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The above image of what appears to be an entity reaching out to touch an individual in a Mexican city was reportedly taken by a cell phone camera. There have been several instances in recent months of what appear to be entities photographed by still or video cameras—some by individuals deemed reliable. For other cases, see page 15 of this issue of the *Journal*; page 16 of the January, 2006, *Journal*; and page 3 of the June, 2004, *Journal*. In addition, we are aware of another seemingly good video of an entity in a case which has not been released to the public.

Could the Mexican case be a hoax? Sure, but it does seem to fit what is becoming a pattern of entity photos. The circumstances surrounding the Mexican photo are described in an article beginning on page 9.

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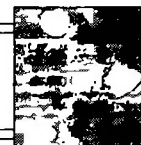
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Director's Message

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MUFON Membership Contests

The MUFON Business Board of Directors has announced two new U.S. membership contests for the first half of 2006.

Membership growth is required in order to assure the long-term success of MUFON and to provide the impetus for continued UFO research, investigation, and public awareness.



John Schuessler

Both contests are shown on the MUFON website at www.mufon.com. They are also described in the pull-out section of this month's *Journal*, and were in a letter to all state directors and assistant state directors.

One contest is for the MUFON state leaders (i.e. state directors, assistant state directors, and state section directors). One of the important assigned

jobs for state leaders is membership growth. This contest is aimed at providing some additional incentive for implementing that growth.

The second contest is for all MUFON members other than the state leaders. This contest gives individual MUFON members an opportunity to help MUFON grow, and at the same time develop their recruiting skills for future MUFON leadership positions.

Both contests have significant monetary value. The contests end in May, and the winners will be recognized at the 2006 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Denver, CO, on July 14-16.

MUFON Best Evidence Contest a Success

Several months ago MUFON issued a call for papers on the subject of UFO Technological Evidence. The desire was to stimulate the documentation of new research that would expose the technological nature of the evidence.

The definition of evidence was based on *McCormick's Handbook of the Law*

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Heflin's 1965 photos validated

By Ann Druffel

[Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series describing the sometimes frustrating and exhausting analysis of one of ufology's top photo cases.]

At a Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS) meeting that evening at the home of Idabel Epperson, 30 scientists and UFO investigators gathered to discuss the ongoing research on the Heflin photos. Dr. James McDonald, Dr. William Hartmann, and Heflin were the guests of honor.

Among the attendees was Dr. Robert Nathan, a scientist who had considerable interest in the UFO phenomenon, and who had attended LANS meetings from time to time.

He had analyzed all four Heflin photos for LANS at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), using what was, at the time, state-of-the-art computer enhancement equipment. His interest was purely unofficial, and had nothing to do with his JPL association.

He had concluded that the black band around the UFO was particulate matter—possibly atmospheric pollutants picked up by the craft as it flew through smog-ridden Orange County.

He also speculated that the black smoke ring left in the sky after the object's departure was most likely the remains of the same black band which had been photographed around the object in the first three photos, since the smoke-ring in Photo #4—which Nathan referred to as a vortex ring—appeared to be also composed of particulate matter.

He also reconfirmed his earlier discovery that the object, although in sharp focus, had an unexplained "fuzziness" around it which was not due to camera motion or motion of the object itself.

Nathan had suggested, as pure speculation, that this effect might indicate a layer of ionized air around the craft. Researchers had hypothesized for years that the propulsion systems of UFOs ionized the layer of air surrounding them while they were in flight.



Photo one.

Also, while studying the photos at JPL, Dr. Nathan had brought out a wedge-shaped portion of light against the solid black of the UFO's underside in Photo #2, which was not visible ordinarily in the photo.

This corresponded with Heflin's description of "the revolving light-ray" seen around the UFO's underside. Heflin had speculated that possibly the greenish-white light was reflected from a slow-moving "propeller" or other rotating blade on the bottom of the craft.

Other scientists present at this November, 1967, meeting speculated that perhaps the particulate black band had been held around the craft by some type of electrostatic effect and was possibly associated with the craft's propulsion system.

Addressing McDonald's growing doubts about Photo #4, based on what

seemed to him to be conflicting cloud data, Dr. Nathan countered that he saw no reason to doubt that the four photos

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had been taken within two minutes, as Heflin had testified.

Some of the scientists present at this meeting were not generally part of the LANS investigative team.

LANS investigators knew how to interview witnesses with objectivity and professional courtesy. But these other scientists who had gathered to interrogate Heflin were not acquainted with proper interviewing techniques, and asked him illogical and repetitive questions.

Some openly expressed doubts about the photos, and asked Heflin personal questions which seemed to have no bearing on the case. In spite of his sturdy character and remarkable good nature, the constant hammering affected him to the extent that he went out in the Epperson back yard for awhile for a little quiet time.

After he recovered his usual good humor and patience, he returned to the meeting, where the scientists were waiting with more questions.

McDonald brought up the fact that Marine Corps personnel had told him that morning that the winds had been blowing from the NNW, and asked Heflin why he had testified that the smoke-ring left by the object was moving slowly in a northeasterly direction.

Heflin answered that the smoke-ring was blowing in a northeasterly direction, that the winds in the El Toro location had been checked by LANS early on in their investigation, and El Toro officials had told them that surface winds at the time of sighting were blowing from the SW at 4 knots.

This had been confirmed beyond doubt both by LANS and McDonald. The apparent attempt by El Toro Marine personnel to throw McDonald and Hartmann off track was never explained; the Marine Air Station, for some unknown reason, had given McDonald and Hartmann inaccurate data.

This and other aspects which McDonald first regarded as discrepancies were later answered to his satisfaction during his unprecedented research into the Heflin case.

This meeting, and the years of research which went into studying Heflin's set of photos, show the unprec-

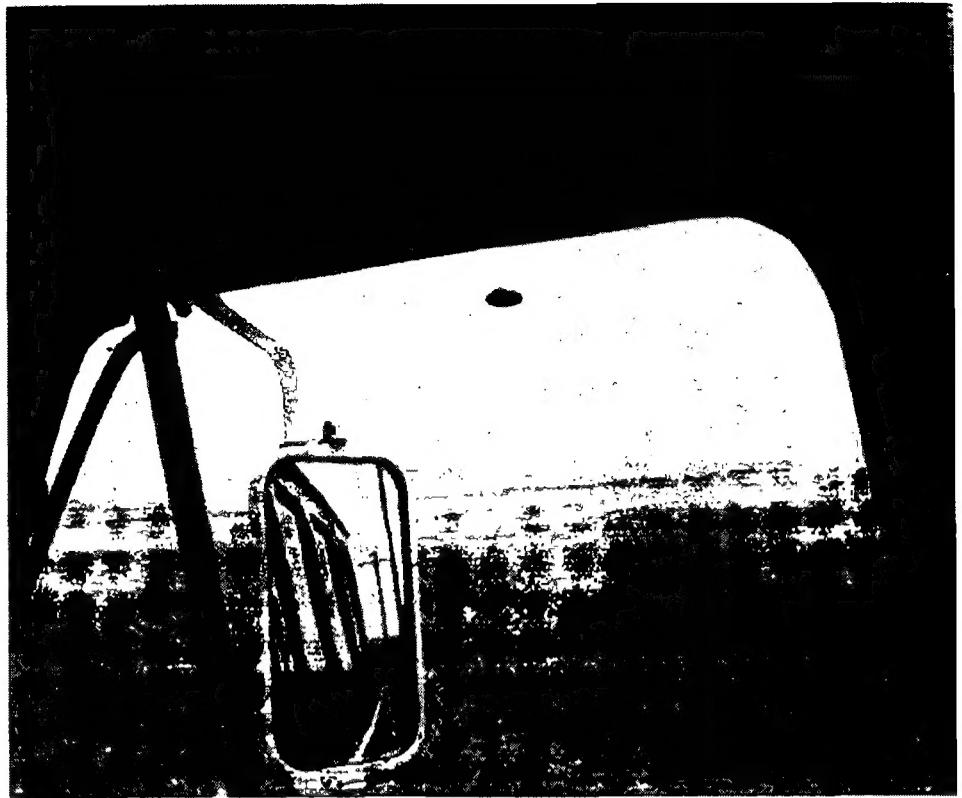


Photo Two.

edented importance of the Heflin case to the UFO field and to interested scientists at large. Never before had so much technical and scientific expertise—and skepticism—been directed toward a set of UFO photos.

The meeting took a more dramatic turn when McDonald asked Heflin to describe the recent visit of a "U.S. Air Force man" to his home. Heflin had confided the event to LANS, but it had not been mentioned in any media coverage and was unknown to many in the room.

On the evening of Oct. 11, 1967, a man in a U.S. Air Force uniform came to Heflin's door, identifying himself as "Capt. C. H. Edmonds." His ID card was salmon and green and had no photo, similar to ID the "NORAD" men had used two years earlier.

Talking with him on the porch, Heflin noted that the man stood to one side while speaking with him. About 30 feet away, directly in Heflin's line-of-sight, was a '65 or '66 Chevy, parked at the curb. The auto was dark blue, with dark-on-dark lettering on the door which Heflin was unable to read.

He saw movement in the back of the vehicle, which he took to be a second

man who was dimly lit by a purplish glow emanating from the back seat.

Heflin's visitor, "Edmonds," asked if he planned to recover the photos he'd lent the "NORAD" men. He also asked various personal questions, such as what UFO groups Heflin was affiliated with. Heflin told him he'd joined only NICAP.

The "Air Force" man continued to chat rather idly, and while they conversed Heflin heard crackles and pops coming from the hi-fi in his living room, which he'd been listening to when "Edmonds" knocked on his door.

He had never before heard interference like this on his hi-fi, and inwardly wondered if it was somehow linked to the purplish glow in the back seat of the vehicle parked at the curb. Later, he wondered if he had been secretly photographed or recorded.

After the "Air Force man" left, Heflin called LANS investigator John Gray and told him what had happened.

As the LANS meeting continued toward midnight, McDonald dropped a final bombshell, voicing open objection to Photo #4 on the basis that he had received information from reliable weather sources that there could not

possibly have been any substantial clouds at the time of the sighting, such as those visible in Photo #4.

McDonald emphasized that he'd cross-checked all possible cloud observation sources concerning Los Angeles area meso-meteorology and the role of mean inversion depth and dry supra-inversion air.

The scientific terms didn't impress Heflin. "The meteorologists are going to have to find some clouds to go in these photos!" he told McDonald. He wasn't claiming there were clouds beyond the smoke-ring, because he simply hadn't noticed.

But he had photographed the smoke-ring only about a minute after taking his three photos of the UFO, and if the photo contained clouds, then there had to be clouds!

Various LANS members showed McDonald that in their copies of Photo #4 the clouds were not as dark as in McDonald's copy, demonstrating that different generations, processed from the originals, had been made at different degrees of exposure.

They also demonstrated in their copies of the photos that clouds were visible in Photos #1, #2, and #3.

McDonald still needed definitive answers, some of which were simply unavailable to him, since the three original Polaroids had been stolen by the "NORAD men."

Traveling back late that night to Santa Ana in John Gray's car, McDonald tried to mend his strained relationship with Heflin, pointing out the numerous aspects of the case which were positive.

He also told Heflin he planned to recheck the wind data, since the Marine air station had given him and LANS conflicting information.

He explained that, as a scientist, he needed to maintain strict objectivity in the investigation, for it was only by carefully weighing the pros and cons that the true facts would emerge.

He also assured Heflin that another startling multi-witness Orange County sighting, investigated by LANS, had occurred around the same time and date as Heflin's sighting¹⁰ and that other possible confirmatory sightings were being studied.

The following day McDonald, Heflin, Hartmann, and two visiting BBC documentarians, Philip Daly and a Dr. Black, who hoped to interview Heflin on-camera, journeyed to the site where Heflin had taken Photo #4.

McDonald measured the telephone poles shown in the photo at about 30' high. Heflin pointed out where the object had emitted the bluish-black smoke-ring east of Myford Road, and McDonald estimated that the smoke-ring had been photographed at about 400 feet altitude.

Since Heflin had, just the evening before, stated that the ring had been at about 150 feet altitude when photographed, the rise in altitude in 4-knot winds seemed reasonable.

The position of the smoke-ring confirmed the wind data gathered by both himself and LANS—that the wind *had* been blowing from the SW.

Dr. Hartmann and Dr. Black set about making test shots using small models on strings, attempting to duplicate Heflin's Photos #1, #2, and #3.

They were trying to demonstrate that Heflin had hoaxed the photos, even though Dr. Robert Nathan, using 1965 JPL state-of-the-art computer enhancement equipment, had demonstrated that there were absolutely no strings or other supporting mechanisms visible in Heflin's photos.

This didn't matter to Hartmann, for he later wrote up the Heflin case in the Condon Report, judging the photos "inconclusive."

Quietly watching Hartmann and Dr. Black photographing the models on stings, Heflin did not visibly show annoyance.

However, when Dr. Black began to ask him questions, beginning with the inquiry, "Are you religious?" Heflin replied that he was a Christian Scientist, adding that his religion "didn't let him recognize laws of the state."

This statement puzzled Black, but he didn't follow it up. He then asked Heflin if he was married. Heflin replied straight-faced, "More than once, but I don't want you to refer to it on camera lest my five wives find out where I am."

McDonald wrote all this down,¹¹ realizing that Heflin was employing his

own offbeat sense of humor which he typically used when irritated, rather than displaying open anger. LANS and other friendly colleagues had also recognized this, but the two BBC documentarians hadn't a clue.

Dr. Black suggested that they go ahead and film an interview. Heflin allowed them to film a very brief segment, in which he stated that he understood why various investigators were interested in the photos, and that everyone had the right to draw their own conclusions.

He explained how the automatic light meter on his camera had allowed the sky to appear flat and featureless in the first three photos taken inside his van, but showed the light cloud cover in Photo #4 which was taken outside the van in full light.

Black pressed him for a fuller interview, but Heflin flatly refused, stating that an American producer, John MacDonald, had already done a credible job for ITV. Why didn't they simply borrow *his* film? Bewildered, Black stopped talking to him.

Why did Heflin act in this enigmatic way? For two and one-half years this honest, affable man had been hounded and harassed because he'd photographed a UFO at close quarters and presented to science a fine set of UFO photos showing features on the disc and other inexplicable effects.

Not being a man who showed anger easily, his instinctive defense was deadpan humor. This was the way he handled most situations that irritated him.

It was not his fault that the photos contained more data than scientists could absorb. The enigmatic smoke-ring was not his fault. Neither was the fact that the automatic light meter on his Polaroid camera made the overcast sky appear virtually featureless in the first three photos and as a clouded sky in the fourth.

Philip Daly and Dr. Black later discussed with McDonald whether or not Heflin was serious about his religion and his "wives." Both Daly and Black thought Heflin was completely serious.

Dr. Black, however, thought that Heflin had not had five wives, but rather five relationships which were, in Rex's

eyes, marriages in some odd legal sense, possibly connected to his religion. Daly, in turn, felt Heflin was serious about his religion and his "wives"!

Unbeknownst to the two Englishmen, McDonald had phoned Epperson the day before to get her reaction on the "wives-religion" question.

"She had already talked to John Gray on all this, and John had guffawed at the five-wife bit," wrote McDonald in his "Heflin" file. They had recently learned from Heflin that he was a Christian Scientist, but still a bachelor.

Epperson told him they all felt rather sure Heflin was pulling the leg of the BBC because he was inwardly seething at being called out there to witness the "hoax" tests. McDonald pointed out that no set-up had been intended.

Epperson stressed again how cooperative Heflin had been with LANS over the past two and one-half years.

She reminded him that Dr. Nathan had essentially replicated Hartmann's experiments long before and had found no evidence of any string or other supporting mechanism in any of the photos—and that he'd told Hartmann about this earlier!

Yet Hartmann thought it necessary, for some reason, to omit this from the Condon report, choosing instead to term Heflin's three photos "Inconclusive"!

Back in Tucson, McDonald tackled the puzzle of the ID presented by the mysterious "Air Force man" who'd visited Heflin and learned from the FBI and the OSI that no official investigating agency had ID cards without photos, and that none were salmon-colored.

This proved that the "Air Force man" and the earlier "NORAD men" who stole Heflin's three photos were impostors—but from where has never been established. The eerie purplish glow which may have affected Heflin's hi-fi also remains a mystery.

In spite of his concern about the #4 "smoke ring" photo, McDonald continued to think that Heflin's photos #1, #2, and #3 were most probably genuine. He knew it was impossible to declare a UFO photo as absolutely authentic unless one had the actual UFO nearby to compare it to.

Hoax pictures can be replicated. Authentic UFO pictures cannot, and

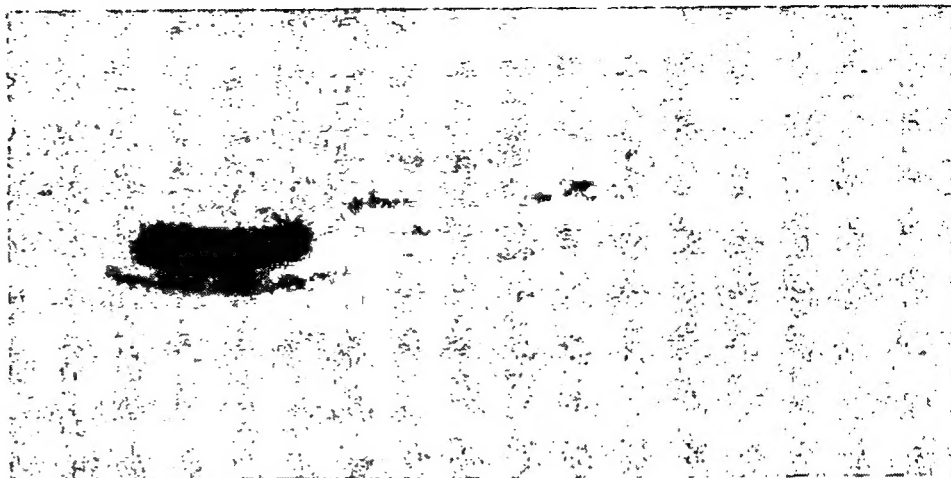


Photo Four.

Heflin's photos have never been satisfactorily replicated.

For the next three years, McDonald pursued the question of the "smoking," attempting to prove that it had been photographed by Heflin at a time and place other than on Aug. 3, 1965, in connection with Heflin's Photos #1, #2, #3.

He seems to have been led on a trail of false information, possibly in part perpetrated by intelligence agents connected with the U.S. government.

This part of his research endeavors is covered in my book, *Firestorm! Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science*, in Chapter Twelve, "The Photos That Almost Proved It."¹²

McDonald was led to the idea of an unproved "atomic bomb simulator" supposedly used at military bases on celebratory occasions, which apparently produced a "vortex ring" similar to Heflin's Photo #4.

There was never any adequate documentation found, however—no pictures of this device, nor any other physical proof that it actually existed.¹²

In spite of LANS' attempts to convince McDonald that Photo #4 was, rather, a picture of the "black ring" around Photos #1, #2, and #3 which had been apparently blown off by the unidentified craft before its departure, McDonald never conceded.

LANS and other researchers around the nation, as well as in foreign countries, respected McDonald's scientific expertise, and their personal regard for him kept the controversy from destroying their amicable cooperation with this

remarkable scientist, which ended only with his tragic death in June, 1971.

Epperson, Gray, Evers, and the other LANS members remained convinced of Heflin's integrity.

His first three photos of the metallic craft survived as an example of an apparently genuine unidentified flying object, and in this McDonald shared our views wholeheartedly.

McDonald's doubts about Photo #4, however, affected other lay researchers. In the mid-1970s, William Spaulding, who headed an organization called Ground Saucer Watch, obtained copies of Heflin's photos and had them computer-enhanced.

Where he obtained his copies is uncertain: they may have been third, fourth, or even fifth generation. GSW's analysis, conducted by GSW Photographic Consultant Fred Adrian, was published in a mid-seventies issue of *GSW News Bulletin*.

Heflin's photos, in GSW's words, "represent both crude and grandiose hoaxes [sic] or photographic anomalies and should not be considered evidence of UFO existence [sic]."¹³

Spaulding's widely-disseminated assessment of the Heflin photos was based on what he termed "a string" which extended from the top of the UFO to the top of the photo.

Idabel Epperson and David Branch of LANS and researcher David Schroth of St. Louis, MO, among others, strongly challenged Spaulding's findings.

They pointed out that several photo experts, including Dr. Robert Nathan,

had looked for evidence of a string, but found no evidence of a string or any supporting mechanism associated with the object.

All these experts had worked with confirmed first-generation copies, which had been made directly from the originals before they disappeared.

Spaulding admitted to Epperson in a Sept. 29, 1977, letter that possibly the linear structure seen on the photographs was a scratch and not a string, and also admitted that copies of Heflin's photographs which GSW analyzed were from an undetermined source.

He never publicly withdrew his "hoax" assessment of the Heflin photos, however, causing a split in the UFO research field.

Many otherwise objective researchers tended toward the hoax explanation, while the original investigators and others continued to regard them as among the best UFO photos ever taken.

The Heflin photos were reprinted in many books and journals in the UFO field, but the fact that the original Polaroids had disappeared thwarted attempts to re-study them in greater depth as photogrammetric technology advanced.

Heflin continued to work for the Orange County Traffic department for 15 more years, but 30 years of working outdoors on the streets and freeways of Southern California caused a serious health condition, finally diagnosed as the accumulation of tetra ethylene lead in his bone marrow—a condition that has no cure, and no standard medical treatment.

Suffering from fatigue, difficulty in breathing, and other symptoms associated with this medical condition, Heflin, who was now married, moved to a small town in Northern California where the air was relatively pure, and where an experimental treatment for the condition was available at a local hospital on an outpatient basis.

His doctors informed him that lead-poisoning in bone marrow was becoming more evident among the population, mostly in men who spent decades working in the open on freeways and major highways, such as policemen and highway engineers.

However, the American Medical As-

sociation, as well as the U. S. government, did not recognize it (and still do not recognize it) as a verified medical condition, and ordinary health insurance plans, including Medicare, do not cover costs of the treatments which are currently available.

Heflin maintained his good humor and positive thinking, however, and kept contact with LANS members, who were by this time either independent UFO researchers or MUFON members, NICAP having been essentially destroyed as an effective research organization by covert action of secret FBI and CIA operatives hidden within its staff.¹⁴

One day in 1993 the phone rang in Heflin's Northern California home. A woman's voice asked, "Have you checked your mailbox lately?" The call was abruptly terminated. He went to the mailbox and found it empty.

About one-half hour later, the same unidentified woman called again with the same question. Before he could ask any questions, the caller hung up again. Heflin again went out to his mailbox and found a plain 9 X 12-inch manila envelope in it. It had no postage or other marks which would indicate how it had been delivered.

Opening it, he found that it contained the long-lost originals of Photos #1, #2, and #3! Heflin examined them carefully, back and front, and concluded they were, in fact, the original Polaroids which had been stolen by the "NORAD men" in 1965.

Their size, texture, and general appearance matched Photo #4 of the "smoke-ring." He had numbered the photos sequentially after he first took them, marking them "1" through "4" with blue ink in the lower left hand corner.

The three photos which had been mysteriously returned had markings "1" through "3" in the identical place as the "4" on the original of the smoke-ring photo #4 which he'd retained for 28 years. The "4" was the only marking on the back of this photo.

There were other markings, however, on the backs of the three originals which had been so mysteriously returned.

Each had "ORIGINAL" printed in

capital letters across the top, written apparently by the same person, using a white or ivory-colored grease pencil. The letters had been pressed lightly into the pictures, so that they showed slightly on the photo side.

Also, each of the three originals had the number "13" written on the back with soft black pencil; these markings did not disturb the photo side. One of the "13" marks was so carelessly written that it could be taken for a capital "B."

Heflin had no memory of putting these marks on the backs of the photos; they had apparently been put there by the person(s) who had possession of the photos from Sept. 22, 1965, to that day in 1993.

Most intriguing of all, perhaps, was the fact that the photos were in good condition, considering their age. Photo #4, which Heflin himself had retained, had developed light brown stains, particularly around the smoke ring.

He considered this effect both a result of its age and also of the fact that several researchers and photogrammetrists had borrowed it to copy and study, subjecting the Polaroid smoke-ring image to bright lights.

The three returned originals also showed similar light brown stains, particularly along the lower portions, but the object (UFO) in these returned photos was not as deeply stained as was the smoke-ring in Photo #4.

Heflin was in a quandary. He suspected he would not live much longer, and wondered what to do with these originals of his UFO photos. He, like many other UFO researchers of his acquaintance, knew that these photos were perhaps the finest photographic evidence of the existence of UFOs.

His health was uncertain and failing, and he had no funds available for expensive experimental treatments for the detrimental effects of the lead in his bone marrow.

To add to his financial troubles, his pension and other funds resulting from his long-term employment in Orange County had been temporarily cut off because that large California county had gone bankrupt.

Learning about the return of Heflin's photos from Dr. Robert M. Wood, I

contacted Heflin with the suggestion that the originals be analyzed with state-of-the-art computer enhancement equipment.

Such technology had recently become available in the Los Angeles area when Dr. Eric Kelson, a science professor at a top California university, had entered the UFO field a couple of years before. In addition to his professorial work, he was expert in computer enhancement techniques.

Happy that scientific interest in his photos had been regenerated, Heflin also expressed his concern that the photos be preserved for the future, so that other scientific analyses could be made on them as new technology became available.

Heflin trusted me as a veteran UFO researcher, familiar with his case from the beginning, and entrusted the four originals into my care.

A three-person team was formed to re-analyze the Heflin photos, since we were now able to work from the originals. The team consisted of Dr. Robert M. Wood, Dr. Eric Kelson, and myself.

We set about re-studying the case, particularly the unanswered questions which had been raised:

1. the so-called "string" which Spaulding and GSW claimed to have found; 2. the problem of the "flat sky" in the first three photos; and 3. the enigmatic "smoke-ring."

The question of Spaulding/GSW's "string" and "hoax" theory was quickly laid to rest. It was demonstrated beyond doubt that there was no string or other supporting mechanism visible in any of Heflin's photos.

Contrast-studies of the sky backgrounds in all four photos revealed similar overcast/cloudy conditions in all of them, the major point which had prevented McDonald from accepting the fourth photo as part of a set.

Our analysis also revealed the so-called "wedge of light" on the dark bottom of the craft in Photo #2, in exactly the same position where Dr. Nathan first detected it and which, shortly afterwards, Dr. Wood had also detected in an independent study.

By March, 1994, Dr. Kelson also found a trail of black particulate matter in Photo #3, streaming behind the uni-

identified craft, and denser in the immediate area just behind the craft.

This "trail" became apparent upon digital contrast enhancement of the third photograph, a standard process in which the image is first scanned and subsequently displayed to emphasize detail.

In the unenhanced, original Photo #3, the intensity values for the trail and background sky were close enough to each other that the corresponding shades of gray are difficult to distinguish, thus not detected in prior studies in the 1960s and 1970s.

The trail was readily visible, however, when a computer program re-assigned the output intensity range so that the darkest sky pixel became black and the brightest sky pixel became white.¹⁵

The material in the Photo #3 smoke-trail seems similar to the particulate matter in the black band surrounding the object, as well as the particulate matter in the smoke-ring.

This constitutes rather firm evidence that the black ring around the object was beginning to separate before the object emitted the smoke-ring.

Computer enhancement also confirmed that the UFO in Heflin's photo is a large object, approximately 20 feet in diameter and more than 100 feet from the camera, as first estimated by Heflin and corroborated in later studies.

Kelson also independently detected an unusual "blurring" effect around the craft, particularly in Photo #1, which he stated was not due to motion, camera focus, or to the gaussian effect.

This correlates with Dr. Nathan's finding 30 years ago of an unexplained "fuzziness" in the craft image.

Our re-analysis of the Heflin UFO photos in 2000 has led to the following conclusions:

(1) the photos are totally consistent with his written and verbal testimony regarding the sighting;

(2) the photos depict a solid, unidentified craft which is moving through the air, leaving a trail;

(3) William Spaulding's "hoax" conclusion in the mid-seventies was derived from faulty data;

(4) the #4 smoke-ring photo is linked by computer-enhancement data to the other three, by cloud and "trail" data

which were previously unavailable;

(5) there is evidence that, for 28 years, three of the original four photos were in the hands of unknown persons who took good care of them, while possibly accessing data from them.

Why they were returned to Heflin under totally inexplicable circumstances remains an unsolved mystery.

But friend Rex, as I wrote to you in a letter shortly before you died, a letter which was read to you in the hospital by your friend Larry Tarrant, the UFO field's study of your incomparable photos continues, and will continue in years to come.

Studies into more technical aspects are being conducted presently.

There is more evidence emerging that the unexplained "blur" around the object you had the privilege of photographing that noon on Aug. 3, 1965, might possibly be evidence of ionization, long speculated by researchers and scientists to be involved in UFO propulsion.

Other studies are obtaining information that ionization around UFOs might possibly be related to so-called "angel hair," i.e., unexplained strands of whitish material which quickly sublimates, an effect seen many times by witnesses viewing UFOs in the sky, possibly involving a process termed electropolymerization.

As you requested when you gave your four original photos to me to preserve in perpetuity for the use of the UFO field, other scientists and researchers are lining up, awaiting their turn to re-analyze them.

Dr. Kelson continues his studies, having given an update on the 2000 re-analysis at the 2004 NUFOC convention, now held yearly at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, CA.¹⁶

Thank you, Rex, for your good-humored, objective attitude during our 40 years of investigation. I'm glad you received my last letter, catching you up on the latest of what was happening in our study of your photos.

Thank you for your willingness to give your photos to science, with no thought of any benefit for yourself. In the near future, Rex, your invaluable and beautiful UFO photos will yield more and more data, and eventually we

will learn all they can reveal about the UFO mystery.

In the meantime, Happy Journey Home.

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Implants remotely activate devices

Computer chip implants have been developed that promise to activate computers and open doors with the wave of a hand.

Amal Graafstra, a 29-year-old Vancouver-based entrepreneur, has tiny radio frequency identification (RFID) computer chips implanted under the skin of his left hand, making these feats possible.

An RFID contains silicon chips and antenna to enable receiving and responding to radio-frequency queries from an RFID transceiver.

It can be attached to—or incorporated into—a product, animal, or person, and reportedly costs around \$2.

The chips get activated when they come within 3 inches of the "reader," which scans the data on them. The "reader" device costs about \$50.

Graafstra said the chip can't be felt, and that it does not impede or hurt him in any way

Entity reportedly captured on cell phone camera

By Santiago Yturria

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A bizarre incident involving three boys and an alien entity was reportedly recorded on a cell phone camera by one of the boys (photo on *Journal* cover).

On March 20, 2005, at 2 AM, three boys were playing with a soccer ball outside their homes in Fraccionamiento Del Parque, a neighborhood in the city of Merida, Yucatán.

David Espada and another friend, who wants to remain anonymous, were playing with a ball while José Alonso Herrera was recording them with his Sony K500i cellular phone just for fun. The sidewalk was well illuminated by several street lights.

Then Espada lost control of the ball, and it rolled to a nearby post. He went to pick up the ball while Jose Herrera kept recording, applying the 2x zoom while following Espada.

When Espada tried to pick up the ball a strange creature suddenly appeared from behind the light post and extended a long arm, grabbing Espada's right arm.

The entity was bald, with yellowish white skin, and was "alien shaped." The contact lasted just a second as Espada reacted, jumping and shouting, "It grabbed me!! It grabbed me!!"

He then ran back to his friends and pointed back to the post and screamed, "It's there!! See it!! It grabbed me!!"

Herrera was still recording with his cell phone, and applied a 4x zoom to the camera in the direction Espada was signaling.

Surprisingly, the alien entity showed its head again out from behind the post for three seconds, and then disappeared. The three boys were in shock after confronting the unknown creature, and ran away from the place screaming in terror.

The next day they discussed the dramatic experience, and decided to keep it a secret due to the bizarre nature of the incident. However Herrera asked

them to review the video from his cellular phone and to try to determine what that weird creature might be.

Espada refused to look at the video. He was still shocked by the terrifying experience, and told them, "I don't want to see that video ever, and I don't want to discuss it."

According to their testimonials, Espada was so frightened by the event that he did not want to go out at night for some time and did not want to go anywhere near that part of the sidewalk.

The story and the video remained a secret. Some months later, Espada and Herrera, feeling more confident, told some close friends about their alien encounter experience.

The reactions were always of laughter and skepticism, but when they showed the images still on the cellular phone those laughs turned into surprise and shock.

The alien encounter became famous among the kids in the neighborhood and became known to other boys in school as well. On Nov. 30, 2005, Mexican TV UFO personality Jaime Maussan was in Merida giving lectures when he found out about the event from some local researchers.

Maussan asked to meet these boys and to see the video. A meeting was arranged, and once Maussan talked to them and reviewed the video, he asked Espada and Herrera to go public. After some indecisiveness, they agreed.

Maussan called me from Merida, telling me about this case and inviting me to join the investigation. The next day I received a copy of the footage for analysis and evaluation, as well as interviews with the witnesses and images from the location.

During the interview, Espada remembers when he felt the creature's hand grab his arm—a shocking moment he would never forget. He says, "I was going to pick up the ball, and I felt a very cold hand or claw that grabbed my arm and pulled me. It was extremely

cold like an ice hand that freezes you, and immediately it pulled me. I reacted in panic and jumped away screaming. It was an ugly being, some kind of weird creature with a long arm. Gives me the creeps to remember it.”

The video is clear within the limits of a cell phone camera.

The images show a kind of unknown entity or creature that suddenly appears from behind a post, extending what seems to be a long arm of some kind, grabbing Espada's arm, and then retracting its own arm almost immediately as Espada jumps and screams.

The audio portion of the video is good, and reflects the dramatic moment of the contact. There is a second appearance of the entity when Herrera applied the 4x zoom and the creature showed its head for three seconds and disappeared.

According to measurements taken by Maussan at the site, the entity's arm may have measured around 1.20 meters (about 44 inches), since the distance between the post and the sidewalk is 1.37 meters.

Also important is the narrow street post which was wide enough to hide the creature's body. This presents a major problem in trying to establish where such an entity might have come from.

Both Espada and Herrera are well known boys in their neighborhood and school. They are honest and unlikely to invent such a story or perpetrate a hoax.

When asked why they didn't report the incident to the police, they answered, "No way. The police would have thought we were drunk or on drugs!! Besides, we were shocked and kept the experience to ourselves for some time.”

The story was recently released on national television in Mexico by Maussan, including the whole investigation, the witnesses, the footage, and the analysis performed. Both Espada and Herrera continue to maintain their story and the legitimacy of the video.

For this research team, the case represents a major challenge. We have been evaluating and analyzing all the elements and evidence in order to reach a conclusion, but the case remains unsolved.

Lt. Walter Haut, Roswell PR officer and museum founder, dies

By Dennis G. Balthaser

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During my affiliation with the International UFO Museum and Research Center here in Roswell from 1996 until 1998 as a full time volunteer and as the UFO Investigator, I had the opportunity to meet many of the well-known researchers in this field of ufology.

The same is true for witnesses of the 1947 Roswell Incident that I have met over the years. There are some who stand out, at least to me, as being extremely credible.

Walter Haut was one of those individuals who I've always had the utmost respect for, and who I will greatly miss. He passed away on Dec. 15, 2005, at the age of 83.

In 1947, then Lt. Walter Haut was a key figure in the Roswell Incident, due to being the person who wrote the now famous news release of July 8, 1947, which became the headlined "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region.”

The same day, a statement was released saying it was only a weather balloon. "I guess they changed their mind," Haut told The Associated Press in 1997. Haut said he was never told exactly where the flying disc reported in his news release was found, nor did he ever see a UFO.

It was quite an honor for me to meet Walter in person when I began my affiliation with the UFO Museum.

During that time, Walter, as the original founder of the museum, was there almost every day, and would enjoy meeting the visitors who came by, always with a smile, a little kidding, and explaining his involvement in the incident as the public relations officer that wrote the news release.

I'm sure very few researchers, and particularly the general public, knew much about Walter's interesting military career, other than his involvement with the Roswell Incident.

During WWII, Walter flew some 35 missions over Japan as a bombardier



Walter Haut

in B-29's, and received numerous medals for his service.

Several times we talked about the 509th bomb wing's involvement in the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan to end the Second World War.

Walter also shared his involvement during the testing of an atomic bomb in the Pacific Ocean during Operation Crossroads in 1946.

He was in an airplane that flew through the mushroom cloud the bomb created when tested in the ocean, and he actually dropped instruments into it.

Walter would often mention Col. "Butch" Blanchard with much admiration and respect. Blanchard was in charge of the 509th bomb wing and base commander here in Roswell in 1947 when Walter was the public relations officer for the base.

They had an exceptional relationship, according to Walter, and he talked about that relationship many times.

Walter was very active in many civic organizations in Roswell after he got out of the military, as he and his wife decided to stay in Roswell.

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A question of disclosure

Exempt from Disclosure by Robert Collins and Richard Doty, 2005, 192 pages, Peregrine Communications, 865 Helke Rd., Vandalia, OH 45377 ISBN 0-9766426-0-3, \$19.98 inc shipping.

Reviewed by Stanton Friedman

This 2005 book is both fascinating and frustrating. If everything in it were true, it would be of great significance.

The authors were certainly in a position to learn a lot about flying saucers and inside government activities.

Robert M. Collins is a former Air Force intelligence officer with a 22-year background in aircraft avionics systems, ground communications, and engineering physics.

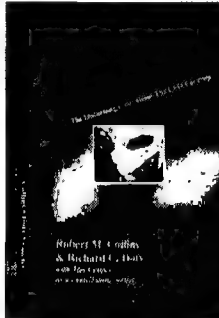
Much of the time he was based at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, and later in New Mexico.

Richard C. Doty spent many years with the USAF Office of Special Investigations, based mostly at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, NM.

Tim Cooper, who is listed as a contributing author, is a civilian UFO enthusiast, made many FOIA requests, learned a lot from his father, who had a high level security clearance, and was in touch with many researchers.

They tell of flying saucers in government possession at various facilities, and efforts devoted to back engineering. I had a number of telephone conversations with Collins years ago, especially about activities at Wright Pat.

I had only a few conversations with Doty, but was well aware of many of his dealings with Bill Moore while Bill was promoting *The Roswell Incident* and we were continuing our Roswell research in the 1980s while I was in New Brunswick, Canada, and he was



living in California. I had introduced Bill to Jaime Shandera to help in writing what was supposed to be a screen play for a UFO movie that was to be fictional, but incorporating our ideas.

We shot a little footage before the money ran out. Bill and Jaime continued to work together, and kept me informed of various meetings with various insiders, especially in Albuquerque.

I was called after Bill developed the roll of film received by Jaime which incorporated the Eisenhower Briefing Document. It came from Albuquerque with no return address in December, 1984.

I still cannot be certain that Doty was involved with providing the roll of film. I met with Bill in January, 1985, in California while my son was in the hospital, and we were in close touch after my trip to Washington, DC, in March of 1985.

There I learned, from archivist Ed Reese at the National Archives, about a classification review being done of Entry 267 of Record Group 341-USAF Headquarters files.

Again I was called from DC after Bill and Jaime found the Cutler Twining Memo at the Archives in July after I had been informed that the declassification review was complete.

Doty had passed on to Bill certain quite accurate information about meetings I had with people in Montreal and in England that only someone keeping tabs on me could have known.

While I am suspicious of everybody, Doty seemed to be dealing in truths as well as disinformation with Linda Howe and Paul Bennewitz.

I had had many phone conversations and much correspondence with Tim Cooper. In addition I was responsible for his meeting with Dr. Robert M. Wood in California after getting Bob involved in the MJ-12 morass, especially concerning the Special Operating Manual SOM1.01 originally received

on film from Wisconsin by Don Berliner.

I was accidentally informed of this by Don many months later and, after viewing a poor copy, asked about including Bob in the investigation because of his extensive background in classified Research and Development.

I have described my findings about the documents received by Tim in both my 2000 MUFON Paper "Roswell and the MJ-12 Documents in the New Millennium" and in the new afterword to the second edition (2005) of my book *TOP SECRET/MAJIC* (see my website www.stantonfriedman.com).

Briefly I am convinced that almost all the documents received by Tim are fraudulent, though I am quite satisfied with the Eisenhower Briefing Document, the Truman Forrestal Memo, and the Cutler Twining memo.

I don't know who faked Tim's documents or why. Seven are very clearly emulations of real documents that have been published. These were retyped with a few changes, and the hand written material scanned or Xeroxed. The language is almost word for word that of the originals.

And there are factual mistakes in the emulations, as well as in many other of the documents. The situation isn't helped any by the fact that Tim failed a polygraph examination concerning details of how he got the documents.

These very questionable documents seem to form the basis for many of the claims and conclusions presented in this book. None of the specific criticisms are noted. None of my many MJ-12 papers or my book about MJ-12 are referenced.

The book could certainly have used more careful proofreading (lots of misspelled words etc) and editing, and there is no index. The invasion of the Bay of Pigs, for example, was in April, 1961, NOT April, 1964.

There are many unsubstantiated

claims. Typically (p. 16) it is claimed "UFO Related secret programs have consumed a significant part of America's Black Budget since the Manhattan Project. For example, the 1997 government-disclosed intelligence budget portion alone was \$26 billion, and, according to Tim Weiner's 1990 book *Blank Check*, in 1990 the total black budget was about \$35 billion."

Weiner's book says nothing about UFOs concerning a black budget or anything else. The book pays lip service to many rumors about Marilyn Monroe, James Jesus Angleton, Allen Dulles, and Dan Burisch, whose sensational claims about being a PhD level biologist working inside for MJ-12 with aliens have been demolished by Las Vegas journalist George Knapp.

Another sensational claim without any substantiation is (page 72) "Dr. Hynek of Blue Book fame was very knowledgeable about the existence of MJ-12 and extraterrestrial contact."

I won't say this was impossible, but would surely like to see some basis. I remember how irritated Dr. Hynek was at a MUFON Conference in 1979 when I told him of the memo from USAF Gen. Carroll Bolender indicating that UFO reports which could effect national security were not part of the Blue Book system.

Of great interest are some supposedly TOP SECRET documents from the Defense Intelligence Agency which describe a quite spectacular Energy Device, supposedly recovered from the Roswell wreckage and tested on various Space Shuttle flights.

They claim Dr. Edward Teller had done some investigation on the Energy Device. Are the documents genuine? They look good, which is certainly not a solid basis for acceptance.

There are drawings of facilities at Wright Patterson Air Force Space where saucer wreckage may have been stored.

Quite frankly much of the information in the book belongs in my Gray Basket—not enough data to establish validity.

The reader will have to decide what is true and what isn't.

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A collection of UFO reports

Filer's Files: Worldwide Reports of UFO Sightings by Maj. George A. Filer, USAF (Ret) & David E. Twichell, 2005, Infinity Publishing Co., Suite 100, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2713, www.buybooksontheweb.com, 877-BUY BOOK, 5x8 soft cover, 206 pages, \$13.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

As the title suggests, this is a collection of reports from the popular Filer's Files, which appears in the *MUFON UFO Journal* and on the internet.

Twichell, who seems to be the compiler of these reports, explains the book as follows:

"Although many of the reports included herein have been investigated, most of them are 'raw' reports from average citizens who have witnessed something unexplainable in conventional terms. The purpose of this book is not to offer the 'smoking gun evidence' of the UFO phenomenon, but rather to illustrate the volume of reported sightings and the diversity of witnesses universally."

Thus the purpose is similar to a couple of other books recently reviewed: *UFO Sightings in the New Millennium* by Richard Hall (October, 2005, *Journal*) and *Grass Roots UFOs—Case Reports from the Timmerman Files* by Dr. Michael Swords (November, 2005, *Journal*).

To some extent, *UFOs Over California* by Preston Dennett (April, 2005, *Journal*) follows a similar structure of covering a great many reports, but few, if any, in great detail.

However, there are some differences in these books. Hall's book relies heavily on reports provided by Peter Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center, which also make up perhaps half of the reports each month in the *Journal's* Filer Files.

However, this book by Filer and Twichell includes no reports from the National UFO Reporting Center, and the extensive listing of names in the

book—many unfamiliar to me—contains no listing for Peter Davenport—a strange and unexplained omission.

The Swords/Timmerman book is made up of reports personally received by Timmerman, a veteran ufologist, while presenting a traveling Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) UFO exhibit in numerous cities.

Dennett, also a veteran researcher, gleaned his California cases from a variety of sources.

In looking at all four books, it is obvious that the reports are strikingly similar, despite the sources. Thus collectively they suggest that many people from throughout the world have seen what appear to be UFOs and entities.

None of these books pretend to present well-researched, documented cases, but rely on volume and similarities to make the general case for UFOs.

They leave it to "smoking gun" cases such as Betty & Barney Hill, Travis Walton, and Kelly Cahill to show that the best cases can stand up well to research.

Something else is also obvious in looking at these four books, and that is the fact that witness names are scarce.

In the Filer/Twichell book, for example, a rough count suggests that of 317 cases, the witness is named in only 93, or 29%. Not impressive, but higher than what has appeared over the past year in the *Journal's* Filer's Files: 26 witness names out of 146 cases, for a percentage of only 17.8.

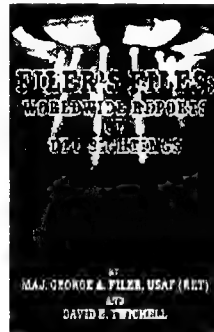
Interestingly, the Filer/Twichell book includes 42 cases attributed to Brian Vike, none with a witness name. The *Journal's* Filer's Files over the past year include 73 cases from Peter Davenport, none with a witness name.

These statistics present a couple of problems.

The first is obvious: if we don't have names, the cases are much less impressive. Combine this with the fact that few of the cases have been investigated, and we end up with something closer to entertainment than to ufological research.

The second may be less obvious. If witness names are commonly not provided, it opens the door for anyone to become a "source" of UFO reports.

With no ufological credentials, any



individual can set up a website or similar "source," make up reports, intersperse numerous fake reports with occasional real reports from other places, and become a "name" in ufology.

Thus an individual who wants to become a UFO "authority," give talks at conventions, and appear on radio, TV, and the internet has only to make up cases. Would anyone actually do it? Is someone already doing it?

If there are fake reports, do they do any harm?

Statistically, yes, such as the number of reports in a given year, the areas which have the most reports, and the types of UFOs reported most often. With fake reports in the mix, such statistics become much less meaningful.

The reason usually given for not revealing the name of a witness is to protect the witness. However, in looking over investigated MUFON reports which I have received over the years, it strikes me that a large percentage of witnesses will allow their names to be used.

Even when the name is not to be publicized, it does appear on the MUFON form, so that the person using the information is reasonably certain that the witness is real.

If someone needs to do further research on the case, then that witness can be contacted to see if he/she will agree to additional research by another investigator.

A red flag should go up when a website or other source of a report refuses to assist a legitimate investigator from a legitimate organization in contacting an alleged witness.

Peter Davenport is an example of a source who DOES work with MUFON to provide contact information for follow-up investigations, but some of the other sources do not.

There is this common excuse by some sources: "In the past I have given contact information to (fill in the blank) and they have not followed up, so I don't give out witness information any more."

This just doesn't fly. Naturally there will be people who do not follow through, but there are plenty who will—and that is how we get the information we need to better understand the UFO

phenomenon.

The individual who holds himself/herself up as an ongoing receiver and distributor of reports has an obligation to cooperate with researchers.

The number of cases that deserve a follow-up are small, but they are im-

Russian UFO cases for 2005 include crop circles, photos, & watermelons

Moscow newspaper *Komso-molskaya Pravda* has put together reports of what the staff feels are the best UFO and UFO-related reports from Russia and other post-Soviet countries for 2005.

Crop Circles

Last year 18 cases of crop circles were reported in Russia's regions—this is six more than in 2004, and almost twice the number for 2003.

Mysterious signs were seen in all parts of the country—as far afield as the Komi Republic and the Far East, and as close to Moscow as the Voronezh and Novgorod regions.

UFO caught on film

"This May I took visiting relatives out to see an ice drift on the Yenisei," nurse Raisa Kireyeva from the town of Igarka says.

"I was speaking and gesturing, and my son was taking pictures. We neither heard nor saw anything suspicious or unusual, so we were totally shocked to see some object hanging in the air over my head when we had the photographs printed."

The woman took the picture and the negative to the Eternal Frost Museum.

At first the experts were skeptical. But after an examination they had to admit the strange object in the picture was neither a fake nor faulty film.

"We checked all the negatives," the director of the Eternal Frost Museum in Igarka, Alexander Toshchev, said. "But even when we magnified the image many times, the 'saucer' remained very distinct."

Watermelon patterns by ET?

In September, bright luminous orange-colored objects, round in shape, became a familiar sight in the village

portant. Investigators should be alert for cases that suggest the need for detailed investigations, and contact the sources of these cases.

If the source refuses to cooperate, this should be reported far and wide. Let's see who is legitimate, and who is on an ego trip.

of Yevseyevka in the Primorye region of Russia's Far East. Enormous lights moved across the sky in the evenings, disappearing from view and then returning again.

The balls demonstrated strange behavior: they froze for some time, started moving again, changed their path of motion, sent out rays of light towards one another, and each ball beamed bright lights towards the ground.

A local farmer conducted an experiment on Sept. 7. When the balls appeared in the dark sky, Yuri Galayev took his flashlight and signaled to one of the balls, turning the flashlight on and off. The ball responded immediately with identical signals.

The next morning when the Galayevs went to their watermelon field they noticed a weird pattern on one of the watermelons.

They remembered that the pattern had not been there the day before, and came to the conclusion it was a note from their night visitors.

The watermelon was taken to a well-known Primorye biologist and ufologist, Valery Dvuzhilny.

"I studied the fruit, both the healthy and the impacted tissue," Dvuzhilny said. "This could not be done by insects, bacteria, nor by some fungi—none of these could produce such a symmetrical pattern."

The patterned watermelon is not an isolated case in the region. In September, 2002, two watermelons with complicated pictograms on them were found in the field of farmer Nikolai Schislyayev.

"Well, let them draw," the farmer said. "I don't care as long as they don't steal from the field."

—Moscow News



FILER'S FILES

Director, MUFON Eastern Region

Note: These reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated, unless noted.

Ancient Chinese pyramids

The History Channel recently aired an hour-long documentary on the pyramids of China, featuring exclusive video footage of the pyramids of Xian taken by Hartwig Hausdorf.



George Filer.

At the turn of the century, two Australian traders discovered over one hundred pyramids, and when they asked the custodian of a local monastery about them, they were told that, according to 5,000-year-old records housed in the monastery, the pyramids were said to be much older.

The traders were told that the pyramids belonged to an age when the "old emperors" reigned in China, and that the emperors always stressed the fact that they did not originate on Earth.

Rather they were the descendants of the "sons of heaven, who roared down to this planet on their fiery metallic dragons." The traders were told that the pyramids had been built by visitors from outer space.

Hausdorf, a German researcher, visited the "forbidden zones" surrounding the city of Xian in Central China, Shensi Province, where he found six of the legendary pyramids.

Some of these pyramids are now in quite poor condition, largely due to being plundered by local farmers, although the government does not allow excavations.

The Chinese pyramids vary between 25 and 100 meters in height except for



Chinese pyramids.

one. To the north, in the valley of Qin Lin, lies what has become known as the Great White Pyramid. It is immense, approximately 300 meters (1000 feet) in height! The Great Pyramid of Egypt is only 481.

The Chinese government has built a launch pad for their space program near the Great White Pyramid, and restrict travel to the area.

An ancient city carved out of rock, atop a sheer cliff, has been found with straight grooves cut into the cliff face.

The walls are cut perfectly straight, like a laser was used. Ancient stone discs similar to DVDs have been found nearby. They have also found well-preserved bodies that resemble a race of ancient Celts or Hungarians.

The Chinese pyramids are very similar to Mexican pyramids, and perhaps they were built by the same "Sons of Heaven." Most are flat topped, and some have small temples on top.

Hausdorf is the author of *The White Pyramid* and *Satellites of the Gods*. He claims a Chinese Roswell-type UFO crash occurred 12,000 years ago and that there are graves containing skeletons of strange looking humanoid beings just over four feet tall with large heads.

California triangle

Santa Barbara — The witness observed a large triangle with lights hovering over the freeway on Nov. 26, 2005, at 6:30 PM.

There was one light that was spinning around the ship, and three white lights in the shape of a triangle with one at each point.

There was one red light right in the middle of the craft. The ship was not very high, in the sky. It was about as high as a plane that is about to start landing. There weren't other lights around, such as street lights or stars.

Pennsylvania craft drops fireballs

Pittsburgh — The witness reports, "On Dec. 11, 2005, at 9:30 PM, we saw an object flying in the clouds while in the backyard, and we followed it to the front yard. As we watched the craft it stopped, then it began to fly again.

"It was bright orange, or it had a bright orange glow to it, and as it got further away, it began to speed up.

"It emitted some kind of fireballs, dropping them one at a time about three times in a row. The balls were bright orange also like the object, resembling fire. We watched the craft until it disappeared out of sight, and it moved in

a circular motion as it flew.”

Thanks to Peter Davenport, director, National UFO Reporting Center.

Florida Oval

Crawfordville — The witness while driving home reports seeing a long object full of light between the trees on Dec. 13, 2005, at 8 PM: “When we cleared the trees for a moment my brother-in-law and I saw a long-shaped object that was full of a yellow light.

“It was big and brighter than an airplane fully lit up. We then passed behind more trees, and when we cleared the trees it was gone.

“Having a witness with me is what made me want to report the incident.” Thanks to Peter Davenport, www.UFOcenter.com.

UFO landing in Israel

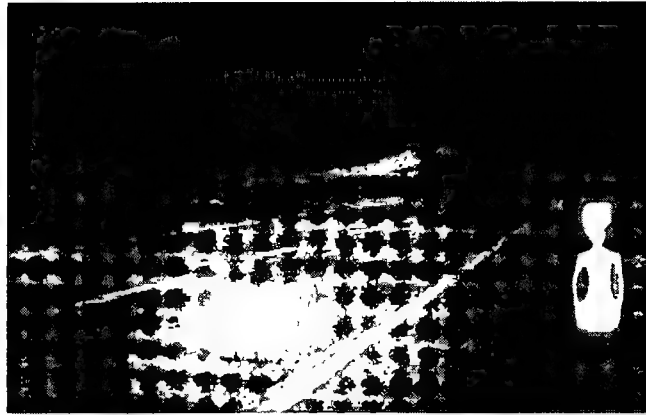
Hannan Sabat, Israel Center for UFO Research (ICFUFOR), writes, “Here is the report concerning a UFO landing, which occurred between Sunday and Monday on Nov. 27-28, 2005. The event occurred in one of the agricultural settlements, between the city of Ramla and the Lod International Airport (central Israel).

“At 1:30 AM the witness’ daughter heard noises coming from the yard. She turned the lights in the yard on, but she didn’t see anything unusual. Dogs were heard barking about 2:30 AM. After 7 AM the witness’ wife discovered elliptic signs of imprinting in the yard in hard-pressed coarse sand and small stones.

“The woman called her husband, and he called the police. The police sent a team of scouts, and then the police called Abi Greif (chairman of ICFUFOR).

“At first, the dogs didn’t want to approach the imprinting, and avoided entering the area. The police scouts checked the house and its surroundings, but didn’t find any clues. They indicated in their report that it is a case of a UFO that came from above and probably left in the same direction.

“They couldn’t decide what this object was. Any signs of an object brought there by someone, or signs of a dune buggy or any other vehicles, were rejected by the police. I arrived at the



Drawing of glowing entity in Indiana.

area about 11 PM, and with the witness’ help checked the area and photographed the imprinting.

“The imprint is about 1.5 to 2 meters in diameter and has an oval elliptic shape. Extensions, turning outside, were found in surrounding the central spiral shape.

“The imprinting was shallow, about 1-2 centimeters in depth. The imprinting was brighter than the soil around it, and some stones were pulled out.

“Next to the main imprinting, a deep ditch was seen. It was about 10 cm deep and 1 to 1.5 meters in length. The ditch wasn’t seen there before.

“New soot marks were found on a telephone pole near the ditch. One of the pole’s devices was covered with “V”-shape marks.

“The second device (colored metal-gray) was covered with some soot. Some of the grass near the imprinting was covered with a gray dusty material and thin sand. A plastic rope was found stuck to itself.”

Indiana Glowing Entity

Oolitic — Lynn Taylor writes: “Jonathon, my son-in-law, works the night shift in Bedford, twenty miles south of Bloomington, IN.

“Twice this summer at different locations on Highway 37S, he observed a self-luminescent humanoid shape on the side of the roadway around 8:45-9:00 PM.

“In both instances he described the entity as having a slender torso area and a ‘big round head.’ The entity or object was not animate, and did not react to Jonathon’s vehicle.

“The figure glowed with a brilliant

white light, obscuring any detailed features. Because of the brightness of the entity, Jonathon was unable to get a good look at the lower portion of its body on either occasion.

“The first encounter occurred near the Highway 50W exit near Oolitic. The entity/object was standing on the west shoulder,

about ten feet from the pavement in June, 2005.

“In the second encounter, just south of Tapp Road, the entity/object was standing in the median of the four-lane highway. In both instances, Jonathon looked into his rear view mirror to see the entity/object still standing there, still glowing.

“That fact would seem to eliminate the possibility of reflected light from his headlights. On his return through the area, the entity was gone.”

Anyone having witnessed this object or entity along Highway 37 between Bloomington and Bedford, IN, is asked to contact AAARC, Lynn Taylor.

Puerto Rico disc rises from sea

DORADO — Eduardo Cerdeiros Gonzalez and Sonia Felix Maldonado were driving along the Caribbean Sea on the north shore of Puerto Rico on Nov. 11, 2001, at 11:11 PM. The radio sound turned to static, and the car lights dimmed. The engine sputtered and stopped.

They looked toward the sea and saw a black disc come out of the water with pulsating red and orange lights. It flashed its lights, heading north and straight up and out of sight in about 15 seconds.

A member of the Puerto Rico highway patrol police, Jaime D., also viewed the incident and reported to his headquarters.

Texas Flying Triangle

TEXARKANA — The witness reports, “Last night on Nov. 7, 2005, I dropped off my girlfriend by the store and pulled into my parents’ back drive-

way and was sitting there for an hour before I noticed a real bright light. I watched the glow for a couple of minutes and went back to listening to the radio and drinking my beer.

"About 25 minutes later, the glow went totally black, and at the same time my neighbor's security lights went out. The lights stayed off for about two minutes, then popped back on as the glowing object also popped on at the same time.

"It then began to move sideways very slowly until it was out of my view behind some trees. I got out of my car to watch, and it changed direction and glided damn near over my house.

"It had a triangular shape with rounded edges and huge windows at the top half of the craft. There was a red light under the craft, but it was not flashing like a normal aircraft. It was the size of a hospital. I have been in the military and grew up near an Air Force base, and this wasn't anything that I have seen before."

Bleeding nose in Florida

JACKSONVILLE — The witness reports, "I was standing in a parking lot with six friends. The objects all came together and moved in a formation like 2-3-4-3-2 on June 5, 1968. They moved from the east to west until they were directly above us.

"Then, they started moving in a figure eight or dog fighting motions. They, then came back together into the same formation, moved west to east, and then flew in all directions. My friends decided to leave.

"As I watched, I noticed a light moving west that became brighter until I saw a large black and white bullseye target.

"The next moment a blue-white saucer flew over at 20 to 100 feet altitude, and I was standing there with a bleeding nose and an hour difference in time, for it now was 10:45 PM. One friend came to me and told me he had been there looking for me earlier and couldn't find me.

"I explained to him that I had not gone anywhere, and then he noticed my bleeding nose. I have no memory of the lost time or the object after seeing the bullseye." Thanks to Jack Kentucky.

Illinois spinning flat objects

Chicago — I was on the porch smoking around 9 PM on Dec. 11, 2005, and saw a bright flat-shaped object flying southeast. It was moving in a spinning motion, and looked like one side of it was the color of fire.

"I immediately called my daughter, so that she could see that I was not seeing things! She couldn't believe what she saw either! It continued to move higher into the sky, and I saw another one coming from another direction, and it looked like it went right up to the other one, and both of them just kept on going.

"They both moved in a spinning motion, looked flat, and had the color of fire on one side. Very weird!" Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New Jersey boomerang and balls

Parsippany — The witness reports seeing a boomerang-shaped craft on Dec. 7, 2005, at 10 PM. The hovering lights veered left and then sped right.

The object had two lights in front and a red light in back that seemed suspended from the craft.

It hovered at an estimated 2,000 feet, veered left at a slow speed, then right, and mildly accelerated. There were no towers or buildings nearby. Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New York large black object

Long Island City — The witness reports, "I was watching a construction site across the street from my window on the 22nd floor of 1 Court Square on Dec. 13, 2005, at 11:13 AM.

"A large dull black object that at first, I mistook as something the crane was lifting was flying in the background. I asked my co-worker what the hell it was. It started to move slowly.

"We also noticed the construction workers on the building next door pointing and watching the same object. Several other coworkers also came by as the object moved across Manhattan from east to west around 59th Street.

"It then traveled south, then reappeared in front of us again on the north side of the building.

"We called co-workers in our office in NYC. They saw it, too, and couldn't

make out what it was. They described it as a large black box." Thanks to Peter Davenport, www.UFOcenter.com.

UFO on road in Argentina

A bus traveling from Cordoba to San Luis was forced to stop Dec. 29, 2005, at 9:45 PM due to the presence of a flying saucer on the road.

A passenger said that the bus stopped as it faced an enormous light, and that other passengers got out of the vehicle to witness the event.

"I will never forget the cone-shaped light in the middle of the road," the passenger told the *El Liberal* newspaper. "Suddenly, the object was enveloped in a bluish-white light and started to spin like a top and rise straight up, lighting the landscape like daytime.

"As it ascended, it issued colored lights in intense phosphorescent shades. It suddenly disappeared to become a glowing dot. I immediately began perceiving an odor of heated metal that blended with a very particular smell resembling sulfur."

A woman also claimed having seen a UFO last Friday along the same route from the microbus belonging to the Andesmar Company.

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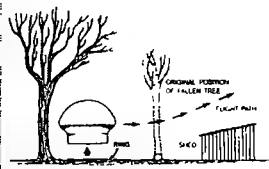
Argentina Cattle Mutilation

VERTIZ — Inexplicata reports four Argentine Frisian cows were found dead and mutilated on Dec. 13, 2005, at the Los Hermanos ranch in La Pampa.

The leaseholder, Gustavo Steib, stated, "From one day to the next, cows that were about to give birth were found dead, missing their genitalia, the nipples of their udders, and a patch of hide, whose circular incision was perfect.

"The incisions were precise, clean, and almost cauterized—it's like cutting and sealing at the same time to avoid hemorrhages. The flesh rots at a high rate of twelve hours, whereas it normally takes two or three days, and the carcass is unmolested by carrion animals."

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Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

The Cato landing

The Marlett Sturgell farm, consisting of 500 acres, is located in eastern Barry County, MO. in the Mark Twain National Forest. The farm is in a remote area 1.6 miles from the small town of Cato.

Dense forest surrounds the farm, with the exception of fields extending from the Sturgell house south to Flat Creek, which borders the fields on the east, west, and south.

The farm is at the end of a long, narrow gravel road, and the nearest house is a mile away.



Ted Phillips

Witnesses

Marlett Sturgell, 71; Dora Sturgell, wife, 69; Norman Sturgell, son of Marlett & Dora, 24; Jean (Norman's fiancée), 23; Raymond Morgan, son-in-law, 37; Francis Sturgell Morgan, daughter of Marlett & Dora, 36; Bruce Morgan, son of Raymond & Francis, 16.

The sighting

The morning of Oct. 8, 1978, featured a combination of clear sky to high scattered clouds, light winds, and a temperature of 49 degrees. Morning twilight began at 6:45 AM, with sunrise at 7:16. Azimuth 50 degrees.

Sixteen minutes before sunrise the fields between the house and Flat Creek were illuminated by the morning twilight, presenting a clear and bright view.

It was at this time that Dora Sturgell took her 3-year-old grandson to a south window to try to show him a coyote which was often seen in the early morning.

The field is surrounded by heavy timber to the south and west, and is at



View of object (white, recreated), as seen from the house.

a lower elevation than the house. The terrain falls 10 feet in elevation to a point 285 feet south of the Sturgell home.

There is a clearing northwest of the field and this is the area over which the object later ascended. The field in which the landing took place is separated from a second field to the east by a fence and a few scattered trees. The field in which the site is found has a gradual slope to the creek.

As Dora looked out the window, she saw a shape, pure white in color, resting on the ground between a cow and calf and the coyote.

She mentioned the object to Francis and Marlett. The white object was 185 feet away, and they decided it must be a piece of paper or metal which had blown into the field during the night.

Taped description of initial observation

Dora: "I was looking through this big window there (south side of house) and I looked down there and was gonna show my grandson a coyote—he wanted to see a coyote. I said, it's here every morning, just wait a minute and I'll

show you. Well...there was a cow and her calf standing there on this side (east) and the coyote was on the west side, and that thing was between them.

"It looked just like a big piece of white paper or plastic or something, and one side seemed like it came down that way, kind of like a hump. It was there I would say, about two hours or longer.

"My daughter [Francis] had come to the window there while we were looking at the coyote, and the coyote and the cow and her calf just stood there, and finally the coyote ran that way [SE] and that calf chased it off. The old cow just stood there. So...we didn't think any more about it."

Phillips: What color was it when it was on the ground?

Dora: "It was snow white. Of course it was in the morning; the Sun did come up before it took off."

Marlett: "It was an aluminum color."

Phillips: Did the shape look different when it was in the air?

Marlett: "Well, we couldn't see it down there very good [a berm on the S side of a narrow gravel road blocked their view of the lower section of the

object.] I took it to be about this big around [4 feet] and about this high [3 feet] in the air. It wasn't that big down there; it kind of sloped to the side and stood up like this. One side looked higher than the other.

"When it raised up, when it got in the air, it was taller. [After clearing the berm the entire object could be seen.] When a person is all excited, he doesn't look for all them things."

Marlett: "Well, that old tarp down there [tarp used to cover and protect the site until I arrived] kind of reminds you of something like that, only white, humped up over something, like a piece of paper rolled up and laying there."

Dora: "Why that cow and calf and that coyote didn't take off running is something."

Marlett: Well, that thing was there from seven, and it was still there when I went to get the tractor. I left the house at nine. As I walked to the tractor I thought I had better take a look at it.

"By the time I got down there I looked up and it was off the ground. If a cow had been laying down there with something over it...that's what it would have looked like. Raymond went right straight down there [to the site after the ascent]."

Phillips: Could you see any lights on the outside of the landed object? Openings? Any surface features?

Francis: "No."

Phillips: Could you see anything at all hanging from it? Sticking out from it?

Francis: "No, I didn't see anything, none of us did."

As the morning progressed all of the members of the family continued to look out the window periodically, and from the front porch until 9:00, two hours after the initial sighting.

Following breakfast, Norman had gone to a barn located 125 feet southeast of the house to do the morning chores. At 9:00 Marlett left the house and walked to the barn to join his son.

Norman called to Raymond and asked him to drive the tractor from the house to the barn. Raymond and Bruce started walking toward the barn.

The ascent

At this point Francis again looked out the south window and saw the object

now four or five feet above the ground, ascending. Dora was watching from the front porch, and observed the object ascending vertically.

During the ascent Dora was joined in seconds by Francis, with Raymond and Bruce 60 feet southeast of the house, and Marlett and Norman at the barn. Raymond and Bruce ran to the front of the house quickly and watched the ascent from there.

Phillips: Who saw it leave the ground first?

Francis: "I think—I don't know for sure—I think I saw it the lowest. I saw it when it was about fence high, about as high as that fence is [a fence located on the south side of the gravel road between the site and the house]. I think they saw it when it was a little bit higher. Dad was out by the tractor. I don't think we called out; it seemed like we all just went there out front."

Phillips: Were you at the window by yourself when you saw it coming up?

Francis: "Yes, I went on out. When I did, I saw dad running that way."

Bruce: "I think I was just coming out of the house 'cause everyone was running out there."

Phillips: Did you see it leaving the ground?

Bruce: "No, it was up in the air."

Phillips: Francis, was your mom in the house with you?

Francis: "I think she was outside."

Phillips: When you first saw it coming off the ground, did it look different than it did on the ground?

Francis: "Yes, it was just sort of slanting up, like an oval, like..."

Bruce: "It looked like it was silver as it got up in the air, it seemed to change from white to silver as it got up in the air...real silver, really bright..."

Francis: "It looked to me like it was a round thing. It looked white at fence high, then it got silver as it went up. It looked oval and a little larger after it got up; it just gradually got bigger as it got higher."

[As the object ascended it moved from a distance of 285 feet from the witnesses to about 180 feet as it passed to the west of the house.]

Phillips: Was there any wind?

Francis: "I don't think so, not much

if any. It was a real pretty morning, just a few clouds, warm."

Phillips: Any wind gusts?

Francis: "No."

Bruce: "No, real calm, I remember that there wasn't any wind." [The site is located in a low elevation field surrounded by trees, the light winds described by the weather station would have been diminished on the surface].

Phillips: How did it take off?

Francis: "It went straight up maybe 6 to 8 feet fast, then it slowed."

Phillips: Smooth motion?

Francis: "Yes, real smooth."

Phillips: Did it seem to turn at any point?

Francis: "Yes, it turned right, and then a bigger turn to the left. It was rotating also. Sometimes you could see the shiny, and sometimes you couldn't. I thought it was turning in the sky. It turned darker; it looked like the other part was darker. I could see a black stripe that was wider than the pin stripe on an automobile, and it ran the length of the object."

Phillips: Any sound?

Bruce: "None, really quiet."

Phillips: Now, you see it taking off from the window, and you run outside. Where was it when you got outside?

Francis: "Still over the field." [Indicating a very slow rate of ascent].

Phillips: When you got outside, was your father there yet?

Francis: "No, he was running toward us. When the thing was at the tree tops it was silver. In the air it seemed to turn silver, then dark, then silver again. It seemed to turn every two seconds or so."

Phillips: How large was the object?

Francis: "Four or five feet wide, three feet high. It just got a little rounder as it went up. It looked flatter on the ground, then it got a little bit bigger. It looked like it was tilted."

I will continue with this very significant case next month, including descriptions by the witnesses of a second object and my investigation of the landing site.

MUFON reports

Field Investigators: Please send a copy of your sighting reports directly to the *Journal*.

Mysterious animal deaths, mutilations continue to plague Colorado ranches

By R. Scott Rappold

The Gazette, Colorado Springs

Cattle rancher Clyde Chess never learned who—or what—killed his heifer 11 years ago, removing its lips, tongue, ears, heart, and reproductive organs with laserlike precision.

But he has a theory. "I suspect, and I know it sounds far-fetched, it was government testing," said Chess, who has a ranch in Rush. "They're the only ones that have that kind of technology."

This is eastern El Paso County, where stories of mysterious black aircraft, unexplained lights in the sky, and bizarre cattle mutilations aren't considered too farfetched.

Many remember the string of cattle mutilations that occurred in the 1970s, and happen to this day.

"Is this a mystery? It's a huge mystery," said Linda Moulton Howe of Albuquerque, NM, author of *An Alien Harvest*, a book about the cattle mutilation phenomenon. "What it all means I don't know. But do I think humans did that? Absolutely not."

The facts are sparse: On Oct. 11, six horses and a burro—all healthy—were found dead in a field near Calhan. The veterinarian who examined them, Dr. John Heikkila, ruled out a winter storm, disease, toxic plants, and lightning.

Officials remain puzzled by the quarter-inch puncture holes in the animals' hides, originally thought to be gunshot wounds, but no evidence of bullets was found.

Toxicology tests for common poisons came up negative, and expensive testing for "unusual possibilities" was not done, because of cost, Heikkila wrote in his Nov. 20 autopsy report.

He concluded that an unusual toxin, delivered through a dart or pellet, caused the deaths.

The horses' owner, Bonny Blasingame, also thinks they were poisoned. She doesn't know who would do it, but others have an idea. "I've talked to several of my friends who think that it's aliens," Blasingame said. She said she didn't laugh.

Leslie Varnicle, state director of the Mutual UFO Network, has also looked into the deaths. She said a teenager spotted a strange aircraft in the Calhan area Oct. 21. She thinks it's no coincidence.

"You had the animal deaths and, in the same time and area, an observation of this V-shaped craft," Varnicle said. "In the back of my mind, I think there is a connection."

Eastern El Paso County is fertile ground for such theories. In the 1970s and '80s the area was among many parts of the West to see a string of cattle mutilations.

Typically, soft tissue such as the lips, rectum and sexual organs were removed, with little blood or signs of a struggle evident.

There was an FBI investigation, and in 1979 a summit attended by scientists, law enforcement officials from several states, UFO investigators, and a U.S. senator.

The wave died out around the mid-1980s. In New Mexico, National Guard helicopters patrolled pastures.

But mysterious livestock deaths never stopped here. According to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, there have been 26 unusual or unexplained livestock deaths since 1989. No arrests have been made.

Some cases have been truly bizarre. In January, 1996, Truckton area rancher James Richard White found one of his cows dead, with an entire eye socket surgically removed. There was no sign of a struggle, and no tracks.

According to a Sheriff's Office report, White told a deputy he had seen black helicopters in the area before, hovering a couple hundred feet above the ground, not making a sound.

And on the night his cow was killed, his television flickered.

In 1994, Simla rancher Ted Hasenbalg found one of his bulls mutilated, the third to die strangely since the 1970s.

"I've got to think it's UFOs. That's the only thing logical," Hasenbalg said.

CALENDAR

Feb. 26-March 4—Annual International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival, Flamingo Resort, Laughlin, NV, featuring Jaime Maussan, Bill Ryan, Geoff Stray, Haktan Akdogan, Helen Littrell, Jean Bilodeaux, Mark Kimmel, Barbara Lamb, Christian Frehner, Michael Cremona, Dr. William Tiller, Wendelle Stevens, Michael Horn, Robert Cook, Colin Andrews, Philip Mantle, Scott Ramsey, Paul Davids, Don Ledger, Ryan Wood, Maurizio Baiata, Greg Bishop, Jorge Martin, George Knapp, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, Peter Robbins, and A. J. Gevaerd. 303-651-7136, ufocongress@msn.com, www.ufocongress.com.

April 8, 2006—Ohio MUFON and The Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP), Oberlin College Science Center, West Lecture Hall, N174 119 Woodland St., Oberlin, OH, featuring Richard Dolan, "UFOs, National Security, and You: What's Going On and Why It Matters," 4-6 PM with book signing to follow. Contact Richard Lee, 330-928-1355, rlee@neo.rr.com or CUP website <http://www.clevelandufo.com/home.html>

April 14, 15, and 16—18th Annual Ozark UFO Conference, Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR, featuring Timothy Good, Linda Moulton Howe, Wendelle Stevens, Nancy Talbott, Joe Lewells, Paul Von Ward, Dr. Rudy Schild, Norman Oliver, and additional speakers, plus Sunday morning mini-sessions. web1f123@webtv.net ozarkufo.com

May 19-20—McMenamins UFO Festival, McMinnville, OR, 503-223-0109, www.ufofest.com.

June 16-18—SGRA conference, Howard Johnson Motel, Milford, CT, featuring Jeff Belanger, John Zaffis, Stacey Jones, Stephen Wagner, Nick Roesler, Diane Bajorinas, Jon Nowinski, Todd Bates, Dr. Jimmy Lowrey, and Mark Mihalko. www.sgra-media.org.

July 14-16, 2006—The 37th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO. "Unconventional Flying Objects: The Best Evidence."



PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

Exopolitics

Exopolitics (extraterrestrial plus politics) is a word that has received a lot of attention over the past few years, but especially after Sept. 25, 2005.

A former Canadian politician named Paul Hellyer was one of several speakers at an Exopolitics Conference at the University of Toronto, in Toronto.

The Conference was organized by Mike Bird and Victor Viggiani. The speakers included Steve Bassett, Richard Dolan, Viggiani, Hellyer, and myself. It was held on Sunday, Sept. 25, from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Admission ran about \$40 (CAD).

Except for Hellyer, we all appeared on Errol Bruce Knapp's weekly UFO-related radio program "Strange Days Indeed" the night before to help promote the program.

Hellyer, who was now 82, had served as Canadian minister of defense back in 1963-67. He had switched political parties and then tried starting his own party. He looked good and read his talk, but without any visual aids.

I gave a Power Point program, stressing facts and data about UFOs, various government lies, the Cosmic Watergate, etc.

We speakers also were present at a press conference after the formal conference. A book store was selling books in the lobby, including selling 57 copies of the newly-published 2nd edition of my book *TOP SECRET/MAJIC*.

Obviously some people had a serious interest in UFOs. There were about 400 people present for the conference, somewhat of a disappointment to the sponsors.

No insider information

Hellyer provided no insider information about UFOs from his days as minister of defense or serving in any other political capacity. He stated he had none, and admitted that he did not have a need-to-know for everything.

He stressed that he had read Col.

Philip Corso's book *The Day after Roswell* and watched Peter Jennings' Feb. 24, 2005, ABC-TV documentary and was impressed. He obviously hadn't read any of the criticism of either (see www.stantonfriedman.com).

He said he spoke with a retired USAF General who told him it is all true and more.

He wouldn't release the name of this

informant, and there is no way to know whether what was meant was that all the details in Corso's book were correct (very very doubtful) or that indeed a



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saucer had been recovered at Roswell and the US government has been trying to extract high technology from the wreckage.

Because of Hellyer's high level background, roughly the equivalent of a secretary of defense, but for a country with a much lower expenditure per capita on Defense matters than the USA, he has received a lot of media attention, including being on the Fox and MNBC TV networks.

There had been some major press coverage before the conference which focused on Hellyer because essentially no background was provided concerning the other speakers.

At the post-conference press gathering there were no representatives of major newspapers or TV. Press focus was often on his comments that President Bush has approved establishing a space military capability which might get us into an "intergalactic" war.

Frankly, I object to the term intergalactic, which means between galaxies. Considering that the next galaxy over

is on the order of a million light years away, this sounds ridiculous. Intragalactic (within the galaxy) seems far more reasonable.

Hellyer provided no real evidence to support his positions. They were his opinions. Two other primary pursuers of exopolitics have also avoided dealing with evidence as a basis for their own conclusions.

One is Dr. Michael Salla of Australia, now living in Hawaii. He has participated in several conferences, and seems to believe every whistleblower and contactee story ever told.

His excuse for accepting the tales without evidence to support them, and in the face of evidence that they are baloney, is that since the government covers up things about UFOs, they would, of course, also make it impossible to verify claims of the whistleblowers and, therefore, the claims must be true.

A fan of Lazar

So he is a big fan of Robert Lazar, all of Dr. Steve Greer's sources, Col. Corso, Sgt. Clifford Stone, "Dr." Michael Wolf Krivant, etc.

He admitted he still had copies of his college degrees when I pointed out that I still have mine, even though I am many years older than Lazar, and that nothing Lazar has said checks out....no diplomas etc; but he must be telling the truth Salla claims.

The archives of the internet group "UFO Updates" have lengthy discussions between people like myself, Dr. David Rudiak, Dr. Kevin Randle, and Dr. Salla.

For reasons unknown, Salla believes that the creation of 4 atoms of Element 115, by operating a huge accelerator for almost a month, validates Lazar's scheme for creating gravity waves with a reactor using element 115. It would only take 10 followed by 24 zeros times as much element 115, which, unfortunately, has a half life of less than 1 second.

Another major practitioner on the

exopolitics scene is Steve Bassett, who even ran quite unsuccessfully for the US Congress on an exopolitical ticket. He has spoken at a number of conferences and hosted two of his own in Gaithersburg, MD.

He has made an effort to raise funds for the movement, but has not been very successful so far, as a number of speakers at his last conference still haven't been paid.

Research by proclamation

The third vocal supporter is Dr. Alfred Webre of Vancouver, British Columbia, who was supposedly looking into extraterrestrial life for President Jimmy Carter until his program was cancelled.

He is the author of *Exopolitics: Politics, Government and Law in the Universe*. To say the least, this is an ambitious effort. The book is a splendid example of research by proclamation.

For example, he claims "Universe civilizations function within our own interstellar Universe, as well as within other dimensions in the universe at large. Advanced civilizations exist in other dimensions parallel to our own."

I have no idea what this is supposed to mean. Of course, no evidence is provided.

Another proclamation is "Extraterrestrial civilizations visit Earth and an interplanetary federation governs Earth itself."

Really? Considering the mess the Earth is in with a trillion dollars per year being used for the military, and more than 30,000 children dying every day of preventable disease and starvation, that sure isn't much of a recommendation for the ETs.

He also proclaims "Universe society operates according to rules of law. Its intentions toward Earth are benign." No indication at all is given as to why Webre believes this. Perhaps he has forgotten that the road to Hell is paved with benign intentions.

Webre claims that since 45% of people responding to public opinion polls in North America believe that there is ET life, that means the rest of the planet is ready to become part of the Universe.

He gives the universals credit for people now knowing by intuition that

we are not alone. Clearly it is a very long way from people believing that there is other life somewhere in the universe (sort of like the SETI cultists claim) to accepting that they are running the show.

I think much bigger factors in acceptance of the notion of ET life are the movies, books, TV programs, and lectures like mine than directions from ETs.

Quite obviously it wouldn't take too many displays in public with oodles of witnesses (World Soccer Championship, the Olympics, etc) to convince us if that was the ET objective.

I, for one, have no idea how to extrapolate from North American polls to, for example, the views of 2.5 billion people in China, India, and Indonesia.

Not only do the exopoliticians provide no evidence to support their conclusions, but they also totally ignore national security considerations.

I think, based on all the military expenditures, that the nations of Earth are all very concerned about violations of their airspace and land and sea borders.

All are concerned about the possibility that their "enemies" may invade, or at least develop new and improved methods of attacking them. All are, I am sure, concerned about the possible development of improved, jam proof techniques for detecting enemy attacks and for their enemies detecting their attacks.

If anything has been learned that could be used for the development of improved offensive and military systems, none would want to share their information.

No evidence

Webre talks about the coming democratization of the planet. Again no evidence is presented. Does he really believe that the USA, with a population of roughly 300 million people, would accept a one-person, one-vote arrangement? China has 1.3 billion people. India has 1 billion.

Webre wants a 10-year period of publicly-supported ET related research. He accepts that there is a substantial cover-up of UFO data. Is he really not aware that this has already been publicly funded?

Black budgets in this democratic so-

ciety run well over 40 billion dollars per year. Some of that funding has almost certainly been used to investigate the "reports of UFOs which could affect national security and are not part of the Blue Book system," as noted by Gen. Carroll Bolender in 1968.

Salla and associates in January announced an "Extraterrestrial Civilizations & World Peace Conference" June 9-11, 2006, in Kona, Hawaii.

Conference planned

The announcement says, "The conference will focus on compelling evidence to assist the peoples of Earth in establishing world peace, environmental protection, and spiritual upliftment... Extensive evidence supports testimony from a number of whistleblowers and contactees that some of these extraterrestrial civilizations specifically approached world governments to ask for an end to nuclear weapons development... and that they have acted to mitigate the most severe aspects of military conflict."

I think he believes this, but can find no reason for me to.

More information is available at <http://www.exopoliticsinstitute.org/conference.htm>

Certainly Kona is a lovely place to visit in June. Paul Hellyer will be one of a number of speakers. Based on past performance I expect the quality of evidence to be minimal and almost entirely unsubstantiated.

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Silent auction fundraiser planned

This year's MUFON Symposium will again have a "Silent Auction" as a fundraiser for MUFON's general fund, according to Tom Deuley, who headed the effort last year.

"Last year was very successful," he explains, "and we are looking for ideas and donations to make this year even more successful. The unique items bring in the highest bids.

"Please let me know your thoughts, and join the fun in Denver this July. Call me at (915)-276 1314 after 5:00 PM MST or send an E-mail anytime, tpdeuley@aol.com."

Director's Message

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of Evidence. The contest is finished, and we are pleased with the results.

The first place winner of the contest was **Ronald S. Regehr** of Moab, UT. The title of his paper was "The Iranian UFO Encounter."

In the paper he provides multiple credible eyewitness reports, expert testimony by high ranking military officials, expert testimony of a DSP satellite expert, official government records, and authenticated records. His evidence shows that the UFO was observed by a classified spy satellite.

Second place went to **Carl Feindt** of Claymont, DE. His research was on "The Physical Influences of a UFO on Water."

Through the use of eyewitness testimony, expert testimony, demonstrative evidence, and official written statements, he was able to show that UFOs in and above water have a distinct effect on the water. This effect appears to be related to the power and propulsion system of the craft.

James B. Boldman of Belews Creek, NC, was selected as the third place winner. His paper was titled: "Angel Hair—Evidence of Technology."

Based on many eyewitness reports, authenticated evidence, and expert laboratory analyst testimony, he charted old and new angel hair cases, showed how they peaked in the years of major UFO flaps, and speculated on how they may be tied to the UFO propulsion systems.

All three winners have been invited to provide the results of their research at the 2006 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Denver, CO, in July.

MUFON 2006 International UFO Symposium

The 2006 symposium will be held July 14-16, 2006, at the Marriott Tech Center Hotel in Denver, CO. This is the same fabulous location where the 2005 symposium was held.

The theme of the event is "Unconventional Flying Objects: The Best Evidence."

Presentations will include papers on Hispanic UFOs Worldwide, Large Triangular UFOs, New Landing Trace Evidence, Angel Hair in UFO Cases, Police Officer UFO Reports, Evidence for 77 UFO Crashes, Physical Influences of UFOs on Water, New Evidence in the 1976 Iranian UFO Encounter, and A Wrap-up of 2005 UFO Cases Showing the Current Nature of the UFO Mystery.

Attend this symposium and you will have all the ammunition you need to show that UFOs are real, and that there is solid evidence proving it. Registration information will be available next month.

New Lifetime Members

It is a pleasure to recognize six new MUFON Lifetime Members as follows:

Patricia King of Albia, IA, a *Journal* subscriber and relatively new member of MUFON;

Dennis Briefer of Berlin, MA, a *Journal* subscriber and veteran member of MUFON;

Michael Harrell of Greenville, SC, a long-term *Journal* subscriber trained in Naval nuclear power reactor operations;

Richard Moss of Long Prairie, MN, State Director for Minnesota;

Kenneth Storch of Aurora, CO, police officer and TV documentary star;

Herbert Prouty of Denton, TX, MUFON Director of Legal Affairs.

We are extremely grateful for this vote of confidence and outstanding level of support for MUFON.

Position Announcements

It is a pleasure to announce that **Charles L. "Chuck" Pine** of Tuttle, OK, has returned to the position of State Director for Oklahoma. During the period he was absent due to business travel, the position was first filled by **Susan Hill** and later by **Louis Inks**.

Gregory Von Schleh, of Seattle, WA, has accepted the position of Research Specialist—Business.

Claudio Del Rosario of Buenos Aires, Argentina, has agreed to be a

MUFON Foreign Representative for Argentina.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Brian Gaugler** of Port Jefferson Station, NY; **Jean Fisher** of Jackson, TN; and **Michael Price** of Ellenboro, NC, have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

Student **Stephen King** of Broken Arrow, OK, passed the Field Investigator's Exam, and is now a Student Field Investigator. MUFON Field Investigators are at the forefront of all field investigations and are assigned cases by their State Directors.

All Field Investigator Trainees are urged to self-study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam. State Directors, Assistant State Directors, State Section Directors, and State Chief Investigators are good sources of help and training.

The manual is available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 plus \$3.50 p&h in the U.S. Total price for delivery outside the U.S. is \$32.50. It may also be purchased via the Internet at www.mufon.com using PayPal.

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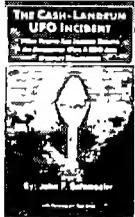
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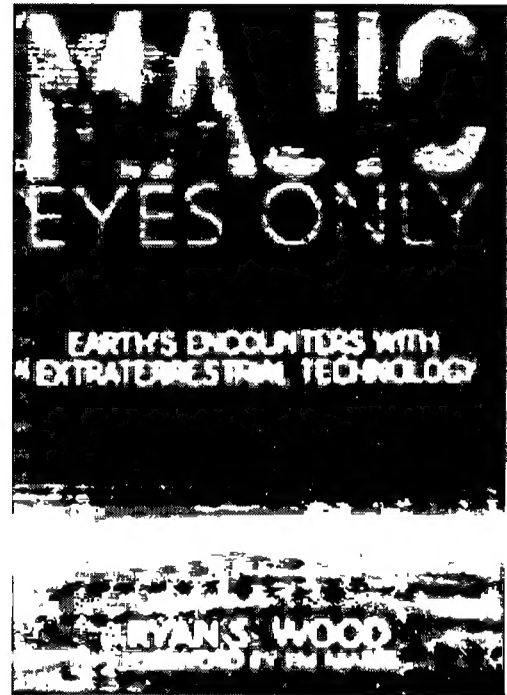
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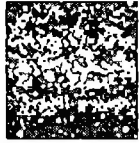


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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

March 2006

Moon Phases:

First quarter: March 6

Full Moon: March 14 (penumbral lunar eclipse)

Last quarter: March 22

New Moon: March 29 (total solar eclipse)

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Jupiter: In Libra. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will rise at the end of evening twilight in the east, ascend to about 40 degrees high near 1:30 AM, then descend to about 25 degrees high in the southwest at the beginning of morning twilight.

Saturn: In Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Saturn will stand nearly 70 degrees high in the east at the end of evening twilight, and will set by about 3:30 AM in the west-northwest

Mercury: Moving from Pisces into Aquarius. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will fade as it descends into the bright western twilight sky, and will become lost in the glare of the Sun in the first week of the month.

Mercury will reemerge for a brief time in the last few days of the month just before sunrise in the east-southeast.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will emerge in the morning sky in the east late in the month as it rises and brightens in the twilight sky.

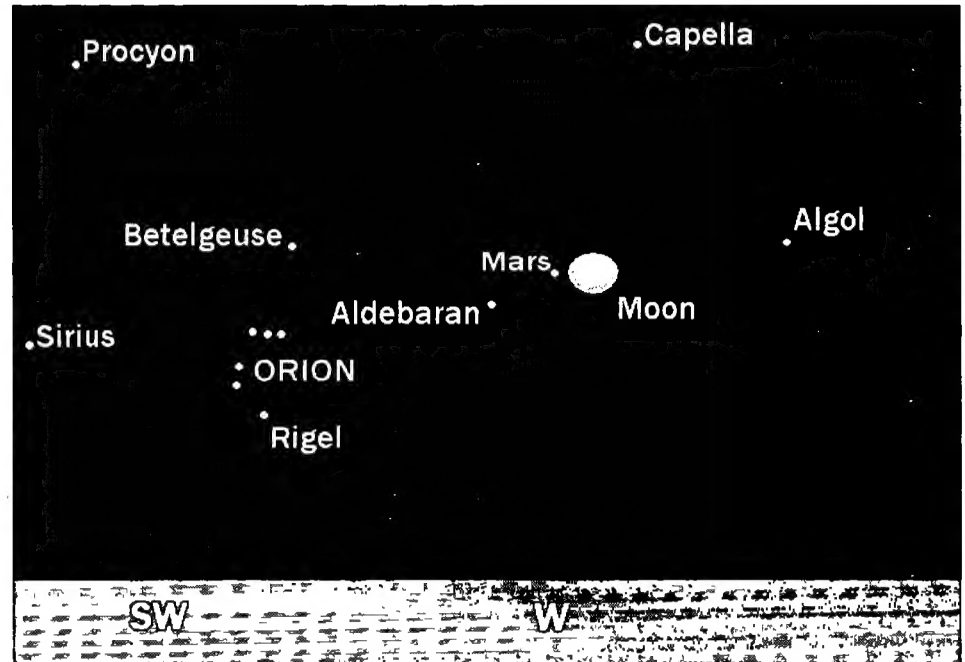
Venus: Moving from Sagittarius into Capricornus. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will be very difficult to observe this month, due to its proximity to the Sun, and will remain so until early May.

Mars: In Taurus. For northern hemisphere observers Mars will rise about 2.5 hours before the Sun in the east-southeast and will be very low in the southeast at the beginning of morning twilight.

Other Celestial Phenomena:

Spring Equinox: March 20

Zodiacal Light: Zodiacal light will be visible in northern latitudes in the west after evening twilight, beginning



March 5, looking west after sunset. Mars and the Moon are in conjunction and share the sky with the bright stars Sirius, Rigel, Aldebaran and Betelgeuse. The well known constellation

Orion accompanies the conjuncting planets

(The Moon has been altered in appearance from its actual phase for the purpose of clarity in printing.)

March 17 and lasting two weeks. The phenomenon is visible only from very dark locations.

Zodiacal light is the result of sunlight bouncing off dust grains in our solar system. These grains lie mostly in the plane of the solar system. Look for a pyramid of light in the evening sky somewhat similar to the light from a city or town just over the horizon.

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse: March 14-15. Visible from most of the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Total Solar Eclipse: March 29. Visible from extreme eastern South America, northern Africa, Europe, the Middle East and western Asia.

Planetary Conjunctions

Planetary conjunctions, especially when the brighter planets and/or stars are involved, can be a source of sightings reports as observers unfamiliar with the night sky notice the grouping of bright lights in the sky.

Conjunctions and Occultation's:

March 6 Mars 3 degrees south of the

Moon. March 10: Saturn 4 degrees south of the Moon. March 11: Mars 7 degrees north of Aldebaran. March 17: Spica 0.3 degrees south of the Moon. March 21: Antares 0.3 degrees north of the Moon. March 27: Mercury 2 degrees north of the Moon.

