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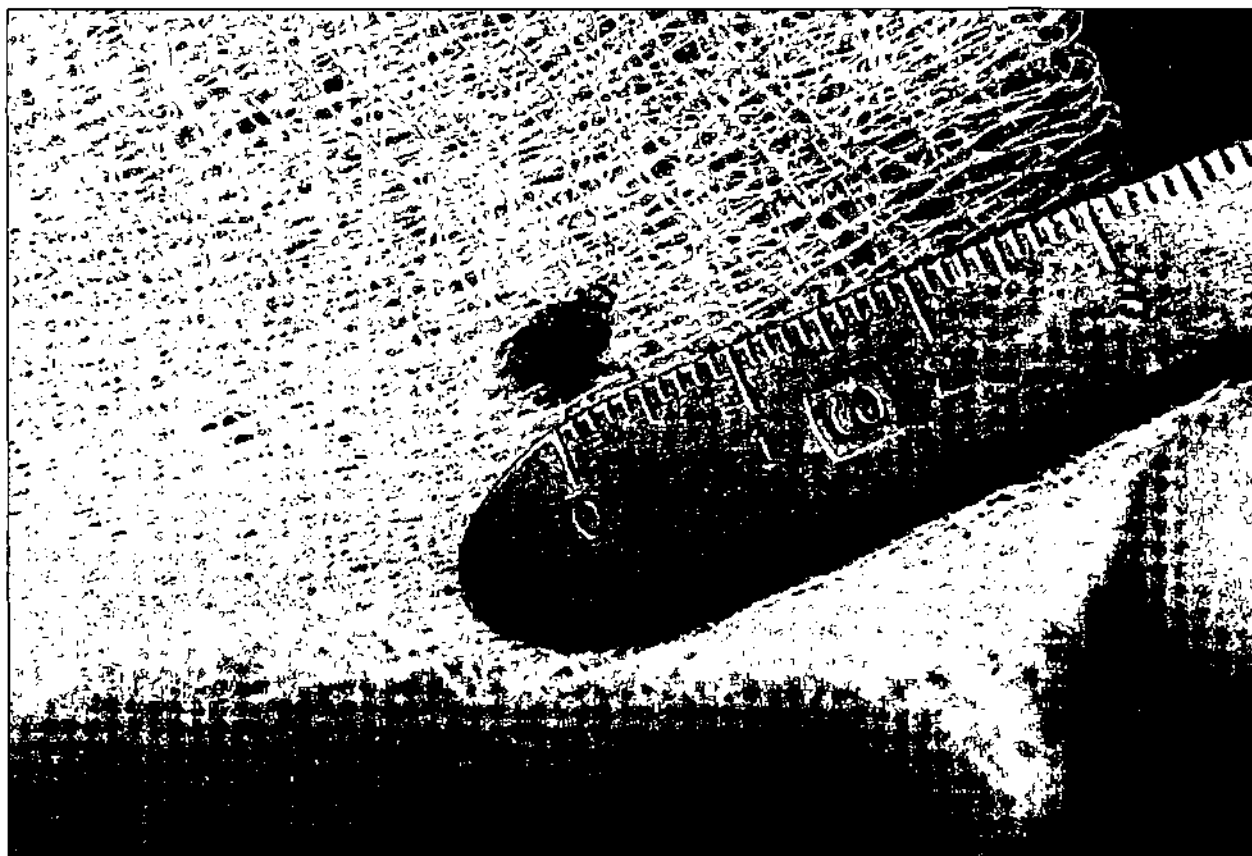
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Examining MUFON's Computerized UFO Data

Section 3: Sighting Locations

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The database contains reports from Canada, Newfoundland, South America, and the USA. Unfortunately, there are only 10 non-USA reports and one report from Hawaii, which means that worldwide data cannot be analyzed. Consequently, the study of locations was restricted to the adjoining 48 United States.

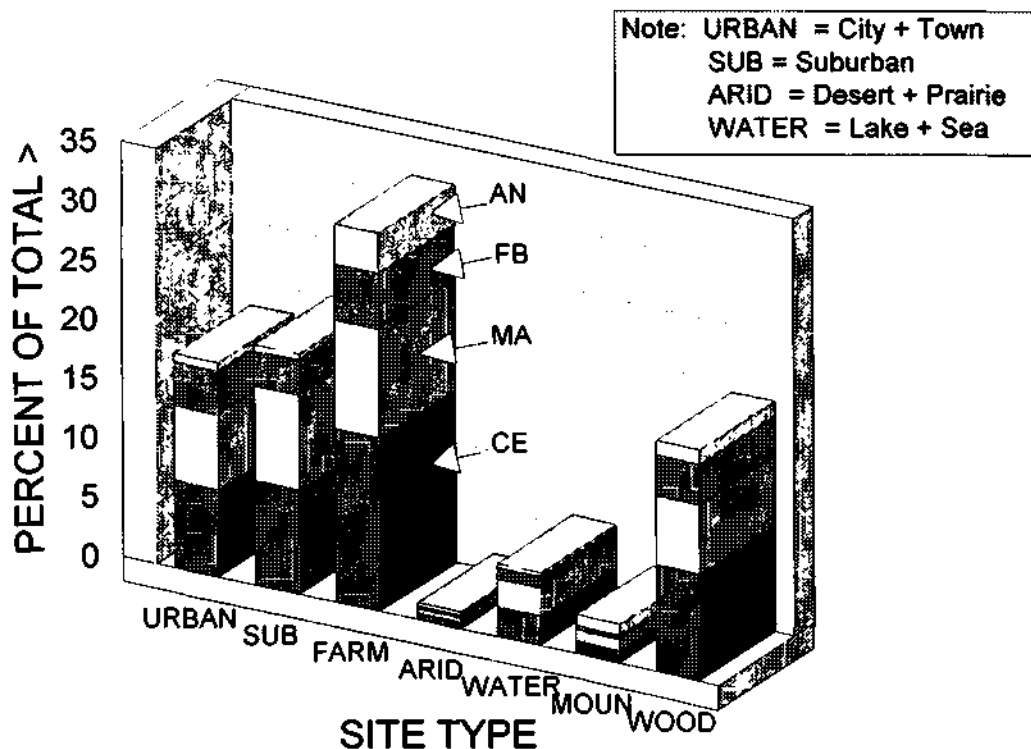
TYPE OF AREA

Identified sites are city, town, suburban, farm, desert, lake, mountain, prairie, sea, and woods. (The distinctions between city and town are subjective.) Any one event may have included between one and three of these types. For example, an event may have begun in a city and continued as the witness traveled to a rural area. As a result, 777 site types occurred in 600 reports. Three reports did not identify the site.

Chart 3-1 compares the percentages of site types. More sightings took place in suburban than in urban areas, and more took place in areas of farms than in the suburbs — facts that are consistent with expectations. The observation that many sightings were in wooded areas is not, or should not be, a surprise.

For new information, first notice that the proportion of AN type sightings are small in urban and suburban areas, compared to farms, mountains, and woods. Nearly 80 percent of the AN type sightings are outside urban areas, versus about 50 percent of all other types of sightings. This is another indication — added to oddities found in Section 2 — that there may be something different about AN type sightings. This difference may be due to an inability to distinguish strange anomalies or noises in urban and suburban areas. This report does not explore the characteristics of sighting types in detail, but findings such as this may help form the basis for a future study.

CHART 3-1. EVENTS AND SITE TYPES
(777 site types reported)



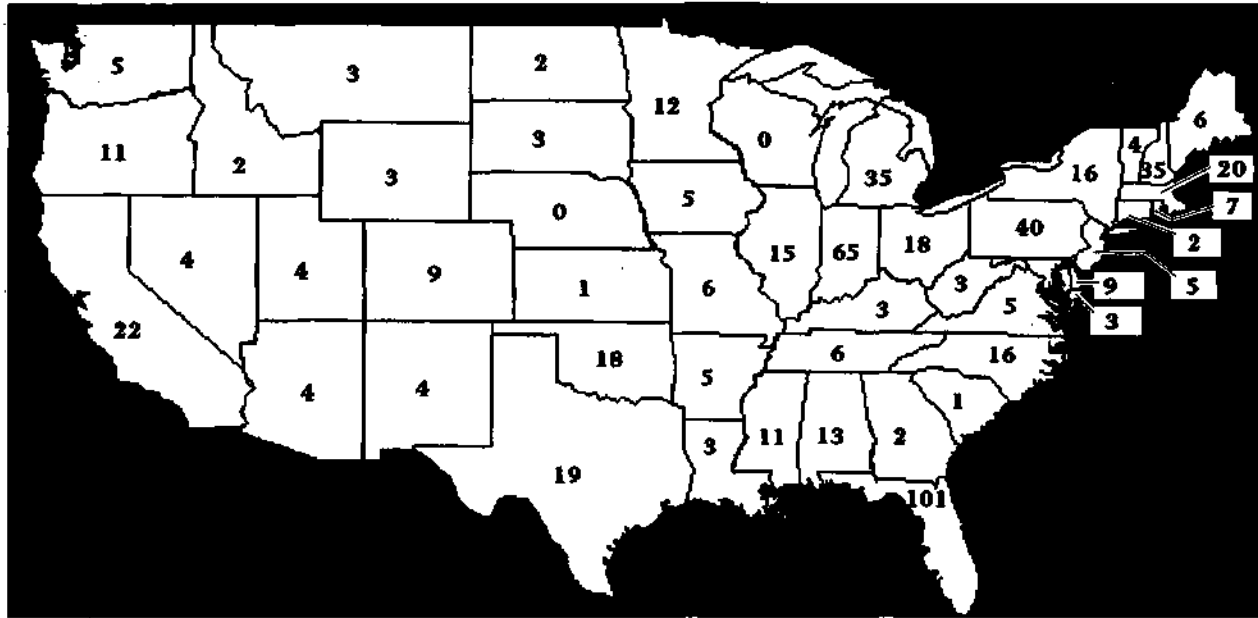


FIGURE 3-1. CONTIGUOUS U.S. SIGHTINGS
(588 events)

STATES, CITIES, AND REGIONS

Figure 3-1 gives the number of reports by State, totaling 588 from 46 States. Nebraska and Wisconsin do not yet have events recorded in the database.

The concentration of sightings in the eastern U.S. is much larger than in the western U.S. The area east of the Mississippi River (26 States), contains only 29 percent of the land mass and about 61 percent of the population, but it produced 75 percent of the UFO reports. The northeast and north central U.S., together, have the highest number of side-by-side States with more than 10 sightings. The States — New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois — collectively represent 10 percent of the land mass, 30 percent of the 48-State population (1990 Census), and over 40 percent of the sightings.

In the southeast and south central U.S., three States (Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi) are adjacent and have more than 10 events each. Having 5 percent of the land mass and 8 percent of the population, they are responsible for 21 percent of the sightings.

It appears that the number of people relates to the number of sightings, but a simple linear regression (sightings and population) is a poor model for the data. Factors other than population must be significant, and one of these is surely the availability of MUFON Field Investigators who will submit reports.

Some States show most sightings in regions, often near large cities and well-traveled highways. No conclusions can be drawn from this directly, but the infor-

mation might provide clues to researchers. Table 3-1 provides a summary of observations for States that have obvious tendencies for sighting localizations. Understand that the summary does not cover all sightings in the mentioned States.

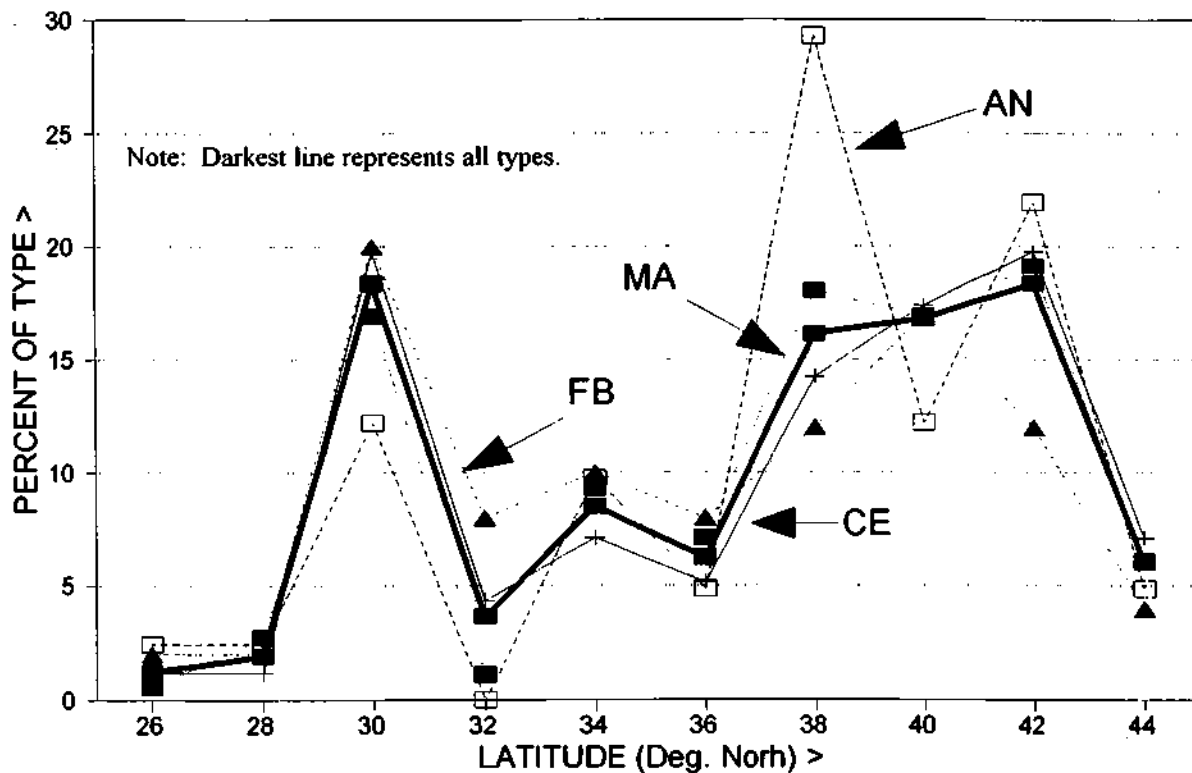
Table 3-1.
Regions of Localized Sightings, by State.

STATE	DESCRIPTION OF LOCALIZED REGION
FL	Along Gulf coast. Fort Myers; Fort Walton Beach; Gulf Breeze
IL	Latitude of St. Louis and south.
IN	Split: Latitudes of Indianapolis south and Fort Wayne north.
MA	Boston southward.
MI	Band: Detroit to Grand Rapids, 43 - 43.5 degrees N latitude.
MN	Cluster around Minneapolis.
MO	Band: Kansas City southward to Branson
NH	Band: Lebanon to Concord (I-89) and Concord to border (I-93).
NC	Clustering within 50 miles of Charlotte.
OH	Split: Region around Cleveland, south (I-77) and around Dayton.
OK	Between I-35 and SH 75, most within 70 mi. of Oklahoma City.
OR	Between I-5 and west to the coast.
PA	Concentrated in region from Johnstown west to Pittsburgh.
TN	Knoxville to Nashville, near I-40.

LOCATION COORDINATES

The coordinates (longitude and latitude) of the city closest to each sighting were obtained for all but 17

**CHART 3-2. TYPES BY LATITUDE
BEFORE 1995 (577 with coordinates).**



cases within the contiguous U.S. There are 571 records of events occurring before 1995 that contain this data. The latitudes are from 21 to 49 degrees north, and the longitudes are from 68 to 124 degrees west. Charts 3-2 and 3-3 summarize the ranges having most activity. The bold line in each of these charts represents the percentage of all sightings. Finer lines depict percentages of CE, MA, FB, and AN types. Each data point in Chart 3-2 covers two degrees, starting at the value indicated. In Chart 3-3, each data point covers five degrees.

Latitude

The highest peaks in the latitudes of Chart 3-2 span the ranges 30-31.99 and 38-41.99 degrees north. Latitude 30 degrees north includes Gulf Breeze, FL, which explains why the peak exists, though sightings from 23 other cities (13 in Florida) and four other States (AL, MS, LA, and TX) are included.

The peak at 38-41.99 degrees north represents sightings in over 75 cities of 19 States, from New Hampshire to California. A separate examination (not

shown) reveals three peaks that are adjacent, forming one major peak between 39.5 and 43.5 degrees north. This peak is associated with 235 cases, June 1947 through October 1994, from 170 cities of 24 States.

Longitude

A major peak between 80 and 90 degrees west is shown in Chart 3-3 for longitudes. This peak is due mainly to the sightings around Gulf Breeze, FL, (70 cases in areas of 14 cities).

Centroids of Activity

To assess the possibility of long-term trends in the movement of sighting locations, the average latitude and longitude, weighted by the count of events, was calculated. If this centroid of activity shifted significantly between periods, the likelihood of observing a UFO may have also shifted locations. (There could be many reasons for such a shift.)

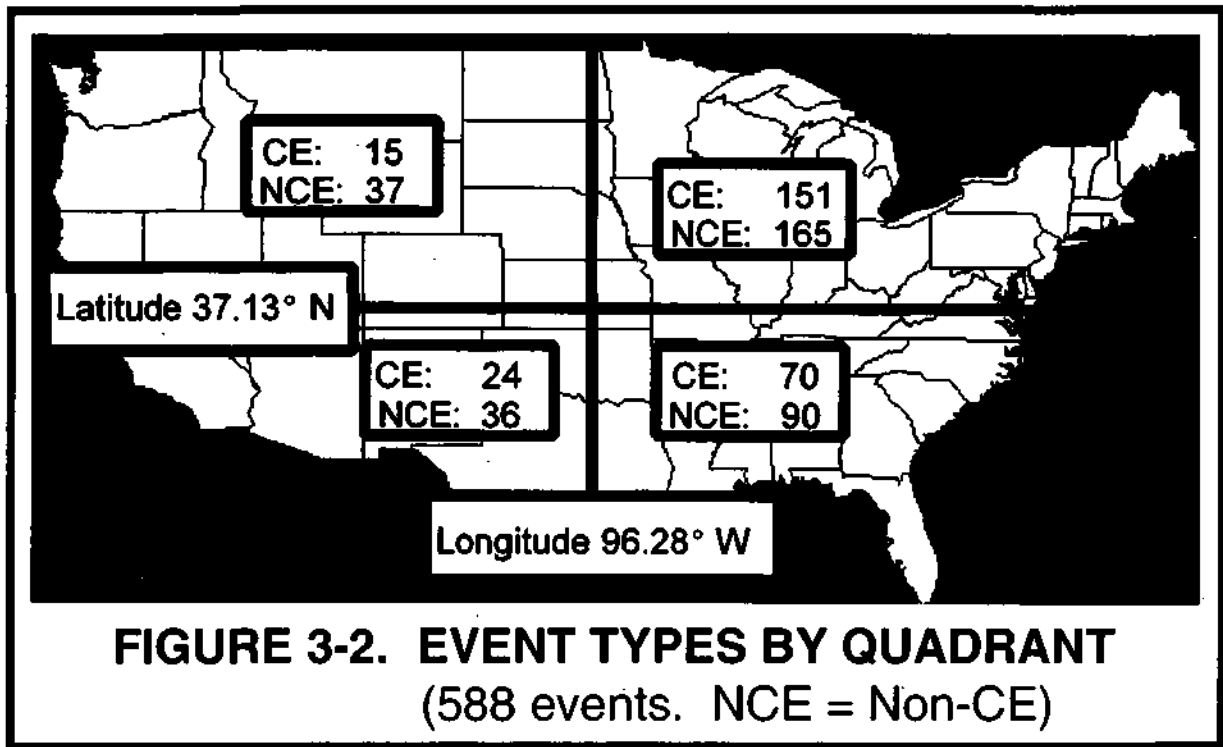


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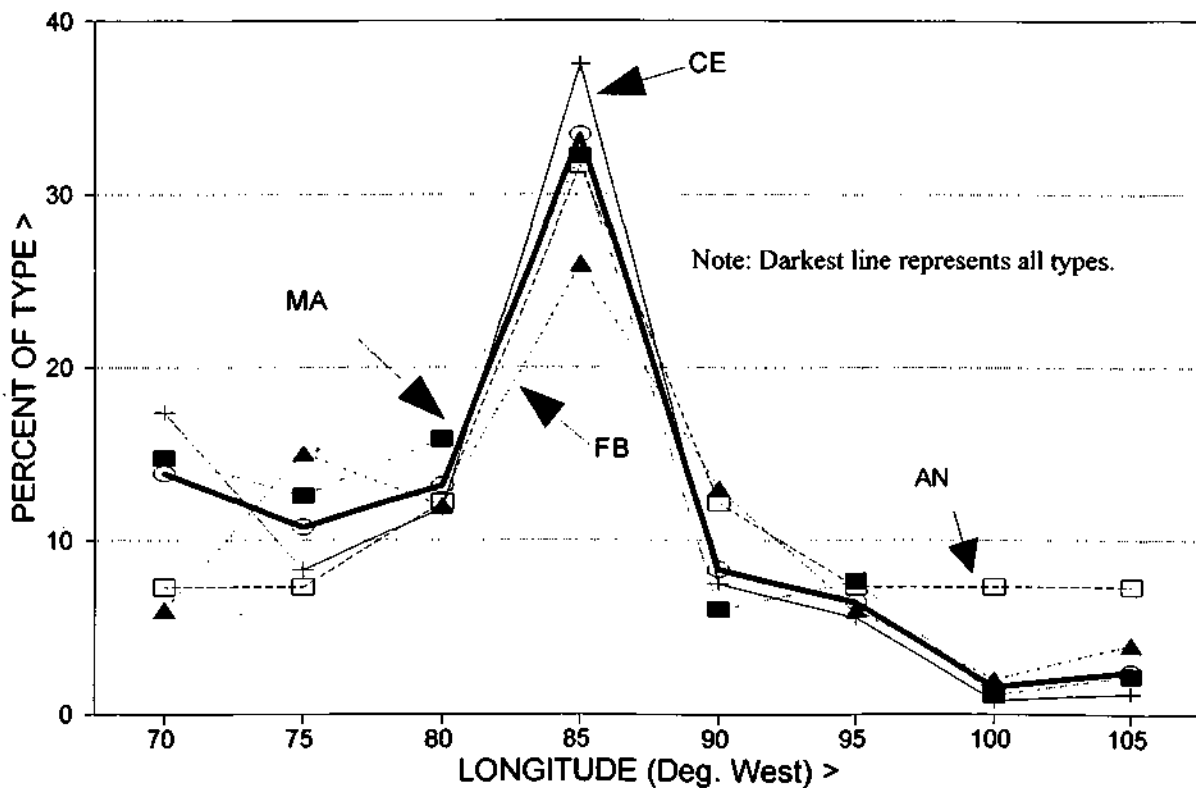


Table 3-2.
Centroids of Activity
LAT = latitude (N); LON = longitude (W);
NCE = Non-CE (MA, FB, AN)

YEAR RANGE		TOTAL	CE	NON-CE			
				NCE TOTAL	MA	FB	AN
<1985	#	97	49	48	30	13	5
	LAT	38.0	38.9	37.1	37.1	36.2	39.3
	LON	90.1	89.7	90.6	89.9	90.9	94.3
1985-89	#	223	102	121	64	40	17
	LAT	37.3	36.6	37.7	38.3	36.5	38.5
	LON	87.2	85.5	88.7	86.3	91.3	91.5
1990-94	#	251	101	150	87	45	18
	LAT	38.5	38.9	38.2	38.3	38.0	38.3
	LON	87.1	86.3	87.6	84.9	92.0	89.7
<1995	#	571	252	319	181	98	40
	LAT	37.9	38.0	37.8	38.1	37.1	38.5
	LON	87.6	86.6	88.5	86.2	91.6	91.1

The centroids of activity for years before 1995 are shown in Table 3-2. As indicated by the TOTAL column, some minor shifting has occurred, but the amounts are less than 5 percent of the ranges — too small to assess them as other than sampling variations. Comparing the CE and NCE TOTAL columns, no trends are obvious, and the maximum difference is less than 5 percent.

What might be described as a potential creeping of values is observed for the MA, FB, and AN centroids. The MA centroid has shifted 5 degrees eastward and slightly northward, while the AN centroid has also shifted 5 degrees eastward, but slightly southward. The FB centroid has moved 5 percent northward and slightly westward. These amounts are small enough to ignore, but the fact that the movement of each sighting type has been in one direction may be a hint that something not accounted for is happening. The CE centroid does not exhibit unidirectional movement.

Since the variations of values are small, it can be concluded that for sightings of all types, there has been *no net long-range trend in shifting of sighting locations across the adjoining United States*. The best estimate of the activity centroid, using data from all years, is a latitude of 37.9 degrees north and a longitude of 87.6 degrees west, near Evansville, Indiana.

Congruency of Sighting Types

Table 3-2 exhibits similarity between the CE and non-CE type activity centroids. It should be reasonable to conjecture that different types of sightings (AN, CE, FB, and MA) have similar values of activity centroids. The result from comparing the data for each sighting type (Table 3-2) is a maximum difference of only 10 percent. This maximum comes from the AN centroid of activity before 1985, for which there are only five pieces of data. Since a 10 percent difference is not large enough to negate generalized observations between these distributions, the indication of similarity is assumed to be correct.

The distributions for the different sighting types in Charts 3-2 and 3-3 have similar characteristics. That is, where the CE type increases or decreases in percentage, so do the other types, with minor exceptions. Could the different sighting types have the same distribution?

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The similarity of distributions is also supported by statistical comparisons — assuming normal distributions. The tests were unable to identify distribution differences between the CE and MA types or the FB and AN types. Tests run were the differences of estimated means, using the statistic, and ratio of estimated variances, with the F-statistic. Both were two-sided tests with a 95 percent confidence interval ($\alpha = 0.025$).

If the distributions are similar, then one effect should be that the coordinates containing the highest densities of sightings are the same for all sighting types. The results of a density check, looking at both longitude and latitude simultaneously, support the existence of this effect. From Figure 3-2, the CE and non-CE data are in reasonable agreement on the ordering of quadrants of the U.S. by the number of events. The northeast quadrant, which had the highest number of reports, contained 58 percent of the CEs and 50 percent of the non-CE sightings. The southeast quadrant has the second highest number, followed by the southwest quadrant.

With these multiple supporting comparisons, it is hypothesized that sighting types are interrelated. (Since most ufologists already assume that sighting types are related to each other, this hypothesis should not be surprising.) From the statistical testing, the closest relations are between the CE and MA types and the FB and AN types.

With sighting types related, any area having a sighting of one type is likely to have one of another type. For

Table 3-3.
Location Statistics For Sighting Distributions.

All latitudes are north of the equator, and all longitudes are west of the Greenwich meridian. LAT = latitude; LON = longitude; MIN = minimum; MAX = maximum; SD = standard deviation (approximated from normal distribution assumption).

TYPE	#	SD LAT	SD LON	LAT MODE	LON MODE	LAT MAX	LAT MIN	LON MAX	LON MIN
ALL	571	5.18	12.76	39.5	86.4	48.5	25.8	124.1	68.5
CE	252	5.28	12.52	39.7	86.3	48.5	25.8	124.1	69.0
MA	181	5.05	11.77	39.6	89.9	47.5	25.9	124.1	68.5
FB	98	5.38	14.21	37.9	86.9	48.1	26.1	123.4	71.4
AN	40	4.56	12.69	39.6	86.4	45.7	26.5	123.3	71.5

the 571 cases in the U.S., 96 percent of the events (548) had *different* types of sightings within one degree latitude and longitude, one degree being less than 0.0014 times the area of the U.S. Over 75 percent of these paired sightings were within one-half degree. The second event did not always happen soon after the first one, but over 50 percent took place during the same calendar year. Almost 90 percent were within five years, and 95 percent were within ten.

Despite the supporting evidence, there is no proof that this hypothesis is correct. For instance, all the apparent similarities could result from not having enough randomness in the report sources to correctly represent the randomness of events, but, since about 350 Field Investigators contributed reports, this possibility does not seem likely. If future data lead to the same findings, proof may come about due to their preponderance.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Type of Area

AN type sightings are observed mainly outside urban areas, while all other types are nearly equally observed in urban and non-urban areas.

States, Cities, and Regions

- More than 61 percent of the U.S. reports come from 11 States, which collectively represent 15 percent of the land mass and 38 percent of the population.
- Regional concentrations of activity/reports can be seen in 14 states, many being near well-traveled highways and major cities.

Location Coordinates

- There has been no long-term trend regarding movement of sighting activities to other portions of the U.S., but there is a hint that the location centroids of MA, FB, and AN type sightings are slowly shifting to different locations.
- Statistical studies provide significant support to the hypothesis that the different sighting types are related.
- Wherever a sighting of one type occurred, a sighting of another type occurred within one degree latitude and longitude, for 96 percent of the events. In almost 90 percent of these cases, matching occurred in five years or less, and over 50 percent happened in the same calendar year.

PREVIEW OF SECTION 4

Sky conditions, shapes, sizes, emissions, lights, multiples, and other aspects of viewed objects are examined. Are the types of objects changing over time? If so, what types are emerging? Is the classical flying saucer still around?

CURRENT CASES

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Multiple Sightings in Indiana

On July 13, 1993, near Ligonier, Indiana, nine sightings were experienced by different witnesses, and all of them occurred between 2100 and 2135 hours local time. They were all investigated and reported by Bruce Engstrom and Robert Taylor.

LOG # 931242J, CE-1, Cromwell, at 2100 hours, for 10 minutes.

As a mother and her child were driving home, a group of bright red lights and blue lights appeared to be following them. After reaching their mobile home, the woman saw the lights hovering at between two and ten feet over the roof. At first, the lights were in a horizontal line about 50 feet long. They then divided into two groups and revealed shiny, oval objects supporting them.

Within 10 minutes, the woman and child heard a high-pitched sound, and the objects moved away in a westerly southwest direction, going out of sight behind the trees.

LOG # 931238J, CE-1, Ligonier, at 2100 hours, for 20 minutes.

A woman (main witness), her mother, and two children driving home were stopped at railroad tracks for a freight train. They noticed three red-orange lights hovering above the tracks while the train passed. When they drove on by, curiosity made them stop and look back at the lights, which were floating but staying in one place no more than 400 feet away. The lights were about 25 feet above the road and spaced between 10 and 25 feet apart. They seemed to rotate as a unit, although no structure appeared to connect them.

After about 10 minutes, the lights moved off westward, and the witnesses continued their journey. As they neared their home about 20 minutes later, they saw the same lights moving northwestwards past their house.

LOG # 931239J, CE-1, Ligonier, at 2105 hours, for 20 minutes.

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IN SEARCH OF HARD EVIDENCE

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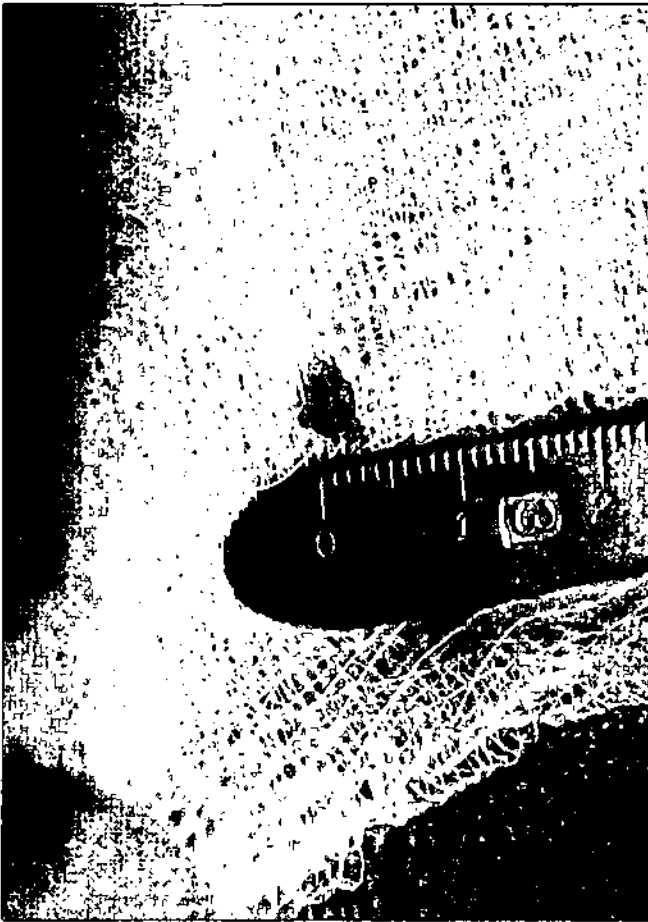
An eerie silence engulfed the small operating room where a surgeon stood poised to plunge a surgical knife deep into the tissues of a human foot. Perhaps history was about to be made . . .

The scientific establishment has been screaming for years at ufologists to present so-called "hard evidence." It seems as though some of the more vocal proponents, such as Carl Sagan, do not acknowledge the mass of evidence that has already been collected and presented. Perhaps it would behoove us to alter the accepted meaning of this terminology. However, until this can be accomplished, science continues its demand for the hardest of hard evidence. Perhaps the hard core scientific establishment will only become believers when we hand them the consummate extraterrestrial craft complete with its alien operator. My small contribution to this endeavor came about on the afternoon of August 19th, 1995, when I performed surgery to remove several suspected alien implants.

SYNCHRONICITY

In keeping with my continuous quest for knowledge, I was obliged to attend the "UFO Expo West" held in Southern California, in June of 1995. It has been my practice to attend as many of these events as possible and to report on them with my articles written in the *Ventura-Santa Barbara MUFON Vortex*. It was at this meeting that I came in contact with a Houston, Texas, researcher, Mr. Derrel Sims. I was intrigued with the work he was doing, the quality of the product produced and his plans for the future. It was at this meeting when he presented me with X-rays taken of a foot belonging to an alleged abductee.

This was indeed coincidence, since my background has made me quite familiar with foot radiographs. It appeared that the foot in question had undergone some type of a surgical procedure involving the bone. There were objects that appeared to be stainless steel sutures. Derrel explained that no surgery had ever been per-



formed. This propelled my eyebrows to a considerable height. My next question, naturally mired in scientific logic, related to accidents. This was also confirmed by Derrel to be in the negative. The reason for the X-rays being taken had to do with a contiguous problem. The appearance of these films left a distinct impression on my mind, as not only was there a visible metallic foreign body on one side of the big toe, but in addition there appeared to be a second object on the other side.

During the course of our meeting, the subject was broached as to the possibility of whether or not this individual would be receptive to having these objects surgically removed. Derrel stated that as far as he knew, the lady would be overjoyed. He also mentioned that she had no medical insurance and that costs were an adverse factor. I pondered the situation and after careful consideration, I put forth an offer. If the patient could be flown to California, I would perform the surgical procedure without charge. The initial expression on Derrel's face was one to behold. He seemed to be astonished. At that point he invited me to attend his workshop and I eagerly accepted.

During the course of the lecture he presented this case to the audience and explained that there was now a California doctor who would remove the objects in question. He then asked for a volunteer to pay for the transportation. Within minutes after the cessation of the

lecture I was called to the podium and told by one very happy presenter that someone had just agreed to foot the entire bill. With that, he stated, he would be in touch by telephone to arrange the date and handle the details. During the next few weeks a multitude of telephone conversations took place. I was informed that a second individual with a similar foreign body, visible on x-ray, also needed surgery. I agreed to arrange for both procedures in the same day.

Within a week I received some new radiographs of both individuals. The newest of the surgical candidates was male and the object was in his hand. Coincidentally, this entity appeared to be an exact replica of one of the objects seen in the big toe of the first surgical candidate. I presented both sets of films to a qualified radiologist. He confirmed the presence of metallic foreign bodies. Plans were then formatted for the date and time of the event. Both patients were from different parts of Texas, and would meet for the first time in Houston to make the trip to California.

PREPARATION

In order to accomplish this surgical procedure within the time constraints allowed, considerable preparation had to be made. The first task was to list those individuals that I considered the most qualified and open minded. These would include both the professional and non-professional components. Next I focused on the most appropriate site to perform the surgery. Taking into account the number of personnel, the need for privacy, the amount of recording equipment and a myriad of other factors, it was my decision to perform these procedures in one of my offices. The ideal location would be my Camarillo office. The surgery was scheduled for August the 19th, which happened to fall on a Saturday. This would provide a facility free of the other doctors and their staffs. Once this decision was made, I turned my attention to the physical materials needed. Everything necessary to performing this procedure had to be listed, collected and transported to the surgical site in a timely fashion. Instructions were given to my office staff to prepare the multitude of documents and ancillary paperwork necessary to the performance of these procedures.

THE TEAM

Next my concentration became focused on selecting the professional portion of the surgical team. With Derrel giving the hypnoanesthesia and myself as the principal surgeon, two team members had already been conscripted. Mr. Sims is a licensed, certified hypnoanesthesiologist and has performed in this capacity many times previously. In addition he was totally responsible for coordinating this entire effort from Houston. He has a wide and diverse background as a UFO investigator and abduction researcher. He is known worldwide for his innovative techniques. Derrel's work has been considered to be on the forefront of research.

The position of second surgeon was filled by a friend that I had known for many years. He is a general surgeon and is retired. We will refer to him as Dr. A. My next choice was a Ph. D. Psychologist, Dr. Barbara Dobrin, who is an esteemed member of our local MUFON group. I would like to interject at this point the fact that most participants were members of MUFON and this helped to solidify our effort. The remaining members of the team were in a sense the non-professional component, but these individuals all performed in a most professional fashion. Our surgical nurse was my daughter-in-law, Mrs. Denise Messina. Our video photographer was Mr. Mike Evans, who holds a degree in nursing. Mike was past section director of Ventura-Santa Barbara MUFON. The entire event was under the direction of my office manager, Mrs. Janet Warnick. Her job was shared with our local MUFON state section director, Mrs. Alice Leavy. Mr. Jack Carlson and his mother Ruth were intrusted with the task of recording this event on paper. Both are professional writers. Another trusted member of the MUFON circle was Mr. Bert Clemens. Bert supplied numerous pieces of equipment such as a magnetometer and stud finder. He also set up the video recording equipment, including a television monitor that could be viewed in an adjoining room. This room was used for the individuals not allowed in the operating room.

THE SURGERY

Each patient was processed in a predetermined manner. A full and complete medical history was taken. Next, each patient underwent an abduction history exam and their emotional and psychological states were determined. Tape recordings were made of the interviews and later transcribed. All paperwork, including consent and release forms, was signed by the patients. Charts were then compiled for each individual. All previous laboratory tests, ordered by me, were reviewed. Each patient was brought to the X-ray room and new radiographs were taken, processed and reviewed by Dr. A. and myself. Each patient was then placed in a treatment room and my surgical nurse withdrew the prescribed amount of blood.

Since the literature contains many stories related to surgically removed implants disappearing, evaporating, turning to powder etc., I decided the best transport media to be the patients' own bodily fluid. The isolated blood was then centrifuged and the serum portion separated and mixed with an anticoagulant, making an ideal transport fluid.

With the initial preparation completed, our first patient Patricia was brought into the operating room and positioned on the operating table. With video rolling, Derrel Sims began to initiate hypnotic induction. Next, a local anesthetic, consisting of a mixture of a quick-acting with a long-acting anesthetic, was administered to

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the patient. Then the area was prepared in the usual manner and draped with sterile drapes. A small tourniquet was applied to the great toe of the patient's left foot. An eerie silence engulfed the small operating room where the surgeon was poised to plunge a surgical knife deep into the tissues of the human foot. Perhaps history was about to be made.

With the X-ray as a guide I made my initial incision on the inside of the big toe. Thus began the long and tedious task of searching for the unknown. It took almost an hour to achieve this. I have performed this procedure many times in my thirty years of practice. Most of the time it is analogous to looking for the proverbial "needle in the haystack." The first clue indicating close proximity to the object came about during the deep probing of the incision. Suddenly the patient almost jerked her foot off of the table. At this point I was a bit taken back, as the patient literally was under the influence of a double anesthesia. Derrel continued his hypnotic suggestions and the patient became quiet and calm. Further probing of the same spot elicited a similar response. With this sign as a guide post, we continued dissection of this area until a small grayish object was visualized. It was then carefully clamped and excised from the surrounding tissues. At the moment of actual extraction, the patient responded with another small jerk and an indication of pain.

My thoughts at the time were centered around my past experiences performing surgery for removal of foreign objects. The only times that I have personally witnessed this type of response under local anesthesia is when an object has been physically attached to a nerve. The motion of removal apparently pulls directly on the nerve fibers and this seems to evoke a direct pain response.

The ambiance of the operating room suddenly changed. It was as though the room itself sighed with relief. One object was out and ready to be carefully examined. It was placed on a gauze square. It appeared to be triangular or star-shaped. The object was measured and proved to be approximately one-half by one-half cm. The foreign body appeared a dark gray in color

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The first segment of the surgery was now complete and our attention was directed to the opposite side of the big toe where the second object was lodged. A careful examination of the current radiographs provided us with guidance in making the second incision. Soon our dissection was deep within the tissues and probing for the second object began. It took a greater amount of time to locate this one due to the angle of the X-ray and the smaller size. When the object was touched, reaction occurred in the same violent manner as did the initial probing for the first object. Found and clamped, the second entity was removed and placed on a gauze sponge. This one was about the shape of a small cantaloupe seed and covered with the same dark gray, dense membrane. A futile but valid, short, attempt was made to separate it from its biological jacket. There was no success in this endeavor and I chose to immediately finish the surgical procedure.

The surgical team took a brief respite before starting the second case. It was with renewed enthusiasm that found Dr. A. making a surgical incision into the back of the hand of Pat, our second surgical candidate. Pat was a rough and tumble fellow who gave the appearance of a "Mountain Man." I took up the role of assistant in the procedure and performed those tasks required of me. The procedure was essentially the same as the one we had just performed. The patient winced with discomfort when the object was probed and extracted. The appearance of this object brought about profound astonishment. It looked exactly like the second entity that was removed from the first patient. By this time we had learned that attempts to remove the covering were futile,

so this was not done. Following each surgery, the patients were placed in a quiet adjoining room and re-evaluated by Dr. Dobrin, our psychologist.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I would like to make it crystal clear to our readers that only the most preliminary findings are known at this time. It would be extremely premature to draw conclusions at this point. I will, however, enumerate the former. Since the findings are basically all the same for all three objects, no attempt will be made to delineate them.

1. One object (the largest), while wrapped in its very tight membrane, appeared to be triangular or star-shaped. The other two resembled small cantaloupe seeds.

2. The largest specimen measured approximately one-half cm. in each direction and the other two measured approximately two to four mm.

3. The objects were tightly wrapped in a very dense, tough, gray, membrane. This substance was strong enough to prevent me from removing it from the underlying metal when I attempted to do so with a very sharp surgical blade.

4. After the specimens were received in Houston, the membranes were dried and removed, revealing a black, shiny metallic core.

5. Prior to removing the membranes, Derrel and a chemist, Mr. Glen Manuel, used their intuitive sense and decided to subject them to ultraviolet black light examination. All three were noted to fluoresce a bright green color. This is the same color that has been seen to appear on certain areas of the skin on abductees. It was also noted that the objects appeared to be magnetic and clung to the scalpel blade.

6. The metallic portions are now undergoing a battery of examinations, including electronmicroscopy and photoluminescence. No data is available at this time.

7. Tissues that were removed from an area surrounding the objects were sent for pathological analysis and revealed the following: "Numerous peripheral nerves and pressure receptors, no evidence of inflammation, either acute or chronic, no inflammatory cells or infiltrates, no fibrosis." This is not the usual finding in foreign body tissue reactions.

8. Next a small portion of the membrane was sent in independently. The results were as follows. "Proteinaceous Coagulum [made from blood protein], Keratin [the most superficial layer of the skin and the substance that makes the outer structures of the body, such as hair and nails]."

The only conclusions that can safely be drawn at this time is that the findings so far are of an unusual nature and it would be foolish to conjecture about them. It

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FILLING IN THE GAPS

UFO Reports are where you find them, which—as demonstrated here—is almost anywhere.

by Jan Aldrich

The amount of published UFO information is truly staggering. In North America alone there are probably well over 300,000 newspaper stories! You may think, "Surely you jest! Hardly anything about UFOs is published in my own local newspaper." However, this number could easily be attained if each newspaper in North America had published only two UFO items a year for the last fifty years. So 300,000 stories are not unthinkable, indeed, I would contend such a figure probably errs on the conservative side, if it errs at all.

Of course, some newspapers publish no stories for years, and certain localities may produce few UFO incidents. Even allowing for differences in areas and times with few reports, there are huge amounts of untapped data. It should be made clear that local data are being discussed. When wire service stories are added, the total published material swells dramatically. Sometimes even wire service stories are carried only in a few regional newspapers close to the event. (In July 1947, the Fairbanks, Alaska *News-Miner* reported on an earlier UFO sighting in April. Apparently this story made it to the United Press wire service as a small upstate New York newspaper also carried the story. However, out of over 2800 North American newspapers checked for PROJECT 1947 no other newspaper carried the story.)

The experience of PROJECT 1947 tends to confirm the estimate of huge numbers of untapped local stories. Where newspapers are well indexed or have well maintained UFO clipping files, there are large numbers of reports. However, even in British Columbia, where the Victoria and Vancouver newspapers are well indexed, I was able to supplement the indexed UFO reports after just a short search. A wealth of new material awaits further research.

PROJECT 1947 was founded to find this "new" material. Carrying on the early work of Ted Bloecher, whose research found over 850 reports from 1947, PROJECT 1947 is a modest attempt to expand on the foundation that Bloecher laid down when he wrote *Report of the UFO Wave of 1947*. Not content with this research, Bloecher continued work on 1947-1953 and turned up hundreds of new reports, filling in many gaps.

ENCOUNTER OVER KINGMAN

Searching newspapers that Bloecher did not check continues to bring interesting 1947 reports to light. For example: at about 10 p.m., 7 July 1947, near Kingman, Arizona. Charles Ely, co-owner of the Western Auto

Store and Frank Marbel, a flight instructor, prepared to land the Piper Super Cruiser they were flying. Two bright lights approached them at the Piper's altitude of 600 feet from the north end of the Hualpai Mountains. Ely blinked his landing lights twice to notify what he thought was an oncoming aircraft that he was landing.

He received no answer; so again he blinked his lights. Again, there was no answer. About this time the fliers estimated that the lights were about 500-600 feet away and about 20 feet apart.

After receiving no answer, Ely banked the aircraft to get out of the way. Marbel watched the two lights separate and in a few moments rejoin each other over Kingman and continue their westward flight. The lights looked the same going away as they did when they approached. The lights cast no beam. On the ground the airport operation personnel said they heard only the aircraft that Ely and Marbel were flying. Ely told the newspaper reporter who took the story that he did not drink.¹

UNIQUE MANEUVERS

William T. Powers warned us in 1966 to consider carefully how we encode data for computers. He was concerned that unique items which had no data reduction code would be lost in the computerization process.²

Two such reports can be found during 1947, one in California and the other in Washington. Both tell of disc-shaped objects following one another horizontally in a line as if attached by a string and moving on an oscillatory flight path. They had another unusual feature in that the first object in the pattern would flip over like a coin and then each object in the pattern would also perform the maneuver in turn. The California sighting based on the witnesses' written account was briefly summarized in the *CUFOS Associate Newsletter* years ago, while the Washington sighting was mentioned in a small article in a 1947 weekly Washington newspaper.

At first I suspected balloon trains as an answer to these sightings. While not yet confirmed, I believed there was a weather research project conducted in the summer of 1947. The press has many reports of radiosondes and deflated weather balloons coming down all over the US and Canada, especially in the Northeast and Missouri. Meteorological research programs have successfully mobilized meteorological assets from the active duty military, Reserves, National Guard, and colleges and research institutions. During a 1970s tornado research project, over 90 mobile balloon launching/tracking crews were fielded. In 1947, balloon trains

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using several balloons one above another were employed. Also, balloon vendors in a Portland park were launching children's balloons tied together in a line. However, it seems unlikely that balloons would behave in the manner described above.

Two other cases bear some slight resemblance to the "flipping coin" cases. The Monon Railroad case in Central Indiana of 3 October 1958, had objects that seemed to move in a coordinated motion sometimes with the objects flying on edge³. A forest ranger on lookout duty at Mt. Josephine, Skagit County, Washington on 17 August 1947, saw a disc-shaped object appear to drop straight out of the sky to the northeast. It came down at a tipped angle, but as it approached its final altitude the angle of the tip diminished. When it reached its final altitude, it completely righted itself and seemed to float leisurely about as if "suspended on a cord" for several moments. Suddenly, it started away to the southeast and disappeared at a great rate of speed.⁴

The origin of this last report is very interesting. It comes from a letter to Project Blue Book in July 1952. The letter was filed in a catch-all file entitled "Public Response to the April 1952 *LIFE* Magazine article." This file was later microfilmed and during some housecleaning about the time of the Condon Committee LTC Quintanilla, Project Blue Book head, was about to throw it out along with about 30 other rolls of microfilm containing UFO newspaper clippings from 1952. Luckily, Dr. Herbert J. Strenz, who at the time was working on his dissertation in journalism, received these microfilm files instead of the trash can, and these files were saved and later handed over to Barry Greenwood of CAUS. The "LIFE file" contains hundreds of letters on various subjects. Many letters reported UFOs. These reports were not counted as Blue Book case files.

Few reports for 1947 have yet been found in Europe. The London and Paris newspapers generally gave only short accounts of sightings and ridiculed UFOs as an American phenomenon. Capt. Norman E. Waugh, pilot for Airwork, Ltd. of London, was ferrying a plane to Argentina when the crew saw a grayish object which looked like a tadpole. The sighting took place over the Bay of Biscay at 10 o'clock GMT. The plane was flying above the clouds at 8,000 feet while the object appeared

to be at 16,000 feet at a distance of five or six miles. Capt. Norman had 16 years of flying experience and service in Bomber Command and Transport Command during the war. First Officer Peter Roberts, a Squadron Leader during the war, and Radio Officer S. J. R. Chineck also witnessed the UFO.⁵

REPORTS FROM OTHER PERIODS

An experienced pilot and airport operator was flying near Mountain Home, Idaho at 12:05 p. m. on 24 July 1949, when seven weird V-shaped objects about 1500 feet under him overtook his aircraft and continued on a easterly course at tremendous speed. The objects, which were in view for two minutes, were V-shaped with a circular body and a belly-like protuberance under the nose of the V. They did not bank or tilt when they turned. There were no markings. The objects' color was neither white nor gray, but a shade the pilot had never seen before. The circular portion toward the nose of the V seemed to change color. There was no indication of pilots in the objects.

The objects flew in two lines of three with the seventh object between the two lines or above them. There was no evidence of propulsion or exhaust. The Air Force flight center at McCord Field had no record of any military flights authorized in the area. The Mountain Home Air Base had no experimental aircraft.⁶

An early close encounter in August or September 1939, was recalled by a Fort Worth, Texas woman. She was sleeping on a bed in her back yard on a night with the moon shining. She heard a whirring noise "like an electric fan" coming from the east. As she raised up on her elbow to look, a strange object came directly toward her from a height of about 20 or 30 feet. The object slowed and descended to a height even with her bed. It appeared to be three feet long by one foot high, grayish in color, and with strata or veins appearing to run through it. It was shaped like an old time Mississippi steam boat. Surrounding it was a soft blue-green glow. It moved toward the foot of her bed, then suddenly zoomed into the sky and disappeared.⁷

FILLING IN THE GAPS

PROJECT 1947, a two-and-a-half-year research project into the 1947 UFO wave, continues to turn up hundreds of reports from 1947. Soon after beginning the project, it became evident that there was a huge amount of material in other eras, too, such as World War I,⁸ 1950, 1956, 1957, etc. So part of the effort became to fill in the gaps in these other eras. Screening newspapers continues to be the biggest source of reports. I have also found UFO files in libraries, universities, and historical societies. Hundreds of people have contributed copies from their files, scrapbooks, personal reports, or research in their local area.

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A number of people have asked how they might assist this effort. If MUFON members did a few hours of searching in their local areas the results would dwarf efforts to date. Many people do not have the temperament, nor time, to sit in front of a microfilm reader or bound copies of old newspapers looking for UFO stories. However, there are other routes. Many newspapers still have clipping files which are open to the public. However, their number is decreasing, as many newspapers now charge the public to use their "morgue" files.

Some libraries, historical societies and universities have "vertical files" on subjects that interest the public, or they may have indexed local newspapers. Sometimes you will find UFO reports indexed or filed under other headings besides "Flying Saucers," "UFOs," or "Unidentified Flying Objects." All the following headings have worked in one place or another: Aeronautics, Airships, Astronomy, Ball-Lightning, Balloons, Crackpot, Extraterrestrial Life, Fireballs, Ghost Lights, Hallucinations & Illusions, Jack-o-Lanterns, Lights, Meteors, Mysterious Lights, Phantasms, Phantom Airships, Phenomena, Space and Spook Lights.

Local historical societies are one of the least exploited resources in UFO research, but many times they will have reports, too, especially before 1947. Many communities had local scientific or philosophical societies in the late 19th or early 20th century which published papers. It is possible to find accounts of strange meteors or other aerial phenomena in these publications.

Many times the librarian or archivist is the best resource and in many cases I have received invaluable assistance. Many librarians wanted some of my research in their local areas for the library's own files.

If you have friends interested in genealogy, you might ask them to be on the look out for strange sky phenomena when they do their newspaper or local history research.

I would be most happy to hear from people who would like to assist PROJECT 1947 or help fill in the gaps. Reports, newspaper clippings, and scrapbooks are most welcome. Foreign language translation is always

needed. Research in local areas is most welcome as well. You can write to me at PROJECT 1947, P.O. Box 391, Canterbury, CT 06331, or telephone (203) 546-9135.

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is my hope that a follow-up article will be forthcoming and contain further findings and conclusions.

FUTURE PLANS

Both Derrel and myself are preparing for and working on a multitude of new enterprises. These include: Preparing a research paper for *The Journal of UFO Studies*, Dr. Pritchard, and M.I.T. These will include a presentation on Fluorescence, Procaine allergies, Graphoanalysis, and abduction experiences. A professional documentary video of the implant surgery is currently available and can be obtained from:

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We are currently developing a very complete series of alleged alien implant protocols. This year Derrel has presented his work in France with Phillip Mantle and Budd Hopkins, also there have been invitations from San Marino, France and England. There has been a deluge of phone calls in reference to this material. Our implant research and removal campaign is in full swing with new candidates being processed daily.

AMERICA WEST AIRLINE CASE

Airliner crew spots huge cigar-shaped UFO; NORAD apparently picks it up on radar.

by Richard Hall

INTRODUCTION

This report is digested by Richard Hall from an investigation report by Walter N. Webb, UFO Consulting Services, Westwood, Mass., prepared on behalf of the UFO Research Coalition. The members of the Coalition are the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). Mr. Webb's investigation is continuing, and his report to the Coalition is an "Interim Report." However, substantial progress has been made in the investigation, and we felt that it was important to make these preliminary findings public.

The Paramount program "Sightings" aired a segment about the case on November 4, 1995, but the witnesses names were not released to the program staff. Several of the key witnesses agreed to talk with Mr. Webb on a confidential basis. Because of their request for anonymity, their names cannot be published at this time.

About two weeks after the sighting, an air traffic controller left a message on the CUFOs line, reporting an apparent radar-visual sighting. The investigation was assigned to Mr. Webb by the Coalition and, with cooperation of the three groups, witnesses gradually were located and interviewed.

THE ORIGINAL REPORT

At 10:30 p.m. (MDT) an air traffic controller in the Albuquerque, N.M., region had just come on duty when a UFO sighting was in progress. The co-pilot of an America West flight flying over Tucumcari, N.M. (location later changed) was reporting a huge unknown object below the plane at 30,000 ft. The shape of the UFO became visible when it was illuminated by lightning flashes in a nearby thunderstorm.

While Albuquerque was unable to pick up the object on radar, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) was contacted by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) air traffic controller and a NORAD spokesperson asserted that they had an unidentified radar target in the area that alternated between being stationary and moving rapidly.

THE SIGHTING

Using information from voice tapes of the FAA air traffic controllers made during the sighting, telephone interviews with three air crew members and three Air Route Traffic Control Center personnel, a questionnaire filled out by the co-pilot, and the latter's mapped posi-

tions, Mr. Webb reconstructed the sighting. Most times are converted to Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

The flight departed Tampa, Florida, on the evening of Thursday, May 25, 1995, on a nonstop flight to Las Vegas. The Captain, a veteran of 33 years, was at the controls in the left seat. The First Officer, with 15 years experience, handled the communications in the right seat. The lead flight attendant was also in the cockpit. About two-thirds of the way through the 4-1/2 hour flight the airliner was crossing the Texas panhandle toward the New Mexico border at 39,000 feet, travelling about 400-450 knots (460-520 m.p.h.). A stratus undercast about 8,000 feet below was obscuring the ground. Off to the right (North) was an active, isolated thunderstorm cell which towered to about 40,000 feet. Overhead the sky was clear and starry.

The flight attendant was sitting in the jump seat behind the co-pilot. He glanced out the right window over the co-pilot's shoulder and saw something flashing. "John, what's that?" he asked the co-pilot. The First Officer turned and observed a row of flashing lights to the left (West) of the thunderclouds at a lower altitude, estimated at 30,000 to 35,000 feet. He described it as appearing like "eight strobes in a line ... as bright as landing lights." Each was "bright white with a tint of blue." The two outermost lights, one on each end, flashed on and off continuously but at a slower rate than aircraft strobes, while the six others went on and off sequentially from left to right. This sequential pattern was repeated throughout the observation.

The flight attendant described it somewhat differently. To him the left-most light started the sequence by flashing, then going out. As it did, something like "a beam of light or a series of smaller lights or a reflection" traveled to the right where the outer light then flashed on. The pilot, who had to rise out of his seat to look past the others, recalled seeing two intensely bright lights, one on each end, with smaller or less intense white lights in between. However, he did not report flashing of the lights. He did report a hard-to-describe left-to-right sequencing (perhaps involving a subtle dimming and brightening).

Within about 10 seconds of the initial sighting, the co-pilot contacted the Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center to inquire about the object. He reported "some strobes" at the three o'clock position and asked what it was and whether they had it on radar. The controller's response was negative to both questions. "The

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length is unbelievable," the co-pilot exclaimed. The controller immediately contacted Cannon AFB, Clovis, N.M., to report the sighting and check on any military activity in the nearby military operations area. The reply was that there were no operations currently in progress. (As it turned out later, neither the aircraft nor the UFO was near the restricted test area.)

As the airliner continued westward, the UFO gradually fell behind until it appeared in front of the towering thundercloud. Frequent lightning discharges within the cell behind the object revealed that the lights were situated along a wingless, "cigar-shaped" silhouette estimated by the co-pilot to be about 300-400 feet long. The storm cell was about 45 miles distant, and the UFO perhaps halfway between their airplane and the storm.

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The air traffic controllers, meanwhile, called the Albuquerque Flight Service to inquire about weather balloons, which carry lights at night. No balloons were aloft at the time. Albuquerque Center also received queries from several other airline pilots in the area who overheard the radio communications, but none of them reported seeing anything. The Center asked a military aircraft, identified as "Hawk 85," flying eastbound at 27,000 feet, to look for the object to his left. The pilot replied: "We got somethin' about a little lower than us off our left wing," but he never reported any details.

THE NORAD RADAR TRACKS

About 10:45 p.m. one of the air traffic controllers decided to contact NORAD to see if its sophisticated radar net had tracked the unknown. The spokesperson at first didn't take the report seriously. The controller said:

[THE PILOT] SAID IT WAS A PRETTY INTERESTING THING OUT THERE... IT'S RIGHT OUT OF 'THE X-FILES.' I MEAN IT'S A DEFINITE UFO OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

The NORAD spokesperson replied:

AND IT'S, OH, Y'ALL ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

NORAD agreed to monitor the area. At 11:02 p.m. the NORAD spokesperson called back and reported that they had an unidentified radar track in the general region of the sighting. It was a "search only" (non-transponding) target traveling at about 390 knots (450 m.p.h.). At 11:08 p.m. a second controller called NORAD again and was told that the target had been identified finally by its transponder code as a specific aircraft, and gave its current position. Mr. Webb plotted the positions and reported that all indications pointed to an aircraft.

Early next morning the first controller made one final call to NORAD to learn if anything more had been discovered on radar. The same spokesperson answered again, and said that *another* target had been tracked on system radar in the same general region, and its odd behavior was definitely unexplained. This apparently happened soon after the transponding aircraft had been identified. The "Unknown Track" appeared stationary at first, then accelerated in a sudden burst of speed for 20 to 30 seconds before coming to an abrupt stop. It hovered for 1 to 1-1/2 minutes, then accelerated again in another sudden burst of speed. This was repeated several times over a period of about 4 minutes, after which the target disappeared. The accelerations were computed to be between 1,000 and 1,400 m.p.h.!

AFTERMATH

Walter Webb has investigated possible prosaic explanations for the sighting, including making contacts with Air Force bases concerning aerial refueling operations and a study of weather records. He has filed Freedom of Information Act requests for key information, and some sighting report forms, sketches, and maps from witnesses are still pending. Thus, this is a preliminary report. His tentative conclusion is:

BASED UPON ALL THE INFORMATION RECEIVED TO DATE, I BELIEVE THE AMERICA WEST SIGHTING SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS A GENUINE UNKNOWN.

Editorial Note: The investigation continues, and it is hoped that the witnesses ultimately will agree to testify publicly about their experience, perhaps in the context of a Congressional hearing.—Richard Hall.

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As a woman drove toward home, she thought fire trucks must be there because there was a row of 8-10 bright red lights casting light. When she arrived home, she saw the lights begin to move to the northwest. She rushed into the house and summoned her husband and son, who managed to see two of the lights at a distance.

LOG # 931243J, MA-1, Syracuse, at 2115 hours, for seven minutes.

A man standing on his porch heard what sounded like the hum from a generator coming from his back yard. When he checked on the sound, he saw a dark-gray, cigar-shaped object with bright red lights on either end slowly drifting westward. The object rose from near ground level to 50-70 feet, turned, then drifted northward. It passed through some trees and out of sight. After the incident, the witness felt dizzy and developed a rash.

Being an owner of a small airport and a previously licensed pilot, the witness gave a confident estimate from his viewpoint at 600 feet away that the object was about 280 feet long and 25 feet thick.

LOG # 940202J, FB-1, Wolflake, at 2130 hours, for five minutes.

A family of three was driving homeward in their truck, westward on a state road, when the daughter pointed out three flashing red lights at tree level, possibly two miles away, moving horizontally in a straight path from southeast to northwest. A slight relative movement was noted, suggesting the lights were independent of each other. No sound could be distinguished through the open windows, but the truck's radio was on. The lights passed behind trees and out of view. Minutes later, at home, the family watched two other lights, which turned out to be rotating beacons on the underside of two helicopters moving in the same direction as the earlier lights.

This case could possibly be an identified flying object (IFO) — helicopters — but the coincidence with the other cases was thought to be too unusual to make the IFO classification.

LOG # 931241J, CE-1, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for 15 minutes.

Two teenagers were driving southward on Sparta Lake Road when they saw two bright red flashing lights separated horizontally by 50 feet and moving at an altitude of about 300 feet. They stopped and got out of the car to watch the lights maneuver over farm buildings, then away. When the lights were less than 500 feet

away, the young women could hear a low-pitched hum. As the lights left, the flashing stopped. Driving on, they briefly saw the lights moving behind trees.

LOG # 931244J, MA-1, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for two minutes.

As a farmer left his barn, he saw "a lot of big, bright, dark cherry red, slow pulsating lights" coming from the south. At first, he thought there might be an airplane crashing, until he saw the lights turn westward and continue until he could no longer see them. He believed each light was at least two feet in diameter and that the pair was attached to a single structure about 50 feet wide, or more. They were at an altitude of less than 500 feet and more than one mile away from him.

LOG # 931241J, CE-1, Ligonier, at 2130 hours, for 30 minutes.

A woman driving homeward, southeast on Route 33, saw two red rectangular lights which were flashing at tree level. The flashing was at different rates and alternating between the lights. Separated by 10 feet, the lights were horizontal at first, but changed to vertical before the sighting was over. At home, the woman had her husband watch as the lights drifted away to the northwest.

LOG # 941245J, CE-1, Cromwell, at 2135 hours, for 20 seconds.

Three teenagers traveling southward on Route 5 noticed several bright red lights beyond the trees. Three quarters of a mile later, two objects having a red light each passed less than 50 feet over their car. The objects had a length of between 11 and 30 feet, were separated by 50 feet, and were moving rapidly beyond the trees, going from the southeast to the northwest. Out of fear, one witness screamed during the fly over.

LOG # 950326C, CE-1, 9/17/94, Memphis, TN, at 2345 hours, for one minute. Investigators: Robert McDowell and Webb Northcutt.

It was a clear, warm evening, and a teenage boy was driving southward on Old Germantown Road, going home from a friend's house with his car window down to enjoy the breeze. Approaching a stop sign at the intersection with Shelby Drive, he saw a light in an empty lot about 100 yards in front and to the left of him. Concerned that it might be a fire, he studied the light while he was stopped. It was a wooded area, and the ground was lit with a bright pink glow from a light that was only a few feet off the ground. He had never before seen a fire of this color.

The light rose above the tops of the 25 to 30-foot-tall trees, and he had a clear view of a circular object. If a disc, it was standing on its edge. The very center was dark, and the remainder had a glow like a neon light, the glow possibly being a reflection from six brighter, evenly spaced lights around the edge. The object was "the size of three cars together."

While the object continued to rise and move off southeastward at a slow rate, a car driving East on Shelby Drive stopped to view it. The driver of that car looked at the teenager, but the two did not speak. The young man then continued his journey home.

LOG # 950523C, MA-1, 8/24/94, Cushing, OK, at 2250 hours, for 90 minutes. Investigators: Rick Gardner and Richard Seifried.

At the nurses' station reading patient charts, a nurse was called outside by another nurse to see a UFO. In the south, she saw a light in the sky that was pulsating blue and white, occasionally showing red, and moving at a slow and steady rate toward the southwest. The light suddenly jumped straight up and back to its original position, then made four oval loops and stopped. She watched for about 30 minutes, went inside to get a cordless phone and call a friend, then returned and watched for another 45 minutes. She went back into the hospital to take care of a few chores, then returned outside and found that the light had moved farther southwest and soon was out of sight. Another light with similar blinking was seen later in the west, and it appeared to go through the same maneuvers as the first.

Although these object descriptions are much like those for airplanes viewed at a distance, the maneuvers are not satisfactorily explained by either autokinesis or atmospheric conditions.

LOG # 912204W, MA-1, 4/22/91, Ahwahnee, CA, at 2030 hours, for 20 seconds. Investigator: Randall Littlejohn.

A man watched as a strange object ascended from behind a mountain, hovered over its top for a few seconds, then descended across the face of the mountain, which was less than a mile from him. The object had a faded, pink light randomly flashing on top, six or seven white lights across its center, and a "bluish" light on the bottom. He could not see the object's surface, but the positions of the lights suggested a disc shape.

Having training as a photographer, the man ran to get his camera. When he returned, the object was not visible.

LOG # 950401S, CE-1, 4/??/91, Oceanside, CA, at 2000-2200 hours, for one minute. Investigator: Steve Ryan.

A man standing on his porch heard what sounded like the hum from a generator coming from his back yard. When he checked on the sound, he saw a dark-gray, cigar-shaped object with bright red lights on either end slowly drifting westward. The object rose from near ground level to 50-70 feet, turned, then drifted northward. It passed through some trees and out of sight. After the incident, the witness felt dizzy and developed a rash.

During the first week and the same month as LOG# 912204W, a woman and her adult daughter were outside on the back patio of their home talking, on a very dark night. Suddenly, they saw a large object 60-90 feet above the north edge of their yard, which was only 50 feet away. It was as if the object had just appeared there, although it may have come over the house and over their heads, preventing them from seeing it earlier.

Looking at the bottom, the vehicle was elliptical, with 30 or more circular, pulsating green and blue lights around the bottom edge. They believed it had to be about 150 feet long. The side was not visible, suggesting that it was either thin or the side was dark enough to blend with the night sky.

Just as quickly as it showed itself, it disappeared "the lights just turned off," and the night was again pitch black.

MUFON FORUM

Letters to Mufon UFO Journal

QUAKE LIGHT?

When I read Jerry Rotwes' article, "The Mystery of Aviano" (Feb, 1996), I suddenly realized that July 1, 1977, was about the time of the Friuli earthquakes. Checking the record, I found that the devastating Friuli (Italy) earthquake, M 6.5, occurred on May 6, 1976. A major (M 5.5) aftershock occurred Sept. 11, 1976. Aftershocks were still occurring a year later, and one that was felt in NE Italy and NW Yugoslavia occurred on July 3, 1977, just two days after the Aviano sighting.

Given the proximity of the air base and the earthquakes, the nearly continuous strain release, and the nature of the sighting, I think it highly likely that this was a spectacular geophysical luminosity that one could easily call an earthquake light. The account indicates that this was clearly an electrical phenomenon, most likely an intense plasma similar to ball lightning, but generated by strain release in the earth.

The author should be given great credit for his careful investigation and for not embellishing the report. Please accept my thanks for adding this interesting event to the data base of probable earthquake lights.

—**John S. Derr, Chief**
Global Seismograph Network
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Albuquerque, NM

NOVA'S NEGATIVES

Peter McGee
Director of Broadcasting
NOVA
125 Western Ave.
Boston, MA 02134

Dear Mr. McGee:

I watched with initial interest and then, ultimate dismay, the PBS TV show "Kidnapped by Aliens?" It began as a genuine study of credible people who have experienced this phenomena and ended as a hatchet job performed by that most inept of celestial surgeons, Carl Sagan. His "I have not seen one, therefore they do not exist" approach is totally unscientific and bespeaks NOVA's poor judgment in the selection of qualified scientists to address this subject. The carefully staged program to commence with some relevant and thoughtful experiences and then permit the well planned demolition of this information indicates that there was never an intent to apply true scientific principles to this extraordinary matter. The only intent was to destroy the credibility of Dr. John Mack, a Pulitzer prize winner and noted psychiatrist, and that of Budd Hopkins, an author and sculptor, who has dedicated a significant portion of his life to carefully evaluating these situations.

Perhaps you should have Carl Sagan do a program on one of his astronomical hypotheses and we could then have Dr. Mack and Budd Hopkins analyze and dissect his data. I believe they should be as qualified to speak in this area as Carl Sagan is to speak to the UFO abduction matter.

Your approach to these extraordinary matters is reminiscent of 15th and 16th century "politically correct" science. You would have burned Galileo and others at the stake for their astronomical blasphemy.

The true scientist looks at all matters objectively. He weighs the data provided by the minds who have dedicated their efforts in a rational approach to the determination of the facts. He does not allow personal bias or that which is popular to influence his analysis. He is, as with every good scientist, capable of realizing that he does not have all of the essential knowledge of the world in his tiny little brain. If he is a great astronomer

he does not render expert judgment on the work of brain surgeons.

As an engineer with forty years' experience, three significant patents, and the successful development of two successful companies which manufacture composite materials, and the ability to look with awe and interest at the things I do not know, I expect those who purport to be authorities in a given field to be open-minded when looking at areas outside their expertise. New ideas are born of the challenge "we never looked at it that way before."

NOVA, get your act together and be what you are supposed to be: a forum for the presentation of scientific information in a thoughtful format for the lay-person and the expert to both enjoy and contemplate.

—**Keith Hutson**
MUFON State Section Dir.
Seguin, TX

SCI-FI AUTOPSY

Recently, while watching a past episode of a British sci-fi film made back in the early 1970s, I was surprised to see (for only about twenty seconds) a female lying on her back on a gurney with totally white eyes. A white-coat-clad doctor approached from her left side and, using tweezers, first gently tapped on the front of the eyeball and then removed the left eye cover (opaque white scleral lens) to expose the normal human eye structure beneath it. The young woman looked around in several directions and the scene ended. She was wearing a type of surgical gown, as was the "doctor." The right eye-covering was not removed. Does any of this sound familiar? Needless to say, I found too many correlations with the alleged alien autopsy (AAA) film which has been a focus of much attention recently. I must ask, which of the two came first?

This Gerry Anderson Production used "Century 21 Props." According to the opening credits its Asst. Dir. was Leo Eaton; Editor, Alan Killick; Stunt Arranger, Jack Silk; Make-up, Cliff Sharp; Wardrobe, Kim Martin and Iris Richens. While I couldn't find the episode's title (unavoidably cut-off), it was made at "MGM British Studios, Borehamwood, England and Century 21 Studios, Slough, England and on location." It was produced by ITC Entertainment. Perhaps someone in the United Kingdom can do some research here. And perhaps someone who helped make this UFO-related sci-fi segment will come forward to tell us that he or she also worked on a far more realistic but later portrayal!

—**Richard F. Haines**
Los Altos, CA

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The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb

May 1996

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus, near the Bull's left horn tip (Beta Tauri), reaches a maximum brightness of -4.5 magnitude on May 4 and the next night its greatest northerly declination (+27°47') this century. After that, the dazzling planet begins to drop lower in the NW, reducing its setting time from about 11:30 early in May to about 9:30 at month's end. In a telescope throughout the month, watch the planet's disc expand to nearly one minute of arc as its shape narrows to a crescent. (It is approaching Earth as it swings around the Sun.)

Jupiter (-2.5), in Sagittarius, rises before midnight in the ESE in mid-May. This biggest of worlds begins retrograde (westward) motion on the 4th.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Mars (1.3), in Aries, reappears in the morning twilight in late May an hour before sunrise. It will be difficult to see low in the ENE.

Jupiter lies S at dawn. It is near the Moon on May 8.

Saturn (1.0), in Pisces, rises in the E about 3:30 AM in mid-May. The planet with rings lies near the Moon on the 13th.

Vesta:

The only asteroid that can be seen with the naked eye has an especially favorable appearance this month. Vesta shines at 5.6 magnitude on the 11th but is visible with good vision and a very dark sky most of May. (Binoculars afford a better view.) It can be watched from night to night as it changes position against the stars. Residing with thousands of other rocky chunks in an orbit between Mars and Jupiter, Vesta is a highly reflective object 335 miles in diameter. On the 11th its position is at R.A. 15h 13m, Dec. -6°44' (nearly 3° N of 2nd-magnitude Beta in Libra).

Comet Hyakutake:

Discovered January 31 by Japan's Yuji Hyakutake, this potentially bright comet was expected to put on quite a show for northern observers in late March as it passed within a relatively close 9 million miles of Earth. Since optimistic predictions after discovery arrived too late for this column (written in advance), it is hoped that readers heard about the comet and were able to view it. In May Hyakutake is visible only in the Southern Hemisphere.

However, an equally spectacular comet, Hale-Bopp, looms on the horizon for next spring.

Moon Phases:

Full moon—May 3



Last quarter—May 10



New moon—May 17



First quarter—May 25



CALENDAR

April 12-14 — Eighth Annual Ozark UFO Conference, Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. For further information write to: Ozark UFO Conference, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, AR 72127-8725 or call (501) 354-2558.

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your local sheriff, police chief, and state highway patrol office of MUFON's 800 number via a postcard that they may post on their bulletin boards or at the dispatcher's desk.

Presently, we are attempting to answer all calls "live." An answering box records the calls received late at night or early mornings. These sighting reports will be mailed or telephoned to the nearest State Section Director, State Director, or Field Investigator for a personal interview. Brief replies to these cases under investigation may be made to MUFON on the 800 number. (The answering box is limited to three minutes.) However, this number is not to be used for other MUFON communications. The MUFON business office number is (210) 379-9216. Please advise Walt Andrus by postcard or letter to which agencies you filed the UFO hotline number 1-800-UFO-2166. Your help is sincerely appreciated. (To date only a few people have complied.)

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yet very meaningful, such as "Scientific Resolution of the UFO Phenomenon." A prize of \$100 in MUFON publications will be awarded to the winner. The deadline for submission of your motto is June 1, 1996. Put on your "thinking-cap" and come up with a unique and exciting motto for MUFON. (MUFON could also be used in the motto if this would make it more attractive.)

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Walter Andrus

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK

MUFON 1996 UFO SYMPOSIUM

MUFON's twenty-seventh International UFO Symposium will be held July 5, 6 and 7, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons/Joseph H. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. The symposium co-hosts are MUFON North Carolina and FSG (the Full Story Group in Greensboro). **George E. Lund, II** will serve as host chairman; **Nick Summers**, coordinator; **Kent Senter**, treasurer; **Mike McCurry**, vendors coordinator; **Nick Summers**, advance registrations; **Robert Hair**, registration desk; **George Fawcett**, advance publicity; **Fred Chaffee**, press room manager; and **Natalie "Ginger" Richardson**, mistress of ceremonies.

The following speakers have been confirmed: **Carlos A. Guzman**, Mexico; **Chris Styles**, Canada; **Philip Mantle**, England; **John S. Carpenter**, **Jeffrey W. Sainio**; **John W. White**; **Kevin D. Randle**; **Budd Hopkins**; **Bruce S. Maccabee**, Ph.D.; **Vincent F. Di Pietro**; **John E. Mack**, M.D.; **Whitley Strieber**, and **J. Antonio Huneus**.

Advance registration is \$55 per person before June 29th and \$60 after June 29, 1996, or at the door. Each of the five sessions is \$15 per session at the door. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult ticket holder, are admitted free to all sessions. Advance tickets for the reception on Friday evening, July 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. is \$10 per person. Advance registration may be secured by writing to MUFON 1996 UFO Symposium, P. O. Box 5149, Greensboro, NC 27435-0149 and making a check payable to "MUFON 1996 UFO Symposium." (Credit cards are not accepted.) For vendor table information please write to **Nickolus Summers**, P. O. Box 5149, Greensboro, NC 27435-0149, or call (910) 273-7618. (No New Age paraphernalia will be permitted.)

The cost of rooms per night at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons is \$72 flat for a single, double, triple or quad plus applicable taxes. The Holiday Inn Four Seasons is located at 3121 High Point Road, Greensboro, NC 27407. The Reservations telephone number is (910) 292-9161, 1-800-242-6556 or FAX (910) 292-0819. Please advise the reservation desk that you are attending the MUFON UFO Symposium in order to obtain the special rate of \$72. Your reservations must be made no later than June 3, 1996. After that date, they will continue to take reservations only as rooms are available. The hotel rates are designed for family accommodations. Please make your reservations early to guarantee a room for the symposium.

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NEW OFFICERS

Visiting Professor and Consultant in Psychology, **Dr. Eddie W. Hand** has been appointed Representative for the United Arab Emirates in Africa. Former Assistant State Director, **Ralph P. Felgal**, B.S. (Newark), has been promoted to State Director for Delaware. Eight new State Section Directors assumed leadership roles this month: **Steve L. Allen** (Brandenton, FL) for Manatee and Sarasota Counties; **James R. Kross**, B.S. (Pacific, MO) for Jefferson County; **Bruce D. Tilden**, M.S. (West Suffield, CT) for Hartford County; **Michael W. Malone** (Huntsville, AL) for Madison, Morgan, Limestone and Marshall Counties; **Kenneth L. Bergeron** (Lamar, MO) for Barton, Vernon, St. Clair, Bates and Cedar Counties; **Michael F. Lovell**, B.A. (Merced, CA) for Merced, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties; **Sylvia Beadleston** (San Jose, CA) for Santa Clara County; and **Chance A. Vallon**, M.S. (Ft. Mohave, AZ) for Mohave County.

NEW CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

New consultants this month were **Donald W. Hinton**, M.D. (Parkville, MO) for Medicine (Psychiatrist) and **Daniel W. Barefoot**, J.D. (Lincolnton, NC) in Law. **Hiroshi Yamakawa**, M.S. (Ajokkaichi, Japan) became a Research Specialist in Material Engineering.

MUFON NATIONAL UFO HOTLINE

MUFON has been introducing its National UFO Hotline 1-800-UFO-2166 or 1-800-836-2166 to the public. Designed to obtain UFO sighting reports from police agencies nationwide, we are now prepared to expand its coverage. All State Directors were advised by a letter nearly a year ago to utilize this number for filing hot UFO cases that came to their attention. A letter announcing the 800 number was mailed to all sheriff's offices and police chiefs in Texas during the spring of 1995 as a means of testing and evaluating the effectiveness of the system.

The majority of our calls, to-date, have been from people who called the 800 directory and asked for "UFO" to report sightings or to seek UFO information.

To send letters to every police department and sheriff's office throughout the U.S.A. would obviously be both expensive and time-consuming. We would like for every State Director, State Section Director, Field Investigator, and Field Investigator Trainee to notify

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