

SPACE MESSAGES - THEIR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION, THEIR CONTENT, AND THEIR WORTH
- by John Pitt -

It has been suggested in a well-known book on the subject that flying saucers have been visiting our skies for the past 18,619,797 years. However, the present epidemic of sightings dates back no further than 1947, and claims of communication between Terrestrials and the supposed "Intelligences" manning these saucers did not come to our attention till after 1947.

It has never ceased to amaze me that while 75% of the people involved in a determined study of UFO's are still uncertain of even the most rudimentary and immediately desirable data, there exists this 25% which, seemingly having mastered the problem of mental anti-gravity, is now fully convinced that there are some among themselves who can and do communicate by various means with Brothers from Outer Space.

The methods by which these communications have been received are various, but it is apparent that the quality of the messages that have been made public is always about the same. There is, one might say, the same element of utter speciousness in all supposed communication from Outer Space.

To date I have noted that in all but a very few instances these messages have been transmitted by means generally associated with Spirit Communication. I have been surprised to see that many people who might, under different circumstances, have expressed considerable skepticism at any Spirit "message" received via the parlor-game "mediumship" of wine-glass and alphabet or by ouija-board, are willing to accept as authentic messages of a similar intellectual content from unseen "Intelligences" who claim to be "Spacemen" rather than "Spirits". I do not feel duty bound to question the phenomenon of Trance Mediumship even though there have been a regrettable number of instances wherein this has been abused, but there are those who do not possess even my faith in the authenticity of this form of Mediumship but who are prepared to accept at face value these "messages" from "Spacemen", whereas eyebrows would be raised if any "Spirit-ism" had been suggested.

Perhaps I should add here that it is rather noticeable that the "Spirit World", usually so knowledgable and often prophetic, did not prepare its Earthly associates for the onslaught of the UFO's until after the first random sightings had been recorded in the newspapers. Since then it is again noticeable that nothing seems to have been uttered by any "guide" that has not been said or written some time before either in book or article form. Here we have, so it seems, a more up-to-date "Intelligence" system than the "guides" themselves!

Next to "Mediumship", but please, not too near, must come the claims from the Telepaths. Telepathy has played a very important role in "Saucery". We cannot forget the numerous instances of intuition connected with saucer sightings and landings. In this particular aspect of the subject we need mention only the Telepathic "messages" that have been relayed, sometimes onto tape, and sometimes directly to listeners by the natural or unnatural voice of the Telepath himself. Readers will please note that this method is in many ways more down-to-Earth than natural Mediumship, and that it appeals to those who might feel sour toward any hint of "Spookery". Readers will also please note that, to date, there has been no stigma attached to spurious Telepathy.

There remain for discussion only two other methods of "Space Communication". The first is by means of signaling directly to the Saucers. The second, used by "Spacemen" in signaling Earth, is a method as yet undiscovered by their Terrestrial brothers - a method by which the voices of

the "Spacemen" are impressed onto tape without the customary use of a tape recorder.

Readers will probably remember that during the initial stages of the invasion of Normandy in 1944, the Germans made use of what was then described as "Black Light" - a variation of infra-red illumination which, undetectable by the target, allowed snipers to pick out (or rather to "pick off") at night their opposite numbers. It would now appear that an idea on much the same lines is being adopted and that another German invention, sonic-light signaling, has been applied to the same end - in this case a peaceful one, namely that of signaling with a hand lamp to the (invisible) Saucers, which, by some stretch of either their or our own imagination, signal back in the same way. It is claimed that when "translated" from "light" into "sound", "messages" in either Galactical Code or in "Clear" can be and are transmitted to and received from the "Spacemen" hovering rather conveniently overhead. This rather intricate and impressively "scientific" method is, I must admit, a rather hit or miss means of communication. The ability on the part of the "Spacemen" to dispense with any form of recording device is, by comparison, an invention of undisguisable genius.

For awhile simple Telepathy was used by the particular contact group referred to above. Then, for reasons that need not be discussed, it was decided by the "Spacemen" that they might obtain better results if they cut out the human element, and so they intimated that a quantity of presumably virgin tape should be set aside for their use. When the providers of the tape later played the reels on their recorder they were surprised (?) to discover that voices of their "Spacemen" could clearly be heard.

It will be appreciated, I hope, that I have not mentioned the names of any of the groups or individuals concerned in these various ways and means of communication. It will also be appreciated, or so I hope, that I have tried to leave it to you the readers to decide whether or not any of the methods I have described can honestly be said to obviate the possibility of Terrestrial "assistance".

Turning our attention now to the "revelations" themselves, we find that, in spite of the different methods of communication, the canon of these variously-received lecturettes is one that is common to them all. Furthermore, the quality of this material seems to vary but little in individual cases. The accents of the communicators seem to vary according to the native accents of the Earthmen to whom they talk, but the lingua franca of Science-Fictioneaze smooths out any outstanding linguistic difficulties.

There is a remarkable paradox in these communications. Despite a mechanical repetition of avowals of (purest) brotherly love between the peoples of the Planets in our local Solar back-yard, there enters from time to time the intimation that we of Terra may have to be destroyed by these our Brothers because we are endangering them by our continued Atomic research.

Another remarkable attribute of "Spacemen" is their ability to digest and to plagiarize novel ideas from Terrestrial Science-Fiction periodicals. Further proof of their "intelligence" can be found in the manner in which an idea "conceived" by one "Spaceman" addressing one group may, immediately after it has been publicized, form the basis of a further "revelation" given by another "Brother" to another group. There are numerous instances of this kind.

When invited to offer visible or tangible proof of their existence, these "Spacemen" offer a most unusual perversion of logic. They say, in effect, that they do not expect to be believed by any people other than those whom the materialistically-minded would brand as fools. There is, I admit, a limited soundness in this argument.

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Dear Bill,

Thank-you for your letter of 30 Aug.'89. First let me address any lack of communication from my end. I usually return all letters the same day that I receive them. I had not heard from you on the CKY film, and I had sent a number of questions to Graham about statements that he had made regarding both the Telex and the Project Aquarius document being retyped. I had heard from neither of you and figured that you were busy handling reactions from Vegas - which from the dozen people I talked to were running 4-1 against.

As I mentioned in a letter a couple days ago, Walker continues to play his game of disinformation and confusion. We are busy filing it and making an attempt to get Penn State- The Magazine to confront Walker. It now seems that the material is so bizarre in the publishers eyes that they may not do it. Making things so bizarre (as with Lear and Cooper) may give Walker the desired effect on any media that might view the material.

I have also been working on the Wilbert Smith material of which part appears in our paper. My interests lie in his contactee status, and in the experiments conducted between 1956 and Smith's death in 1962. I have also been spending time on the hierarchy structure of the weapons research and development establishment. On this I have made contact with Oechsler who came up with almost the same conclusions in his Vegas paper.

The Smith material led me to many discussions with Linda Howe about what Doty had told her, particularly the blond grey issue. I doubt Howe believed much of what she was told. Doty was telling her the Blonds were the trouble-makers and the Greys were the good guys. With Howe's whole mutilation theory I doubt she bought the goods. To illustrate the nature of the greys she was told the story of the death of the live alien captured in 1949 complete with the ice-cream. This similarity to material presented by the Falcon on the special, and the similarities between the briefing document she was shown compared to the MJ-12 document, is what led Howe to state to me after Vegas " that the consistencies between what I was told and shown to material put out by Moore far out weigh the inconsistencies."

I doubt Klass was too taken by Doty either. He sums up Doty very accurately. " If Doty told me what time it was- I'd check my watch." I have seen a great deal of the letters sent by Doty to various people, and the inconsistencies there-in make Cooper look accurate. Bob Pratt expressed a similar view that he had hoped that everyone hadn't been taken for a ride by Doty and he did not come across like the smartest guy in the world.

I would like to hear your views on the legality of disinforming the American people. Clark had written an editorial on the subject stating that it was illegal. After checking his sources however I found that this is not quite true. It is illegal for the CIA to produce propaganda for American consumption. Also on this point of disinformation I am puzzled by one thing. You state that you continue to work with the birds, and yet you are exposing the disinformation campaign. Is not the one being run by the others?

You state that part of the material given by Condor and Falcon on the special may have been disinformation. On the other hand you have described the birds as being a group that want the American people ^{to believe} the truth. I am a bit confused. The most peculiar statement on this came after your Vegas presentation, and it is an issue that will probably appear in Hastings next paper (which will be exactly the same as the first but with more charges). Friedman stated that after your presentation he phoned Robert Collins to find out what was going on and that Collins had stated, " Bill Moore's only saying what he was told to say."

After much contact with Walker I can understand your statement that what is important is why. (In Walker's case who is putting it out is probably more important) My confusion in your story is the apparent position of having truth and disinformation coming down the same path.

It is for this reason that I have always been so interested in the Smith material, and it seems to lack these games. I have a two day meeting with one of the four members of Smith's inner circle at the end of this month. He was a member of the Defence Research Board (1952-1969) He has a copy of your presentation, and some recent correspondence from Dr. Solandt caused by Christopher Allen who is hot and heavy into trying to claim you drew up the MJ-12 documents based on the Smith memo. The flaw in the argument is that Bush was not identified as the head of MJ-12 in the document, even tho' Allen says he is. Allen craziness has however gotten a written statement from Solandt that Bush was very interested in UFOs and that he and Bush discussed the subject quite often. I have naturally gone after Solandt to see if I can get him to make any new admissions. The member of Smith's inner circle has promised to comment on the material I sent, along with 15 pages of questions that I sent last year. Unfortunately he will do nothing by mail or over the phone.

Our paper was only completed at the beginning of August and much has happened since. Not much has been done at this time to distribute it. I will see what I can do about a copy of the CKY film. Apparently an article has been offered to the Flat Earth Inquirer for publication by Young.



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course of an experiment designed to test the 'reactions and the investigative abilities of local law enforcement agencies', in addition to the reactions of the scientific establishment. According to the man from the Ministry of Defence, Fontaine had indeed been placed in a drug-induced state of extreme suggestibility. (Vallée speculates that the inspiration for the scenario lay in the Travis Walton abduction in 1975.)

If this is true, then the fathomless waters of the UFO mystery become even muddier, with an unknown number of close encounters perhaps having been staged by secret government groups in an effort to gauge the reactions of the population to genuinely anomalous activity.

ABDUCTION AND BILOCATION

Most UFO investigators tend to dismiss the claims of the 'contactees' who came to prominence in the 1950s and 60s. In those days, the idea that UFOs might have pilots wishing to interact directly with humans was totally new, and not a little outrageous to contemporary researchers. The information they conveyed was also deeply suspect, consisting mainly of warnings to curtail our irresponsible development of nuclear weapons, which was having an adverse effect on the balance of the Universe, and jeopardizing the safety of a number of alien races. The aliens themselves – entirely human-looking in every respect – usually claimed to have come from various planets within our own Solar System. This claim was shown to be absolutely ludicrous in the light of subsequent unmanned exploration of those planets, all of which are totally unsuitable for the development of humanoid life.

In fact, as we learned more and more of the deeply unpleasant conditions on our nearest planetary neighbours, the ufonauts gradually claimed more distant origins: mysterious worlds with names like Baavi and Zomdic, orbiting unreachable stars. These beings were dismissed as figments of the imagination by investigators: their messages of universal peace, love and brotherhood were extremely distasteful to

those anxious to discover a hard, scientific explanation for what was doubtless a genuine mystery.

And yet the field of ufology is an immensely complex one, whose individual elements resonate powerfully, subtly echoing down through the decades, altering their surface details while leaving their essence intact. Additional details are frequently added to the core scenario, integrating them into a modified whole. Take, for example, the case of Judy Doraty.

Judy's frightening encounter took place while she was driving in her car near Houston, Texas, in May 1973. Four members of her family were also present; all five people saw a bright light in the sky. The light seemed to be following them, so Judy pulled over to the side of the road, got out and walked to the back of the car to get a better view of it. She was unable to recall what happened next; however, when she underwent hypnotic regression with psychologist Dr Leo Sprinkle in March 1980, disturbing memories surfaced.

Apparently, Judy had what is known as a 'bilocation experience' which, as the name suggests, means that the percipient seems to be in two different locations at the same time. Judy reported standing beside her car, and simultaneously standing inside the UFO that had been pacing them. The occupants of the craft were in the process of mutilating a calf that they had captured, drawing it up through a beam of yellow light. The light seemed to be filled with strange, swirling particles, and Judy had the impression that it would feel solid, if touched.

The beings themselves were very similar in appearance to the Greys, in that they were short and spindly, with pale, sickly-looking skin, large heads and vestigial noses and mouths. Their eyes, however, were different from the jet-black, featureless orbs commonly associated with this 'species'; they had yellow irises and vertical, cat-like pupils.

Judy's horror was increased immeasurably when she saw that her daughter was also aboard the craft, and was being examined by the beings. However, they assured her (communicating through telepathy) that neither of them would be harmed, adding that they had not intended to bring her into the craft; her bilocation had somehow been spontaneous.

Of the 2000 people who
 have been abducted by
 UFOs, 1000 have been
 killed.

As the ufonauts went to work on the live calf (which was surely pointlessly cruel), excising various parts of its body through tubes that deposited them in different receptacles, they explained to Judy that they were in the process of **monitoring the spread of some form of toxin, whose presence in the environment would soon have an adverse effect on humans.** During her hypnosis session, she told Leo Sprinkle: 'It's like if we continue like we are now, it's going to involve not only us but possibly other . . . **and they're trying to stop something that could cause a chain** reaction. And maybe involving them. I don't know. [. . .] We're not the only ones to be concerned.' When they had finished their procedures, the beings returned the dead calf to earth via the beam.

In his examination of the case, Richard L. Thompson makes a cogent point, and one which is echoed by the sceptics who maintain that UFO abductions do not occur: the episode Judy described under hypnosis is illogical, given the apparent level of the beings' technology. 'Beings capable of producing anti-gravity beams would presumably be able to detect pollutants in animals without harming them.' Thompson believes that, if animal mutilations really are the work of non-human creatures, then they may be leaving their carcasses in farmer's fields (itself an apparently unnecessary act), in order to frighten humanity, or to demonstrate their displeasure with the way we are managing the Earth.

The reader will doubtless detect an echo of the concerns for the future of our planet expressed more politely by the 'Space Brothers'. Although the surface details have been radically altered (the appearance of the beings, their savage treatment of another living creature, their ongoing programme of taking people very much against their will), the core reason for their presence remains unchanged: they are here because humans are behaving irresponsibly, calling their very future into question. **In the 1950s and 1960s, the 'aliens' were concerned with atomic weapons testing, which would 'upset the balance of the Universe'; in recent years, they seem to have shifted their attention to chemical, rather than nuclear, dangers.**

And yet they still do not seem to have our best interests exclusively at heart: the implication remains that they them-

selves will somehow be adversely affected if we continue to treat our planetary environment in a cavalier fashion. They are looking after their own future as well.

There are a number of possible ways in which this may be interpreted. It is possible that when human percipients report that 'aliens' are concerned about the environment, they are merely concretizing their own subconscious fears. On the other hand, it may be that, if these beings really do exist, they (or at least some of them) may be *indigenous to the Earth*, having always lived here alongside us, perhaps in an adjacent plane of existence. (This theory will be examined in greater detail towards the end of this book.) If they are truly extraterrestrial, having their home port on some distant planet, they may be caretakers of Earth (a position we had always assumed was already filled by ourselves!), given the duty of ensuring the survival of the biosphere. When they imply that ecological disasters will cause a 'chain reaction' of adverse effects for 'others', perhaps they are referring to certain consequences arising from the dereliction of a bestowed duty

Whatever the ultimate nature of Judy Doraty's experience, there remains a striking parallel with that of Maureen Puddy, discussed a little earlier. Like Mrs Puddy, Judy in a sense 'left her body', entering the UFO in an apparently non-physical state. In Mrs Puddy's case, her apparently unconscious body was in full view of two investigators throughout the experience; in Judy's case, her family watched in bewilderment as she stood beside their car, apparently watching the UFO, while, from her perspective, she was simultaneously inside it.

Judy Doraty's encounter (like Mrs Puddy's) is representative of the complex nature of UFO abductions, **which carries implications far beyond the straightforward 'nuts and bolts' interpretation** favoured by many researchers. It is possible, even likely, that we are dealing with something rather more subtle than the arrival of explorers from another planet.

This is not a case of a person being abducted by a UFO. It is a case of a person being abducted by a UFO.

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REPORT

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Under the title of "LES CRIMINELS DE LA PAIX", (The Criminals of Peace), the paper's director (Mr. Alfred Nahon) makes a desperate appeal to his readers to realize the lethal danger of man's atomic explosions to our whole world in general and humanity in particular. He cites the planned explosions of four Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs during 1957 from 1000 to 2500 feet underground or underwater/ to produce four gigantic experimental earthquakes..about 150 atomic and thermonuclear explosions already made since 1945.....about 40,000 bombs in stock !!! Etc, etc..... He reminds us of our friends from outer space, ready to help us if.....also to interfere to a minimum degree in an emergency.

In another article, he deplores the fact that the Press in general can find plenty of space for Sport Events, scandals and trivial things but none for the desperately needed enlightenment of people in this matter of grim "Life or Death".

SIGHTINGS.

Among the usual run of sightings, in different countries, the following is noteworthy :

" Among different recurring information, we note that^(see) concerning the establishment of several bases of operation by people of other planets, on the surface of our globe, in particular in the Antarctic. M.W. Smith, ex-chief of Shirley's Bay Canadian Observatory, presently in charge of the Canadian Amateur Radiophonic Posts, has had many radiophonic contacts with these Space Intelligences; this fact has been confirmed to us*. A Canadian electrician who works for a railway company, has also received shorwaves messages from the pilots of interplanetary ships. Aug. '56

We are also in the position to reveal that our own Moon, not only is occupied by people from outer space, but that there is now a third artificial satellite around our planet."

Elsewhere, of interest to Canadians, is found :

" Let us mention the enthused adhesion, recently, of the R.P. Paul Bernier. o.p., of the Dominican Monastery of Quebec. He is presently trying to convince the Prime Minister of Canada to whom he has lent Adamski's two books. 'After reading the books by Angelucci, Daniel Fry, Bethurum and Adamski, I am convinced of the Space Men's philosophy being the best proof of God's existence, the Imortality of the Soul and the Transcendancy of the Spirit.' says the Reverend Father."



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**VATICAN BEGINS TRAINING PRIESTS
TO MEET UFO ALIENS IN SPACE!**

It may sound like a headline from a super market tabloid, but according to the Vatican, it's true. Beginning in September, 1987, Vatican theologians began training Roman Catholic missionaries in attitudes, approaches and techniques ultimately intended for use during contacts with aliens in space. Indeed, a special "UFO section", or chair, has been established for the purpose at the Vatican University's prestigious Alfonsian Academy, where, according to Vatican theologian Father Pierre Sorel, special courses concerning future missionaries in space and contact with alien races would be taught by Austrian Professor Resch.

According to a Vatican press release carried by the London (England) Evening News on July 21, 1987, this "strange and historic decision was taken after Vatican theologians decided that future developments would make the training of space missionaries of prime importance." The release also made particular note of the fact that "Jesuit scientists at the Vatican Observatory in Frascati, near Rome, have reported moving lights and other unidentified phenomena in the sky."

Father Sorel, while expressing surprise at the interest generated by the Vatican press release, noted that while the existence of alien races in space is "hardly certain... the main worry of the Church is to keep up with the times." "This," he said, "means we can neither ignore space exploration nor the possibility of meeting other living creatures."

While many of the Christian fundamentalist sects, especially in the United States, openly repudiate the possibility that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe (some even going so far as to suggest that UFOs are demonic in nature), those Roman Catholic theologians who have spoken on the topic in recent years have been careful to

maintain a more middle of the road position. Now, with the Vatican officially acknowledging that there "could be life on other planets", and having actually undertaken the training of missionaries to "Christianize" them, many observers have been led to wonder whether the Holy See might not know more about the subject than it has yet told. (WLM)



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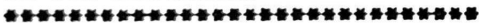


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MESSAGES FROM THE SPACE BROTHERS? HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT! By William L. Moore

One of the most curious sidelights of modern UFO research is the alleged psychic channeling of "messages" or "contacts" from presumed "Space Brothers" or similar UFO-connected entities, to (or through) human beings. Literally thousands of individuals from all walks of life have claimed such experiences. In most cases, the alleged communications are said to be for the general good of mankind. Many fall into the categories of mystical religious or semi-religious experiences. Almost invariably, those who accept the content of such messages as being valid communications from extraterrestrials do so solely on philosophical rather than scientific grounds.

Speaking from the other side of the fence-- that of so-called scientific, or evidence oriented UFOlogy-- I feel there are a couple of points that ought to be made here which seem to have largely been ignored (or perhaps unthought of) by many of those who have become part of the mad rush to blindly accept alleged psychic channelings from space entities. Not that I reject such channeled messages out of hand, mind you. It's just that I feel there are a couple of things which people who have become personally involved in such things (either as a participant or a believer) ought to think about before going any further with it.

Consider the case of the scientist, the rat, and the maze. In this classic experiment, a maze is constructed with a rat placed at one end and a food pellet placed at the other. From the scientist's point of view, the object, quite simply, is to determine something about the rat's intellectual capabilities. The fact that the rat ends up getting fed during the process is really quite incidental. The rat, on the other hand, perceives the situation quite differently. Knowing little of humans and nothing of psychology, he quickly becomes convinced that the object of the whole affair is to provide him with food. Since his primitive brain is incapable of perceiving and evaluating the true motives of the human or the purpose of the maze, he soon comes to accept both, on blind faith alone, as incidental to the feeding process.

Next, imagine a malevolent race of highly advanced aliens whose sole purpose, for whatever reasons, is to completely conquer and enslave planet earth. There are, of course, a number of ways to go about this, the messiest of which is wanton and wholesale destruction. More subtle, however, would be to quietly deceive a certain segment of the native population into believing that aliens are really benevolent Space Brothers who have come to "save" the planet and lead the human population into a utopian "New Age". And, knowing that a significant portion of the planet's population is already expecting their world to be "saved" by a Second Coming, what better way to accomplish a complete takeover than to stage just such an event at precisely the right moment, thus setting the conditioned faithful effectively against the "heathen" of the world who would oppose such a move.

Now I don't mean to suggest here that any of this is necessarily true. I'm simply trying to point out that those on the receiving end of alleged channelings from presumably benevolent Space Brothers really have no way of determining what the true purposes and motives are of those on the sending end. It is only possible to know what "they" say their motives are. Whether "they" can be trusted is quite something else again. (In other words, is the true object ultimately to feed the rat or to stimulate specific behavior patterns?)

In the final analysis, until the human race manages to come up with some reasonably foolproof way of determining what's really going on up there, perhaps it is best to maintain a skeptical posture towards accepting any collect calls from presumably benevolent Space Brothers, and seek knowledge through safer channels.



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BOOK REVIEW

THE PERPETUAL MOTION MYSTERY: A Continuing Quest, by R.A. Ford. Lindsay Publications, POBX 12. Bradley, IL 60915. Trade paperback, 196pp. w/illus. \$9.95.

Reviewed by William L. Moore

Perpetual motion. Many people laugh at it. Serious scientists scoff at it. Yet, out there on the fringes, there are still those (some would call them visionaries, others lunatics) who seem to take the subject very seriously. This book tries very hard to take a serious look at some very unusual devices, theories and systems. It might well all be broken crockery, but the book does provide some food for thought, and that alone makes it worth reading.

The author begins with a discussion of why he thinks perpetual motion just might be possible. Unusual theories of the past and present are examined, with possible "flaws" pointed out along the way. Such things as DesCartes' vortex theory, Le Sage's impact theory of gravity, Brush's wave theory, and a number of kinetic ideas going back to the 18th century are all part of the text. So are natural gravitational anomalies, bulging river surfaces, unusual rock movements and slowly falling hail-- all of which, according to perpetual motion "authorities", provide important clues to the mystery.

If all of this isn't enough, there is a large section on the controversial Orffyrreas wheel which was supposedly constructed in Germany many centuries ago. Even though its secret was apparently lost, the author expresses his belief that this may have been the only real perpetual motion machine to have been invented in modern times.

Finally, should you like to try building such a machine yourself, the author suggests ways it might be done. Don't get the wrong impression however. The book is not a construction manual. Rather, it has more the format of a notebook on the subject which has been many years in the gathering. Whether you are a believer or not makes no difference. The book is unique in its field.

T.V. EVANGELIST EXPOSED BY JAMES RANDI IS NOW BANKRUPT

According to a September 25, 1987 press release, well-known television evangelist Peter Popoff has closed his formerly popular TV ministry and has filed for bankruptcy. At the height of his career, Popoff's income was alleged to have been more than \$500,000 a month.

Popoff was exposed by magician James Randi, then head of a self-appointed group calling itself the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Religion, on a segment of the April 22, 1986 Johnny Carson "Tonight" Show. Popoff had claimed his amazing recall of specific facts about people and their illnesses was made possible by a "word of knowledge" provided by the Holy Spirit. Magician-debunker Randi questioned the process and ultimately was able to demonstrate that Popoff's Holy Spirit was in fact a radio device implanted in his ear and operated by his wife from a remote location. Popoff ultimately admitted the ruse, but denied that it had been kept secret from his followers.

Popoff's attorney has stated that the ministry's bankruptcy resulted from "financial mismanagement". Seven hundred and ninety creditors were listed in the petition with debts owed totalling more than \$1.1 million for the ministry and in excess of \$430,000 for the Popoffs personally. Mr. Popoff is said to be trying to found a new church which will also be based in California. (WLM)



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HOW U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS STOLE A SOVIET SATELLITE & GOT AWAY WITH IT!

1959 CIA COUP ADMITTED BY TEXAS MAN

Late in 1959, the Soviet Union, then apparently quite far ahead in the race for space, confidently allowed a fully-operational Luna-3 satellite to be displayed in Mexico City as part of a world tour promoting Soviet scientific achievements. The device had been originally constructed as back-up for the Luna-3 which was the first man-made device to photograph the far side of the moon. After the tour, the device was returned to the Soviet Union and all appeared to have gone well. Quite some time later, much to the Russians' consternation, it was discovered that the satellite had been returned empty! Someone, it seems, had stolen the works during the course of the tour and, somehow, had managed to get clean away with it. But who? The Russians, naturally embarrassed, didn't even know what country to blame. The Americans and their Mexican counterparts, naturally gratified, kept their mouths shut.

And so it was until March of 1987, when Eduardo Diaz Silveti, now living in Texas, spilled the secret which had been kept so faithfully for nearly 28 years. Silveti, it seems, was a member of an elite Mexican intelligence unit with ties directly to the CIA. In December, 1959, he and others, working closely with U.S. intelligence agents who were flown to Mexico City for the operation, succeeded in diverting a truck carrying the satellite into a lumberyard owned by his brother. There, from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M., the insides of the satellite were carefully dismantled into pieces large enough to be fitted into suitcases and attache cases, while armed Mex-

ican and American agents patrolled the grounds. The luggage was sent, one piece at a time, directly to the American Embassy compound. When the operation was finished, the now empty (but apparently weighted) satellite casing was placed back on the truck and sent on its way to the railway depot which had been its intended destination. No one seemed the wiser and the Soviets were caught completely by surprise.

When well-known skeptic and UFO debunker James Oberg, who works for NASA in Houston, was approached by a news reporter for comment on the story, he said that he did not know Silveti, but admitted that he did have knowledge of specific aspects of an operation similar to the one in Mexico City. According to Oberg, the satellite would have yielded much valuable information, because so little was known about the Soviet space program at that time.

Silveti is said to be currently working on a spanish language book about the incident. (WLM)

A TIDBIT OF TRIVIA

Many UFO researchers identify Frank Scully with his 1950 book Behind the Flying Saucers, and with his then well-known column in Variety. Few, however, are aware that Mr. Scully played bit and character parts in a number of Hollywood films of the 1930s and '40s. Among these (for those who want to see for themselves) is Scully's brief appearance as a taxi driver in the 1937 hit "Captains Courageous".

WILLIAM MOORE TO SPEAK IN BRAZIL

FWP President William L. Moore has recently accepted an invitation to speak at an international conference on UFOs and related phenomena to be held in Curitiba, Brazil, on October 28 thru November 1st. Curitiba is the capitol of the Brazilian state of Parana. A report will follow in a future issue.
