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Part Two

Evidence indicates an abduction experience

By Paul R. Miller

Editor's Note: Last month the first part of the account of the experiences of "Vicki Hoyle," the former Chicago nurse was presented. She had contacted the author in an attempt to find an explanation for physical effects experienced, beginning when she woke up on Jan. 10, 1994. These included severely reddened face, a wound (later turning into a lump) by her left ear, sores around her mouth and chin, white marks and sores around her eyes, hair falling out, nose bleed, and irritated cervix and vaginal wall. She was also experiencing psychological effects, including fear, panic, impaired thinking, trance-like state, dreams, memory lapse, and a feeling of being observed.

A second episode on the night of Jan 17 involved missing time and a dream about being taken (strapped in a seat) to a big room by a man with white skin, white hair, and "shark eyes." During a later hypnotic regression she told of floating down a corridor to a room, similar to what she had "dreamed." She reports, "They're cutting me with things....I'm covered with blood."

Part 2

The crew finishes, and in a dull tone she relates, "I'm kind of riding down a corridor." The redness is gone, replaced by her white bedwear. The session ends, though minutes pass before she regains composure.

Experts advise that hypnotic imagery is open to interpretation. In early recollections, Mrs. Hoyle saw herself in a red "robe," or "miniskirt." Now she saw blood, gushing hotly from her abdomen. This could be a flourish of the imagination. Then again, the images of restraints and cutting correspond to the physical damage that followed the "dream." Also, this sequence of cause and effect matches reports about the alien reproductive program.

UFO sighting

In the 1960s, subject saw a UFO in Redington Beach, FL. She had recurrent dreams of capture. As an adult, she sketched the UFO (a tear-shaped object) and recounted a possible CE 4.

"We lived near the beach with a nice view from the yard. It was about 11 p.m. at the time, and I pulled a lawn chair from the enclosed porch to the middle of

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the backyard one night so I could look at the stars." The UFO was "silent," teardrop-shaped and "totally black." It "occluded one-third of the sky" as stars "disappeared behind it." She watched it drift slowly, casting a grayish haze, until she "fell asleep." This is the only sighting she recalls; it occurred between 1961 and 1962.

UFOs and space travel sounded like "fantasy" to Vicki. However, "When I was little I used to be chased by a stick man. The dream repeated over and over as I ran through the neighborhood, looking for places to hide. The stick men were gray and real thin."

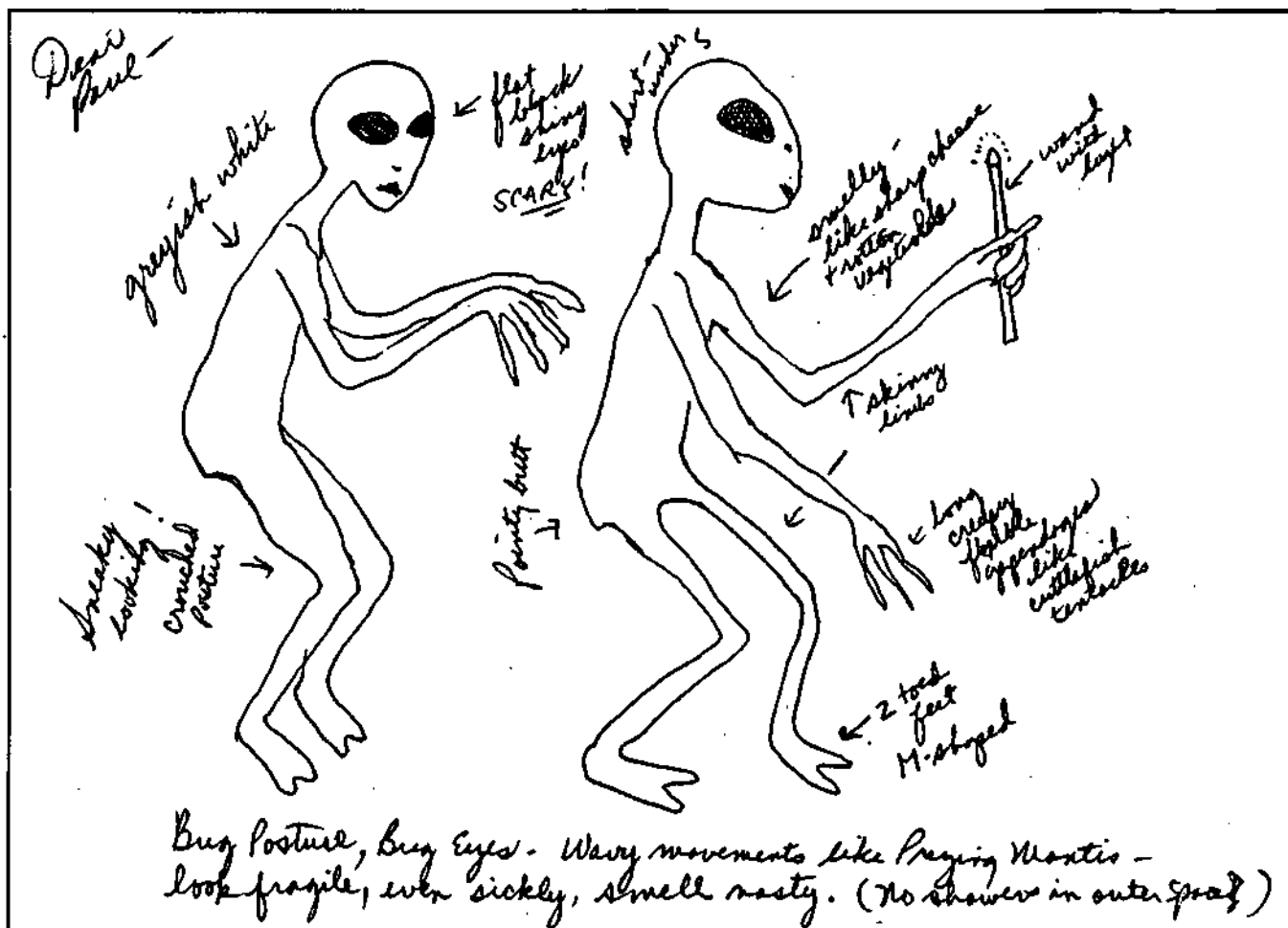
Sightings are part of the history of many abductees. Some authors have identified concentrations of UFOs and abductions.¹ This seems pertinent, since Vicki's encounters overlapped a UFO wave, and a witness reported seeing unusual lights near Vicki's home.²

In childhood, what did she see? The years 1961-62 saw the launch of several American and Russian satellites. When visible, satellites fly at high altitudes. They look tiny, a pin prick of light, and are illuminated by the rays of the sun. Vicki's UFO was dark, filling one-third of the sky as it came overhead. "I forget what happened after that." According to Barbara Spellerberg, reports ending with the subject "falling asleep" often mask a more dramatic encounter.³ Her age at the time of the sighting corresponds to the age when many reportedly enter the breeding program. At the time, Vicki hadn't reached menarche, but "I was physically well developed."

She reports, "When they chased me, I hid in the dog house. I ran behind the hills. I hid in the woods. They caught me going into the woods." She comments, "We didn't have TV back then, so I don't know where I got the idea from." The stick men terrified her, "and they'd catch me every time." What happened then? "I don't remember. I'd just wake up."

Episode Three—attitude adjustment

Initially the witness put no stock in UFOs, and when a friend suggested she had "had an experience, like a close encounter," she replied, "There has to be another explanation. I just don't feel that's a viability." Her persecutors were will-o'-the-wisps in hazy corridors. As a nurse she had treated others' problems by direct action; now she felt aimless. Her ills were caused by an invisible contaminant—a situation that brings abductees in line



with those suffering from PTSD, such as Agent Orange victims.⁴ This changed around the night of Aug. 9, 1994.

Vicki was wide awake when a group of thin, pale figures with ropy limbs appeared in the Hoyles' bedroom. They seemed to be waiting for her and wasted no time. One produced a pen-like rod with a light at the end. He put it to her head, possibly penetrating the temple. What she saw in those few seconds changed her life. I got a phone call saying, "Paul, they're back. They're real, and they're alive."

PM: About what time of night did this happen?

VH: I go to bed about midnight or 1 o'clock. It happened then. I lay down, I put my arm around my husband, and ... there they were. I didn't see them enter or exit.

PM: How many?

VH: Maybe five. Five for sure.

PM: What did they look like?

VH: They were short, about a foot shorter than I am, and I'm 5' 9". That I could tell from where they stood next to the light switch. Also, it was dark in the room, but I saw that they had this palish skin. It wasn't

flesh-colored, but it was in shadow, and they had these big, bug-like eyes.

PM: Did the eyes project outward. or. . .

VH: No, they were like in the face, in the face. But they didn't have a pupil. I didn't see an iris like we have. It was all one color, so it looked like an insect to me.

PM: Were the eyes square, tightly set, or what?

VH: No. they were almond-shaped and really big. Slanted....Have you ever seen a Praying Mantis? That was the shape [of the face]... You know how we stand erect and our head is aligned? But actually they crouch, and their chins are forward, and they move really quick. They move very quick. And it reminded me of an insect, except that they only had two arms and two legs.

PM: Was there anything else about the way they moved, other than the speed?

VH: They moved together. Except one. That's the one that came with this wand and stuck it on my head....They circled. you know? That was the scariest part, because I definitely felt that I was being stalked by insect-like beings. I don't think that they're human like we are....They move differently.

PM: Like robots?

VH: Oh, I didn't feel that they were robots at all. They sure didn't move like robots. They had wavy movements....When I said that they were alive, it's because I just knew that they were alive.

PM: Did this seem real to you?

VH: Real....They're bipedal. They stand up. They have two legs and feet, kind of, and they have appendages on the ends of their arms like we do, sort of. They superficially look like us, but they're just not human.

PM: One came over to you. Did you have a special feeling about that one?

VH: Oh no. I felt the same about all of them, and I definitely didn't like the one who came after me with the wand. OK? But I knew that it was inevitable. It was so weird....All I saw was that thing, that silvery long tube with this white light at the end. And they touched my forehead with it and my brain turned to mush. I didn't even stop them, or fight them. I couldn't, you know? I thought about it.

PM: How did you feel when the tube came up at you?

VH: I'll tell you, gosh, when it was happening to me...it seemed familiar, because I didn't, like, leap out of bed or anything....You know, the truth is, I feel that one big strong woman could squash a bunch of those. But I never can do that. I didn't do it last time, and I didn't do it this time.

PM: So it doesn't seem to be a matter of physical power, but a question of what you have the impulse to do?

VH: Right....It occurs to me in retrospect that I would like to just plow through them... But the truth is that when it happened, I did not have that urge at all. They were there, they were scary, and there was nothing I could do.

[Note: After this episode, the flesh lump behind subject's ear went away.]

Alternative hypotheses

Factors within the case suggest alternative ways to explain the testimony:

FPP (Fantasy-Prone Personality). Fantasy-prone individuals can derive lurid ideas from everyday stimuli. Since trauma can spark paranoia and emotional upset, Vicki's ills may have fired her imagination, producing a fantasy of abduction.

Iatrogenic causation. An explanation similar to the above was sought by family members, who put no stock in the possibility of alien visitation. We met in the summer of 1995 to discuss the following theory. At a prior time, Mrs. Hoyle had undergone surgery. They believed that anesthesia-induced hallucinations were buried in her subconscious. Her wounds—whatever their source—

brought the phantoms to life, generating the abduction scenario.

Deception. To fake the evidence, a person would need to be versed in UFO literature. I casually questioned Mrs. Hoyle on what she knew while browsing her books and magazines (no hits). She said she had read *Intruders*. Subsequently, this work was studied for parallels to the testimony.

Analysis will focus on these hypotheses, though other options were considered.⁵

For rhetorical purposes, grant the wounds a mundane cause. Say the burns came from contact with a stove or bed light. The marks were inflammations of non-specific origin (an allergic reaction). A naive or imaginative person might decide that the stove was a UFO or the bed light an alien beam. Such is said to happen with FPPs.⁶ The question is, does this sort of thinking sound plausible for a woman with 20 years experience in nursing?

If Hoyle's mind were affected by a medical experience, the line between plausibility and fantasy blurs. This opens the way to iatrogenic causation. Indeed, anesthesia can have hallucinogenic properties, and attempts have been made to tie UFOs/ETs to hallucinogens.⁷ However, none has shown how to generate the abduction. I refer to David Jacobs' matrix, a set of obtuse procedures performed by drones in drab decor.⁸

I informed the family that while Vicki's story sounded fantastic, it held a dozen staples of the experience—items as dramatic as the rod with the light⁹ (which turned her brain "to mush"), or as negligible as the restraints.¹⁰ Her story didn't resemble a bad trip; it resembled hundreds of accounts that have been collected in the MUFON database.¹¹

What of a hoax? Subject's interest and knowledge of UFOs seemed sparse, but comparison to *Intruders* found parallels. These matches could result from deception, or the fact that the book shows people in similar plights.

The following exchange took place: "Did you read *Intruders* before your memories surfaced?" "Hell no. I thought all that stuff was nonsense." Nowhere does it describe a wall melting into a portal....the event highlighted by Hoyle in two interviews and two drawings. It further serves to ask, if a hoax, what was the payoff? The payoff would need to cover the "supporting cast." Her family verified the wounds, the dates, the personality changes. Since they opposed the idea of a visitation, it seems a poor performance for players in a facade.

Remarks

Despite a rhetorical attempt to dismiss the sequelae,

they feature in all aspects of the case (interviews, regression, questionnaires), providing a semblance of cause and effect. The internal damage was unprecedented in the life of subject, a middle-aged woman whose culture test was negative.

Confirming the severity of the burns, a family member had offered to drive her to a scientific institute for radiation testing. (Icy roads prevented the trip.) Finally, the symptoms arose in tandem. ("When the burns appeared, I had vaginal irritation.") No explanation could be found for this, except a ufological framework:

- flesh lump: possible alien implant
- scoop mark: possible tissue sampling
- internal inflammation and tissue damage: possible reproductive procedures.

The elements jell when one considers that pelvic inflammation often troubles abductees,¹² and burns frequently follow contact with UFOs.¹³ Subject appears to meet the criteria adopted by MUFON and CUFOS for the designation of "abduction experiencer."¹⁴

I reviewed these findings with the witness, who in 12 months of investigation had asked nothing, offered no solutions, and declined a second regression. She thanked me for "being there," and said life was on the upswing. She was moving from Chicago to Atlanta. Later she stated that the reason she didn't proceed with the hypnosis is that "I know I've had several experiences. I'm sure of it, and it's too scary to get into."

For Vicki Hoyle the ultimate payoff would be to never see the abductors again.

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Detecting UFOs

Meteor-scatter communications technology—a concept

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Preface: The author presents an untested concept for remotely detecting UFOs in the Earth's atmosphere through the use of "meteor scatter" communications technology. The technique relies on the fact that electromagnetic radiation, i.e. "radio waves," does not penetrate "clouds" of ionized gases, but rather is reflected by them.

This characteristic of radio waves may be useful for detecting the sometimes colored "trails" that frequently are reported by witnesses to follow behind fast moving UFOs. The article assumes that these "trails" are the result of conventional ionization.

The author is not experienced in the field of radio communications, data processing, or any aspect of electrical engineering. Rather, he presents his views from the standpoint of a layman in such matters. The article is intended generally to alert the UFO community to the possibility of a technology that may be useful for detecting the presence of UFOs.

For this reason, the author invites comment by members of the UFO community, particularly by those who may be skilled in various aspects of the technical subjects addressed here.

If the proposed detection system proves to be effective, it will represent the first time in the history of ufology that civilian investigators of the UFO phenomenon will possess the ability to detect UFOs remotely, reliably, and objectively.

Background

Serious investigators of the UFO phenomenon have long sought to be able to detect and record UFOs through some means other than eyewitness accounts. Many devices have been either used, or proposed, to detect UFO's, to include traditional radar, cameras, theodolites, magnetic detectors, flash detectors, and presumably many other methodologies, as well. Such techniques are frequent in the literature, although most are usually found in the classified advertisement sec-

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tion of such literature.

All of these techniques appear to have some degree of merit, but they lack the ability to register the presence of a UFO under all conditions. Moreover, some of them are impractical for use by ufologists, since, they require substantial quantities of expensive equipment, they have a limited range or field of view, they require a highly trained operator, etc.. Moreover, these methodologies frequently generate results that are as ambiguous as the UFO phenomenon itself. Hence, the data resulting from such systems have been of little use for serious-minded UFO research.

A method which may prove more useful in detecting UFO's remotely, particularly those moving at high velocities, relies on "meteor-scatter" communications technology. The technology is not new, having been conceived of and developed during the 1950's and 1960's. It was first developed to "bounce" radio waves, and perhaps radar waves, as well, off the ionized "tails" of meteors as they pass through the atmosphere at very high velocities, traditionally measured in tens of kilometers per second.

These "trails" of very hot gases generated by meteors traditionally are very high in the atmosphere, and very short-lived, lasting usually not more than a few seconds. However, their presence can be detected at ground level by detecting the radio waves they are seen to reflect. Just as radio waves are seen to "skip" long distances by bouncing off the ionosphere, they also are seen to "skip" off the long trails of hot gases, i.e. ionization generated by these fast moving meteors.

The presence of such ionization in the upper atmosphere is detected by tuning an appropriate radio receiver to any transmitted radio signal, which is broadcast from "over the horizon." (Please see Illustration 1.) If the signal is of high enough frequency, and therefore is limited to line-of-sight detection, the only cir-

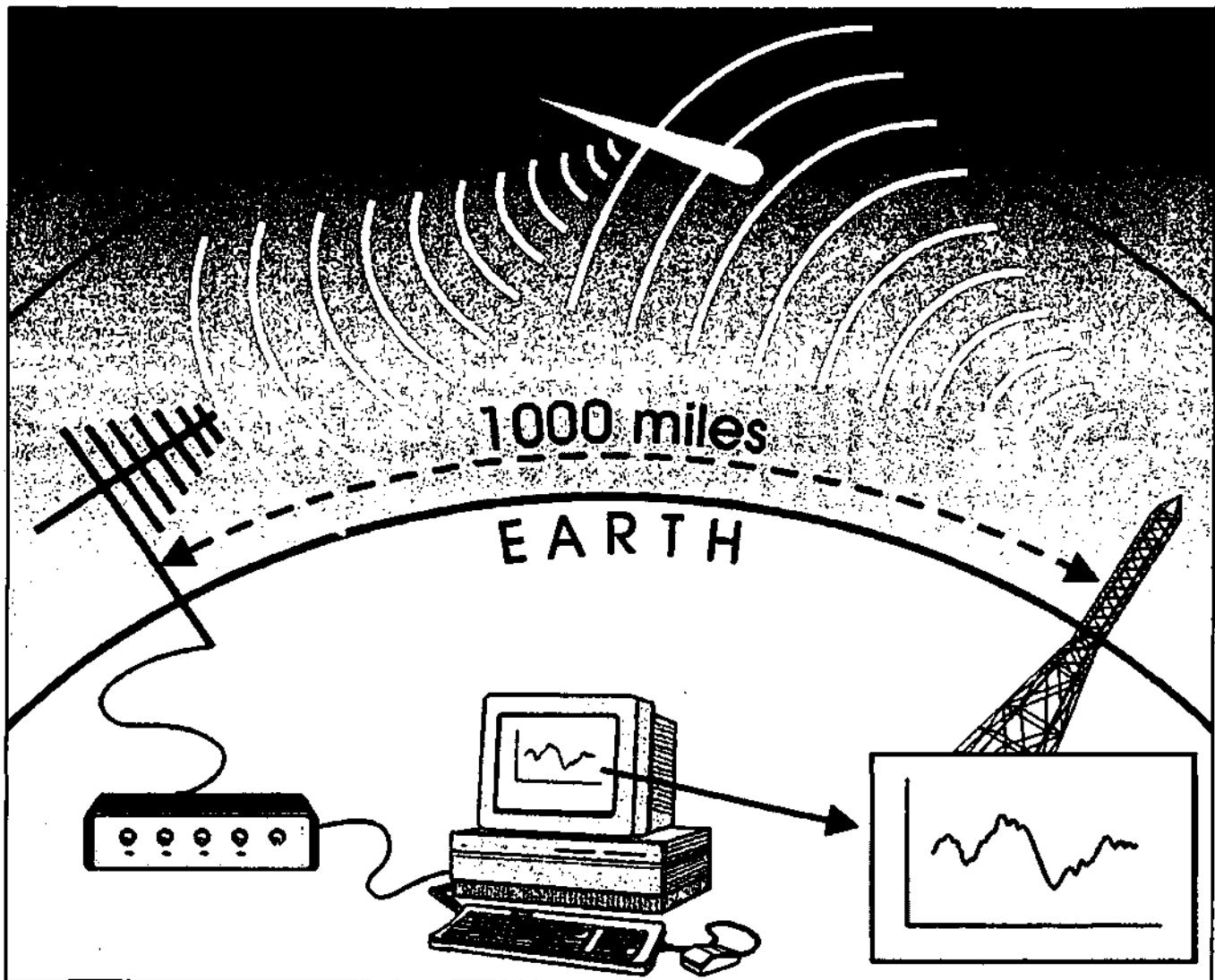


Illustration 1: Trails of ionization in the Earth's atmosphere reflect radio waves from over the horizon. "Meteor-scatter" technology can detect the reflected signal.

cumstance in which the receiver will be able to detect the broadcast signal from over the horizon is if the signal is somehow reflected down to the receiver's antenna. Experience shows that radio signals traditionally can be reflected by meteors "trails," high flying aircraft, migrating birds, clouds of bats or insects, various meteorological conditions, and perhaps other objects, as well.

In recent years, this technique for skipping radio communications has been used by "ham" radio operators, and relatively simple, reliable, and inexpensive radio equipment has been developed in support of this application. In addition, the technology has been employed in commercial fields as a low-cost, low-maintenance means for communication of substantial amounts of data to and from remote areas. Some evidence also suggests that "meteor scatter" technology

has been used for various purposes by U. S. government agencies for clandestine or discrete communications systems.

I suspect that the ionization trails, presumed to occur behind fast-moving UFOs, would reflect radio waves, just as the ionized trails behind meteors routinely are seen to do. If this is the case, even though UFOs themselves might not appear on radar, which appears generally to be the case, the trails of ionization that are reported to follow them might allow them to be detected remotely, nevertheless.

Experience

In his initial investigation of whether "meteor scatter" technology might be useful in UFO research, I discovered information suggesting that extraordinarily unusual events apparently sometimes are recorded by this technique.

When I first began to explore this possibility, I had several meetings with engineers and executives who work in that industry. During one of those meetings, I was shown evidence of a number of events that had been "captured" by a company's test facility. The events were so bizarre, and seemingly so inexplicable, that the company's technical staff had assumed them to be erroneous data. The data suggested that the equipment infrequently was detecting targets at several tens of kilometers in altitude, they were travelling at tens of kilometers per second, and they sometimes were detected making abrupt, seemingly "instantaneous" turns.

The company's engineers, apparently either not aware of the UFO phenomenon, or not interested in it, had consigned the data to what they referred to as the "garbage heap," i.e. data that appeared not to be of any further use or interest! Their equipment was capturing approximately 100 events per hour, and approximately 1-2 percent of the intercepts were of such bizarre nature that the engineers simply ignored them!

Whether these anomalous events were due to the inadvertent detection of UFOs, or whether they may be attributable to some other cause, is not clear at this time. However, having seen the data generated from these events, I believe that they deserve further investigation. Moreover, I believe that UFOs may have been detected by "meteor scatter" equipment for a long time, perhaps decades, and this fact has gone unnoticed by most investigators.

On this latter point, it is intriguing to consider whether this possibility has been ignored by government-employed investigators, given that some government agencies apparently routinely use this type of communications technology

Design

A typical "meteor-scatter" radio station consists of an antenna, a receiver, a specially designed signal processor, and a computer. Experience suggests that the optimal operating frequency is in the 40-50 megahertz range, which provides the line-of-sight requirement of the signal. In addition, experience further suggests that the receiver stations are best located in areas in which spurious radio signals are minimal, e.g. rural locales.

If the receiver is tuned to a radio signal broadcast from over the horizon, it generally detects the signal only on those occasions, as described above, in which the signal is reflected back to ground level from some "target" in the atmosphere. Analysis of the received signal, through the use of specially designed software, allows information about the nature of the reflection "target," e.g. altitude, velocity, trajectory, etc., to be extracted from the data. Characteristics of the target

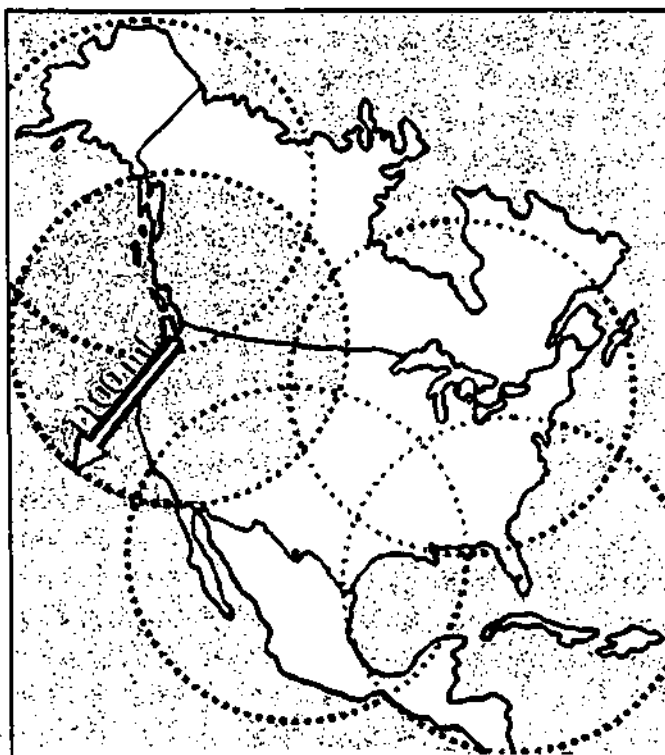


Illustration 2: Each detection station can "reach out" approximately 1,000 statute miles. Hence, the airspace above the North American continent can be monitored with just a few monitoring stations.

can then be used to distinguish between different types of objects detected by the system.

Experience suggests that a typical "meteor-scatter" receiver, operating in the 40-50 mhz frequency range, can detect a reflected radio signal transmitted from as far away as approximately 1,000 miles. Hence, only approximately 4-5 receiver stations, each reaching out up to that distance, hypothetically would be required to monitor the airspace above virtually the entire North American continent. (Please see Illustration 2.)

Conclusion

If the observations and proposals cited in this article are correct, it may allow UFO researchers, for the first time in the history of ufology, to detect the presence of UFOs at a considerable distance, and in a cost-effective, objective, and repeatable fashion.

It seems obvious that if the presence of anomalous objects in the atmosphere can be shown irrefutably, and those same events cannot be explained away by mundane causes of terrestrial origin, then ufology is a step closer to being able to demonstrate to the world that our suspicions are correct: namely, that we are not alone on our planet.

Ufology Profile

Elizabeth Klarer

By Cynthia Hind

My first UFO article was for the magazine *Illustrated Life Rhodesia*, based mainly on reports I had read and from newspaper clippings in our local papers. It is also true that although the reports sounded genuine, they usually finished with sceptical conclusions such as "having recently emerged from the local pub, it's no wonder the witness saw flying lights all over the sky." or "next time we suggest they take more water with it!"

Nevertheless, that first investigation into what was then known as "Flying Saucers" produced a nice pile of mail, and having seen all the letters, I was convinced that the subject needed further delving into.

One of the letters had mentioned a South African contactee, Elizabeth Klarer, and as I was on my way to Cape Town via Johannesburg (where she lived), it was an excellent opportunity to ask if I could interview her. She agreed to this, so early in 1968 I called upon her, and she told me her story.

She used to spend time with her sister and brother-in-law in the Drakensberg Mountains, not far from Durban, where they owned a farm. In 1957, riding up in the hills, she saw a craft flying above her, with a man standing inside, watching her. At first she was afraid, but then she realized they meant her no harm and the craft soon shot up into the clouds and disappeared.

Some time later, she had a compulsion to go to the spot again, and this time she found the craft on the ground, and the man she had seen before waiting for her. Elizabeth claimed that she fell in love with him. His name was Akon and he was the commander of the craft, which originated on the planet Meton, in Proxima Centauri.

They became lovers, and Elizabeth eventually bore him a son, Ayling, born on Meton. However, she could not adjust to the atmosphere there, and her heart and breathing began to suffer, so that in the end, leaving Akon and Ayling, Elizabeth had to return to Earth alone.

Her story, which I had written, appeared in *Fate* magazine in, I think, August 1968. Despite finding it difficult to accept what she told me, I found her to be a



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charming and beautiful woman. She was a real lady, softly-spoken and genteel, always elegantly dressed. She was an accomplished musician and had obtained a Meteorologist's Diploma when she lived in Oxford, England. She had the most incredible green eyes slanting slightly upwards, with a soft smile curving her lips.

She had written a book, *Beyond the Light Barrier*, about her experience, but could not find a publisher for it. I was going over to the United States and offered to take it with me to MUFON to see if they could help sell it there. The Americans were always more open-minded about UFOs than any other group of people I knew; they were more willing to listen to stories of sightings, so they were already knowledgeable about UFO lore, however way-out the story might appear.

Elizabeth was convinced she was being spied on by the Russians (this was during the Cold War period), and on one occasion when a craft landed or attempted to land in the Drakensberg, she hid away so they could not find her. I always felt that this part of her story was due to her active imagination, for why would the Russians, who apparently had plenty of their own sightings and contactees to contend with, seek out Elizabeth in a remote part of South Africa?

When I reached Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg, on my way to a MUFON Conference in Dayton, OH, Elizabeth was waiting for me with the manuscript of her book. "Please take great care of it," she said. "There may be Russians on the plane, and they will try to take it from you."

I guarded that book with my life! It sat on my lap, heavy and loose-leaved, right through the entire journey. Of course I dozed at times, but the moment I felt the book slipping off my lap I would be awake again, totally demoralized by lack of sleep. It was one of the most uncomfortable journeys I have ever made.

At last, with a sense of relief I was able to hand the book over to Joe Brill in Quincy, IL. Alas, it didn't sell in the United States, not because it wasn't an exciting story, but because Elizabeth was a romantic, and there are sections of her book which are reminiscent of a typical woman's love story in a popular novel.

I discussed this with Elizabeth. Here she was, trying to persuade the world that she had met and cohabited with an "alien," a man from another planet or an-

other Dimension, and certainly she needed some scientific data or serious discussion to prove her story.

Elizabeth was adamant that this was how it had all happened, and she was not prepared to alter anything. All these inconsistencies always worried me about Elizabeth, but she was such a charming, kindly person that it was difficult to be too critical of her. Sadly, in early February 1994, she passed away, her last years dogged by poverty alleviated by her son David.

In *UFO AFRINEWS* No. 19, there was an extremely interesting story told by "Doug." He and his wife were honeymooning in the Drakensberg, and while walking not far from their hotel they came across a cairn of stones a short distance from Champagne Castle mountain.

When they returned to the hotel they asked the proprietors, Connor O'Hagan-Ward and his wife, about the cairn. He told them it had been put there by Elizabeth Klarer to mark "Flying Saucer Hill" where she had allegedly met a man from outer space. O'Hagan-Ward then went on to say that one day when his wife was alone at the Reception a tall, good-looking man came in and asked for Elizabeth Klarer. Mrs O'Hagan-Ward had never heard of her, nor was she booked at the hotel or due to come. The man thanked her and left.

A few seconds later her husband came in and his wife asked if he had seen the man, or seen him leave in his car. The husband was positive he had seen no-one, nor had there been any unrecognized cars in the car park. Awhile later Elizabeth did turn up with her newly-published book. In it there was a drawing of Akon, her spaceman lover. Mrs O'Hagan-Ward recognized him immediately. It was the man who had called and asked for Elizabeth!

One other fascinating point: Elizabeth had always told me that she was constantly in touch with the South African Air Force (SAAF) and reported to them about her meetings and trips with Akon. I was doubtful about this, but never queried it. I knew it could never be proven. On one occasion in her book she says that her sister, her brother-in-law, and herself sheltered a SAAF helicopter team who were forced to land on the farm during a heavy storm.

O'Hagan-Ward told Doug that the SAAF used to fly Elizabeth to her rendezvous with her memories each year after she had become too elderly to ride up there on horseback. They would land her there and come back for her later.

On Friday, 5 March 1999, I appeared on Cape-talk, a radio show in Cape Town, where I was interviewed by Lisa Chiat, the talk-show hostess. We discussed Elizabeth Klarer and her bizarre story; her absolute conviction that she told the truth. There were numer-

ous phone calls coming into the programme, one being from a man who had worked at O'Hagan-Ward's hotel. "The story you told about the SAAF taking and fetching Elizabeth Klarer to Flying Saucer Hill," he said, "is absolutely true. I saw it with my own eyes."

I have never felt that Elizabeth Klarer deliberately lied to me; she was not that sort of person. But it can happen that people sincerely believe that something has happened to them when in actual fact it has not. It is an illusion, a dream-state of euphoria.

But today people readily believe Betty and Barney Hill; they believe Linda Cortile and dozens of other abduction stories which occurred in the USA. So when we get down to basics, why not Elizabeth Klarer?

The following was forwarded to the *Journal*:

509th Bomb Group Files...



"This is the shoulder patch from the famous USAF's 509th Bomb Wing, formerly stationed at Roswell, NM. These are the same folks who recovered the crashed disk on July 4th, 1947. They fly the B-2 Stealth these days, out of Whitman AFB, MO. The patch is interesting for two reasons: it's the only U.S. Air Force patch to depict an alien, and the Latin phrase is quite interesting. It says 'tastes like chicken.' Hmm..."

Editor's Note: Yes, hmm... This sounded just a bit strange, so I checked with Whiteman (not Whitman) Air Force Base Public Affairs and received the following response from Senior Amn Ryan Steinbach:

"I'm Whiteman's editor, and while the patch you described is pretty funny, it's not our patch. Our patch has a mushroom cloud with wings sprouting from a tri-stand. It's interesting, because as the wing that dropped the atomic bombs, we are the only ones in the military allowed to wear a patch that features reference to nuclear weapons.

"The alien patch might have been a joke from the days the wing was stationed at Roswell, N.M., as we were the ones sent out to investigate the infamous crash. However, it has never been our official patch.

Kentucky MUFON working with other states to host speakers, educate public, gain members

By Kathie Grimes

Assistant Director, Kentucky MUFON

The July directors meeting in Arlington was truly an inspiration. State directors brought with them ideas we can all share. Jan Harzan in California explained how the organization there brought in speakers on a regular basis. This of course raised their membership and generated cash flow.

We want to take this idea to the next level. Most states cannot afford to bring in a speaker, with the air fare being the greatest deterrent. Here in Kentucky we are joining with states around us to share the expense of bringing the speaker in, and then driving the speaker from city to city, allowing the driver and perhaps a passenger to spend time with the speaker and get to know them better.

This concept can certainly be expanded. Each state would be responsible for the lodging and meals for the speaker and the speaker's fee. In larger states a speaker might appear in more than one city.

Of course you would charge for the speaker; ten or fifteen dollars, depending on your expenses. The air fare could be raised by advanced ticket sales. At the lecture you could rent out vender space, and perhaps sell items your group carries. Sell raffle tickets. Tape your speaker and sell the video (with the speaker's permission, of course).

By bringing a speaker in every month or every other month the public would gradually become more involved, and you should pick up new members. It would of course be important to have this event in the same place each time, and preferably on the same day of the month.

During the promotion of the speaker you would cultivate a working relationship with the media. Your speaker may do phone interviews for local radio stations. Local TV stations may want an interview or to cover the lecture. The papers would want to carry your event as a public notice and perhaps do a feature story on your speaker and possibly your group.

Developing a relationship with the media in your area gives you a chance to educate them. They in turn pass what they learn onto the public, generating more members for your group and another source of sighting reports.

The speaker sharing program opens your state borders. Your members will be meeting with members in other states, sharing information, ideas, helping one another, and building friendships that will span time.

We are currently working with California to bring Kelly Cahill here from Australia for the whole month of January, and would like to set her up with a tour of our great nation. You may remember that she was one of the wonderful speakers featured at the Symposium in Arlington.

Here is your chance to be a part of something that will increase your membership, give existing members a project to work on, create cash flow, educate, and open doors to your neighbors.

To be a part of this, or for more information, please contact me at katufo@webtv.net or call 270-526-4017.

Through sharing we all can learn and grow in numbers and knowledge.

Abduction research specialist dies

By Katharina Wilson

Germany's leading abduction researcher, Johannes Fiebag, died on Monday, October 11. Dr. Fiebag learned he had a cancerous stomach tumor in March and underwent a complicated operation to have it removed. After the surgery it was discovered that the tumor had metastasized, and he began undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Dr. Fiebag had a strong will to survive and fought very hard—for himself and for his family. Unfortunately for all of us, his cancer had spread too far, too quickly.

Dr. Fiebag was born in Northeim, Germany, in 1956. He first became interested in the Ancient Astronaut theory after reading a book he received on his fourteenth birthday. He went on to study geology and paleontology and did his graduate work in a special branch of planetology at the University of Würzburg.

In addition to publishing numerous scientific papers for geological and planetological magazines, Dr. Fiebag and his brother Peter published many books about "ancient astronauts" and extraterrestrial contact.

Dr. Fiebag was a friend to abductees, publishing four books specifically about the abduction phenomenon, which focused on cases in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. He introduced the "Mimicry Hypothesis;" founded a newsletter for abductees titled "CE-IV-Report;" organized annual meetings that allowed abductees to network with one another; and formed an interdisciplinary organization of psychiatrists, psychologists and other medical professionals who worked directly with abductees.



Verifying the facts

Dear Mr. Connelly,

This letter is in regard to a sighting investigation conducted by Mr. Jerry Rolwes, MUFON Washington State Director, and his report in MUFON Skywatch, 10 September, 1999.

I just wanted to say thanks for a job well done regarding his identification of the re-entering Russian booster debris on 1 Sept. I once upon a time worked in the Space Shuttle Program. I know at least one or two things about orbital dynamics, and the information provided by Major Nouis of the Air Force Public Affairs office for the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), Peterson AFB, Colorado, is indeed consistent. I appreciated Mr. Rolwes' comments about how simple it is to verify the facts.

I was especially impressed in that he provided names, phone numbers, etc. I understand things like requests for anonymity, but so much of what we think we know is based on "someone" says something happened to "someone" they knew in 1954 with absolutely no verification. Those things make for entertaining stories, but it isn't proof without verification. It's always refreshing to see someone who's done their homework, and Mr. Rolwes did it by the book.

I'm intellectually honest enough to admit that we still don't know what UFOs are; otherwise, we'd no longer be looking. Yet it seems widely assumed UFOs are ET in nature. It is certainly a reasonable assumption, but as a researcher, I'd have to say we don't absolutely KNOW that. Yet I see articles in the *Journal* as well as elsewhere that say, "The aliens are doing this, and the aliens are doing that," etc. when we just don't KNOW that.

As a researcher, I can't tell you what UFOs are with any physical certainty. There seems to be a whole new religion being developed out of this entire UFO/abduction thing, and that concerns me. It's a whole new belief system based on absolutely nothing set in stone. We constantly hear about conspiracy theories, but there is only one conspiracy I am absolutely sure of, and it comes from within the field of ufology itself.

It is a New Age agenda being driven largely by belief in "Space Pals."

That's why I appreciate Mr. Rolwes' report—because it tends to keep the pendulum a little more toward center. He was able to ask, "What was it," and reached a reasonable conclusion by digging for ALL the evidence, not just preferred, selected evidence. It was a job well

done. But subsequent to Mr. Rolwes report, there are still people insisting it was UFO related, or at least happened in conjunction with a UFO event. This of course leaves the door open to endless speculation with absolutely no tangible evidence to support it.

If we don't start shutting some of these doors of speculation we have hanging open, we're very likely not going to recognize that ET smoking gun if anyone ever really does stumble upon it. As far as some kind of extraterrestrial life, I'm not digging my heels in either way. But I am only interested in the verifiable evidence.

Wes Clark

Alien hair?

Editor's Note: The following is in reference to my review in the August *Journal* of the Australian case written by Bill Chalker and printed in the *International UFO Reporter* which described analysis of a possible alien hair which had reportedly been found wrapped around the penis of Peter Khoury.

Dwight,

Thank you for running your coverage of this research and sending a copy. I was however disappointed that you introduced a spurious point, ie. "While the sample was blonde or clear at the time of testing, perhaps it was originally black, but the color was removed by some process that APEG is not familiar with."

My article included details that specifically address this issue. The material was blonde or clear at the time of discovery back in 1992. This was verified by Peter Khoury, his wife and some researchers who saw the sample soon after the incident. I saw the sample in 1996. It was blonde or clear then. The biochemist looked at it from 1998. Again there was no change. In other words, it was never black when it was found. Hence your point is spurious.

Please ensure this correction is run in the *MUFON UFO Journal*. I would appreciate a copy of that issue.

Regards, Bill Chalker

Editor's Note: The following reply was sent via e-mail to Bill, with no further response from him:

Thanks for the letter for the Forum. I apparently was not very clear, since I was referring primarily to what could have happened before the hair was discovered, not after it was discovered. I think my review pretty well indicated that the hair was blonde/clear when discovered, although we do have only the single witnesses' testimony to back that up. I think this is a good case, but that there has been no positive tie-in between the the blonde on the bed and the hair that was discovered

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***The Soviet UFO Files* by Paul Stonehill, Director of the Russian Ufology Center; published in the U.S. by Quadrillion Publishing Inc., 230 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10001—ISBN 1-85833-858-1**

Reviewed by Joseph Brill

Since this was my specialized research for MUFON for many years (UFO's Behind The Iron Curtain), I felt honored to review this book. *The Soviet UFO Files* is an impressive collection of history and cases that reveal that the Soviet Union has no more answers than the U.S. when it comes to the UFO mystery.

From the first few pages which relate UFO sightings taking place and recorded as far back as AD 921 through the June 30, 1908, Tunguska phenomenon, facts are presented and the reader is left to determine what the answers might be based on what the eyewitnesses reported.

Chapter Two deals with the World War II and Cold War years when Joseph Stalin and Nikita Khrushchev ruled Russia. It is clear that much investigation was going on during these years which defied explanation, and each side thought that this phenomenon might be a secret weapon of the other side.

This book includes hundreds of photographs of UFOs and related physical evidence of the existence of what was reported to have been observed by thousands of reliable witnesses throughout the enormous region of the former USSR.

Much of the material presented has never before been published, as it has been kept "Top Secret" by the KGB and other Russian agencies assigned to investigate reported sightings.

There are some very dramatic cases that appear to defy explanation, and many that compare very well to other cases reported from all corners of the world.

The Soviet Union has, according to the material Stonehill presents in this excellent collection of documented cases from all areas of the old Soviet Union, had its fair share of landings, close encounters, military encounters, and even crash cases.

Stonehill has produced a work that is worthy of any student of the UFO phenomenon, and especially those who are looking for information gathered by experts in their respective fields who were called on by the Soviet officials to "come up with answers."



Joe Brill

From what is presented in this 123-page work, they are as uncertain as all the other experts who have been examining the facts for more than fifty years.

The appendix lists a number of UFO research organizations, publications, and individuals, with addresses where they can be contacted throughout Russia.

There is a wealth of information on the history of UFOs in the Soviet Union in this work that I never knew existed, and I would give it my utmost recommendation for delivering an informative and thorough picture of the UFO phenomenon in one of the most secretive governments in the world.

A four-star rating for the information and illustrations contained in *The Soviet UFO Files*. Stonehill has earned a place in my UFO library with this impressive and revealing book.

***Summoned: Encounters with Alien Intelligence* by Dana Redfield, Hampton Roads, 1999, 6X9 paperback, \$13.95.**

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

This is not a book for those who think science can provide all the answers. Like Betty Andreasson Luca, Redfield has a message, but it is presented as allegedly received, not as gospel. "Read it and see what you think" is the author's basic attitude, since she seems as perplexed as anyone.

"If it sounds like I've got all of this figured out, don't believe it," she says. "I'm doing my best to communicate my clearest perceptions....I suppose if I were truly humble, I would keep silent. But if I were that humble, I would fail in my function as one of many messengers."

She is also well aware of the traditional status of contactees in ufology: "As a member of MUFON, I am well aware of the skeptical attitude toward telepathic communications by the public and among UFO investigators and researchers who are working to gain the respect of the scientific community through the presentation of 'hard facts.' There is hardly an article written, or show aired on TV, that does not include apologetic remarks about the 'lunatic fringe.' Sometimes such comments are directed at anyone who claims contact with 'meta-terrestrials.'....Like it or not, and mostly I did not, I was one who was schooled, and physically prepared, to convey certain information. I had a choice. In choosing to write *Summoned*, I trusted that readers would be savvy enough to judge for themselves the merits and authenticity of anything I share about myself, or under the alien signature. Because I have no way of confirming the actual identity of my sources, or their motives, each person must discern for himself or herself the truth, or distortion, of any given

message.”

Redfield notes that “most often we have heard from those who are working on the ‘nuts and bolts’ aspects of the UFO phenomenon. If science were able to address every facet of our being and reality, there would be no call for a book like this one. In relating my experiences, I will explore several theories, but the one that provokes me the most is an element of the phenomenon that may herald something far grander than the stories we hear about cosmic kidnappings for the sole purpose of creating hybrids to bolster an alien species at an evolutionary dead end, or to supplant us. If indeed a new human-alien prototype is in the making—and I have reason to believe it may be true—it is being conducted by means of the creative principles of nature that govern Earth’s web of life.”

In attempting to look rationally at what has apparently been years of abduction experiences, she considers the possible role of our own government, since she and her family have worked for the government in various capacities, including the military. However, she concludes, “If government is responsible for my phenomenal experiences, we have severely underestimated these people. If [this is] true, someone in the government is very interested in our spiritual development. Someone is interested in our souls. Someone in the government is calling us to remember that love is the only force by which we survive in community, or as sovereign individuals. Does this sound like a message government agents would send in a mind-control experiment?”

She wonders if her Mormon background somehow makes her a target for the aliens. She feels frustration in trying to make sense of her experiences scientifically. “Scientists would be the last to take seriously such reports,” she notes. “To thoroughly study this business a man or woman of science would have to depart from both lab and established methods. But if he or she did that—would that be scientific?”

Redfield divides her life into four stages: Stage One was birth to 1984, a period in which she had missing time episodes and other experiences. Stage Two began on Aug. 22, 1986, when she awoke to find evidence of implants in both her hands. She explains that “almost immediately following this event I was compelled to study quantum physics, strange for someone with an artistic temperament. But I did not connect the dots from the evidence of implants to this new interest. I was also drawn to study ancient history, genetics, mythology, and related subjects....The more I moved—or was moved—toward disclosure of my involvement with aliens, the wider the gap in interests, values, and goals with my husband. Divorce was the

outcome in 1992.

The Third Stage involved the impulse to work with letters and numbers—“kaballah-like exercises that I would later interpret as a kind of schooling that prepared me for all that has happened since.”

Like most abductees, Redfield has paid a price for her experiences, as she explains:

“Abductees are challenged with a horrendous breach in the fabric of our beliefs and the lives we created, as a result of those beliefs. It is not surprising that some of us have ended up in mental institutions, or committing suicide. For many of us, the trouble is not so much the shock of discovering we can be taken against our conscious wills by beings we did not even know existed, as it is the rejection felt from members of society who have no reason to believe us.

“Many lives have been torn apart, many abductees have become virtual recluses, living on the edges of society with their unacceptable secrets. But can I blame people for their disbelief and skepticism. What in their lives gives clue that such things can happen?”

“Depending on the degree, frequency, and intensity of abduction activity, marriages and families may break apart, careers may be interrupted, and dear friendships may not survive the trials....For the abductee, the challenge is not one of debate between belief and disbelief. It is a matter of who do you tell, how much do you tell, and are you ready to risk everything—family, marriage, friends, reputation, careers, and even dreams? For if you appeal to minds not prepared for the shock of such revelations, you stand to lose all.”

These concerns cause Redfield to ask herself a basic question, one which many abductees ask frequently: “When did I really make this choice [to co-operate]? Before I was born? That would explain the split-mind I experienced from the onset of the phenomena, one part of me shocked, feeling myself swept on a wave, the other part clam, knowing, and devoted.”

Redfield is very candid in discussing her own life. At a point when she was especially stressed because of contact, her parents told her she had to get a job, and not spend all her time writing. “From their perspective,” she notes, “that made perfect sense. For me, it was one more pressure....Compassion for how hard all this business was on my family and friends came later. I was too out of kilter to see their side; too baffled, too challenged, and I was developing a bad case of the ‘poor-me’s.’ These were the alien days.”

This was the time when Redfield spent months working on an alphabet and numbers, creating charts, graphs, symbols, and art without knowing why she felt com-

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While the odds might be in favor of such a tie-in, it is still speculation. Since the hair seems to have been planted (how else could it have gotten tightly wrapped around the penis), we really don't know what is behind this event.

It's also interesting to speculate that the owner of the hair is a possible hybrid, but again there is not much to show this. If the hair is, in fact, from a hybrid, this would seem to negate research by Jacobs and others that indicates there are a lot of hybrids out there, since the DNA in this case is apparently in very short supply among the human population. Also, if the hair did belong to the blonde on the bed, she seemed to be more of a "mechanical" creation than a hybrid.

Like much of ufology, this case is a puzzler and frustrating. Anyway, it is a good one as far as it goes, and I would hope that other DNA tie-ins will surface. Your report should at least serve to add DNA to our list of research tools.

Dwight

Exeter action

Dear Editor:

Concerning the article submitted by Mr. Preston Dennett (October *Journal*); I am moved to interject a crucial correction: Exeter, NH, did have a glaringly significant feature of "military activity." My commentary, here, is based primarily on the experience of having conducted extensive investigation into the Exeter (i. e., NH Seacoast) area UFO activity for a period of some fifteen years, starting in 1969. I have lived and worked in the immediate Exeter, NH, locality since Jan. 1969. The "Incident at Exeter" occurred 9/3/65.

I applaud the initiative of Mr. Dennett's "comparative study ... of hotspots." This Exeter area certainly was a hotspot, and Mr. Dennett's comments remind me of how I marveled at the brazenness that the UFO-Aliens exhibited during the extreme peaking of their local activity. For the stretch of a few weeks, the UFO-Aliens had virtually taken control of a tiny patch of this planet—as soon as it got dark.

In brief: well before and after "The Incident at Exeter" there was a Strategic Air Command Base (Pease) at Newington, NH, (i. e., near Portsmouth, about 13 miles from Exeter); and its low-level landing pattern passed over-near desolate swamps of the immediate Exeter area. The UFO-Aliens repeatedly utilized a few of these swamps as "nocturnal hiding-pens" while, one presumes, they monitored the SAC activity (recall the Vietnam era, and the Atomic Submarine facility at Portsmouth should be noted, also). The ci-

vilian Americans, therefore, did prominently encounter the UFO-Alien manifestation (UFOs) during such exercises—which definitely included "The Incident at Exeter." Thus, THEIR brazen exhibition was an adjunct of THEIR necessity of the surveillance.

In the spring of 1966 a substantial force of the 509th Bomb Wing relocated to Pease. The 509th had dropped the Atomic Bombs on Japan. So wartime (Vietnam, and the fall of 1973) Exeter WAS NOT just a "typical small town."

John Paul Oswald

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pelled to do so.

Researcher Linda Moulton Howe, writing in the Preface to *Summoned*, likens the activity that Redfield was doing with symbols to that described by Jim Sparks, a Florida abductee, as well as similar to what Becky Andreasson, daughter of Betty Andreasson, was reportedly doing.

Perhaps the heart of this book is Chapter 11, "The History of Humankind in Summary," which Redfield describes as "the longest message I've ever translated...and central to my understanding of the purpose of UFO sightings and abductions." Part I of this chapter came in the fall of 1993, while the rest came three years later.

Part I describes the beginnings of humankind and the "severing of communications" between us and our "makers." Part II describes a breach that occurred in our development, and the creation of a "third species," called the "second order of humankind." Parts III and IV expand on this "genetic miracle." The history also includes prophecies.

Redfield says the history is "not a statement of biological or historical fact. I feel it's best to read it from the heart. Like everything else in this book, it is offered as food for thought. Maybe it's only a parable to warn about dangerous misuse of knowledge coming out of the human genome project. Or maybe it's just another Big Fish story. You will decide."

There is much in this book to ponder. Those who relate to the works of Zecharia Sitchin will probably also relate well to *Summoned*. This presentation can serve as a bridge of sorts for those who are willing to look beyond the basic aspects of abductions—taking Redfield's account as food for thought, rather than as a final answer.

Filer's Files

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Silver craft in Pennsylvania a blimp

HUNTINGDON VALLEY — MUFON investigator Tom Carey reports the July 23, 1999, sighting of a lighted silver craft was positively identified by a Bryn Athyn fireman eyewitness as a "blimp."

Two blimps are based at Northeast Philadelphia Airport and one was airborne at the time. Thanks to Tom Carey.

Roswell investigation

Tom Carey and Don Schmitt have just returned from another research trip to Roswell. Along with local investigators Dennis Balthaser of Roswell and Nina Coleman of Albuquerque, the team continues to proactively research this most famous UFO case.

New witnesses continue to be located and interviewed. A former government person recalls having to vacate his employment area in Northern Virginia for one day many years ago to allow the wreckage of a crashed UFO to be moved out and relocated.

Renewed focus is being placed upon the events in the Corona area as opposed to farther southeast of Roswell. One day was spent in the high desert trying to locate the exact crash site. They believe that the true crash site was about 35 miles northwest of Roswell.

Nevada UFO video

NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON — On Aug. 29, 1999, Chris Miller and his client Syena Sowden were on a video shoot on the desert three miles away from the base at 6:30 PM. Syena saw the UFO first. Chris states, "I was already holding the camcorder, so I just pointed it towards the UFO." It was traveling extremely fast, perhaps 600 mph at around 30,000 feet.

The object was a cigar-shaped craft. Close examination of the video reveals two plasmas can be seen. Thanks to Chris Miller.

College course in UFOs

John A. Logan College in Carterville, IL, is offering the course "UFOs: An Alien Connection?" The course will examine the history of the UFO phenomenon and speculate on alien life. It's a continuing education

course, taught on the Internet. The cost for the 7-week class is \$15.00. See <http://instruction.jal.cc.il.us/ps999>

Canada crop circles

NEILBURG — Paul Anderson the editor of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada reports a large new crop formation in Saskatchewan. Ten circles were found in a wheat field on Sept. 3, 1999, by Dave Robertson. Three "arms" of circles come out from a larger central circle. The center circle is about 35 feet in diameter; the others range from 4 feet to 22 feet.

The "top" two circles and the center circle are clockwise, the others are all counterclockwise, all with very neat swirling and flattening of the crop. This is the seventh Canadian report for 1999, and the first this year from Saskatchewan, usually the center of activity. Ray attempted to take pictures but could not get the camera to function properly. Thanks to: Paul Anderson CPR-Canada

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Cavern/3310/1999.html>

Israel has a busy summer

Barry Chamish reports the summer of 1999 saw the triumphant return of flying triangular formations over Israel. As always, their appearance was greeted with video cameras to solidly document them.

On July 22, a triangular craft was spotted in the cities of Tsfat and Yokneam at 7:30 PM. It was videotaped in both places. A professional photographer, Rafi Malka, video taped it from his home in Acceded. He earned the distinction of being the first Israeli to videotape two separate UFOs.

He then phoned his nephew, Doron Cohen, in Yavne, who spread the word in that city that a UFO was coming. Among those he contacted was professor Rami Shkalim, who has a Ph.D. in both physics and philosophy and is currently a professor of Kabbala at Bar Ilan University.

He was one of over two hundred people who viewed the craft until it disappeared at 12:30 AM. He had just purchased professional equipment, a Sony 320 zoom video camera that recorded an absolutely brilliant ten minute videotape of the craft. The craft had two silvery lights, both surrounded by a perfectly circular red aura twice their size.

When the craft seems to turn, a triangle of lights is visible. Then the craft becomes two lights.

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Filer's Files...

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South Carolina disk

GOOSE CREEK – On October 7, 1999, a school teacher was taking her dog for a walk and noticed a row of blue-white lights up in the sky. She thought it might be a plane until she realized it was not moving. It stayed in one spot in the sky for about ten minutes. The sun was just coming up at 6:45 AM.

Th witness explains: "The UFO was shaped like a hamburger with a row of circle lights across the middle. There were sirens and lights flashing, so I thought the

police knew about it and were looking at the same thing. I got my daughter so she could see it too and she called the family next door. We all watched it ascend straight up without any noise and change to a diamond shape. The next morning I looked up in the same spot and there it was again, but higher. It started coming straight down and wobbling side to side. I called the police to report it and when the officer arrived it had moved back up higher into the sky. He said, it looked like a star to him. It is very frustrating to not have people believe you. I'm just glad the neighbors saw it too." Thanks to NUFORC and Peter Davenport

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Huge planet beyond Pluto?

Is it the Sumerian Nibiru described by Zecharia Sitchin?

By CNI News

The astronomy world buzzed with excitement on Oct. 7 as newly announced evidence from two separate research teams appeared to confirm the existence of a huge planet-like body far beyond the orbit of Pluto.

For decades, astronomers have speculated that such a planet must exist. "Wobbles" in the known outer planets seem to require it.

Now, observations of incoming comets apparently ejected from the extremely remote Oort Cloud by some strong gravitational force lend credence to the idea of a giant planet circling our solar system at a distance of perhaps three trillion miles, or half a light year.

Dr. John Murray of Britain's Open University said, "Although I have only analysed 13 comets in detail, the effect is pretty conclusive. I have calculated that there is only about a one in 1,700 chance that it is due to chance."

In a recent research paper in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, Murray suggests that the so-far unseen planet is several times larger than Jupiter. Furthermore, he says, the planet appears to orbit the sun in the "wrong" direction, opposite the orbit of all the known planets. This could mean that the huge object may be a so-called "rogue planet" that drifted in from very deep space and was captured by the sun's gravity.

Similar conclusions have been separately reached by physicists John Matese, Daniel Whitmire and Patrick Whitman at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The findings of John Matese and colleagues will be published in an upcoming edition of the journal *Icarus*. In that article, Matese refers to the object as possibly a "brown dwarf" and estimates its mass at three times that of Jupiter.

According to Murray, if the presumed planet were in a circular orbit, it would take nearly six million years to circle the sun. Also, despite its enormous size, it would be extremely faint, giving off no light of its own, and probably could not be detected even by the Hubble Telescope. But the next generation of space-based telescopes, which would include ultra-sensitive infrared sensors, might be able to find it.

Meanwhile, the discussion of a huge new planet has aroused the particular interest of researchers familiar with the work of Sumerian scholar Zecharia Sitchin. In a series of books called *The Earth Chronicles* Sitchin has eloquently argued that the ancient Sumerian civilization knew very well about this huge outer planet

and described it—and its extraterrestrial inhabitants, whom they called the Anunnaki or Nefilim—in great detail.

Neil Freer (freer1@concentric.net) has studied Sitchin's work for more than two decades and has written a book, *Breaking the Godspell* (Falcon Press, 1987), in which he further develops the possible implications of Nibiru's influence upon past and current humanity. On hearing of the discoveries of David Murray, John Matese et al, Freer wasted no time publicly pointing out the obvious parallels with the predicted existence of Nibiru:

"I wish to call to your attention that Zecharia Sitchin, Sumerian scholar and author of *The Earth Chronicle Series* of books, revealed the existence, size, orbit, and detailed characteristics of the tenth planet in our solar system 25 years ago through the translation of the *Enuma Elish* (When in the heights...), a major document unearthed at the archaeological digs at Nineveh by Layard, and translated by L.W. King.

"It gives a complete account of the formation of our solar system, including the gravitational capture into the system of this tenth planet (known to the Sumerians as Nibiru and the Babylonians as Marduk); its subsequent collision with a large planet, Tiamat, orbiting then between Mars and Jupiter; the formation of the asteroid belt, comets and meteorites from the impact; [and] the translation of the larger part of the impacted native planet into our orbit to become Earth.

"The *Enuma Elish* says that the intruder planet settled into a huge elliptical orbit of 3600 years around our sun in the 'wrong' direction, counter to the orbital direction of the other planets, [and] that it returns to the inner solar system through the asteroid belt area periodically. It gives the details of the path it can be observed taking through the constellations as it approaches and the disruptive events its close passing causes on Earth.

Tombaugh, searching for the tenth Planet X, discovered Pluto in 1930.

Sitchin definitively answers the question, "How could our earliest civilizations know of this planet?" with the thoroughly substantiated thesis that the transcultural "gods" known to all the ancient civilizations were not mythological but flesh and blood humanoids whose home planet was, is, indeed, this tenth planet.

They came here 432,000 years ago, created our species as a slave race for their gold mines by crossing their genes with those of *Homo Erectus*, moved us up to limited partnership subsequently and taught us civilization and science and astronomy, eventually phased off and left us on our own to find our own species identity.

Perspective

On the October *MUFON UFO Journal*

By Richard H. Hall

It is good to see Ted Phillips "back in the saddle" and contributing to hardcore UFO research. In his report, note the powerful effects of the "ridicule factor" in preventing citizens from speaking out about the strange phenomena they are observing (or experiencing).



Richard Hall

The negative effects of official ridicule on our understanding of UFO phenomena have been profound. If these same officials had any inkling of what was really going on, the course of UFO history would be quite different.

Now that it appears to be certain that my new documentary report, *The UFO Evidence: Volume II*, will be published by Scarecrow Press sometime in Y2K, I can say with confidence that my review of sighting data since 1964 has firmly established very strong patterns in the data and numerous repetitive features. These patterns are tantamount to proof that UFOs are a real and potentially highly important scientific fact badly in need of high-level scientific (not to mention social and political) attention. A number of those features are present in Phillips' and Filer's reports in this issue, and they have no idea of what is in my book!

Kudos to MUFON and its Connecticut and Massachusetts units for their efforts to train investigative personnel in scientific methods and critical analysis techniques in an academic setting. This is the right way to go. Science and UFOs have had an uneasy relationship for more than 50 years now, and this gap urgently needs to be bridged.

The enhanced Lubbock lights image presented by Donald Burleson does, indeed, resemble a honeycomb. I applaud his efforts to introduce new photoanalysis techniques in cases like this, and no criticism of him personally is intended at all when I stress the need for carefully determining if this image could be artificially introduced by the processing methods. If not, the finding takes on great significance.

On the other hand, it definitely is not "well known"

that Frank Kaufmann's description of the Roswell object included a honeycomb structure, or even that Bob Shirley had published a book in which drawings of it were reproduced. From my knowledge of Shirley's testimony on the case, he saw only packaged materials being carried onto the aircraft bound for Fort Worth.

Burleson asks: "How long indeed should we wait before speculating constructively and reasonably about these things...?" (meaning in his case links between the Lubbock Lights and Roswell). Speculation is okay when clearly labelled as such and not pretending to offer final "answers." I engaged in speculation in my book, *Uninvited Guests*, and agree that we need to "forge connections, discern patterns, and formulate hypotheses."

But these same speculations and hypotheses must be subject to peer review, and in that spirit I am skeptical that a logical link has been established between the Lubbock Lights and Roswell.

At the same time, I am a "skeptic" in the philosophical tradition of desiring more complete data, rather than a CSICOP-style debunker masquerading as a skeptic. If the apparent honeycomb structure is real rather than an artifact, that is very important to know. Then we need to evaluate the Kaufmann report(s) carefully, since he is not exactly accepted by all parties as a completely credible witness, in order to decide whether a convincing case exists for linking the Lubbock Lights photo and Roswell.

Preston Dennett's UFO wave report contains useful data, but clearly his statement, "I found that almost no research has been done on UFO waves," indicates a lack of awareness of UFO literature. I have written extensively on UFO waves in *Uninvited Guests*, *The UFO Evidence*, the *International UFO Reporter*, and elsewhere. Jerome Clark, perhaps even more so, has written extensively on UFO waves, as has Eddie Bullard. None of these are cited in his sources.

I also take strong issue with his (and others') definition of UFO hotspots. Practically any place where there are active UFO investigators whose reports are published can be perceived as "hotspots." The definition is so loose as to be almost meaningless. (See my study of close-range UFO sightings by state versus population in *Uninvited Guests*.)

One final thought: I note the announcement of a new MUFON field investigator, Ms. Dana Mosher in Ottumwa, IA. Ottumwa was the hometown of my friend and mentor, Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.) with whom I worked for many years. Congratulations Dana, and please carry on his tradition.

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The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb

December 1999*

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Mars (magnitude 1.0), in Capricornus, remains low in the SW at dusk, setting in the W shortly after 8 PM. The ruddy planet lies very near the lunar crescent on the 12th.

Jupiter (-2.6), in Pisces, dominates the SE sky at twilight and beyond, moving westward during the night. The big world resumes eastward orbital motion on Dec. 21—an effect of our Earth passing Jupiter as they both swing around the Sun.

Saturn (0.2), in Aries, is visible in the ESE at dusk. Like its giant companion Jupiter, the ringed planet continues westward across the southern heavens during the night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Rarely seen Mercury has its best morning appearance of the year during the first half of the month. Using binoculars, look for a tiny orange dot low in the SE at twilight.

Venus (-4.1) rises in the E about 3:30 AM (in mid-December) and takes over as the brightest planet or star in the sky after Jupiter sets. Venus can be seen in the SE at dawn.

Jupiter advances to the W where it vanishes below the horizon near 2 AM.

Saturn sets in the WNW about 3:30 in midmonth.

Meteor Shower:


The Geminids represent an annual meteor shower that is visible most of the night. But wait until the Moon is out of the way after about 9:30 PM Dec. 13. The best time to glimpse the most meteors is during the late morning hours of the 14th when about 50 to 100 meteors per hour might be seen flying out of the constellation Gemini.


Mars Polar Lander:

Launched Jan. 3, the Mars Polar Lander is due to land on the red planet Dec. 3. As the spacecraft descends near the south pole, two "microprobes" are to be released to stick into the surface of Mars. The devices will try to detect any water ice that might be present in the soil. Once on the surface the lander images the site, studies atmospheric conditions, listens for sounds with a microphone, and scoops up soil samples for analysis.


Its companion, Mars Climate Orbiter, failed to achieve orbit Sept. 23 owing to a simple programming error that escaped NASA's usually rigorous error-detection process. Mars Global Surveyor, however, continues its highly successful orbiting mission above Mars.

Moon Phases:

New moon – Dec. 7 

First quarter – Dec. 15 

Full moon – Dec. 22 . . . Nearest Moon of the year

Last quarter – Dec. 29 

The Stars:

By midevening two great seasonal sky symbols are present at the same time—the autumn pattern known as the Great Square of Pegasus, high in the W, and winter's own Orion the Hunter in the SE. Orion is encircled by the luminaries of the Winter Circle—Sirius, Procyon, Pollux and Castor, Capella, Aldebaran, and Rigel.

Beware of misidentifying Sirius the Dog Star as it rises in the ESE (at 8 PM in midmonth). Its brilliance and atmospheric refractive effects frequently result in false UFO reports.

* This is the 15th anniversary of The Night Sky.

Neighbors

Strange creatures in rainbow light
 Cat eyes that love the night
 Little people green, brown or gray
 Sometimes seen in light of day
 Imagination or fact
 Dreamer, schemer or quack
 Forces beyond comprehension
 From Space without dimension
 In discs, globes and triangles beyond invention

Roaming the world without convention
 What part we play in their plan
 Friend or foe or survival of man
 Socorro and Roswell our admonition
 Ignorance and complacency our submission
 A trip to Mars and beyond, our transition
 To meet neighbors created beyond cognition
 Keyhoe, Hynek and Mantell redeemed.

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Director's Message...

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Start making your vacation plans to visit not only the massive silver arch in downtown St. Louis, named "Gateway to the West," but the many other tourist attractions, such as their world-renown zoo in Forest Park.

Due to its central location, this will be the third time that MUFON has conducted its annual symposium in St. Louis, the others being 1971 and 1985.

Future MUFON Symposia

The 2001 MUFON symposium will be held in Orange County in Southern California, coordinated and hosted by **Jan C. Harzan** and supported by **Vincent Uhlenkott**, the Southern California State Director. The event for 2002 is scheduled for Atlanta, GA, under the direction of **Walter "Tom" Sheets**, Georgia State Director.

Bids are now open for hosting future MUFON annual symposia for the years of 2003 (Central Region), 2004 (Western Region) and 2005 (Eastern Region). Please mail your written bids to me in Seguin, TX, delineating your facilities and qualifications for hosting a symposium. To be successful, a strong local group is essential for hosting the affair, plus a city in a large population center.

MUFON-RI has submitted a bid to host the 2005 Symposium in Providence, Rhode Island.

UFO Database on CD-ROM

T. David Spencer, former Deputy Director, Investigations, and Database Coordinator, has produced a CD-ROM with more than 800 current UFO sighting reports that have been investigated by MUFON and entered into the computerized database from MUFON's Computer Input Form 2 and other information in the reports. The CD-ROM label identifies numerous programs that are compatible through DOS and Windows, but not Macintosh (MAC).

The price to interested members is \$25, which includes shipping and handling in a protective mailing envelope. (A special price was designated for current State Directors by the MUFON Board of Directors.) Send requests to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155.

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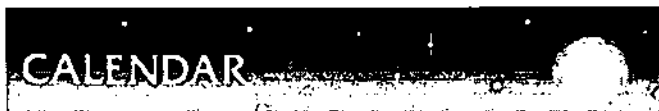
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UFO Awareness Week

May we extend our congratulations for a job well done to the MUFON Arizona team for their UFO Awareness Show at Chris-Town Mall in Phoenix. **Jim Kelly**, State Section Director for Maricopa County, and **Dr. Ruth Hover** were two of the people interviewed by Scott Bennett in his fine article in *The Arizona Republic*. Participation in UFO Awareness Week is an outstanding method for educating the public to the UFO Phenomenon and MUFON in particular.



Oct. 30 - "Alien Encounters" at Sedona Elks Lodge, Sedona, AZ 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For further information contact Dr. Chet Snow, P.O. Box 1738, Sedona, AZ 86339 or e-mail patg@sedona.net

Oct. 29-31 - The 10th UFO/ET Congress to be held at the Days Inn, Route 206 in Bordentown, NJ. For information contact Pat Marcattilio at 609-631-8955 or Tom Benson at 609-883-6921.

November 12-14 - Clearwater Beach UFO Conference at Clearwater Beach Hilton, Florida. sponsored by "Project Awareness." For free program guide call (334) 621-5750 or (850) 432-8888 or write to 7262 Highpointe Pl. E., Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Nov. 16 - John E. Mack, Ph.D. speaks on "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters" about his new book. Location: Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Ave. at 103rd St., New York, NY. For further information call (617) 497-2667 or www.peer-mack.org or e-mail: peermack@aol.com

July 14-16, 2000 - MUFON 2000 International UFO Symposium at Sheraton West Port Inn, St. Louis, Mo. See Director's Message for details.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Walter Andrus

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

New Officers

David B. Marler, B.S. (Fairmont City) was selected as the new Illinois State Director. David has had ten years of field investigating experience in Illinois and Missouri. **Richard D. Moss**, B.S. (Long Prairie), former Minnesota State Director, has promoted **William I. McNeff**, B.S. (Burnsville) to State Director. Mr. Moss will serve as the Assistant State Director for Minnesota. **Bruce A. Widaman** (St. Charles) appointed his chief investigator, **David A. Rapp**, B.S. (St. Peters), to the position of Assistant State Director for Missouri. Indiana State Director **Jerry L. Sievers** (Vincennes) promoted **Roger J. Sugden**, B.F.A. (Ft. Wayne) to Assistant State Director for Northern Indiana.

Carman E. Wiese, Ph.D. (Del Rio, TX) has become the State Section Director for Val Verde and McKinney Counties. **Mark Nielipinski** (Butte, MT) was appointed a State Section Director for three counties in Montana. **Thomas W. McFall**, J.D. (Whittier, CA) volunteered as a Consultant in Law.

New Field Investigators

Eight new trainees passed the Field Investigator Exam this past month. They are: **Chris L. Altman** (Boise, ID); **Gary P. Hart** (Bloomington, IL); **John C. Serrette** (Russellville, AR); **Steven J. McIntyre** (Miami Lakes, FL); **Jacqueline T. Palmer** and **Charles Palmer** (Abilene, TX); **JoAnne D. Scarpellini** (High Ridge, MO); and **Richard L. King**, (Tucson, AZ). Congratulations to the largest monthly group of people passing the exam. In recognition, each person passing the exam will receive a MUFON lapel pin.

A message from **Kathleen Marden**, Director of Field Investigator Training regarding exam results: Mrs. Marden cannot divulge the correct answers to the questions that a person answered incorrectly, because this would obviously make it possible for a person to share the correct answers with a friend. If the examinee wants his or her test score promptly, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or an e-mail. Address.

New MUFON Field Investigator's Exam

Dan Wright, Deputy Director, Investigations, has composed a new 100-question Field Investigator's Exam designed around the MUFON Field Investigator's Manual (Fourth Edition). It will be introduced on Jan. 1, 2000.

Kathleen Marden will continue to accept the current examination indefinitely; however, we encourage those who have not submitted their exam answer sheets to do so in the near future. Both Kathleen and I screened the new test and made appropriate revisions for clarification purposes. The format still consists of multiple choice, true-false, and "fill in the blanks" type questions.

UFO Sighting Reports

After the State and Provincial Directors evaluate the UFO sighting reports received in their respective states or provinces, the original with pertinent attachments should be mailed directly to Dan Wright, Deputy Director, Investigations, at 3628 Aragon Drive, Lansing, MI 48906. A copy should be retained by the State/Provincial Director for his/her file, and a copy sent to the Regional Director. This procedure has been more effective in getting reports into the MUFON database more promptly.

Since our members are anxious to read about current UFO sighting reports that have been investigated by MUFON Field Investigators, please mail a narrative report in article format to **Walter Andrus** for publication in the *MUFON UFO Journal*. This also applies to older cases of a significant nature that were recently investigated. Please include drawings of the object for the article.

St Louis UFO Symposium

Bruce A. Widaman, Missouri State Director, is proud to announce that the new millennium will be celebrated with MUFON's 2000 International UFO Symposium on July 14-16, 2000, at the Sheraton West Port Inn, Lakeside Chalet, 191 West Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146, located at I-270 and Page Ave. in Northwestern St. Louis. The symposium theme is "UFOs in the New Millennium."

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