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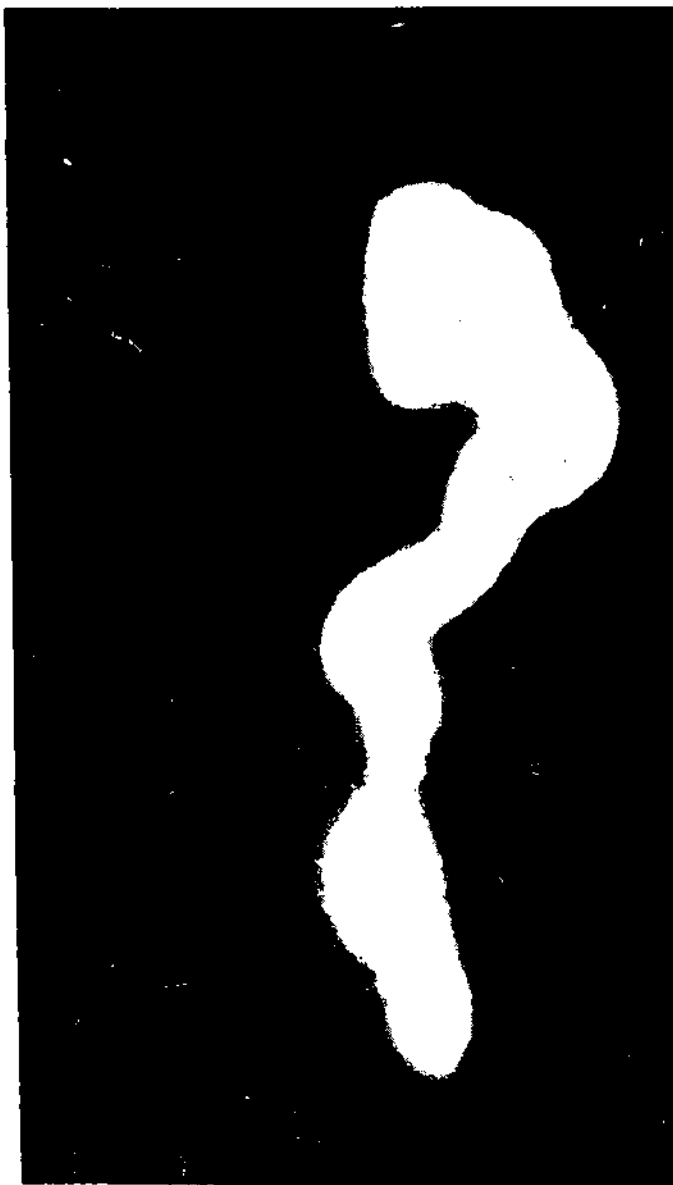
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FROM THE EDITOR

It is with a sense of regret that I must announce my resignation as Editor of OFFICIAL UFO.

As Editor of this newsstand magazine, I have sought to disseminate authenticated UFO

material to a public almost too eager for information on this subject.

It is this same indiscriminate eagerness that has prompted the publisher to present a most sensational and

totally false case on the cover of the July issue.

I hope that my resignation and exposure of this fake will insure that it does not enter the literature of ufology.

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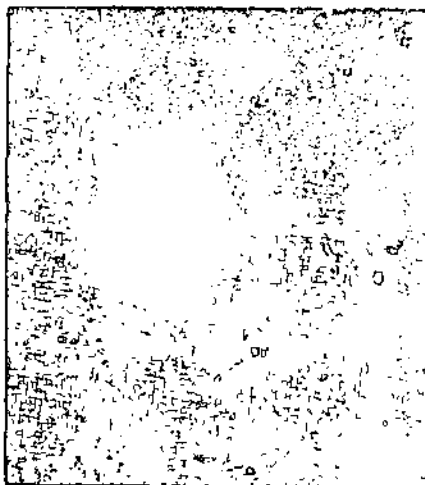
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Luminous UFO Photographed Over Romania

BY Augustin Moraru

Following is the narrative of Mr. Calin Turcu, schoolteacher from Valenii de Munte (Progresului street no. 56) Prahova, Romania, concerning his observation of an UFO in December 11, 1974.

On the evening of Wednesday, December 11, 1974, I was typing some material in my private room. This work lasted more than usual, til after midnight. At on time, I heard my dog barking in the back court of the house. I went out of the house and at first I didn't observed anything strange. I untied the dog but I don't remember which way he went or if he barked on. I turned to home when I observed my shadow was intensely casted and very well outlined of a strong light on the white wall. I turned to the hills situated beyond the Teleojen River at approximately one kilometer distance. I saw at that time a dazzling white light like a light of a soldering apparatus. It was much brighter and had no definite outline. It was hard to look directly at it. The light was pulsating rhythmically and was lighting very well the surroundings. I went into the house and I took up the camera and I went outside (I looked at my watch: it was twenty-two past one) and I took 8 photographs. The light was in a continous slow vertical motion ascending 10-12 seconds and descending 10-12 seconds. At the time when the brightness was maximum the sky, the hills and the woods were lit for several kilometers. When the brightness was minimum the light seem like a head-light at a



The first photograph of the object (left) and an enlargement (right).



distance. The period between two pulsations was 1-2 seconds. The light estinguished slow after a last ascension which was longer than the anterior. No sound was heard during the whole sighting which lasted 12 minutes until 1:34 a.m. The luminous object did not reappear.

There were no physical effects to the witness other than the normal trauma in such a case.

Apparent size was 6 cm. and one kilometer away. Elevation angle between 32 degrees and 35 degrees. Astronomic azimuth with the origin in South direction was 240 degrees.

Nobody from my family or friends knew about this event for it happened very late. After development of the film it was found eith emptiness frames. Each negative frame presented a small black point of various forms.

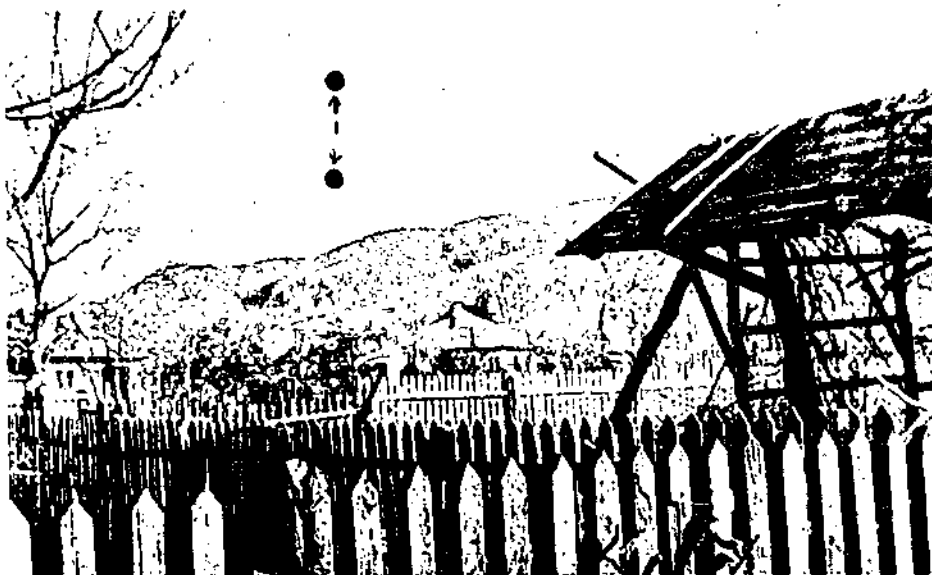
One month later I informed Ion Hobana, an old UFO investigator,

writer, and publicist from Romania, of my observation. He has had many experiences with "flying saucers" and knew of many cases from around the world. He was very surprised at my photographs for they resembled the following cases:

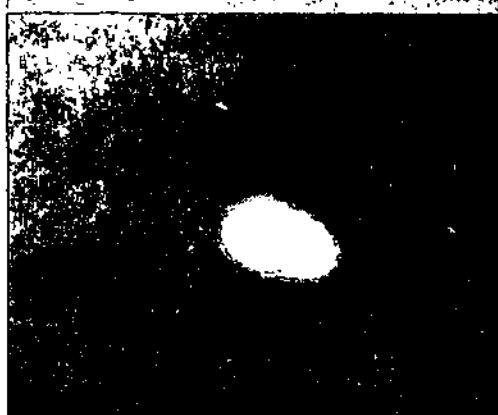
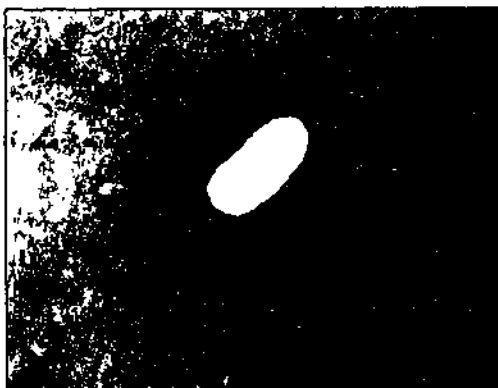
- (1) Sauterrain (Creuse)-France September 2,3, 1968.
- (2) Faymonville (Liege)-July 19, 1972.
- (3) Okinawa-Sept. 22, 1972.
- (4) Nagai-Japan July 9, 1973.

Soon after that the negative was examined in a photogrammetry and Teledetection Laboratory from Bucharest by two engineers: Dan Riadulescu and Dan Mihailescu. The conclusions were as follows:

- (1) The images of the object are photographic images and don't result from defections of the film.
- (2) The images are not



The site of the observation in daylight with the maximum points of elevation of the object seen on night of December 11, 1974.



All the nocturnal light photographs on this page were taken on December 12, 1974, between 1:22 a.m. and 1:34 a.m.

parasite images which accidentally penetrated into the cassette.

(3) The film registered a real light source.

(4) The photographic images are very small; follow that the object was small or far with a powerful brilliancy of radiation.

(5) Through the comparing of the maximum dimensions of the images was establish the object executed motions on the direction of observation. It was approaching and retiring from observer creating the illusion of vertical motion. Calin Turcu cannot agree there he don't observed approaching and retiring of the light.

(6) Studing the position of the longitudinal axis of the images in comparison with the frame of the film was establish the object had a rotary motion in plane.

(7) It cannot be exluded a false created manipulating a intense bright source of light but the presence of the halo from the first photo can decline a dodge.

Mr. Calin Turcu was using a Beirrette camera made in Germany a Meritar 2.9/45. The film was 'Leike' black and white ORWO 20 DIN (80 ASA) made in GDR. It wasn't used a tripod or solid stand. The camera was pointing to the NNE at 30 degrees elevation. The shutter speed was 30 and no filters were used. The lens opening used was 2.9.

Mr. Calin T. doesn't remember if in that night there was a moon or if the sky was clear or overcast. Not

one strong artificial light in the vacinity.

Personal Data

Calin Turcu, man, age 35, occupation: schoolteacher. Education; 15th grade; vision without glasses, married and two children.

He has read many books on UFO's but never seen any UFOs prior to this sighting.

The witness gave his permission to use his name in relation to this report.

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UFO GROUPS SEEK COOPERATION

By Richard Hall, MUFON International Coordinator

UFO groups around the world have been increasingly contacting MUFON seeking cooperation and information exchange. We regret that close cooperation is not always possible due to the large number of such requests and the lack of a full-time MUFON staff. MUFON Information Centers are asked to supply information to these groups where possible, and MUFON members in the U.S. may wish to correspond.

Recent inquirers have included CNIFAA (Comitato Nazionale Indipendente per lo Studio dei Fenomeni Aerei Anomali), Mr. Francesco Izzo, via Rizzoli, 4 sc/B, 40125 Bologna, Italy; the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team, Mr. David L. Rees, 92, Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5SE, England; Jerzy E. Wielunski, Chopina 4-3, 20026 Lublin, Poland; Commission d'Etudes Ouranos, Henri Depireux, Av. Georges Henri, 299, B. 1200 Bruxelles, Belgium.

Mr. Izzo, in Italy, is a biochemist who has been supplying CE-III cases to Dave Webb of the MUFON Humanoid Study Group, and CNIFAA is a scientifically oriented group with a planned journal entitled "UFO Phenomena."

Jerzy Wielunski reports surprising developments in Poland, including serious TV programs and articles, and a scientific conference on extra-terrestrial life and UFOs in Wroclaw during April, 1977. Polish newspapers have also reported news of Soviet UFO investigation, and President Carter's statements on UFOs. 5

Why These Abductions?

Found in the October 1976 issue of The MUFON UFO Journal are two articles dealing with abduction by presumed extraterrestrials ("New French Abduction Case" translated by Rex Mibane and "New Time Lapse Case From England Uncovered" based on the investigations of Eric Richards and Sean Ainscough).

In both instances, the unknown craft deliberately approached the witnesses. In the French case, the witness, Helen Giuliana, was driving along when her car failed. She covered her eyes with her hands and "After a few moments, Miss G. looked again: the light had disappeared. Distracted she started up again to drive home." In the case from England, the witness, Mr. Lancashire, was on guard duty two miles from Newbiggin-on-Sea when he detected the presence of a strange light. "Suddenly, Mr. Lancashire felt impelled to go outside and another light shone out a yard or so in front of him a little above his head. Startled, he threw up his arms and felt himself drawn towards it."

In both instances, which are part of a growing number of such cases, the witnesses had a period of time that was unaccounted for. Both join the ranks of encounters which form a definite pattern that begins with usually one (sometimes there are more) person in a relatively isolated region. A strange light or object is sighted. The witness is frightened and tries to flee or hide from what is happening. His or her next recollection is that of continuing with whatever he or she had been engaged

in prior to the sighting. Eventually, professional help is sought which reveals a strong indication of contact with extraterrestrials.

In Miss Giuliana's case (1976), she was concerned about the missing two hours and immediately sought help. A hypnotic session revealed that she had been taken onboard a craft by "two dwarfs". She is ostensibly examined and then released.

In Mr. Lancashire's case (1942), nearly 25 years elapsed before "he experienced a series of incidents, some of which could well have a psychic origin, which were in part responsible for triggering off his memory concerning the details of his 1942 contact."

It is to be noted that the 1960's and '70's have brought to our attention reports of people being taken onboard unusual craft, being examined, having involved contact with those of other worlds, being told to forget what happened, and then curiously recalling the events at a later time. (Other celebrated encounters of this nature are those of Betty and Barney Hill (1961), Patrolman Schirmer (1967), and Dionisio Llanca (1973). Indications are that recollection of the specific events is a direct result of: (1) the individual's memory being triggered by an event, or events, in his or her daily life; (2) the individual's memory being triggered by the entities at their discretion via unusual dreams, for instance; and (3) the assumption by these beings that humans will eventually acquire the knowledge to obtain the information that has been planted

in the witness's mind.

If, as is indicated, this planet is under alien scrutiny, then the meaning of such encounters must be found. Theorizing the existence of a group of highly evolved societies planning open contact with the world's population when the time is deemed proper brings everything into focus. The current worldwide situation being what it is, they cannot openly approach us. A more circuitous means must therefore be found whereby they can demonstrate both their existence and intent. Hence, individuals in relatively isolated areas are located, compelled to board the craft, and released. Locked in their minds is data on these visitors.

Recollection occurs via one of the three methods indicated above and the data is acquired. In Encounters With UFO Occupants by Jim and Coral Lorenzen is found an indication (page 283) that when these beings prod the witness to remember, they then monitor him as he communicates his experience to others. When the increased interest in the fairly recent instances of purposeful abduction is noted by these visitors, it is realized that at least some humans are taking a positive interest in these unusual events. Thus, earlier "contactees" such as Mr. Lancashire can then be prodded into recalling the events that transpired.

Years ago, the notion of extraterrestrial intelligence, especially as regards the ability to voyage from one stellar system to another, was im-

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Humanoid Seen Near Lancashire, England

(from NUFON News, May 1976)

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Higher Fold is a housing estate just east of Leigh. It is only a mile or so from Mossley Common (see report 7463) and is in a NCB mining area. The OS REF is Sheet 101: 676008. The witness is a Mrs. Kent. To deal briefly with first sighting (in early March). She was waiting with a male companion at a bus stop waiting to go to work when she saw an orange ball which was dull and very large ('as large as a room'). It was continually descending a little way and then pulling up sharply. The time was 06.40 and the ball was still visible as they boarded the bus. It was over in the direction of Lilford Park (which is to the north northwest).

At 06.15 on May 11th she went round to her daughters, who lives nearby, to take a pair of tights. As she reached the main road she saw a figure standing on a small hill. He was standing perfectly still, like a minniken, and looking out over the estate. His arms were hanging down by his side. He was completely dressed in silver with what appeared to be a cloak, a pointed hat and lapels which pointed sharply upwards. Tops of boots were also visible. She was not able to see the features of his face. To his side, on the right, was a sphere of the same silvery colour. It was perfectly smooth and the glare was similar to polished metal reflecting sunlight.

There was white light beaming down from its underside to the road below.

Mrs. Kent took the tights round to her daughter and on return at 06.20 the figure was still there, still standing stupidly. She became somewhat frightened now and returned home by a different route so that he could not see where she was going and try to follow her. When she returned at 06.40 to go to work the figure and the sphere had vanished.

The hill in question is a man made one, which used to be a slag heap. It has been grassed over, and sports trees and abundant grass. Indeed when investigators heard of the story and looked at the spot the grass had recently been cut. Consequently it was difficult to tell if any traces were left. However, a semi-circle of twelve foot diameter was found cut into the grass. It seems most probable that this was caused by the machine which actually cut the grass.

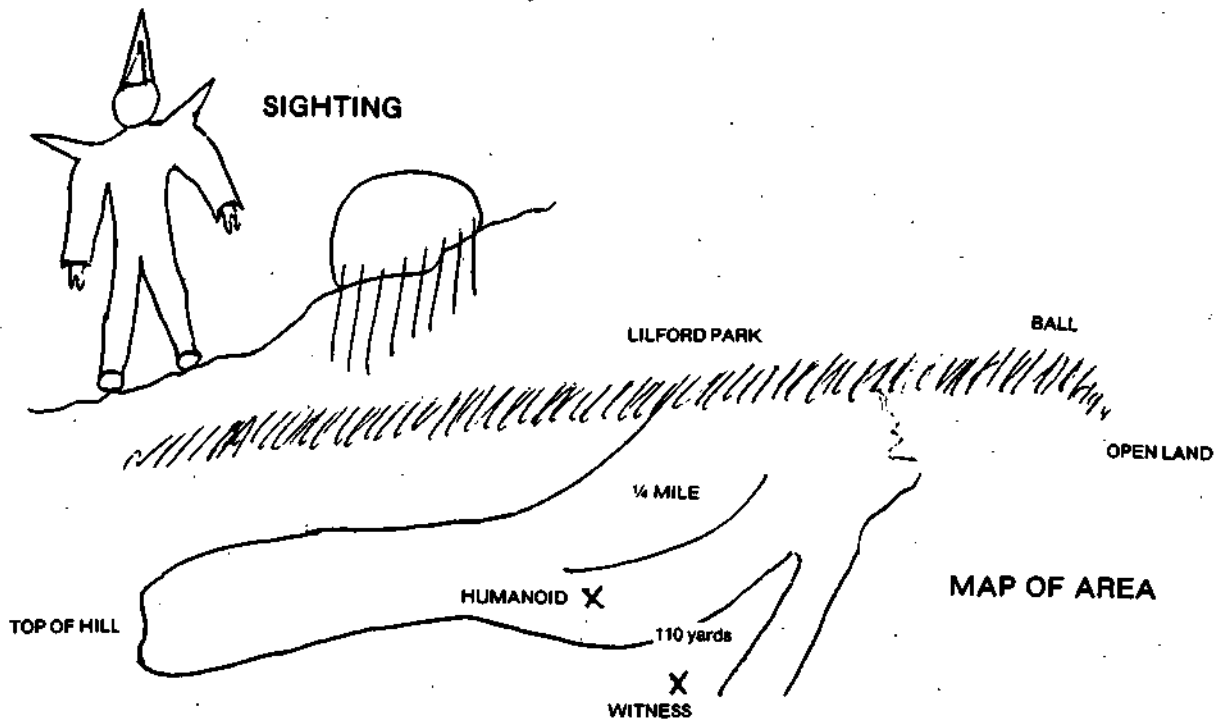
The sphere itself was described as only coming about half way up the figure, but it is possible that the reason for this was topographical in that the sphere could actually have been further back on the hill and in reality much larger than it appears. In circumstances such as this case one should also have to consider the practicality of a hoax perpetrated by someone on Mrs. Kent. Since the figure looked like

a minniken—could it have been one?

A final point of interest is to note that it was Lilford Park where Barry Yates took his second series of photographs (see Report 7619 April issue). The two dates when he obtained these pictures of the mysterious patches of light were in late February and early March. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kent is not able to coöperate the exact date when the orange ball appeared, but it is interesting that this small area should produce all these intriguing cases in so short a period of time.

The first encounter is claimed to have occurred in about 1974 when a tall being (about 6'6" to 7') dressed in a white one piece suit with a high collar came to him as he was lying in bed. He says that he felt a feeling of intense joy. The being just said an hello and vanished. There was a second similar meeting at an unremembered date, when the visitor stayed longer.

In approximately February 1976 the being returned again, this time with a colleague who was similarly dressed but a few inches smaller. Both had longer and larger faces than ours, with ashen grey colouring. Long and thin lips, with a long nose. Their eyes were narrow with pupils like those of a cat. They had only four digits on each hand.



The same feeling of warmth radiated from them, but there appeared to be something troubling them. On asking he was shown a piece of U tubing six inches long by 1/4 inch wide. L said that he thought it should be easy to repair as it was only plastic hose. The beings then asked if he would like to see their craft. He affirmed this and was asked to lie flat on the bed with toes pointing up and forwards. Legs together and arms crossed over chest. The tall being knelt by the left side of the bed and said that L must relax as he would not be able to move after a few seconds. L felt a tingling all over and found it was true. He could not move. The he felt himself floating up off the bed into space. He felt as if his body were on the bed still. After a few seconds he was under the craft, described as an inverted bathtub surrounded by a golden glow like a fluorescent tube which does not strike properly. Then he entered

into the craft through the middle underside.

The next thing he recalls is being on a table in a large room. He felt in an anaesthetised state. There were eight more beings in pairs around him and a big eye like structure, coloured red/purple seemed to be examining him. This is the period that is vague, and the witness almost strained to recall it. He feels hypnosis might help restore it. He recalls asking several questions—such as who they were, why they were here and why pick on him. The only one he remembers an answer to is: Who was the alpha and omega in the Bible. (L appears to be a religious man). The answer was something like 'An insignificant being such as a worm should not ask such questions. A thousand of your years are but a day to us'.

L now found himself back on his bed with his two friends by his side. They told him he would not be able

to move. The pins and needle sensation returned. They said goodbye and vanished in the twinkling of an eye. Five minutes later the sensation gradually wore off and L was able to move. He has had no more contact.

L claims to be experiencing certain physical after-effects. He has a pain at the base of his skull, behind his right ear and in his abdomen. He also has hot flushes. In response to a question as to how he felt in the craft he said he was terribly frightened and wanted to go home but instead said 'I want to stay'.

The opinion of the psychiatrist is that L is suffering from hypnogogic hallucinations, which means that the experiences were purely subjective. He bases this partly on the testimony of L's wife who was present during some of the events. This is not yet a firm conclusion, being somewhat dependant on viewing the medical records concerning the physical

effects. L has no known psychiatric history. Consequently investigation has ceased, at least for the time being and any further reports will be appended in future issues.

Even if this case is subjective it is **MOST IMPORTANT** to consider it carefully. It has many attributes familiar to other contact experiences. One might be tempted to wonder are all such cases hallucinatory or does the ufo phenomenon have a means of controlling its percipients to the point of inducing semi-hallucinatory experiences. Perhaps if one views all contact cases in the light of this last possibility we might have an explanation for the irrationalities often found in them.

Finally (but by no means least) we come to the event which caused a real stir of publicity. This is the Richardson case—and it began with a bang—literally. On December 31 Mrs. Nellie Richardson, aged 65, was in her bed at Bignall End (OS SJ 809-521) (Report 76/124). This overlooks the Cheshire plain to the north, towards Crewe 12 miles away. At approximately 02.42 she was awoken by a loud bang. (This was later confirmed by the next door neighbour, who saw nothing because her room faces the wrong way). Mrs. Richardson saw a brilliant glow flooding into her room. It was caused by a huge oval object outside her window. Elevation was 10 degrees, bearing 290 degrees. The size (confirmed at interview twelve hours after the event) was that of a 9" dinner plate at 10' distance! At first she was very frightened, but as she calmed it became clear that the object was not moving. Her alarm clock had apparently stopped so she went downstairs to find the time. On setting her clock

right she returned upstairs and found the object still there and filling a quarter of the window, being larger than the full moon. It had moved slightly, and as she watched it moved towards her and darkened to an orange colour. It was observed for 1¼ hours at least! During this time it moved only to bearing 320 degrees. It also moved further away, and at this point two small figures were seen Silhouetted against the bright object. They were like 'toy soldiers' moving to and fro. They disappeared and the object continued to move away. At this point her son John aged 31, returned from a restaurant. He ran upstairs to his distraught mother and explained that he had seen a big orange ball over the plain. It was still in view through the window and he watched it until 04.15, moving into the distance. One other point to note is that their cat (which is normally NEVER disturbed during the night) was on the window ledge downstairs staring at the object. In the follow through no explanation was found. The moon was discounted as a source, having set before the sighting. This was confirmed on BBC TV when Dr. Ron Maddison of Keele University discussed the case with Derek James of UFORA. Manchester Airport and Cheshire Police had no suggestions.

MUFON thanks UFORA, especially Derek James, Chris Boyrne and Tony Pace, for the extensive documentation supplied. This is filed under the references quoted.

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mediately ridiculed. Those who claimed contact with extraterrestrials were considered crazy. But, today an increasing number of people are seriously studying such reports with a view towards determining their authenticity. As knowledge is obtained regarding these visitors, and as this data is provided to an increasing number of intellectually curious people, so each side learns more about the other and we prepare ourselves for the day when it is possible for these visitors to land openly and invite us to join their ranks.

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CALIFORNIA REPORT

"ARE THERE MIMICKING UFOs?"

Part III

By Ann Druffel

To those readers who might feel that this writer's preoccupation with the Glendale helicopter case of February 1, 1977 is like beating a dead horse, I offer apologies to both the readers and the dead horse. In UFO research, however, the essence of which is comprised of weird events, there occasionally occurs a super-weird incident that simply cannot be filed away. These occasional events worry researchers. They invite more study, and still more study, and any correlation which can possibly be made must be regarded as a clue for eventual solution. (1)

We gratefully leave behind the "mimicking" speculation on this case and proceed to what is perhaps the most interesting aspect surrounding the report. I refer to the fact that the cylindrical-shaped object which maneuvered in a precise orbiting pattern with a helicopter while being viewed from a distance of 300-500 feet by two professional and highly sceptical observers over Glendale, California was distinctly similar to a well known Brazilian UFO, which was involved in one of the strangest abduction stories ever recorded. (20)

On the afternoon of May 4th, 1969 (Sunday), Jose Antonio da Silva was fishing alone on the banks of a small lagoon at Bebedouro, in the muniple district of Matozinhos, Brazil. Jose Antonio was an enlisted soldier and orderly to the Deputy-Commandant of a Guards Battalion of the Military Police Force in Minas Gerais. About 3:00 p.m. on the above date, he became aware of figures moving behind him, and without warning was over-

come by cramps and numbness in his legs. He was seized by two short entities dressed in shining "suits" and dull-gray helmet-like masks. The entities were soon joined by a third, and Jose Antonio was carried some distance to a "machine", which was standing on a small dirt road.

The machine "consisted of a vertical cylinder joined at the bases to two lenticular or flattened pieces, both of them having a diameter greater than that of the cylinder. From the edges of the upper platform, at regular intervals, ran rods which were set obliquely into the base of the cylinder. In the cylinder was an opening resembling a door, some 1.30x0.60 metres in size. The external height of the machine was about two metres, the upper platform being about three metres in diameter and the lower platform, which rested on the ground, being some 2.5 metres in diameter. The cylinder was of a grey colour, and the two platforms were black."

To make a fascinating story very short, Jose Antonio was taken aboard the machine, the inside of which was quadrangular, each side being about 2 metres long and the height about the same.

This exact description is quoted from the FSR Bebedouro article to point up the similarities with the Glendale object. The color and reported height and width were similar. (3) Especially the obliquely slanted appendages, which were termed "rods" in the Bebedouro article and "struts" by the Glendale witnesses are so much the same in angle of slant, width and length in proportion the cylinder as to be

truly fascinating. The best way to view these similarities is to compare the two sketches accompanying this article. Sketch A is an artist's impression based on the description given him by Jose Antonio. Sketch B is a composite of the two sketches made by the Glendale helicopter witnesses. It needs to be explained here that in the February 1977 MUFON UFO JOURNAL article, the second witness' sketch was printed upside down by mistake! In sketch B accompanying this present article, the entire composite sketch is printed upside down, for it is in this way that the correlation with the bebedouro object is most marked. Even the faint markings seen by one of the Glendale witnesses corresponds with the heights and position of the door described by Jose Antonio.

But is it fair, you might ask, to print a UFO sketch upside down to show correlation with another? In this case it is more than fair for the following reason.

Continuing the Bebedouro story, the object with its three short entities and its unwilling passenger lifted off the ground and traveled for what seemed to Jose Antonio an "interminable" time. At about mid-point during the journey, "the machine seemed to rotate on its lateral axis. To illustrate this manoeuvre Jose Antonio took a tumbler, to represent the central cylinder of the machine, and laid it on its side. The seats adjusted themselves to this new position of the machine, and seemed to have swung over themselves'. Then, after another lengthy period, the machine and the seats reverted

to the normal positions". So when we print our composite sketch of the Glendale object upside down, we are doing nothing different than the Bebedouro object was apparently able to do. (4)

The remainder of the Bebedouro report is not of special correlative value as regards the Glendale sighting, though the entire FSR article is heartily recommended to any student of UFOs for its sheer vivacity and degree of strangeness. Our purpose has been served here by pointing up the distinct similarities between the two objects' configurations. The fact that the Bebedouro object had lenticular or flattened platforms on top and bottom need not detract from our correlative study. It is possible that these were actually present on the Glendale object also, but unseen by the two witnesses. The top platform if actually existent, could have been shrouded in shadow, since the object's bottom light reflected up only about two-thirds of the cylinder's height. The lower platform, if actually existent, could have been hidden behind the extremely bright bottom light.

However, another possible correlative factor cannot be ignored. It may be of no importance whatever, or again it may be of tremendous value. Jose Antonio was a Brazilian soldier, and he was informed by his abductors, by means of laborious sign language, that they wished to make use of his military and police knowledge to get samples of human weaponry and other information about the earth for them.

If we consider the fact that the Glendale object encountered and maneuvered with a helicopter—a sophisticated earth machine—with

two professional observers inside, we might be permitted to wonder. If the Glendale object was an actual UFO—and not a mistaken Hoax balloon!—was it seeking another Jose Antonio to abduct? Or had its occupants—if any—decided to gather their own information regarding earth weaponry and resources?

The Glendale witnesses, when shown the Bebedouro FSR sketch, were impressed with its likeness to what they had seen themselves. But they remain completely unaware of any reason for their encounter. There is no evidence that any "message"—telepathic or otherwise—was relayed to them, and of course the 4-5 minute duration of sighting does not permit us to consider any possibility of physical abduction. In fact, the names and occupation of the two Glendale observers were released by mistake in the February 1977 MUFON UFO JOURNAL and are not to be used in any further research studies. (5) It is a sad note for ufology that the United States, superior as it is in educational advantages and technology, lags far behind Brazil in its public and official acceptance of the UFO phenomena.

As a footnote to end this study of the Glendale helicopter sighting of February 1, 1977 it might be of interest to include a short summary of the mini-flap which coincided with it. For an entire month after the helicopter incident was phoned into SKYNET—MUFON on February 2, 1977, residents of Glendale and surrounding communities reported a large number of unexplained objects. There were twenty cases investigated, covering sightings dates from July 4th, 1976

through March 6, 1977 from a relatively tiny area, approximately 11 x 11 miles square. (6) These cases indicate a local flap of sizable proportions. Of the reports, one was a CE-III with landing, another a possible CE-III. The helicopter encounter is regarded as a CE-I. At least 7 other reports were puzzling NL's of possible scientific value, particularly one situation involving a recurring light which might permit future instrumented study. Five were probable hoax balloons of an unknown type, and another was identified as Venus. The remaining five reports fall into the never-never land between possible UFO and possible IFO. The flap ended with a rousing landing report, classified CE-II, which is still being investigated and holds considerable promise of scientific value.

Considering the fact that in this writer's experience, at least, only 2-3 percent of ordinary raw data reports turn out to have scientific value, the close encounter cases from this localized flap alone, constitute a 15 percent unexplained, and this figure does not even consider the three or four other NL's which may yet yield pay dirt.

The mini-flap, however, was not altogether a pleasant research experience. It yielded fascinating data, intelligent witnesses, and an astonishing degree of public interest and cooperation. But it also pointed up the abysmal state in which present-day ufology finds itself. The CE-III case, for instance, lay hidden for eight months, simply because the witness did not know where to report it. There were alleged physical traces associated with this report which were no longer visible by the time MUFON



Composite of two sketches made by witnesses to helicopter sighting, Glendale, California. Composite printed upside-down to enhance correlation with Figure B.

FIGURE B



An artist's rendering of Bebedouro object, as described to him by the witness, Jose Antonio da Silva.

investigator Vince Uhlenkott was made aware of the case. In another instance, two witnesses to a potentially interesting NL-disk was referred to a UFO- reporting Hotline in Seattle by the local airport, instead of to the police board of an adjacent community which would have relayed the call immediately to our SKYNET phones.

Beyond all doubt, the study of this mini-flap, which coexisted with the Glendale helicopter sighting of February 1, 1977, points up the need for organized, funded, and adequately staffed local referral systems, known and used by all official agencies and by the general public.

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its original position or actually completed a 180 degree turn is an upside down position is immaterial here. The important thing is that the maneuver as described suggested that the machine was able to adjust its position radically without normal effects of gravity being felt inside.

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Incident At Indianapolis

DESCRIPTION OF UFO SIGHTING,
JULY 16, 1968.

By Peter McNeall

In July 1968, a friend and myself were driving across country from Massachusetts to California. On the night of Tuesday July 16, we sighted a UFO. The place was Indianapolis, Indiana. The time was about 11 pm.

The details are as follows: My friend's name was Danny Bently. He was also English, and was a philosophy student on vacation. I first came to the USA in 1965, and have a B.S. degree in physics. We were driving initially from Boston to Dallas in a Chevrolet Impala which we were delivering for a drive-away company. We left Boston on Monday, and spent the first night beyond Buffalo, NY. We were sleeping in the car to save money. On the second night we reached the western outskirts of the city of Indianapolis (just beyond a bus depot). We were on the route west towards St. Louis. On the right hand side I saw a large empty field. It seemed a good place to stop for the night.

I drove into the field through an open gate, and proceeded to the center of the field—about 150 yards from the highway. I did not want any police cars to see us drive into the field, so I switched-off the lights. However, as I drove across the field I flashed them for a mere instant every 15 yards or so, just to make sure we were not about to drive into

any obstructions. When we reached the center of the field I turned the car round to face the highway. We proceeded to get ready to go to sleep.

However we noticed a light in the field. At first we thought it was somebody walking towards us holding a flashlight, but the light (which was white), moved rather irregularly, went off at times, and then re-appeared elsewhere—perhaps 15 yards away. It wandered around and then disappeared again, and so on. This type of behavior continued for about 5 minutes. At nearest approach it was only about 20 yards away. At farthest approach it was towards the edge of the field—perhaps 100 yards away. We were completely baffled by it, but we decided no-one else was in the field, and we were prepared to go to sleep when my friend suddenly pointed to the sky and exclaimed "look!"

We both saw a brilliant crimson red light which appeared to be above and slightly beyond the trees on the eastern edge of the field. It was probably at a distance of between 300 and 800 yards, and at a height of between 100 and 300 yards. The light was so brilliant, weird, and penetrating, that I knew right away that I had never seen anything like it before.

I tried to see something metallic

"behind" the light, but all I could see was the light. I tried to work out if it could have been a freak reflection or optical phenomenon connected with the traffic on the highway. This was surprisingly heavy at the time, with many trucks hurtling along. However I could not see how this could be so.

The light hovered in a very unstable manner. It seemed almost to be shooting out in all directions and then reforming itself the entire time. We watched it for about 15 minutes while it wandered above the trees, and eventually disappeared.

Conclusion:

I presume that my flashing of the car headlights in a rather unusual manner may have attracted the UFO initially. I assume that the light in the field was in some way projected from the UFO.

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In Others' Words

Former members of the Condon Committee take another look at that investigation and the UFO subject in general in an article for the April 19, issue of **NATIONAL ENQUIRER**. The April 26 **ENQUIRER** reported on Dr. Peter A. Sturrock's recent poll of astronomers on the UFO topic. Eighty percent of the astronomers responding to the poll favored additional scientific study of UFOs. January UFO reports from Tennessee were detailed in the May 3 issue of the **ENQUIRER**, while the recent California sightings were covered in an article in the May 10 issue.

The May 3 issue of **THE STAR** contained excerpts from President Carter's UFO sighting report which was filed with NICAP in 1973. There is also a discussion of Carter's campaign promise (or perhaps we should say allege campaign promise) to reveal governmental information on UFOs. Speculation along these lines has been heightened by an item in the April 18 issue of **U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT** which says that UFO information ("unsettling disclosures") from CIA files will be released to the public by the end of 1977. **THE STAR**, however, quotes Carter's science advisor, Frank Press as not being "particularly interested in UFOs." Those who have followed the UFO subject over the years will recognize all this as the latest version of a perennial rumor that the government intends to make "The Announcement" about UFOs. Perhaps, but I remain skeptical.

The International UFO Registry's publication, **UFOLOGY**, is now available in a tabloid newspaper format, being published on a biweekly basis. The April 28 issue is the first of the new style releases and is nicely done. It contains articles on cattle mutilations, additional information on Betty Hill's experiences, a feature on the UFO movie, "Close Encounter of the Third Kind," psychic impressions of UFOs, general news notes, letters, etc. **JOURNAL** editor Dennis Hauck contributes a regular column and there is also an interesting rumor column by "Smiling John." Wonder who he really is? The subscription rate for 26 issues (1-year) is \$12.00. Order from: **UFOLOGY** - 175 Fifth Avenue - New York, NY 10010.

The Aerial Phenomenon Clipping and Information Center (APCIC) has recently begun publication of a monthly clipping service for UFO and Fortean researchers. APCIC subscribes to a nationwide press clipping service and then reproduces the clippings for their own subscribers at the rate of \$5.00 per month. This service actually consists of two separate "issues," one dealing entirely with UFOs (including foreign press reports) and the other ("Mysteries of the World") reproducing items on Bigfoot, Loch Ness, the Bermuda Triangle, "mystery animals," pyramids, etc. The April issues, for instance, contain 20 letter-sized pages of Fortean clips and 43 pages of UFO clips and news of new hardcover and paperback

books. Contact APCIC at P.O. Box 9073 - Cleveland, Ohio 44137.

The May issue of **ARGOSY UFO** features articles of interest by Wendelle C. Stevens, Robert Barrow, Richard Toronto, and others. This magazine shows improvement in the quality of their material, as the May issue is the first one which has not relied—at least in part—on reprints from older UFO books.

UFO REPORT for June includes articles by Gray Barker, Peter Guttilla, Gene Steinberg, and others, along with book excerpts from Peter Tompkins' **MYSTERIES OF THE MEXICAN PYRAMIDS** and Charles Berlitz's new book, **WITHOUT A TRACE**.

The June issue of **FATE** has Part 1 of a two-part article on some very curious UFO experiences in Alaska which are somewhat reminiscent of the Rhodesian "teleportation" case of a few years ago.

I would have to rate the July issue of **ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS** as somewhat better than average, if only because of Michael Cohen's excellent article on Mars and the possibility of a civilization having existed (or still existing?) there. Other contributions of interest come from Stuart Greenwood and George Earley.

A reminder that one of the better books of recent date, **THE FIRE CAME BY** by Baxter & Atkins, is now available in a paperback edition from Warner Books. This is an excellent summary of the 1908 explosion of something over Siberia.

SkyNet Log

By Ann Druffel

Chatsworth, California

November 20, 1976

At 9:40 p.m. on November 20th, 1976 Doug Betts (15) called SKYNET #3 (Druffel), having been referred by the local police. He and two young friends, Dean Toth (14) and his sister Dana Toth (10) had viewed a "glowing gray object" in the west over the Chatsworth Mountains about five miles from the Toth home. Doug described the object as looking "like a dome, or half a football" (see sketch on MUFON sighting questionnaire). He stated it in no way resembled any kind of cloud, but seemed to have form and substance. The object was first noticed at 9:30 p.m.

Doug sent Dean into the Toth house to get a camera and binoculars while he and Dana continued to watch. The object diminished in size as though it were moving slowly away from them directly toward southwest. By the time Dean returned, the object had faded from sight. Duration of sighting was about two minutes. No sound was audible.

Doug stated on his MUFON form that the weather was clear, with about 30 percent scattered clouds. No wind was apparent. The object seemed about the size of a half-moon, or about 1/2 degree along its horizontal axis.

"I knew it was something which I had never seen before. I knew right away it was some sort of alien space craft", Doug wrote on his MUFON form. This uncritical reaction would seem to work against the reliability of the 15-year-old



SKETCH OF OBJECT SEEN BY
THREE YOUTHS NEAR CHATSWORTH,
CALIFORNIA.

witness and his two younger friends except for two facts: 1. the witnesses had ample time to study the object (2 minutes); and 2. the object seemed solid, although gray and glowing and of a definite, clearcut shape.

In trying to precisely describe the "glow" seen associated with the dull gray disc, Doug wrote on his MUFON form, "It seemed to have a glow around as you might see on your TV when one object is placed on a different location without really being there." In a subsequent interview with investigator, Doug explained that he had meant to equate the "glow" with TV "ghosts" such as are seen when reception is hindered by hills, etc. When asked what the glow seemed to be, he theorized that it might be something like a "glowing shield being given off by the object," but he did not wish to speculate too much on the source

of the glow since he did not know anything about what was causing it.

Doug and the two other witnesses were also puzzled by the fact that five or ten minutes after reporting the 9:30 p.m. sighting to the investigator they went outside again and found that the skies in the vicinity of the sighting, and elsewhere, were perfectly clear of clouds. Where the 30 percent cloudiness had disappeared to during the few minutes they were reporting the sighting, they could not explain. Doug stated that he has never noticed anything like this before, but did not speculate as to the cause.

Doug's written and verbal reports were quite mature for his age, in spite of his tendency to accept the object as "an alien space craft". He works parttime in addition to attending school, and impressed the investigator as intelligent and stable.

UFO LIGHT BEAM PIERCES WITNESS

By Ilkka Serra, MUFON Representative for Finland.

(From UFO Research of Finland Quarterly Report, 4/76)

The most interesting UFO case in 1976 discovered by the UFO Research of Finland took place on November 12, 1976 at approximately 8 p.m. in the city of Oulu. Seven young men observed a bluish-yellow light in the north-western sky. After 10 to 15 minutes two lights appeared in the north-east.

Simultaneously the youths spotted two yellow light balls in the western sky at a distance of 30 to 40 meters. The size and brightness of the object fluctuated. The balls were at an altitude of 1.5 meters and had a diameter of 1.5 meters at their largest and the most dim stage.

Two boys (Eero Lammi, 19, and Seppo Moilanen, 15) approached the lights, but when they were at a distance of 10 meters from the closest object they lost their courage and started to turn back. Suddenly one of the boys, Eero Lammi, noticed a bright flash of light above and before him. He felt a pain in his chest. The world became red in his

eyes and then everything blacked out. The other boy saw how a bright light beam struck his friend in the chest, penetrated his body, and hit the ground about one meter behind his feet. The boy screamed with pain and lost consciousness. His muscles were totally stiffened and his pulse was slowed down to 40.

His friends carried him into a hut where he came to after 5 minutes. The light balls had disappeared after the attack of the light beam. Later in the evening dozens of red spots appeared on the boy's chest above the lower ribs and a red area on his back. The color of the spots diminished gradually and disappeared within a day. The boy stated that there was no reason to call a doctor. Several neighbors had observed the bluish-yellow light in the north-west, but they had not seen the light balls. The case given wide coverage in Scandinavian newspapers and periodicals.

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Report From South Africa

(Extracted from "A Summary of the 1976 UFO Sightings for Southern Africa" and two reports on "The Confederation Tapes," prepared by Contact-south Africa, Durban Branch. Submitted by Mike Viljoen, MUFON Representative for South Africa)

Animal reactions and a satellite object case were among the reports reviewed by the Durban Branch of Contact-S.A. in 1976. At 3:30 a.m. February 9, 1976, Leonard Roberts was awakened by the frantic sounds of the geese and horses on the Roberts' farm, near Grahamstown. Going to the window, he saw a ball of light half way up the nearby Greenhills FM radio masts. Leonard woke the rest of his family, who all saw the object before it disappeared.

About 27km east of Grahamstown, on March 5, 1976, Christopher Halse was awakened at 3:15 a.m. by a commotion among the dogs on the family farm. He saw a dazzling object about 25m away, apparently hovering about 3m above his parent's home. The UFO grew brighter and dimmer at regular intervals and made a strange buzzing sound. Christopher woke his parents, and they watched the object together until about 5 a.m. when it suddenly shot off in the distance and vanished.

A technician and his wife from

Tongaat observed a UFO off Umdlotti beach, August 21, 1976. At 5:45 p.m. they saw an object (shape not stated) hovering below clouds, with groups of six smaller objects emerging from the main object accompanied by "thumping" sounds. The central UFO pulsed between orange and yellow, and then began to fade until only a cloud of smoke was left.

The Durban group has also been investigating for some time the so-called "Confederation Tapes"—tape recordings of radio messages said by a classic contactee to be messages from spacemen who are part of a confederation of twelve planets. The preliminary investigation reports point out a number of contradictions in the claimant's story and the usual ineffectuality of the alleged spacemen, noting in one place: "As creatures with supposedly superior intelligence who have 'studied' us (and lived among us) for centuries, they still appear to be dismally ignorant about Man and his customs and seemingly naive in their approach." However, the group refrains from passing final judgement on the tapes and associated claims and investigation is continuing.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER UFO PANEL EXPANDED

After many months of consultation between Bob Pratt, John Cathcart, and Brian Wells of the Enquirer Staff and Walt Andrus, International Director of MUFON, both the Blue Ribbon UFO Panel of judges and the "mini-panel" have been expanded or replacements selected to add MUFON representation. John L. Warren,

Ph.D., State Director for New Mexico and a Consultant in Physics, was the choice to fill a vacancy on the Blue Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects. The Enquirer annually awards up to \$10,000 for "The Most Scientifically Valuable Evidence on UFOs" as determined by the Blue Ribbon Panel from cases previously screened by the "mini-panel" composed of representatives of APRO, MUFON, NICAP and knowledgeable Enquirer staff personnel.

John F. Schuessler, Deputy Director, was selected to represent MUFON on the UFO "mini-panel" to screen the many UFO cases submitted to determine those that warranted consideration for the annual award. Mr. Schuessler, a mechanical engineer, employed by McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics at the NASA Space Center in Houston, TX brings not only a vast knowledge of the UFO phenomenon, but the experience of a technical manager in the aerospace industry to bear upon this problem. Dr. Warren, on the other hand, will draw both from his educational background in physics and that of his management of the research laboratories at Los Alamos, NM operated by the University of California. We congratulate both of these fine gentlemen on their new responsibilities as outstanding representatives of MUFON. Actually, three very competent candidates, were nominated by the MUFON Board of Directors for each position, with Brian Wells, Senior UFO Editor of the National Enquirer, making the final selection. These appointments rectify a sensitive situation and give full recognition to the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. as one of the major UFO organizations in the world.

QUARTERLY REPORT FROM FINLAND

from: Suomen Ufotutkijat
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By Ilkka Serra
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In January-March 1977 the UFO Research of Finland received only 16 sighting reports on ufos, 9 of them occurring in the reporting period. One of the 9 cases was solved and classified as the after-light of a so-called bolide. And 7 reports were classified as vague, since the amount of data they contained was insufficient. One case was classified as a UFO. In the Finnish media there were 35 articles or transmissions dealing with UFOs during the reporting period.

On January 6, 1977 at 7 p.m. at Lapinlahti Village a disc-shaped light appeared above a road and directed beams of light downward. The disc hovered above the road for a few seconds and disappeared in the sky. There was one witness.

On March 6, 1977 at 8 p.m. at Laihia Village a point of light slightly larger than a star appeared in the northern sky. Then came a light ball from the west and another from the east to the area. All the lights merged and the new entity remained in the sky for approximately 20 minutes. The phenomenon fluctuated from one color to another and then disappeared suddenly. There was one witness. (Classified as UFO).

UFO SIGHTING REPORTS BY PILOTS SOUGHT

By Walt Andrus

With the termination of VFON (Volunteer Flight Officer Network) on June 30, 1975, due to lack of funds, the work of Herbert E. Roth, the Director, has suffered a serious void. Members of the Volunteer Flight Officers Network throughout the years have made substantial and meaningful contributions to a variety of scientific disciplines and can take justifiable pride in this effort. It is impossible to adequately acknowledge the contributions made by over 56,000 flight crew members of 120 airlines located in 54 countries. Herb Roth, in his memo to all member airlines on May 15, 1975, sincerely wished to express his gratitude to everyone for a job well done.

Since Herb was a dedicated MUFON member at that time, he shared confidential UFO airline pilot reports with the Mutual UFO Network. It is imperative that we have continuous access to all pilot reports—not just those of member airlines. The later have practically diminished with the closing of VFON.

The UFO phenomenon is so diverse, that specialization is required when we are working with volunteers, each with a full time occupation and limited free time to devote to this study. Richard F. Haines, Ph.D. has selected UFO sightings by pilots of military, commercial, private, and research aircraft as his area of specialization. To date, he has over 3,000 sightings in his files. Some are quite startling and potentially important. Dr.

Haines holds a major project responsibility in NASA on the west coast, so is qualified to evaluate pilot reports. It would be appreciated by both MUFON and Dr. Haines if members would please send duplicate copies of pilot sightings to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155 and to Richard F. Haines, Ph.D., 325 Langton Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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Rod B. Dyke, a MUFON Staff Member, publishes one of the finest UFO Newsclipping Services on a monthly basis, that not only includes UFOs, but Bigfoot, Fortean events, and at times cattle mutilations. Information concerning a subscription to his service may be secured by writing to: "U.F.O. NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE", 4540 - 8th Avenue N.E., Suite 404, Seattle, Washington 98105.

A new newsclipping service comming on the scene is operated by Harry R. Cohen, P.O. Box 9073, Cleveland, Ohio 44137 under the name "Aerial Phenomenon Clipping and Information Center". MUFON receives copies of both publications. Rod Dyke must be complimented for the quality of his new off-set legal size reproduction. Harry Cohen is using a similar process and the same related material, but publishes in a booklet form. Both services are designed for those people deeply involved in the phenomenon who desire and need these news clippings in their reserach.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

by
Walt Andrus

Mr. Arthur M. Goodstone has been appointed State Director for New Jersey, filling a vacancy when acting Director William H. Boyce, M.D. elected to concentrate upon his primary interest in the UFO phenomenon as a Consultant to MUFON in psychiatry. Art resides at Brynwood Apt. 3-23, Old Bridge, NJ 08557; telephone 201/679-5426. He is a retired businessman that is devoting nearly full time to UFO interest such as weekly radio programs, lectures, articles in the local news publications, and organizing UFO study groups.

Harold Edelstein, Ph.D., 312 Broughton Drive, Berverly, MA 01915 became a Consultant to MUFON in Hypnosis on August 28, 1976. He is currently Director of the New England Institute of Hypnosis and the New England Motivational Institute. He also serves as a Consultant to Dr. Harold Zeckler-Massachusetts Rehabilitation Psychiatric Dept. and to Sydney Farber Cancer Center.

An assistant to Dr. Edelstein, Nancy K. McLaughlin, 11 Atlantic Street, Lynn, MA 01902 became a research specialist in hypnosis for MUFON. Both of these competent people are presently involved in an abduction case that will be reported in the JOURNAL upon its completion. Trained by Dr. Edelstein, Mr. Claire E. Hayward, 6 Regis Road, Twerksbury, MA 01876, was recently appointed a research specialist in hypnosis,

giving the MUFON Massachusetts Section a team of three. Claire is a hypnotechnician.

Joe Santangelo, State Director for Massachusetts, and MUFON amateur radio net control station now has new call letters assigned to him by the F.C.C. Formerly, WINXY, Joe is now N1JS, a call that actually contains his initials, which is very unique. The MUFON Amateur Raido Nets are listed on another page of this issue of the JOURNAL.

Dennis William Hauck has submitted his resignation as Editor of OFFICIAL UFO and ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS to Countrywide Publications, Inc., due to the perpetration of a hoax on the cover of the July 1977 OFFICIAL UFO, conceived by publisher Myron Fass and his personal Secretary. Dennis has emphasized that not a single word of this story, presented in in the form of a letter from a bereaved mother, is based upon fact. His efforts to stop publication of this "case" have been futile, therefore his "News Release" to renounce it immediately may diminish the damage created. Dennis advised the publishers, when he was hired, that he would conscientiously follow his guidelines of "authenticated, well researched articles". His integrity as an Editor gave him no other choice. This is an example of the caliber of man that is your Editor for THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL. We are extremely proud that Dennis took this firm stand and

demonstrated to the world, that he would not be a party to the contempt with which some publishers hold their reading audience.

An added feature to the 1977 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM, in the form of a workshop session titled "Imaginary Abduction Hypnosis Demonstration" by Dr. W.C. McCall of Los Angeles, CA, is scheduled in conjunction with Dr. Alvin Lawson's formal presentation. We are anticipating having the largest attendance of any prior symposium at the Scottsdale conclave, based upon advance interest and the outstanding speakers.

The 1977 MUFON SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS are now being prepared for the printer and will be available after July 17th for \$5.00 postpaid. If you will be unable to attend the Symposium in Scottsdale, AZ and would like to receive your copy promptly, please send a check or money order payable to MUFON, whereby your name will be placed on the priority list.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER "mini-panel" met in New York City on May 14 and 15th and the "Blue Ribbon Panel" convened in Denver, CO on May 21 and 22 to select the most scientific UFO case for their 1976 award.

John Schuessler, MUFON

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Deputy Director for Administration and John L. Warren, Ph.D., MUFON State Director for New Mexico and Consultant in Physics, represented MUFON at these sessions. We anticipate that the Stanford, Kentucky abduction case of three women, reported in the January 1977 issue of the JOURNAL by Leonard Stringfield, will rank at the top of the list.

"SITUATION RED—The UFO Siege" an update on strange and frequently frightening encounters by Leonard H. Stringfield, MUFON Director of Public Relations, was released during the month of May by Doubleday and Company, Inc. This outstanding book may be purchased in hardback from your local book store for \$8.95. The forward is by Major Donald E. Keyhoe. The jacket for the book should have stated the Len has been the Director of Public Relations for MUFON not NICAP. Despite this error, the material in the text is recommended reading for anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of the UFO phenomenon since most of it is now to the public and not the usual "rehash" so prevalent in paperbacks. Yes, we highly endorse this fine contribution to the UFO field. Appendix I, listing the major international UFO research groups, properly recognizes MUFON as number one from Len's viewpoint.



RECAPPING AND COMMENTING

By Richard Hall (MUFON International Coordinator)

(Comments in this month's column are based, in part, on articles appearing in the January 1977 MUFON UFO JOURNAL, NO. 110)

Len Stringfield's account of the January 6, 1976, Stanford, Kentucky abduction case, rightfully, dominates this issue and represents the kind of investigation desperately needed in cases of this type. Unfortunately, it also strikingly illustrates the practical problems of investigation (special skills needed, lack of time and funds) and the organizational pushing and pulling that is detrimental to objective scientific investigation.

Sitting comfortably in my armchair and with the benefit of hindsight, I can easily point out lines of investigation that ought to have been pursued. The continuing effects on clocks, and apparently on the parakeet, suggest a residual electromagnetic field of some kind which conceivably could have been detected by appropriate instruments. The physical effects on the witnesses cry out for medical reports. And the "mysterious psychic incidents" mentioned in the photo caption, page 6, but not specified, need to be stated and weighed against the past psychic proclivities (or lack of them) alleged for the witnesses. Who are the witnesses, and what are their past beliefs and lifestyles?

However, Len Stringfield has

repeatedly demonstrated over the years that he is a sensitive, careful, open-minded investigator with the flexibility of mind appropriate—indeed, essential—for trying to cope with human witnesses who make bizarre reports. Considering the circumstances, and the lack of available resources, he has given us a surprising amount of information, and food for thought. Also, his findings on the case are elaborated in his new book SITUATION RED: THE UFO SIEGE (Doubleday, 1977). Any remaining questions merely illustrate the magnitude and complexity of the problem we are trying to deal with.

Welcome Addition

A significant addition to the Journal staff announced in this issue is that of Paul C. Cerny, former California Bay Area NICAP Subcommittee Chairman. My old friend and colleague brings to bear many years of experience, and a demonstrated track record of building an effective investigation/information network. Paul did invaluable work for NICAP in the 1960's.

The Journal has now, belatedly, entered 1977 (issue dated January received in early May) giving promise that we will soon be on schedule. More important even than that, however, is the caliber of the information content, which seems to me—from my biased viewpoint as Associate Editor—to be extremely good over the past several issues.