

Officer Fowler received fifteen phone calls, all with similar descriptions and similar experiences.

Dr. Hynek comments on the Levelland sightings: "What was needed at that time was a swift reaction by Blue Book and a serious investigation. The Air Force project head at the time did call me by phone, but at the time, I was on around-the-clock duty, responsible for the tracking of the new Russian satellite, so I wasn't able to give it any attention whatever. I'm not proud that I hastily agreed with the [Air Force] project office's evaluation that it was 'ball lightning.' Frankly, there's no evidence ball lightning can stall cars and put out headlights."

Meanwhile, other sightings and reports continued to fill the Air Force files. Despite efforts to explain and scientifically solve them, the sightings grew in number . . . as high as six hundred in one month.

10. THE INTELLIGENCE CASE—1959

It seems the CIA was to become involved in the UFO phenomena again, in a most unusual way. A series of episodes was to take place, that, up until the printing of this book, were not public knowledge. The events were so bizarre that it is hard to believe they happened to people associated with such no-nonsense organizations as the Office of Naval Intelligence and the CIA.

The man involved in this unusual case was Lieutenant Colonel Robert Friend, USAF, former head of Project Blue Book, now retired. Friend is presently on the man-

agement staff of Celesco Company, which builds, and launches missiles for defense-testing purposes.

Robert Friend, from all I could gather, was highly regarded by his fellow officers and other Blue Book staff members. Dr. Hynek, who worked with him for several years, has particularly kind words of praise for Friend's open-minded, intelligent approach to the UFO phenomenon. Friend has a degree in physics and was well qualified to understand most phenomena related to astrophysical laws.

It was during my second meeting with Friend that he finally decided to talk about the CIA case. At the first meeting, probably because of his years as an intelligence officer, he was reluctant to give any details, but since that time, I had touched bases with the CIA and no apparent disapproval was expressed, so finally Friend relaxed. He stretched back in his chair, wiped his GI wire-rimmed glasses, ran a hand over his short-cropped hair, and then began. His speech reflected his years as a military career officer—careful and full of qualifiers.

"Among the many investigations I was involved in, one incident, or series of incidents, added a very odd chapter to my assignments as head of Blue Book. It seems that a Rear Admiral K—— had information about a woman in upper Maine who purported to establish contact with extraterrestrial beings. Two Naval Intelligence officers were sent to investigate. Prior to this time, the records indicated the Canadian government had conducted an extensive investigation of Mrs. S——'s claims. The Naval officers sat with the woman; she went into a trance and they asked her scientific and technical questions to which a woman of her education could not possibly know the answers. Yet, as questions were put to her, she was able to answer easily, with seeming telepathic help from purported extraterrestrials. According to the reports indicated there was an organization 'OEEV,' which stood for 'Universal Association of Planets,' and that organization

had a project 'EU' or 'EUEENZA,' meaning 'Earth,' which was being conducted. Then, an unexpected turn took place. One Naval officer was informed by this woman 'they' were willing to answer questions directly through him—a Navy commander and intelligence officer—with no prior experience in telepathic communications. He took over, attempting to write down the answers to questions put to him by his associate Naval officer."

The word apparently traveled back quickly to Washington officials and a very skeptical CIA. Nevertheless, there was no reason to totally disbelieve the report of this highly respected Navy commander.

Friend continued: It was in 1959 when I was invited to attend a meeting in the security portion of a Washington government building. I was briefed on an experiment that had been conducted with this same Naval commander before a group of CIA members and military personnel. It was described how after going into a trance the commander contacted a supposed extraterrestrial being. Several questions were put to him, and answers came back such as: 'Do you favor any government group or race?' and 'Would there be a third world war?' The answer to both was 'No.' 'Can we see a spaceship?' The commander, still in a trance, told the group to go to the window and they'd have proof. The group went to the window where they supposedly observed a UFO. I was told that a call was made for a radar confirmation. The reply was that that particular quadrant of the sky was blanked out on radar at that time.

"After being briefed on all the details, I then asked the Navy officer if he could attempt a contact for me. He sat for a few minutes, then appeared to be in a deep trance, with his Adam's apple moving up and down rapidly.

"Questions were put to him and he printed the answers in rather large letters, using rapid but jerky motions. It

wasn't like a sample of his natural hand. During the course of questioning, we were told the name of some of these so-called extraterrestrials. One was 'CRILL,' another 'ALOMAR,' and another 'AFFA,' purportedly from the planet Uranus.

"Now you must realize all these men had security clearances and were highly respected members of the CIA. All were found to be highly credible and responsible professional government men.

"Afterward, I turned in my report. It was then that my commanding general told me that as long as another government agency was investigating the case, we should drop it."

A case that just as well could have been written by a very imaginative science-fiction writer—but I have the actual account of the incident by one of the agents present at that time. The names of seven men present are listed, but because of the unusual nature of the incident and after talking to one of the CIA agents in Maryland, and at his request, their names will remain confidential.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

I. On 6 July 1959 Mr. —, Washington D.C., contacted Col. — concerning unidentified flying objects. Col. — informed Mr. — . . . Major Friend—meeting set CIA 9 July 1959.

II. A. 1400, 9 July 1959, a meeting was held at the CIA, 5th and K Streets, N.W. Wash. . . .

B. Mr. — acted as Chairman and opened the meeting by generally discussing the UFO program and the part which CIA and ONI had taken to date. Specifically mentioned were the Mariana sighting August 1950 and the Tremonton sighting 2 July 1952. Both of these cases had physical ev. in form of pictures which eval. by Navy. [A discussion for 2 hours and then they finally got down to business.] At the end of 2 hour period asked whether Maj.

Friend was open-minded concerning the program, the purpose of the meeting began to take shape.

C. As background information, Mr. ——— briefed Mj. Friend in a case investigated by the Navy in May-June of 1954. This case concerns a Mrs. S—— of South Berwick, Maine, who reported to the Navy through Rear Admiral K—— of South Berwick that she was in contact with space persons. Mrs. S—— method of contact is to think a question and by completely relaxing with a pencil in her hand, some unknown force controls the hand and writes the answer. It was also pointed out that the Canadian government had conducted an extensive investigation of Mrs. S—— claim. A complete file of this case is in the office of ——— ONI. At this point, Mr. ——— turned the discussion over to Cmdr. ———.

D. Cmdr. ——— pointed out that during the latter part of June he and another Naval Officer had flown up to Maine and visited Mrs. S—— for the purpose of witnessing a contact and to interview the lady. Mrs. S——, after the interview and contact, asked Cmdr. ——— why he didn't make a contact himself. The officer then tried, but was unsuccessful.

E. After his return to Wash. Cmdr. ——— was discussing the case with Mr. ——— and Lt. Cmdr. ——— at CIA. At the insistence of these two gentlemen he attempted another contact and was app. successful in receiving messages from *a person called AFFA, an inhabitant of the planet Uranus*. Cmdr. ——— would pen his question on a large sheet of paper (ques. put to him by other 2) relax, and some unknown force would guide his hand in writing the answers. During the time that the message is being transmitted ——— is subjected to very great physical strain. Of the many questions put to AFFA—some samples:

Q. Do you favor any government, religious group or race?

A. No, we do not. Signed AFFA.

Q. Will there be a third World War?

A. No. Signed AFFA.

Q. Are Catholics the chosen people?

A. No. Signed AFFA.

Q. Can we see a spaceship or flying saucer?

A. When do you want to see it? Signed AFFA.

Q. Can we see it now?

A. Go to the window. Signed AFFA.

(Mr. —, Cmdr. — and Lt. Cmdr. — all go to the window.)

Q. Are we looking in the right direction?

A. (Answered vocally.) Yes, signed AFFA.

At this time, approximately 1400, 6 July 1959, these three men saw what they have indicated was a flying saucer. They described the object as round, with the perimeter brighter than the center. Lt. Cmdr. — checked with Washington Center (radar) and was informed that for some unknown reason radar return from the direction in which the ship was supposedly seen had been blocked out at the time of the sighting. During the exchange the answer to one of the questions indicated difficulty in penetrating our radar net (i.e. physical penetration of *our* radar net—slipping through it)

F. After the discussion and examination of the documents Major Friend requested Cmdr. — attempt another contact. — consented, but had only limited success. It was indicated in the few answers which he received that this was not the right time. However, it was further indicated that there was no objection to the audience.

G. Mr. — and all of the persons present indicated that they had known — for many years and that he has always been competent, quiet, re-

served, and very conservative. They all attached significance to this experience due to the respect for Cmdr. — and the experience of Mr. — and Lt. Cmdr. — of seeing what they believed to be a spaceship.

H. On July 10, 1959, Maj. Friend in the company of Cmdr. — visited the office of — ONI to study the case file of Mrs. Swan. The record indicates that Mrs. Swan has been in touch with the following persons from the planet or (system):

AFFA—Uranus

CRILL—Jupiter

ALOMAR—Mercury

PONNAR—Mercury (wanted to leave human race alone to stew in its own juice)

ANKAR—Centaurus

The Navy indicates that through these contacts Mrs. S—— has been able to answer technical questions beyond the level of her education or background. The case file contains records of some of the exchanges that Mrs. S—— has had, and while there is some loose mention of how spaceships work and of what they are made, there was little of value. . . . — indicated that the Canadians had exploited this scientific angle.

I. The S—— record indicated that there was an organization OEEV which means the Universal Association of Planets, and that the organization has a project EU or Euenza (?) (earth) which is being conducted. What this project was to accomplish was not mentioned. The record indicated that the population of Jupiter was 787,730,016 and that the day was 7 times longer than an earth day (!) and that a day on Uranus was 10 times longer.

J. In discussion with —, he indicated there was

no evidence which he felt was concrete enough for him to indicate action on this case. However, he did suggest that specific questions be prepared and put to Mrs. S—— if the Air Force plans to pursue the case further. Arrangements were also made for —— to attempt to contact —— and —— on 11 July 1959. Maj. Friend requested that the ATIC be informed of the outcome.

I asked Friend what the eventual outcome was. He smiled, interlaced his fingers and leaned forward on his elbows. "Well, when a general tells a colonel to forget it—I forget it! Although I later found out that the witnesses that were present in that room that day have since been relocated or transferred to bases or other duty. To this day, it's an unresolved incident to me. I just don't know what to make of it It seems totally unique in all my experience with investigations of UFOs."

11. SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO—1964

In 1964 a new element entered the official Air Force UFO records. Until 1964, only objects had been sighted and described. But in that year a remarkable observation was recorded, and the Air Force had to begin considering the possibility of beings, humanoids, piloting these UFOs.

It happened just outside of the quiet desert town Socorro, New Mexico. On the afternoon of April 1964, a state highway-patrol officer, Lonnie Zamora was on duty, as he had been for the past several years. A black Chevrolet sped by the town courthouse. Zamora