarizes the results. Broadly speaking, the specimens come in two forms: the slag and the silvery metal. In one especially intriguing case, the Maury Island incident, both kinds of material were recovered. In other cases the investigators found either slag or silvery metal, but not both. I have not included in this survey the numerous cases of liquid, oil-like residues found at landing sites. Similarly, I have not considered the reports of manufactured objects alleged to have been recovered.

TABLE 1
Chemical Composition of Alleged UFO Samples

CASE	SLAG	SILVERY
Bogotá	None	Aluminum (94%) with Phosphorus (5%) and Iron
Aurora	None	Aluminum (83%) with Zinc
Maury Island	Results unknown	Aluminum foil?
Council Bluffs	Iron with Nickel and Chromium	None
Puebla	Iron with Silicium, Chromium, Manganese, Carbon	None
Sweden	Tungsten-Carbide	None
Kiana	None	Results unknown
Campinas	None	Tin (90%) with other components
Ubatuba	None	Magnesium, high purity
Washington	None	Magnesium
Washington	None	Magnesium (92%)

In terms of UFO propulsion, unfortunately, these pieces of data do not mean very much. Liquid metal is commonly used in high-technology equipment. I am indebted to Dr. Robert Rincheloe for bringing to my attention an article by J. R. Bumby of the engineering department at the University of Durham entitled "Superconducting Rotating Electrical Machines."⁵ To minimize wear and friction in such machines, liquid metal is used as a current conductor instead of brushes. In the words of Bumby, "Each liquid metal has its own advantages and disadvantages." He goes on to categorize the most

common metals used in such technology, starting with mercury, and going on to sodium-potassium and gallium-indium. Mercury and sodium-potassium are liquid at room temperature, and gallium-indium is liquid above 15.7°C.

If a superconducting rotating machine could fly, and it had some sort of breakdown, we would expect to recover either drops of mercury or various combinations of the above elements—for instance, an alloy with 76% gallium and 24% indium, or 78% potassium and 22% sodium. A look at table 1 will show the reader that nothing of the kind was ever found. On the other hand, we have not found any material unknown on earth.

In 1985 private researcher Kenneth Behrendt published a study entitled "Understanding Metal-Ejecting UFOs," in which he made the assumption that such devices could fly by generating "an anti-mass field."⁶ He speculated ingeniously that the intense magnetic field required for this operation could be produced in a "large toroidal electromagnet with hollow tubular windings that are made from a heat-proof ceramic material," with the windings filled with molten metal. This explanation for the recovered specimens remains an untested hypothesis. It would require objects of very large size and would only be applied with difficulty to the cases where witnesses describe UFOs of moderate diameter. At this point, however, all we have is speculation, and we should welcome any attempt to make sense of the data.

Perhaps the major obstacle we find in this research is the preconceived notion that UFOs, if they are not imaginary, *must* necessarily represent advanced spacecraft from another planet. This notion represents the worst example of a jump to a conclusion in the face of insufficient data. *Although I am certain that UFOs are not imaginary, I will be disappointed if they turn out to be nothing more than advanced spacecraft.* As we will see in the balance of this book, they promise to be much more: a challenge to many of our concepts in physics, perhaps a clue to the existence of unknown dimensions beyond space-time.

This unfortunate polarization between the "nonsense" hy-

May 25, 1977

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Dear Mr. Grain:

Thank you for your letter of May 20 received today from which I was interested to learn that you are working as a UFO research consultant for a forthcoming motion picture on UFOs. I also note your interest in the late Wilbert (not Wilbur) B. Smith with whom I was closely associated in the past and from whom, after his untimely death in December, 1962, I took over the editorship and publication of his UFO magazine, TOPSIDE for 8 years until 1971 when, due to my late husband developing serious heart trouble, I had to give up publication of TOPSIDE to look after him over 5 major heart attacks, open heart surgery and finally a fatal heart attack in July, 1974 and I should add here that I am no longer in a position to resume publication of TOPSIDE.

I note that you are particularly interested in the piece of metal shot off a UFO near Washington in July, 1952. I can confirm that WBS undertook an analysis of a small piece of this metal which was returned, together with his report, to some top government official in Washington. I regret that I do not have a copy of this analysis and report, nor any documentary evidence concerning this incident. After WBS's death, his widow took possession of all his papers, reports and documents and to my knowledge to date, she has consistently refused to release them to any source, claiming she is in a 'sensitive' position working for the Canadian Federal Government.

I regret, therefore, that I am unable to send you any documentary evidence of this incident. I can only assure you that it actually took place and perhaps your next best step would be to write to some appropriate department of the U.S. Federal Government in Washington, DC. Now I am only quoting this from a vague memory of an incident which took place nearly 25 years ago so I can't vouch for its veracity, but somewhere in the back of my mind I seem to recall that it was a top U.S. Naval Officer with whom WBS dealt and I only mention this for what it may be worth.

As you request anything I may have on WBS's work with a Canadian Govt. UFO Research Program, I am enclosing a copy of a reprint of an earlier edition of TOPSIDE dedicated to WBS and his work which, to fill requests for same, I had run off in 1970, on page 13 of which you will find an account by WBS on Project Magnet, originally a Canadian Government-sponsored project which was, in effect, the World's First Flying Saucer Station. I am sure you will also find the other articles by Wilbert B. Smith of considerable interest and I hope they will be of some help to you in your movie project. Undoubtedly, in his day, Wilbert B. Smith was recognized as the world's leading pioneer researcher into the mystery of what were then called Flying Saucers, a man with the courage of his own convictions despite the so-called Silence Policy on UFOs originally initiated by Washington, although there are reasons now to believe that they are now taking a more open-minded view on these phenomena.

In conclusion, I wish you every success with your UFO research for the motion picture which I hope will eventually reach Canada and if I can be of any further assistance to you in this project, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

C. Halsey Wilbur
Carol Halsey Wilbur

Hiding the hardware

by Bruce Maccabee

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Until about 10 years ago, if you suggested that some small group of individuals within the U.S. government had convincing evidence of UFO reality, you would be accused of engaging in conjecture based on unsupported statements by persons who claimed, though they could not prove it, to have inside knowledge. Then in 1978, when Stanton Friedman and William L. Moore began to interview witnesses and informants in the Roswell incident, the first real evidence began to emerge that some officials not only knew that UFOs are real but actually had one. The evidence that came out of the Roswell investigation also indicated that top government and military people created a plan to conceal the evidence from the public and even from most of officialdom. Continued investigation of the Roswell event by Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt, and others has strengthened the story.

I could simply cite the Roswell research as reason for my belief that the government knew all along. I have decided to leave the Roswell crash out of this discussion, however, and concentrate on other, less well known evidence relating to the question of official UFO knowledge.

But how *could* the government have known all along? A comprehensive history of the subject to the end of 1973, David M. Jacobs' *The UFO Controversy in America* (1975), found no clear evidence that the government had secret information. Instead, the history seemed to show a sort of bumbling approach to the subject by the Air Force during Projects Sign (1948), Grudge (1949-1952), and Blue Book (1952-1969) and even by the independent Condon study at the University of Colorado (1967-1968). Though these various projects left numerous sightings unexplained, they stated plainly that there was no reason to believe UFOs represent a nonhuman intelligence and technology.

In the five years following the publication of Jacobs' book, much more information on government activities

became available. In 1975 the records of Project Blue Book (including Sign and Grudge) and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) were released. During the next three years UFO researchers used the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act to obtain thousands of pages of documents from the FBI, CIA, and other government agencies. All of these documents and the Blue Book files were thoroughly reviewed for any indication that the government had hard evidence or that it was withholding information about continuing UFO research. The result of all this work was much smoke but no smoking gun—in other words, no direct evidence of a government cover-up or, as Friedman would say, a Cosmic Watergate.

A new history

By 1980 the history of government involvement with UFO sightings, as documented by official records, seemed to be this:

Well over 10,000 sightings had been processed through channels. Many of these had been investigated in some way, and about 1000 remained unexplained; this figure incorporates the unexplained cases in FBI, CIA, and other files with the Blue Book unknowns. Some of these cases were multiple-witness daylight sightings in which no conventional explanation seems possible. In discussing one such case in a then-classified article in the CIA's house organ *Studies in Intelligence* (Fall 1966), Maj. Hector Quintanilla, Blue Book's last director, admitted that the sighting defied explanation; he was referring to the Socorro, New Mexico, CE3 of April 24, 1964. Yet the public posture of the Air Force was that UFO sightings represented nothing new in the way of technology and that each sighting, even the most difficult ones, would eventually fall to mundane accounting if enough information were available.

Thus by 1980 the conventional history provided little direct support for the view that the Air Force really did not ignore unexplained sightings, as Blue Book would have had us believe, but rather did try to study them. The Roswell revelations and other information obtained since 1980, however, force us to go back over the early history of the subject to find out what was missed before and to revise accordingly—in other words, to write a new history of UFOs in America.

Rumors and anecdotes whispered among UFO enthusiasts comprised the evidence of an official cover-up before the 1980s. Frank Scully's book about crashed discs, *Behind the Flying Saucers* (1950), had been discredited years before, and sober ufologists had little time for similar stories. Few held the view that the ~~none~~ of the government possessed hard evidence. As I have said, the thousands of pages of documents, mostly at the Secret classification level or lower, released in the 1970s proved that the government had anything truly startling. Yet at the same time all of this documentation was coming out essentially in support of the government claim to have no proof, the first documentary evidence showing up the falseness of this claim emerged.

Wilbert Brockhouse Smith was a senior radio engineer who worked on secret defense projects for Canada's Department of Transport. Having seen a UFO himself, he had an interest in the subject. While in Washington, D.C., in the fall of 1950, he decided to try to find out what the U.S. government was doing about flying-saucer sightings. There had also been sightings in Canada, so the Canadian defense authorities had also become at least mildly interested. Smith made "discreet inquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington" and learned the following: Flying saucers are the most highly classified subject in the U.S. government; they exist; a special project under Vannevar Bush is studying them, and the subject is considered of tremendous importance. Smith included this information in a Top Secret memorandum written on November 21, 1950. This has become known as the Smith memorandum.

Several years after the Canadian government released it in 1979, Friedman located the source of Smith's information, Robert Sarbacher. Dr. Sarbacher, in a letter to researcher William S. Steinman in 1983, said he recalled being contacted by Dr. Brenner of the Canadian embassy, though he couldn't remember all of what he had said at the time. (Brenner was Smith's contact at the embassy.) Sarbacher said he learned of the remains of a flying saucer and alien bodies while he was working in Washington for the government on classified projects in the years following World War II. In a 1985 interview he told me he was invited to travel to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to view the remains of a crashed UFO but was unable to go at the time. Several of his acquaintances—names not recalled 30 years later—did go and subsequently told him, among other things, that "certain materials reported to have come from flying saucer crashes were extremely light and tough." He also recalled that the "instruments or people operating these machines were also of very light weight, sufficient to withstand the tremendous deceleration and acceleration associated with their machinery." Sarbacher told me that "the 'people' who operated those things were built different than we. They seemed to have no inertia. They seemed to be like insects. Maybe they were robots."

Sarbacher had numerous credits and accomplish-

ments, as can be seen in his biography in *Who's Who in America*. He was an expert in missile guidance. In the late 1940s he was a member of the Research and Development Board, a group of scientists who consulted for the military. This could explain why he was invited to view the wreckage of a crashed saucer. He repeated his story, without variations, to a number of researchers before he died in 1986. It is worth noting that a 1947 teletype message found (in 1977) in the FBI "Flying Disc" file states that the Roswell wreckage was being flown to Wright Field (later Wright-Patterson AFB) for analysis. Presumably this was the material to which Sarbacher referred; certainly his description of it is the same as that of Roswell eyewitnesses.

The paper cover

A document written about three years before the Smith memorandum also hints that top government and military people knew flying saucers are real. This document gives an overview of the flying-saucer situation as it was understood by an apparently middle-level Army Air Force officer (name and rank unknown) during late July or August 1947. This document was found not in Air Force files but in FBI files. (In articles in the *MUFON UFO Journal* in 1977 and 1978, I have pointed out the value of the FBI files in providing a window on Air Force activities in the early years.) This document says that after reviewing several dozen of the most credible reports to come to the (Army) Air Force, the conclusion is that "this flying saucer situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon." It further states that the objects appear to be "metallic," that whenever a trail was observed it was like a rocket exhaust, that the shape was generally circular, elliptical, or disc-shaped, flat on the bottom and domed on top, that there were groups flying in formation, and that they often oscillated laterally while flying.

These statements indicate that some Air Force officers had concluded that flying saucers are real during the summer of 1947. (These statements were echoed, almost to the word, several months later by Gen. Nathan F. Twining in a letter to be discussed.) Of particular interest to this discussion is this enigmatic statement (emphasis added): "Lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding enquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a project about which the President, etc. know."

In other words, from the writer's perspective, in comparison with previous instances—for example, the discovery of Japanese barrage balloons intended to bomb the American mainland—there was a seeming lack of interest from the higher-ups in the military as if they already knew what was going on and needed no more information. (On the other hand, in the conventional history, as portrayed in his *The Report on Unidentified*

Flying Objects [1956], Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt wrote, "The brass wanted an answer quickly and people were taking off in all directions.")

Unfortunately the history of the UFO subject during the summer of 1947 is incomplete. The part of the history involving the retrieval of material from the desert near Roswell is now known reasonably well, though there are still some holes in the history. But the available information seems to be confined to the period between the initial discovery of the crash debris and the shipment of the material to Wright Field, a period of less than a week. What happened to it after it reached Wright Field is not yet known.

What is known is that flying saucers were discussed at the highest levels of government. We also know, thanks to the FBI file, that Gen. George Schulgen, the head of the Intelligence Requirements Branch of Air Force Intelligence, discussed the saucer situation with an FBI agent on July 10, 1947. He portrayed the situation as serious and demanding close attention. He asked for FBI help in interviewing witnesses, ostensibly to determine whether or not Russian subversion could be involved. (FBI director J. Edgar Hoover authorized investigations for several months and then, after finding no evidence of subversion, withdrew the authorization. Nevertheless the FBI continued to collect UFO information for years afterwards.)

There is scant evidence of what the top military and government people were thinking and doing about flying saucers during July and August 1947. From the public point of view, after the June-July flap was over and stories more or less dropped out of the press, the subject was forgotten. Air Force Intelligence knew, though, that the sightings continued but at a lower rate.

The next undisputed documentary evidence of high-level involvement comes in a September 23, 1947, letter from Lt. Gen. Twining of the Air Materiel Command (AMC) to Gen. Schulgen. In this letter Twining reported that he conferred with scientists from several laboratories at Wright Field to gain an opinion "as requested by AC/AS-2" (i.e., Schulgen) as to the "flying discs." Twining wrote that the opinion was "based on interrogation report data furnished by AC/AS-2 and preliminary studies" by personnel of several aircraft laboratories. Twining said that at a joint conference these scientists and engineers concluded that (1) the saucers are "something real and not visionary or fictitious," (2) they appear to be disc-shaped and of appreciable size, (3) they perform maneuvers, and (4) they appear to be metallic. The letter essentially repeats the conclusions presented in the unsigned, undated analysis I referred to earlier.

It also recommends setting up a classified project to collect data which could then be supplied to the armed forces, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Joint Research and Development Board (of which Sarbacher was a member a year later), the Air Force Scientific Advisory Group, the National Advisory Committee on

Aeronautics (NACA, the predecessor of NASA), the RAND (Research and Development) Project, and the Nuclear Energy for Propulsion of Aircraft (NEPA) Project. These were all top-level, classified projects involving the best government scientists. Twining's suggestion that all of these organizations should be involved indicates how serious he thought the saucer problem was—very serious.

In the letter Twining has placed a statement which supports the government's "no proof" stance. There is, he writes, a "lack of physical evidence . . . which would undeniably prove the existence of these objects." He also said that there was a possibility that the discs "are of domestic origin" from a project "not known to AC/AS-2 or this command [AMC]." This second statement indicates that Twining acknowledged the possibility of information of which he was unaware (for which, in other words, he had no need to know). Yet it certainly seems likely that he would have known if the Roswell material had been shipped to Wright. Could it be that Twining lied in this Secret-level letter so as to keep those with only Secret clearances from learning of the hard evidence?

Yes, that is possible. Perhaps the people who worked for Schulgen and who would formulate the intelligence-collection requirements based on Twining's September 23 letter did not need to know that hardware existed. All they need to know was that their boss (Schulgen) wanted to gather as much information as possible about flying discs.

It is important here to consider something that is not obvious: that the possession of a crashed UFO and bodies is not enough. The hardware proves only that UFOs are real. It does not provide information about what the UFOs are doing, how they interact with our environment, how they interact with people and human technology, and so on. Thus a collection program would be needed to provide this sort of information to supplement the information derived from the hardware. If a collection program were to be set up while, at the same time, the knowledge of the existence of hardware were to be carefully concealed, then it would be necessary to make no positive references to hardware in any communications regarding the collection project. The top people might even decide to include negative, deceptive information or disinformation to be sure that the persons involved in the collection project never realized there was hardware.

Schulgen's response to Twining's letter was discovered by Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera in formerly classified Air Force Intelligence files which were released to the National Archives and finally declassified in 1985. Schulgen's response, dated October 30, 1947, consisted of a cover letter, a draft of the intelligence-requirements document "on Flying Saucer type aircraft," and a final version of the document. This document was sent to military-intelligence operatives throughout the world to tell them what sorts of information they should collect

and what sorts of flying craft they should try to spy on. The cover letter to the list of collection requirements says that sightings have been made at many places around the world by many competent observers, including U.S. Air Force officers. The cover letter lists some of the more obvious visual characteristics, gives an overview of the history of sightings, and then says (emphasis added), "For the purpose of analysis and evaluation of these so-called 'flying saucers' the object sighted is assumed to be a manned craft of unknown origin. While there remains the possibility of Russian manufacture, based on the perspective thinking and actual accomplishments of the Germans, it is [the] considered opinion of some elements that the object may in fact represent an *interplanetary craft of some kind.*"

Though this document emphasizes collecting information related to flying-disc and wing craft based on the Horton brothers' research in Germany and refers **generally to advances in conventional aircraft theory and construction, there are a few decidedly unconventional requests in the draft version; these requests, curiously, were left out of the final version.** Intelligence operatives were to report any craft which was constructed in part by unconventional materials using "unusual fabrication methods to achieve extreme light weight and structural stability." One of the unconventional materials listed was "balsa wood or similar material." (Maj. Jesse Marcel, in describing the rigid rods found in the Roswell material, said they were light weight like balsa wood.) Intelligence operatives were also asked to report any aircraft in which the "presence of an unconventional or unusual type of propulsion system cannot be ruled out and should be considered of great interest." For example (emphasis added), "the power plant would likely be an integral part of the aircraft and could possibly *not be distinguished as an item separate from the aircraft.*"

Now, where would the writer of the intelligence-collection requirements get the idea that there could be any military aircraft built of material similar to balsa wood or that there could be an aircraft in which the power plant was indistinguishable from the aircraft itself? Certainly no American developments, or any extrapolation of German research, led in that direction.

I suggest that these intelligence-collection requirements were built into the document because Schulgen knew of the extremely bizarre characteristics of the Roswell disc and wanted to be sure that in the event an intelligence operative should come across a craft with such characteristics, the operative would recognize that it was something to report. I suggest that these characteristics were removed from the final version because Schulgen felt they were too much like clues that an actual flying saucer was available for analysis. How else, after all, would one know about construction materials or power-plant design—or a nonexistent power plant?

Two months later, on December 31, Maj. Gen. L. C. Craigie, the Air Force Chief of Staff, established Project

Sign in response to Twining's suggestion. Operated at the Restricted clearance level, Sign was given a high priority for receiving information from Air Force Intelligence. Half a year later, in the summer of 1948, according to Ruppelt, the Sign analysts, using testimonial data and photographs only, concluded that flying saucers were real and interplanetary. Ruppelt wrote that the Sign report was an intelligence document described as an "estimate of the situation." Such a report is not intended to be the final word on whatever subject it is written about but is rather just what it says: an "estimate" of what is going on. Ruppelt got his information from old-timers at the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) at Wright-Patterson. He was told that the estimate was reviewed by higher authorities and finally wound up on the desk of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who had replaced Craigie as Chief of Staff. Vandenberg reportedly said he could not accept such an extraordinary conclusion without better evidence and returned the estimate to its writers. It was then rewritten to remove the extraterrestrial conclusion, according to Ruppelt, and then was supposed to be destroyed. A few copies survived, however, and Ruppelt read one of them. The rewritten version has been rediscovered, as I shall discuss later.

The failure of the estimate to discuss hardware may lead one to conclude that the Air Force had no hardware. But this conclusion comes out of a false premise: that Sign personnel would necessarily have known or had access to existing hardware. Since Craigie's letter had directed Sign to operate at the lowly Restricted level, its people could not receive more highly classified—Top Secret—material. Apparently the top brass had decided that the Sign people had no need to know about hardware. Because they would not have known, they could not have mentioned it in the estimate even though it was itself classified Top Secret.

Son of the estimate

In 1985 the Air Intelligence Report No. 100-203-79, dated December 10, 1948, was discovered in formerly classified Top Secret Air Force Intelligence files released by the National Archives. The title of the document is "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the U.S." I have dubbed this report the "son of the estimate" because it appears to be what Ruppelt described as the rewritten estimate; it does not refer to the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Though we have no proof that Ruppelt actually saw this particular document, we do know that Maj. Dewey J. Fournet, Jr. who worked with Ruppelt, did read it in 1952 because he signed for it. (Persons accessing Top Secret documents must sign a paper indicating that they have it.) The complete version of this document was made into an official Air Force Intelligence report written by ATIC in conjunction with the Office of Naval Intelligence. This document presents strong testimonial

evidence that flying saucers are real. It also speculates that they might be a Soviet development based on German World War II research. But one gains the impression from the document that the writers did not hold out much hope for the Soviet-development hypothesis.

That the Sign operatives were unaware of the Roswell material is unsurprising. In the rarified world of Top Secret classification all information is divided into compartments with need-to-know access requirements. One's boss must provide justification (need-to-know) for a person to work on a particular compartmented subject. The Sign analysts could do their job of collecting and analyzing visual sightings and testimonial evidence about flying saucers without knowing that hardware existed.

Gen. Vandenberg, on the other hand, certainly would have had a need-to-know for material related to any crashed objects, and it is assumed that he was aware of the Roswell material. Why, then, would he reject the estimate's extraterrestrial conclusion, if he knew full well (or at any rate strongly suspected) that it was correct?

To answer this question, consider what would have been the result if he *had* accepted the conclusion. Immediately many more people, including everyone with access to the estimate, would know that saucers were real. Such an official conclusion might create many spies within the organization, well-intentioned persons who were looking for further evidence and who might stumble onto information about the hardware. Moreover, it is likely that such an important conclusion would leak out and destroy the Air Force attempt to withhold information about the subject from the American people. Thus, to stop the spread of information about UFO reality, Vandenberg had to reject the estimate's conclusion.

Four decades of testimony

Over the past four decades there has been no shortage of unsupported testimony concerning a government UFO cover-up of hardware, bodies, and other significant evidence. Some of this testimony has been recorded in books and articles. Leonard H. Stringfield has published a number of such stories. In his 1983 book *UFO Dynamics* Berthold Eric Schwarz published intriguing testimony from a former Air Force officer.

Many years ago the late Isabel Davis, who was a hard-nosed, skeptical ufologist not easily taken in by tall tales, told me that an acquaintance of hers back in the late 1950s, a medical doctor and physiologist, claimed to have analyzed strange nonhuman body parts at a highly secure facility. The doctor said she had been taken to the facility where she was virtually stripped and given special clothing. Inside she found all the instrumentation she needed, and she found herself studying portions of anthropoid bodies which she immediately recognized as coming from no known species. After completing her work, she wrote her conclusions in a notebook. She took

nothing with her as she left through the special doors. Her clothes were returned, and she went back to her normal life with the admonishment that she should not speak about her experience. As she pointed out to Davis, however, the admonition was unnecessary because her story was bizarre and unbelievable and she had no proof it had ever happened.

What follows is the testimony of a former lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. At the time of the event he was the weather officer at the headquarters of the Fifth Air Force near Tokyo:

"I arrived in October 1957. I was told at the time that there were four F-106s stationed in the vicinity, two in Okinawa and two in Masawa [islands off the Japanese mainland]. I was told that these were especially instrumented 106s, and I thought that was strange because 106s were just being introduced in the States. [The first test flight was in December 1956, and they were ordered in April 1957. The first squadron was organized in the spring of 1959.] I didn't learn any more about these special 106s.

"More than a year later, in the spring of 1959, I was in the combat-operations (radar-control) center, and it was early evening, just at dusk. I was giving the weather forecast, as I always did, because I was the staff weather officer to the combat-operation center. While I was there, one of the guys invited me to see how the operations center worked. We were standing there and talking when all of a sudden all hell broke loose. Everyone got excited, and one of the guys blurted out, 'They're back again.' I asked the guy who was escorting me through the facility, 'What is back again?' I assumed he would answer because I gave briefings there all the time. They were plotting the aircraft, and they had plotted something, just south of Masawa, up between Honshu and Hokkaido, but on the Pacific Ocean side.

"The guy I was with said, 'There is an unidentified flying object here.' And I said something like, 'Well, tell me why that's so important.' He replied, 'We've seen them quite frequently, and they travel at some 2000 mph. For some strange reason it frequently happens that one of them will stop in this position and hover.' And the radar people were plotting the object as being stationary. The guy I was with said that they would stay there for anywhere from half an hour to several hours, maybe even three hours, and then they proceed [westward between the two islands—over the strait between the north and south main islands of Japan], and then they disappear off the scope so you can't track them.

"Then I heard someone say, 'Shall we scramble them?' and I asked the guy, 'What are they talking about?' He replied, 'The two special 106s which have been especially instrumented to track and fire on these objects.' At that point the commander in the center ordered the planes to scramble. I asked if it looked as if the object would stay there, and the guy said it was behaving as it had done in the past, so they will scramble.

"After the scramble order went out, the word came back that one of the 106s couldn't get fully functional. He was having difficulty, and his instrumentations weren't full up, and the operations commander said, 'Damn. There it goes again. We've had this every time we've tried to scramble.' And then the other pilot says, 'I'm functionally okay. Got two navigation aides out, but everything else seems okay. My special sensor is operating.' So the commander says, 'Go ahead and launch.' And the other guy couldn't get launched, and so they said, 'Shall we proceed with just one?' There was some hemming and hawing for about a minute or less, and the commander said, 'Go ahead,' and they asked me for a weather forecast.

"I said there were some low clouds and then a middle layer of cloud in there, oh, I forget, about 15,000 [feet] or something like that, but it was clear above with just light stratus and a full moon. The commander said, 'Yeah, then he won't have any trouble tracking.'

"And so the pilot climbed on out and said he was clear on top. And then there were a few minutes or so, maybe eight or 10 minutes, and then he says he got it in sight. Because there was a general interest in the commander center in what was happening, they put it on a speaker system. I could hear the down link from the pilot. The radar-scope operators had a tie in with the Masawa operators on the radars, and they were the only ones who could hear the ground link up, so I heard only half of the conversation. Basically they were vectoring him in, and he said something like 'I've got it in sight,' and he described what appeared to be a circular object that was hovering. It was metallic and had a cockpit on top. So I thought, gee, that's pretty interesting. And he said it was a UFO, and he had it in sight, and he asked if he should make a firing pass. And then the discussion was that they would have to get authority for that.

"Now, I worked over there for two or three years, and I was in typhoon forecasting. It was high priority. And if you ever tried to get single sideband in those days—that was the latest advance in communications—it was still difficult to get communications back. [Single sideband refers to a special mode of radio transmission.] They got a communication link in less than five minutes!

"And so they called the Pentagon to get authority, and the word came back, yes, make a firing pass. Okay, so the pilot said, 'Will roll in,' and he rolled in [in other words, went into an attack pattern], and he fired them [missiles] off. And then all of a sudden his voice went into a high falsetto. [This suggests that the pilot was terrified, fearing for his life but controlling his fear so that he could still operate the aircraft.] It was *real strange*. He blurted out that he fired, and they [missiles] had detonated but did not hit it. They detonated just at the edge of it, like a shield, he said, like an invisible shield. But he said it looked as if none of the shrapnel or anything penetrated through.

"And then he says, 'They've turned on some kind of

beam, and they're turning,' and he says, 'They're coming after me.' And then he went into a vertical diving maneuver. And then the radar operators started screaming out that it was moving and vectoring toward him, and they started counting out the ranges as it was coming down. The pilot was just breathing heavily and obviously under great stress but controlled, and he said, 'It's moving closer.' And he just kept describing how it kept gaining on him, and this beam was coming towards him.

"And then the radar operators said, 'Contact.' The two blips matched! And a radar operator said, 'My God, there's no separation,' and then he says, 'The thing has stopped. It's just a single blip hovering, but there's nothing else.' [Subsequently this blip also disappeared.]

"And what happened was that for four days after that I gave weather briefings every day for a search up there. They never did find anything."

During other discussions this officer indicated that at this time of his life he had little knowledge of and no interest in UFOs. It was not until years later that the implications of what had happened became apparent to him. This is how he expressed his feelings about the event:

"At that time I did not take it for much of anything. I just thought that it was some kind of [Soviet] experimental aircraft . . . because I couldn't have cared less [about UFOs]. But as I reflected back, several things came out of this. The first is that they [the USAF] knew what they were after. The second is that the Air Force denies that they ever had an aircraft shot down. The third is that they denied they ever tried to shoot one [UFO] down. And it also says those planes were in position for a year and a half before the incident took place. So they knew they had something up there all that time. And the guy who was with me when it happened said that they [the UFOs] routinely set up. For some reason there was a regular pattern established by them. [They often flew southward from northeast of Japan, stopped nearly over the Straits of Japan, hovered, and then flew westward.] And that's why we positioned those aircraft up there."

This Air Force man had other interesting stories to tell, including one about a former friend who was also an Air Force officer and who became a member of what his friend called the "real" Project Blue Book. This "real" Blue Book was not the publicly known project.

MJ-12 by any other name

Perhaps now is the time to address the issue of the controversial Eisenhower briefing document (EBD). This document—which, if true, would by itself blow the lid off any cover-up—was provided to Shandera and Moore in the form of a roll of 35mm film. Upon developing it, they found photographs of eight pages classified Top Secret, Eyes Only, and "Copy One of One." Ostensibly written by Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, the first CIA director and a Navy admiral, it supposedly outlines for President-elect

Eisenhower the state of classified UFO research as of the fall of 1952. The document is dated November 18, 1952, which is in fact the date on which Eisenhower received his first briefing as President-elect, first at the White House and then at the Pentagon.

A key concept introduced by this document is that a group of men known as the "Majestic-12 Group" had complete control of information regarding hardware and bodies. This group, acting through the CIA director and the Secretary of Defense, is said to be responsible only to the President. Its 12 members allegedly included individuals from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the executive branch as well as well-known scientists including Vannevar Bush—mentioned, you may recall, in the Smith memorandum as heading up a group to investigate UFOs. Another member, according to the EBD, was Gen. Twining, who along with Bush directed the initial "covert analytical effort" and reached a conclusion on September 19, 1947, that the "disc (recovered near Roswell) was likely a short range reconnaissance craft." Note that this date is only four days before Twining's letter to Schulgen discussed earlier. If the EBD is true, then clearly Twining knew of the hardware at the time of the September 23 letter.

I do not pretend to know with any certainty if the EBD is what it purports to be. If it is a fake, it is safe to say it is a remarkable one, and its author possessed considerable knowledge of the history of UFO events as well as non-UFO events from the same time period. Who, for example, would know that Eisenhower was briefed in the Pentagon and the White House on November 18 and hence could, in principle, have been briefed by Hillenkoetter?

The EBD also provides a reason for the creation of Project Sign, namely a need for more information. As the EBD puts it, "A need for as much additional information as possible about these craft, their performance characteristics, and their purpose led to the undertaking known as U.S. Air Force Project SIGN in December 1947." Sign was prevented from learning about the hardware by a method I discussed in my 1983 paper *Revised UFO History*, a year before the EBD showed up in Shandera's mail.

I also referred to moles in the chain of command between Blue Book and the higher echelons. The Air Force officer whose testimony I recited above read my paper and remarked that he had learned while at the Foreign Technology Division (formerly ATIC) that there had been two moles. At the time I was told this, the EBD had not been publicized; thus neither I nor the officer knew that the EBD contains this sentence: "In order to preserve security, liason [sic] between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of the Air Materiel Command whose role it was to pass along certain types of information through channels."

Whether the EBD is authentic or not, one thing is

certain. If the Roswell crash actually happened, an MJ-12—whether by that name or another—would inevitably have been established. In other words, if alien material were retrieved at Roswell—and this seems more certain now than it did eight years ago when I first reflected on the implications—the functions of an MJ-12 must have been carried out by some group under some name.

These functions are: (1) controlling access to the information about hardware and bodies—that is, operating all the security functions and ensuring secure communications channels; (2) arranging for covert analyses of whatever materials, animal, vegetable, or mineral, that are available; (3) monitoring developments in the United States and throughout the world; (4) attempting to forecast future events based on what has happened and upon what can be reasonably conjectured; (5) preparing government strategy in the event of an earthshaking event such as an attack or a landing on the White House lawn; (6) continuing to update the President and his advisors.

Yet another function of such a group might be the creation of disinformation to prevent unauthorized persons from getting too close to the ultimate secret. Disinformation is designed to provide enough correct, checkable information so that the rest of the information, which is false, is believed. Certainly the EBD may be just this kind of disinformation. But if the EBD is disinformation designed to hide secrets by leading people to believe in extraterrestrial visitation, I hesitate to imagine what the actual covered-up information is.

Though I am convinced a cover group controls the UFO information and carries out research, I do not believe anyone has yet established this as a certain fact. In his *Out There* (1990) Howard Blum claims to have talked with two members of a secret "UFO Working Group" which was set up within the Defense Department. My own investigation of his claims leads me to believe this was, and is, basically a group of interested people who get together more or less on their own time; they are no different from the rest of us except that they have high-level security clearances and can meet in the Pentagon basement. The group Blum portrays in his book gives the impression of knowing no more about UFOs than we civilians do. In fact, they may know less. How else to explain their fascination with the relatively inconsequential Elmwood, Wisconsin, sightings when far more important ones beg for serious attention?

I am indirectly aware of an individual (name not known to me) who works with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and who has provided quite interesting information through a credible intermediary. The intermediary has solid credentials and claims to have known the source, called S, for many years. Only in the last few years, however, did he learn of the source's involvement with the subject of UFOs.

S has said there are hundreds of persons in the project, all with high security clearances; that these

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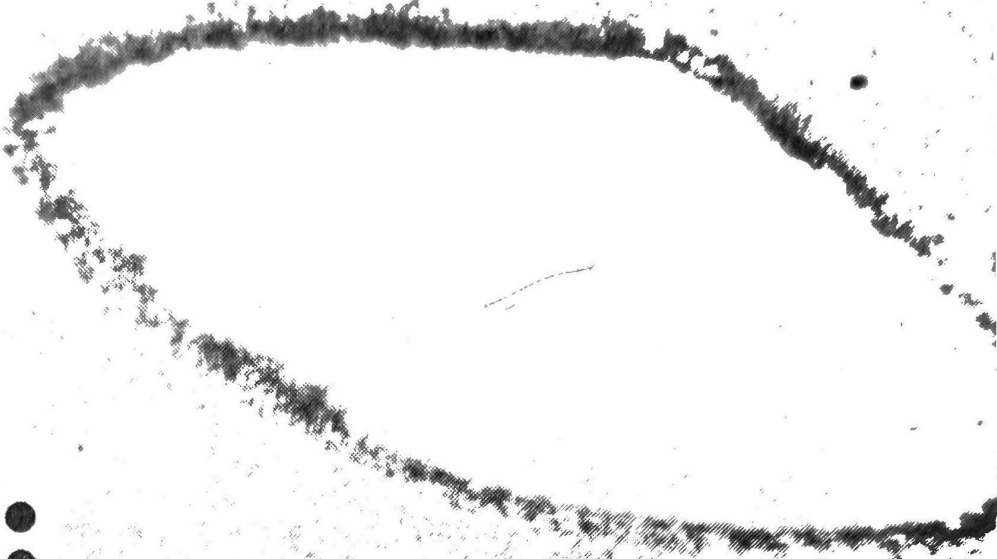
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Stolen: Physical Evidence of a UFO

**The thing fell out of
the sky — and into
the hands of the CIA.**

By Steven Stoikes

THE STORY of Alvin Moore and the missing cylinder began on the morning of July 29, 1952. Leslie Lanham, the caretaker of Moore's Virginia estate, and his young grandson John Lanham were conducting a routine inspection of the "Pinemoor" grounds, picking up litter and doing whatever other maintenance might be required.

Meandering through a stand of trees perhaps a hundred yards ahead of his grandfather, young John Lanham suddenly found himself standing below a

group of trees whose upper branches had been extensively damaged. A quick scan of the damaged forest canopy for some clue to what had happened there the night before turned up nothing.

John Lanham's first thought was that perhaps lightning or heavy winds were responsible. But there had been no violent storms recently. Lanham considered again the condition of the trees. The small cluster of hardwoods all had extensive damage done to their upper limbs and branches. Many branch tips lay at his feet and others dangled from undamaged limbs *as if something had crashed through the trees to the ground.*

"Of course," he thought. It was the only possible explanation.

Lanham turned his attention to the

ground immediately below the damaged branches not knowing what to expect but certain that the answer, whatever it might be, lay somewhere nearby on the forest floor. He was right.

When young Lanham spied a small hole directly beneath the damaged branches, he dropped to his knees before the break. A peculiar, pungent odor emanated from the hole. Cautiously he extended his hand into it. Using his fingers to push aside bits of loose gravel and loam, Lanham soon felt something very strange — something smooth, rock-hard and warm.

A warm stone imbedded in the ground beneath a group of damaged trees? Remembering his science lessons, the Lanham boy was sure he knew what lay at his feet — a meteorite.

Young John shouted for his grandfather who was just then approaching the damaged trees. The elder Lanham peered into the hole and wondered whether the boy's idea about the object's identity could be correct; Lanham had come across many strange things on the grounds of Pinemoor in the past but never a meteorite. He agreed that the thing was giving off a pungent smell, one he immediately recognized as sulphuric.

Wasting no time pondering what to do about the discovery, Lanham sent his grandson back to the house for a shovel, a container and the old man's employer, naval reserve Commander Alvin E. Moore. Since it was not yet 8:00 A. M. Lanham knew Moore had not left for the Technical Information Branch of the Bureau of Aeronautics where he worked as a division head.

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Moore, whose estate was near Herndon, Va., less than 20 miles from Washington, D. C., where he worked, was an ex-CIA man, having been employed by the agency's Office of Scientific Intelligence from 1949 to 1950. Moore had first been assigned to covert operations but found the requirements of the clandestine branch so appalling that he quickly asked to be transferred to another division.

Because of his background as an aeronautical engineer Moore was assigned to Scientific Intelligence. There he analyzed Soviet missile data — and something else: UFO sightings. Most of the latter were from foreign sources but a few domestic sighting reports also crossed his desk. The interest the CIA showed in such reports sparked Moore's conviction that there was something to them. More than that, it kindled a curiosity in Alvin Moore that plays an integral role in this story.

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JOHAN LANHAM pounded excitedly on Moore's kitchen door and gasped, "We found a meteorite. Commander! We found a meteorite!"

Moore was soon as excited as young Lanham. He quickly found the requested pail and shovel and he and Lanham hurried to the site.

Moore instructed the elder Lanham to dig carefully around the hole to avoid damaging the object. After Lanham spaded away the earth to the depth of about a foot, the commander was able to remove the object from the pit with his hands.

The "meteorite" was not at all what the three had anticipated.

What they had expected to be a

roughly-shaped stony meteorite appeared — once Moore had wiped away the excess dirt — to be a manufactured object; it was, Moore recalls, “obviously intelligently shaped!”

The three of them were perplexed. What kind of meteorite could feel rocklike, yet have the look of a metallic alloy? What manner of meteorite has three machined sides and a fourth that appeared to have broken off from another segment equal or greater in size? Do meteorites assume cylindrical shape and have tiny spheres scattered throughout as this object did?

Obviously this was something very different — but what?

A Washington newspaper article provided a possible answer.

On the morning of the excavation at Pinemoor, a now-defunct daily, *The Washington News*, reported that the previous evening a UFO had followed an airliner en route from Martinsburg, W. Va., to Washington, D.C. The incident, one of many in the vicinity of the capital that month, was just another “saucer” story among dozens reported in the course of a UFO flap that had most citizens, airport personnel and even the air force wondering why all the saucers had picked a muggy July day to converge on the nation’s capital.

The *News* story quoted Washington National Airport Senior Traffic Controller Harry G. Barnes’ description of how radar had tracked the UFO accompanying the Martinsburg-Washington flight. Barnes said the UFO, which appeared to be pursuing the airliner, suddenly dropped off the scope as if mechanically disabled. Barnes

noted the area where the UFO had disappeared from the radar scope: over North Fairfax County, in the general vicinity of a village of 1500 — Herdon, Va.

After reading the *Washington News* account of the UFO incident, Moore was convinced that the object found on the grounds of Pinemoor that morning was part of the UFO that had buzzed the airliner and suddenly dropped off the Washington radarscope. Moore had been following the sightings of the previous month with keen interest; from his analysis of similar UFO reports while an employee of the CIA, he was certain the Washington radar-visual sightings were of genuinely anomalous objects and not just reflected lights or false radar targets as the air force was implying.

Perhaps, the commander theorized, the UFO had experienced a mechanical breakdown while pursuing the airliner and the recovered cylinder was part of the UFO’s temporarily disabled propulsion system.

Feeling that only expert metallurgical analysis could solve the riddle of the cylinder, Moore took the object to the National Bureau of Standards on the morning of July 30, 1952, the day after the metal was unearthed. The material was examined by five Bureau scientists, who exposed the object to a standard battery of tests, including spectrographic analysis.

Soon after, the Bureau scientists gave Moore their report. Since the object had a specific gravity of 3.48, they said, it could not be a substance of natural origin. They said it could not be a meteorite because it showed no signs of burning and was not composed

of elements normally associated with meteorites. The report stated also that if the object was a portion of a larger cylinder, as the evidence seemed to indicate, the original cylinder would have been 10.4 inches in diameter.

But the spectrographic analysis produced the most positive — and puzzling — results. It revealed that the cylinder was composed mainly of magnesium but had thousands of pure iron spheres scattered throughout its internal structure.

Moore was spurred by the incredible results of the NBS testing to further document the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the cylinder. He invited a U. S. Forest Service employee, Everett H. Crocker, to come out to Pinemoor and record measurements of the damage done to the canopy of branches above the hole in which the object that had been discovered. On completion of his survey the forester reported, among other things, that one limb of the tree closest to the hole had been broken off at a point 21 feet nine inches aboveground.

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NOW THAT HE had accomplished all he could on his own, Moore decided to turn the cylinder over to some government agency for further analysis. He eventually chose the air force whose concern with the recent Washington UFO sightings had been headlined almost daily.

On August 13, 1952, Moore forwarded the cylinder and Crocker's Forest Service report to Project Blue Book, Attention Captain Edward Ruppelt (Blue Book Commanding Officer), Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

The people at Blue Book apparently didn't recognize the significance of Moore's object — either that or they hadn't the slightest idea what to do with it — because nothing happened until Commander Moore wrote Ruppelt to ask about the results of Blue Book's analysis. Moore's letter of reminder was dated December 24, 1952. Over four months had passed.

Prompted by Moore's letter the air force sent the object to a lab technician named Howard C. Cross, an employee of the Battelle Memorial Institute at Ohio State University.

Cross examined the object under polarized light. This was apparently the extent of his examination, which he himself labeled " cursory." Nonetheless Cross came up with some revealing conclusions. He reported, "This sample appeared to be ceramic in character" — a reference evidently to the metallic appearance of the object. Cross ruled out the meteorite explanation — as both Moore and the National Bureau of Standards had already done — stating that "neither the texture nor the mineralogical composition of the specimen is comparable with known stony meteorites."

Cross went on to suggest a possible alternate theory on the origin of the cylinder. "This cursory examination," he wrote, "indicates that both texturally and mineralogically the specimen bears a strong resemblance to very basic slag from an open-hearth furnace." It should be kept in mind, however, that Cross' examination was superficial at best; at one point he referred to the principal phases in the specimen as "tentatively identified." Even more important, Cross seemed

totally unaware of the circumstances under which the cylinder had been recovered — as witness his statement that “this sample . . . was reported to have been picked up at a location not indicated.” Cross probably never would have suggested open-hearth slag as an explanation — which the nature of the cylinder’s recovery renders highly improbable — if the air force had informed him of certain key elements of the case that might have shed some light on the problem.

Its apparent carelessness in the Cross matter is not the only strike against the air force.

For instance, several documents relating to the Moore case are conspicuously absent from Blue Book files; among them is the report Moore filed when he sent the object to Blue Book on August 13, 1952, forester Crocker’s report, and a large number of letters written to Blue Book by Moore requesting the object’s return.

Howard Cross filed his report to the air force on February 4, 1953. Segments of the Cross report were later quoted to Moore in a letter he received from air force Major Robert C. Brown. In the letter Brown assured Moore that the air force would soon return his cylinder. Moore did not receive it, however, until mid-1954, and then only after he had sent the air force numerous letters asking for the release of the object.

Moore, who had left the CIA to go on active duty with the navy during the Korean War, rejoined the Agency in early 1953, retiring from active status and joining the naval reserve. Commander Moore returned to the Office of Scientific Intelligence and worked

as a guided missile officer. He continued to have a great interest in the UFO phenomenon and later that year took a sabbatical leave from the agency to work on a manuscript for a UFO book. The book deal eventually fell through and in 1954 Moore returned to the agency to work on a full-time basis.

In due course Moore met and befriended Captain Donald Goodspeed, a member of Canadian Army Intelligence who was attached to the CIA in a liaison capacity. Captain Goodspeed expressed an interest in UFOs and was especially curious about Moore’s story of the object he had recovered on his property in July 1952. Moore invited Goodspeed to Pinemoor on September 15, 1954, for dinner and an evening discussing their mutual interest — UFOs.

At the end of the evening Moore handed the cylinder to Captain Goodspeed after he promised to take it back to Canada with him for analysis by Canada’s Project Magnet, that country’s official UFO investigative agency. Magnet had a reputation for being more open-minded than Blue Book, its American counterpart. Goodspeed also was given a strange gelatinous blob Mrs. Moore had found in the front yard. Wrapped in aluminum foil, the gelatinous substance had turned into a cobweblike substance by the time Goodspeed reached Canada. The material later dissipated into “an amorphous brown powder.”

In a letter to UFO researcher Todd Zechel, Donald Goodspeed, now a professor at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, wrote that he “probably” turned the Moore evi-

dence over to the head of Project Magnet, the late Wilbert Smith. In a 1961 interview with two Cleveland, Ohio, ufologists, Wesley Fitch and George Popovitch, Smith — apparently referring to Moore's mysterious cylinder — described the object in the following manner: "There was iron rust — the thing was in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers — thousands — of 15-micron spheres scattered through it."

Fitch and Popovitch later sent a tape recording of their interview with Smith to the late Frank Edwards, who used portions of the conversation in his 1966 best-seller *Flying Saucers — Serious Business*.

Edwards' account soon fell under the scrutiny of the Condon Committee, the government-financed University of Colorado UFO project, and the committee sought to "determine to what degree any of these claims might be factual." This proved to be difficult because Smith, who had received the history of Moore's object secondhand at best, had told a distorted version of the story.

According to Smith, in July 1952 a navy fighter operating in the Washington, D.C., area had obtained a radar lock on a small UFO and shot a burst from its machine guns into the disc. The gunfire dislodged a portion of the object and the small fragment fell to earth. The pilot followed the path of the still-glowing fragment as it fell and he approximated its position, enabling ground crews eventually to locate the object.

As if Smith's misstatement of the facts weren't enough, Edwards then

compounded the problem by claiming confirmation of the "incident" through Donald Keyhoe's *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy* in which the author referred to a "Lt. Commander Frank Thompson of the Navy Department" who allegedly had confirmed the recovery of the UFO fragment.

Not surprisingly the Condon Committee's attempts to locate records in the navy files of a fighter attack on a UFO proved futile. Navy spokesmen repeatedly stated that navy fighters based near the capital were not armed and thus could not have shot off a portion of a UFO. As for Keyhoe's reported confirmation of the event by Lt. Commander Frank Thompson, the Condon Committee noted, "Navy records of the year 1952 carried only one Frank Thompson, an individual who had retired from active duty several years before 1952 with the rank of Lieutenant, not Lt. Commander."

But what is surprising is that Condon Committee Project Coordinator Robert Low was fully aware of another story which was similar to Smith's version in many respects, including the facts that it involved a former navy lieutenant commander, had occurred in July 1952 and involved the recovery of a mysterious object near Washington, D.C. — yet despite this, Low failed to mention it in the Condon Committee's published report, released in January 1969. The former lieutenant commander was of course Alvin Moore, with whom Low had spoken by telephone on at least three occasions while the Condon Committee was conducting its UFO research.

Low was tipped off to Moore by the CIA's top photoanalyst, Art Lundahl. Moore and Lundahl met at a Washington naval reserve meeting in 1953; Lundahl had been a captain with the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) where he directed the Naval Photo Interpretation Center (NAVPIC) until moving over to the CIA in January 1953. The reserve meeting was a dull affair and a bored Lundahl struck up a conversation with Moore. The two were soon engaged in a discussion of UFOs, a subject which fascinated both of them. Lundahl's interest in ufology was a direct result of his work both at NAVPIC and later at the CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center, which he founded and headed. While holding those positions he analyzed some of the best UFO photographs on record; most of these have yet to be released.

In the midst of their discussion Moore mentioned the mysterious cylinder he'd recovered the previous year. As a geologist Lundahl was intrigued by Moore's description of the object and agreed that it seemed to be something quite out of the ordinary. At a second reserve meeting in early 1953 Moore showed Lundahl a 3x5 photograph of the object. In a 1976 interview with UFO researcher Todd Zechel, Lundahl remarked that although it was difficult to make a judgment about the object from viewing the small photo, "it seemed to be an alloy of some sort."

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IN 1966 the Condon Committee was searching for a photoanalyst to evaluate numerous UFO photographs which had come into its possession

from sources around the world. Its first choice for the job was none other than CIA man Art Lundahl, who politely refused the Committee's request. But Lundahl did supply a few sources for Low to contact — including Alvin Moore.

When Low called him on the telephone, Commander Moore said he would gladly furnish data on the mysterious cylinder. Later Low claimed he could find no trace of Moore's correspondence to the air force regarding the object in Blue Book files and consequently disregarded the story despite Commander Moore's offer to turn over his own records to the Committee. Evidently either the Moore material escaped Low's eyes, the air force withheld it or else Low had his own reasons for not including the Moore story in the Condon Report.

Along with his remarks on the photograph of the object Moore had shown him, Lundahl gave Zechel another valuable bit of information. Lundahl claimed that the A. V. Roe Company, builders of the flying saucerlike "AVRO" disc, were interested in Moore's cylinder fragment and hoped to use a similar unit in their aircraft. A. V. Roe, however, had never told Moore of the company's interest.

After examination by Project Magnet and (apparently) the A. V. Roe Company, the cylinder was returned to Moore in mid-1955. Captain Goodspeed enclosed a covering letter which stated, in part, "Our analysis concluded that your material was neither a natural stone nor a meteorite."

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Not long afterwards the CIA got into the act. A short time after the Canadian government returned the object, the CIA's Director of Scientific Intelligence, Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, approached Moore in his CIA office, said he had heard about the cylinder (probably from either Lundahl or Canadian Intelligence) and asked if he could take it with him for analysis. Chadwell's request surprised Moore, who in 1953 had been told to mind his own business when he proposed starting a UFO research project, and he willingly handed the cylinder to Chadwell.

The object was returned by messenger about a week later. Moore put the object back into his office safe, where he had been storing it ever since its return from Canada. Moore was never told what the CIA had concluded about the object.

But Moore was to receive quite a shock one day a couple of weeks later when he opened his office safe to retrieve some documents and found that the cylinder, which had been reposing at the rear of the safe, was gone! Shocked and amazed, Moore lamented the disappearance of what was possibly the greatest find in the history of science.

With the exception of CIA security personnel, Moore was the only person who knew the combination to the safe. Well aware of the measures taken to prevent intruders in CIA headquarters — probably the most secure building in the world — Alvin Moore knew no outsider had been responsible for the theft of the cylinder. The only possible explanation was that the object had been confiscated by CIA personnel.

Moore never saw nor heard of the object again. All that remained of it were the two slashes the Bureau of Standards had removed from the cylinder for use in its examination. But both of these were swept away in a late-1960's hurricane. (Moore now resides in Mississippi near the Gulf of Mexico.)

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SO NOTHING is left. Nature and the "nature of intelligence" have removed what was apparently physical evidence for the existence of UFOs. Instead, we have the reports of a mysterious cylinder found on a wooded Virginia estate, Alvin Moore's unswerving conviction that the object was part of a UFO, and the Bureau of Standards' statement that it "could not be a substance of natural origin."

One need not look very far to garner an opinion of Commander Moore's credibility. Besides having been a naval aeronautics specialist and a CIA missile expert, Moore is a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy, a member of the Federal Bar Association, former patent attorney for famous space scientists Wernher von Braun and Hermann Oberth, and a free-lance patentee. In other words, Moore's reliability does not appear to be open to question.

But there are plenty of other questions for which we don't have answers. Why, for example, are certain documents pertaining to Moore missing from Blue Book files? Why did the air force keep the cylinder for nearly two years before returning it? Why did Howard Cross conduct only a superficial examination of Moore's specimen? Why wasn't Cross told of the

conditions under which the object was recovered?

What really happened to Moore's object in Canada? Who examined it and what did they find? Art Lundahl says the A. V. Roe people were interested — but how does he know? Why didn't the Condon Committee mention Moore's story in its report despite Project Coordinator Robert Low's having talked with Moore on at least three occasions? Did the air force encourage the Condon Committee to overlook the Moore incident by withholding relevant documents?

And who removed the cylinder?

Was it someone within the CIA? Was this done because the CIA wanted to keep Moore in the dark about the true nature of its interest in UFOs — or because Moore was considered untrustworthy since in the past he had asked to be transferred out of the covert operations branch?

And why should a government which publicly maintains UFOs are not a threat to national security obscure and suppress evidence about a phenomenon that it assures us does not exist?

Or does it know something it isn't telling us?



MYSTERIOUS SOUNDS IN THE SKY

By John P. Bessor

MYSTERIOUS sounds heard high in our atmosphere — sky-quakes, sonic booms or whatever — are by no means only a recent occurrence.

The following appears in an old copy of *The English Magazine*: "The residents of the town of Hatford in Berkshire, England, some eight miles from Oxford, were amazed at about five o'clock in the afternoon of April 9, 1628, to hear a hideous rumbling in the air followed by a strange and fearful peal of thunder. The noises after a while assumed the sound of distant cannon being fired at regular intervals, each report ending in a hissing noise not unlike the sound of cannonballs flying through the air. Approximately 20 such loud reports were heard. At Bawlin Green, a village a mile and half from Hatford, many people saw an object fall from the sky during the aerial detonations. A Mistress Greene, who saw it fall, had

it dug out of the ground and found it weighed 24 pounds or better, was soft inside and mixed with a mineral like small pieces of glass.

"About five o'clock in the afternoon of August 4, 1642, a similar phenomenon (occurred) over the little English town of Alborow. There was a wonderful noise in the air, as of a drum beating most fiercely, which after a while was seconded with a long peal of small shot and after that the discharging of great ordnance in a pitched field of battle. This continued for one and a half hours and then at the ceasing thereof, a stone was seen to fall from the sky, grazing the heath some six or seven yards. Dug up, it measured eight inches in length, five inches in breadth and two inches in thickness. Suddenly there was heard a joyful noise as of music and sundry instruments sounded in a melodious manner, ending in an harmonious ringing of bells."

FOREWORD

Twenty-eight years ago I became interested in the strangest, most terrible mystery that confronts our breed of mankind today—one that has haunted us for ages. It was my fate to become involved in it—both as an eyewitness and in research and note-taking for well over a score of years. Twenty-five years ago I tried to publish a book setting forth some disturbing hypotheses about it that I had conceived as based on facts. But I was stymied in this and future efforts to help solve the mystery by a combination of forces of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Air Force, the status quo bias of the academic establishment, the worst hurricane of history (a so-called “natural force”, only part of which may be of wild nature), and my own driving purpose in a different line of work. I have thought for decades of trying again to publish some of my conclusions, and at last I have decided that the time has come for such work.

I refer to the mystery of the “flying saucers” or “UFOs”. I bring to this problem my background of scientific, legal and historical work. I was educated at the U.S. Naval Academy and various universities, and have served in engineering, patent law and government administration as: a nautical scientist with the Navy Department; an American vice-consul in Mexico; a U.S. Patent Examiner, specializing mostly in aeronautical invention; a naval officer assigned to aeronautical engineering

duty in World War II, the Korean War, etc.; patent lawyer and patent engineer with the U.S. Army—for the von Braun team of space scientists at Huntsville, Alabama; and in private patent-law practice. I have a bachelor of science degree in History and Engineering, an M.A. degree in History, have nearly finished work for a Ph.D. degree, am a member of the bar of three courts, and hold over fifty patents—mostly for my aeronautical, marine and building-construction inventions. I have published two non-fiction books and numerous articles, short stories and poems, including a history of aeronautical invention (as a series of articles in POPULAR AVIATION); and my biography appears in WHO’S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST and DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY. I set forth these facts to indicate that I really am *not* a “crackpot”—although persons unfamiliar to UFOs may think my conclusions are incredible. During the years since 1953 a few of these conclusions have been presented by others; but some of the most bothersome, most *seemingly* incredible ones, should now be presented in some detail.

In this book I present some of the mass of evidence I have experienced and collected during the last quarter of a century of fantastic, little-known sky influences of UFO-men on our earth-surface breed. Much but not all of it is

nefarious. To the reader who has had little occasion to acquire detailed knowledge of UFOs it may seem incredible and/or shocking. It was to me at first, but now like a surgeon grown old in observation of human suffering and death, its still unfolding pattern no longer shocks me. I just feel we need to learn more and more about these influences—their monstrous evil and possibly occasional good. We of the earth's surface have been exploited too long, and we need to try to defend ourselves. First, we need what may be called military intelligence of the opposition. This book is part of it.

The hypotheses inherent in this evidence are:

(1) Skymen have been coming to this earth's surface, and exploiting it, for numerous thousands of years.

(2) Some of them possibly have homes in caverns of the moon, on Mars, the Martian satellite Phobos, Jupiter, the asteroids. But certainly most of the many thousands coming here since 1946 are from bases near the earth's surface—certainly from skyislands off the earth, probably some from

within hollows within the earth, possibly some from bases below certain regions of the oceans.

(3) The skyislands apparently are orbiting the earth in several bands or chains around it—probably indicated by the jet streams, the bands of high tides, the zodiacal light, and other evidence pointed out in this book.

(4) The skyislands, mostly, probably were pulled with the moon from the Pacific Ocean region, and the heavier, more solid moon went on to orbit far around the earth, while the lighter, diffused elements of small stones, sand, crude oil and other chemicals, held together by frozen water, sheathed by clouds, took up orbits near the earth.

(5) The skychemicals and electrostatic, gravity-like force of the alien skyislands and spacecraft have caused legions of "accidents".

(6) Skymen have kidnapped a multitude of earth-surface persons; and spacecraft users of the demon-like breed have long extracted blood from earth-surface animals and men, and committed mysterious murders. . .

PART ONE

The 1952 Washington, D.C. "flap" of UFO sightings, and the "Virginia Skystone" found under a UFO flight. Its strange disappearance. Other fallen skyobjects that mysteriously disappeared. Similar vanishings of men.

In reading and conversations with brother officers of the Guided Missile Company of the Naval Reserve in Washington, D.C. I became interested in the "flying-saucer" reports of 1947 and 1948. But I concluded that probably they involved rumors of a new U.S. Government program such as the U.S. "Manhattan Project" concerning atomic bombs of World War II. Then I transferred from my civilian job of Patent Examiner in the U.S. Patent Office to that of Intelligence Officer of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.); and I saw numerous reports of flying-saucers—including many, militarily unclassified, from the American Foreign Service in other countries. These sightings in foreign countries convinced me that the United States was not secretly making these marvelous craft. And the numerous sightings reported by very responsible persons—many with engineering and pilot's and merchant-marine officer's backgrounds—made me realize that a great mystery was being observed and patriotically reported—even at the quite frequent expense of ridicule and damage to reputations and job advancement.

In 1950 the Korean War broke out, and I was recalled to active naval duty. My first orders were to report to a carrier as an aeronautical engineering officer on it; but before I could report there the orders were changed and I was assigned to the

Guided Missile Division of the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D.C. A little over a year later I became Head of the Technical Information Branch of "BuAer"; and I was thus serving when two events occurred that caused me to become extremely interested in "flying saucers" or "UFOs", and to begin a long study of their mystery which has now lasted over a quarter of a century...

Let's look at the remarkable record of UFO sightings in the Washington, D.C. and Virginia region in the summer of 1952:

On 16 July 1952 the Washington newspapers began to record pieces of a factual story which was more amazing and interesting to me than any fiction. The first item was about an area of the sky approximately 100 airline miles south-by-east of Washington.

On the preceding Sunday night, 13 July 1952, two veteran, ex-Navy pilots were flying a PanAmerican Airways plane between Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia. Pilot W.B. Nash had flown ten thousand hours for the Navy and PanAmerican Airway. Pilot W.H. Fortenberry was a former flier of Navy fighter aircraft. Both had been with the PanAmerican Airways for years.

Looking down thru the starlit sky, they suddenly saw, at an altitude of nearly a mile, six lighted disk-like objects, flying in a diagonal,

string-line formation. The lights were "glowing, red-orange". As the airplane neared them at its higher level, the strange disks "appeared to be solid bodies of light, but they had definite outlines".

"We judged they were approximately one hundred feet in diameter and between ten and fifteen feet thick," Pilot Nash reported.

Within a few seconds the six glowing objects made a sharp turn toward the west with acceleration such as no human being on the earth's surface could stand. They were quickly joined by two more lighted objects, and then within seconds, the eight shot upward at fantastic speed. At about two miles high, the reddish-orange lights "pulsated off" and the pilots watched the eight strange things disappear.

They considered whether they should report the strange incident. For several years pilots had been reporting lighted "flying saucers".

It was common among pilots who had never sighted one to joke about them, even scoff at them and at those who reported them. And of all the non-physical things that a person seeks to avoid in association with his fellow men, being laughed at is probably the worst. It takes courage for pilots to risk their reputations as methodical, non-jittery, professional fliers by reporting that they believe they have sighted space craft from another world or else from some strange little known or unknown region of this earth.

But like many an observer before and after them, Nash and Fortenberry felt a responsibility to mankind and aviation to make a warning report.

"If either of us had seen the things alone," Nash said, "we would have hesitated to tell anyone; but we watched the whole thing together."

So they made a joint report—to Company, Air Force and press. They said the objects maneuvered at a speed "far above one thousand miles an hour", and with violent accelerations beyond the limits of human endurance.

Pilot Nash said: "We would judge the eight objects were definitely intelligently controlled. Whether from within or without, we couldn't say."

"Whoever was in those things had capabilities far beyond our own. Those things absolutely did not contain any human beings as we know them. None of us could endure the centrifugal force that would be imposed when turns of such violence are made."

"We feel, because of the way the missiles acted and because of all the other reports that have been heard that they must be from some extraterrestrial source."*

This report, strongly indicating the existence of sky-transportation by intelligent beings, achieved ahead of earth-surface man, was routinely reported by the United Press and a Washington newspaper. The statement of these two pilots, each a veteran of two of the largest and most exacting aeronautical organizations of the world, that they believed they had sighted spacecraft from outside our earth created a mere ripple of interest. In view of the nature of the report, *how could this be!*

I believe it is due to an obscuring of facts and inertia and desire for status quo by most of busy mankind on this earth's surface.

With mergings between, there are three kinds of thinkers on earth. There are those who think mainly by intuition—by subconsciously jumping to conclusions. Often fortified by considerable experience, such intuitive thinkers are frequently right—and quickly so—but at times they are completely wrong. Many women think this way—and some men. Secondly, there are those who think mainly about and along standard, so-called "scientific" lines, who believe nothing except what has been clearly observed in the past by the five human senses and has been attested to by established, written, "scientific authority". And thirdly, there are those *true scientists* in the highest sense of the word who dare to explore on the borders of human thought, looking for solutions to still-existing problems of life, using the five senses (extended by tools) to test hypotheses, having enough flexibility to turn from a theory accepted as fact, but which appears to be not in accord with new facts, to a new hypothesis to be tested. Conception of the new hypothesis may be due to observation of the five senses, or to intuition (a "hunch"), or to a mixture of both; but it is tested by the five senses and by witnesses. Unfortunately, even among so-called "scientists", there are few of the last-named type of thinkers.

The trouble with the investigation to date of the flying-saucer phenomena is that it has been handicapped by too many people who have not dared to explore the outer borders of thought on the subject. There have been too many investigators of the problem who have been among the second-named type of thinkers—who looked for wished-for solution of the problem in accordance with known "authority"—presented, earthbound "facts".

I have spent a great deal of my life in the armed

*Washington Daily News, 16 July 1952.

service of my people and country. The defense of one's country is ennobled by considerable altruism, courage and brotherhood. Armed groups can and do defend a country. They can have enough flexibility and wisdom, as the United States armed services usually do, to contract with private individuals or groups for creative research and invention in new equipment and weapons. But ordinarily these services, subject as they are to rigid discipline, traditional customs and approval of most actions by various higher ranking persons, are not successful in actual work on the pioneer borders of creative thought. There are exceptions to this general rule, where individual armed service officers, like Maury and Mahan of the Navy and Squire of the Army, do outstanding new creative work; but such officers usually do most of their creative work in their spare time, as individuals. I have long agreed with the theme of the novel "Fountainhead", by Ayn Rand, that important, basically new creative work is seldom if ever done by committees. The larger the committee, the less chance there is of its doing pioneer creative work. People in herds tend to move at the speed of the slowest member, and in the direction of the most cautious and conservative member. That is the reason that I have long believed the people will not receive from committees of government officials and/or orthodox scientists any useful solution to the world-shaking problem of the phenomena of "flying saucers". Individualistic, pioneer thinking along and *beyond the borders* of common, present-day, human thought seems to be required in the solution of the problem before us; and it is scarce among us.

On 17 July 1952 the United Press reported that Captain E.J. Ruppelt, project officer of "Operation Bluebook", of the group which investigated unidentified aerial objects, had stated that about sixty reports of flying saucers had come to his office within the past two weeks. One of these sixty was the report of Pilots Nash and Fortenberry. Another was a report by Mr. Roy Ellis, President of the Rubber Seal Products Company of Dayton, Ohio and an amateur astronomer, that on 13 July 1952 he had seen an aerial object "shaped like an ice cream cone with an elliptical dark object in the center surrounded by brilliant glowing white lights." Mr. Ellis said: "I thought first it was a meteor or a comet, but it wasn't going as fast as any celestial body."

The United Press also reported that the Director of the U.S. Civil Defense for the Dayton area, Lieut. Colonel R. H. McGee, was alarmed by the

numerous sightings. Colonel McGee said: "There is something flying around our skies, and I wish we knew what it is."

On the day after this report the Air Force, according to the United Press, "admitted...that people actually see 'something' when they report flying saucers and said some of the unexplainable objects traveling at speeds up to 2,000 miles an hour have been tracked by radar." By this time the Air Force, according to the published statement of Captain Ruppelt, had investigated one thousand reports of "flying saucers".

On the same newspaper page as that of this news item, I read an account of the sighting by residents of Veronica, Argentina of six lighted, disk-like objects, bluish-yellow, which could be seen from Veronica for over an hour.

On this same page there also was a statement by Mr. William Bridgeman, the test pilot of the new rocket-powered Navy airplane, "The Skyrocket", that when he made the record speed of 1,238 miles an hour in the preceding month, "the Skyrocket was not wide open. The main thing important about those flights was that they opened new and fast fields of speed and height for man."* But not nearly so fast or high as many of the sighted flying saucers had flown, I thought.

Four days later, Washingtonians awoke to startling front-page news in the morning papers. People think more about a problem when it comes close to home.

The *Washington Post* stated:

"The Air Force disclosed last night it has received reports of an eerie visitation by unidentified aerial objects—perhaps a new type of 'flying saucer'—over the vicinity of the Nation's Capital.

"For the first time, so far as known, the objects were picked up by radar—indicating actual substance rather than mere light."

"They were described as traveling at a slow 100 to 130 miles per hour—instead of the incredible speed attributed to earlier saucers—although at times they shot up and down."

"The objects also were described as hovering in one position."

The *Post* was wrong in its belief that this Washington radar-tracking of flying saucers was the first in history. But this apparently was the first radar-tracking of flying saucers by two or more separate, independently-operating radars—and also

**Washington Daily News*, 18 July 1952.

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moving between 100 and 130 miles per hour while we could observe them. But their movements were completely radical compared to those of ordinary aircraft. They followed no set course, were not in any formation, and we only seemed to be able to track them for about three miles at a time. The individual pip would seem to disappear from the scope at intervals".*

The alternate appearing and disappearing of the objects' images on the radar screen can be easily explained by an intelligent person familiar with radar and also with the many previous accounts of the strange objects which state that the things suddenly and swiftly change speeds, abruptly swerve at high speed from one horizontal direction to another, and go from a hovering position thousands of feet up or down in seconds.

As stated above, the rotating antenna and arm of the radar set being used by Mr. Barnes and his crew made one revolution in ten seconds. If in making the ten-second revolution the antenna pointed to a solid object in the air a blip was formed, but for this blip to remain on the screen during the second rotation ten seconds later, the object had to remain that long within the disk-like area being "watched" by the radar, that is, in this case, within the radius of seventy miles. Mr. Barnes stated that at first the seven pips were near an outer corner of the radar screen. If we supposed that an object were ten miles from the outer circle of the watched area, it is seen that it could run outside the area and not be picked up by the radar on the next sweep of the antenna if it were making a speed of ten miles in ten seconds—that is 3,600 miles an hour. Or it could go up or down off the radar-surveyed area with lower speeds, which, however, would still be much higher than the vertical speed of the fastest climbing aircraft known to earth-surface man. Such large speeds of UFOs very frequently have been reported.

Harry Barnes apparently understood these facts. "Later I realized," he stated, "that if these objects had made any sudden bursts of extremely high speed that would account for their disappearing from the scope temporarily. Our radar is only designed to track known types of aircraft or objects in the air at speeds known to all of us.

"After five minutes of watching the strange pips I asked Jim Copeland and Jim Ritchey, two experienced radar controllers, to check our observations. They confirmed our findings. Then I

called the airport control tower to see what the (separate) radar showed there. The radar operator verified the same thing instantly. . .

"Before notifying the Air Force of our findings, our technicians carefully checked the equipment to make certain that it was operating perfectly.

"These are the important events of the next six hours:

"During the first hour the objects had moved over all sectors of our scope. That meant that they had been over the restricted areas of Washington including the White House and the Capitol.

"At the first opportunity, Ritchey contacted Capital Airline pilot Captain S.C. Pierman, who has had years of flying. Shortly after taking off, Ritchey asked Pierman to look for the objects we were watching on the scope. He agreed to do this.

"All of a sudden, his voice came over the radio which we could all hear, with the words: "There's one and there it goes.' "

"He described it as just a bright light, moving much faster than a shooting star at times.

"His subsequent descriptions of the movements of the objects coincided with the position of our pips at all times while in our range.

"During the next 14 minutes he reported that he saw six such lights. He said they had no tail, no recognizable shape and were bright lights in the dark sky.

"Each sighting coincided with a pip we could see near his plane. When he reported that the light streaked off at high speed, it disappeared on our scope, for the apparent reason I cited.

"While he was giving us reports of his sightings he was on a course from Herndon, Virginia to Martinsburg, West Virginia.

"Some of the other pilots we contacted reported that they were unable to see the objects. I had the distinct feeling that some of them were just unwilling to discuss the subject over the radio.

"However, one other commercial pilot did flatly confirm seeing a light off his left wing which we saw as a pip on the scope. He was coming in for his landing and the tower scope reported the same radar sighting. The light disappeared on our scope and from his view about four miles before he touched his wheels down.

"During the whole period of observation we could detect no pattern to the movement of these objects. We did not see the pips in any recognizable formation at any time.

"However, they did seem to become most active around the planes we saw on the scope.

"The radar we were using does not show

*Harry G. Barnes, "CAA Official's Own Story", NEA Service, *The Washington Daily News*, 29 July 1952.

altitude, and it is faintly possible that the objects could have been in a vertical formation without our recognizing it.

"At one point toward daybreak we counted 10 objects over Andrews Field, just outside Washington. Most of the time we could count eight of them.

"The only recognizable behavior pattern which occurred to me from watching the pips was that they acted like a bunch of small kids out playing. It was helter-skelter as if directed by some innate curiosity. At times they moved as a group or cluster. Other times as individuals over widely scattered areas.

"Other than some information in connection with our communications with the Air Force, which is classified, the above is a complete factual description of the important events which took place during those six hours. These facts I have set forth in my official report to CAA.

"Speaking personally, and not officially for CAA, I would like to make these additional comments:

"Radar is strictly an electronics device. It has no imagination. It reports only what it "sees". The equipment was in perfect operating order during that period.

"There is no conclusion I can reach but that for six hours on the morning of the 20th of July there were at least ten unidentifiable objects moving above Washington.

"They were not ordinary aircraft. I could tell by their movement on the scope. I can safely deduce that they performed gyrations which no known aircraft could perform. By this I mean that our scope showed that they could make right-angle turns and complete reversals of flight.

"Nor in my opinion could any natural phenomena account for these spots on our radar. Neither shooting stars, electrical disturbances nor clouds could either.

"Exactly what they are, I don't know."

I read this factual, scientific account by Mr. Barnes with a great deal of interest. I had read and heard of other radar-trackings of flying saucers, but none of the earlier trackings apparently had been confirmed by visual sighting and by the showing of separate, independent radars. And here in Washington both types of confirmation had occurred.

On 28 July 1952 and subsequent dates I wrote the following entries in my diary:

Last week I was on leave from my naval duty as Head of the Technical Information Branch of the

Navy Bureau of Aeronautics.

During the week, Mr. Robert Leslie Lanham, 69 years old, one of my rural neighbors of Fairfax County, Virginia, did some work on land that we own near our home.

Both Mr. Lanham's house and our house are under the air line which extends from Washington to Herndon, Virginia and on to West Virginia, Maryland and Pittsburgh.

While I was driving Mr. Lanham home after work on Friday afternoon (25 July 1952)—with Mr. Clarence A. Johnson, seventy years of age also in the car—Mr. Lanham casually remarked:

"Commander, I believe I have something at my place that will interest you. Wednesday (23 July 1952), after you took me home, I said to my grandson, "Bitsy": 'Let's go for a walk out in the pines. I haven't been out there for some time.' And while we were out there Bitsy said to me: 'Granddaddy, what is this?'

"I looked and saw something like a rock, setting on top of the pine needles. But it was too heavy to be a rock of any kind I know. And it doesn't look like any ordinary rock. It had a peculiar odor—like burnt stone. It looked like it had fallen on the pine needles. I know it must have fallen there because no needles or earth was around it. It seems to me it might be a meteorite."

It so happens that I had worked for many years in the field of rockets, aircraft propulsion and guided missiles. In the 1930's I published some articles on rockets; and I was awarded a Navy letter-of-commendation citation for my engineering, production and inspection-supervision work of pioneer rocket contracts during World War II. As a patent examiner and lawyer and in other capacities I also have worked in these fields.

A few days before this 25th of July I had read in Washington newspapers of the previous Sunday's reports of radar trackings and of pilots' sightings of so-called "saucers" over the Washington area. A Capital Airlines pilot watched the strange lights on his way from Washington to Martinsburg, West Virginia, probably while flying over my house and Mr. Lanham's house. Another pilot reported that a brilliantly lighted object followed his airplane from over Herndon, Virginia to a point about four miles from the National Airport, where it descended from his sight. Thus his plane and the object flew over our area and the flying saucer apparently fell away at a point near the finding spot of what in time I called the Virginia Skystone. An expert hobbyist in television operation reported that, on the previous Sunday, while operating a television

set on one of the highest spots in the mountains of Western Maryland (not very far from our area) he encountered a very strange and extremely powerful electronic interference. And the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration had stated that the radar indication of the traveling objects noted by the National Airport men was not the result of clouds or any weather disturbance, but were "analogous to targets representing aircraft in flight". With these things in mind, I was very interested to see the stone-like object. . .

It is now 29 July 1952, and I shall continue this statement, I must feel about this possible evidence of visitors from another world or region about the way that many another observer of scientific background has felt in recent years—that my statements may be made light of by wishful thinkers, who stick their heads in earth sands to ignore danger. I may be called unduly imaginative, but my sense of duty causes me to say what I think.

If the thing I have on my desk is not of this earth's surface it is of tremendous importance to our breed of mankind. It could constitute a warning for us to get ready for a space struggle for our survival—or, at least, for the expansion of our freedom.

We found the stone on Mr. Lanham's lawn. It obviously had been, at some time, fractured on three of its five surfaces. The edges of these are very sharp and in places, come to thin sharp points. One very small part of the fractures looked as though it was done very recently.

The stone is bluish gray in color, and is a great deal heavier than the same volume of ordinary stone. Its longest dimension is about four inches. One surface of it is cylindrical, with the chord of the arc of the cylindrical surface being slightly over three inches, and with a distance of two and five-eighth inches between the arcuate edges of two roughly or nearly parallel planes that bound the cylindrical surface. The cylindrical surface obviously has been intelligently shaped, apparently by tooling.

There are fragmentary coatings of a cement-like substance on this cylindrical surface (as if to smooth or embed the slightly irregular outer surface of the parti-cylinder). This cement is unlike Portland cement; it is soft, and may be scratched by the finger nail. Fragments of the cement also adhere to both the roughly parallel surfaces mentioned above, in easily noticeable amounts, and to only one (the smallest) of the three fractured surfaces. But there are slight amounts of

the cement adhering to small parts of the other two fractured surfaces. The largest of the fractured surfaces has yellowish-brown stains, mainly located along the sharp edges of the fractures. These stains look like stains from a very hot flame. They are more prominent near one end of the parti-cylinder. At this end and its three sharp edges of the fractures there are stains on both sides of the edges, as though flame might have entered cracks there.

The middle-sized fractured surface has embedded in its surface what look to be two small bits of rusted iron (iron oxide). This surface has no brown stains.

Also on this surface—as well as on major parts of the other two fractured surfaces—there are embedded in the stone-like material a large number of little balls, of sizes varying from one-eighth of an inch in diameter downward to pin-point size. I scratched out one of the little balls. It was nearly perfectly spherical, and like most of the others, had a single dent in it, thru which gas in cooling might have escaped. The material with these balls embedded in it is not like any I have ever seen before.

When Mr. Lanham showed me the stone, he said: "Smell the odor." But by then the odor, which he repeatedly described as like the odor of freshly burned stone, had gone.

I have traced the arc of the cylindrical surface on paper and roughly measured its radius. It is more than four inches. If the cylindrical surface continued on around, it formed a cylinder of more than eight inches in outer diameter. (The inner, substantially arcuate portion of the cylinder [its hole or bore] would have had a diameter a few inches less than that of the outer cylindrical surface.)

I have come to the following tentative conclusions about this stone-like object. It is made of strange material, which should be tested by material experts (perhaps of the U.S. Bureau of Standards) to determine whether it is of earth origin. It has been consciously shaped on one surface, and apparently has been part of a cemented building block of a structure which at least was partly cylindrical and was of more than eight inches in outside diameter. The object was found under the air line over which a pilot reported a strange light followed him and then dropped away a few days before discovery of the stone. When found, it still had an odor of burning on it. Since it is shaped and plastered and not burnt-rough and blackened it is not a meteorite. It

probably is an object utilized in space travel.

It is heavy and might have been utilized as a shield against extremely hot and radiant temperatures—such as of atomic-energy propulsion. It could be part of a building block of a propulsive jet or combustion chamber of about eight inches in diameter—perhaps part of a flame-exposed, heat-resistant lining for such a jet or chamber. The pressure and flame might have entered fissures and cracked the piece away.

Mr. Lanham has given me permission to have the material analyzed. I intend to have this done, but I shall try not to go off half-cocked about the matter. Since the stone is heavy and yet was not embedded in the earth, if it fell from above, it probably hit either a tree or an earth-surface stone in the vicinity, to break its fall. I have decided to search the vicinity where it was found, and perhaps on down the air line toward my place, looking for possible further evidence—another piece of stone, or a broken tree or tree limb.

30 July 1952. Late yesterday afternoon I went to Mr. Lanham's house, and we walked to the place where he found the stone-like object. I thought then that he owned the property where the object was found, but I learned later that he did not.

The discovery site was in a small forest of pines and deciduous trees, with vines and underbrush thick underfoot.

At a spot in the pines where there was not much underbrush Mr. Lanham pointed out the place where the stone was found.

He said he had walked there last Wednesday to look for young foxes, as a female fox recently had been killed in the neighborhood, and that he had sat down on the pine needles a few yards from the stone, keeping his eye on a ground hog's den, which I saw was about thirty yards distant. He said that his little grandson, "Bitsy", was standing nearby when he saw the stone.

We explored the vicinity for a hundred feet or so, but there was so much underbrush and vine growth that it was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The stone had been found near the base of a fairly big pine, and among other rather large pines, shading off into smaller maples, poplars and other deciduous trees.

A small bush, about two and one half feet high, which recently had been growing near the stone's finding-spot, now had withered greenish-gray leaves, as though they had been seared by heat. A limb extended up and toward the north from the small trunk of the bush was partly broken near its

upper northern end, so that its tip hung down. I examined the break; and it was plain that something moving downward had broken the twig. The break was at the upper surface of the limb, whereas the lower surface was still intact.

I pulled up the bush, but in transporting it, unfortunately the break increased, and the tip is now separate from the rest of the limb.

I have just telephoned the Building Stone Section of the Mineral Products Division of the National Bureau of Standards, and talked with Mr. A. Hockman there. He said that he and possibly others of the Mineral Products Division would examine the object.

He said: "Commander, you have to watch out for people who claim to find parts of flying saucers and haven't done so."

"I know," I said. "But this is no hoax. The old man thought at first it was probably a meteorite. He wasn't even thinking of flying saucers."

I suppose this is the beginning of the skepticism I'll encounter about this occurrence.

But Mr. Hockman seemed to be interested in the spherical balls in the material. I am now going to the Bureau of Standards.

31 July 1952. I am snatching the time to return to my log of these strange events, which I am more and more thinking are extremely important to man and possibly other life on earth.

This morning about 5:30 a.m., as I came into the kitchen of my home, and saw little *Bouncy*, our young Boston terrier, sleepily rouse himself in his box to take the two brewers' yeast tablets I hand him in the morning, I thought of the cooperative circle of non-human life that works with man in a scheme of existence less violent than what early man found.

"I said: "Bouncy, I think I've found something very important to man—and to dogs."

I am working a very long day. I don't see how I could do much more than I'm doing. In the midst of the Korean War, the Bureau of Aeronautics, including the Branch which I head, is on a working-day of eight hours and forty-five minutes. In addition to carrying on the many normal details of my executive duties, I am completing a special report on reorganization of my Branch for my commanding officers. And I'm supervising the work of three workmen on some of our Virginia property, two of whom I take to their work in the mornings, before I drive the 18 miles to my office. And now this extra work, which puts me under tremendous pressure to meet the ends of my various activities. . . .

The seeming original skepticism of Mr. Hockman of the Bureau of Standards probably was only to-be-expected caution of a scientist who had no hard facts before him.

In his laboratory-like Room 2715 of the Industrial Building, he listened carefully to my account. When I told him that formerly I had served for years as a U.S. Patent Examiner, and that therefore I was accustomed to very critical analyses of things I studied, he said:

"I'll say you are. If you've been a patent examiner, you're critical."

He looked at the stone, and stated that it was too heavy for natural stone and that, offhand, he could not identify it.

He weighed the object and ascertained that its dry weight was 532.91 grams (approximately 1.2 pounds). Then, utilizing the ancient Archimedes principle, weighing the object dry and then while in distilled water, he determined its specific gravity to be approximately 3.48.

He read me the following sentence from the book "The Stone Industries", by Dr. Oliver Bowles (of the U.S. Geological Survey): "The specific gravity of common stones ranges from 2.2 to 2.8."

The object thus is not as heavy as Mr. Lanham and I had thought. But it is about one fourth again as heavy as any known, natural, common stone, such as is found in northern Virginia.

As I had measured the radius of the cylindrical surface only roughly with a piece of paper and a rule, he remeasured it with a compass. The actual radius is about five and two-tenths inches; the diameter is approximately 10.4 inches.

Mr. Hockman expressed the opinion that the material of the object was "not a natural material".

He introduced me to the following other experts of the Bureau of Standards: Dr. John McBurney; Dr. Herbert Insley; and Mr. Frank Caldwell.

Dr. McBurney, of the Building Technology Division, is a fine old gentleman and a scholar, very calm and unhurried. The study of meteorites has long been his hobby. He stated that according to his knowledge, there were two kinds of known meteorites—and that this object obviously was not one of these kinds.

When I told him my tentative hypothesis, that the object might be a building block of a liner of hard, heat-resistant material of a space-craft jet of very high temperatures, he telephoned Mr. Frank Caldwell of the combustion Section of the Missile Development Division.

Dr. McBurney expressed considerable curiosity about the object, and said he had never seen any

material like it.

Mr. Caldwell came to see Mr. Hockman and me in Room 2715. He also was very interested in the object, and I began to feel not quite so alone in the world as I had felt over the last weekend, when I realized that I was the only scientifically trained person in our world who had knowledge of this solid object which apparently had been consciously made and directed from space. Now other scientific men were working, *perhaps* open-mindedly, with me on the problem.

Mr. Caldwell, a young man, said that the object was not like any material that he knew to be used in the lining of turbo-jets or rockets, but that he did not know very much about atomic-energy propulsion research. He said he couldn't identify the material.

Next we went to the office of Dr. Herbert Insley, the Chief of the Mineral Products Division. Dr. Insley, apparently a fairly old man, a geologist, was conservatively slow in making statements, but obviously was scientifically curious about the object.

I told him that I should like the expert aid of his division in determining the exact nature of the following materials:

(1) The blue-gray, dense, apparently homogeneous, structure of the principal mass of the object:

(2) The whitish-gray, soft, cement-like coatings:

(3) The black-to-gray spherical balls embedded in the fractured surfaces; and

(4) The brownish-yellow stains which I called, for want of a better name, "flame stains".

He called in Mr. H.F. McMurdie, a young scientist of his division, and I explained my needs to him, suggesting that if he took samples of the principal material for testing, he take small pieces from the parts not coated with the cement-like substance, and that he first take pictures of the various surfaces of the object. He and Mr. Hockman said that it might be possible to positively identify the materials by micrograph test, in which event a chemical test would not be necessary.

I suggested that he try to let me know of the results on the following day, but he said he would need to wait until Friday.

Reluctantly, because I am so busy, I made another search that afternoon in the woods where the object was found. Alone, I hunted thru the little forest, shinnied up the boles of two trees—up about twenty feet on one—and examined exuded pine resin, and dead bark strippings from poplars.

But I found no real evidence.

Then I went back to the finding spot, and walked toward a neighboring fence and pasture.

And there, about a foot from the fence, I thought I found the evidence for which I had searched so long. A dead sassafras tree, about four inches in diameter, had been smashed down—in a very hard fall.

Sassafras strongly resists rotting. When it was more common it was used in southern United States for fence posts. After dying it will often stand in a forest for years. I have had several on my country place to do that; one is standing there now.

Usually a tree rots first near the ground, and then near the top where water gets to it.

As I have logged thousands of trees, in Louisiana and on my present country place in Virginia, and hand-hewed in the woods many beams used in my buildings, I knew that the broken sassafras tree was not lying as it would lie if it had fallen naturally in the forest.

A lower section of the bole, about fifteen feet long, was pointed toward the finding-place of the sky object. The upper end of this section (the upper middle part of the tree) looked to be of fairly sound wood. At the break it looked yellow and somewhat sound, like ordinary unrotted, soft sassafras wood. The break was jagged and fresh.

The upper part of the tree was not where a woodsman would expect it to be if it had naturally fallen. It lay at an obtuse angle from the line from the finding-place to the break—in other words not in line or at an acute angle, as would be expected, or even at a right angle, but at more than a right angle, with the top pointed back a little toward the stump, and the outer end of the top lodged in a small living tree.

1 August 1952. I find time to return to this strange log.

I remember what happened to the investigation of the Kensington Rune Stone about a Fourteenth-Century exploration in North America “from Vinland over the West”, which was discovered in Minnesota, in the ground under a tree stump, in 1898. Incomplete and too hasty an investigation in the beginning led to an early discrediting of the authenticity of the stone’s inscription, which lasted for about fifty years; until a Norwegian scholar, interested and industrious enough to do a hard and complete research job, learned of the stone and gradually won its acceptance. If what I believe about this Virginia skyobject is correct, man cannot afford to wait

fifty years to have this problem correctly solved. In view of these facts and the natural skepticism of the average, routine scientist (although the most creative and highest type of scientist has a very “open mind” about any phenomena), I am trying to accurately, completely, and in detail log the events of each day. . . .

When I stopped writing yesterday I was on the point of stating that the tip of the broken-up dead sassafras tree which is lodged in the small living tree had broken a limb off the living tree, and that the leaves on that limb were still somewhat green, indicating that the break was very recent. The green limb was hanging down, only partly broken off. A small dead limb broken from the sassafras also was hanging down from the sassafras top, very unstably balanced, so that a slight wind would have blown it off.

In my search of the evening before last I had tried to find broken limbs or seared leaves on the trees near the dead sassafras, but as it was about sundown I had little time for the search. I decided to request the aid of other experts—this time in the science and art of tree-felling. I debated about whether to telephone the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the private Davis Tree Surgeons. I decided to keep the investigation, for the present, mainly within the governmental service, and to call the Forestry Service.

At this point I will describe the results of my weeklong weighing of the several possible methods of conducting this inquiry and placing the results, if they indicate space travel, before the government and people which I serve.

The U.S. Air Force has long been conducting an investigation of the reports of sightings of “flying saucers”. I have no desire to demean an excellent armed service which is a sister service to the Navy, and in which I have many friends. But, writing as an individual, I will say that I have become convinced that the group in the Air Force which has been conducting its investigation of these reports has been unduly conservative. It seems to me that for a long time their attitude toward all such reports was skeptically negative—that instead of approaching the problem with the positive idea of sympathetically but scientifically checking an hypothesis that perhaps the reports *did* indicate space travel, they approached it from the point of view of unscientifically and arbitrarily explaining away the reports with known, comfortable, earth-origin phenomena. Perhaps familiarity with the problem over several years bred contempt for it. Then later their attitude began to change. At

least they should be credited as the only large governmental organization that has spent a lot of time and money in *some* attempt to solve the problem.

Recently, according to the newspapers, the Air Force has made two somewhat positive moves in this attempt: the ordering of more than 200 cameras with diffraction grids to help indicate the chemical nature of a photographed source of light; and a study of the use of the photographic Schmidt telescope. They also have intensified study of the behavior of radar.

According to the newspapers, General Sanford of the Air Force stated: "...There is nothing to indicate that the things seen or reported to have been seen in the skies are vehicles, material things, missiles or anything else that might comprise a threat to this country."

I also have debated about approaching the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation about the problem. But I thought I probably was as well if not better qualified to conduct and integrate the preliminary steps of the solution of this problem as any other person it might be turned over to by the Air Force or the F.B.I. An old proverb is to the effect that if you want something to be done quickly and in a way satisfactory to you, do it yourself.

If the material proves to be not of earth-surface origin, I plan to submit a report, setting forth the results carried as far as I practically can do so, to the President of the United States, via the three officials who stand between me and him, in the Defense Department and Navy chain of command.

I telephoned the Chief of the Division of Timber Management of the U.S. Forest Service. He was away on a trip.

"I said to his secretary:

"The man I need to talk with would be your best practical expert on the felling of trees—who would know the difference between the way a tree would lie if it fell naturally and the way it would lie if it were knocked down by an object."

"I think Mr. Clocker is the man you need to talk with," she said. "Mr. Everett H. Clocker."

I talked with Mr. Clocker over the telephone, introduced myself, briefly outlined my background, and problem.

He expressed somewhat cautious interest.

I asked him if he could go with me to examine the tree. He said he would meet me beneath the eastern overstreet arch of the South Building of the Department of Agriculture. . . .

I introduced Mr. Clocker to Mr. and Mrs. Lanham. "They are real people," he said as we left

them and walked toward the little woods. "They are the salt of the earth," I replied.

Mr. Clocker is forty-six years old. His complexion is quite ruddy; he is fair-haired, and wears rimless eyeglasses. He talks with a rather serious, positive but conservative, somewhat dry and yet pleasant, middle-western type of speech. He has served on very important projects of the U.S. Forest Service, including the bark-beetle control project, and has worked a long time in logging operations, for the Weyerhaeuser Company, the largest sawmilling company in the world, and for the U.S. Forestry Service.

He has survived three heart attacks. The first attack came after the grueling beginning of a struggle against a great forest fire. Physicians have prescribed that he drink at least three jiggers of brandy or whiskey a day. He takes them straight, and indicated that it is embarrassing sometimes to stop his work and have a jigger of whiskey. Especially, he said, people don't understand his drinking in the mornings, unless he explains the reason for it.

Late on 31 July, U.S. Forester Clocker and I spent about two hours where the stone-like object was found. He, like myself, was very interested in the problem of why and how the dead sassafras tree had fallen. We thoroughly examined the broken tree and its surroundings.

Mr. Clocker and I agreed that it seemed that the only way the tree could have broken and fallen the way it lay was to have been hit by an object from the air.

We saw a living tree of about four inches in diameter which stood in the direction of fall of the tree, so close to the middle broken portion of the fallen tree that it was less than the length of my shoe from the said portion. Yet the green crown of this standing tree, some twenty feet in the air, was completely undamaged by the falling tree. It would have been impossible for this crown to have been undamaged *unless the broken top of the sassafras tree was broken off before the tree fell more than a few degrees*. Unless it were so broken off, the top (which we measured as 13 feet, 7 inches long) would have hit the crown of the living tree.

We saw considerable dead bark that apparently had been shattered from the sassafras when it was hit, and had fallen to its stump.

The middle part of the broken tree, which lay on the ground, and was 16 feet, 9 inches long, somehow had turned through a 90-degree angle in falling. We ascertained this curious fact by comparing the long, jagged break of the stump

with the similar break on the lower end of the prone section. I concluded that the skyobject must have hit the tree at the south side of the center of its bole, so that the tree twisted as it fell.

Mr. Clocker took some pictures. And I thoroughly studied the rather dense green canopy of limbs above the fallen tree, looking for broken limbs on the neighboring trees, which might indicate the direction and angle by which the object came. At length, about sundown, I saw the stub of a limb which recently had been broken high in the air from a big, living sassafras tree that stood about 16 feet to the east (or east-by-south) from the jagged stump of the smashed sassafras. In the dimming light the fracture of the high break looked to be fresh. We searched at the base of the tall tree, which we estimated to be about 70 feet high, but found no broken piece of limb of about three inches in diameter.

On the morning of 2 August 1952, U.S. Forester Clocker and I returned for a check of our findings pertaining to the Virginia Skyobject. By then I had learned that the finding-spot of the strange object was on the corner of a beautiful Virginia estate that belonged to a friend of mine. With Mr. Clocker, I asked my friend, who had been away from home on our previous visit, for permission to re-visit the spot. I was surprised, but could readily understand the position that he took on the matter. For years he had laboriously developed this large, pastorally beautiful estate—an escape-type place, far from the madding city crowd; and here was I, his friend, seriously telling him of the possibility not of invasion of his peace and quiet from the city, not from another country, but—far worse—possibly from space—from the sky or moon, or—even farther! I suppose that he wished it were not true; and that this desire was one of the reasons for his expressed doubt that it was true.

In this investigation I already have repeatedly found this attitude. To a certain extent it is held even by my wife. The idea involved in this evidence that others and I are unfolding is world-shaking and man-shaking. We largely go by experience—our own and that of our species. For eons, *we* have been “lords of creation”. This idea of surveillance of *us* by another kind of intelligent being—possibly even from another world—is just too “utterly fantastic” for most of us to accept—without *extremely* clear evidence of many facts indicating it before us. Nevertheless, according to the scientific way of life, we must, for survival, face facts *as they are*, not as we wish them to be.

For a while on that Sunday morning I followed

my old-earth pattern of thinking, and rather resented my friend’s blunt remarks. But since then I have tried to put myself more in his position; and I have realized that, believing—as I am beginning to believe—that we may be near the end of a tremendous era in our imperfect brotherhood of man—this is no time for old-earth resentment of any kind; this is no time for heated division among us. Suddenly, human friendship, such as that between me and my friend of the finding-spot of the moon-like stone has become of tremendous worth under the sun.

He reluctantly gave us permission to further examine the object’s finding-spot, with the understanding that no photographs taken on his land would be published without his consent. He said that he wanted no crowds of curiosity-seekers on his place. I believe that his attitude influenced Mr. Clocker toward more conservatism in his later written statements. But both he and I still realized that there were strange facts in that wooded corner.

We returned to the stone’s finding-place. While Mr. Clocker did a good job of forestry-detective work, I searched again on the ground for the tree limb of the big green sassafras that obviously had been broken off high in the air. Mr. Clocker showed me fresh fallen bark at the base of the dead sassafras, apparently shattered off when it was struck from the air; as proof of the fact that the smashed sassafras had not yet “bedded down”, which indicated its very recent fall.

But stubbornly I returned to search for the broken tree limb around the base of the big green tree. About ten feet from this base, I at length saw a broken piece of sassafras limb, which we had before assumed to be part of the felled sassafras tree, as it lay near the prone part of the broken tree.

We tried to fit it in a nearby, socket-like fracture on the fallen sassafras, and it definitely would not fit. It had a small, center projection of wood which was too long to fit in the socket. We found another broken sassafras limb which exactly fitted the socket-like break. As there were no other such breaks on the felled sassafras, we concluded that the limb, which was about 2½ inches in diameter, and freshly broken at its base portion in about the same (45-degree) angle as that of the fractured limb stub still high in the air, probably had been broken from the seventy-foot tree. Mr. Clocker called my attention to the outer, broken end of this piece of limb. It was freshly broken, at about a ninety-degree angle, in what seemed to be a

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of the Bureau of Standards, who made the microscopic analysis of the material. He stated that most of the small iron balls were magnetic iron, that he had extracted most of them from the old fractured surfaces with a magnet. In a small pit on one of the roughly parallel surfaces (bounding the cylindrical surface), he said he had found a tiny bit of moss-like material. I had found no brown stains (similar to flame stains) on this surface which contains the small pit. The presence of this material seems to indicate only that, at some time in its history, the subject object has been in an environment containing vegetable life. . .

"21. In my opinion, the subject object could have come from either an airplane or one of the sighted radar-tracked lights. I have read in the newspapers that the Civil Aeronautics Authority has stated that the "blips" recently noted by its radar observers were not made by atmospheric or electronic phenomena but were caused by solid objects. It seems to me to be possible that these objects were solid and ringed with light, or lights....

"22. I am convinced that no hoax is involved in this matter. Knowing Mr. Lanham so long, I completely believe his detailed, and originally somewhat casual, account of the discovery. I have no evidence as to the origin of the object other than its own nature and the apparent fact, which now seems clear to me, that it probably came from the air and sheared and broke the limb and the neighboring tree. I do not believe it is part of the lining of a United States or foreign aircraft jet.

"23. It is suggested that the following steps be included in any further investigation of the subject object:

- (a-1) That representatives of air lines having aircraft that fly the air line from Washington to Herndon, Virginia, be consulted. If the object came from an airplane the plane would have been flying westward from Washington, as the tree with the broken limb forty-odd feet high is about east-by-south from the fallen tree which was broken. (The windows of passenger aircraft are of course locked in flight).
- (a-2) That the angle at which the object apparently fell be studied, in connection with known angles of falling or ejected objects.
- (b) That the materials of the object be further and chemically analyzed by scientists, including chemists, steel-slag experts, physicists, and astrophysicists.
- (c) That the object not be greatly mutilated during the tests, that it be held on file in your charge for a few months, for possible comparison with other such objects that might be discovered, and then returned to me, so that I may return it to the man from whom I received it.

"24. . . .

"25. If the Air Force should consider that some publicity of this subject would be helpful in the solution of the problem, it is suggested that the announcement be brief, and it is requested that my name not be mentioned in it, but that I be identified as 'a naval officer on duty in Washington, D. C.'

"26. I have shown the subject object to several officers of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics. The consensus of their opinion seems to be that possible further investigation of it, from the armed services' point of view, would properly be within the province of the Air Force. . . ."

The Great Hurricane of 1969 took away all but the first page of the original of Mr. Clocker's written report to me. But that page contains the following significant statement: "The second break occurred at a point 21 feet and 9 inches above the ground. It appeared to have occurred much like snapping a dead, soggy twig across one's knee. The break was almost at right angles. On about half of the cross-section the decayed fibers had snapped off. On the other half they were compressed inward before breaking, suggesting that the tree had jackknifed to some extent before breaking at this point. The tree was about 4 to 5 inches in diameter at this point."

I have found in my files a 1952 carbon copy of Mr. Clocker's letter, which contains the following further significant statements: "The tree had evidently fallen very recently, perhaps within a week or two. Lush vegetation was freshly pressed down under the bole. There was no characteristic 'bedding' line as found under trees which have lain for weeks or longer." And: "Examination of other trees within the vicinity showed only one recent breakage. This was a dead limb two and one-half inches in diameter which had broken off a live sassafras tree standing about 16 feet to the east. This tree is about 13 inches in diameter at breast height and 70 feet high. The four-foot stub of the broken limb juts out from the trunk at about 42 feet above the ground. A four-foot broken section which appeared ocularly to fit the broken stub was found under the crown of the fallen dead sassafras in question. It had fallen recently, as above determined. The outer end of this limb was not found, but some scattered fragments of dead limb fall were observed among lower limbs of nearby trees to the east."

The skystone doubtless had fallen from south-of-east, broken off the forty-two-foot-high limb before striking and breaking the lower sassafras

tree.

On 13 August 1952 I mailed my report about the Virginia Skystone, and six phototographs of it made by the Bureau of Standards, and Mr. Clocker's letter, to Captain Edward Ruppelt, then Head, Operation "Bluebook"; and under separate cover I sent him the skystone.

On the 17th I met a Mr. Donald Buchanan who told me of the pioneer work of Charles Fort in documenting and publishing accounts of strange phenomena, especially some that apparently originated in the sky. In the entry in my diary of that day, I stated: "I'm wondering if he wrote of any objects similar to the one found by Mr. Lanham and his grandson."

Some time after that I read an article in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (probably of about 1950) concerning the moon. A plate opposite page 778 of its Volume 15 showed part of the moon as having a very large number of pits and ball-like elements which were remarkably similar to the dented magnetic iron balls of what I came to call the Virginia Skystone or Skyobject. The photographed ball-like moon protuberances were much fewer than the moon pits, but all the balls that I could find in the picture had relatively small dents or apertures as in the balls of the Virginia Skystone. And like the balls of the fallen object, they varied greatly in size.

The pits in both the moon picture and the skystone have the appearance of former hollow balls, the outer, top shells of which have broken and settled into the parts of the balls which then became semi-spherical pits.

I also read an encyclopedia article about the inner earth and was quite interested to learn that according to the usual opinion of geologists specializing in this field the mantle or hard crust which lies below the ocean beds and well beneath the continents is composed of iron and magnesium silicates—the same material as the Virginia Skystone. So there I had a hard problem: the skystone's material according to its nature could have come from either the moon or the mantle deep in the earth. And a further complication from my point of view was and is involved in: my belief in the theory, first propounded by Sir George Darwin, son of the evolutionist Charles Darwin, that the moon was formed hundreds of thousands of years ago by a passing comet or the like which pulled a great mass of earth material from the region of the present deepest part of the Pacific Ocean.

I do not now have in my home an

Encyclopedia Britannica; but I have looked in my *Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia* of 1973 to currently check the above information. On page 258 of Volume 8 there are the following statements: "...the entire earth is considered to consist of four parts: the atmosphere, the lithosphere, the hydrosphere, and the barysphere"; "the lithosphere is divided into two shells, each of which has a density that increases with depth. The innermost shell contains such rock types as basalt and the gabbro and has an average density of about 3.0. The upper shell is made up of rocks of the granite type with a density of about 2.7"; and the deeper "barysphere is divided into an outer zone, called the mantle, and an inner zone, called the core. The mantle extends from the base of the lithosphere down to approximately 1800 miles. It is solid and has a density that increases with depth, varying from 3-6. According to current theory, the outer part of the mantle is composed of iron and magnesium silicates. The lower part probably consists of a mixture of silicon, and iron oxides".

On page 213 of Volume 3 I read: "BASALT, dark grayish, igneous rocks composed essentially of calcic feldspars with augite, olivine, and, generally, magnetite. They show all varieties of texture, from smooth compact to coarse crystalline, and vary in color from pale blue to dark grayish-blue, brownish, and black. When seen under the microscope, the compact and fine-grained basalt rocks often show glassy or vitrified matter lying between the various crystalline materials of which the rock is chiefly composed. Basalt rocks often have a vesicular texture showing the bubbles produced by expanding steam as the rock solidified".

With a specific gravity of 3.48, the Virginia Skystone could not have been of the outer shell of the lithosphere which has "a density of about 2.7"; this is the reason it was stated to be "not a natural stone". It could have been from the *inner* part of the *innermost* shell of the lithosphere. But if it came from this source it would have to be from its *far inner* part because the total layer of this innermost shell of the lithosphere (comprising basalt) has "an average density of 3.0". The chances are if it came from inner-earth materials it would have been from the barysphere "which extends down to approximately 1800 miles" and has a density "varying from 3 to 6", the outer part of which is called the mantle and is thought to be of "iron and magnesium silicates". This encyclopedia wording is nearly exactly the same as that of Mr. McMurdie of the U. S. Bureau of

Standards in description of the Virginia Skystone: "silicates of iron and magnesium".

My encyclopedia's reference to moon rocks is sketchy but somewhat significant. The rocks of the maria where American astronauts landed are "of the type, called basalt, which forms the crust of the earth beneath oceans, but with certain important differences. Evidence exists that the lunar highlands, or continents, may be formed of a less dense rock called anorthosite, which is similar to labradorite (see FELDSPAR)." And on a plate after page 435, Volume 16, I find a picture of a magnified, fine-grained moon rock brought to the earth by astronauts and the following statement about it: The sample is embedded with sharp fragments of other rocks and an egg-shaped glass form with spherical bubbles, formed by expanding gas, trapped in it. The whole egg form is 130 microns long and is part of a rock sliver 30 microns in thickness." The picture of the near side of the moon there shown, with its spheres or balls and the craters that look like gas-bursting bubbles, is very similar in appearance to the Virginia Skystone.

I suspect the fallen skyobject was originally from an area deep within the earth. I believe its material probably was a mantle part of the great mass of the earth's crust that was pulled from the Pacific Ocean region at the time the moon was pulled from the earth, leaving the present gigantic hole in the Pacific Ocean's bed. I believe the main part of this mass became the moon, and the moon's heavier, formerly earth-mantle part took up its present position always facing toward the great gravity of the earth, while looser materials—stones, soil and water—formed cloud-sheathed skyislands, orbiting with and relatively near the earth. Therefore, of course the material of the Virginia Skystone was like both that of the earthward side of the moon and the denser parts of the hypothesized skyislands from which it probably came. Concerning the materials of this earthward side of the moon I have read an article in *Reader's Digest* of August 1970, by Fred Warshovsky, entitled "What the Moon Rocks Reveal": "They were pitted with small, gas-lined pockmarks. More than one-third of the lunar material was soil. Half of the soil was glass—mostly sharp, angular bits without color, but some ten percent were spherical bits. . . They were much like basaltic rocks found on our planet's ocean floor but much lower in sodium and strikingly higher in titanium. . ."

The "spherical bits", except for their titanium,

were like the spheres imbedded throughout the Virginia Skystone. But so were materials mentioned by Curtis Fuller in *Fate Magazine*, April 1977: "Enormous numbers of tiny black magnetic spheres—as much as 650,000 tons annually—are continually raining into a fairly small area of the eastern Gulf of Mexico and western Florida. Researchers doubt they're micrometeorites; instead they say they probably come from coal burning power plants. . . . We gather they're not sure." 650,000 tons a year of magnetic spheres from coal ashes or cinders? Did you ever see iron balls from burnt coal? These little spheres, like most of those in the Virginia Skystone, probably came from skyislands off the earth. . . .

A long time passed before the U. S. Air Force, after my further request, returned the skystone. On 10 February 1953, Major Robert C. Brown wrote to me, referring to a report made by someone who examined the stone, apparently briefly, that it looked like "a very basic slag".* I know now that technician Howard C. Cross had stated in his prior report of February 4th that his examination of the stone was " cursory". This implied "explaining away" of important evidence, after a casual, " cursory" examination, was typical of the Air Force's actions about UFOs in those days.

I can easily dispose of this absurd implication that the skystone might have been slag. Nearly all slag is very light in weight, and is frequently used as a light-weight concrete aggregate—much lighter than gravel. Whereas, the skystone was quite heavy—heavier than gravel or other ordinary rock—a fact that was definitely noticeable as soon as a person picked it up; and it had a high specific gravity of 3.48. Slag (excepting the small amounts formed in the little-used open-hearth steel furnace) has practically no iron in it, for the iron previously in combination with it has been tapped off in molten form from beneath the floating slag. Whereas, iron was one of the main constituents of the skystone. Mr. McMurdie of the Bureau of Standards mentioned "iron" first of the materials in it: "iron and magnesium silicates". And some of the little imbedded balls were pure iron. Moreover, slag has little or no magnesium in it, but magnesium was one of the principal constituents of

*This letter was swept away by the Great Hurricane of 1969. After a long search in Air Force files, Mr. Todd Zechel, Director of Research of Ground Saucer Watch, Inc., kindly sent me a copy of it, as well as a copy of Howard Cross's report of February 4, 1953. The letter apparently was found by Richard Hall in doing some UFO research in Air Force files.

the fallen stone. Slag, due to its pitted nature, looks a *little* like the skystone, but slag is blackish, and the skystone was bluish gray. In testing, the Bureau of Standards cut a thin slice from one side of the stone, and handed that to me with the main object. The plane of sawing was smooth, but very small spheres could be seen as in that depth of it—very unlike the pits of slag and its coarse-grained nature. The spheres apparently were imbedded throughout the matrix of the stone.

I will now compare this skystone with some other fallen objects of the past. Important among these are some that fell from flying saucers over Puget Sound, between Seattle and Tacoma, Washington. Most of the following information about this strange incident is based on the 1952 book by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer entitled *The Coming of the Saucers*.

About 2 p.m. on 21 June 1947 a man named Harold A. Dahl, over 6 feet, two inches in height and weighing more than two hundred pounds, looking like a big lumberjack, was in charge of a boat patrolling the waters of Puget Sound, to the east of nearly uninhabited Maury Island. Dahl and his boss Fred Crisman were said to be "patrolmen", but *official* waters-patrolling for a governmental activity has been questioned by the Air-Force-sponsored Condon Committee for UFO study. At any rate, Dahl was in the business of collecting and selling logs and other driftwood from Puget Sound.

In the boat were also his crew of two men, his fifteen-year-old son, and a dog. The water was rough, and above them there were low clouds. Harold was steering near the shore of the island when he saw, about 2,000 feet above the boat, six round, very large skycraft, apparently about 100 feet in diameter, and doughnut-shaped. Five of them were slowly flying around the other, which seemed to be in trouble as it was dropping fairly fast. The other five craft, circling it, followed it down, but remained above its level. When the one in trouble was at an altitude of about 500 feet it hovered there. Then one of the circling five descended to the lower craft, and apparently was in contact with it for several minutes. Then the watchers in the boat heard a sound like a slight explosion, whereupon a shower of thin white metal, about the width and thickness of newspapers, came from the craft in trouble. And about the same time or a little later those aboard the boat realized they were in a hail of dark, stone-like objects that looked like lava, but also resembled metal. *Tons* of them were falling. The

wheelhouse of the boat was struck, the dog was killed, and one of the boy's arms was hurt. They jumped from the boat and ran to a cliff that overhung the nearby shore. They got behind some logs there, and the cliff sheltered them. They watched the missiles striking the water and the beach. The objects seemed to be extremely *hot*, for when they struck the water steam rose from it. After the heavy shower ended all the skycraft rose fast to a very high altitude, and soon were gone.

They began trying to pick up some of the metal-like objects, but at first they were too hot to handle. After they cooled a little they gathered a lot of them and also some of the white-metal sheets and put them in the boat.

Raymond A. Palmer, publisher of the Venture Press, near Chicago, learned of this strange incident, and commissioned Kenneth Arnold to investigate it. Arnold was the pilot and business man who had become famous for his sighting from his airplane on 24 June 1947 (a few days after Harold Dahl's sighting) of an erratically flying formation of skycraft, flying at about 1500 miles per hour. He had said they flew like saucers skipping across water and thus (as all ufologists know) the name "flying saucers" had been popularized.

Kenneth Arnold flew to Puget Sound and Tacoma, and there managed to interview Harold A. Dahl, who was very reluctant to say anything about his bizarre experience, for since then: he had been threatened and warned against talking about the incident by a strange man in a black suit; his wife had become ill; he had received a mysterious anonymous letter about his sighting, and a strange tidal surge had broken a valuable boom of logs he had salvaged, and scattered them on the water. At last Arnold persuaded him to talk, and he gave the above-described account. Also he mentioned the following details that, after a quarter of century of studying such strange reports, I realize are rather common statements concerning sightings of flying disks: (1) The surfaces of the skycraft that were so near the boat looked like "burled" metal—that is, metal that had a nubby or grainy appearance. (2) These surfaces gleamed in the light with numerous brilliances. (3) From below, the disk-like craft had a doughnut-like shape, with a vertical hole in the center. (Such a hole has been only infrequently reported by other observers). (4) Each craft had an exterior round row of portholes that were about five or six feet in diameter. (5) They were associated with heat—in this case with the heat of the stone-like objects.

Learning that veteran airline Captain E. J. Smith ("Smithy"), who with his crew recently had reported a sighting of flying saucers from their airliner, was in that area, Kenneth Arnold enlisted his aid in the investigation. The two pilots interviewed both Harold Dahl and his boss, Fred L. Crisman.

Crisman was short, thickset, dark-complected and normally cheerful. But he said he had bawled out Dahl about the damaged boat and death of the dog, accusing him and the crew of being drunk and concocting a "wild tale". But the next morning early he went in a boat alone to Maury Island, and there on the beach saw masses of the stone-like objects and the white-metal sheets. He gathered some of them; and then he saw one of the big disk-like craft come out of a cloud and to the little bay at the island. It made no noise that he could hear, and it circled the bay as though searching for something. Crisman described it as brassy-golden, brilliant in the light, and having portholes around its exterior.

There followed some other weird experiences for Arnold, Smith, Dahl, Crisman and two Army intelligence officers called into the case—including a mysterious disappearance, two deaths, and near-death for Kenneth Arnold. Later I'll refer to some of these; but at present I want to set forth the especial relation of Dahl's and Crisman's evidence to the Virginia Skystone.

In their hotel room Arnold and Smith thoroughly examined some of the stone-like, metal-like objects and the white-metal sheets. The material of the stone-like fragments was stated by Arnold to be "metal or lava" and "extremely heavy"—probably somewhat like that of the Virginia Skystone. They fitted numerous fragments together and realized that they were in a cylinder-like arrangement. Their smooth outer surfaces were curved, and their inner surfaces apparently had been "subjected to terrific heat." *They calculated the diameter of the former cylinder, which they concluded could have been a "a power tube," as about six feet.*

I repeat here some of my statements, written shortly after examination of the Virginia Skystone: "The stone. . . is a great deal heavier than the same volume of ordinary stone." "The largest of the fractured surfaces has yellowish-brown stains. . . . These stains look like stains from a very hot flame. They are more prominent near one end of the parti-cylinder" (where burning materials entered the tube?). "It could be part of a building block of a propulsive jet or combustion chamber. . . ." "He

(Mr. A. Hockman of the Bureau of Standards) "stated that it was too heavy for natural stone and that, offhand, he could not identify it." "The actual radius is about five and two-tenths inches; the diameter is approximately 10.4 inches."

The sizes of the two theorized "power tubes" or "jets or combustion chambers" thus were very different. But this could be because of large difference in the sizes of the skycraft from which they came: the one in trouble over Maury Island was about 100 feet in diameter, whereas the one that fell away from the plane it had been accompanying, near Herndon, Virginia probably was a great deal smaller, as no mention of large size of those craft near and above Washington, D. C. was made in pilot's reports in the news. I have since read (on page 49 of Frank Edward's 1966 book, *Flying Saucers—Serious Business*) that at least one of the glowing skyobjects over Washington, D. C. in July 1952 was "about two feet in diameter". Such small UFOs are generally believed by ufologists to be viewing or scanning devices, remotely controlled from large skycraft, and are called "monitor disks", "flying eyes" or "scanners". I believe they are remotely controlled scouting or detective devices used sometimes to ascertain locations of various large things skymen want to take, other times to gather small things, other times to transmit information about the efforts of some persons to correctly solve the mystery of the origin and purposes of skymen, and other times, by wonderful maneuvers, to indicate to earth-surface men awesome power of these invaders or trespassers from the skies.

I began collecting books and magazines about flying saucers, including: Major Donald Keyhoe's pioneer work, *The Flying Saucers are Real*, New York, 1950; Frank Scully, *Behind the Flying Saucers*, New York, 1950; Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, *The Coming of the Saucers*, Boise, Idaho, 1952; Gerald Heard, *The Riddle of the Flying Saucers*, London, 1950; Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, *Flying Saucers have Landed*, London, 1953; Leonard Cramp, *Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer*, London, 1954; *Fate Magazine*; *True Magazine*; *Flying Saucer Magazine*; and Gray Barker's *Saucer News*. These are some of the books and magazines about UFOs that I studied in the early 1950's. I also studied in detail a great many newspapers and the excellent books by Charles Fort which were republished in 1941 by the Fortean Society as *The Books of Charles Fort*. These were just the beginning of many years of my collecting books, magazines and clippings about

this awesomely important subject. But disaster from the sea in 1969 swept away nearly all of the collection; and after that I began the process again.

Charles Fort wrote of accounts of a great many strange falls of stones, and stated that those he mentioned were only part of the reports of such phenomena he had found in old periodicals and books. One of these stones to which he referred (on page 108), shaped similarly to the Virginia Skystone, fell at Tysnas, Norway on 27 May 1884. It apparently tore up the turf where it landed, and was stated (in *Nature Magazine*, Vol. 30, page 300) to be "very peculiar" and to be "in shape and size very like the fourth part of a large Stilton cheese." A Stilton cheese is a deep, circular, waxy cheese, originally sold at Stilton, England. This fallen object thus was triangular or nearly so, with an outer curved surface, and so was at least somewhat like the Virginia Skystone. Another intelligently shaped stone fell at Naples, Italy in November, 1885 and was referred to in *Nature Magazine*, Volume 33, page 153 and by Charles Fort on pages 119 and 120. Since the material of this stone apparently had some resemblance to lava, and volcanic Mount Vesuvius is near Naples, the fallen object of course was "explained away", by a dogmatic "Doctor", as being of Vesuvian lava. But it was not so easy to "explain away" the obviously artificial shape of the stone. Nevertheless, the stubbornly closed-minded defender of status quo insisted it was a shoemaker's lapstone. He also said that "men of position" had believed that it fell from the sky, but that he "obliged them to admit their mistake". The force of orthodox "science"—"scientific authority"—is heavy! For over a hundred years we who are open-minded about this awesome mystery have had a tremendous task in counteracting the effect of the more narrow-minded ones of the scientific careerists against truthful, courageous witnesses. Old-time shoemakers beat leather on lapstones, held on their knees. They were common in 1885; and it seems to me that if the Naples object had been really shaped like one, those "men of position" who believed it had fallen from the sky would have recognized a lapstone-like appearance. Moreover, these men, probably of Naples, would have recognized any lava from nearby Mt. Vesuvius.

At another section of his book (page 288) Charles Fort wrote about an account in *L'Astronomie* of 1885 of an object that, in this same month of 1885, slowly moved in the sky over Adrianople (now Edirne, Turkey), at the Greek

border, near the latitude of Naples. This skyobject or spacecraft appeared to observers to be four or five times as large as the moon.

On page 120, Fort referred to statements of inhabitants of the Santal Pargonas, India that shaped and cut stones fell from the sky there and that some of them were found in tree trunks. A closed-minded Dr. Boddington argued against this, although he had collected fifty of the intelligently-formed stones, and admitted that the Santals had not used stone tools for ages. On page 122 of Fort's work reference is made to: a statement by the one-time Director of the Leyden Museum of Antiquities that Japanese who have reported objects that fell from the sky have called them "wedges"; and a paper in Volume 11 of the *Archaeologic Journal* calling the "thunderstones" of Java "wedges". The Virginia Skystone had a shape somewhat like that of a blunt wedge, with rounded outer surface. In a nineteenth-century book by one Blinkenberg, which I wish were available to me, ten pictures (or drawings?) of "thunderstones" are shown. According to Fort and the *London Times* of 1 February 1888, an iron object in the shape of an oblate spheroid fell at Brixton, England on 17 August 1887. Its largest dimension was about two inches. A chemist did not believe its material was meteoric. In *Knowledge*, 9 October 1885, there was an article about a cocoanut-sized ball of hard quartzite, containing iron, weighing about twelve pounds, that according to a farmer and his wife as eyewitnesses fell during a thunderstorm, struck and killed a sheep on their lawn, and was buried in the ground. They dug it up. On page 116 Charles Fort referred to another object, glowing, seen falling from the sky by a farmer. He dug it up; it was a bronze ax. And on page 125, Fort stated that in *Nature* and four French publications of 1887 there were reports of a small intelligently shaped stone that had fallen from the sky at Tarbes, France on 20 June 1887. It was a disk, having a diameter of 13 millimeters, "*tres regulier*" (very exact in its circular form) and *assurance travail* (certainly worked or wrought). With his usual irony, Charles Fort pointed out that *this* time the closed-minded ones could not use their old convenience "there in the first place", for in far southwestern France on June 20th this stone disk was sheathed in ice. Charles Fort (as well as Dr. M. K. Jessup in *The Case for the UFO*, New York, 1955) referred to a great many other fallen stones of long ago, mostly not intelligently wrought.

Also numerous stones, a large number of them

intelligently shaped, have fallen since 1946. I'll refer to some of these below, but at present I'll describe only the one that fell on 30 November 1954 on Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Hodges of Alabama. This stone was somewhat similar to the Virginia Skystone in that it was extremely heavy. Although it had what I believe to be intelligently-controlled shape this shape was different from that of the Virginia Skystone; but it was like a great many others I have found thru the years, some of which I'll refer to below. The Alabama woman's story appeared in *The Washington Post* of 13 February 1955. Some excerpts from it are quoted below:

"I'm a housewife and I live in a small, white, rented frame house in Sylacauga, Alabama. . . .

"Around noon (on November 30, 1954) I developed a slight headache and that's a little unusual for me, too. But I made lunch for my mother and me. . . . and after lunch I still felt a bit peculiar, so I decided to lie down to see if the headache wouldn't go away. . . . I lay down on the couch and kind of dozed off. . . .

"I jumped up, stunned, and then I heard another noise. It was then I felt the pain flaming up through my left hand and alongside my hip. An object had fallen from the quilt—and the second noise I heard was it striking the floor.

"I stared down at the thing that had exploded into my life. It wasn't frightening in itself. It was just a rock, not even a very large one, about the size of a cantaloupe. I was, as I say, stunned, and then I did kind of a foolish thing. I stooped down and tried to lift it with one hand. I couldn't.

"It was heavy, heavier than lead or anything else I ever had seen. It was warm, too, like someone had been roasting it. I stood up then, water-legged, and a blind kind of terror seized me and I screamed.

"My mother came running and found me weak-kneed and bewildered, staring at the rock and clutching my hand—my burning hand which had swollen to twice its normal size. . . .

"It was really weird. The rock had come straight down from the sky, straight thru the roof and ripped a big, ugly hole in the ceiling. It had smashed the radio and bounced onto the couch and hit my hand and hip.

'Look at your hand,' my mother shouted.

"It was getting worse by the minute and the sight of it made me feel faint. . . ."

Mrs. Hodges spent five days in a hospital. And people began to make offers to purchase the stone.

Staff reporter Harry Gabbett wrote a news item about this stone in *The Washington Post* on 10

December 1954:

" . . . The Smithsonian's Division of Minerology and Petrology finally got delivery on the jagged chunk of rock from outer space through intermediaries. . . . They included Major General J. W. Kelly, liaison officer between the Air Force and Congress, and Representative Kenneth Roberts (D-Ala.), to whom Mrs. Hodges appealed through her attorney, Huel M. Love, for return of the rock that winged her in the hip after ripping through the roof of her home at Sylacauga, Alabama.

"Not at all certain that it wasn't a vital cog of its mysterious flying saucer program gone haywire, the Air Force latched onto the meteorite (?) almost before Mrs. Hodges could be carted off for medical attention. (She still is hospitalized. . . .)

" . . . The Evansville (Ind.) Public Museum. . . came through with a bid in excess of \$5,000 for the stone. . . The Smithsonian would like to. . . compete. As did the Air Force, the Smithsonian has possession of the stone now for study purposes only. . . One of the means (of such study) NOT at the Smithsonian's disposal. . . is physical mutilation of the stone. 'We have to have ownership of it for that.' Henderson admitted almost sorrowfully. . . ."

Thirteen years later I wrote the following entry in my journal about this Alabama stone: 17 January 1968.

"Because of the typical "skystone" pattern and angles in the United Press photograph accompanying the above news item, I believe this stone-from-the-air is not an ordinary meteorite or aerolite; and I am of this opinion for the following reasons: (1) although it crashed heavily it had not fallen like a meteor thru the atmosphere, for directly after it had landed it was not hot; it was "warm" but not hot enough either to burn the quilt or to cause Mrs. Hodges to quickly remove her hand when trying to pick it up; (2) obviously this *mildly* warm stone was covered with some kind of powerful chemical (perhaps phosphorus or phosphoric pentoxide mixed with air-moisture, or phosphoric acid, for immediately it swelled her hand to twice its normal size, but such extreme swelling couldn't have been from an ordinary burn by the warm stone; and (3) the rock had come straight down—"thru the roof".

"But I believe even clearer evidence (linked with the standard pattern I have established in such "skystones", over fifteen years of study of them) will be found to be in two of its angles, if these two have not yet been mutilated. The picture shows the object in perspective, but happens to

have the flattish side of it uppermost, and in it I can clearly discern the typical shape of that side of what I call "skystones" (although some of them are of concrete or other materials). In the picture the upper surface is what I hypothesize is the "bottom" of such stones. It has the usual four rather sharply angled points and the fifth very obtuse angle (sometimes in a rough curve). Because of the perspective I can't exactly measure the key degrees (of what I call the "toe" angle and the "left-side" angle); but after estimating the perspective slant I am convinced that if we saw it these two key angles would fit similar angles of the sample "skystone" that I use for measuring purposes.

"Such measurement and study of correlating factors in the area or region of Sylacauga, Alabama on a few days before and a few days after 30 November 1954 (for example, any reported sightings of flying saucers or falls of such things as cobwebby material, aluminum chaff, gelatin-like chemicals (waxy chemicals like phosphorus) or ice from the sky) would be an example of the type of study pertaining to such stones that I propose to make.

"Also I should like to make a further study of fires, explosions, bad "smogs" and aircraft crashes on a statistical basis (with tabulations related to numerous sightings of flying saucers of specific areas and times). My work to date has strongly indicated a correlation between *increase* of such troubles in an area of considerable sightings of UFOs."

I find that in my journal entry of 8 December 1954, I recorded a strange occurrence (reported by the *Washington Post*) that tied in with the fall on November 30th of the stone thru the roof of the Hodges home:

"On 30 November, about 2 p.m. (about two hours after the stone hurt Mrs. Hodges), a 'mysterious explosion' occurred over the area of Sylacauga, Alabama (about 55 miles southeast of Birmingham). It was observed from Birmingham, Sylacauga, Atlanta, Columbus and Newman, Georgia and as far south as Phoenix City, Alabama. At about the same time an object crashed thru a roof in Sylacauga, making a three-foot opening, smashed thru the ceiling and bounced onto Mrs. Hewlett Hodges. Her hip and right arm were slightly injured.

"The object was about six inches in diameter sheathed over with a black substance (very likely similar to the black substance I have found in a spacecraft landing track, and that found after the

spacecraft landing on Fisher's Hill, Flatwoods area, West Virginia, and that found on my car in 1953). The main part of the object was a gray, granular, metallic substance (probably somewhat like that of the Virginia Skystone. One paper I read called it "stonelike"). It was reported to have responded to tests for sulphide; this response might have been due to the object's coating. It, of course, was tentatively identified as a meteorite."

Slowly the evidence of spacecraft from spaceislands that constantly ring the earth is accumulating.

In *Flying Saucer Review*, London, of July-August 1969, Dr. Walter Buhler wrote of the strange experience of Senhor Caetano Sergio dos Santos, a town night-watchman of Caconde, Brazil, near a large lake and hot springs. On 17 May 1968 Sr. Caetano found near his back door a mysterious metal cylinder, about 17 centimeters long and 15 centimeters wide. It was so heavy that he needed to use both hands to pick it up. In the ground where it had lain there was a very small depression, about one-half of a centimeter deep. Its exterior was dull gray and so extremely hard that he couldn't scratch it with tools. The cylinder's two flat ends were closed over by a transparent material united with the metal so smoothly that he could not see its joint and could not penetrate it with a screwdriver. Beneath the transparency at each end he could see a dial that apparently had the figures 1 to 5 indented in it; and adjacent to these numbers there were five symbols, also apparently engraved, that were so strange and complex that he couldn't copy them. One of the ball-tipped pointers was red, the other black. That night when he put the strange device beneath an electric light it shone brilliantly. He set it on top of a shower compartment, forbade his children to touch it, and went to night-watching work.

A little after 1 a.m. Senhor dos Santos returned to see if his pregnant wife was all right. He found her and their crying children outside in the cold in their night-clothing, extremely frightened.

A little before 1 a.m. Senhora dos Santos had been awakened by a humming noise from above the shower compartment. From it came a mysterious blue light and a terrible heat that was quickly spreading thru the house. She shut off the electric light, but the humming, blue light and heat continued, growing more intense and terrifying. She wakened the two children, and they hurried outside, where she called for help from neighbors. In a short while a thunder-like clap came from the top of the house and a shower of tile pieces fell

nearly.

The heat which had lasted about ten minutes was gone when they went into the house. Senhor dos Santos found that the strange cylinder was gone, and above where it had lain there was a hole in the tiled roof. Again, skymen had taken back property which had been their own!

What eventually happened to the Virginia Skystone became a mystery. At this point, before turning to other very important aspects of UFOs that came my way, I'll take its story on thru as well as I can.

After I mailed the stone-like object to Air Force Captain E. J. Ruppelt on 13 August 1952 numerous months passed without my receipt of a single line about it from the Air Force. After five and a half months I wrote in my journal that I had written "Air Force Captain E. J. Ruppelt, requesting the return of the arcuate-surfaced, stone-like object. Neither he nor the Air Force has acknowledged receipt of it, or my eight-page report."

Some time later, the officer then in charge of the UFO project sent me the above-mentioned letter and later sent me the stone. In emphasis, I repeat here: This letter comprised one of the Air Force's standard "brush-offs" of the time—that the stone was like "very basic slag". Of course, "slag-like" is a poor attempt to "explain away" the nature of the stone, for it was extremely heavy and dense, except for the larger (hollow) ones of the balls, whereas slag is light in weight, coarse and often crumbly.

In the meantime my wife and I had clearly seen a couple of UFOs at rather close range, and I had become deeply, laboriously interested in flying-saucer research, preparatory to writing a book on the subject.

Our close-at-hand sighting was in the late summer of 1952. Actually, we saw two UFOs—one flying a short distance behind the other. I didn't report either to the Air Force, for I had received no answer to the other report, and I thought they'd try to explain away or ignore the obvious sky vehicles we had seen. When I wrote of the experience for my book I referred only to the first object. I wrote as follows:

When Laura and I were driving home on the night of 24 August 1952, and saw the bright crescent of a new moon, I was thinking of the cosmic problem of the lights and the skystones which I had considered so much of late—and dreamed of at night.

When we arrived home I stayed outside and

looked at the stars. On such a night as this, with the air cool and dry, and thousands of stars glittering and twinkling in the sky, I often think of the time when, as an officer of the newly-formed United States Border Patrol, I stood lone desert watches beneath the star-studded mystery of the Arizona sky. Under such a canopy of stars, individual man realizes how small is man—and man's world—in the universe. . . .

I looked for moving lights of space visitors. I saw a moving star, but concluded that it was naturally wheeling about the North Star.

Laura came out and watched with me for a while. But it was a cool night, and she returned inside. I put on a sweater, and continued the watch.

About ten p.m. I went around the house to the west and took up a position there.

A few minutes later I saw a strange thing. An object like a glowing ball of fire came through the air from the northwest and flew over our pines just south of the orchard. It was flying extremely low—just over the tops of the pines—at a speed that I estimate to have been about 100 miles an hour. I was studying it with great intensity.

I heard Laura excitedly calling me. She had been looking through our picture-window to the west, and, thinking I was still on the eastern side of the house, had rushed out of the carport to summon me.

We watched the light disappear, moving horizontally over the pines. It was a ball-like flame of reddish-orange. Laura said later it looked to her like a strong fire in a coal-burning furnace, when you open the door. It looked to me like the blazing, inferno-like inside of one of the huge furnaces of the old U.S.S. *Delaware*, one of the last of the old-style coal-burning battleships. Like those old battleship fires under force-feed of air, the ball-like flame in the air seemed to boil.

About the time the first object disappeared from our view there came a second, following the same course as the first object. This one had a more clearly defined body back of the forward, furnace-like ball of dancing flames or the like. And this body was shaped something like a stubby little airplane; but if there were any wings they were rudimentary. Behind the front ball of light I saw a window, with a light inside, behind the window. At that time I had never read of portholes in flying saucers, and so I wondered about whether the second craft was a skycraft of the cigar shape. Now I know that it was.

After the things were gone we compared notes.

Accompanying each of the objects we had heard a droning, slow-beat noise, a little like, but of less intensity and fluctuation than, the sound of a very steadily working airplane engine with an old-style, fixed-pitch propeller. But such an engine-and-propeller combination has a continual slight change in noise-intensity due to varying air-bite of the fixed-pitch propeller as it encounters varying air conditions in its rotation. And we had not seen an airplane. The noise was more likely the droning sound that had been reported before as coming from flying saucers. This noise seems to be connected only with certain types of such craft. It seems to have been reported only by observers on the ground, and as less loud than the ordinary airplane engine. Such an ordinary engine does not have so steady a sound. An ordinary airplane also goes considerably faster than the object with the forward ball of flame.

Neither of the lights we saw was the red running light of a plane. It was probably hundreds of times the size and intensity of such a running light. And it did not have a steady glow like that of an electric light. It fiercely flickered, like furnace light.

Many a time I have flown at night in a position to observe the glow of the exhaust of airplane engines; such a glow is not the color, shape or intensity of the light we saw. It was not the exhaust of an airplane jet because it was forward on the craft, was rounded, in a different shape from a jet's shape, and there was no characteristic jet-like high speed or jet sound. And neither propeller nor jet planes fly at such low altitudes over trees. The objects of the furnace-like lights barely cleared the tops of the pine trees.

About the *first* of these two skyobjects, I note that I recorded that my wife and I "separately and independently" concluded "that the flaming light was at the front instead of the rear of some sort of craft. I think the reason for this conclusion was partly a *forwardly rounded* shape of the ball-like light; and probably we dimly saw a body behind the light." I also note that my estimate of the speed—which was about the same for both objects—was "about 100 miles an hour," which is slightly less than the radar-determined speed of the skyobjects over the Washington, D. C. area about a month before our sightings. A few other sightings have been reported of furnace-like lights at the front of UFOs—e.g., near Ann Arbor, Michigan on 27 July 1952 by Dr. Charles H. Otis*, and near San Jose, California on 1 February 1956 by Starr Henderson and his family.**

Within the next few days after our sighting I

heard of a recent skyobject sighting by a Mrs. Curtis, who lived on a farm not far from my home.

It was dark when Mrs. Curtis happened to step to her door, and saw an intense light nearby, just above a hayfield. Calling her daughter, she opened the door and went out. Before her daughter could come, the lighted object flew away at great speed.

I wrote a few chapters of my proposed book and an outline of the complete work, and decided I'd try to get some New York publisher to work with me in finishing it. On 22 July 1953, I wrote the following journal entry:

I am now on a train bound for Washington, back from my interviews with publishers in New York.

Yesterday afternoon I telephoned *True Magazine*, and was disappointed to learn that Mr. Purdy, the Editor of *True*, had gone on a two-weeks' vacation on Monday. The Aviation Associate Editor, Mr. John DuBarry, according to Major Keyhoe had been called "John the skeptic" by Mr. Purdy. So I was reluctant to see him, but he was the only one available.

I found him to be a very friendly gentleman—but one who lived up to his nickname. He is very skeptical and cautious—wants to publish nothing that is not thoroughly backed up by statements of "experts" and evidence of a number of people. He said that with over a million readers they needed to think of the prejudice of the average man against any seemingly fantastic new thing.

Here it was again—the tyranny of the so-called "experts" and the conventionality of mass-thinking—against which Charles Fort struggled so long.

My staggering, almost-incredible evidence and studies concerning a Saturn-like, inhabited ring of rock-and-dust around the earth seemed to be too much for "John the Skeptic". But he said that he would like to review a single article of about five to eight thousand words, backed up by documents of "experts" and witnesses, but that "in its present form" his magazine would not publish the work.

This morning I saw Mr. Stewart ("Sandy") Richardson, a young science-and-science-fiction editor of Henry Holt and Company. He was quite interested in my work. But—his company has just contracted with Major Donald Keyhoe for a book on flying saucers—and at this time would not publish another on the same general subject.

**The UFO Evidence*, NICAP, Washington, D. C., 1964, pp. 50-51.

**"Flying Saucer Review", *Civilian Flying Saucer Intelligence*, 5108 Findlay Street, Seattle, May, 1956, p. 6.

Possibly Mr. Al. Chop of the Air Force Public Relations Office told Major Keyhoe about the fact that I was going to write a book, using Air Force records as part of my evidence. At any rate, it seems that Keyhoe, apparently since my visits to the Air Force Public Relations, six months or so ago, has gone over those old records again, and copied them. The only answer I gave Mr. Chop when he asked me about my conclusions was that I didn't agree with those of the Air Force and that I believed magnetism might be involved in propulsion of the spacecraft. (Not long after our talk the Air Force released to the public a statement comparing a plane's attraction to a space object as like response to a magnet.)

Mr. Richardson volunteered advice about other publishers, and recommended that I see Mr. Theodore ("Ted") Amussen, Vice President of Rinehart and Company, who worked as editor of Henry Holt and Company when that company published Frank Scully's book *Behind the Flying Saucers*.

This morning I saw Mr. Amussen, a large, pleasant American whose name is of Danish origin.

I talked a long time with him. He was interested. He said my evidence and conclusions "seem incredible". He and I burned a bit of one of the thin gleaming strips Laura and I found. We thought that the material of these strips might be aluminum.

Mr. Amussen kept my first five and a half chapters and the outline of the rest. I am to telephone him on Monday. He will tell me then whether his company will work with me in publishing the book.

I left with him the following outline (now very slightly edited):

SPACE-ISLAND MENACE
(THE COSMIC CASE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS)
By Commander Alvin Edward Moore..

Outline of Chapters.

- I. Introduction and some 1952 Washington-area flying-saucer evidence.
- II. My entry to the cosmic case of the flying-saucers. Discovery and analysis of the Virginia skystone.
- III. The skystone-scarred trees in my Virginia forest. Discovery of other skystones. My decision to work for years on this cosmic detective case.
- IV. Some evidence of magnetic flying-saucer force.
- V. Analysis of evidence of gas-ejecting space craft.
- VI. Colors, lights, shapes, radar trackings and gas clouds of the flying-saucers.
- VII. Hypotheses:— possible methods of flying-saucer propulsion; and possible earth-satellite bases for space craft.

VIII. Evidence of propulsion, heat, size, materials and earth-latitudes of the sighted space craft and islands.

IX. Space craft that have fallen or landed on the earth.

X. Space-island effects on earth-surface man; heat under space islands; recent changes in climate; the recently-discovered jet-type winds, from west to east, high above the earth; high and low pressure weather systems that move from the west to the east; prevailing winds; flash-floods and lightnings; disastrous smogs; the combustible materials in space-island smogs, snows and hail (my discovery of bright particles in a matrix of flying-saucer chemicals, and some disastrous explosions and fires of the general time of this discovery). The space-islands may be destroying us, piecemeal, by fire; analysis of some of the space-craft sightings in connection with strange weather conditions, explosions and fires.

XI. Poisons from space; vortices of death from the sky; strange athletic records; straight-line bands of disaster.

XII. Disease and death. Analysis of the Donora (Pa.) "smog" disaster, the great world-wide haze of 1950, and polio epidemics which come in the summer and fall.

XIII. Effect of space islands on ocean and atmosphere tides. Location by means of tidal evidence, of possible earth rings of space islands.

XIV. Effect of the space islands on earth-surface man.

XV. Brief of the case of earth-surface man against the space islands and their inhabitants.

XVI. Actions we should take in our defense:—filters for all air that enters buildings; avoidance of outdoor activities when flying-saucer smogs are in the air; . . . fixed windows; air-conditioning; plastic-roofed patios; . . . filters for all air used in power plants especially all air that enters superchargers or turbojet air compressors on aircraft; . . . integration by *truly* scientific, open-minded persons of flying saucer and spaceisland phenomena.

Within the next few days, Mr. Amussen notified me that his company would work with me in finishing the book, and assigned a young editor, Mr. Robert D. Loomis, to receive and criticize the remaining chapters as I sent them to him.

As the Korean War was over, I went off duty from the Navy and began working twelve to fifteen hours a day in research and writing the book. I had only three months to finish it and contract with a publisher for its publication; for at the end of that time if I was to preserve my legal right to return to work as an Intelligence Officer I had to return to the C.I.A. I knew that once I went back behind those locked, closely guarded doors, there would be little chance of getting the C.I.A. to approve publication of my controversial book.

On the 20th of October 1953 I went to the

C.I.A. to claim my reemployment right; and on the 21st I wrote the following diary entry:

"The staff" of the C.I.A. had stubbornly and red-tapedly refused to grant me any leave-without-pay after my return in October.

But when I reported there yesterday to go to work I was advised that my reinstatement papers had just started the red-tape rounds of wheels-within-wheels, and that several weeks would pass before I could begin work there.

This is a good break of luck for me. For now, I hope, I will be able to finish my book, *The Spaceisland Menace*, before I return to the rolls of the C.I.A., and therefore there will be no question of any necessity and delay of submitting the manuscript to the C.I.A.—and possibly the various armed services—for governmental clearance before it is published

The papers of the last few days have reported numerous strange, fiercely sudden aircraft "accidents".

I didn't return to the C.I.A. until 1954; but the delay did not help me much about the book. Because in late November a meeting was held at Rinehart and Company about my work, then nearly finished; and they decided to reject it. Mr. Loomis first wrote me about the rejection, and then later, over the telephone, mentioned that a main thing that influenced the company was the fact that college textbooks were one of the important parts of their business, and they were afraid to antagonize narrow-minded scientists with a book so controversial as mine. I knew then that my project probably was sunk. For I did not have time to deal with another publisher before returning to the near-cloister of the C.I.A.

I returned to that agency in early 1954, intending to try to work for the truth about flying saucers from inside its portals. About this time I met and became a friend of Arthur C. ("Art") Lundahl, an officer of the Naval Reserve, an expert employee of the C.I.A. We had a lot in common, and especially about flying saucers. I did not then know of the now famous Robertson Panel of standardized, head-in-the-sand scientists who, while I was on active naval duty, had met on 14 to 18 January 1953—for parts of those five days—to briefly study the tremendous problem of the flying saucers under the auspices of the C.I.A. According to published statements by Dr. J. Allen Hynek* and others, after quite cursory consideration of the extremely complex UFO evidence, the Panel concluded:

"(A) That the evidence presented on

unidentified flying objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security. We firmly believe that there is no residuum of cases which indicates phenomena that are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts." The Panel recommended: "That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the unidentified flying objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired."**

Years later, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who worked as a consultant with the U.S. Air Force in connection with flying saucer reports, wrote in *The UFO Experience*** "that this trial of the UFOs obviously was prejudiced, and that the Panel handicapped scientific research concerning UFOs for twenty years."

Like the legend of King Canute who bade the sea tide to stand still, those old status-quo scientists tried to stop the tide of slowly gathering evidence of this mystery that would not be downed. Ufologists have assumed that the Panel's report became the policy of the Air Force and C.I.A. Within the Government I tried to form an open-minded, unofficial, interdepartmental UFO study group, with members in the United States and Canada. How I was stymied in this effort I will not now say. I have voluntarily deleted from my previous manuscript reference to this frustrating experience.

On 15 September 1954 I wrote the following entry in my UFO journal:

On 6 August Captain Donald Goodspeed of the Royal Canadian Army was a guest at "Pinemoor" (our place in Fairfax County, Virginia). He was very interested in the shaped Virginia Skystone and the gelatin-like substance Laura found near the front entrance of "Pinemoor" during a time of heavy flying saucer sightings.

I let him take the remnants of the skystone left after the Bureau of Standards and Air Force tests, except for one bit, and about half of the piece of gelatin, for testing by the Canadian laboratory or station set up to observe flying saucers.

A few days after his departure I read a newspaper account of the movement of a

*Dr. Hynek, Air Force astronomer, was a member of the Panel, but did not sign the report.

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gravimeter at the station when a low-lying overcast was over Ottawa. And recently I read that the station was to be closed by the Canadian Government.

I told Don Goodspeed about some of my theories about flying saucers, including:

(1) that they are partly based on natural satellites (covered by clouds) a few hundred miles off the earth (struck out from the earth at the time of the moon's creation. . .);

(2) that the wave of crumbling car windshields that moved across the U.S. and Canada this year, from west to east, was due to flying saucers;

(3) that the saucers and skyrings are causing many of the aircraft crashes, railroad wrecks and explosions during recent years;

(4) that the sightings of skycraft have a periodicity, are seen over a large segment of the U.S.-Canada border, and the sightings gradually shift toward the east, in this latitude, around the would, until they return about a moon later;

(5) that there seems to be a connection between the skycraft and the strange, ghostlike ships of fire seen on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Great Lakes in recent years; and

(6) that *some* of the skycraft may also be based, at least temporarily, under the oceans and/or under polar ice.

I have not heard from Captain Goodspeed since his departure from Washington on 7 August 1954.

On 28 October 1954 I wrote Captain Goodspeed as follows:

"Dear Don:

"I am wondering if you returned safely to Ottawa, and whether you have obtained a chemical analysis of the 'First Virginia Skystone', as I call it.

"I was interested to read in a Canadian newspaper that in the laboratory operated by Mr. Smith a gravimeter was strongly moved, apparently by some unknown heavy mass in an overcast over Ottawa (this tied in with my theories of clouded sky objects). And then I was disappointed to read in a later paper of the closing of the laboratory. If only it could have remained in existence until next year it probably would have got more evidence. This year, according to newspapers, the 'saucers' are being sighted more in Britain, Europe and Africa. Next year the perigee of their satellitic orbit probably will move eastward back toward us.

"When you can conveniently return the main mass of the stone I would appreciate receiving it. A fairly highly placed U.S. official recently asked me to set him see it.

"I trust all is well with you and your family,

Don. My wife, Laura and I are still in good health. But we have worked extremely hard since seeing you, completing the new estate near our home which we have developed as an investment. We plan to visit my mother and two of my brothers in New Orleans some time in November."

Don at last returned the stone to me from Canada, and a little later I received the following letter from him, written on official Canadian stationery, with the heading "Defense Research Board". I rescued this letter, somewhat ragged and torn, from drift left behind by the Great Hurricane of 1969.

"Ottawa, Canada
31 January 1955

"Cdr. Alvin E. Moore, USN(R)
Pine Moor,
Route One,
VIENNA, Virginia
USA.

"Dear Al:

"You will by now, I hope, have received the stone which you were good enough to lend me, together with the photographs. I very much regret that I was unable to deliver it personally as I desired to do, but pressure of work at the Pentagon made that impossible.

"I have, however, been able to obtain for you certain information on this stone from our National Bureau of Standards. The object is not a natural stone and apparently it is not a meteorite; iron and silica are the principal constituents with magnesium and calcium included as well. Tiny balls, up to about 1/8 inch diameter of pure iron occur in the material. A calcium carbonate cement occurs as a fragmentary coating on the apparently cylindrical elements of the surface.

"A similar stone, of unknown rock formation, was analyzed recently by the Mineralogy Division of the Geological Survey of Canada. Small round globules of solid metal that could be scratched out without heating were a feature of this stone. These were of diameters up to the size of small peas. It was finally established that the material was from the floor of a garage where welding had been going on for many years. The globular material which had splattered during welding was imbedded in the floor material, which had apparently been constructed from some rock.

"I am most sorry to have missed you during my brief stay in Washington, but I hope to be able to see you again before too long. Please give my warm regards to your wife and be assured of my best wishes for yourself."

On 6 June 1955 I wrote the following journal entry:

In the last half of May, 1955 I saw Captain Donald Goodspeed of the Royal Canadian Army

and asked him why he had not sent me the promised results of the chemical tests of the gelatin-like substance that my wife had found at the edge of our lawn in connection with bowed aluminum wires, "skystones", and partly burned black masses of coal-like material.

Don said that when he arrived in Ottawa and opened the aluminum foil in which I had wrapped the piece of gelatin-like material he had found the material to have dissipated into a mass of stuff that "looked like cobwebs".

My mind immediately flew to the use of the word "cobwebs" in many of the flying-saucer reports—in the report of Mr. Kenneth Arnold, various reports of falling substances, and the finding of masses of cobweb-like, gelatin-like filaments hanging from the ceiling logs of my new house on "Lot 6". I also remembered that when I had cut the lump of gelatin-like material that I had just taken from its hermetically-sealed storage in aluminum foil in a jar I had noted that pits had formed in the lump as though it had disintegrated where air had got to it.

I mentioned to Don that flying saucer materials had been described as like cobwebs. He said he had not known that when he used the term.

I have just taken the part of the material I kept from its covering of aluminum foil in the jar or bottle. I had rolled the foil so thickly about it that I had to squeeze the lump into elongated form to take it out of the bottle's mouth. So it is possible that if the material were in cobweb-like filaments I broke it into the powdered form in which it now exists. It is an amorphous mass of brown powder—smaller perhaps than the sliceable mass I put back in the jar last year.

I re-wrapped it thoroughly and returned it to the bottle. When I have the time and money to spare I hope to have it chemically analyzed.

I believe this gelatin-like material is a very important chemical used by skymen in the propulsion of their small ball-like missiles. And I think it may also be used in larger skyobjects.

From *The Washington Post*, 23 February 1955: Horseheads, N. Y., Feb. 22 (A.P.).—A gray, cobwebby substance that fell out of the sky here and spread over an area half a mile square was identified today after exhaustive tests as heavily damaged cotton fiber.

Dr. Charles Rutenber, professor of chemistry at Elmira College, said the condition of the fiber indicated that it was waste material or had been damaged in some sort of explosion.

At first scientists were stumped in efforts to

identify it.

The fiber fell over a residential area of this south-central New York village and draped over houses, trees and bushes.

Rutenber said the substance was radioactive, but not dangerously so. . .

Rutenber described the substance as "white, fibrous, and heavily impregnated with soot and dirt." He said it was shiny and had no apparent odor and did not burn rapidly.

My note of 1/18/68: Was it "shiny" because of aluminum specks and "white" because of the union of phosphoric acid and aluminum to make aluminum phosphate (the "dirt")? A.E.M.

For a while in late 1954 and/or early 1955, I had the Virginia Skystone in my safe at the C.I.A., which was securely locked every night. No one was supposed to know its combination except myself and high-ranking security officials. I myself was fairly highly placed in the Agency, but someone, whose name I cannot remember, near the top of the Agency hierarchy (probably the second or third ranking man) courteously asked me if I would lend him the stone a while. Of course I did so; and after a few days to a week he returned it. At this point, due to my being extremely busy at the time with graduate university work, governmental duties and work at home, my memory is not entirely clear about the stone. But according to my memory of several weeks later, I took it home and put it in a closet there. But when I later looked for it, it had disappeared. I wondered if my memory could be wrong and thought it was barely possible that I really hadn't taken it home, and that it disappeared from my C.I.A. safe. All I had left was the thin slices (containing hundreds of the tiny spheres imbedded in the matrix) that the Bureau of Standards had sawed off the object; and these also finally disappeared in the hurricane waters of 1969.

I have wondered for decades about what really happened to the Virginia Skystone. Any way you look at it—whether the C.I.A. took it or skymen took it—its disappearance is a mystery.

Years later I read in the Bantam Books 1968 edition of Frank Edwards' book *Flying Saucers—Serious Business* (pp. 47-50) an item about such a stone that caused me to think *at first* that perhaps the C.I.A. really had taken the skystone. Frank Edwards referred to a tape recording of an interview two UFO researchers, C. W. Fitch and George Popovich, had in November 1961 with Wilbert Smith of Canada, who had become famous as in charge of a Canadian

government's scientific investigation of flying saucers. During this interview Mr. Smith said that in 1952 he had shown U. S. Navy Admiral H. B. Knowles a little piece of material that was "shot from a small flying saucer near Washington, D. C. in July of that year—1952," and had been "loaned" to him by the U. S. Air Force.

Interviewer, Mr. Fitch said: "Is this the only piece you have handled which definitely had been part of a UFO, Mr. Smith?"

"No. I've handled several of these pieces of hardware."

"In what way, if any, do they differ from materials with which we are familiar?"

"As a general thing they differ only in that they are much harder than our materials."

"What about this particular piece from that UFO near Washington... did it differ from conventional materials?..."

"Well, the story behind it is this: The pilot was chasing a glowing disk about two feet in diameter—"

"Pardon me, sir," Mr. Fitch said. "But did you say *two feet*. .?"

"That is correct. I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later. The entire piece weighed about a pound. The segment that was loaned to me was about a third of that. It had been sawed off."

"What did the analysis show?"

"There was iron rust—the thing was in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers—thousands—of 15-micron spheres scattered through it." "... Did you return it to the Air Force, Mr. Smith?"

"Not the Air Force. Much higher than that."

"The Central Intelligence Agency?"

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I don't care to go beyond that point. I can say to you that it went to the hands of a highly classified group. . . ."

The materials of this July 1952 skystone were substantially the same as those of the July 1952 Virginia Skystone. Apparently, the piece examined by Wilbert Smith was either: from the Virginia Skystone, sent to Mr. Smith by the U.S. Air Force in 1952; or from a flying saucer very similar to that

from which the Virginia Skystone fell at that same time in July, 1952. Since Mr. Smith apparently had the piece of stone in 1952, it was not sent to him from the C.I.A. in late 1954 or early 1955, when the skystone disappeared. But during the time the U.S. Air Force had the stone—from the middle of August 1952 until some time after their letter to me of 10 February 1953—they easily could have sent a slice of it to Mr. Smith, as he then headed the best known scientific group in the world examining flying-saucer phenomena with its own numerous instruments. And the C.I.A. could have delivered this slice for the Air Force, and itself.

There are three other close similarities between the Virginia Skystone and the stone reported by Mr. Smith: (1) the weights are closely similar (as stated by Mr. Smith, "about a pound"; as weighed by Bureau of Standards personnel before they sawed off a bit of it, 532.91 grams—approximately 1.2 pounds); (2) The fallen piece as stated by Mr. Smith was still glowing when it was found; when found, the Virginia Skystone still had an odor "like burnt stone", and I saw withered greenish-gray leaves at the stone's finding spot—obviously heat-seared; and (3) Wilbert Smith referred to the piece he had as a "segment", and being an engineering scientist he probably meant a segment of a circle or sphere—the shape of the Virginia Skystone.

The only discrepancy between Wilbert Smith's statements and the facts of my report *could be* due to a cover-up statement by the Air Force or the C.I.A., for they had no legal right to saw off part of the stone and send it to Canada. The statement about a ground party's searching for the little fragment and purposefully finding it in the miles of country—mostly forested—west of Washington, D.C. is possible but not at all probable.

The only way the C.I.A. could have sent the Virginia Skystone to Mr. Smith would have been for it to have got a segment from the Air Force in 1952. Whether or not this occurred, the mysterious disappearance of the stone in 1954 or 1955 is not explained as caused by the C.I.A. I believe now it was not—and for the following other reasons: (1) The C.I.A. would not have needed to steal the stone from me; I had already lent it to a top official of the C.I.A. and would have cooperated further with them in considering it. My memory, when I looked for the stone in a closet at my home, was that a few weeks before I had put it there. Strange though the facts appear, my memory probably was right; probably skymen took it from my closet.

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By that time my wife and I had learned that, like reported poltergeists, the skymen—that is, probably their small remotely controlled scouting devices—could enter our locked and window-closed home at will, probably via our mostly dampened chimneys. We learned this because a great many times we had found inside our house the little evidences they had left behind. These mostly were bits of paper, cardboard, aluminum foil or other small objects shaped in what I had discovered was the typical skyobject pattern, to which I'll refer in a later chapter.

There are other disappearances of important physical skycraft evidence. One was in the 19th century—on 26 March 1880—at Galisteo Junction (now Lamy), New Mexico. A low-flying skycraft, “monstrous in size”, cigar-shaped, fish-tailed, and seemingly driven by a huge “fan” passed overhead so low that people could see that about ten persons, like normal human beings, were on board, shouting in a language unknown to the witnesses. One of the men on board threw out several things—a cup of “peculiar workmanship, entirely different to anything used in this country”, a pretty flower, and a piece of silk-like paper with oriental-type characters on it. The machine then rose and rapidly sped away. On the very next day a mysterious stranger, claiming to be a “collector of curiosities”, arrived in town, looked at this physical evidence of the skycraft, said they were Asiatic in origin, and paid the railroad station agent a great deal of money for them. He then disappeared.*

Another strange disappearance of skyobject evidence was reported in *Saga's 1975 UFO Annual* (Vol. 1, No. 1): In late August 1972, in Kera District of Shikoku Island, Japan, some boys, including Michi Seo and Yasuo Mori, captured a glowing, blue-lit skyobject that they had seen for several days, flitting over rice fields. About 8 inches in diameter, it looked like an ash tray that was upside down. It was taken to the home of Yasuo Mori, still intermittently glowing with a bluish light. The boys poured water into a small round hole in its back, and it made a squeaking noise. Next, they put a wire down the hole, and a round lid there flipped open. They looked inside and saw radio-like equipment in it. Then they shut the lid as far as it would go; but there was an open crack. Later, they saw that the lid had completely closed, and they could not open it again. One of the boys involved in the capture—Kei Kojima—wanted to take the device to his home for a while. He carefully put it in his knapsack and

started for his home on a bicycle. *On the way, the skyobject vanished!*

Not long ago I read** of a similar vanishing of a small alien skyobject from a bicyclist's knapsack in Africa. *On the way, the skyobject vanished!*

In his 1950 book *Behind the Flying Saucers*, Frank Scully wrote of three cup-and-saucer-like skycraft that apparently had crash-landed in southwestern United States. On two of them there were dead little men. They wore dark-blue uniform clothing. The only food found aboard the craft were “little wafers”. Some of this the U. S. scientists reportedly fed to guinea pigs, “and they seemed to thrive on them.” One of the wafers was placed in boiling water in a container, and it “quickly boiled over the sides of the container.”

One of the saucer-like skycraft was said to be slightly under 100 feet in diameter, another to have a diameter of 72 feet; and the third was considerably smaller. Their outer skins, which had no rivets or bolts, looked like aluminum, but were stronger and harder than aluminum. A round cabin fitted in a much wider saucer-like base portion. Around this base there was a ring gear, with which gearing on the cabin meshed. There was an instrument board having push-buttons on it, which the investigators did not dare to push. Apparently, there was no other propulsion machinery. Two of the dead little bodies on bucket seats, had slumped, face down on the instrument board of the largest of the skycraft. There were toilet facilities on the larger two craft, but none on the smallest of the three.

Since the evidence in this book was hearsay, apparently about secretly classified governmental work, and apparently about the then nearly incredible first skycraft of the mid-twentieth century boarded by earth-surface men, the scoffers and explainers-away had a “field day” on poor Scully. Someone discovered that his main informant, engineer Silas Newton, had been accused of company-stock fraud—and according to my memory found guilty of it. Thus, *ipso facto*; from their point of view, Scully's book was based on a hoax.

But through the years since—with hundreds, probably thousands, of reports of skycraft landings and contacts with skymen—there has been considerable corroboration of Scully's statements. Frank Scully said on the basis of reports by

*Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, *Fate*, May, 1973, 86.

**In *Fate* or a *UFO* magazine, not now available to me.

Newton and a "Dr. Gee" that the dead little men were three feet to three and a half feet tall; although since Scully's 1950 book various heights of skymen have been reported, a very large number of those apparently seen have been about three to four feet tall. One contactee, who doubtless did not know of Scully's work, stated that he saw skymen eating "wafers". They gave him some, and he ate them. There has been a multitude of sightings of disk-like skycraft of the size range Scully reported—up to approximately 100 feet in diameter. Some of these that have been boarded have had no visible propulsion means other than an instrument board and push buttons or the like. There have been many reports of the type of ball-like landing gear that Scully reported as being on the smallest of the crashed skycraft. On its base there reportedly were three "steel-looking balls". If these were not turned the craft was very light. But if they were spun in the same direction numerous men were unable to tilt the vehicle. Since then a large number of reports have referred to cup-and-saucer-like craft that had three-point ball-like landing gear.

Frank Scully, famous writer, who once ran for Lieutenant Governor of California, was pilloried because of his flying-saucer book. Frank Edwards, a friend of Scully's, wrote that the "little-men story" burdened him for the rest of his life, and that what happened to Scully's reputation made other commentators reluctant to accept reports about skymen without very positive evidence.

The dismantled skycraft, if they existed, have disappeared.

Scully's account is similar to the report in *Saga's 1975 UFO Annual* (page 93) of a disk-shaped skycraft seen in April 1950 in a remote part of Argentina by Dr. Enrique Carontenuto Bossa, a pilot and aeronautical engineer. He went into the UFO thru a side door that was open. Along a curved inside wall there were three seats. In two of these dead little men sat. In a seat at the center of the craft another dead little man—probably the pilot—was slumped. They had brownish skins and were dressed in tight, one-piece garments that covered their bodies and feet. In front of the center seat there was a screen-like device, over which light rays continually passed. And rotating with an upper rotating light, there was a glass-like globe. Dr. Bossa drove on to his distant hotel; and the next day, in the afternoon, he returned with two friends. Far overhead they saw a red cigar-shaped skycraft, and, as they watched, two gray disk-shaped craft hovered near it a moment,

and then merged with it. After that the cigar-shaped craft (apparently a "mother ship") tilted and quickly moved out of view. They searched where the crash-landed skycraft had been; and all they found was a little heap of grayish ashes. They touched it and found it warm. Then they were startled to realize their hands were colored green. They washed them with some gasoline from their car. . . .

At this point I'll return to further mysterious experiences concerning the Maury Island sightings and stones.

Harold Dahl, boat captain, apparently was twice warned by skymen (or skymen's spies on the earth's surface) not to tell of what he had seen above Puget Sound and at Maury Island. On the next morning after his sighting—22 July 1947—a man in a black suit, of medium height, driving a Buick sedan, invited Dahl to breakfast. At a restaurant breakfast table the stranger mysteriously related in detail Harold's awesome experience of the previous day, then said that Dahl and the others on his boat had observed things they shouldn't have seen, and courteously threatened that if Dahl valued the welfare of himself and his family he would not tell any person about his experience.

But although Dahl wondered how the man could know the details of his day before, he concluded the stranger was a crackpot, and ignored the warning. He reported the experience to his boss, Fred L. Crisman, and described it to other seamen at the harbor-patrol pier.

Soon after this, Harold Dahl received an unsigned letter telling him that the vehicles now being seen in the sky were operated by beings like earth man, but less dense, that the recent *atomic explosions* had released radiation which caused the skycraft, of various shapes and sizes, to be seen by men like Dahl, and that the flying disks were manned by gods of the earth who defended the earth from attack by enemies of its life. Later, this letter mysteriously disappeared. So did pictures taken by Dahl of the skycraft. Their negatives were somewhat defective, with white spots as if from radiation; but they disappeared.

1 August 1947, about 1:30 a.m.: An Army Air Force B-25 bomber took off from McChord Field near Tacoma, Washington. Its pilot was Captain William L. Davidson, its co-pilot First Lieutenant Frank M. Brown. They were Army intelligence officers, investigators of the flying-saucer mystery, who, on request of business man Kenneth Arnold and airline Captain E. J. Smith, had come to

Tacoma to investigate the Maury Island flying-saucer sighting and incidents. Both men had indicated to Kenneth Arnold their belief in the reality of the reported skycraft and had referred to photographs of UFOs they had which they believed to be authentic. Also aboard the big B-25 were the flight engineer, Sergeant Woodrow D. Mathews, and a soldier who had sought a flight to California, Master Sergeant Elmer L. Taff. Near the feet of the pilots there was a box of some of the stones found on Maury Island by Harold Dahl and Fred Crisman. Before Davidson and Brown had flown the bomber to McChord Field it had been thoroughly overhauled.

Twenty minutes after takeoff, according to Master Sergeant Taff's later account, the left engine became afire. Then the valve for firefighting at that engine would not function. Sergeant Taff and Mathews safely parachuted out of the plane. Why Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown did not is a UFO mystery, for the plane was in the air about five or ten minutes after the two enlisted men "bailed out". Another mystery is the fact that no distress radio call came from the plane; was the radio interfered with by electrostatic force of a skycraft? And still another mystery: twelve hours before the Army released the names of the dead pilot and co-pilot a mysterious caller telephoned *Tacoma Times* reporter Ted Morello, named the dead pilots, said that the plane had been sabotaged or shot down to prevent shipment of flying-saucer fragments that were on board to Hamilton Field, California for analysis, and that two other recent plane crashes, in New York and Copenhagen, had been caused by sabotage. This was the same informant who repeatedly had telephoned to that newspaper the exact nature of secret conversations about the Maury Island sightings and fragments in a closed hotel room among the two intelligence officers, Kenneth Arnold, airline Captain E. J. Smith, Harold Dahl and Fred Crisman. In consequence, reporter Ted Morello had become alarmed for the safety of Arnold and Smith and had tried to warn them of their danger. They thoroughly searched the hotel room for electronic "bugs", but no such spying devices could be found.

Was this know-all mysterious informant a skyman? Or allied with them—an earth-surface spy? Perhaps the strange man in black who had known all about Harold Dahl's sighting and gathering of stones on the early morning after they occurred?

Captain Davidson and Lieutenant Brown open-mindedly were on trail of the truth about

flying saucers, and they had on board their plane some solid evidence of them—probably some of the heavy, curved stones that apparently had been part of a power tube or sphere. Recently, Davidson and Brown had interviewed famous pilot Dick Rankin concerning his UFO reports. Rankin was said to have extra-sensory perception, and before the crash of the B-25 had talked with a United Press reporter about Davidson and Brown, and seemed to think their lives were in danger because of the UFO knowledge they they had obtained.

Probably the plane was destroyed, the stones aboard were taken back by alien skymen, or at least lost to us, and these two fine officers died because of the nature of these stones and their knowledge of and potential threat of disclosures concerning skymen. *Something* prevented these two skilled and highly trained pilots from parachuting out of the doomed plane during the "nine to eleven minutes" Sergeant Mathews saw that it was still flying, as he floated down under his parachute. Also: Why did the emergency fire-fighting valve for the engine afire on the recently overhauled plane fail to work?

Shortly after the crash Kenneth Arnold telephoned publisher Raymond Palmer that he was withdrawing from the investigation Palmer had commissioned him to make. And Palmer warned him not to carry any of the stone fragments in his small plane when he took off for his Boise, Idaho home. (*The Coming of the Saucers*, pp. 52-71.)

A Major Sander, Army Intelligence Officer at McChord Air Force Field, who obviously had little belief in flying-saucer reports, took over the investigation. He requested and received all the stone fragments held by Arnold and Smith—even demanded the piece that each of them was holding for himself. Major Sander told them he was sure they had been victimized by a hoax. He drove with them in his car to a pile of slag of the Tacoma Smelting Company, and stopped his car for their examination of the slag. This slag looked like the reported fragments of skystone; but Kenneth Arnold thought: "but it doesn't feel like the same thing." Apparently, Captain Smith also believed this. But both were relieved to stop their part of the seemingly dangerous investigation. However, mysterious experiences were not over.

3 August 1947: Captain Smith and Kenneth Arnold ate breakfast at a restaurant with Harold Dahl and his secretary. Arnold had met the secretary at her home a few days before when Dahl went there to show Arnold some of the UFO fragments and the anonymous letter, which he

found had disappeared. Harold said he was going to work all day on business books at his secretary's home; and later that day Smith and Arnold, preparing to leave Tacoma, drove to the secretary's house to say goodbye to Dahl. Arnold recognized the house and a number of its individualities. But it looked as though it had been deserted for months. The door apparently was locked, but he looked thru the windows. There was no furniture in it. And strangely, in that house Arnold had visited five days before, there were masses of mysterious stringy white filaments—all over the inside of the house.

Harold Dahl disappeared from Tacoma. Arnold later tried to telephone him, but was unable to contact him. Also Fred Crisman strangely left Tacoma. The mysterious informant of the *Tacoma Times* telephoned reporter Ted Morello that Crisman had been taken aboard an Army Air Force bomber for transport to Alaska. How could Fred Crisman, a civilian, get passage on an Army plane? Apparently, Crisman later was heard from; but Dahl seemingly had vanished. No UFO researcher in the years since August 1947 has been able to locate him. He suddenly left home, Puget Sound job, and a valuable logging business. Had the threat of the man in black been carried out? We of course do not know for sure that this apparently honest and sincere man was "spirited away" by skymen. But the oral threat apparently *was* made; the anonymous, warning letter disappeared; and "angel hair" type of flying-saucer evidence was "everywhere... in and around" the house. Kenneth Arnold wrote that he couldn't understand how so many "cobwebs" could suddenly come there. I believe they were skychemicals such as I let Captain Goodspeed take to Canada and that later disintegrated into cobweb-like filaments. Apparently Harold Dahl was either kidnapped or so terribly frightened by skymen who left the "angels' hair" that he vanished of his own volition.

Early in 1957, Gray Barker of Clarksburg, West Virginia, publisher and writer about UFOs received information from "a source in Tacoma, Washington" about an elderly woman there who said she knew where Harold Dahl and Fred Crisman had gone. Gray Barker was about to get in contact with her when his "source of information in Tacoma" airtailed a clipping to him about her sudden death. This clipping "related how the alleged informant was killed when her car unaccountably swerved across four lanes of traffic on U. S. Highway 99 near Tacoma and crashed into a power pole".* Across *four* lanes to a fatal pole!

After long study of the gravity-like, doubtless electrostatic, effects of UFOs, I strongly suspect that this woman was killed to keep her from publicly stating weird evidence of a skyisland secret which, probably because of her fear, she had kept silent about for nearly four years.

There have been quite numerous examples both before and since 1947 of mysterious vanishings of earth-surface persons. Many of these have occurred in the now-famous Bermuda-Miami-Puerto Rico triangle of the South Atlantic Ocean. And in *The Books of Charles Fort* reference is made to numerous accounts of strange disappearances. A few of these, including an apparently foiled attempt at kidnapping, are the following:

Re pages 681 and 683 of Fort's works, and pp. 52-92 of *Strange Disappearances* by Elliott O'Donnell, N. Y., 1972: On 25 November 1809, Benjamin Bathurst, returning by horse-drawn carriage to England from a mission as special Ambassador to the Court of Emperor Francis at Vienna, Austria, stopped for dinner at the "White-Swan Inn" in the small, walled, riverside town of Perleberg, northern Germany. He was twenty-five years old, wore an expensive sable, velvet-lined overcoat, had a diamond scarf pin, and had a purse filled with gold. After dinner he called at the office of Captain Klitzing, commander of the local garrison and requested military protection. He said that he feared assassination by French spies of Napoleon's government. But since Austrian armies had been defeated by Napoleon and he and Emperor Francis had just concluded a peace agreement Benjamin Bathurst and his despatches probably were not of much importance to the French. But another statement of Mr. Bathurst may be more significant. He mentioned to Captain Klitzing that an occurrence, apparently on his trip from Vienna, had greatly alarmed him. He did not explain this statement with any details. A woman who was present and served him tea later said that his hand was shaking as he took the tea from her. Could it be that the occurrence that had so frightened him was UFO phenomena? Captain Klitzing told Mr. Bathurst that he was exaggerating the danger, and rejected his request.

Later, as witnesses testified, the horses were being hitched to the carriage, when, a few minutes before 9 p.m., Bathurst walked into the road at the post-house and watched the preparations for his

**Flying Saucers*, June, 1957, "Chasing the Flying Saucers", p. 35.

journey. Some stated that he stood by the heads of the horses in the light of the ostler's lantern. None of the group standing there, including those of Bathurst's party, was watching him carefully. But when all was in readiness for the trip, and his servant was standing at the opened door, those present realized that he had mysteriously, noiselessly disappeared.

His coat was later found hidden in a cellar, but Augustus Smitz who had placed it there, said he thought it had been left by a Jewish merchant who had stopped at the inn, and that he, Smitz, was holding it for a later reward.

Three weeks later, Bathurst's trousers, wet and inside out, were found in nearby woods. Two holes, about the size of bullet holes, were in them; but *there were no blood stains*.

Several attempted non-UFO explanations of this strange, noiseless disappearance have been made, but there are irrefutable objections to each. For example, it has been said that Bathurst was lured into the nearby house of a petty official, suspected by some of being a French spy, who had two pretty daughters of poor reputation, and there murdered. This ignores the statements of several witnesses who apparently saw him only a short time before his disappearance.

His trousers had in them a partly finished letter to his wife, in which he referred to his fear of being killed, due to French influence. Could these trousers have been purposely left on the grass where they were found, so that the French and not the real guilty ones, would be blamed for his abduction or murder? A twenty-five-year-old man could be of considerable use as a servant or other worker in a skyisland or UFO cavernous base. And at least one group of skymen apparently mostly kill for blood, and possibly also for flesh.

Another indication of a coverup of the facts of Bathurst's disappearance occurred about two months later. On 23 January 1810 there was a paragraph in a newspaper of Hamburg, stating that he was alive and well and that some of his friends had received a letter from him. But those friends denied that they had received such a letter. In writing about this paragraph, Reverend Sabine Baring-Gould said: "Was it inserted to make the authorities abandon the search?"

The strange, noiseless disappearance of Benjamin Bathurst has been repeatedly investigated; but it was never explained as a normal earth-surface phenomenon.

Re. page 700, Fort's works. October, 1904: Four students in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

University, England went into a room there that was reputed to be haunted by a being that usually was invisible but sometimes was dimly perceptible. The four went into the room together. Then one of them was pulled from the group. The other three seized him to hold him, and a tug of war ensued. It was said that the force pulling at the youth was "like some powerful magnet". They used all their strength against it, and managed to free the attacked one. In the meantime there was a hubbub of students outside the room. Other students ran down the adjacent stairs. They ran into the room and tore out its wall paneling. They found nothing strange. This story reminds me of recent accounts from the United States Military Academy at West Point of a haunted room there.

Re page 683, by Fort—about 4 January 1910: Sherman Church, a young employee of Augusta Mills in Battle Creek, Michigan, rose from his seat in the firm's office and hurried into the mill. He was never seen again. The *Chicago Tribune* stated: "The mill has been almost taken to pieces by the searchers, and the river, woods, and country have been scoured, but to no avail. Nobody saw Church leave town, nor is there any known reason for his doing so."

Re page 600, by Fort: On December 12th of this same year of 1910, Dorothy Arnold, a beautiful young woman of New York City, was planning a party on the 17th for sixty former schoolmates. She lived near the 79th Street entrance to Central Park. She was seen on Fifth Avenue, when she said that she would walk thru the park to her home. But she disappeared and was never found. On that same day of the 12th of December a swan mysteriously appeared on a lake near the 79th Street park entrance and near her home. Swans usually live in marshy areas—unlike New York City.

In *Flying Saucer Review* of November-December, 1962, my copy of which, with many other issues of that magazine, was hurricane-destroyed, I read of the 1962 report by Raimundo Mafra, a 12-year-old boy in Brazil that he saw his father kidnapped. As I remember this account, two lighted objects landed outside their house, enveloped his father, and took off. He never saw his father again.

In *The Humanoids*, London, 1974, edited by Charles Bowen, I find two references to attempted kidnappings:

Pages 58-59, by Jacques Vallee, 10 December 1954: Two young men saw a UFO land near Chico, Venezuela. "Shaped like two bowls glued

together," it was about ten feet in diameter, and had a fiery underside. Four small dwarf-like beings, their bodies covered with hair, got out of it, and attacked the young men, seemingly in an attempt to kidnap one of them. The other young man hit one of them with a rifle, and it broke against the attacker. Although the invaders were amazingly strong, they then abandoned the fight, boarded their craft, and took off.

Pages 64-65 of *The Humanoids*. On 4 October 1965: Several short beings, with "greenish skin", only slightly resembling our breed of men, attacked a schoolboy and two schoolgirls. The students fled to the nearby school, and so escaped.

In the *South Mississippi Sun-Herald* of 2 February 1975, an article entitled "The Unexplained" by Allen Spraggett referred to a very strange disappearance in December 1900 of three lighthouse keepers (Thomas Marshall, James Ducat and Donald McArthur) from The Seven Hunters Lighthouse on one of the Flannan Isles off the northwest coast of Scotland. Joseph Moore, the fourth of the keepers, had been on a two-weeks vacation on the mainland, and in late December was returning on the ship that regularly transported supplies to the lighthouse; but this time the delivery had been delayed by a raging storm of several days. When they arrived there was no sign of life at the lighthouse. And they found the massive lighthouse door *barred on the inside*. They broke into the interior and searched. The boots and oil-skin duty clothes of all three men were in their usual nighttime positions. No trace of the three men was ever found. If they had been captured by skymen how could the attackers have got them outside a door that was barred on the inside? The lighthouse probably had a chimney; and if it was a large one, as was common in those days, the bodies, live and temporarily paralyzed or dead, could have been taken up thru it.

Another possibility is that the keepers were taken out thru the doorway, and behind them the bar was closed by electrostatic, gravity-like, magnetism-like force of skymen. On at least several occasions I have found doors that definitely had been locked with the inside locking feature turned into unlocked position; and I have read of similar strange shifting of things of other persons.

A headline in the *South Mississippi Herald* of 12 September 1974 was entitled "Body found in Chimney":

Homeowner Emil Tosi at Stevensville, Michigan "said he thought the obstruction was a small animal until he and the workman grabbed what

looked like a strand of human hair and some fabric.

"Tosi, a restaurateur, said he hadn't used his furnace since May, but stoked it up last week when temperatures dipped. "A foul smell and black smoke filled the basement of his two-story home, prompting Tosi to call a repairman. When the workman arrived on this week, he and Tosi opened the chimney flue in the basement and reached in.

" 'I couldn't really bring myself to believe there was really someone in there,' Tosi said.

"He called deputies, who summoned a building contractor. The chimney was broken down, revealing the body.

"Tosi said he had done some remodeling to the home in June and ladders were leaning against it, making the roof easily accesible.

"Jewel said he believed it would have taken at least two persons to stuff the body, feet-first, into the chimney."

In a UPI article published on 15 July 1975 in the *South Mississippi Sun*, I read of the strange disappearance of Dennis Martin of Knoxville from the bald top of Bote Mountain, Tennessee. Dennis was seven years old. On the Father's Day weekend of 1969 he was playing in an open field, watched by his father and grandfather who were sitting nearby in the sunshine. One minute they saw Dennis, and the next moment when they looked for him he was gone. Thousands of searchers, including men who thoroughly knew those mountains and Green Beret soldiers, searched for Dennis, but no trace of him was ever found.

Over a decade ago, Pamela Anne Nater, 20 years old, and Nancy Leichner, 21, disappeared from Alexander Springs, Florida, and no trace of them was ever found. According to a report in *Midnight* of 9 August 1976, State Attorney Gordon G. Oldham, Jr. said: "We've worked ten hard years on this. We've listened to hundreds of witnesses. We've had divers and searching parties out looking for them. Some people claim they saw the girls getting snatched away by men from outer space, and we follow up on that too." If they were kidnapped by skymen, their families will never see them again.

At the time of the Maury Island sightings and other strange incidents a few Air Force officers, clerks and one scientist, a consultant, "investigated" the flying-saucer reports, mostly from the point of view of trying to prove that witnesses were seeing only ordinary things or else weren't telling the truth. They labeled nearly every report of close-range contact of earth-surface men with skymen as a "hoax". To most of them, such a

report, *ipso facto*, probably would be a hoax. As they labeled Florida Scoutmaster Desyergers' account a hoax, so did they label the strange accounts of Dahl and Crisman. Somewhere, Crisman read of the Air Force report in *Fate Magazine*, and he wrote its editor to threaten suit against the magazine unless it withdrew its statement that he was guilty of a hoax. Apparently, the magazine did not retract it, for it was really an Air Force group's statement, and the individuals of that group apparently were safe from suits for libel behind a governmental facade at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Another thought about Fred Crisman: It is at least *possible* that he did not write the letter to *Fate Magazine*—that instead it was written by an earth-surface spy of the skymen. But in the absence of factual evidence—such as the swerving of the car—we need to accept the letter as written by him. So many strange things that are somewhat similar to earth-surface matters—such as “accidents”—are involved in this weird tangle of occurrences! The great problem is to separate the two types of happenings.

Publisher Raymond Palmer had a laboratory analyze the nature of the reported skystone fragments Dahl and Crisman had sent him and also some of the slag of Tacoma Smelting Company. The reported skystones had high percentages of calcium, iron, zinc and titanium, lesser but substantial amounts of aluminum, manganese, copper, magnesium and silicon, small percentages of nickel, lead, strontium, chromium, and traces of silver, tin and cadmium. Of these substances, no copper, magnesium, nickel, lead, strontium, chromium, silver or tin was listed as found in the slag. On the other hand, molybdenum and barium found in the slag were not listed as in the stone fragments from the skycraft.

Harold Dahl estimated that about twenty tons of the stones fell from the skycraft on Maury Island and adjacent waters. Forty thousand pounds are a huge weight of stones! No hoaxer would have made such an outlandish statement—especially in June 1947, when even the idea of such a thing as a UFO then seemed quite new and fantastic enough.

In the afternoon of 3 August 1947 Kenneth Arnold thoroughly checked his light airplane, warmed the engine and checked both magnetos. He said goodby to Captain E. J. Smith and took off on the first leg of the four-hour homeward flight to Boise. He flew over the Cascades, felt relief at being over the mountains, and landed at Pendleton, Oregon, where he bought gasoline. The

craft had been operating well: he steeply advanced the throttle, the engine responded, and quickly he was in the air. Then, suddenly Arnold was shocked by one of the most deadly things that can happen to an airplane at low level. At an altitude of only about fifty feet the engine abruptly stopped. The flyer's instinct took over. Desperately, he turned the plane into a straight downward course toward the nearby runway, in attempt to build up enough momentum to land without a fatal crash. About ten feet from the ground, he pulled back hard on the control stick. Still sinking fast, the plane managed to level off. It hit the ground in a minor crash. He leaped from the cockpit. His left landing gear was badly damaged and the left spar was broken; but he was alive and except for shock not hurt. Returning to the cockpit, he discovered that his fuel valve was mysteriously turned off. He thought that only he, himself, could have moved it off—but knowing that by long habit he had it on when taking off, he thought that his mind or thinking “in some peculiar way was being controlled or dictated to”, but realized that no one would believe it. To most persons familiar with the strange UFO story, his conclusion is at least possible. But I believe not probable. Remembering the numerous instances of strange operations of locks, very slow fall of stones and sudden strange swervings of vehicles, I believe that UFO electrostatic, gravity-like force probably turned off the valve. But his quick thinking and nearly instinctive action saved his life.

He had the plane repaired, and again took off for home. Thus ended the nearly incredible but apparently true set of 1947 experiences at Maury Island, Puget Sound, and the areas of Tacoma, Washington and Oregon. Two men, carrying skystones, mysteriously died, a third with potential of considerable disclosures about flying saucers narrowly escaped death, the main witness of the tremendous stone-fall mysteriously vanished, and another, secondary witness suddenly left his work and a good business and indignantly felt the need of defending himself against allegedly false statements of the Federal-Government bureaucracy. . . .

I have read in the report of the Condon Committee's Air Force sponsored so-called *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* (Bantam Book's 1969 edition, New York, pages 90 and 91) of their analysis (by Dr. Roy Craig and others) of the above-quoted statements of Mr. Wilbert Smith, presumably about the Virginia Skystone. Air Force Project Blue Book

"representatives" stated to the Committee that they knew nothing of the UFO fragments referred to by Frank Edwards. And Mr. J. W. Clinton for the Chief of Information of the Navy Department wrote that no record could be found in Navy files of a Navy jet plane's firing on a UFO in July 1952 or any other time. He said that Navy fighter planes carrying live ammunition on interception duty over Washington, D. C. would have been encroaching on an Air Force's task.

The Condon Committee stated that if the reported fragment were classified "Secret", they would not have been advised of its existence. Apparently Dr. Craig and the others did not think of the possibility that the story told to Wilbert Smith of the finding of the skystone as result of shooting at a UFO by a jet fighter could be a C.I.A. or Air Force "coverup" of the real facts of the finding of the one-pound skystone, of which a small segmental slice had been supplied to Mr. Smith.

Dr. Robert J. Low, Project Coordinator of the Condon Group, heard from my friend Arthur Lundahl about the Virginia Skystone and tried to telephone me about it. But the wires at my place got out of order. When after several days he was able to get his telephone call thru his words came to me in an indistinct fashion, with a strange accompanying sound. As I remember: Either then or at the time of his first attempt to telephone me an electric-power transmitter near our house was strangely burned and put out of use.

Dr. Low asked the date of my report to the Air Force, and later telephoned me again; and according to my memory he said he couldn't find it in the Air Force UFO files. I believe I sent him a copy of it and copies of a few of my journal entries about flying saucers; and I never heard from him again. Perhaps because he couldn't find my report in the Air Force files he and the study group ignored it.

This wasn't the only time that a UFO researcher failed to find my report to the Air Force in its UFO files. In his open-minded investigations of flying saucers, Dr. James E. McDonald, a rather famous scientist and professor of the University of Arizona, learned from Arthur Lundahl about the Virginia Skystone and in 1970 he telephoned me from Montgomery, Alabama, where he was doing research in the Air Force UFO files. On 21 May 1970, I wrote the following entry in my journal:

"On the evening of 19 May 1970 Dr. J. E. McDonald of the University of Arizona telephoned me and we talked for nearly an hour about the

phenomenon of flying saucers, in which we both are keenly interested.

"The telephone was working well—not "bugged" by possibly spying electric force as it apparently was when Dr. Robert Low telephoned me from Colorado about the same subject." Perhaps the reason for this clearness of communication was the fact that he did not telephone from his motel.

He asked for information about the Virginia Skystone, and I told him about its disappearance and about the hurricane the year before that had swept away most of my UFO journal entries and clippings. He had searched for my report in the Air Force files—then at Montgomery, Alabama—and when he failed to find it he telephoned me. In view of what has happened since then, I doubt that he ever found it.

His telephone calls were from a "firehouse" in Montgomery. Shortly after his last call a Montgomery telephone operator telephoned me that she did not have the information about his motel room that he had given her, and she didn't know where to charge his call. I didn't know the name of his motel. I imagine he telephoned from the firehouse because he thought his motel phone was "bugged" by skymen. He probably was plagued by them in his research—as I have been.

Although in recent years more scientists in scientific careers have expressed open-mindedness about UFOs, in the 1960's Dr. James McDonald was a rarity among orthodoxly trained science professors in that he believed there was a basis of tremendously important fact in the many thousands of reports of UFOs. He was hard at work in trying to solve the vast mystery and making many speeches to scientific organizations, trying to rouse scientists to open-mindedly investigate UFO phenomena. For instance, a few months before our telephonic conversations he had said in a long speech at the 134th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: "A most unfortunate pattern of press reporting developed by about 1953, in which the Air Force would assert that they had found no evidence of anything 'defying explanation in terms of present-day science and technology' in their growing files of UFO reports. These statements to the public would have done little harm had they not been coupled systematically to press statements asserting that 'the best scientific facilities available to the U. S. Air Force' had been and were being brought to bear on the UFO question. The assurances that substantial scientific competence was involved in Air Force

investigations have, I submit, had seriously deleterious scientific effects."

The effect of such speeches by an able and well-known scientist, and of the book he probably planned, would have been considered dangerous to "coverup" of their secrets by the so-called "Silencing Group" of skymen. About a month after Dr. McDonald and I talked—on 21 June 1971—he mysteriously died, alone in a car in the desert near Tucson, Arizona. I don't know many details about his strange death, but I suspect that his fate might have been similar to the death of scientist M. K. Jessup, who also apparently endangered skymen's secrets.*

In December, 1976, Mr. Todd Zechel, Research Director of Ground Saucer Watch, heard about the Virginia Skystone and telephoned me about it. After questioning me for a while he said he believed my story, and was going to try to find confirmation of it in the Air Force files. By March, 1977, he and those associated with him had been unable to find my original report there. But, as stated above, after a long search they did find a copy of the above-mentioned letter of the Air Force to me about their seemingly shallow examination of the stone.** I wonder but probably will never know, just what happened to my eight-page report to the Air Force and what happened to the Virginia Skystone.***

It was in late 1952 or early 1953 that I came to the conclusion that there must be cloud-sheathed or otherwise obscured skyislands above the earth—perhaps orbiting around it—perhaps far enough out to be balanced in place in space, rotating with the earth. And soon after this I learned of the pioneer efforts of Charles Fort, and bought and read a copy of his works. I felt an intellectual kinship with him when I read of his reference to possible "islands of space", and objects, such as my wife and I had observed, that

from time to time in the past had fallen from the sky. As John P. Bessor wrote in *Fate* magazine, July, 1954: "It was Charles Fort's cautious opinion that such falls of axes, blood, flesh, silk, hair, stones, manna, etc. were the contents of cargo ships cruising in space and that great blocks of ice and icicles were dislodgements from glacial territories floating above our sphere."

I made a great many notes in the margins of my copy of Fort's works, and after my return to the C.I.A. "Art" Lundahl expressed an interest in Fort's evidence and conclusions, and I lent it to him. Arthur Lundahl, like myself I hope, has been one of the better type of bureaucrats, who do not have closed minds against "far-out" evidence of new, at-first-amazing things that our breed of man needs to learn. He was the governmental photograph-interpreting expert who advised President Kennedy of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba. He became director of the U.S. National Photographic Interpretation center; and I recently read in the *National Enquirer* that he stated that he had seen a film of sighted UFOs that he was convinced, as a photography analyst, was certainly not faked. He was talking about the famous movies of flying saucers taken at Tremonton, Utah, by U.S. Navy photographer Delbert Newhouse on July 2, 1952. He went on to say that he believed those UFOs were real and beyond our earthly ability. It was probably about two months after I lent Arthur the book of Fort's Works he put it in our intra-office, messenger-carried mails, in a packet addressed to me. The C.I.A. did not deliver it to me. He bought another copy for me. Many years later—after my retirement—Art wrote me that my annotated copy had been found; and we exchanged copies via the U.S. mails. Where and why had this profusely annotated book been outside our ken all those years?

*Gray Barker, Ed., *The Strange Case of Dr. M. K. Jessup*, Saucerian Books, Clarksburg, W. Va., 1963, 1974.

**Apparently, Richard H. Hall, a long-time hard worker and editor on the mystery of the UFOs found the letters in Air Force files.

***As this book is about to be published Tod Zechel has advised me that his research group at last has found, in the U.S. National Archives, my report to the Air Force, with the pictures of the Virginia Skystone. But the disappearance of this UFO skyobject remains a mystery.