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This is the third photo in a series allegedly taken Feb. 15, 1974, by Mr. Jorma Viita in Odense, Denmark. Mr. Viita esti-

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in its sides. Additional details and photos may be found on pages 14 and 15.

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Readers Forum

Dear Mr. Connelly,

I was most interested to see, in the October, 1974, *Skylook*, a few comments addressed to my article on UFO's and deception, which had previously appeared. Since Mr. Hall has apparently misunderstood the point I was trying to make, I would like to say a few words in clarification. I am not sure how I feel about being referred to as an "agent provocateur" or a "noise generator," but I think these epithets are undeserved.

My point is that we should consider that UFO beings might want to deceive us. Some reasons for this I put forward in my article; there might well be other reasons. That we should be on guard against such deception does not imply that we make a complete change in regard to our approach.

Mr. Hall says that "If we make the assumption that we are deliberately being misled, then the only 'counter-strategy' would be to discard what our senses and our science can tell us about UFO's and start substituting pure imagination." That this assertion is an exaggeration can easily be seen if I were to suggest that since the Russians continually try to deceive us about their strategic capabilities,

we should give up taking satellite pictures and substitute pure imagination. This is clearly absurd.

My suggestion about deception is not, as Mr. Hall would suggest, a counsel of despair, but rather one of caution. I am simply suggesting that patterns we find in looking at UFO data may be contrived. This does not mean that we should throw the data away; there may be important clues in it to what is really happening. As far as this, I agree with John Keel.

I think in this context that many researchers might profit from reading some of the better case-studies in strategic deception. One I would recommend is Barton Whaley's *Code-word Barbarossa* (MIT Press, 1973), which deals with how the Germans managed to deceive the Russians into thinking that they were not about to be invaded.

I do not believe that I have "a superior pipeline to truth," as Mr. Hall clearly suggests. As my article clearly states, I am only trying "to give the strategic point of view some airing." Indeed, I think it does still deserve some serious consideration.

Sincerely,
Ron Westrum
MUFON Sociology Consultant



Director's Message

By Walt Andrus

The Board of Directors of MUFON is extremely proud to announce that Raymond E. Fowler has accepted the position of Director for Investigations. Ray was born in Salem, Mass., in 1933 and graduated magna cum laude from Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., in 1960. He is employed by G.T.E. Sylvania, Needham, Mass., in the C.S.D. Minuteman Program as a Project Administrator Supervisor. He and his wife, Margaret, and their four children live at 13 Friend Court, Wenham, Mass. 01984, telephone AC 617 468-4815. Ray has been interested in UFO's for 25 years and is considered by many to be the finest UFO investigator in the United States.

Ray is the author of the recent hard-back book published by Exposition Press titled "UFO's Interplanetary Visitors," with the foreword by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. "A UFO investigator reports on the facts, fables, and fantasies of the flying saucer conspiracy" . . . provides a clue to the contents of his book.

Ray's first major project and assignment will be to edit and assemble MUFON's second edition of our "Field Investigators' Manual" for publication. In addition to serving MUFON as the Director for Investigations, he will be working closely with the Massachusetts MUFON State organization. Ray is also a scientific associate for the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Illinois.

Laurence T. Childs of Denver, Colo., formerly a State-Section Director, living in Wheatridge, Colo., has volunteered to serve as the new State Director for Colorado. Larry's business telephone is AC 303 233-3909. His new home address and telephone number will be forthcoming since he has recently changed his residence.

David R. Moyes is the new State-



Ray Fowler

Section Director for the Illinois counties of Winnebago, Boone, and Olge. His business address is Talcott Building, Room 615, Rockford, Ill., 61101, telephone AC 815 962-5808. His residence phone number is AC 815 965-0546. As a professional therapeutic hypnotist, David's services may be utilized in UFO cases to advantage.

Elmer Kral, State Director for Nebraska, has appointed Charles Lang, 1441 S. 163rd Street, Omaha, Neb., 68130, telephone AC 402 334-5914, to the position of State-Section Director for Sarpy and Douglas counties. Charles is a Physics teacher at Westside High School and is working on his Ph. D. in Education.

Everett C. Brazie, 2 Maple Crest Terrace, Fayetteville, N.Y. 13088, telephone AC 315 445-0388, the branch manager for Caterpillar in Albany, N.Y., has agreed to represent MUFON as the State-Section Director

for Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer counties in New York.

In Iowa, Harold Cowdin, State Director, has announced the following new assignments as State-Section Directors. John A. Dinter, P.O. Box 287, Marion, Iowa 52303, telephone AC 319 377-4378, for Linn, Jones, and Benton counties. Calvin R. Shanks, 1126 E. Washington, Washington, Iowa 52353, telephone AC 319 653-4754, for Washington and Keokuk counties. Peter L. French, 630 McKinley, Burlington, Iowa 52601, telephone AC 319 752-6898, for Des Moines and Louisa counties. (Peter is a switchman with Northwestern Bell and a commercial pilot.) Gary Graber, 405 Cedar Lane, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641, telephone AC 319 385-2473, for Henry and Jefferson counties. (Gary's artistic abilities may appear in future issues of SKYLOOK. He attended the MUFON UFO Symposium in Akron, Ohio, and has been very active in UFO investigations with Don Campbell in the Mt. Pleasant area.) Robert Wullenwaber, 703 North Wilson Ave., Jefferson, Iowa 50129, telephone AC 515 386-3827, for Greene and Carroll counties. (Bob also checks into the MUFON Amateur Radio Net each Saturday morning at 0800 Central Time on 3.975 MHz as WOKBE. His wife, Darlene, is also a ham operator, possessing the call letters WOPIN. They both attended the UFO lecture given by Walt Andrus at Drake University on Sept. 28.)

Your Director has received only favorable responses to the proposed combined MUFON membership and SKYLOOK subscription dues structure. An explanation of the new structure as adopted by MUFON's Board of Directors effective January 1, 1975, is contained in this issue of SKYLOOK.

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Branch Hill, Ohio, 1955

Occupant case detailed

By Ted Bleecher
INTRODUCTION

Toward the end of August, 1956, I spent a weekend with Len and Dell Stringfield at their home in the eastern suburbs of Cincinnati. Len introduced me to many of his UFO colleagues, some of whom provided useful leads, and he took an active part in the investigations. The extensive notes I made that week are the primary source of information used in this report, supplemented by certain information acquired since then.

We had hoped to obtain definitive information on three particular cases—the observation of small humanoids under a bridge at Loveland, Ohio (called “the bridge case”), the Symmonds encounter with small beings in southern Georgia (Mrs. Symmonds was a resident of Cincinnati), and the Greenhills case. Other incidents had been briefly referred to and although we tried to pin these down, the results were negative. However, in pursuing leads on the three cases outlined above, we came upon another encounter in the Loveland area that had not been previously reported—the extraordinary Hunnicutt case at Branch Hill, described in this report.

Although the results of these inquiries were indeed interesting, we found them not entirely satisfactory for several reasons. They lacked clearcut and definitive quality. All of the reports, except the Greenhills case, were single-witness encounters, while the latter included certain dubious elements that suggested the possibility of a hoax. The stories remained

somewhat elusive and fragmentary. All in all, the findings did not seem to warrant a formal presentation at that time. The highlights of these cases were summarized by Stringfield in his book, **INSIDE SAUCER POST . . . 30 BLUE**, an account of his own experiences as a UFO researcher; but at the time, no full-length report of our investigations was felt necessary.

Today the situation is different. Stringfield's book, for so long the only first-hand source about these cases, has been copied and recopied at second and third hand, and in the process certain inaccuracies have intruded. Additional information has been found regarding some of the earlier uncertainties. Accordingly, a detailed report providing more complete and accurate information seems to be in order. Cases similar to those in 1955 continue to be reported in this country and abroad. In the light of these more recent reports, it is appropriate to look back again on those earlier accounts, and this report is being prepared to make available accurate, first-hand information, in an organized form, to those who share an interest in this particular aspect of the UFO subject.

BRANCH HILL, OHIO— MAY 25, 1955

The Branch Hill encounter was unknown prior to August, 1956, beyond the original participants. It came to light during an interview by this reporter with Loveland Police Chief John K. Fritz on Aug. 31, in a meeting arranged to inquire about another incident that had occurred

in the summer of 1955, involving a 19-year-old Civil Defense volunteer who had reported seeing a group of foul-smelling “little men” under a bridge in Loveland (to be reported in December Skylook).

When the Loveland bridge case was brought up during our interview, Chief Fritz appeared reluctant to discuss what had happened. In what seemed to be a diversionary tactic, he changed the subject by introducing another humanoid encounter that had occurred near Loveland several months before the bridge case. He freely provided what details he could recall and showed no hesitation in discussing this report.

Fritz could not remember the exact date but thought it had occurred some time in March or April, 1955. He searched his files for the police report on the case but was unable to locate it. (He was looking under the wrong date.) Fritz told me that this was the kind of a report that “would make your hair stand on end.” The back of my neck did tingle perceptibly.

The police chief recounted how he had been awakened by someone pounding on his front door about 4 a.m. Answering, he was confronted by a somewhat shaken man named Robert Hunnicutt, standing in the doorway. “He looked as if he'd seen a ghost,” Fritz said.

Hunnicutt, a short-order chef in a newly-opened Loveland area restaurant, told the police chief that while he was driving northeast through Branch Hill (in Symmes Township) on the Madeira-Loveland Pike, he had seen a group of “strange little

men" along side of the road with "their backs to the bushes." Curious, he had stopped the car and gotten out.

According to Fritz, the witness claimed that he had seen "fire coming out of their hands," and a "terrible odor" permeated the place. When Hunnicutt realized he was looking at something quite out of the ordinary he became frightened and, jumping back into his car, had driven directly to the police chief's home.

Fritz, who knew Hunnicutt, found it difficult to believe his story "straight out," but he said there was no question in his mind that Hunnicutt was "scared to death." Said Fritz: "The man had seen something, and there's no argument to that." By getting close enough to smell his breath, Fritz was satisfied that there was no question of Hunnicutt's having been drinking. He agreed to check the area and told Hunnicutt to go on home.

Chief Fritz dressed, got his gun, loaded his camera, and drove to the area indicated by Hunnicutt. He made four or five passes along the road looking for signs of something unusual but he saw nothing that was out of the ordinary. Alone, with the details of Hunnicutt's strange story fresh in his mind, Fritz acknowledged that he did indeed "feel peculiar"; he also felt like he may have been "the biggest fool in Loveland."

Asked why he had taken a camera, he said he wanted evidence in the form of photographs if he came across anything unusual. Asked what he would have done if he had encountered the strange little beings, he replied that he would have gotten out of the car "and tried to talk to them, to find out where they come from." He added that "someone has to do it

sooner or later."

While Hunnicutt had not reported seeing a UFO, Chief Fritz said that there had been a sighting by members of the local Ground Observer Corps earlier that same night. The UFO sighting had been reported in the local newspaper, although Fritz did not have a copy of the press story. This would be an important reference insofar as it would serve to date Hunnicutt's encounter with the humanoids.

Fritz was willing to provide the current address of the witness who, at the time of our inquiries, resided in Avondale. Hunnicutt was contacted immediately upon my return from Loveland, and he agreed to meet with the Stringfields and me on the following night.

ACCOUNT BY THE WITNESS.

At the time of our interview on Sept. 1, 1956, Hunnicutt was the maitre d' of a restaurant in downtown Cincinnati. We met him early in the evening, before he was scheduled to go on duty, and spent more than an hour with him going over the details of his strange experience of the previous year. Extensive notes were made and a drawing of the "little men" was done by Stringfield under the careful supervision of the witness.

Hunnicutt was most cooperative in responding to our many questions, and he impressed us with the cautious manner in which he reconstructed all those details he could accurately recall.

As far as he could remember, Hunnicutt placed the date in the same period Fritz had mentioned—March or April, 1955. He had been coming home from work on the night of the incident. It was about 3:30 a.m. Driving north on the Madeira-Loveland Pike, he was in the vicinity of Hopewell Road at

Branch Hill, in Symmes Township.

As he topped a small rise and was coming down a slight grade, his car lights fell on what he first thought were three men kneeling down in the grass on the right side of the road, just inside the berm.

"My first impression was that there were three crazy guys praying by the side of the road," he told us. He brought his car to a stop "to see what gives," with the car lights illuminating the scene. It was at this time that he realized they were not three kneeling men: a sense of something quite extraordinary suddenly came over him, for the figures before him were not even men.

The figures were short, and they stood in a roughly triangular position facing the opposite side of the road; one was forward and closer to the road (and to the witness), while the other two stood in flank positions to the rear. The forward figure held his arms a foot or so above his head and it appeared to Hunnicutt as though he were holding a rod, or a chain, in this upraised position. (The detail of upraised arms was described by Mrs. Symmonds in the Stockton, Ga., encounter of July 3, 1955; it was also described in the Hopkinsville, Ky., case.)

Sparks, blue-white in color and two or three at a time, were seen jumping back and forth from one hand to the other, just above and below the "rod." It was Hunnicutt's impression that the beings were concentrating on some spot directly across the road, although he did not see anyone, or anything, there. (This was a sparsely settled section of the Loveland-Madeira Pike, with woods to the west of the road.)

Hunnicutt then got out of the left side of his car; at the same

time, the forward figure lowered his arms and, near his feet, seemed to release whatever he had been holding. To the witness, "it looked as if he tied it around his ankles."

Then, as Hunnicutt stood by the left side of the car, all three figures simultaneously turned slightly to their left so that they now faced the witness. Motionless, and with absolutely no sound or change of expression, they stared directly at him.

In the car lights, Hunnicutt was able to closely observe a number of details. This most extraordinary trio consisted of three humanoid figures, each of whom stood about three and a half feet high; they were all of a greyish color—approximately the same shade of grey for their heads as for their "garments." "Fairly ugly," were the words Hunnicutt used to describe them.

A large, straight mouth, without any apparent lip muscles, crossed nearly the entire lower portion of their faces, an effect which reminded the witness of a frog. The nose was indistinct, with no unusual features the witness could discern. The eyes seemed to be more or less normal, except that no eyebrows could be seen.

The top of the head was bald and appeared to have rolls of fat running horizontally across the top, rather like the corrugated effect of a doll's painted-on hair—except that there was no difference in color.

The most remarkable feature was the upper torso: the chest was decidedly lop-sided. On the right side of the figures, the chest swelled out in an unusually large bulge that began under the armpit and extended to the waist, giving them a markedly asymmetrical appearance. The arms seemed to be of uneven length, the right one being long-

er than the left, as though to accommodate this unusual feature. (The lopsided torso seems to be unique in humanoid reports; no other example has yet been found that matches it.)

Hunnicutt saw nothing unusual about the hands, although he could not say how many fingers they had.

If they wore garments above their waists, they were tight-fitting and the same color grey as the rest of the body. No line of demarcation could be detected between a garment and the skin itself. Below the waist, however, there seemed to be a loose-fitting garment of the same grey color, but Hunnicutt was unable to recall any details other than the hips and waist appeared to be "heavy." He could see no feet, but the figures stood in grass that was about six inches high.

Hunnicutt's car was parked about 20 feet away from the humanoids. After standing next to the left-hand door for perhaps a minute or a minute and a half, his curiosity overcame any fear he might have felt and he started to walk around the left front of the car toward the trio.

As he reached the front fender the three little humanoids simultaneously moved slightly forward and toward the witness—a "peculiar" motion that was quite definite and "graceful." Hunnicutt had the distinct impression that he should approach no closer—no words were needed. He stood by the front fender for perhaps two or three minutes more, too amazed by this bizarre spectacle to be frightened.

Hunnicutt said that when he finally left, it was only to get someone else to see these strange figures. As he got back into his car he was suddenly aware of an extremely strong and penetrating odor, which was

most noticeable as he drove off. He compared it to a combination of "fresh-cut alfalfa, with a slight trace of almonds."

Only as he drove away, past these three weird grotesques, did the frightening implications of what he had seen begin to sink in. Although it was nearly 4 a.m., he drove directly to the home of Loveland Police Chief John K. Fritz.

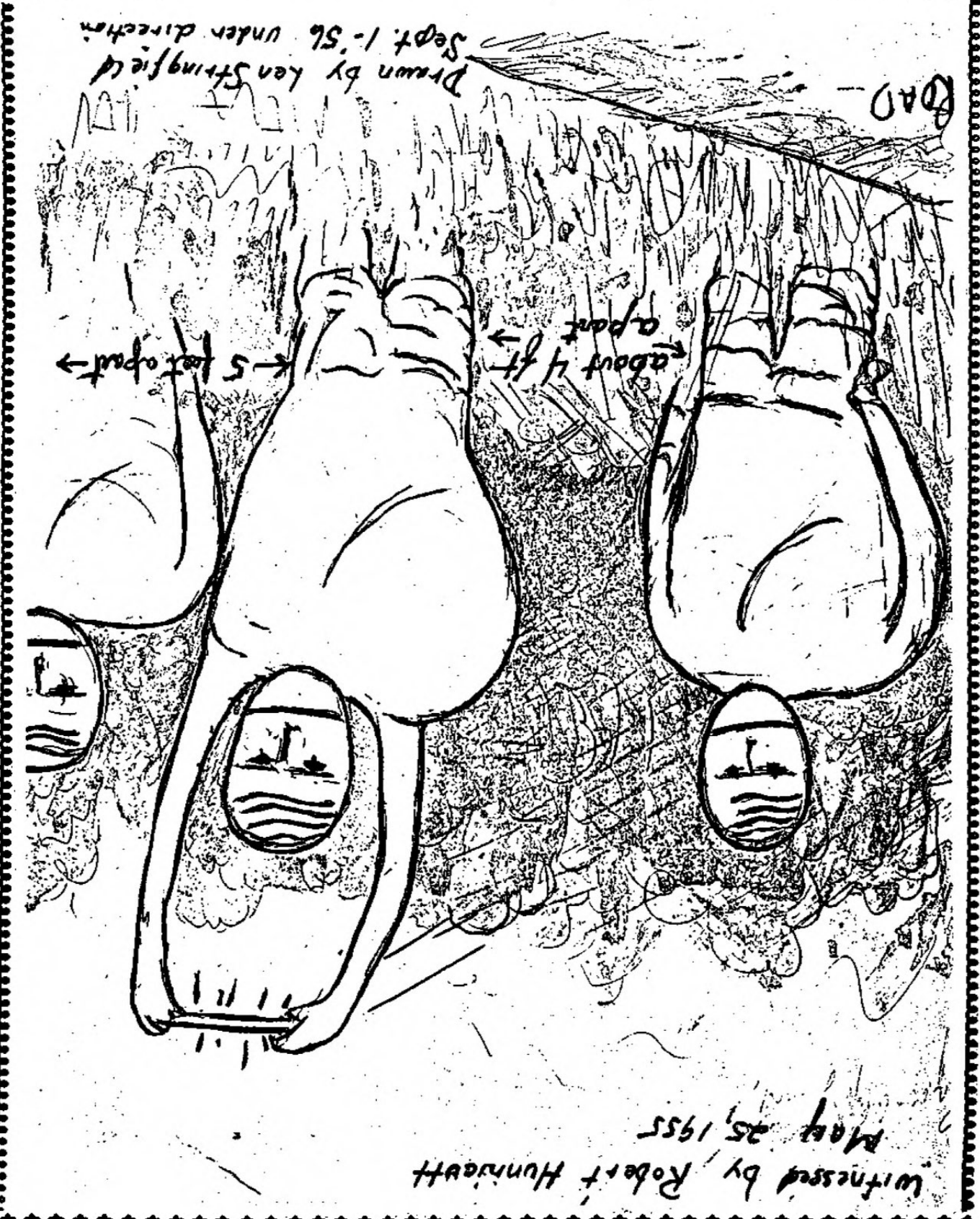
Hunnicutt said that he had an impression he might have intruded upon some kind of "operation." Asked to explain, he said that when he realized the figures weren't praying, he had a distinct feeling that the forward figure was using the implement in his hands as a signal to someone, or some thing, on the opposite side of the road, although he could not see anything in the woods on that side of the road.

Regarding the odor, Hunnicutt said that several months later (July or August), he was driving along the same road with a girl friend late at night. As he passed the spot where the three humanoids had been seen earlier, both he and the girl noticed the same strong odor he had smelled on the night of his encounter. He stopped the car, looked around and, seeing nothing unusual, drove on.

Hunnicutt also confirmed that there had been a UFO sighting at the Loveland GOC post earlier on the same night that he had seen the "little men." He said an account of this observation had been published in the next edition of the local paper.

UFO SIGHTING BY LOVELAND GOC — MAY 24

During the week I visited the Stringfields, Len arranged meetings with a number of his associates in and around Cincinnati, some of whom were helpful in

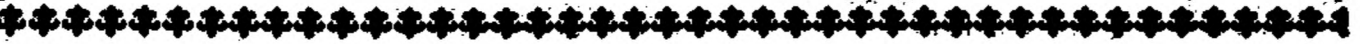


Drawn by Ken Stringfield
Sept. 1-'56 under direction

ROAD

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← about 4 ft →

Witnessed by Robert Hunnicutt
May 25, 1955



assisting us in our inquiries of the events of the previous year. One of these was Frank Whitecotton, the chief co-ordinator for Civil Defense in Hamilton County and surrounding areas, and head of the Loveland GOC post. Our meeting took place at the Stringfield home on Sunday night, Aug. 26, 1956.

Whitecotton was an impressive man—authoritative, serious, with a craggy face and a shock of white hair. He had a great deal of information regarding local UFO sightings; his staff at the Loveland GOC post was an active and interested group who had themselves made a number of observations.

Whitecotton gave us a very detailed account of one of these: his wife and another woman had been manning the post one evening in the spring of 1955 when several objects were spotted. An official report was made to the filter center at Columbus and jets were scrambled to investigate. Whitecotton viewed this particular sighting as important and, because of its official status, he asked us not to take notes.

Not having yet learned of the Hunnicutt case and its association to the GOC sighting of the same night, the significance of Whitecotton's narrative escaped us, and neither Stringfield nor I tried to reconstruct the details on paper after our guest had left. The passage of time has erased almost all of my recollection of Whitecotton's account, except that one of the UFOs, upon buzzing the GOC post, had so frightened Mrs. Whitecotton and her colleague that they fled the tower leaving the door wide open.

It wasn't until several years later, on a subsequent visit to Cincinnati, that I had an opportunity to go through the newspaper morgue of the Loveland

(Ohio) Herald in search of the press reference to the GOC sighting which both Hunnicutt and Chief Fritz had mentioned. The story had been published in the edition for Thursday, June 2, 1955.

It was not until this news account was found that a connection could be made between Whitecotton's report of the Loveland GOC sighting and the news account mentioned by Chief Fritz and Robert Hunnicutt. This report, unfortunately, lacks any of the dramatic details provided by Whitecotton. It serves, however, the important purpose of providing the correct date of the Hunnicutt encounter.

DISCUSSION

Although this report involves only a single witness, there are other points that enhance its credibility. Hunnicutt was straightforward and cooperative in answering all our questions about his experience, and in helping Stringfield prepare a sketch of the humanoids. His manner was quiet and cautious given to understatement in recounting the details; if he was uncertain about a particular point, he said so. Nothing in his presentation suggested that he was elaborating or lying.

Internally, nothing in his story was inconsistent with what Chief Fritz had already reported. Hunnicutt's reconstruction of the encounter impressed us as a careful recollection of his observation of strange and unfamiliar beings—beings certainly not native to Ohio, or any other part of the world with which we are familiar.

Hunnicutt's initial response to the situation is also significant. He responded by reporting it immediately to the chief of police. This would scarcely have been the case, particularly at that hour of the morning, if he

had not been quite certain of what he'd seen.

Chief Fritz's own account of the incident supports Hunnicutt's: it was clear that he took the story seriously enough to get dressed and go out to the site to investigate.

Finally, the news story about a UFO sighting at the Loveland GOC earlier that night, to which both men referred, lends additional weight to the story. (The relationship — if any — of the UFO sighting to Hunnicutt's encounter, of course, remains uncertain.)

Hunnicutt never sought publicity as a result of his encounter. It came to our attention by accident, and it was Stringfield and myself who sought him out. Once contacted, he asked only that his name not be associated with any published account of the incident. (His request has been ignored by others and, unfortunately, his name has been part of the published record of the incident for a number of years.)

The temptation to dismiss Hunnicutt's story because it is so strange is understandable; but considered along with hundreds of other similar reports logged since 1955, it behooves us as serious researchers to re-examine it in the light of more recent information. Similar encounters continue to be reported; no matter how one may feel about such things happening, the evidence exists in a massive volume of reports.

Only by carefully examining these reports, and those who make them, can we find the clues to what it is we are dealing with. Witnesses like Hunnicutt comprise the bulk of our evidence: they must be heard and questioned, their reports collected, examined critically, and evaluated.

Massachusetts couple claims

Daylight UFO sighting

Editor's Note: Following is the report of an investigation by Dave Webb, MUFON State Director for Massachusetts, of the alleged daylight sighting of a highly reflective UFO near Keene, N.H. The sighting occurred near the beginning of a flap of reports from that state. The sighting was of short duration and no structural details were noted on the object. The last names of the witnesses have been deleted, since they requested that they not be identified publicly.

The Report

At approximately 10 a.m. EDT on the morning of Monday, Aug. 12, 1974, Bill and Kathy were driving to Kathy's father's house to help paint it. The sky was clear "without a cloud," but the day was already quite hot. They had just arrived at a major four-way highway intersection just south of Keene where S. Main St. and Rts. 9, 101 and 12 cross. They were traveling east on Rt. 101/9 and were at a stoplight preparing to turn south onto Rt. 12 to go to Swanzey.

As they waited for the stoplight to change, some "kids" in a "state truck" (a pickup) next to them (presumably to their left on the four-lane highway)

excitedly pointed to an object in the sky to the ENE. Bill and Kathy looked and saw an elongated brightly reflecting metallic, silver object with no obvious wings or other protuberances. Bill said it looked "like a mirror" or "like a sun."

Although the shape was ill defined because of the reflective glare, the reflecting area seemed to get smaller rather than bigger, as if it were rotating. The UFO was about 45 degrees up in the ENE. The sun was well up in the sky, so their eyes were shielded from its glare by the car's roof. (Sunrise was at 5:53 a.m. EDT, so the sun would have been about 60 degrees up in the east on that day.)

When first seen the object was

either "kind a still" (Kathy) or moving slightly (Bill). Then it rocked back and forth along its long axis several times. Kathy characterized this motion as "jiggling." The UFO moved to the left (north), then back, apparently continuing the jiggling motion. The main impression that the witnesses received during this period of about 1 minute was that the UFO was generally stationary, oscillating "in place."

Suddenly the object began accelerating, and within 1 second was lost to view in the northeast! It moved away on a straight trajectory. No trail was seen against the clear blue sky.

During the initial period, Bill had turned the car onto Rt. 12 heading south. At this point they both got a good look at the UFO through the open window (on the driver's side?) Previously they had been viewing it through the windshield. Since neither of them wears eyeglasses, the possibility of seeing a reflection or distortion through glass is eliminated. When the object accelerated, they turned the car around and "chased it" down Rt. 101 to the east, but it quickly disappeared in the direction of Beech Hill toward Dublin. Beech Hill is a local landmark, rising 1040 feet high.

Both people agreed the object appeared to be the size of a nickel held at arm's length. This apparently large diameter may have been overestimated due to the reflecting glare. A turboprop aircraft flew over after the object had disappeared. The plane was low because it had just left the Keene airport (Dillant Hopkins Airport) a bit over a mile to the south of the intersection. Bill thought that the UFO was about the same size or only slightly smaller than the plane was at that altitude (probably only a few thousand feet); Kathy felt it was definitely smaller. However, they both thought the object was quite a bit farther away than the plane. They did not attempt to give any distance or size of the UFO.

They heard no sound from the UFO. During the early part of the sighting

they had been in the car with the engine running, but after pursuing it they had gotten out of the car. No wind was evident.

The Investigation

I was informed of this sighting while on another investigation in the Keene area on Sunday, Sept. 2. I arrived at the home of a real estate agent and former associate of a NICAP investigating group in Keene at about 6 p.m. to discuss the original investigation which he had been involved in. While there, he introduced me to Bill, his 22-year-old son-in-law, and Kathy, his 19-year-old daughter. They had been married about a year. During a general discussion of past local UFO reports with him and Bill, Bill voluntarily related his story to me. I listened, then decided to get details from both him and Kathy. A tape recording was made of the interview. I did not have time to visit the sighting area.

Conclusions

Like so many areas of New Hampshire, Keene is rich in UFO reports. This is the first report which I know of from this immediate area during the recent flap in N.H. Most of the flap reports were from the Laconia/Manchester areas to the east and north of Keene. It is noteworthy that this sighting happened the night after the police encounter at Sanbornton.

It was mentioned that there are power lines on or near Beech Hill, which the UFO may have been over. I did not confirm this. An industrial area lies southwest of the hill, denoted by "Drive-In Theater" on the map. A reservoir, Otter Brook, now lies to the northeast of the hill; it is not labeled on the map but is probably in the flat, open area 2½ mile NE. The reservoir dam does not generate electricity. The entire area is one of marshes and hills.

Negative factors of the report include the fact that the witnesses are untrained, the sighting duration was brief, and no corroborating sightings have been located. The kids in in the

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Canadian sighting includes landing traces

'Robot' occupants reported

DATE: June 24, 1974.

TIME: 1:15 a.m. to 4:20 a.m.

LOCATION: St. Cyrille de Wendover, near Camping de l'est, Province Quebec, Canada.

WITNESSES: Mr. and Mrs. L. (names are known to SKY-LOOK, but are not to be released to the public)

INVESTIGATORS: Mr. Jean Roy, of Drummondville

Mr. Ph. Blaquiére, of Rougemont

Mr. Marc Leduc, of St. Bruno P.Q.

Mr. Wido Hoville, of Dallard-des-Ormeaux P.Q.

REPORTED BY: Mr. Wido Hoville.

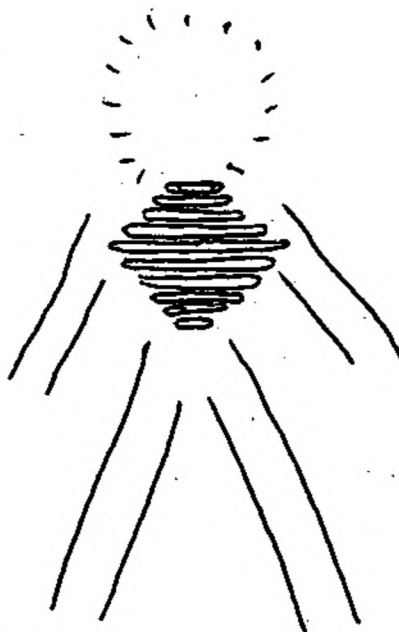
TYPE OF SIGHTING: Landing, landing traces, occupants, MIB.

On the night of the incident, Mr. L. age 26, was watching the late show on TV in the 65-foot mobile home where he and his wife, age 26, live. About 1:15 a.m. Mr. L. was preparing to go to bed when he suddenly heard a strange sound outside—some sort of bum . . . bum . . . bum, as if something had fallen on the grass.

He lifted the curtain in his living room and saw a reddish orange round object hovering over the field to the northeast side of his mobile home. The object was so luminous he could hardly look at it without hurting his eyes.

Mr. L. went to the bedroom to awaken his wife. While in the bedroom he heard another sound, sort of a bzzzzz. He looked out the bedroom window and saw what appeared to be an occupant, about 15 feet from the bedroom windows. The occupant was about 6 feet tall, stiff looking, of a metallic appearance, and with glowing red horizontal bars across its upper body. The witness could not remember anything about the occupant's head.

After watching the occupant inspect the interior of a pre-fab storage shed near the trailer (nothing was taken), Mr. L. and his wife went to the living room area, where they looked out the window and saw three additional occupants. The witnesses referred to the occupants as "robots" because of the stiff way the three moved. Mr. and Mrs. L. said they were very frightened at this point, and unsure as to what they should do. As they observed the three occupants, the "robots" appeared to examine the shaft and wheel assembly of a mobile home which had not yet been placed on a foundation.



The witnesses continued to watch the activities for the next three hours, during which time they saw about 15 occupants together in one line close to the creek. The 15 stood in a line for more than five minutes, then moved suddenly together as though by command.

During the three hours of observation, two freight trains passed.

Mr. L. described the sighting the next day to his colleagues at work, but he apparently was not believed. The local radio station picked up the story, however, and then Mr. Jean Roy made the first attempt to contact the witnesses for an investigation. He discovered three landing traces with leg imprints, and photographed them. He also interviewed the witnesses on tape. Mr. Ph. Blaquiére and Mr. Wido Hoville also investigated the sighting.

At a farm down the street, a dog which reportedly barked habitually at the slightest sound had, on the night the sighting occurred, pulled out of his collar and hidden, completely afraid. An unidentified woman had

also reportedly contacted the police regarding the incident, but the police had not responded.

The three landing traces found were circles of 17 feet in diameter. The outer 2-foot ring of each circle contained disturbed, flattened grass. Grass in the inner circle, 15 feet in diameter, was normal. There was no indication of any burned area.

One of the landing sites was found where the witnesses had reported seeing an object. The other two sites were on the other side of the creek, hidden from the view of the witnesses.

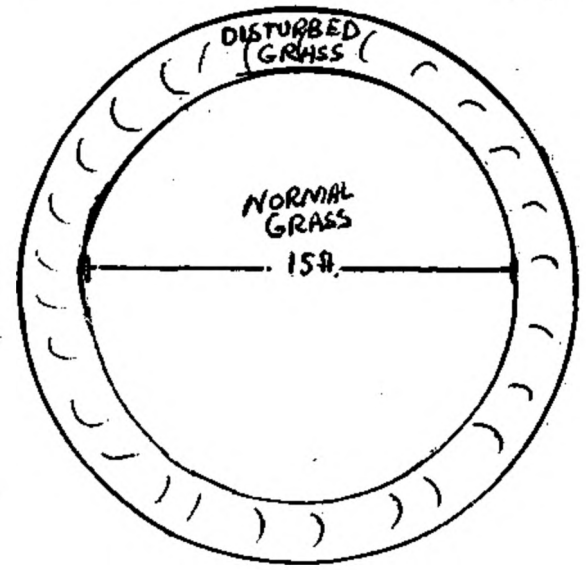
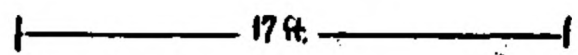
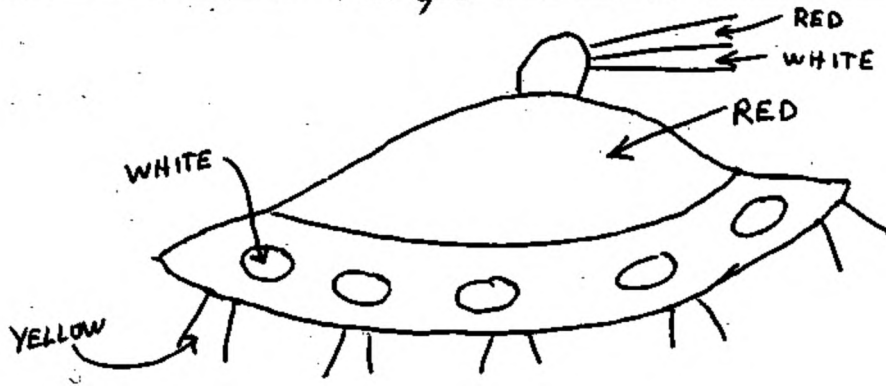
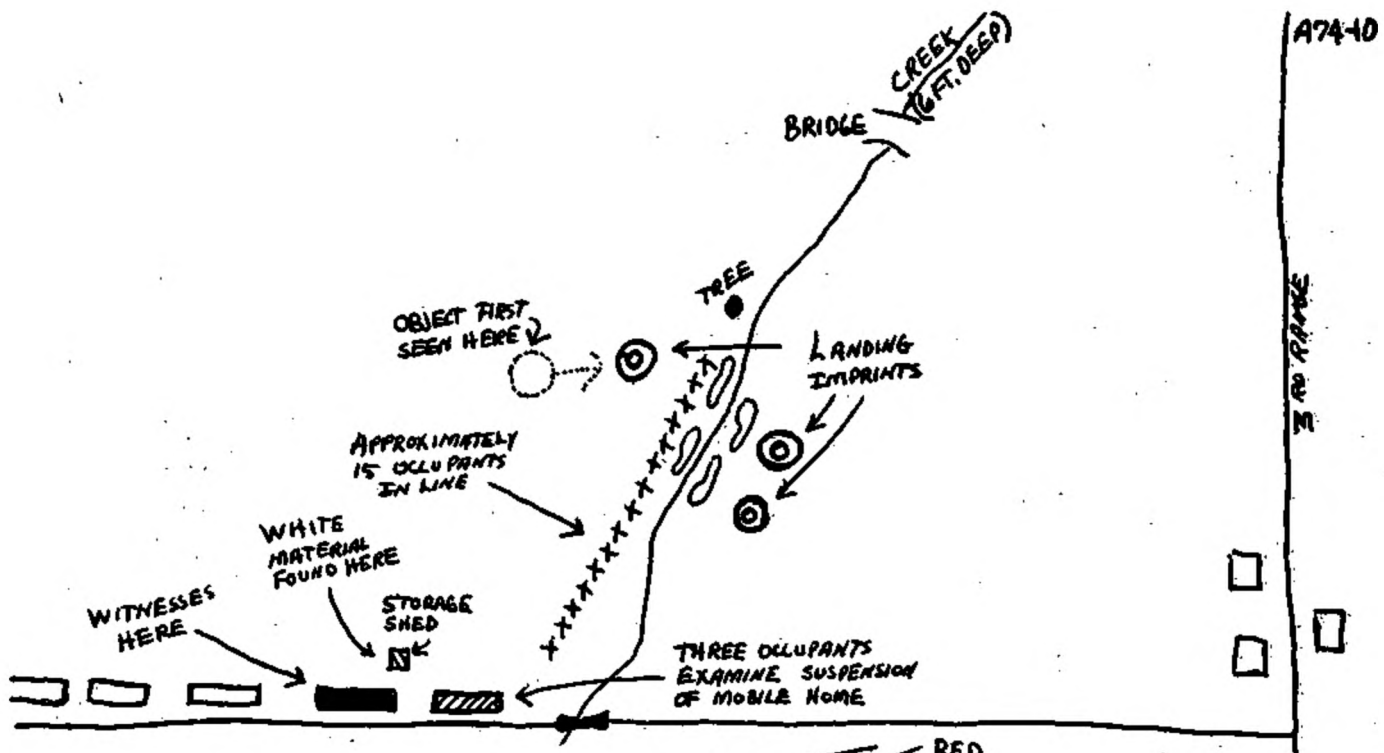
The landing sites were still visible more than two months after the sighting, and the grass at the three landing sites reportedly grew twice as high as grass in the surrounding areas.

According to the witnesses, a white substance was found where the robots had been, especially near the pre-fab shed visited by one of the robots. A chemical analysis of this substance is being made through MUFON, but results are not available at this time.

On the morning of June 28, three days after the sighting, two men dressed in black reportedly knocked on the door of the witnesses' home. Without showing credentials, they began to ask questions about the sighting. Mr. L. cut the questioning short, however, and asked the two to leave.

He described them as wearing black suits, black ties, black shoes, and carrying a fileholder. Only one of the two spoke, the language being French Canadian with no accent. They drove a car of light color, but the witness did not write down the license number.

One July 10, about two weeks after the two men had asked questions, the witness observed the two driving in front of the witness' mobile home. Two women were in the car with the two men. Mr. and Mrs. L. said the two men reminded them of the French cartoon series "Tintin," since the characters in this cartoon are also dressed in black.



Mr. Hoville's investigation report notes that the credibility of the witnesses is "very good," and that both are "open-minded." They apparently had no more interest in UFO's than the average person, and their knowledge of the subject was limited to that which they obtained from newspapers.

A second landing was reported on July 1, but details of this landing which involved a rectangular object are not yet available for publication.

1965 Pennsylvania sighting

Possible physical evidence located

By Stan Gordon

A 1965 UFO sighting with possible physical evidence was recently uncovered by WCUFOSG investigator Bob Boyde of Beaver County. Boyde, while investigating a wave of UFO activity in August heard rumors of the incident and was able to track down the individuals involved.

The incident occurred in October of 1965. The witness, who wishes to remain anonymous, was returning home from work at 9 p.m. when he noticed a strange object in a hay field near his home in Monaca, and stopped his car to observe the object better.

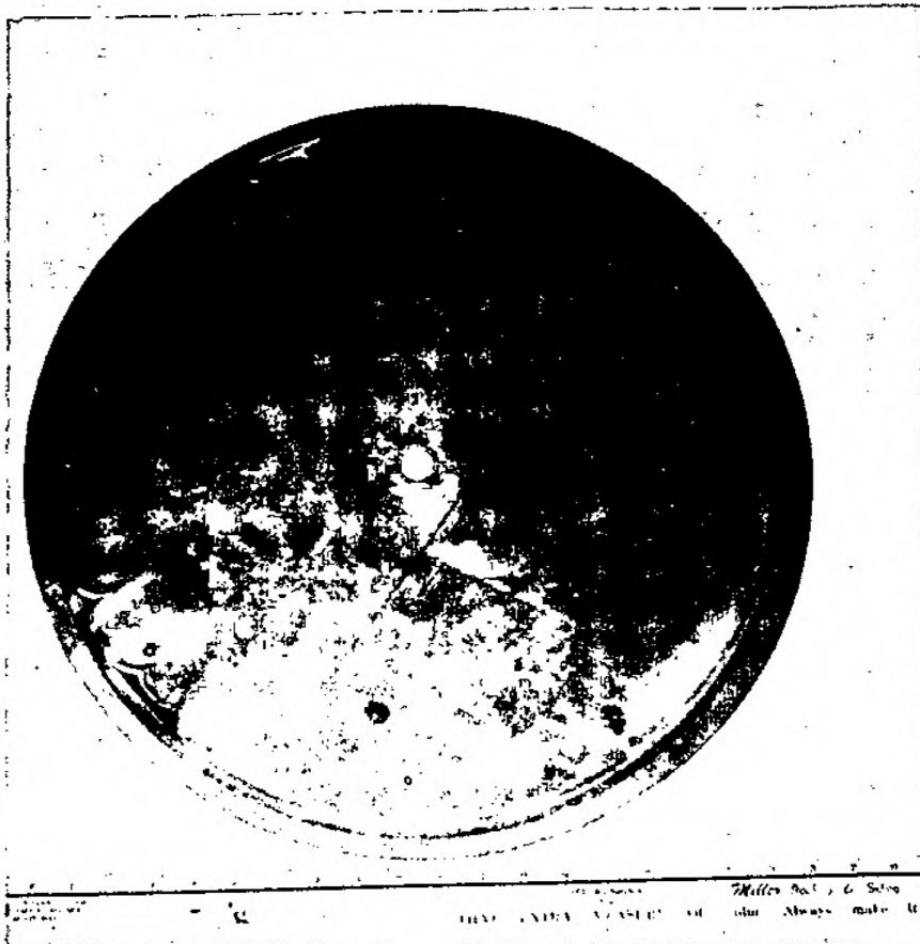
He described it as being about 45 feet in diameter and about 20 feet high. It was shaped somewhat like an upside down bowl, and seemed to be dull silver in color. There were what appeared to be 3 portholes in the upper part of the object evenly spaced. From these openings, soft lights of varying colors could be seen. In one porthole, there were dark shadows seen moving about; however, no definite form could be determined.

The object seemed to rest a short distance above the ground on about 8 to 10 beams of light. The witness was sure that they were light sources, since he could see trees through them. After seeing this for a short time, the witness got into his car and went home after his wife with the idea of returning to the scene with her.

When they returned, the object was still in the same position. The man decided to get out of the car to obtain a better look. His wife was afraid and asked him not to go. He then closed the car door, at which time the object made a sound like gushing air and it started to rise.

As it gained altitude, the light beams retracted, and the witnesses were able to see the bottom of the craft. The bottom was the same color as the rest of the object, except there was a circle in the center about 10 feet in diameter that was darker than the rest of the craft.

The witness returned to the scene the next day to see if he could find



This disc, which measures just over 20 inches in diameter, was found at the site where a UFO was allegedly observed. There is no known direct connection, however, between the disc and the UFO. An analysis of the metal indicates it was made of materials common to the Earth.

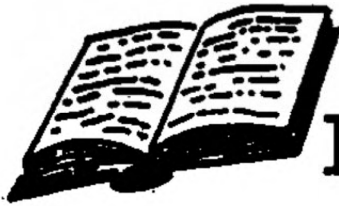
any signs of the visitor. At the spot where the object had been, he found a metal disc 20 and 1/16 inches in diameter and 1/16 inches thick with a hole in the center and 8 small holes around the plate. The witness took it home and showed it only to his wife and brother-in-law, fearing that others would laugh at his story.

The disc remained outside in his backyard for 2 years, and after that remained in a shed up until now. The witness has never claimed that the metal fell from the UFO, only that it was found at the same location after the sighting.

Consultants to the WCUFOSG submitted the plate to X Ray diffraction and emission spectroscopy analysis and found it to be a stainless steel

alloy, very similar to the 400 series. A quantitative analysis showed that the metal contained 0.4% Cadmium, 8% Chromium, 0.06% Copper, 53% Iron, 0.03% Magnesium, 2% Manganese, 0.2% Molybdenum, 6% Nickel and 0.5% Silicon.

Several chemists and metallurgists who worked on the sample feel that the wear marks around the edge look to be caused by cavitation. This occurs at a seal area where extremely high pressures exist, and the seal starts to leak. The analysis shows that the materials are all common to Earth. The area where the plate was found is out in the country and no factories were in the area at the time of the find.



In Others' Words

By Lucius Farish

The latest NATIONAL ENQUIRER UFO articles are featured in the Oct. 2 and Oct. 12 issues. The former deals with Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle's belief that UFO occupants are using ESP and hypnotism to communicate with people on Earth. The latter item tells of Vic Damone's 1953 UFO sighting.

NATIONAL TATTLER for Oct. 13 has an article on the beliefs of President Ford and Nelson Rockefeller with respect to UFOs. Both men are labeled as "believers" and some feel that this may be a key factor in a forthcoming release of government information on the subject. Perhaps, but this seems to me to be another of those "don't hold your breath until it happens" sort of situations. The Oct. 20 TATTLER has a rehash article on UFO activity in the vicinity of Warminster, England.

One of the most interesting articles to appear in SAGA in quite some time may be found in the November issue. Psychic Peter Hurkos gives his "impressions" of various bits of UFO evidence, along with a prophecy about future UFO events. It would be quite intriguing to see more research of this sort done with psychics, possibly getting a "consensus of opinion" from several persons. The SAGA article is well worth your time.

A rather questionable article on underwater objects appears in the November issue of MALE. Some of the sighting reports seem to be genuine, but the names and organizations mentioned are unfamiliar.

The Winter issue of PROBE THE UNKNOWN contains a UFO article which is largely rehash, although it does give prominent mention to MUFON members Ted Phillips and Thomas Nicholl. If you don't mind reading about Delphos, Kan., again, it isn't too bad.

Some Mexican "little men" stories may be found in an article in the November issue of FATE. However, it is not known if these small beings

have a UFO connection. Some UFO reports are used in the story and the reader is left to draw his own conclusions. Quite intriguing. The December issue of FATE is supposed to contain an article on "mini-saucers" by yours truly.

Are you ready for yet another book on ancient space visitors? If so, perhaps you'd like to read Robin Collins' DID SPACEMEN COLONISE THE EARTH?. There is a lot of familiar material here, but Collins does manage to come up with some new items which haven't been rehashed to death by other writers. For one thing, he speculates that the "Garden of Eden" may have been in Australia! Well, whether or not you think that theory has merit, he does give some intriguing Maori legends which may have "cosmic" relevance. Collins is a native of New Zealand and has apparently traveled to many parts of the world gathering data for his book. He quotes from various Soviet writings which have not been readily available to Westerners. The book also includes an interesting photo section. It is available for \$7.50 from Pelham Books Ltd., 52 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3EF, England.

THE NEW UFO SIGHTINGS by Glenn McWane & David Graham is largely a round-up of 1972-73 sighting reports, plus chapters on UFOs in history, contactees, monsters and UFOs, Iron Curtain UFO reports, etc. The book also contains interviews with Brad Steiger, John Keel, and Ted Owens. There are also favorable mentions of MUFON and various MUFON members (McWane is also a State-Section Director). Still, one puts the book down feeling that you've read it all before in a dozen different places. For neophytes, this would be an interesting summary of recent events. Copies are available for \$1.25 (plus 15¢ postage) from Warner Paperback Library, P.O. Box 690, N.Y., N.Y. 10019.

More familiar material is to be found in a new book by Robert Emenegger, UFO'S, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. However, the author does add some previously unreported details when he discusses such "classic" cases as Mantell, Chiles & Whitted, Zamora, the Coyne case, etc. This book is based on the forthcoming documentary film of the same title by Sandler Institutional Films. The most fascinating portion of the book has to be the photo section. In addition to the 1973 "eclipse UFO" and a variety of illustrations, the section contains previously-unreleased photos from NASA files.

These show a wide range of "phenomena" which were photographed on Gemini, Apollo and Skylab missions. One can only hope—as rumor has it—that these are forerunners of things to come. The price for the Emenegger book is \$1.50 and it may be obtained from Ballantine Cash Sales, P.O. Box 505, Westminster, Maryland 21157 (add 25¢ for postage).

Is mankind really a hybrid of a primitive Earthly hominid and far-advanced extraterrestrial beings? Well, Max H. Flindt and Otto O. Binder certainly think so. Perhaps you will also after you read their new Fawcett paperback, MANKIND—CHILD OF THE STARS.

In the course of 16 chapters, Flindt & Binder lay out, step by step, their reasons for concluding that evolution and natural selection alone cannot possibly account for man's supposed rise from a lower form of life. While I am inclined to think the authors have perhaps over-reached themselves on a few points, the theory itself is a totally fascinating one and one which will make you stop and think, to say the least. "Sapiens stellar" — it has a nice ring to it! The book may be ordered from: Mail Order Dept., Fawcett Publications, P.O. Box 1014, Greenwich, Conn. 06830. The price is \$1.25, plus 25¢ for postage.

Three photos of UFO allegedly shot in Denmark

Translated by: Ilkka Seppanen,
MUFON Representative for Finland.

Submitted by: Joe Brill, International
Coordinator.

Mr. Jorma Viita, who was born in Finland and later moved to Denmark to secure employment, has sent three high quality photographs to the UFO Study Center of Finland. The following is a translation of his encounter story.

"This all happened on Feb. 15, 1974 at about 5 p.m. in Odense, Denmark. The skies were clear with no clouds; the sun was just setting. I was on my way to the local karate club. I had a camera with me, because I was going to take some pictures at the club.

"I took my bicycle and drove to the

main highway. At once I saw a saucer-shaped figure passing me from my left. At the moment it was impossible to take a picture, because the UFO was behind the trees. So, I turned around and started chasing the saucer on my bicycle. I drove as fast as I could for about 300 meters.

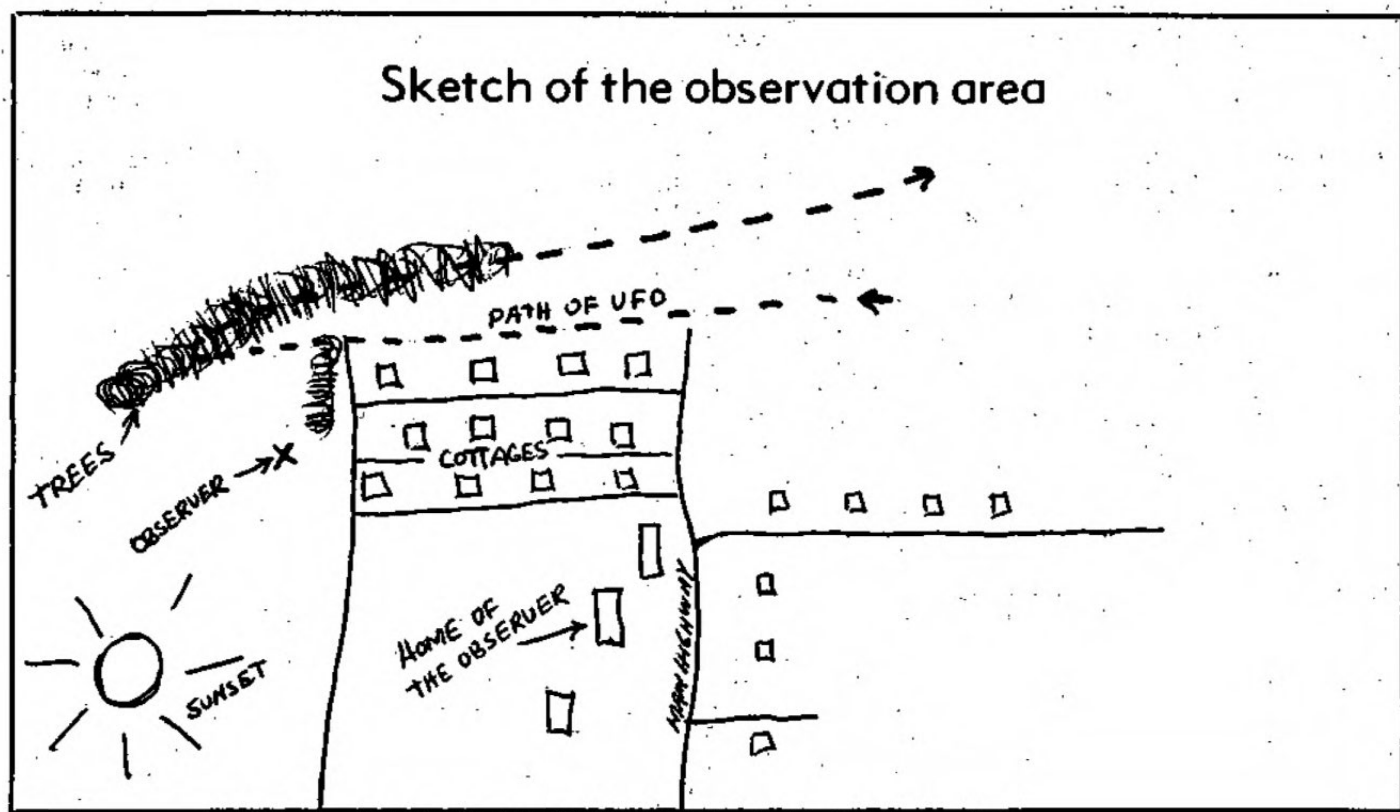
"I don't know how fast the UFO moved, but the speed of a helicopter came into my mind. Then, I stopped my bike and aimed my camera. I noticed that the saucer had stopped. I shot the first picture, after which I saw the UFO move again. I saw how it slowly turned upside down and speeded up. Then, I shot my second and third picture. On the third picture you can see the UFO upside down. Now the saucer speeded up and disappeared in a few seconds

on the northeastern skies.

"My observation time was two to three minutes and the UFO was approximately 300 feet above the ground. Its diameter was 20 to 30 feet and its height was about six feet. It had a cabin construction with black holes on the sides. Its color was silver-grey. On the bottom I saw some sort of reddish hole with smoke around it. I also heard a humming sound.

"My camera was a Agfa Optima 500 Sensor and my film was Ilford FPT 135. After this encounter I had a terrible head-ache for about two weeks."

In his letter Mr. Jorma Viita sent the original negatives of the pictures of the UFO to the UFO Study Center of Finland. Later the negatives were returned to Mr. Viita. The photos have not been evaluated by MUFON.



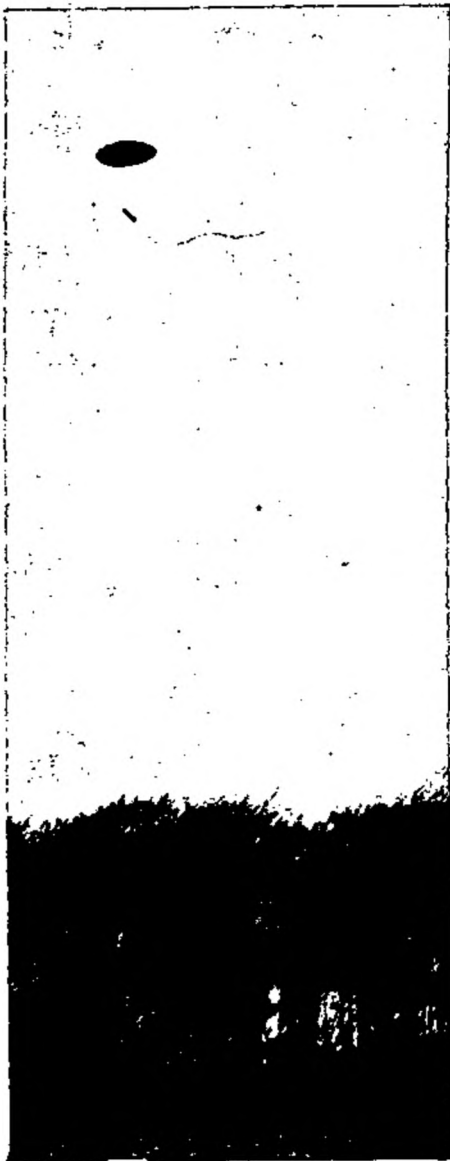


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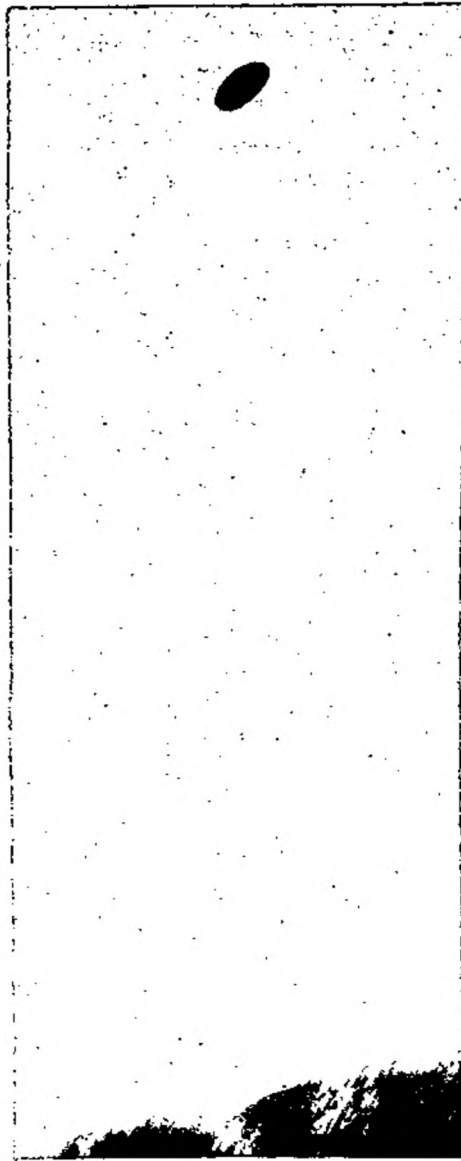


Photo 2



Photo 3

As noted in the accompanying article, the three photos have not been evaluated officially by MUFON. The extent of the evaluation by the UFO Study Center of Finland is not clear at this point. The reliability of the witness has not been established, and it is a single witness sighting.

The photos are "good." However, one person who checked them indicated some concern over the black dot on the bottom of the saucer, as though something had been covered up. SKY-LOOK Editor Dwight Connelly

has some concern over the alleged position of the sun, compared with reflections on the photos. He also notes that there is apparent camera motion which blurs the background, but not the UFO, and that this motion may not correspond with the description of the incident. At this time the authenticity of these photos cannot be determined one way or the other.

Interestingly enough, this same witness allegedly had another sighting and took additional photos of a UFO in June of this year. This double sighting is

unusual and "against the odds," but there is some indication that certain individuals are more likely to see UFO's than other persons. The two photos allegedly taken by Mr. Viita in June are probably the best photos SKY-LOOK and International Coordinator Joe Brill have ever seen—if they are authentic. They are daylight shots, and in color. Details are present. There were reportedly three additional witnesses, and Mr. Brill is attempting to check with them.

We expect to print the photos in the December SKYLOOK.



ABOVE—This photo, allegedly taken April 8, 1974, by Guy Cafriez in Belgium, shows three luminous impressions, although the witness says he saw only one with the naked eye. **RIGHT**—This is an enlargement of the object on the right side in the top photo.

Belgian youth

claims photo of single UFO

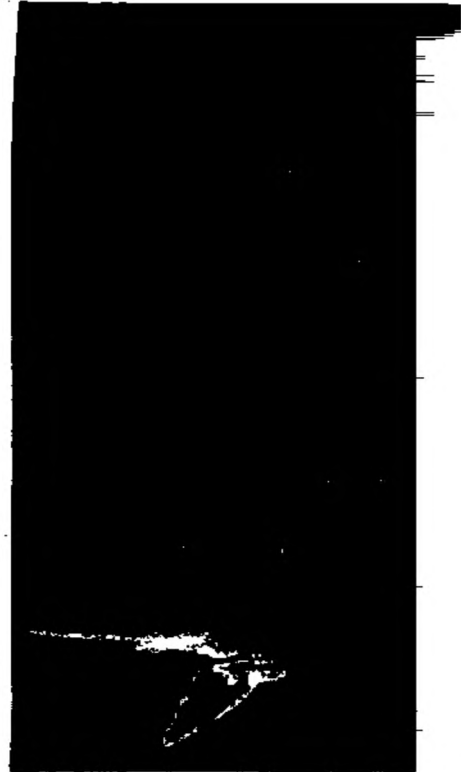
At 8:50 p.m. on April 8, 1974, Guy Cafriez, 16, was in a garden in Haversin, Belgium, observing the sky. He had an Electro 35 camera, loaded with black and white film (ASA 125), mounted on a tripod.

He allegedly saw a luminous point of light, larger than a star, crossing the sky from northeast to southwest (the sky was clear and completely starlit). The speed of the luminous point was regular, no trail was visible, and no noise was heard. There was no apparent blinking or pulsating.

The witness says he opened the shutter of the camera for a few seconds, with the lens set at 1.7.

After developing the film, the witness observed that the photo did not show what he had observed with the naked eye. On the photo is a dotted line, which suggests a blinking or pulsating, yet the witness says he did not observe this. The end of the trajectory, irregular on the photo, was not observed the same way with the naked eye. Also, the photo shows three luminous impressions, but the witness says he observed only one.

The negative has been given to SOBEPS for analysis. It has not been analyzed by MUFON. (SOBEPS, Jean-Luc Vertongen—Joe Brill, International Coordinator for MUFON.)



TV's 'Flight 412' was true case

The NBC World Premiere Movie "The Disappearance of Flight 412," produced by Gerald L. Adler, may have been considered by some to be a fictional account of U.S. Air Force handling of UFO sighting reports. However, fiction it was not.

A Cinemobile Production, directed by Jud Taylor and starring Glenn Ford, Bradford Dillman, and David Soul, the film was featured by NBC on Oct. 1.

The story concerned the tracking of UFO's on radar by the U.S. Air Force and a Marine Corps air facility and the subsequent loss of two Marine Corps jets dispatched to investigate the objects. The two jets were visually observed to enter a cloud by the crew of a specially equipped radar observation craft ("Flight 412") and then simply disappear by moving off the radar scope. Attempts to "sweep the radar sightings under the rug" by advising the parties involved that each of their respective radars was malfunctioning were not successful. A little "Mission Impossible" technique was employed to whisk the radar observation aircraft (Flight 412) off to an abandoned World War II airfield by a special Air Force intelligence group for interrogation of their sighting.

The holding of the crew members and their interrogation was reminiscent of the experiences of Air Force pilots back in the 1950's. The crew of Flight 412 was retained until they had agreed that they actually had not viewed UFO's on radar or observed the two jets disappear into the cloud. Officers who did not cooperate were passed up for promotions and released from the U.S.A.F. at the earliest point in their age/rank status.

In a telephone conversation with

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writer George Simpson, MUFON Director Walt Andrus congratulated him for the hard hitting and fast moving script. The "64,000-dollar question" was simply—"Had the U.S. Air Force approved the story and film?" And the second question to George was this—"Did you simply change names, services, dates, and locales from historical UFO cases on file?" George advised that this was the true experience of his co-writer, Neal R. Burger, occurring in 1951. George recognized many of the similarities to actual cases on file when he was reading Dr. Hynek's book and other books in his preparation for the film. (Incidentally, Dr. J. Allen Hynek

commended the producers for this fine film.)

The answer to the "sixty-four thousand question" was that the U.S. Air Force was not asked to approve or "bless" the film story, nor have they commented to the producers or writers either "pro" or "con" as of this writing.

A feature of this UFO-inspired film was the first public viewing of a UFO photographed over Catalina Island in color motion pictures.

It is anticipated that this movie, "The Disappearance of Flight 412," will be repeated on NBC in the future for those viewers who missed it the first time.

UFO documentaries scheduled

By Walt Andrus

The Allan Sandler and Bob Emenegger UFO filmed documentary, soon to be released to motion picture theaters throughout the nation, will probably be titled "UFO's, Past, Present, and Future" to be compatible with Bob Emenegger's paperback book by the same name, now in some book stores.

This documentary will be a welcome addition to the 1956 United Artists film titled "Unidentified Flying Objects." The Department of Defence and NASA have cooperated to a high degree with Sandler and Emenegger by providing NASA color photographs previously never made public. (Some of these appear in Mr. Emenegger's book)

Dr. David Jacobs from the University of Nebraska assisted in the writing of this film as a UFO historical consultant. David is one of only three people in the U.S. who have earned their doctorates in UFO related fields; therefore, he was eminently qualified to lend his expertise to this production.

Allan Landsburg Productions is producing a film for NBC TV as a sequel to "Search for Ancient Astronauts" and "Search for Ancient

Mysteries" to be titled "The Primal Factor." MUFON has been working with Don Scioli on the film by providing William Fisher's UFO motion picture film taken in Moline, IL., and still photographs, both in color and black and white, of the Delphos, KS., landing site. Mr. Scioli advises that the film presently in production will be released between Nov. 1 and 15. Watch your newspapers and TV columns for the viewing date.

Three other major film companies are producing UFO films, but specific information and titles at this time would be premature. See future issues of SKYLOOK for details. Your director visited one of the studios while in Los Angeles on Oct. 28 to meet production personnel and writers.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 15, 1974, when NBC TV NEWS will present their UFO Documentary at 10-11 p.m. EST and 9-10 p.m. CST immediately following "The Bob Hope Christmas Special." MUFON has received very favorable coverage in this film written and produced by Craig Leake. We look forward with anticipation to this outstanding program to be aired on your local NBC TV station.

after January 1, 1975

MUFON dues, Skylook subscriptions to be combined

A combined structure for MUFON dues and SKYLOOK subscriptions, discussed in the September and October issues of this magazine, will become effective Jan. 1, 1975.

In making this announcement, MUFON Director Walt Andrus said the move will enable MUFON to provide significant additional services to its members.

The combined dues for MUFON membership and SKYLOOK subscription will be \$12 per year. Persons not interested in or selected for MUFON membership may subscribe to SKYLOOK alone for \$10 per year. A portion of this \$10 subscription price will be used for general MUFON activities, so persons in this category will be designated "Contributing Subscribers."

Those subscribing or renewing subscriptions prior to Jan. 1 will pay the current subscription price of \$5.00 per year. Those subscribing or renewing after Jan. 1 will pay the new rates as outlined above. All current subscriptions and renewals, including those for more than one year, will be honored until their expiration dates.

The advantages of the new procedure are outlined by Andrus as follows:

"Since the organization of MUFON in May of 1969, the administrative offices in Quincy, IL., have been operated with volunteers, who also had full time positions in business, industry, and education. We have simply outgrown this status as MUFON has emerged as one of the leading scientific UFO organizations in the World. We have found it impossible, under the present arrangement, to provide the essential membership services to our fine people who represent MUFON.

"When we say 'membership services,' this includes correspondence, UFO information to interested people, processing of membership applications, filing of UFO sighting reports and forwarding specific reports

to consultants or specialists, occasional SKYLOOK subscriptions, preparing public relations 'News Releases' when appropos, and mailing MUFON Symposium Proceedings, just to name some examples.

"The solution to a portion of this problem is to hire a full time secretary, who will handle all of the repetitive functions and allow the MUFON officers sufficient time to provide the leadership and direction to the organization and to conduct UFO research and investigations. This obviously will create an additional administrative expense, since no one has ever been paid by MUFON for their services. The key to our success has been the vast amount of volunteer service provided throughout the world in the study of this fascinating enigma.

"Another major step will be taken at the same time that MUFON adds the full time secretary to it's staff—that of bringing SKYLOOK into a closer relationship to MUFON, whereby the secretary may also perform clerical functions for our monthly publication.

"The Board of Directors of MUFON has made the decision to combine the membership dues and SKYLOOK subscription as one amount starting Jan. 1, 1975. As you will note, this issue of SKYLOOK has been "typeset" giving it an even more professional appearance, fitting a magazine of it's stature in the UFO field. Each of the improvements that our readers have observed since Dwight Connelly became the editor, only a few short months ago, is reflected in added costs or added time, or both. Each of these process improvements plus the continually rising cost of paper and printing has increased the cost of publishing SKYLOOK. This cost must also be reflected in MUFON's new dues structure, since SKYLOOK will no longer function financially independent as it has prior to this time.

"Since membership to MUFON is accomplished by the invitation and

recommendation of one of our directors, an arrangement must be made to accommodate those interested people who want to subscribe to SKYLOOK, but who are not active members of MUFON.

"We also want to make provisions whereby our teen-agers may participate in the activities of MUFON, since these fine young people will become our Field Investigators of the future. Eighteen years of age is the minimum for a Field Investigator, and 21 years for a Director. Competent young people not meeting these age requirements are assigned to positions titled "SKYLOOK Reporter," "UFO News CLIPPING Service," and in the case of amateur astronomers, "Astronomy." The MUFON Board is also cognizant that these same members under 18 years of age are students and may have financial limitations; therefore they will receive preferential considerations with respect to membership dues. (\$10.00 annually for such students)

To accommodate SKYLOOK subscribers who are not MUFON members, or who do not wish to be actively involved in MUFON for personal reasons, but who have a sincere desire to help support MUFON research into the UFO phenomenon, a restricted membership position has been established, titled "Contributing Subscriber." A Contributing Subscriber will be basically subscribing to SKYLOOK as many of our readers have done in the past; however, they will not be issued membership identification cards, since there will be no need for same. Contributing Subscribers will not represent MUFON in any official capacity in field investigations and research or to the news media, police agencies or governmental bodies.

The dues for a Contributing Subscriber will be \$10.00 annually, starting Jan. 1, 1975, or when your present SKYLOOK subscription expires.

"Both MUFON and SKYLOOK ap

preciate the continuing support of our SKYLOOK readers, since they are an integral adjunct of our publication. We hope that this combined membership/subscription arrangement will meet with their approval and favorable response to the finest magazine of its type in the field.

"MUFON members serving as Field Investigators, State-Section Directors, Consultants, Legal Advisors, State Directors, Staff Directors, and Officers will subscribe to the newly adopted combined membership dues of \$12.00 annually effective Jan. 1, 1975, or the date when your current SKYLOOK subscription expires. Combining these two fees will be an added convenience to our members and subscribers, and also a significant aid to MUFON, since we will not have to maintain two separate membership/subscription files operated in two different locations.

"The only exception to this new dues structure might involve a few Consultants or Legal Advisors who have volunteered to make their specialized services or laboratories available to MUFON when needed,

Friedman lecture schedule released

A list of lectures to be given by Stanton T. Friedman, "The Flying Saucer Physicist," has been released for November and December.

Friedman, who speaks on "Flying Saucers Are Real," is the only space scientist devoting full time to UFO's. Last year he spoke on 93 campuses in 29 states. Friedman notes that he speaks at special rates for "piggy-back" appearances which can be given enroute to those already scheduled. His new address is 2410 1/2 Graham Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif., 90278 (phone 213-371-9800).

Schedule

- Nov. 7, Thursday, 8 p.m., University of Texas, Arlington.
- Nov. 13, Wednesday, 8 p.m., SUNY, Oneonta, NY.
- Nov. 14, Thursday, 8 p.m., Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.
- Dec. 3, Tuesday, 8 p.m., University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

but prefer not to subscribe to SKYLOOK or serve in a dual capacity.

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Director's Report by Walt Andrus . . .

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members may receive an up-date on current and pending UFO motion pictures for both theaters and television in a separate article in this issue. Your Director recently met with Sherman Larsen, MUFON State-Section Director for Cook County in Illinois, to discuss the progress of the Center for UFO Studies. Dr. J. Allen Hynek is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center for UFO Studies, and Sherm is the president and treasurer.

As previously announced in SKYLOOK, your Director was invited to present a slide/lecture in Sacramento, Calif., at the California Exposition Fair Grounds at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, under the sponsorship of the South Sacramento Lions Club and Paul W. Kelley, State-Section Director. Through the fine work of Paul C. Cerny, State Director for Northern California, and Tom Gates, Consultant in Astronomy, your Director addressed an audience at Foothills College in Los Altos Hills, Calif., at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25, 1974. He also had the pleasure of participating in a radio talk show via KGO in San

Francisco, an ABC 50,000-watt radio station covering the west coast up to Alaska.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, Mrs. Idabel Epperson, State Director for Southern California, had an "open house" meeting in Los Angeles where your Director had an opportunity to meet the majority of our MUFON people from the L.A. and surrounding area. A dozen roses to Idabel for being such a gracious hostess, and a personal thanks to all of you who attended, making my visit such an enjoyable and memorable event. Los Angeles is fortunate to have some of the finest UFO research talent in the nation combined in one locality.

On Oct. 6, William H. Spaulding, MUFON State Director for Arizona and also Director for GSW-West (Ground Saucer Watch), met with a high percentage of his field investigators and consultants in Phoenix to discuss membership affiliation with MUFON. His presentation and a review of SKYLOOK by those attending was received favorably. We hope that Bill can soon start appointing State-Section Directors for various Arizona counties to represent both GSW and MUFON.



Astronomy Notes

By Mark Herbstritt

November Sky

Mercury—is too close to the Sun for observation, superior conjunction being on the 19th.

Venus—is an evening "Star", but barely above the southwestern horizon at sunset.

Mars—is a morning star very low in the southeast just before dawn.

Jupiter—is in Aquarius. It is approaching the meridian at sunset, and sets well before dawn.

Saturn—is in Gemini. It rises two hours after sunset and is visible for the rest of the night.

The **Geminid** meteor shower occurs from the 10th to the 13th.

December Sky

Mercury—on the 10th it is at greatest Western Elongation, about 16 degrees above the southeastern horizon.

Venus—on the 6th it is in superior conjunction, becoming an evening star, but it remains too close to the Sun for easy observation.

Mars—is too close to the Sun for easy observation.

Jupiter—is in the southeast at sunset and sets soon after midnight.

Saturn—is in Gemini. It rises 3 hours after sunset and is visible the rest of the night.

The **Leonid** meteor shower occurs from the 14th to 18th.

Massachusetts daylight UFO . . .

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truck who also apparently saw the UFO probably cannot be located. In addition, Kathy's father is definitely a UFO buff, and seems to have an inexhaustible supply of local UFO yarns to tell. Kathy and Bill, although seemingly sensible people, have unavoidably been conditioned to accept UFO reality and might be apt to jump at a UFO explanation for an unusual sighting.

The report, however, is unusual.

The object seemed to be solid, metallic, and silver; the reflecting glare may have obscured the object's features. The object's rocking motions, and sudden and rapid acceleration are characteristic of the UFO phenomenon. The UFO was apparently close to power lines and a reservoir. The sightings occurred during a known flap period. My conclusion is that the report probably happened as stated and that an unknown aerial object was involved.

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St. Louis group discusses parapsychology

The regular monthly meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis was held Oct. 21 at the Farm & Home Savings and Loan Assn. building, 7801 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, Mo.

John Schroeder described the purposes of the parapsychology subcommittee of the Group's UFO Research committee. Mr. Schroeder discussed recent activities of the subcommittee, and spoke briefly on several matters of interest to its members—namely, the claims made by and about Uri Geller, and the ideas expounded by Dr. Jacques Vallee—in *Passport to Magonia* and more recently, *Psychic* magazine—on a possible link between UFOs and parapsychology. In an Executive Board meeting, Mr. Schroeder was appointed permanent chairman of the subcommittee on parapsychology.

Bill Christian reported that since September 15, he had received about twenty (20) telephone calls regarding possible UFO observations. Of these, all except three (3) were easily ascribed to misperceptions or misidentifications.

Results of the September 21 skywatch near Pacific, Mo., were discussed by Frank Brown. Twenty-three (23) persons took part in this exercise.

Approximately 50 persons attended the October meeting. The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Monday November 18, at the same location (Reported by David A. Schroth)

Von Daniken to talk

The Ancient Astronaut Society will present Erich Von Daniken, author of "Chariots of the Gods?" in a lecture and slide presentation on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the North Central College Fieldhouse, Naperville, Ill., at 8 p.m.

The admission price is \$4 per person if tickets are purchased in advance. All tickets sold at the door will be \$5 each. Tickets are available from the Society office at 600 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL. 60068; at College of Du Page, Glen Ellyn, IL.; at North Central College, Naperville, IL.; and at all Ticketron outlets.