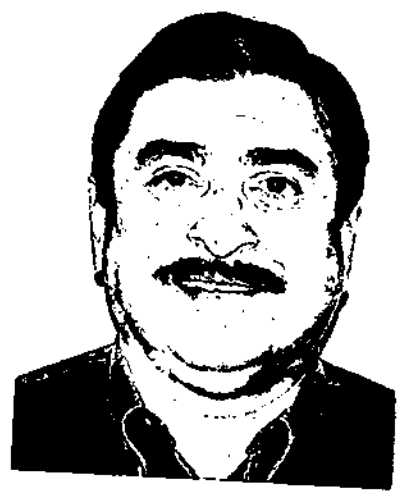


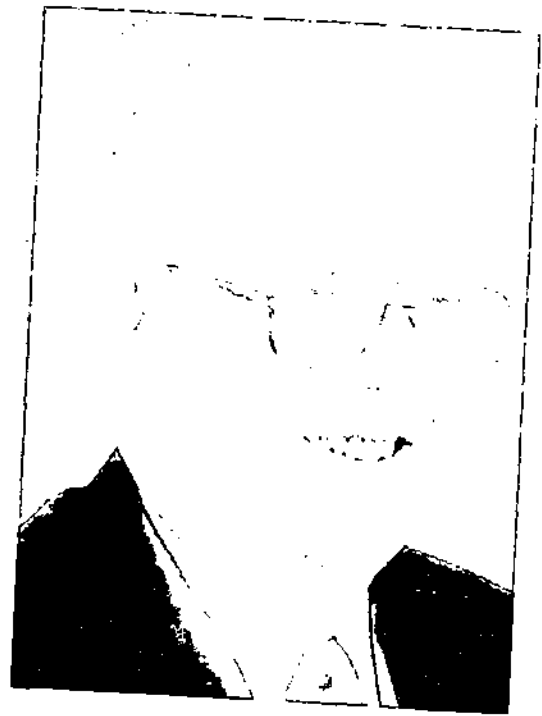
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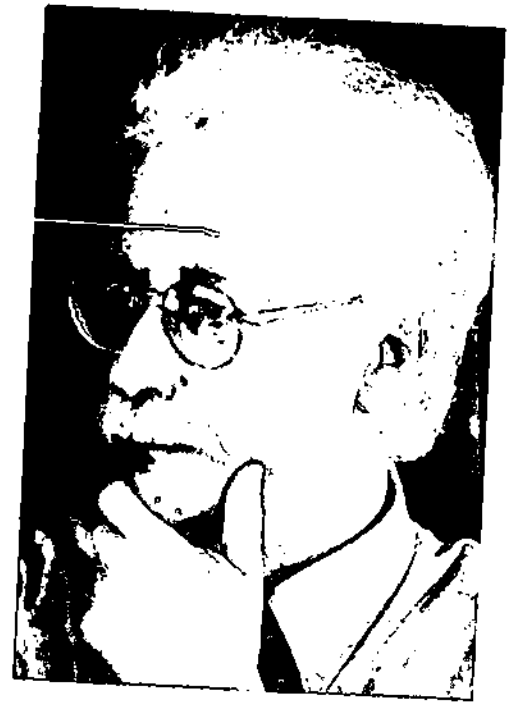
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Mid-air daylight taking of 'ultra-light' reported

By Beverly Trout

(Investigated by Beverly Trout, MUFON Iowa state director; assisted by Jonathan Long, field investigator trainee and state section director; and Larry DeVilbiss, field investigator trainee)

The following incident reportedly occurred over a residential area of Burlington, IA, at around 7 p.m. on Aug. 12, 1996, but was not reported to MUFON until Nov. 24, 1997. To explain the time lapse: the primary witness had called his local newspaper the morning following the incident, but because he had placed a work application with a sensitive installation in his area, he would not reveal his identity, and the reporter did not listen to



Beverly Trout

his story. Although he shortly secured a job elsewhere, he kept hoping to be hired for the sensitive job. When, in July, 1997, he saw a story in *The Des Moines Register* giving information about MUFON and my phone number, he saved the information. When he finally gave up on being hired at the sensitive installation, he called me and the investigation began. This case raises some interesting questions, but first the facts as reported by the witnesses.

The primary witness (whom I will call John), while cutting weeds in a fence row in his side yard, heard a sound overhead—like that of a Volkswagen motor. It was still a full hour before sunset, and as John looked up he watched for about fifteen seconds as a very small ultralight-type craft approached from the northwest at about 200 feet altitude, passing overhead as it moved southeast over his yard. John dropped his trimming tool and waved to what looked like an appropriately suited and helmeted pilot. Although the pilot did not wave back, he believes that the pilot was looking down at him.

Because of surrounding tree foliage, the witness ran out to the street trying to keep the tiny craft in view, and it was then that things began to get very strange. John's view at this point was of his neighbor's house across the street, to the right of which is a small neighborhood park of perhaps one-acre size. As he reached the street, he heard a low sound, somewhat less than the hum emitted by a microwave oven, and was startled to see a flat-ended cylindrical object, tan

in color and with a plastic-looking 20'x 20' black "window" at its midsection. A part of this object, which the witness estimates at about 100 feet in length and about 20 feet in diameter, was already moving above the park, approaching from the west and headed slowly east on an interception course with the small ultralight "trike." Stunned, John watched for an estimated ten seconds, and then the high strangeness intensified.

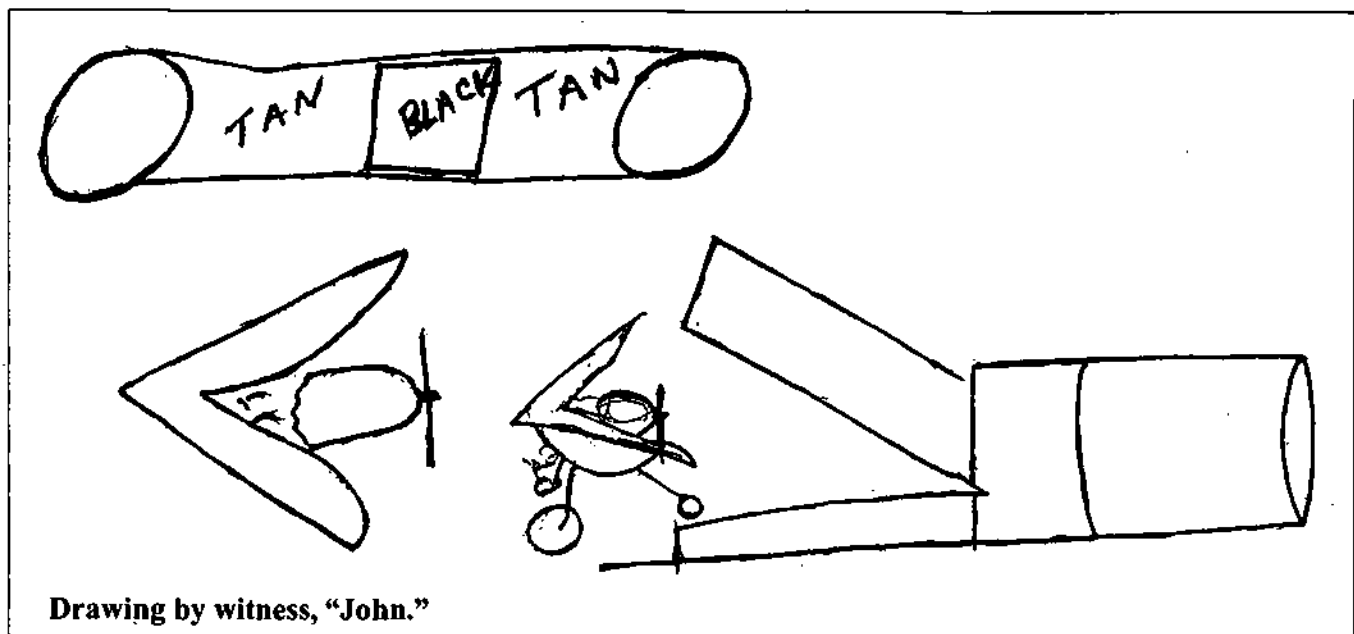
The trike was now about 200 feet southeast of John's house, and as the cigar-shaped object approached from behind, the top-front one-third of the object opened—like a giant upper jaw—and the pilot and his small craft were taken/swallowed by the cylinder, this procedure taking an estimated five seconds. During this "swallowing/docking" procedure, there was no sound. (It should be noted that as the UFO approached, John saw the trike turn a bit to the east, and he wonders whether this was the normal course being followed by the pilot or whether this might have been an evasive action by the trike pilot.)

As John watched, the UFO proceeded slowly on to a point about 200 feet east of his house, stopped and hovered briefly, then made a sharp right angle turn to its left (north). The witness at this point ran into the house to get his 24-year-old son (whom I will call Richard). By the time Richard came out, the cylinder was now at a higher altitude of around 500 feet, but still only about 250 feet east of the house. Slowly the object began to accelerate and gain altitude as it then moved NNW over Burlington, and in about ten seconds it was gone.

The object, as it accelerated, seemed to change in color from tan to silver. Even the "black window"



An ultra-light of the type reported by witness.



Drawing by witness, "John."

area at its midsection seemed to turn silver. But John does not know if the color change was the result of acceleration, or whether sunlight may have reflected on the metallic surface to create an illusion of silver as the object moved. The whole affair had lasted perhaps 60 seconds.

Questions that we as investigators need to ask, even though we have no way of finding answers at this time:

Was the "trike" actually an ultralight-type craft, or could it have been a probe belonging to the UFO cylindrical object?

Was the witness watching an actual mid-air abduction, or could this have been some sort of UFO-generated mental manipulation of the witness' perception?

These are questions, of course, for which we have no answers. Taken at face value, it would appear that a UFO simply took a small terrestrial craft and its pilot on board. What followed? Who knows? If this was a mid-air abduction, as perceived, did the trike pilot know he was taken? Assuming that he was brought back by the UFO, and if he has no memory of being taken, it would seem that he might be puzzled by a "missing time" element. However, reading his fuel gauge would seem to confirm his shorter time in the air (his craft having been on board the UFO), and, although he might be left with questions about the incident, he might possibly relegate it to only a minor point of confusion in his mind because of the contradiction involving time and fuel consumption.

If, on the other hand, the pilot DID know he was taken, who would he tell? As investigators, we have never been optimistic about obtaining informa-

tion directly from the "abductee pilot" in this case. Contacts with law enforcement agencies and the local airport have turned up no one reported missing through such an event, and no other witnesses have come forward. Whatever the answers to the above questions, larger questions remain:

(1) Why did the UFO initiate such an action over a residential area at such close range?

(2) Why did the UFO allow the action to be witnessed? Based on encounter reports, it would seem that the UFO could have "switched off" any and all witnesses in the area if it had wished to do so.

We are left, of course, with only the witnesses' perception of the incident. Incidentally, John mentioned to investigators that this is the third sighting of a cylindrical object in the Burlington area that he knows about, and recounted the other two sightings as follows:

(1) 15-20 years ago, a cylinder was reported above a local radio station.

(2) As reported in the *Burlington Hawkeye* newspaper a few months before John's sighting, a lady saw a cylinder while driving her car.

Are the witnesses credible? At first, John said his son did NOT want to be interviewed, because he is "shy." And when investigators arrived, the son was not present. As the interview progressed beyond indoor questioning, we went outside to examine the area of the sighting, and John re-created his perception of the time frame of the incident.

As John ran inside the house, he verbally counted off the seconds it had taken him to get his son to come outdoors to see the UFO. At that point, the son, Richard, actually emerged from the house with his father, and we had our opportunity to interview him.

We also persuaded him to sign the report form, assuring him that his name would not be used in public.

Richard's concerns, it turned out, were tied to his fear of Men in Black, and whether the government might contact the family. It should be noted at this point that John's wife had also been very reluctant to have him report this incident, and remains adamant to this day that she doesn't want him to publicly reveal his identity. Because John has now approached a Burlington newspaper and given them his identity, he may now have exposed himself locally, but this in no way releases MUFON to publish or expose his son's identity, and therefore John's real name is not being used in this article.

John's son, Richard, did seem to be somewhat "shy" and a bit hesitant in speaking. And because his father obviously took the lead in recounting the incident, we were concerned that the son might be somewhat passive and acquiescent toward his father's version of events. However, we were glad to see that he did speak up a time or two to correct a minor point in his father's narrative, allowing us to further favorably assess the credibility of both witnesses.

Of major concern to us as investigators was the question of whether an ultralight-type craft could fit into a 20-foot diameter cylinder. Investigation on the Internet by Jonathan Long and myself shows photos of "trikes" that appear consistent not only with what John describes, but also the sketch he drew in the presence of investigators. John estimates the little craft as about 17 feet in length and about 15 feet wide at the widest part of the V-shaped wingspan.

There are some further reasons to believe that we are not being "scammed." Trikes, I am told by a dealer, are much more popular in Europe than in the U.S. and are not common in the state of Iowa among ultralight pilots. John had, a few years ago, attended an ultralight show at the local airport, so if he had specified a commonly seen regular-sized ultralight, he could easily have upped his estimate of the cylinder to 40 feet in diameter so it could accommodate a larger, commonly seen craft—and we as investigators would not have known the difference. So it seems a point in John's favor that he specified a 20-foot diameter object and a trike, which would not only fit the description he gave us, but also the space available to park it inside the cylinder.

Also, John says he waved at the ultralight pilot, but that the pilot did not wave back, although he thinks the pilot looked down at him. This may seem a small detail, but John could just as well have told us that the pilot waved back, and we'd not have known the difference. Further, when I sent a written narrative to John and his son, asking them to peruse and make any necessary changes, John made a minor correction,

changing "200 feet from their home" to "250 feet from their home." Again, this may seem like a minor detail—and it is—but it is significant that he wanted to make even this small correction, although it would have made no difference to the basic narrative.

Then, of course, if the witness intended to "scam" us, we'd have to ask why he would bother to set the sighting date over a year earlier than his report to us. Why not bring it into a more current time-frame? We believe, at this point in our assessment, that the primary witness and his son are credible. However, as with most any case, the investigation remains open-ended. And if further witnesses or facts emerge, we will certainly pursue the investigation.

UFO conferences feature fun, knowledge, fellowship

By Dwight Connelly

After attending two UFO conferences this spring, I am looking forward to my third such get-together this year—the 1998 MUFON International Symposium in Denver June 26-28. There is nothing like meeting with other enthusiasts and interacting with some of the top people in the field, and this type of activity is open to all participants. While formal presentations are usually seen as the main features, the informal contacts are probably the best part.

The March 20-22 Sixth Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, sponsored by Project Awareness, featured something for just about everyone. Dr. Scott Mandelker talked about "ET Souls on Earth," Forest Crawford told about his experiences with the "Oscar" contactee case, Dr. David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins brought attendees up to date on abduction cases, Jim Marrs discussed the "alien agenda," Donald Ware summarized ten years of Gulf Breeze sightings, Jaime Maussan showed videos of UFOs in Mexico, Linda Moulton Howe updated her latest book on "High Strangeness" cases, and Bill Hamilton lectured on reverse engineering alien technology. It was a chance to renew acquaintances, meet new people, and bounce ideas around with some of the leaders of ufology.

The tenth annual April 10-12 Ozark UFO Conference at Eureka Springs, AR, directed by Lou Farish, is almost like a family reunion, with some of the speakers, such as Linda Moulton Howe, invited back every year. Other speakers, included Lloyd Pye on "Everything You Know is Wrong," Joe Lewels on "Angels or Aliens?" Jim Marrs on the "alien agenda," Jeanne Robinson on the experience of being an abductee, and Nancy Talbott on physical evidence related to crop circles and animal deaths. For me, one of the high-

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Buzz, buzz,

Who's there?

By Donna Bahor

I had gone to an abduction conference, and while there met a fellow abductee. The conference was over and people were starting to leave. I sat down with this fellow abductee and chatted. Then all of a sudden I heard this buzz in my head. I told her that I heard the buzz and her reply was, "Who's there?" We both started laughing.

Thirty years ago, when I first started receiving the buzzes as a child, I wasn't laughing. How do I make people understand? The buzz sounds drove me up a wall then. Later I started driving my parents up a wall because I kept constantly complaining about those buzzes in my head.

The buzz sounds in my head began after an abduction, but for some reason I never thought the two were related. At least that's what I thought at first. Eventually my parents took me to an eyes, ears, and nose doctor. My parents had had enough of my complaining and I would learn some harsh lessons. I was taken to this doctor to have my ears checked for a cause to the buzz sounds in my head.

He checked my ears, and then stood in front of me. I'm not sure what happened next, but I think he checked my nose. What I do know for sure is that a very small pewter colored cylinder fell into his right hand. He said, "Where did this come from?" I had an awful feeling where the object had come from and how it got there. The doctor then threw the object in the waste basket.

When the doctor was done with his examination, he told my parents that he could find no cause for the buzz sounds in my head and that I was making it up. I was hurt. I knew what I was experiencing. The buzz sounds stopped for about a week. I was abducted again. This time they put something behind my right ear.

The buzzes in my head began again. This time I said nothing. I had learned my lesson. For probably a month afterward I was bleeding behind my right ear. I was trying to dig out whatever was there with my nails. After a while I gave up and accepted the fact that whatever was in my head was going to stay there. Even though the buzzes persisted, I learned to ignore them.

A few years ago I learned that I wasn't the only one who received these buzz sounds. Someone suggested that we write down when we hear the buzz sounds and compare times. Well, I wrote down when and how long the buzzes lasted. The problem was that I would never see that person again. Now, what do I do? I decided to watch when I received the buzz sounds.

About the author

Mrs. Bahor, 44, who lives in Ohio and has completed two years of college, reports that she has had a significant number of interactions with UFOs.

For awhile I thought I had solved this mystery. But then maybe I had only part of the mystery solved. Patterns began to form. If I received a buzz at night, the next day I would receive something in the mail pertaining to UFOs, like *The MUFON UFO Journal*.

One day I got a buzz in the morning, so I thought that I might receive a phone call from an abduction group. Indeed, I got a phone call from an abduction group. Sometimes in the day I would have pain in my chest. My immediate concern was my heart. Later that day I would receive a buzz. One time my stomach was bothering me. Later I received a buzz. I was fine. As far as I know I am in perfect health.

One day I was on the phone with someone discussing UFOs when I got a buzz. I asked the person if he had heard the buzz. He told me he heard buzzes all the time. I then asked him if he checked his body for marks. He told me he had them. He was an experimenter. This was weird.

At first I thought all buzz sounds were the same. Boy, was I wrong. My buzz sounds like an EBS signal. I learned that some abductees hear tones, while others hear hums. Still others hear something else. Perhaps there are no two buzzes alike.

In conclusion, do I have any definite answers? Maybe not. What I do have is something that should be looked at more closely. In order to learn the truth, one must start somewhere. Maybe this is one such place. BUZZ, BUZZ, WHAT ARE YOU TELLING ME?

Editor's Note: If other abductees have comments on this article, I'd like to hear from them.

Also, George Filer, MUFON's Eastern director, reports that a Dr. R. Leir and a Derrel Sims demonstrated in a meeting at Thousand Oaks, CA, that markings on abductees which are not normally visible can show up under a "black light" (the kind used at Halloween parties, etc.). They report that the light shows what appear to be fluorescent markings, greenish in color and not easily washed off. They reportedly last from one hour to perhaps ten days, according to Leir and Sims. A variation, reported in regard to women who had held hybrid babies, was red fluorescent markings where the babies contacted their bodies. The suggestion at the meeting was that abductees keep a black light handy and check frequently for the markings. If anyone has any information on this, pro or con, let me know.

Using hypnosis as an investigative tool

By **Anthony O. Constantino**

As a "lay consultant in hypnosis" volunteer for MUFON, I would like to explain briefly the nature of hypnosis and its role as an investigative tool to help "alleged" UFO abductees recall their experiences.

Hypnosis is a normal, natural state of relaxation in which a willing subject is able to accept suggestions from a hypnotist. The suggestions must relate to the concern for which the subject originally sought the services of the hypnotist, and they must conform to the subject's moral and ethical paradigm.

To explain this phenomenon to potential clients and to students who take my course in hypnosis at our local community college, I use a "flashlight analogy."

Sleeping

When a subject is sleeping, his "consciousness switch" is OFF, and he does not interact with his environment; thus, there is no light beam. Normally, he will remain in this state until his body arouses him when his need for sleep has been satisfied, or until his alarm clock awakens him.

During sleep, hopefully, a built-in safety measure will awaken him to respond to a variety of emergencies: bathroom, smoke alarm, crying baby, etc. Objective tests (i.e., galvanic skin response, respiration, EEG, metabolism) can identify this state and its depth at any given time.

Meditating

When a subject is meditating, his "consciousness switch" is ON, so he is consciously aware of his surroundings, yet he does not interact with his environment; thus, there is no light beam. Think of meditation as "suspended consciousness," or "suspended thinking." To achieve this state, the subject uses any number of meditation techniques to still his mind, including counting or repeating a "mantra" (objective word). This state can also be objectively measured.

From "Physiological Effects of Transcendental Meditation," by Dr. R. K. Wallace, *Science*, Vol. 167, No. 3926, 1970: "...oxygen consumption, heart rate, skin resistance, and EEG were recorded before, during, and after subjects practiced...transcendental meditation. There were significant changes between

the control period and the meditation period in all measurements...Physiologically, the state produced by TM seems to be distinct from commonly encountered states of consciousness, such as wakefulness, sleep, and dreaming, and from altered states of consciousness, such as hypnosis and auto-suggestion." (bold face is mine.)

Consciousness

During consciousness the "consciousness switch" is ON, and the subject interacts with his environment with a variety of sights, smells, sounds, tastes, and touches. Note the "shotgun" effect of the light beam. Indeed, that is the problem. Too many stimuli impinge upon his consciousness, so he must select those to which he will give his attention.

Sometimes he will quiet some senses to increase the sensitivity of another, as when he averts his eyes and cocks his head to hear better, or when he closes his eyes and shuts out noise to better visualize how to position more accurately that nut or bolt in that hard-to-reach place. This state is verifiable by observation and also by objective measurement.

Hypnosis

During hypnosis the "consciousness switch" is ON, but now the subject's interaction with his environment is focused into a single beam—as powerful to the conscious and unconscious as the single focused beam of a laser. Here the subject has agreed with the hypnotist to limit incoming stimuli ONLY to the hypnotist's voice, and to limit his projection into the environment only to the hypnotist.

Here is the important point: there are NO objective, measurable tests which can determine a difference between the conscious state and the hypnotic state. Sleep and meditation are different states of consciousness with objective measurements which show differences between them and consciousness; hypnosis is an altered state of consciousness.

While direct suggestion can elicit physiological changes to the subject, the hypnosis per se causes NO objective, measurable physiological differences which would distinguish it from consciousness. Except for profound relaxation and concentration, consciousness and hypnosis are essentially the same state of mind!

Subject knows everything

Understand that under hypnosis the subject knows everything that is occurring—whether a tooth is being drilled or an appendix removed without benefit of anaesthesia. The subject does NOT "black out," retains control at all times, can open his eyes, and can end the session any time he chooses. He can, and will, remember everything that was said and done; any suggestion to the contrary will wear off in a few days. He



Anthony Constantino

can, and probably will, react emotionally to whatever memories are uncovered.

No one—not I, not the most profound scientist—can explain how hypnosis works. Apparently, in a state of deep relaxation, it becomes easier—no guarantees, just easier—to recall memories long forgotten or repressed.

Two types of recall

There are two types of recall: “pseudo-regression” means that the subject is remembering what occurred. This is determined by noting that the subject speaks in the past tense: “He sat to my left.”

“True regression” means that the subject is reliving what occurred. This is determined by noting that he speaks in the present tense: “He’s sitting to my left.” The subject’s body may also correspond to his statement, such as his head turning to the left or his arm pointing in that direction.

Experience tells me it is NOT possible to “lead” a subject into believing something is true that is not true. When working with abductees, I’ve rephrased questions to find inconsistent answers and uncovered none. I’ve rephrased questions with misinformation only to have subjects correct me. (“Is that the alien you like?” “No,” with some impatience, “that’s the one I don’t like!”)

Confabulation

There is a phenomenon in hypnosis called “confabulation.” If the hypnotist persists and pressures with a particular question, the subject might fill in gaps with what he thinks is the answer, and not with what he knows is the answer. It’s not deliberate lying; it’s an effort to relieve the pressure the subject might be feeling from the hypnotist. Any competent hypnotist knows this and refrains from anything that might elicit confabulation.

My work with UFO abductees is open to scrutiny to anyone who reads *The Allagash Abductions* by Ray Fowler, since it is I who worked with him and the four abductees chronicled in that book. My work also constitutes the last third of *The Watchers*, also by Ray Fowler.

Hopefully, this brief article will put into perspective the controversy that careful and qualified hypnotists are causing UFO abductees to “invent” their experiences by “leading” them. More constructive would be efforts marshalled to help determine what is being done to these abductees, why it’s being done, and then to help them adjust and cope with that knowledge.



Lou Farish, long-time ufologist (left) and director of the Ozark UFO Conference at Eureka Springs, AR, is presented a token of appreciation by Linda Moulton Howe on behalf of speakers and attendees celebrating the Tenth anniversary of the conference this year. (Right to left: Gary Massey and Tom Adams)

Booklet review

Around and About the Saucer World

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

By Rick R. Hilberg, United Aerial Phenomena Agency, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, OH 44134. April 1998. 38 pages, 8 1/2 X 11 paperback, \$9.95 post-paid.

This booklet is made up primarily of various cases from *The Flying Saucer Digest*, *UFO Magazine*, *UFO Journal*, and *UFO Magazine News Bulletin* from 1970 through 1997. Rick has been a columnist for *Flying Saucer Review* since 1970, and had his own publication, *UFO Magazine* (which was absorbed into *Flying Saucer Digest* in 1970), as well as *UFO Magazine News Bulletin*. In all, Rick has around 36 years in ufology, so he has paid his dues.

The 26 cases in this booklet range from sightings to possible saucer fragments to one weird case involving a possible alien living among us (and playing a tough game of chess). Mostly, though, these are the more basic cases of the past quarter century, selected mostly because Rick likes them, and presented chronologically. I enjoyed reading them.

Recent images weaken argument for artificial structures on Mars

The case for artificial structures on Mars (see sidebar book review) has dimmed somewhat following images from the Mars Global Surveyor released by NASA on April 5 and 14 respectively. Dr. Mark Carlotto, one of those who strongly felt that 1976 Viking images suggested something had been constructed on the Red Planet, now says that it is possible that the face is a feature of geology.

He adds, however, that some features, such as a uniform "beveled edge headdress" encircling the face, still suggest artificiality. Other factors which continue to give hope to those who had argued that the face was not natural include a poor camera angle and haze which limited image resolution.

Professor Stanley McDaniel, co-founder and spokesperson for the Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR), editor and one of the authors of *A Case for the Face*, and a former critic of NASA's lack of interest in the Cydonian region, praised NASA for its cooperation in targeting this area. Dr. McDaniel, who will be a speaker at this year's MUFON International Symposium in Denver, has indicated disappointment in the initial images, but says that no single image will answer the question, since there are "more than two dozen" formations that indicate a high probability that they are not natural. SPSR scientists had previously concluded that the chances were at least a thousand to one in favor of the Cydonia region containing artificial structures.

Dr. Tom Van Flandern, one of the authors of *The Case for the Face*, took a more positive view of the early images. He says the features of the face were actually confirmed by the new photo, "despite poor lighting and poor viewing angle," pointing specifically to the "headdress" and other linear and rounded features. Van Flandern concludes that "nothing yet seen on our moon or any other solar system surface besides Earth suggests artificiality to a comparable degree."

Interest remains high in that portion of Cydonia dubbed "the city," since this is the area which researchers say has the most promise of artificiality. The April 14 image missed the targeted area of "the City" by about 1.5 kilometers and showed nothing of real interest.

The next imaging attempt, set for April 23, (which had not been completed at this writing) was supposed to again target "the city." Whether there will be additional attempts to secure high-resolution images of the Cydonia region after April 23 is unknown at this point.

Book review

The Case for the Face

Edited by Professor Stanley V. McDaniel and Monica Rix Paxson, Brandenburg. Adventures Unlimited Press, Kempton, IL 60946. March, 1998. 6x9 paperback, \$17.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

Issued in March, this fine book received a damaging blow from events only a month later. Written to justify a closer look at possibly artificial structures in the Cydonia region of Mars, the desired closer look provided in April seemed to make this hypothesis less likely (see story elsewhere on this page). While the evidence for the "face" and other "structures" being artificial has not disappeared, it has certainly lessened.

In a way it's a shame *The Case for the Face* was not published months earlier. The recent images will undoubtedly hurt readership, and the 20 scientists who contributed interesting, informative articles to this book deserve a wider readership than they are likely to have.

This story actually begins when NASA sent two spaceships to Mars in 1976 at a cost of more than \$2 billion. While the two landers found no definitive signs of life, the orbiting spacecraft sent back a total of 51,539 images over a period of about four years. However, only about one-fourth of these have been analyzed, due to lack of funding.

Of the images that were published, one showing what appeared to be a "face" in the Cydonia area caught the interest of some scientists. NASA, however, came up with a second image and announced that the face was only an ordinary hill.

Later, aerospace researchers Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar utilized their newly-developed Starburst Pixel Interleaving Technique (SPIT) on the first image, and the results seemed to indicate an artificial structure. NASA was unable to provide a copy of the second image ("misfiled"), but the researchers eventually found eight other images which seemed to indicate the face was artificial. An opportunity for additional images was missed when the Mars Observer spacecraft was lost in 1993, supposedly due to an explosion just prior to arriving on Mars.

During the past few months, interested scientists, including Professor Stanley V. McDaniel, worked very hard to convince NASA to utilize the Global Surveyor to map the Cydonia area again in April of this year. The arguments presented by scientists in this book seemed to have an influence on NASA's decision to take another look at that area.

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Australian Abduction Research: 1995-97

By Keith Basterfield

This is the fifth in a series of articles which I have written/co-authored since 1989 to report on a number of aspects of the abduction phenomenon in Australia. In the first four articles I commented that, unlike the U.S. and elsewhere, UFO abduction accounts had not really hit the mainstream mass media here in Australia. However, the past three years finally saw the mass media's attention drawn to the subject of UFO abductions.

Central to this has been a number of factors. First, the largest number of UFO books ever to have been published in Australia in a 12-month period hit the shelves. The first Australian book written by a local abduction experiencer appeared in 1996.

Titled *Encounter*, and authored by a Victorian woman, Kelly Cahill, it related her own experiences, plus some of the details of the subsequent investigation by John Auchettl of Melbourne. Auchettl reported that he had uncovered and interviewed the three members of a second, independent party to the events that Cahill related. Later, details about a sixth person emerged, also placing him at the site.

Encounter received widespread publicity in a variety of high profile commercial magazines. In addition, an associated publicity tour involved a large number of radio, TV, and lecture appearances for Cahill. Also in 1996, well-known researcher Bill Chalker's book, *The Oz Files*, hit the scene, including a first chapter presentation of the Cahill event. In publicising his work, Chalker undertook numerous media appearances.

My own work, *UFOs: A Report on Australian Encounters*, appeared in May of 1997. In it, among other things, I reported details of a range of Australian abduction cases from over the years. I also presented my then current views on the nature of the abduction phenomenon. As with Cahill and Chalker, the book release was accompanied by high profile publicity.

Secondly, two international UFO symposiums added to the information flow. Thanks to the marvellous efforts of Glennys Mackay and associates, of Brisbane, these events showcased a multitude of top level Australian and overseas speakers. Abduction re-



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search and experiences rated highly on the agenda, with talks by John Mack, Whitley Strieber, John Carpenter, and myself, among others. All added their personal viewpoints on the abduction phenomenon.

Thirdly, the participants of the March 1996 Casino (New South Wales) case went public, appearing on a number of mainstream electronic media outlets. The total publicity surrounding the release of the three books and the Casino case exceeded by far the previous exposure given to the abduction subject in Australia. Media interest finally waned this spring.

As regards cases, two events dominated the period 1995-1997. These were the Belgrave (Cahill) case and the Casino (New South Wales) episode.

In the Belgrave incident it is reported that six people in three separate vehicles, independent of each other, were present at a location just outside of Melbourne, Victoria, in August of 1993. They were involved in a close encounter, with some of them remembering an abduction. Details of the case, as then known, were documented in two articles by this author in the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

Since that article, some details of the second party's recollections have appeared in Cahill's book, which also featured partial results of Auchettl's inspection of physical traces from the site. The British *UFO Magazine* published the partial contents of a letter from the wife of the sixth person. Despite the inability of other researchers to independently interview the second party, or for any researcher to interview the third party, as well as the lack of peer review of Auchettl's field data, the case appears an important one.

A classic "missing time" event, which under hypnosis turned into a classic abduction, is reported to have occurred on the night of March 16, 1996, near Casino, New South Wales. Two adults, travelling with their children, reported observing unusual lights and experiencing a period of missing time on a trip between Lismore and Grafton. Regression hypnosis revealed that their vehicle had been stopped by a UFO, and the family abducted and taken onboard, where medical examinations were conducted. The family members were then returned to their vehicle. A large number of unusual side effects were noted.

The type of abduction event being reported in this country continues to vary from "missing time" to "full blown" abduction. However, I note that many of the more recently reported episodes are likely to feature fewer elements of a full blown abduction. These cases are heavy on "missing time," or "dreams" that

an abduction occurred.

One example came to me from a 35-year-old woman who recalled mysterious dreams of seeing UFOs, which included nightmares of seeing ape-like figures. However, she was unaware of any other factors which might indicate an abduction had occurred.

Another was from the girlfriend of a man who normally walked between work and home in 40 minutes, but who on one occasion took twice this length of time, but couldn't explain to her why he was late. Although there was no other indicator, she believed he had been abducted.

Quite a few of these "dream" abductions are emerging from non-traditional health sessions, for example myofascial massage. Episodes originating in moving motor vehicles are relatively few and far between. Most, in fact, are bedroom intrusions.

What types of entities are being reported? Previously, most Australian experiencers were describing the classic North American gray, but of late there have been accounts of a "praying mantis" and even "reptilians." However, the grays continue to dominate descriptions. One item of the North American abduction scene which has not been reported here, to the best of my knowledge, is the involvement of "military" figures in abductions.

What of Australian research into the phenomenon during these years? Regretfully, little in the way of research appears to have been undertaken, and, if undertaken, not been published by the major UFO groups during the period under review.

The author undertook a small scale questionnaire survey of Australian abductions, looking specifically at the reported after-effects. At a meeting on June 23, 1996, 130 copies of the survey questionnaire were distributed in Melbourne, and with Volume 3 Number 3 of the newsletter of the Australian UFO Abduction Study Centre, and 54 completed questionnaires were received back, a return rate of 41%. Using the Centre for UFO Studies' (Rodeghier et al 1991) definition of an abduction which is (in abbreviated form):

"A witness must be taken against his or her will from normal, terrestrial surroundings by non-human beings ... to another enclosed space ... assumed by the witness to be a spacecraft ... subjected to various procedures ... remembered consciously or through various means ... such as hypnosis."

Let's list the statements where more than two thirds of respondents agreed in the affirmative:

"I have begun to channel information from some other source" (78%) "I have had an increase in the number of dreams I recall (70%) "I feel I receive information somehow from elsewhere" (92%) "I feel I am more psychic than before" (89%) "I read more books about UFOs" (70%) "I experience strange flows

of energy through my body" (83%) "I sometimes get flashbacks to my experience" (79%) "My intuition has increased" (96%) "I often know things are going to happen before they do" (90%).

Statements about life changes where there was an increase greater than or equal to 4.0 (scale of 0-5) were:

"Concern for spiritual matters" (4.0) "Desire to achieve a higher consciousness" (4.6) "Belief in a higher power" (4.3) "Interest in the possibility of extra-terrestrial life" (4.7) "Feel I have a task to perform" (4.3) "Feel that major changes will occur to Earth" (4.3) "Feel I have been chosen" (4.0) "Appreciation of nature" (4.1)

I also prepared, in late 1997, an updated version of "An Australian and New Zealand abduction and apparent abduction catalogue." This catalogue is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.iufog.org/project1947/kbabduct.htm>.

I established the national level Australian UFO Abduction Study Centre, a time limited research project, in May of 1994 with a number of aims. By June of 1997, having met these aims, it closed. During that period, some 150 persons inquired on the Centre's hotline about being potential experiencers. These were referred to the appropriate state level UFO and support groups for follow-up. Twelve issues of a networking newsletter were published by the Centre, and distributed to health professionals, UFO researchers, and experiencers in this country.

In order to collate and compare Australian abduction experiences, I called on a number of occasions for a national level database to be established. However, UFO research and experiencer support groups have not seen the need for such a research tool.

Although the past three years have brought the presence of some high profile experiencers, most individuals prefer anonymity. For the latter, a number of experiencer support groups continue to provide an essential service to those coming forward. Such groups exist in Brisbane (Queensland), Sydney (New South Wales), Melbourne (Victoria) and Perth (Western Australia.) All provide both one on one, and group support.

"Where have all the good old fashioned UFO cases gone?" is one of the laments I continue to hear. One of the tasks I have undertaken for many years, since 1978 actually, is the compilation of national level UFO sightings. Although many hundreds of raw UFO reports are received by the more than 30 UFO groups in the country, only a relatively small percentage remains unidentified after rational research. Precise figures are hard to come by, but my feeling, after talking to researchers around the land, is that abduction cases have indeed replaced good old physical trace events

as the "core phenomenon" being reported.

In conclusion, the abduction phenomenon is now well set into the minds of Australians. We read about it in popular magazines, and are exposed to it on television and radio. It has even made its way into advertisements. On the downside, as in the United States and England, it is now hard to find someone who is naive about the subject of abduction experiences—making life much more difficult for researchers. For good or bad, the UFO abduction experience has truly arrived in the Australian psyche.

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siderable detail in explaining how these scientists concluded that Cydonia was worth this second look, including how image enhancement is accomplished, why it is legitimate, and why it is important. Likewise, the technique called shape-from-shading (photoclinometry) is also explained.

Specific objects in Cydonia, such as the Tholus (two sets of grooves?), the D&M Pyramid (a tunnel leading into it?), a cluster of large formations called "the city" and "the fort" (isosceles triangles matching those in the cross-section of a tetrahedron, and other geometric patterns) indicated something other than natural formations. It was calculated by computer, in fact, that the pentad formation of five mounds had less than one chance in 200 million of being random.

Regardless of one's opinion concerning "the face" or other areas of Cydonia, this is an important book that shows how a group of scientists developed the evidence from what was available to them, withstood the criticism that would inevitably come from such a project, and convinced NASA that Cydonia was at least worth another look.

Whether their preliminary hypothesis proves to be correct or incorrect, we owe them a great deal of respect and gratitude for pursuing this project. We have undoubtedly learned much more about Mars from their efforts than otherwise would have been the case.

Study finds increase in Canadian UFOs

A recent study by a national research group has found that the skies over Canada are getting more crowded—with UFOs.

"We were surprised to learn there were so many reports last year," said astronomer Chris Rutkowski, research coordinator for Ufology Research of Manitoba (UFOROM), which collects and studies UFO reports in Canada. "There were 284 UFO sightings reported in Canada in 1997, up about 10 per cent from 1996."

Last year's cases ranged from a group of people chased by a flying saucer near Tuktoyaktuk to a giant boomerang buzzing a 20-year Coast Guard veteran in Sault Ste. Marie. Rutkowski said sightings reported to researchers and UFO groups from BC to the Maritimes were collected by UFOROM and added to a database for statistical analyses. Among the findings:

Most UFOs were reported in British Columbia (35%) and Ontario (25%).

UFOs were seen in winter as likely as summer; no national monthly trend was found.

Almost three-quarters of all UFOs are seen at night, and most of these around 11 p.m.

Most UFOs are watched for a long time; the average length of observation was 20 minutes.

UFOs are witnessed by more than one person at a time; most cases have two witnesses.

The typical Hollywood-style flying saucer shaped UFOs are now less common than triangular ones.

Only 4.6 % of all the UFO reports were labelled "higher-quality unknowns"; most UFO sightings were either misidentifications of things such as planes or planets, or the reports didn't have enough information to reach a conclusion.

"None of these unknowns prove there are aliens out there," Rutkowski said, "but we are left with some cases which investigators cannot explain."

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Ufology profile

Lonnie Zamora remembers

By Joseph R. Calamia

One of the classic UFO cases took place on April 24, 1964, at Socorro, NM, witnessed by Lonnie Zamora, a Socorro policeman. At the time of the Socorro incident I was 17 years old. I had the opportunity to visit the landing site one or two weeks after the occurrence, and recall viewing remnants of the charred brush and fading scorch marks. This site became the "holy grail" to my own interests and experiences on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

As time passed, interest in the case stagnated, physical evidence vanished with the desert winds, and new cases caught our attention. Socorro became only a passing thought for everyone. That is, everyone except Lonnie Zamora! Mr. Zamora's existence changed, simply because he was the officer on duty who just happened to be in "hot-pursuit" of a speeding motorist on that April day so long ago.

He unwillingly was given the starring role in a fantastic real-life drama that would change his life forever. I, too, had never forgotten this sighting, and in March I was finally able to talk with Mr. Zamora about this event and its effects on him.

Dionicio Zamora (Lonnie's true name) was born Sept. 7, 1933, in Magdalena, NM, to the parental union of Domingo Zamora, and the former Rafalita Gomez. The Zamora family moved to Socorro when Lonnie was approximately 10 years of age. One of nine children, his formative years were harsh, and there was little or no time for the niceties of life.

Lonnie said he joined the New Mexico National Guard at age 17, serving for 24 years. Although, Lonnie never saw combat, he was called upon to help suppress prison riots in the 80's. He recalls joining the Socorro Police Department at age 18 in 1951 as a part-time officer.

At age 21, he became a full time police officer, covering the full gamut of problems within a small community, including bar-room brawls, domestic disputes, and tragic automobile accidents. He was no stranger to trauma. On April 24, 1964, he was a 31-year-old policeman with more than ten years of field experience. On that day, his experience and perceptions would be put to the ultimate test.

Zamora stated that he had never had any prior interest, knowledge, or understanding of UFOs until the day of the occurrence, noting that he did not remember even hearing the word until the incident. Recalling the experience, he said, "My partner, a part-time



Lonnie Zamora

officer, wanted to go home early to eat supper with his wife," so Zamora dropped his partner off and went to speak with someone. Suddenly he saw a speeding car. It was the pursuit of that car that led to the sighting at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Lonnie stated that he saw a blue flame in the desert area, and a dust cloud rise into the air. He initially thought that some type of crash had occurred, and therefore immediately stopped the hot-pursuit and drove off into the desert area to investigate. Zamora stated that as he drove up to the area he noticed a white object in the ravine near an old dynamite shack. He said he thought the object was an overturned car or truck.

Lonnie stated that he never actually saw any creatures. He said he did see two objects that appeared to be white overalls in the immediate proximity of the craft, but the figures were indiscernible at the distance that he first observed the scene. He said that they must have been there (near the ship) because of the footprints that were later located.

He said he soon became aware of the fact that the white object on the desert floor was not an overturned car or truck. Zamora stated that he was on the air with his dispatcher as he drove up to the scene, but the police radio soon quit, as did the car engine. He recalled that the radio had to be fixed later, but he was

able to start the car after the departure of the unknown craft.

Lonnie said he recalls hearing a "sliding noise" of doors or windows prior to the object's departure, and that he was alone in that area for about 30 minutes before the arrival of his colleagues.

Zamora kindly drew a picture of the craft as seen from his vantage point. He also drew the insignia which he observed on the craft (see sketch), and was adamant that the insignia was black in color and showed well against the white background of the craft.

Asked his opinion of what the craft was, he replied, "I really can't tell you, but I know it wasn't from here. It was not from here. They (Government) were not that advanced at that time. I don't think so. Maybe they were, but I don't think so."

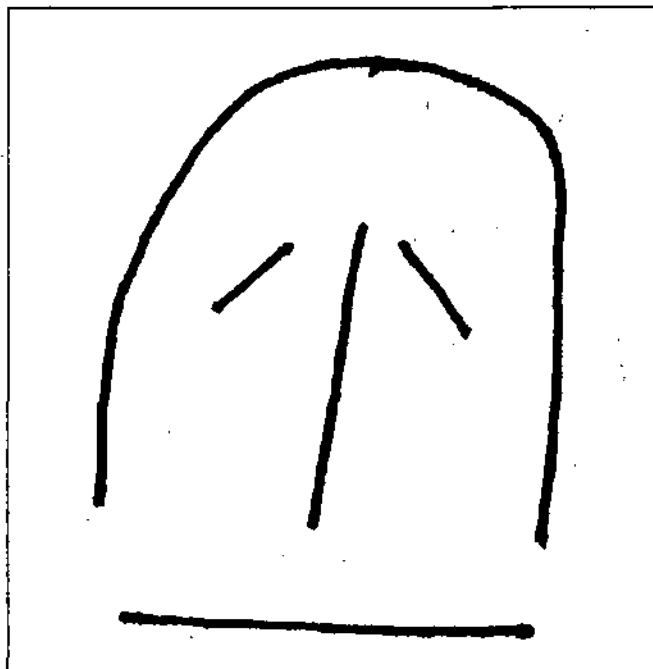
Zamora stated that he would not report such a thing again. In fact, he admitted that he really did not wish to make the report of the sighting, but after conferring with his supervisor it was decided that a report must be filed. Lonnie stated he could see and smell the landing area, which was still smoking after the departure of the craft. A large rock which had been directly underneath the craft had actually been melted in two.

Lonnie reported that, shortly thereafter, an Air Force officer had walked down to the landing site with a geiger counter in hand. Lonnie clearly remembers that the needle to the geiger counter sliced into the red-zone, but slowly dissipated after more time had passed. Zamora recalls asking the officer if radiation was present, but the officer told him there was none.

Lonnie recalls that he was up the entire night of the incident filling out reports and answering a barrage of questions from numerous law enforcement and government agencies. He was interviewed by the State Police, FBI, Military Intelligence, and Chief Investigator for Project Blue Book Maj. Hector Quintanilla. Additional interviews were held with newspaper reporters and representatives of UFO organizations.

Lonnie recalls that his household was deluged with telephone calls from almost everywhere imaginable. Many of the calls were of a harassing nature, and caused Lonnie, his wife, and two children a great deal of grief. Zamora recalls the numerous interviews with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and spoke very highly of him. Apparently Mr. Zamora maintains contact with some of the individuals who became involved in this unwanted drama.

Zamora stated that he has never commercialized on this incident. Although he once acted as an advisor for a film on the subject, he quickly told the producer that he did not have time for such things, and needed to return to his work. Lonnie told me that he had recurring nightmares in which he would awake in the middle of the night in a wet sweat. These dreams



Symbol observed by Lonnie Zamora in 1964.

lasted about two weeks after the incident. The dreams ceased, but he candidly admits that he fears "it" will return some day.

This fear remains ingrained in him. He said he was initially troubled by the entire situation and sought assistance from his priest, conferring with his priest for several months after his exposure to the UFO. As to why he was involved in this event, he says, "I don't know. It happened to me, so that's what God wanted for me to see."

Lonnie is (at this writing) 64 years of age, and appears to be in basically good health. However, he contends that he has developed a "tingling sensation" on his left side which runs around his back area and down into his right leg. He has had numerous medical exams, including an MRI, but there is nothing to substantiate any specific physical ailment. Zamora seems to believe that this condition becomes more prevalent when he is faced with stressful situations or anxieties.

Lonnie continued his employment as a police officer for about two years after the UFO occurrence. He decided to leave the force and found employment elsewhere. Zamora continues to work every day, and seems to be content in his life-style.

He appears to be a hard working ultra-conservative realist who has no time for science fiction novels or Star-Wars movies. In fact, I doubt seriously if Mr. Zamora ever saw Star Wars. He is a man of tangible realities who believes in what he can see, touch, smell, and hear. I believe that Lonnie Zamora told the truth, and nothing but the truth, despite the fears, uncertainties, and ridicule of the time.

Picking Up the Gauntlet

A Response to *The Threat*, a book by David Jacobs, Ph.D.

By Joe Lewels, Ph.D.

There are so few scholars in the world today who are studying the alien abduction phenomenon that one would think they would eagerly embrace one another, like survivors of a shipwreck on a deserted island. When I entered this exclusive club, I truly believed that it would be that way. Abduction researchers live a lonely life in an academic and scientific community that turns its collective nose up at them and scoffs at the mention of the subject.

The few researchers, I imagined, must all be close friends, eager to share their knowledge and insights and to seek out new ideas in their efforts to solve this bizarre and complex mystery. I thought that it would be as obvious to them, as it was to me, that what is needed is a radical new way of thinking to deal with a phenomenon that seems to emanate from a strange new reality, and which has eluded science for so long. I believed that no one mind or way of thinking could possibly be sufficient to truly understand what it was all about.

Different views

I realized that there were different views among the major researchers. There were those deeply grounded in accepted scientific principles and methodology. (God knows we need them to help us discover the who, what, when, where and how of the alien agenda.) But I also believed that we needed those whose ideas, theories, and techniques were beyond the current scope of science to help us discover the "why" of the mystery. We needed people with innovative ideas and revolutionary theories to counterbalance those of the traditional researcher.

Some of these original thinkers, although unorthodox by current standards, could be the ones to find new avenues of approach or to stumble upon some breakthrough, as is often the case with scientific inquiry. Because this has been proved time and time again in history, I believed that those in the research community would respect one another's work and gladly learn from each other, while at the same time forming a sort of united front against criticism from outside. But, I guess I was wrong.

David Jacobs has thrown down the gauntlet to most other abduction researchers in his current book, *The Threat*, and he has unfairly singled out perhaps the most prestigious member of the research community, Dr. John Mack, for a special scolding. Rather than embracing his fellow researchers, he has

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resorted to name calling. Those who do not meet his personal standards of research, or who don't agree with his interpretation of the facts, are incompetent New Age Positives who "band together into almost cultlike groups."

In Jacobs' view, these researchers have turned UFO research into a religion and have seriously strayed from accepted scientific standards. The result, in his view, is that they have wrongly reached the conclusion that alien abductions are not so bad, and, in some cases, that they can even be positive. He, on the other hand, due to his "correct" methodology, knows the real truth—that alien hybrids are secretly plotting to take over the earth, and, due to their superior intellect, usurp control from their human counterparts.

For Jacobs, the abduction mystery has been solved, and the solution is quite negative. (He refrains from calling himself and his approved researchers "The Negatives," however.) "In my most recent research," he states, "I have uncovered information that allows UFO researchers to solve the UFO mystery—at least the questions that will have the greatest impact upon us." (p.20) Jacobs has seriously deluded himself in thinking that he has solved the alien abduction mystery.

It is a delusion that results from his overly narrow perspective, and from the illusion that he has access to, and is accounting for, all the data. Jacobs is a "scientific materialist" who is trying to solve a mystery emanating from the future with science from the past. He seems to have made no effort to grasp the concepts of quantum physics and its implications for the non-local nature of consciousness.

Other phenomena

He cannot accept that there are out-of-body experiences, past life memories, or other paranormal phenomena that have yet to be explained or accounted for by mainstream researchers. These things are simply "New Age" foolishness that do not merit serious thought. Yet it is interesting that he accepts as a matter of fact that aliens communicate telepathically, that they exercise psychic powers, that they walk through walls, and that they sometimes render themselves

"unseeable." Yet channeling, to Jacobs, is hogwash. He does not recognize that channeling may simply be telepathic communication from a distance. (I find it hard to understand how one can accept the first, but not the second.) Clearly, the UFO mystery is based on science that is hundreds or thousands or even millions of years ahead of ours.

Some breakthroughs

True, we are beginning to get an idea, through breakthroughs in quantum physics, genetics, and other sciences, as to how some of the amazing "miracles" that aliens perform might be done. But the evidence coming from abduction research should teach us that there is much more to learn, and that what we call "modern science," based on "scientific methodology," is sorely inadequate for penetrating even the outer fringes of this mystery.

What has happened to Jacobs is that he has gone as far as is possible with the "Model T" science to which he is limited. Without engaging in strenuous consciousness raising exercises, he will go no further. In my book, *The God Hypothesis*, I argue for the need for a much broader approach to UFO research, one that includes the acknowledgement that this is an ancient phenomenon which very likely was involved in human evolution from the very beginning.

What Jacobs sees as an alien invasion may, from another level, be seen merely as evolution in progress. If the human race is ultimately replaced by a more modern, up-to-date model that is more psychic and connected to the Earth, then so be it. It will be our failure to nurture our planet that caused our own downfall. But is that so different from what happened to Neanderthal man and Cro Magnon man?

Missing links

Scientists cannot account for how Homo Sapiens evolved and yet coexisted with other human "prototypes" at the same time. What if we humans are the result of the last great jump in evolution created by these beings? What if, due to genetic intervention by superior beings, we humans took over the Earth from those with lesser mental powers? Is this acceptable, while the current situation is not?

If this is in fact the case, then maybe "alien" (a particularly pejorative term) is inadequate to describe these beings. Maybe they are gods or angels or something of the sort. If we rule this out, we eliminate avenues of research that could yield rich insights, not only into who they are, but also into who we are. This is not a ridiculous conclusion, but one based on hard scientific evidence.

No intermediate species have ever been discovered to fully account for the theory of evolution, and even the discoverer of DNA, Dr. Francis Crick,

believes that DNA was brought here by extraterrestrials millions of years ago. (See his book, *Life Itself*, Simon and Schuster, 1981.) Any effort to resolve the UFO mystery which does not explore the origins of the human species, does not question the current views about the nature of consciousness, does not examine the religious implications, and which does not attempt to peer into future science through the lens of quantum physics is doomed to failure.

But Jacobs never mentions any of this. He has never attempted to broaden his horizons and to reach higher levels of understanding. Yet, at the same time, I admire him. He has performed his role well. His diligent research has revealed and verified many of the basic elements of the abduction phenomenon. I am willing to embrace him and give him credit for that and for his courage in stepping into this difficult arena in the first place. We need him and others like him.

But what we don't need is this lashing out and name calling directed at those who are struggling in their own way to solve the same baffling mystery. Jacobs has fallen prey to the illusion that he, and only he, has the real answers.

Standardized procedures?

He argues for a standardization of procedures for abduction research. "Without standardized methodology," he states, "a hypnotist can use any induction or questioning technique—no matter how experimental, untried, or dubious—to explore abduction accounts." (p. 220) To this, I can only say, "Thank God!" Jacobs believes that if only all researchers used the same exact hypnotic induction he uses, and asked the same questions that he asks, they too would arrive at the same conclusions.

To this, I can only say, "No kidding!" The fact that all abduction researchers are not clones of himself and regulated by some abduction research regulation authority is cause of great frustration for Jacobs. That fact, together with his conclusion that the Earth is about to be taken over by aliens, has led him into the depths of a deep depression:

"...I have found the abduction phenomenon to be real, but also...I have become somewhat apocalyptic in view of its purpose. I have come to the conclusion that human civilization may be in for a rapid, and perhaps disastrous, change, not of our design." (p. 255) He continues his lament: "...the intellectual safety net with which I operated for so many years is now gone. I am as vulnerable as the abductees themselves....I have come to view the alien abduction phenomenon and its purpose as an asteroid hurtling toward Earth—discovered too late for intervention....I find little fuel for hope for the future." (p. 256)

Jacob's feelings of fear and futility should be

of great concern for members of the research community and for abductees as well. Researchers, whether they like it or not, must also act in the best interests of the "patient"—the abductee. Hypnosis is not just a research tool, but also a therapeutic one, and part of the role of the researcher is to help the abductee overcome his/her fears. How can Jacobs or other researchers who are frightened themselves help others?

John Mack and many other researchers, including myself, have seen first hand the amazing spiritual and mental growth that is experienced by those abductees who shed the victim role, put their fears aside, and moved forward. These individuals will no doubt lead us all toward a much higher level of understanding than anything we can now imagine.

But without the positive support of the therapist, many experiencers will continue to dwell in the depths of depression. As objective researchers, we should, at the very least, honor (rather than ridicule) those who are able to achieve this remarkable transformation. At the very most, we should stand as pillars of strength for those who so desperately seek our help.

Dr. Jacobs' response to Dr. Lewels:

I would like to thank Dwight Connelly for affording me the opportunity to make a brief reply to Dr. Lewels.

I think that it is important for UFO and abduction research to be as scientific and as accurate as possible. Rigor and the systematic investigation of the phenomena have allowed UFO researchers to engage in the process of solving the UFO mystery. UFO researchers from the 1940's on have attempted to look with a scientifically objective eye at the claims made not only by charlatans and the deranged, but by sincere witnesses as well.

These pioneers worked out standardized methodologies whereby the UFO signal could be separated from the IFO noise. We cannot abandon this scientific stance. We must maintain and foster high standards and continue to work for a solution to the UFO mystery through serious, reality-based modes of thought.

For some abductees, angelic, demonic, spiritual, and New Age interpretations of the UFO and abduction phenomenon are important in that they provide them with an emotional framework in which they can understand the phenomenon and/or receive solace and comfort from it. Self-motivated belief structures that help abductees cope with their situations—and are not harmful—can sometimes be beneficial, at least in the short term.

However, as explanatory systems for the evi-

Editor's Note:

With a profound interest in abduction cases, I have discussed with both Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Lewels their particular approaches to abduction research. Both, in my opinion, are dedicated, sincere individuals with exceptional ability and integrity. Obviously they represent opposing methods, which should be of interest and concern as we attempt to untangle the abduction phenomenon. *The Threat* was reviewed last month, and an adequate understanding of Dr. Jacobs' approach can best be found in reading the entire book, just as Dr. Lewel's approach is best understood by reading his book, *The God Hypothesis*—and in talking with both men. Although authors automatically open themselves to critiques, I felt that Dr. Jacobs should be afforded the opportunity to respond in the same issue of the *Journal* to this added critique.

dence presented, New Age, spiritual, and religious interpretations must be treated with utmost caution. In *The Threat*, by critically evaluating methodology, I have attempted to understand the accounts that some hypnotists have found and that I, and other more mainstream investigators, have not found. No one's research is above critical analysis—including my own. Without critical analysis and peer review it will be extremely difficult to advance in our knowledge of this subject. To suggest otherwise is to insure that we will be taking backward steps into confusion rather than moving forward toward knowledge and clarity.

We all want the goal of abduction therapy to be for abductees to lead happier lives. The difference is that some researchers attribute whatever positive changes that take place to the aliens' actions. I have more faith in people's innate abilities to integrate abduction events so that they can lead more fulfilling lives.

Through therapeutic help, support groups, and their own self-awareness, abductees gain intellectual and emotional control over their lives and move forward with a renewed sense of mastery over the phenomenon. For the conscientious investigator, helping the abductees achieve this must be accomplished with integrity and intellectual honesty.

I hope that Dr. Lewels will eventually understand the importance of undertaking a scientific and objective study of not only the abduction evidence, but of the methods whereby that evidence is obtained. We owe this to the UFO research community and we especially owe this to the abductees who rely on us to find the truth about what has been happening to them.

This is our responsibility, and we must not shrink from it.



Timothy Good. *Alien Base. Earth's Encounters With Extraterrestrials* (London: Century, 1998)

**Reviewed by Warren P. Aston
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At the outset I do not hesitate to say that, in my opinion, *Alien Base* has joined a small group of books that will come to be regarded as pivotal and classic works in shaping our understanding of the phenomenon of alien contact. I believe it will eventually be seen as authoritative and substantial in its field as Good's *Beyond Top Secret* now is.

Timothy Good's greatest contribution in this book is to force the reader to face a substantial body of data that has, in many cases, been routinely ignored and ridiculed by many UFO researchers and groups in recent decades, and kept from the public at large. Good tackles head-on the disturbing direction that mainstream ufology has taken in the past two decades by the almost institutionalized rejection of reports involving contact with humanoid beings to the point where "alien contact" in ufology and in the public perception equates only to an "abduction" by a stereotype "Grey."

Not the standard scenario

The cases covered in *Alien Base* are anything but the standard abduction scenario. Good has amassed ufology's largest collection of reports where the witness has encountered, and often interacted with, beings of apparent extraterrestrial origin, sometimes living incognito among us. A handful of intriguing cases also suggest that one or more alien groups have humans living with and working with them. Many of the book's reports are published here for the first time, and the cumulative weight of their evidence is impressive.

The author does not shy away from the famous "contactee" cases of the fifties and sixties, but succeeds in integrating their stories as part of a larger continuum of alien contact, not apart from it. In the process it quickly becomes clear that such claims are not as rare as many people have assumed. This is not to say that Good accepts that all the contactee claims are genuine--far from it. But he makes a strong case that perhaps in some instances what began as a genuine encounter was then perpetuated, for any number of reasons, by deception and fraud.

Case in point, perhaps: George Adamski. *Alien*

Base, to the inevitable dismay of some readers, I'm sure, devotes a long section to Adamski's story. Much of this material will be familiar to any well-read researcher, but some will not be, and is therefore worth approaching with an open mind. The original or early aspects of this case are stronger than many are willing to give it credit for, and while I personally remain unconvinced, Good gives some good reasons why the case should not be rejected out of hand or tossed into the "too hard" basket. Not least of these are the apparently credible stories of other people with impressive parallels to Adamski's claimed experiences.

Daniel Fry and Howard Menger are covered, and the book goes into considerable detail about the Paul Villa case, devoting more than half its color illustrations to some of his photos, making it clear that here are cases that still cry out for solid investigation.

Definitive treatment needed

Despite the time that has elapsed, definitive treatments of these cases have yet to be written. Although not without its faults and biases, Kal Korff's devastating expose of the Billy Meier case (*Spaceships of the Pleiades*) is a recent example of what an intensive investigation can achieve and what remains to be done with the classic contactees. Some readers may feel more comfortable with other stories that Good examines in detail, such as the little-known Carroll Watts and Bruno Ghibaudi cases with their impressive photographic support, or with the fantastic but compelling "Joelle" and Ludwig Pallmann cases.

Alien Base, however, makes a contribution beyond the mere compiling of reports. By including some of the very early encounters (the 1920 Albert Coe case is the earliest, with a good sampling of cases from the thirties and forties, including my own research of the 1940 Wartena case) the book repudiates, for example, the continuing simplistic attempts by some to dismiss all genuine UFO sightings as man-made military craft.

The careful reader will note certain recurring themes throughout the encounters reported, regardless of the circumstances, the time period, or the witness. Notably, these include the pervasiveness of the basic human form throughout the Cosmos, that earth has always had alien monitoring and intervention, that intelligent life on earth was "seeded" from other worlds, that man destroyed his civilization thousands of years ago, and a variety of environmental concerns.

Many races of visitors

Implicit in all this is the unavoidable conclusion that earth is being visited by many races, far more than the conventional half-dozen or dozen races normally allowed for in the ETH. A strong case could be made for at least a score or more, based just on the

better documented and more believable cases printed in this book.

My criticisms of *Alien Base* are minor. Interspersed throughout the text are a number of conventional UFO reports, perhaps to introduce variety and perhaps sometimes to strengthen the book's premise that our planet is being used as a base by extra-terrestrials. While they are usually interesting and substantial sightings that deserve recording, in my opinion they lengthen the text unnecessarily, and their omission could have served either to reduce the size of the book or to allow more contact cases to be included.

Better cases

Surely there would have been more value in including, for example, the Rev. Gill case—a multi-witnessed sighting of humanoids atop a craft—rather than yet another daylight disk report. In particular I would also have liked more space spent on the information communicated in the 1976 Dr. Leopoldo Diaz case, a totally credible witness. A chronological listing of all the cases would have been both helpful and interesting, and would make comparisons easier and trends more obvious.

Those in the UFO community inclined to reject out-of-hand the type of reports found in *Alien Base* will undoubtedly be less charitable toward this book, and may feel that I have been over-generous in my assessment of its value. For the rest of us however, *Alien Base* is a reminder that whatever our individual assumptions and biases lead us to do with such accounts, these too are an integral part of ufology.

Phillips to revisit famous Delphos, KS, case

Ted Phillips, the foremost ground trace researcher in the world, is revisiting the famous Delphos, KS, case. Phillips says there are two reasons for doing this.

First is a commitment he made to the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, just prior to Dr. Hynek's death, to return to Delphos. Phillips and Dr. Hynek worked together on numerous ground trace cases, and Delphos was considered one of the best. "That's the second reason I want to do it," says Phillips. "It's one of the best cases on record. It's a classic. It deserves to be fully and completely nailed down."

Phillips requests that anyone having information on the Delphos case, such as photos, reports, news clippings, or witness information, contact him. His e-mail is Theo2042@gte.net. His mailing address is Box 660, Reeds Spring, MO 65737.

MUFON FORUM

Letters to Mufon UFO Journal

In Gildas Bourdais' article (Part 3/March 1998), he refers to highlights of once "Secret" CIA documents of the early 1950's cited in my book *UFOs: The Public Deceived*. Bourdais refers to a CIA memo of 2 December 1952 which he claims "reveals a complete change of tone. It is regrettable that Klass does not mention this memo, although it was declassified in 1975, eight years before the publication of his book!"

The memo, written by H. Marshall Chadwell, is mentioned, and its contents highlighted, on page 26-27 of my book. It was declassified in 1979, not in 1975.

Bourdais also errs in claiming that shortly afterwards the CIA submitted a proposal to the National Security Council that the agency launch its own UFO investigation. As reported in my book, there were other CIA officials who disagreed. To help the CIA resolve this issue was the purpose of convening the group of top-level scientists, headed by Dr. H.P. Robertson, in early 1953 to evaluate the best UFO evidence.

As reported in my book (p. 31), on Feb. 18, 1953, a top CIA official—after reviewing the conclusions of the Robertson panel—wrote to the Intelligence Advisory Committee: "The results of the [Robertson] panel's studies have moved the CIA to conclude that no National Security Council Intelligence Directive on this subject is warranted."

Philip J. Klass

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CURRENT CASES

By T. David Spencer

MUFON Deputy Director, Investigations

LOG # 97111cC, AN-2, 05/31/96, Gravity, IA, at 07:00 hours CDT, 12:00 GMT. Index = 18.0% Investigators: Beverly Trout, Richard England, Ken Mott

A family member called Offutt Air Force Base and TV stations in Omaha and Des Moines to report the anomaly. The MUFON State Director was told of the event on June 18 by a journalist in Creston, IA.

Arriving home on Thursday, the two witnesses listened to a message left on their answering machine by a trucker. The man claimed he had seen lights in their field ten days earlier. The witnesses never learned who the caller was, but they did remember that one night earlier, as they were driving home from Bedford, they saw a light that "lit up the countryside" for a couple of seconds.

Friday morning, the two went to check out their fields and discovered two circular indentations about 10 feet in diameter and separated by about nine feet. Both were sunken three to five inches on the outer perimeter but not in the middle. Corn stalks were piled up just outside each circle. The owners knew the circles had not been there two weeks earlier.

Measurements performed by the investigators close to three weeks later found that the two circles were of equal size and shape, measuring 139 inches in diameter and having a 48-inch wide depression on the inside of the perimeter. The 43-inch center was not sunken. The depth of the depression was measured at about one and one-half inches. Erosion by rain had reduced the depth over the three-week period. (It was not known if the soil had been wet or dry when the circles were formed, so the depth measure would not give an accurate tool to estimate the causing agent's weight.)

The circles were located on a flat ridge in the 160-acre field. The ridge was high enough to have a good view of the surrounding area, possibly for miles. The ridge had not been planted in 1996, and the corn stalks were left over from the 1995 season. They were lying as if they had been blown down, fanning outward from the circular traces. In the center, weeds and grasses appeared to be growing normally, but, except for a few new starts, the sunken area was plant barren.

A return trip by the investigators a week later found that the area had been sprayed, which would affect any soil analysis, but samples were taken. The grasses and weeds which had been growing normally

were now all wilted, including those surrounding the circles.

LOG # 971203bE, MA-1, 09/14/95, LaGrange, GA, at 23:30 hours EDT, 03:30 GMT, for a few seconds. Index = 16.6% Investigator: John C. Thompson

Driving southward on South Davis Road with her pre-teenage daughter, a woman saw a green light on a downward trajectory to their south. She called it a glowing green round ball, later referring to it as "shiny green" and "neon green." After it had reached the ground, four helicopters flew into the area at tree top altitude, shining search lights toward the ground. She and her daughter thought the helicopters were searching for the green object.

This event may have been ignored, but the same woman, with her young son, had seen a similar green object a week earlier. Like this one, the object went to the ground. Before it did so, it first hovered, then flew horizontally. Note: It is not uncommon for flares to be dropped to practice search operations, but there was no indication that this was such an exercise.

UFO conferences...

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lights was the talk by Iowa MUFON State Director Beverly Trout on "Talking Back to the Aliens and to Humans." I also had the opportunity to renew friendship with Lou Farish on a face-to-face basis after years of correspondence by e-mail and phone, as well as with Ted Phillips, who, like Lou, was a member of the old *Skylook* staff when I was editor-publisher. It was also great to socialize with Walt and Jean Andrus.

As I look ahead to the MUFON Symposium in June, I anticipate a great program featuring some of the best in the business. Professor Stanley McDaniel, editor and one of the authors of *The Case for the Face*, will be one of the speakers, and I am eager to hear his views on the latest Mars images. Dr. David Jacobs, author of *The Threat*, and Dr. Joe Lewels, author of *The God Hypothesis*, will, perhaps for the first time, be speakers at the same symposium. Discussions concerning their very different approaches to handling abduction cases should be interesting and enlightening. Nancy Talbot has some significant information to discuss concerning physical evidence related to crop circles, animal mutilations, and landing sites. The videos to be presented by Jaimie Maussan, including the famous Aug. 6, 1997, Mexico City video, are not to be missed. The list of outstanding speakers also includes Ann Druffel, Michael Lindemann, Debra Lindemann, Tracy Torme, Dr. Richard Haines, and Joe Escamilla. It promises to be quite a symposium.

MUFON 1998 INTERNATIONAL UFO SYMPOSIUM

SPEAKING PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome to Denver.....Michael G. Curta
Colorado State Director
- 9:10 a.m. Introduction, Master of Ceremonies.....
Greetings from the Mutual UFO NetworkWalter H. Andrus, Jr.
International Director, Seguin, Texas
- 9:15 a.m. "UFOs and the New Consensus on
Extraterrestrial Life:.....Michael P. Lindemann
Editor and Publisher of CNI News
Fort Collins, Colorado
- 10:15 a.m. "UFO: Friend, Foe or Fantasy.
CBS-TV Reports (1966).....Walter Cronkite
Narrator
- 11:15 a.m. Symposium Proceedings DedicationWalter H. Andrus, Jr.
- 11:20 a.m. LUNCH (Place of your choice)

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 p.m. "A Scientist vs. The System: The Remarkable
UFO Research of Dr. James E. McDonald"Ann Druffell,
Author and UFO Researcher
Pasadena, California
- 2:00 p.m. "The Mexican UFOs: Some of the Most Astounding UFO
Videos in History".....Jaimie Maussan
Television Director and Video Producer
Mexico, City, Mexico
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. "The Spectrum of Abduction:
A Question of Perception.....Deborah Lindemann,
Certified, Registered Clinical Hypnotherapist
Fort Collins, Colorado
- 4:30 p.m. "What is the Case for the Face?"...Stanley V. McDaniel, Ph.D.
Author of Martian Face Books
Santa Rosa, California

5:30 p.m. DINNER (place of your choice)

EVENING SESSION

- 7:30 p.m. Thinking Clearly About the Abduction
Phenomenon".....David M. Jacobs, Ph.D.

Author and Abduction Researcher
Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania

- 8:45 p.m. "Aliens or Angels?: The Conflict Between the ET
and God Hypotheses" Joe Lewels, Ph.D.
MUFON Consultant in Communications
and Assistant State Director, TX & NM
El Paso, Texas

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 MORNING SESSION

- 9:00 a.m. "Rods: The Discovery of a New Phenomenon" Jose Escamilla
Video Producer/Director
Lakewood, Colorado
- 10:00 a.m. "Losing the War of Public Perception.....Tracy Torne
Screenplay Writer and Producer
Beverly Hills, California
- 11:00 a.m. LUNCH (place of your choice)

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 p.m. "UFOs: The Technological Issues"John F. Schuessler
MUFON Deputy Director, Administration
Littleton, Colorado
- 2:00 p.m. "Anatomical Anomalies in Crop
Formation Plants".....Nancy Talbot
Field Research Coordinator,
BLT Research Team
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. "Human Initiated Contact"Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
Author and UFO Researcher
Los Altos, California
- 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer Panel, Composed
of All SpeakersModerator Walter H. Andrus, Jr.
- 5:30 p.m. Invitation to MUFON 1999 International UFO Symposium in
Arlington, Virginia, July 2, 3 & 4, 1999 ..Robert P. Swiatek
Host, Northern Virginia
- 5:35 p.m. ADJOURNMENTJames A. Peters
Colorado Asst. State Director



June 1998

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

There are no bright planets in the evening sky this month.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Venus (magnitude -3.9) remains low in the E at dawn, rising soon after 3 a.m. in mid-June. Our imposing planet neighbor lies near the lunar crescent on the 21st.

Jupiter (-2.4), in Pisces, rises in the E about 1 a.m. in mid-month and is conspicuous in the SE by dawn. The bright planet can be seen near the quarter Moon on June 17.

Saturn (0.3), in Pisces, rises about 2:30 a.m. in mid-June and is low in the E at dawn.

Moon Phases:

- First quarter--June 1
- Full moon--June 10
- Last quarter--June 17
- New moon--June 23

The Stars:

Late in the evening after twilight ends, the celestial meridian divides the night sky into springtime stars in the W (Leo, Bootes, Virgo) and summer stars in the E. The Summer Triangle is now easily visible above the eastern horizon. Hercules, with his little four-sided "Keystone;" Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer, shaped like a large Arab tent; Scorpius, with its reddish heart star Antares and winding stinger tail; and Sagittarius the Archer all occupy the eastern half of the heavens.

Straddling the meridian in the S is the U-shaped crown of Princess Ariadne, Corona Borealis (the Northern Crown). Lower down can be seen a distorted rec-

angle, Libra the Scales, on which nearby Virgo weighs the fate of mortals.

To the N, the Big Dipper starts its downward arc, and the hard-to-see sprawling outline of Draco the Dragon coils overhead between the Big and Little Dippers and Hercules.



June 18-21 - The 19th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. For registration call (307) 766-3914 or 1-800-488-7801, Ext. 2.

June 26, 27 & 28 - MUFON 1998 International UFO Symposium, Renaissance Denver Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Hotel reservation and registration information is published in this issue of the *Journal*. (Director's Message)

July 3-5 - Roswell Days, Roswell, New Mexico. For more information, contact International UFO Museum & Research Center, P.O. Box 2221, Roswell, NM 88202 or call (505) 625-9495.

August 1-8 - 2nd Annual "Summer Seminars - Man's Place in the Cosmos" in Laughlin, Nevada. For information phone (303) 543-9943 or FAX (303) 543-8667.

August 16-20 - First Israel International Congress on UFO Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. For information please FAX to: 972-3-6384455 or mail to P.O.B. 935, Tel-Aviv 61092, Israel.

October 3 - 3rd Annual UFO/Alien Abduction Presentation featuring John Carpenter at Holiday Convention Center, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. For information call (715) 833-4639.

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two sessions on Sunday, June 28th). The cost of the delicious buffet on Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. is \$25 per person which includes a Star Party by advance registration only. An advance registration applications form was enclosed with the April issue of the Journal.

The charge for vendor tables will be \$70 for the first table and \$50 for each additional table with a limit of six to each vendor for the entire symposium. Please contact **Rolland L. "Pete" Clark** at 341 Lansing Street, Aurora, CO 80010 for table reservations. Checks should be made payable to MUFON Colorado 1998 Symposium.

In addition to the above events, the State/Provincial Director's Annual Meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26. Assistant State Directors are also invited to attend. If the State or Provincial Director will be unable to attend, he/she should designate someone to represent their state or province, preferably a State Section Director. Workshops are being scheduled for June 25 & 26.

Videotaping and audiotaping will not be permitted in the auditorium or the use of flash cameras. Orders for video and audiotapes will be taken at the Symposium by the contractor. Copies of the *MUFON 1998 International UFO Symposium Proceedings* will be available for sale at the symposium.

We look forward to meeting many of you in "The Mile-High City" at the Symposium.

SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS COVER DESIGN CONTEST

The winner of the 1998 Symposium Proceedings Cover Design Contest is **Liz Coleson**, 2107 N. Lincoln St., Arlington, VA 22207. Ms. Coleson submitted four different designs, all professionally rendered. She will receive \$100 in cash plus \$100 in MUFON publications and merchandise. We thank everyone who sent samples of their ideas and invite them to do so again next year.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Thomas J. Lyon, (Warsaw, NY), Director of MUFON's Associate Member Auxiliary, will received his Eagle Scout award on May 22, 1998, in Wyoming, NY. Tom plans to attend the Denver Symposium, so take this opportunity to congratulate him and for the fine work that he is doing with our Associate Member Auxiliary.

ILLEGAL USE OF MUFON.ORG

A **Myron Saunderberg** at "Admin@mufon.org" is putting messages on E-mail implying that he speaks for MUFON. He definitely is not a MUFON member and has no authority whatsoever to

suggest that he is. Three fellows in St. Louis, MO are using a web site with the address mufon.org, however, none of them are or ever have been MUFON members. The Missouri State Director gave them permission to use it without authorization from MUFON headquarters, not knowing that he had no control over its use. The fellows involved intended to represent and charge MUFON for the web site. See the masthead of this Journal for our official web site and E-mail addresses. Anything with mufon.org is not a legal address. Opportunists literally jump on the bandwagon and try to take advantage of MUFON's credibility in the UFO field.

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Due to the popularity of the attractive lapel pins, we have received another order for distribution. The one-inch long oval-shaped pin has the MUFON logo in blue on a white background outlined in silver with a pin clasp on the back suitable for fastening to clothing. You may order yours from MUFON in Seguin, TX for \$5 plus \$1 for P&H. This is an opportunity to let people know that you are a MUFON member by proudly wearing our new lapel pin.

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Numerous MUFON members shared their interest in the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL* by purchasing Christmas gift subscriptions for friends and relatives. We are extending this idea with a new concept to increase our overall membership. Any current MUFON member will be awarded a lapel pin if they solicit two new members by completing the enclosed form (page 22 or a copy thereof) and attaching a \$30 check for each new member.

A former member who has allowed his/her subscription to expire for over one year will qualify as a new member in this plan. Here is your opportunity to invite people who attend local meetings, your friends and relatives to join MUFON and you will benefit by receiving a free lapel pin.

FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTION PRICE TO BE INCREASED

Based upon the "Membership Journal Survey" recently conducted, it was the consensus of the vast number of members responding that the foreign membership/subscription rate should be increased to \$35, consistent with the larger postage charges for mailing to foreign countries. Most magazines charge this differential rate to foreign subscribers. MUFON was basically subsidizing a portion of the postage.

This is an advance notice that the \$35 rate will become effective immediately for new members and to all others upon their renewal date. The subscription/renewal forms are being revised, accordingly.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Walter Andrus



Left to right: Sun Shili, Ph.D. and J. Antonio Huneus

News from around the Network

NEW OFFICERS

Through personal contacts, **J. Antonio Huneus**, International Coordinator, has appointed **Sun Shili, Ph.D.** (Beijing) to the position of MUFON's Representative for China. **Dr. Shili** is President of the Chinese UFO Research Organization (CURO), purported to be the largest in the world. In addition, he is a Consultant to MUFON in Economics, an economist and a university professor. We are very proud to have a ufologist of his stature represent MUFON in China.

Scott R. Voight (Elizabethtown) was selected to become the Kentucky State Director upon the recommendation of **Jarrett Washington**, who recently resigned. **George F. Lund III** (Charlotte), the North Carolina Asst. State Director, was promoted to State Director, replacing **P. Wayne Laporte** who retired due to health and work responsibilities. Wayne joined MUFON in 1976 and George in 1979. **David E. Rubien**, Rhode Island Director, promoted **Janet L. Bucci** (Warwick) to Assistant State Director.

New State Section Directors appointed this month: **Elliott J. Novak, B.A.** (Ithaca, NY); **Robert D. Long** (Reading Center, NY); **Dennis B. Hawley, B.A.** (Norfolk, VA); **Michael B. Shields, B.A.** (Suffolk, VA); **Stefan Duncan, B.S.** (Salisbury, NC); **Delbert E. Anderson** (Laurelville, OH); **Margaret L. "Peggy" Tillman** (London, OH); **Bruce M. Forrester, B.A.** (Bellbrook, OH) Asst. State Section Director; **Alan F. Zerla, Ed. D.** (Steubenville, OH) and Consultant; and **Richard A. Lewis, B.A.** (Burlington, WI).

NEW CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

Two new Consultants volunteered their expertise this month: **Thomas E. Franklin, Ph.D.** (Menomonie, WI) in Educational Psychology; and **Alan Vaughan, Ph.D.** (Santa Monica, CA) in Therapeutic Counseling. The following new Research Specialists joined MUFON: **John S. Dyer, M.S.** (Arlington, VA) in Behavioral Science; and **Ted Davis, M.A.** (Bayside, NY) in Psychology.

PROMOTIONS TO FIELD INVESTIGATOR

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, congratulates the following members who passed the Field Investigator's Examination: **R. Bruce Williams** (Fitchburg, MA); **Kathryn Fanning** (Oklahoma City, OK); **Steve M. Crim** (Tulsa, OK); **Marie Arrendo** (Granite, OK); **Jason L. Splichal** (Eau Claire, WI); **Marian T. Del Vecchio-Ross** (Galway, NY); **Jon Anderson** (Ben Lomond, CA); **William M. Dungan, Jr.** (Crystal Springs, MS); and **Dave George** (Chattaroy, WA).

MUFON 1998 SYMPOSIUM

The MUFON 1998 International UFO Symposium will be held June 26, 27 and 28, 1998, at the beautiful Renaissance Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The theme for this year's symposium is uniquely titled "Closing the Great Divide Between Science and Ufology."

The Symposium speaking agenda is published in this issue of the Journal.

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