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UNCOVERING THE GUARDIAN CAPER

The Carp, Ontario, Case has achieved a celebrity status that far transcends its shadowy origins.

Investigation by MUFON Ontario

Editor's note: What follows is sure to be controversial. Certainly, the picture it paints is not always a pretty one. Unfortunately, there is much about contemporary "ufology" that is not pretty, hoaxes, disinformation and shoddy investigative techniques, among others, included. However, hiding our collective heads in the sand is unlikely to make the picture any prettier.

It is not our intention to embarrass or castigate any particular group or individual, merely to clear the air, and, as best as possible in these confused times, set the record straight about the so-called Carp Case, letting the chips fall where they may. Any mentioned individuals is free to respond at reasonable length.

The following investigation first appeared in the premiere issue of the MUFON Ontario Newsletter. Subscriptions, six issues a year, are available for \$20 U.S. from MUFON Ontario, 3058 Fifth Line W. #7, Mississauga, Ontario, L5L 5W4, Canada.

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THE MUFON ONTARIO VERSION

This case has had much coverage in the media. Tabloid television shows like "Unsolved Mysteries," "Sightings" and "Encounters" have given it much air-time, as have cable-TV stations all over North America.

Internationally, magazines, newspapers and newsletters have devoted hundreds of pages to it and UFO conferences around the planet have intrigued many thousands of attendees with its seemingly startling details.

"Carp," or the Guardian Caper, has achieved status as "One of the Most Significant Cases in UFO History." You've probably heard, seen and read about it yourself.

In this and succeeding issues we'll deal with the FACTS of the case. We'll describe the events, as told by the media and as we've experienced them—and we'll try not to appear too judgmental.

BEGINNINGS —1989

Tom Theophanus, working with The Canadian UFO Research Network (CUFORN), received a package

from someone calling themselves "Guardian." It had no return address.

"The package contained a story about a UFO crash that supposedly happened close to Carlton Place, which is about a half-hour drive from Ottawa," Tom said. "There was also a photo-copied picture of an Alien."

"For the most part, we thought it was a joke. But, CUFORN director Harry Tokarz decided to call Arthur Bray, a well-respected UFO author and researcher who lives in Ottawa, and ask him if he had someone in the Carlton area who could check out the story for us. As luck would have it, Arthur knew a fellow who was fascinated by the field of ufology, Graham Lightfoot."

Graham, with what was to become typical thoroughness, used the somewhat sketchy co-ordinates he got from Arthur Bray to not only pinpoint the "UFO crash-site" near Manion Corners, but also locate a number of witnesses.

One of those witnesses, Diane Labanek, claimed that on the night of November 4th, 1989, she saw an intense, bright light pass overhead, heading towards a swamp at the far end of the field behind and south of her home. She said she also saw several helicopters earlier that evening using bright lights to scan the area.

Another West Carlton resident recalled that that was the weekend when some cattle escaped from a nearby pasture and that it took till late Sunday to round them up.

A couple told Graham about the wife being scared by a very bright light shone through their south-facing bathroom window. "It reached right down our hallway!" The wife also mentioned that she vaguely remembered hearing the sound of helicopters at the time.

Others talked of "dogs and cattle being disturbed."

Many people could think of absolutely nothing unusual happening during the course of the weekend, including a couple who had a telescope set-up.

Graham reported those findings to Arthur Bray, along with results of his examination of the field and swamp behind Labanek's home—there were no signs on the ground, anywhere, of the heavy equipment that would be needed to recover a "crashed craft."

His report closed with "although I could find nothing conclusive to support or disprove any of the witnesses' claims, I shall check back around the area later this summer."



Robert Oeschler (right) video taping Graham Lightfoot at Carp, Ontario, on May 10, 1992.

The same Guardian material had been sent to several other investigators, researchers and UFO groups and as the story spread, both the former Provincial Director of MUFON Ontario Clive Nadin, and the current Quebec Director Christian Page, visited the area on separate occasions, and spoke to the "witnesses." They confirmed Graham Lightfoot's initial findings and agreed with Tom & Harry at CUFORN that someone was "trying to put us on—a hoax!"

GUARDIAN RE-SURFACES — 1991

In the middle of October, 1991 CUFORN began receiving more Guardian "information" via the mail and all postmarked "Ottawa." An envelope with some documents that mention a "conspiracy" between the Chinese and "Gray Aliens that are planning to take over the world," arrived first. Then came a Polaroid photograph of a "UFO" flying across an unidentified road. A while later came a black & white picture of a gray-type "Alien."

The fourth delivery in the series was a package. It contained the now infamous VHS video tape with a green label on the cassette, with a thumb print and the word GUARDIAN printed on the label. There were also three playing cards in the package, all with handwritten notes on them—an Ace, King and Joker.

A photo-copied map showed the "Gray's landing area," along with notes explaining that the flares in the video were used to help the UFO, which can outmaneuver anything on the planet, fly under the radar and know where to land!

There were also "Canadian Department of National Defense documents" enclosed—which, upon later investigation, proved to be forgeries. These "documents," it is thought, were designed to look like the official documents on UFOs that Canadian UFO author/researcher Stanton Friedman acquired, via The Freedom of Information Act, from the United States Government.

The video—a few minutes long—showed two different angles of what Guardian alleges was an 'alien craft' on the ground. (See cover.)

First, a long shot of bright lights clumped together to the right of the scene and what looked like four red emergency road flares or fires in barrels on the left side of the screen. The second scene showed the same clump of bright lights from approximately the same distance but more to the center without any flares and the sound of a single dog barking in the distance. The third scene was only three frames long and was a close-up of a pair of windshield wipers half-way across a very Earth-bound vehicle!

CUFORN pondered what to do with all the Guardian information that arrived in October of '91 and decided, that in view of the season—winter—they would hold off visiting Carlton until after the spring run-off.

ENTER OESCHLER

At the beginning of March '92, Bob Oeschler (pronounced Ex-ler) an American MUFON investigator—who describes himself as a "former NASA mission

specialist"—called CUFORN from his home in Maryland.

Apparently, he too had received a video and documents from Guardian, although when comparisons of the two videos were discussed, his had an additional scene—a somewhat closer one minute shot of the "alien craft."

His version also had a couple of minutes worth of the windshield, plus several still shots of the "Gray Aliens". The most important difference, however, was that his version of the tape had no audio-track at all—"it seems it was intentionally removed," says Tom Theofanous.

Oeschler had shown the tape to Bruce Maccabee and they agreed that what they saw was a UFO and should be investigated further—and that's why Oeschler called Tom at CUFORN. They agreed they would meet in Carlton, Ontario on May 10th 1992.

Tom then called and spoke with Graham Lightfoot, for the first time, and Graham agreed to act as guide for the May meeting. It transpired that Graham worked for The O.F.A.—The Ontario Federation of Agriculture—and knew the Carlton area and its farmers well.

THE FIRST VISIT

On May 10th, Mother's Day, 1992, Torontonians Tom & Lise Theofanous, Victor Lourenco, Vaughn Killin, Drew Williamson, Harry Tokarz and Wayne St. John met with Oeschler, his son and Graham Lightfoot at the motel the Oeschlers were staying at in West Carlton, near Ottawa, Ontario.

They all had breakfast together as Oeschler told many, many fascinating stories. Eventually they ended up in Oeschler's motel room to compare their copies of the Guardian video.

"Oeschler, despite being an expert in video analysis, had a great deal of difficulty connecting my video camera up to the TV set in his room so that we could play back the Guardian videos. In retrospect, his combination of technical ineptness and more story telling seemed to be a stalling tactic," said Tom.

Eventually, the group set off in a convoy of vehicles to examine the area depicted in Guardian's map. They stopped at a spot off Highway 7 near Manion Corners and Graham pointed out the direction from which the 1989 "UFO" had come when it "crashed," and where the Labenek's house was in relation to where the group was standing. Oeschler seemed to be stalling once more, shooting video of everything. Finally, they set off again.

"This time Oeschler took the lead, with me following him and Graham, who's supposed to be our guide, following me!" Tom says. "I thought at the time that this was pretty odd. How did Oeschler, who supposedly had never been to Canada, let alone this area before, knew his way, using side roads and making the correct turns toward our destination?"

Earlier, Oeschler had asked the Toronto group to check for anomalies on their compasses while they were driving, because the Guardian papers described magnetic changes in certain parts of the area the group was traveling in.

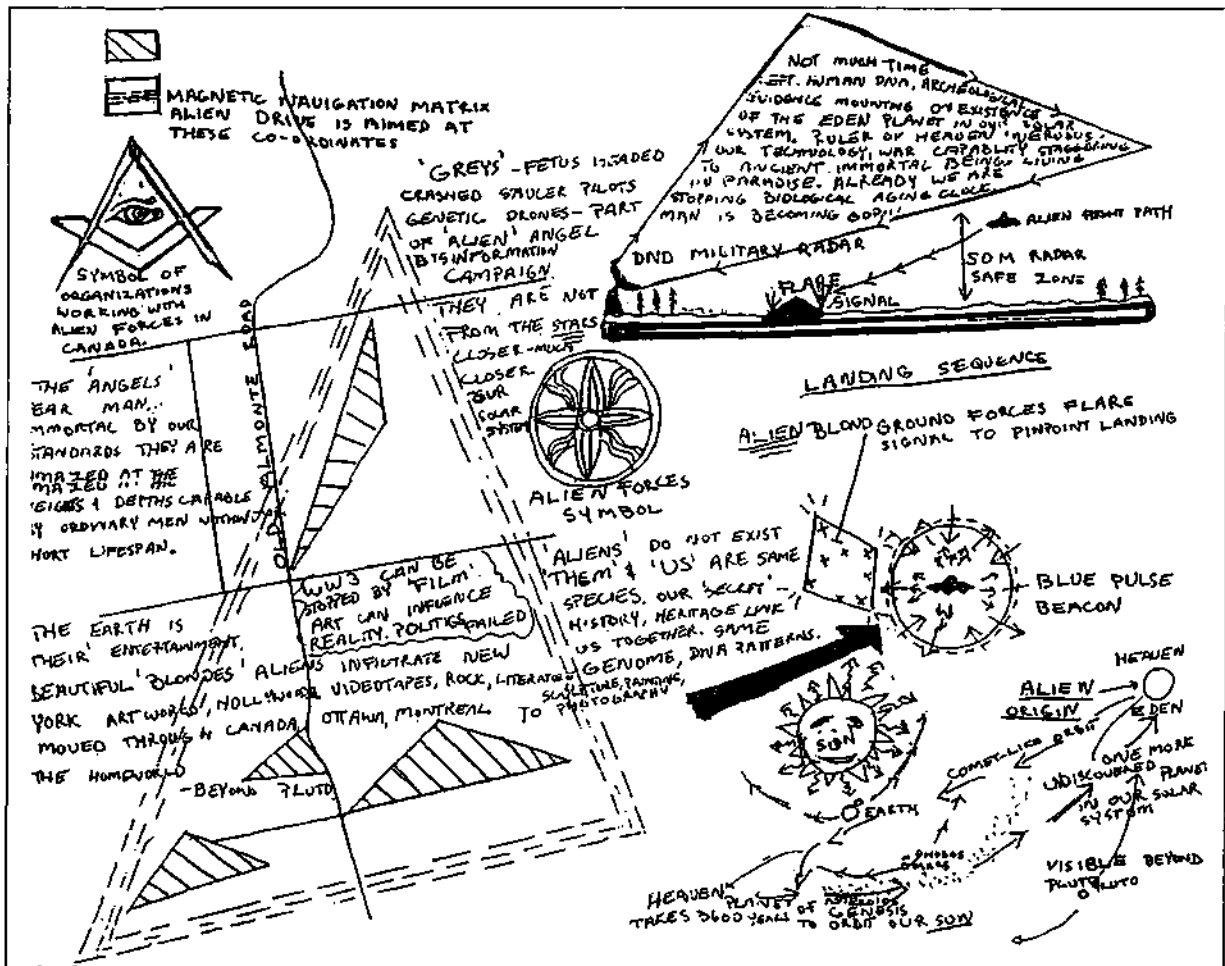
"So, we're driving down a small hill when Oeschler braked suddenly up ahead of us, stopped and came back to our car to tell me that he had found an anomaly on his two compasses," Tom recounts. "Now, he had both of his laying in the back of his pick-up on the metal floor where they were bouncing around. His son was keeping an eye on them from the cab.

"I told him that the three compasses, which we were holding in the palms of our hands, in our car didn't waver at all. But, he insisted that he'd go back up the hill, by himself, and check again."

While the rest of the group stood around waiting for Oeschler, Drew Williamson noticed a Stop-sign at the end of a long driveway leading to an abandoned farmhouse with a For-Sale sign on it.

Tom continues: "I looked through my binoculars at the Stop-sign and saw that it was propped up by rocks. There were other signs around it that read 'Do Not Enter' and 'DND Killing Fields'. The last one had pictographs of tanks, helicopters and weapons on it and appeared to be riddled with bullet-holes.





Map and accompanying commentary about Carp Case supplied by Guardian.

"So, out of curiosity, we went over to the signs and looked more closely. We found tracks left by cars and what might have been four-wheeled vehicles, leading into the property. We felt that perhaps the field around the old farm house was being used for 'War Games'—or maybe even was the location used for the Guardian video.

“Why? Because the terrain was perfect—lots (200 acres) of open field. I also noticed a dog barking up at the house at the top of the hill,” said Tom. This would become significant later in identifying the possible location of the Guardian video shoot.

"Eventually, we continued along Corkery Road. But, when I mentioned to Oeschler that we should be interviewing the people in the neighborhood we were passing, who were out sitting in their front gardens or working on their lawns, he insisted that we look for the 'crash' or 'landing' sites."

Guardian's map described an area about one and a quarter miles square, which consisted of dense, knee-high scrub and wet swampland.

The group headed toward it, using a path beneath high-tension power transmission lines that cut across below the southern end of the Labenek's property.

Most of them had great difficulty with the rough conditions and became very tired, annoyed by biting

mosquitoes and soaked by the swampy ground. They gave up about halfway into the swamp and headed back to the parking lot.

Tom picks up the story again: “Bob and his son continued to look for the landing site as the rest of us left the swamp in a couple of different groups. Lise, Drew, Wayne and I left first and drove off looking for a drink of cold pop.

"When we got back to the parking lot twenty minutes later, the second group out had left a note on our windshield saying they'd meet us at a restaurant twenty minutes away in Carp. We left a note on the Oeschlers' truck windshield telling them where we'd be.

"The first of our group to arrive at the restaurant ordered their food and twenty minutes later the rest of us arrived and placed our orders.

"Thirty minutes later, as Oeschler and his son were walking through the door, I jokingly said: I bet he'll say he found the spot!"

"As he sat down, I asked him what had happened. He smiled and said he'd found the spot."

"I asked how he'd managed to do that when we'd left him at about a mile from his car in a dense swamp

halfway to the alleged site and it was getting dark. There simply hadn't been enough time to get there, examine the 'site' and get back out to his truck and drive to the restaurant. He just smiled, but didn't answer."

After they finished their dinner, Drew, Victor and Vaughn decided to leave for Toronto.

Graham suggested that the remainder should go talk to the Labeneks, and he and Harry left ahead of Tom & Lise and the Oeschlers, since Oeschler senior was still eating. The seven of them would meet at the corner by the Labeneks.

"Lise, Wayne and I confronted Oeschler out in the parking lot, where the three of us had gone to discuss the day's events privately.

"I asked him what he was trying to pull here. He responded by asking 'what's wrong with trying to make a buck?' I answered that there was nothing wrong with making money as long as we didn't compromise our ethics.

"Oeschler came back with: 'No matter what or how good the story is, 50% of the people will believe you, 50% won't. All you have to care about is the 50% that will.'

"It was at that point," recalls Tom, "that I decided to back away from the investigation for a while to see what Oeschler would do."

They joined the others at Manions Corner by the Labeneks house—Graham had knocked on their door but there was no one home. So, they waited, enjoying a pleasant early summer evening, talking.

The Labeneks didn't get home till after 10 p.m., which the group felt was late to do an interview. Graham and Oeschler would come back in the morning and talk to them.

Tom finishes up this part of the story: "I told Graham about the conversation that I had in the parking lot of the restaurant with Oeschler, after he left the restaurant. Then Lise, Harry, Wayne and I left for Toronto, shaking our heads."

To be continued.

GUARDIAN "DOCUMENTATION"

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THE ALLEGED CRASH/RETRIEVAL OF THE 11/89 "ALIEN STARFIGHTER"

Canadian and American Security Agencies are engaged in a conspiracy of silence, to withhold from the world the alien vessel seized in the swamps of Corkery Road, Carp, in 1989.

UFO sightings in the Ontario region had intensified in the 1980's, specifically, around nuclear power generating stations. On Nov. 4, 1989 at 20:00 hrs Canadian Defense Dept. radars picked up a globe shaped object traveling at phenomenal speed over Carp, Ontario. The UFO abruptly stopped, and dropped like a stone.

Canadian and American Security Agencies were immediately notified of the landing. Monitoring satellites traced the movements of the aliens to a triangular area (see aerial map) off Almonte and Corkery Roads.

The ship had landed in deep swamp near Corkery Road. Two AH-64 Apaches and a UH-60 Blackhawk headed for the area the following night. The helicopters carried full weapon loads. They were part of a covert American unit that specialized in the recovery of alien craft.

Flying low over Ontario pine trees the Apache attack choppers soon spotted a glowing, blue, 20 meter in diameter sphere. As targeting lasers locked-on, both gunships unleashed their full weapon loads of 8 missiles each. All 16 were exploded in proximity bursts 10 meters downwind from the ship.

The missiles were carrying VEXXON, a deadly neuroactive gas which kills on contact. Exposed to air the gas breaks down quickly into inert components. Immediately after having completed their mission the gunships turned around, and headed back across the border.

Now the Blackhawk landed, as men exploded from its open doors. In seconds the six man strike team had entered the UFO through a 7 meters hatchless, oval portal. No resistance was encountered. At the controls, 3 dead crewman were found. With the ship captured, the US Air Force, Pentagon, and Office of Naval Intelligence were notified. Through the night a special team of technicians had shut-down and disassembled the sphere. Early the next morning Nov. 6, 1989 construction equipment and trucks were brought into the swamp. The UFO parts were transported to a secret facility in Kanata, Ontario.

As a cover story the locals were informed that a road was being built through the swamp. No smoke screen was needed for the military activity as Canadian forces regularly train in the Carp region. Officially nothing unusual was reported in the area.

Although someone anonymously turned in a 35mm roll of film. It was received by the National Research Council of Canada, in Ottawa. The film contained several clear shots of an entity holding a light. At this time the photographer is still unidentified.

The humanoids were packed in ice and sent to an isolation chamber at the Univ. of Ottawa. CIA physiologists performed the autopsies.

The reptilian, fetus-headed beings, were listed as CLASS 1 NTE's. (Non Terrestrial Entities) Like others recovered in previous operations, they were muscular, gray-white skinned, humanoids. The ship was partially reassembled at the underground facility in Kanata. Unlike previous recoveries this one is pure military.

Built as a "Starfighter" it is heavily armed and armored. In design no rivets, bolts, or welds were used in fastening, yet when reconstructed there are no seams. The UFO itself is made up of a matrixed dielectric magnesium alloy. It is driven by pulsed electromagnetic fields generated by a cold fusion reactor. All offensive capabilities utilize independently targeting electronic beam weapons. In the cargo hold were found ordnance racks containing fifty Soviet nuclear warheads. Their purpose was revealed by advanced tactical/combat computers located in the flight deck.

Threatened by recent East-West relations, and the revolutionary movements within itself, Red China is preparing for the final ideological war. The aliens have agreed to defend China from the free world's combined military and nuclear forces.

At this time China is arming the Middle East with their own nuclear arsenals, in order that they can successfully take on Israel.

Unifying the Arabs under one Chinese command was simple, especially with Israel's recent "iron fist" attitude toward occupied territories.

The Soviet warheads found in the UFO were destined for Syria. CIA operatives in the Middle East have noticed huge movements of Chinese "technicians" and "advisors". China is also supplying the Arabs with bacteriological agents, Migs, Hind gunships, tanks, and missile launchers.

The use of "Soviet" instead of "Chinese" nukes is part of a disinformation campaign to break up East-West relations after the annihilation of Israel. The Warheads were hijacked from Soviet subs in the Dragon's Triangle. A section of alien controlled Pacific once frequented by Russian subs. After losing some 900 high yield war-

heads and 13 vessels, commanders were ordered to steer clear of the area.

The most important alien-tech find were the 2 millimeter, spheroid, brain implants. Surgical inserted through the nasal orifice the individual can be fully monitored and controlled. The CIA and Canadian Govt. have actively supported mind-slave experiments for years. Currently the Univ. of Ottawa is involved in ELF wave mind control programs. A continuation of the CIA psychological warfare project known as MKULTRA, started at the Allen Memorial Institute in Montreal.

Using ELF signals transmitted at the same wavelength the human brain uses, the researchers could subliminally control the test subject. The alien implants utilize the same principles except that the whole unit is sub-miniaturized and contained in the brain. Fortunately the implants can be detected by magnetic resolution scanning technology. All individuals implanted by the aliens are classified as ZOMBIES.

The ZOMBIES have been programmed to help overthrow Mankind in the near future. When China finishes with Israel it will invade Europe. At the same time Chinese space-based bacteriological weapons will be launched at the Arctic. The winds will carry the diseases into Russia and North America. In days 100's of millions will be dead, survivors will have to deal with Chinese, aliens, and the ZOMBIES.

The aliens want all out war so that human resistance would be minimal, when they invade. They tried this same tactic once before with Nazi Germany. Most of the scientific advances we have today came from German science which was based on alien technology. Had Hitler won the war, the earth would have become a concentration camp. In order to depopulate the continents for the aliens.

Data aboard the sphere explained why the aliens are so comfortable on our world. They preceded man on the evolutionary scale by millions of years; created with the dinosaurs. Some 675 million years ago an interdimensional war destroyed most of their civilization, and forced them to leave the earth. Now they have chosen to reclaim what was once theirs.

The alien forces with their Chinese and Arab allies will attack within the next 5 years. Waiting longer than that would make it impossible even for the aliens to reverse the ecological damage inflicted on the Earth by Man.

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INFERNAL UFOs: BIGGER INSIDE THAN OUT?

Volume-wise, some UFOs appear larger inside than out. How can such a thing conceivably be?

By Stan Kulikowski II

Joel Mesnard (1994), in reporting the few French cases of alien abduction, observes one strange occurrence near Bray-sur-Seine in 1961 or 1962 (p. 8):

"Michel continued to approach. He slipped under the flat, central part of the object to where he could look through the opening to the interior. The most amazing thing was that the interior of the cylinder was immense. Incomparably larger than the cylinder seen from the outside...at least six meters in diameter, which was about four times the diameter of the exterior."

Mesnard can only marvel at "what infernal characteristic of the universe...at least as far as appearances go [can] contain a larger volume within a smaller volume"? However, several examples of this "it's not big outside, but there's so much room inside" syndrome exist in the UFO literature. And as long as UFO stories include this kind of information, we cannot be too surprised that ufology has a bad reputation and that many people dismiss it out of hand.

Seemingly, Mesnard wants to treat this observational report as an embarrassment in technical reporting. Fortunately, he is thorough enough to include such reports even though he clearly struggles with the infor-

mation. Far from being a technical embarrassment, this inside-too-big phenomenon is easy to understand from a mathematical perspective and may tell us something about the physical properties of an alien technology. Of course, it may be a hoax and we can search for the possibilities of social contamination in such reports. But it is not "an infernal property of the universe." Indeed, this is a predictable property which I find of great interest.

Perhaps since the time of the semi-mythical Pythagoras and certainly since Plato, we have characterized the universe according to geometrical dimensions: point, line, plane, and space. There is agreement upon these dimensions since the 5th century BC. As near as I can tell (Boyer and Merzbach, 1991), geometries of higher dimensions did not get started until 1854 when Riemann at the University of Gottingen formulated the "hypotheses which lie at the foundation of geometry." By this, the geometry of Euclid is found to be a small subset of the geometries of Riemann. The foundations for Einstein's relativity of space-time were set here. Hang onto your Newtonian physics, as I will try to de-

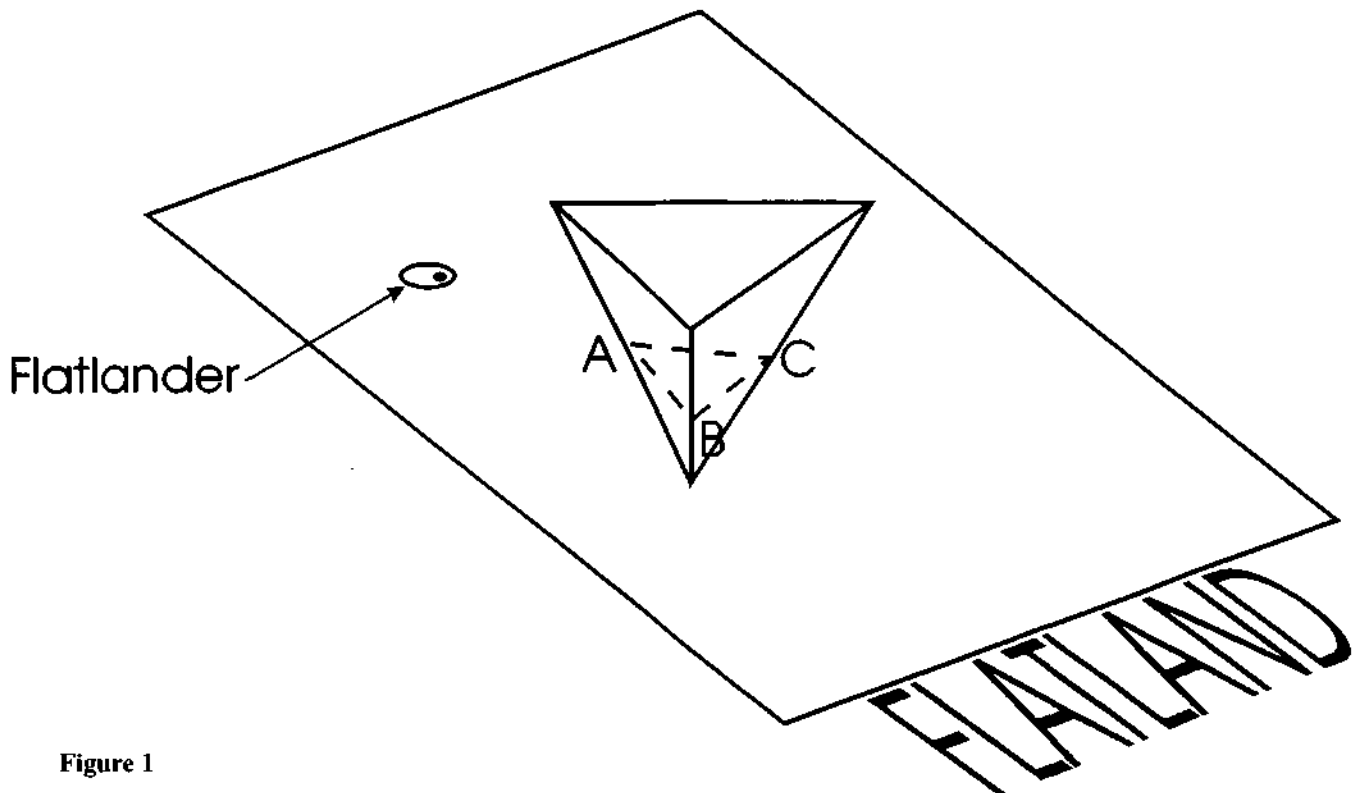


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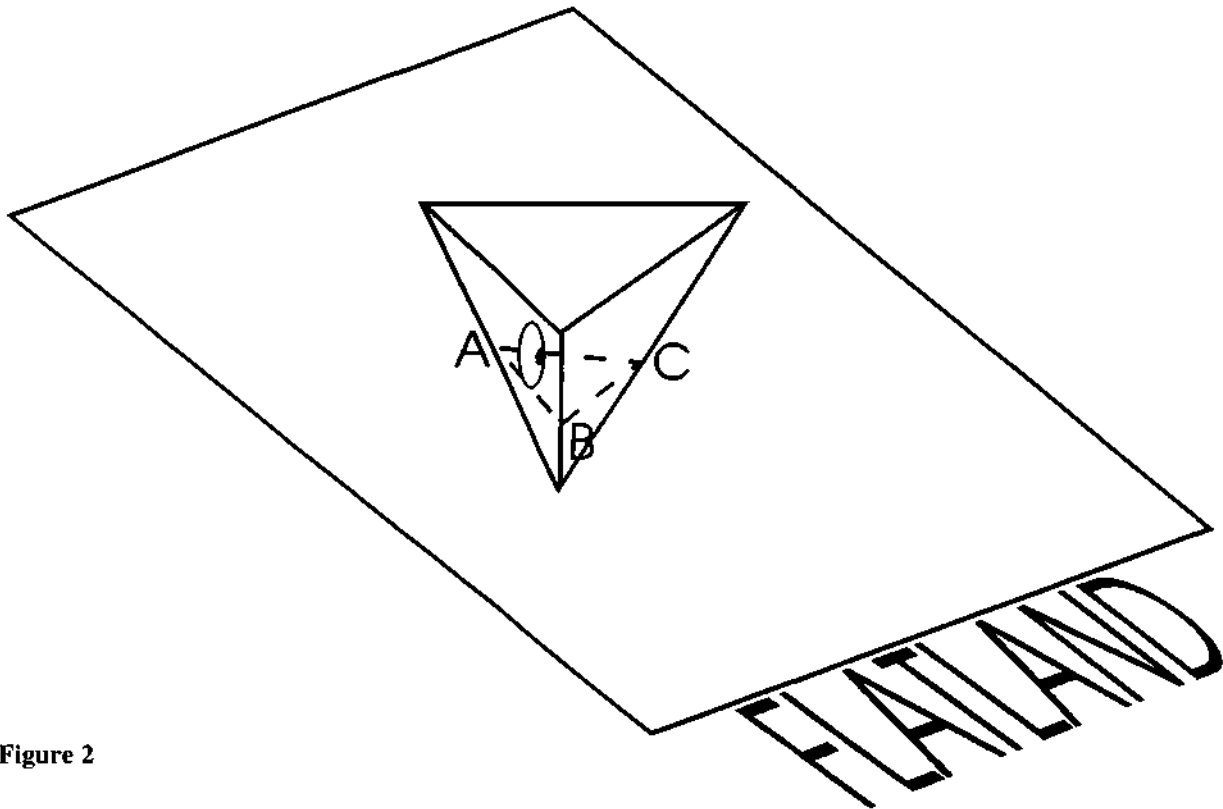


Figure 2

scribe these phenomena with as little mathematics as I can.

Late in the nineteenth century, a delightful primer in dimensional mechanics was written by Edwin Abbott (1884), called *Flatland*. In this Victorian romance, two-dimensional creatures (Flatlanders) are described. Generally, they perceive things as lines with angles being seen as darker or lighter shades. By analogy, we 3-D beings perceive objects as 2-D shapes with depth being seen as darker or lighter shades, that is, perspective or binocular stereo vision. These are all learned properties of perception which develop after birth to augment our basic 2-D visual sense system into 3-D-like spatial perceptions. We do, after all, perceive depth in a flat television screen. In *Flatland* we are given to understand, by analogy, how these 2-D creatures experience the unusual properties of a 3-D object when they encounter one.

For this exercise of trans-dimensional mechanics, imagine how a Flatlander will perceive the movements of a 3-D object, say a simple equilateral pyramid.

The Flatlander is capable of seeing only that part of the pyramid that intersects with its plane of perceptual existence. The apparent size of the triangle it sees is thought to be of width equal to one of the sides of intersection. If the pyramid moves laterally, the Flatlander would see it merely move in the accustomed manner for its dimension. If the pyramid begins to move in the vertical dimension, however, the Flatlander will perceive it to change in size and maybe shape: either growing larger or smaller. Even though the pyramid has a

fixed shape, it will appear to the Flatlander to be actively altering its external shape. Eventually it may disappear altogether as the tip of the pyramid pulls up out of the plane of perception, and it may pop into perception at some distant point by lowering back into Flatland: movement from point hither to yon without perceptibly moving through any intervening points.

Now, say the curious Flatlander enters the pyramid through some sort of portal. What happens on these thresholds is very peculiar to the 2-D creature. From its plane of existence, it gets physically folded onto a vertical wall of the pyramid. It cannot perceive this folding motion since its sense organs cannot perceive the vertical, but once its sense organs come onto the new upward wall, it sees a new plane of sensation much larger than it expected. If it dances back and forth over this folded threshold, our Flatlander can verify that the outside remains a constant, relatively small size and shape, while its interior is a vast new area. The 3-D object is not expending any energy to change or hide its shape, but the 2-D perception is incapable of understanding what it is seeing.

In a similar manner, if our Flatlander wanders around inside a 3-D structure it may find navigation does not follow understandable rules of movement. Since it cannot perceive the vertical folds, it cannot understand its motion through space by planar navigation. In the example above, the flatlander travels from point A on one plane, then to point B on another, and finally to point C. Its 2-D perception does not register what is happening when it passes through one of the folds, but the

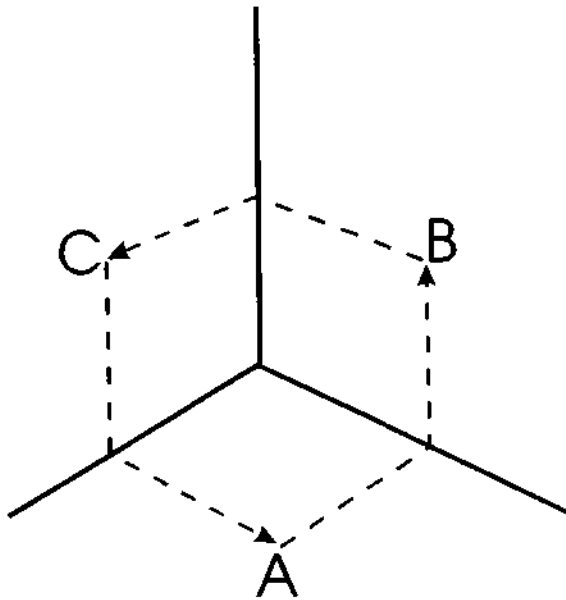
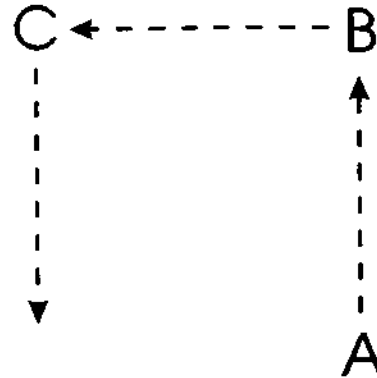


Figure 3



Flatlander will be confused when it returns to A from C according to its navigation.

So, far from dismissing Michel's observation as distressing, a very good mathematician can understand them as a trans-dimensional technology. Some of you may recall the study of a geometric curiosity in grade school, called a tesseract. This is the 4-D equivalent of a cube, an equidistant right-angled structure in four dimensions. Of course, the 3-D projection of this object looks sqewed and odd, but we are assured that in four dimensions it has 8 equi-volumed spaces. The intersection in 3-D space may appear to be, say, a ten meter maximum distance, but an apparent straightline traversal of the 4-D interior would require 30 meters of travel. Michel's visual estimate of his UFO's internal dimensions is within this magnitude of simple geometry.

The folds of 3-D space into a 4-D structure would be very interesting to study. In Einsteinian terms, matter warps space to create gravity. Folding a craft into 4-D space ought to create extremely strong gravitational effects on its boundaries. I believe that is essentially what a wormhole is. The center of a black hole produces gravitational forces so strong that the warp of space crumples 3-D. Non-adjacent coordinates come into immediate proximity so that intervening positions do not need to be traversed. Stepping into a 4-D tesseract ought to encounter gravity so strong it would disintegrate normal molecular and atomic bonds.

What I have been discussing here is a 4-D architecture. A static structure which must take tremendous quantities of energy to fabricate. Most readers are probably familiar with the notion that 4-D involves time, a dynamic process. Our senses perceive 4-D movement of time to be a fairly constant process over which we have no control. We are all time travelers, but we cannot alter our course. The physics of matter seem to agree with this constancy, at least down to the atomic level of organi-

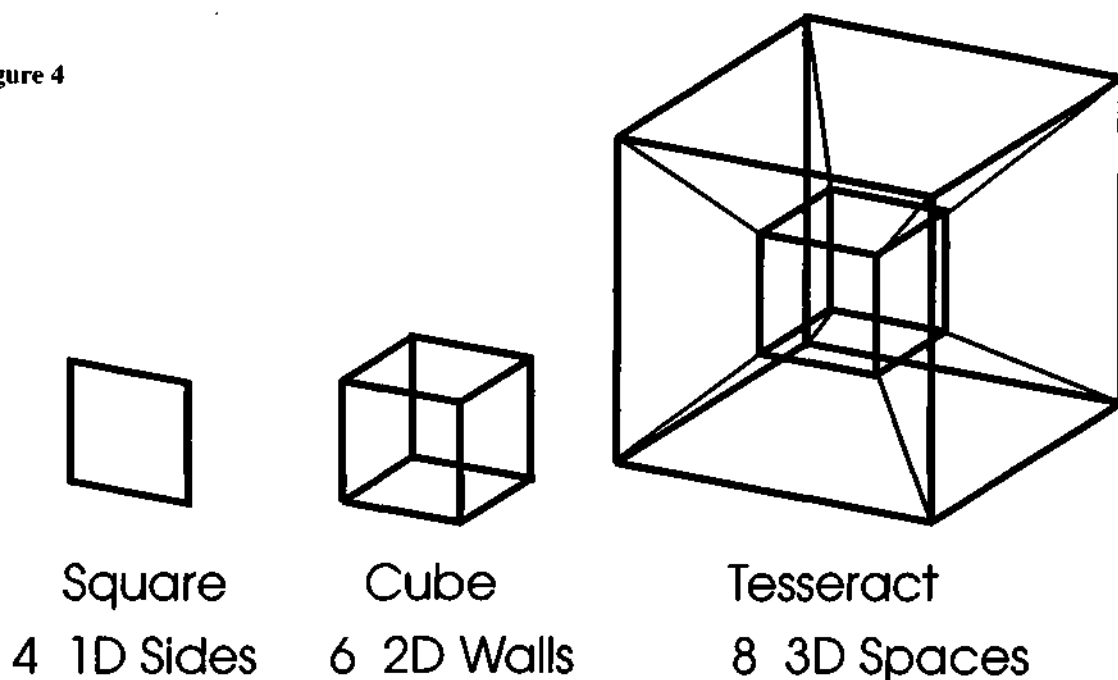
zation. The best clocks are based upon the atomic state oscillations of hydrogen. We are discovering that time becomes less constant at quantum levels under physically extreme conditions.

In reading this discussion of 4-D properties in some UFO reports, I should give a warning before we jump to the conclusion: "Aha, at least some UFOs are time travelers." (Davenport, 1992) Maybe they are, but we are not gaining anything in explanatory power by such a hypothesis. H.G. Wells (1895) started this notion that time travel is somehow quite simple if we can master the basic phenomena. After all, moving something a few minutes in time, but to stay in the same 3-D coordinates does not seem like much. Only time is being traversed, not space. In George Pal's movie version of *The Time Machine*, actor Rod Taylor simply pushes the lever, the device disappears, and sometime later it reappears when the temporal motive force is discontinued. It seems to stay in the same place. Unfortunately, H.G. Wells did not understand trans-dimensional mechanics very well.

The foundations of relativity are based on the fact that there are no absolute measures of dimension. Everything has to be measured relative to something else. There is no universal constant (yet discovered at least) that is absolute. Hence, any movement in time is going to also involve a movement in space. Quite a large movement in space. Nothing sits absolutely still. The notion of time travel increases the technological requirements over mere interstellar travel.

Consider me sitting here in Pensacola typing this message. At the equator, the planet's surface is spinning around its axis about 636 kilometers a second. At latitude 30 degrees for Pensacola, the circular motion is around 551 meters per second. If I were to time travel, even for one second, I would need to displace my spatial coordinates more than 5 football fields just to keep an apparently constant position. To put this another way,

Figure 4



one second of time travel requires the energy that is at least equivalent to an acceleration of 551 meters during that second (just to stay in one place relative to Earth's rotation) multiplied by the 4-D magnification that we see in the geometric progression.

And the speed of the Earth's rotation is relatively leisurely in cosmic terms. We have to also factor in the speed of the Earth's movement around the sun (39.6 km per sec) and the movement of the sun around galactic central (220 km per sec) and, of course, the movement of our galaxy away from the big bang (well, no one really seems to know how fast or in what direction our galaxy is moving. I have seen estimates ranging from 14 to 3000 km per sec). Can you imagine the computer which has to add or subtract these speeds depending on what part of the rotations we are in at a given instant? To talk about controlled time travel in large units (like Earth years) we are necessarily including spatial movements on the order of light years.

SETI scientists generally discount UFOs on the basis of energy requirements needed to traverse interstellar distances in relativistic spacetime (Drake and Sobel, 1992). They refer to this as the interstellar quarantine. The energy requirements are so large that civilizations will stay around their native stars rather than travel between them. The notion of time travel increases this energy expenditure by orders of magnitude. Perhaps Steven Hawking will calculate this out for us sometime.

In the meantime, we should consider where Michel and others might have gotten the notion of 4-D structure (bigger inside than out) if these reports are based on social contamination (conscious fraud or subconscious

imagery) rather than actual alien technology. The dates "1961 or 1962" given in the report (Mesnard, 1994) are a bit suggestive. As I mentioned in the introduction of this note, the notion of dimensions beyond 3-D does not seem to appear in history until 1854. But on the night that John Kennedy was assassinated (22 Nov 1963), the BBC began broadcasting a television program which features a properly constructed 4-D vehicle ("An Unearthly Child," *Dr Who*). The TARDIS is bigger inside than out, and this is mentioned often in the series. *Dr Who* became one of the most successful fantasy programs ever broadcast, being discontinued in 1989 after 27 years of production. Michel's report of seeing a 4-D craft was not made until 1978 and then he was recalling back 17 years to "1961 or 1962." Or 1963 maybe? The opportunity for social contamination certainly is available after November, 1963 which is the earliest popular portrayal of a 4-D structure that I know of.

But not the only one. How long have illusionists been pulling the rabbit out of the hat? Something-out-of-the-hat and similar illusions are based on the surprise of drawing large objects out of small spaces. This is basically a property of 4-D containers—you could put a lot in them. It would not surprise me if out-of-the-hat illusions began appearing after Riemann's famous lecture at the University of Göttingen.

Whether this inside-too-big phenomenon is actual alien technology or deliberate fraud or a subconscious psychological trick of perception, it is nevertheless based on good mathematics and related to the fundamental physics of our universe. That makes it interesting to me at least.

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HIGH STRANGENESS IN A COLORADO VALLEY

Tales of mutes, lights and cylinder-shaped objects with jets and silent helicopter in hot pursuit.

By David B. Clemens

In a relatively remote area of Southern Colorado lies the spectacular Sangre de Cristo mountain range, whose jagged 14,000-foot peaks thrust skyward from 7,000-foot valleys in roughly a north/south straight-edge. Recently declared a National Wilderness Area, the range holds more mysteries than just the rumors of Conquistador gold buried deep in seemingly bottomless caves at near the 12,000-foot level.

Long before white man ever came to the San Luis Valley, which is bordered by the Sangre de Cristos to the east, Indians spoke of the "sky people" in "flying baskets" and of being led to safe underground caverns by the "ant people" during seismic upheavals. The valley, which reputedly has never seen conflict in the history of the world, is still considered sacred by numerous Indian tribes.

Accounts of local individuals boarding strange craft and communicating with humanoid beings predate the Betty and Barney Hill case by many years. The first documented case of an animal mutilation, "Snippy" the horse (actual name: Lady), occurred in the San Luis Valley in 1967.

During the famous 1967-1975 flap period, UFO activity was so intense that during certain periods one could go out virtually any night and see strange lights in the sky.

A crash/retrieval case dating from this time period has recently surfaced. In 1969, a family of four was conducting archeological site surveys for a major university on the border of the Great Sand Dunes National Monument when they observed an apparently disabled cylindrical object being chased by a military jet fighter. The fighter rode the object into the dunes while it frantically tried to get out from under the jet before crashing. At one point, the object passed directly overhead of the family at an altitude of approximately 400 to 500 feet in broad daylight. The object was later retrieved in a covert military operation. After complaining vigorously to many different agencies, the mother of the family was visited by a succession of U.S. Navy officers. This story was independently verified by Monument employees.

A rash of cattle mutilations occurred from 1975 to 1982, although sightings of objects and lights seemed to subside during this period.

During late 1992, cattle mutilations and UFO sightings returned with a vengeance. In the year ending December 1993, over 40 suspected mutilations occurred in the counties surrounding the Sangre de Cristo range. On April 29, 1993, the author encountered an hours-old cattle mutilation outside Chama, Colorado. The mutila-

tion, which happened within 200 yards of the ranch house, had the classical smooth incisions at the cored-out rectum and removed udder. Electromagnetic surveys from 30 hertz through the ionizing range yielded no anomalous readings. Tissue samples analyzed by pathologist Dr. John Altshuler of Denver indicated the incisions had been made with high heat other than by a laser.

During the recent wave, objects and lights have been seen by day and night, often observed by multiple highly qualified witnesses. Some highlights:

- November, 1992. Small glimmering lights seen on consecutive nights on southern Baca ranch. Woman feels compelled to drive to border of Boca ranch and loses two hours of time.
- December, 1992. Rancher and others see laser-like ovals streak south and hover over Baca ranch area. Two women see bell-shaped object against mountains during daytime.
- February, 1993. Bright white lights are seen descending below ridge of Sangres and then streaking north along top of range. Witness at Crestone campground has car illuminated from above by spotlight beams that "try and get him out of car." Two women see a bell-shaped object pass over their car while traveling south on Highway 17 near Mosca in daytime.
- March, 1993. Two objects seen traveling down entire western side of the San Luis Valley. Military jets seen tracing objects' path on afterburner eight minutes later.
- April, 1993. Four witnesses observe school bus-sized object near Monte Vista.
- May, 1993. A research colleague of the author's and his girlfriend observe a 30-40 foot boomerang/wedge-shaped object at dusk descending in a figure-eight motion.
- November/December, 1993. Twelve witnesses (two are trained military observers) see bright bluish/white object streak south and descend in the La Garita area. Witnesses directly under object's path feel their houses vibrate like a "silent sonic boom" and feel "pressure change." The following night seven apparently silent helicopters are videotaped through night vision equip-

ment dropping flares and surrounding a nearly hovering solid anomalous object in the same area.

Naturally a hypothesis has been formulated that long-term anomaly areas such as the San Luis Valley are some type of "doorway" or "portal," whether dimensional, electromagnetic, gravitational or a combination of the three. Certainly the Indians believed this. Is there any support for this hypothesis? Some researchers claim that there is a correlation between anomaly areas and anomalies found on U.S. Geological Survey magnetic and gravity maps. These researchers claim that one can go to anomaly areas indicated on these maps and the locals will report the standard variety of mutilation/UFO/paranormal/government activity. The Sangre de Cristo area has extreme magnetic and gravitational variations according to these maps.

Additionally, recent research at known anomaly areas such as Pine Bush, New York and Lucky Point, Indiana have indicated that there are bizarre and anomalous fluctuations in the earth's magnetic field at certain times. These fluctuations are sometimes accompanied by strong ground vibrations which can be detected without instruments and often are followed by lights/sightings. The magnetic variations can only be detected with sophisticated equipment such as proton magnetometers and Hall effect/flux gate magnetometers that are connected to oscilloscopes.

During sightings of the Zapata ranch ground lights in the San Luis Valley, a researcher noted ground vibrations strong enough to shake utility poles, which is identical to reports from Lucky Point, Indiana. These vibrations have nothing to do with seismic stresses or activities. The power company that maintains high tension lines that run through the Lucky Point area have no explanation for the vibrations that shake their poles in the area.

As one might have surmised, the government is heavily involved in the events occurring in the Southern Colorado area. Researchers have been followed, phones tapped, photographs have disappeared, military convoys have been seen going into deserted canyons and then disappearing. A colleague's family member awoke one night to see two silent helicopters hovering 30 feet from the house connected to each other by a red beam of light.

Jet fighters or helicopters almost always follow the exact path that a UFO takes within 24 hours of the sighting. Some believe that they are monitoring/erasing electromagnetic signatures of the craft. As many researchers know, UFOs can leave residual magnetic fields in defiance of our understanding of physical laws. It is clear that the government or some quasifaction thereof understands the phenomena at a very high level. It is also clear that they are using a whole range of covert technologies such as silent helicopters. Ranchers and sheriffs who have been involved with mutilations do not

talk about aliens and UFOs but rather unmarked, silent military helicopters associated with the incidents.

A former deputy has said that he observed the U.S. military using silent helicopters in Viet Nam. If this is true, it suggests that the government is able to keep some technologies secret for over three decades. Recently there have been reports from individuals who have said that they served in ultra-secret military units that used silent black helicopters to mutilate cattle. Supposedly, the government can detect things in and under the ground by analyzing the tissues of the cattle.

The events in Southern Colorado serve to quietly mock our accepted understanding of the nature of reality, who the "government" really is and what their intentions are.

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ABDUCTIONS: STATE OF SIEGE—OR MIND?

An abductee wonders if abduction research—and some abductees—may not have wandered off the path.

By Roberta Puhalski

This past February marked six years of my "personal" involvement with what I'll term the Abductee Movement. Every movement has its unique development expressed and defined by stages that can be observed. Over the years I have witnessed this movement come full circle.

Early in the movement, abductees, fueled by frustration, fear or desperation, worked up enough courage to seek out professional help. I am using the word "abductee" as this is a term with which we are familiar. I am in no way stating that, in fact, they have been abducted. Abductees were caught up in a life of passivity, waiting for the next uninvited experience. They descended upon the offices of therapists and researchers, anyone who would offer a sympathetic ear. Endlessly, in the style of "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," they would recant their tales. Abductees were relieved to learn that their stories were being given serious consideration. Researchers and investigators were bound to the role of arm chair observers, while attempting to focus in on and ascertain the real significance of these experiences, wisely withholding judgment as data continued to flow in from all sources, including sightings, crop circles, and cattle mutilations. Many articles were published, lectures delivered, and books written on this subject and the interpretations of same. In a twinkling of an eye, the books and movies gave abductees a public platform, a type of legitimacy. They enjoyed their new role, and the attention it afforded them was not a bad thing in itself, as it did change the way they viewed themselves.

At the same time many self-help groups formed, facilitated by either researchers or abductees themselves. I facilitated such groups for three years. At these meetings abductees and contactees could let their hair down without fear of recrimination. This was a place where the exchange of information took place, as well as networking. Week after week I heard people complain of how their personal relationships were deteriorating, or of an inability to concentrate on their job, or of loss thereof. For many these experiences kept them from being able to focus in on anything else. Researcher and author, Kenneth Ring, as well as some others, became aware of behavioral and psychological correlations among U.F.O. experiencers. Was there such a thing as an Abductee/Contactee personality type? Researchers wouldn't have to twist my arm to get me to believe this!

I observed this myself during these meetings. While watching everyone interact, many things became painfully clear. While abductees came together as

strangers, they soon discovered that they shared similar childhood experiences, attitudes and memories. Their childhoods generally were marked with dissociation and "multiple parallel consciousness." Many of them reported childhood abuse. I often wondered whether abductees suffered this abuse because they danced to the tune of a different drummer. There are even more insidious theories floating around questioning the possibility of intentional psychological manipulation.

So far, none of the more complex issues have been satisfactorily addressed. I was very impressed with Victoria Alexander's comments in the *MUFON UFO Journal* (November 1993) article entitled "New Protocol for Abduction Research." She questions how these issues can be addressed with the present chaotic atmosphere in this field.

How did this ever happen? During the last year that I facilitated the self-help groups, I noticed a shift in the emphasis of purpose. Instead of the usual group therapy type atmosphere of caring and sharing, New Age material slowly filtered its way into these meetings. Initially there were books on metaphysics and esoteric information. Then emerged the crystals and healing techniques. Next there were books claiming to be trance-channelled messages from the stars. Within months people were aligning with one alien group or another, and arguing with each other! Some wore pins and badges honoring their favorite group of aliens. It became increasingly difficult for an abductee to participate without accepting New Age doctrine or taking sides. This absurdity, when witnessed at conventions, concerned and embarrassed me. So, I refrained from holding meetings and instead followed writing pursuits.

While attending local MUFON state meetings and conventions, I became influenced by John Keel's observations, books, and delightful sense of humor. I think of him, particularly, during late night excursions to locations of "high strangeness," in desolate areas, while chasing shadowy figures and strange anomalous lights. Is this some cruel cosmic joke, perpetrated by travel-weary aliens?

Yet, abductions continue to be reported, on an ever increasing frequency. The Truth about abductions is, that we are no closer scientifically to really *knowing* the truth! Perhaps we do need a new approach. If research suggests that abductees might possess a particular psychological profile, there must be other correlations of a

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NEW YORK CROP FORMATION INVESTIGATION

A four-circle crop formation with pathways near Columbia Center, New York is found puzzling.

By Jim Cormia

It began with a small, one-column front page article that appeared in the *Herkimer Evening Telegram* on Monday, July 26, 1993. The article stated that a North Carolina truck driver had observed round, cylindrical-shaped objects near Robinson Road just off Rt. 28. He would not identify himself. Then on Thursday, July 29, 1993 the same newspaper ran a full-blown front page article including a large roadside photo of the crop formation. That's how it began. It ended with well over a thousand curious onlookers, extensive media coverage locally and nationally (CNN), and an onslaught of paranormal phenomena investigators all "doing their thing"!

The landowner at the time the formation was first seen and for several weeks thereafter was Helen Pyc, who has since completed the sale of the land, located in Herkimer County, near Columbia Center, New York. The crop formation was located about one-quarter mile South of the Pyc farm, just off the West side of Route 28. The medium was "short oats" (*Avena sativa*). The oats were flattened very close (matted) to the ground and there was no apparent intertwined or braiding effect, nor was there any spiraling effect noted in any of the four circles. All the oats were bent at or just above the ground and all were creased at the bending point. The formation consisted of four circles with four interconnecting pathways. The diameter of the smallest circle (circle #1) was 20 feet, 5 inches. The diameter of circle #2 was 45 ft. Circle #3's diameter was 43 ft., 5 in., and the largest circle (#4) was 88 feet. All four circles were slightly elliptical in the general direction of magnetic North to South. Circles number 1, 2, and 3 were laid down in a clockwise direction. Circle #4 was laid down in a counterclockwise direction. Pathway "A" protruded halfway into circle #2 as did pathway "D" into circle #3.

All other pathways terminated at the very outer edge of the circle they were connecting. Pathway "C" contained three parallel lines created by two rows of standing goldenrod. All compass, EMF, and gieger counter readings were normal and no anomalous sounds were heard or recorded by tape recorders, either in or outside of the formation. Circles #2, 3 & 4 formed an isosceles triangle with base angles of 41 degrees and a vertex angle of 96 degrees. Circles #1, 2 & 4 formed a scalene triangle with the vertex angle being obtuse at 114 degrees with base angles of 23 and 43 degrees.

The NY State Police, East Herkimer Station, very thoroughly investigated the crop formation as property damage purposely perpetrated by pranksters. They made no arrests nor did they turn up any evidence that would

suggest a prank or hoax. Four experienced farmers who have seen numerous forms of lodging all agreed this formation was definitely *not* the result of wind. Two independent groups, the Central NY Questers (an independent investigative group from the Syracuse, NY area), myself and Keith Conroy (MUFON) all searched the immediate area for any indication of hoaxing and found nothing.

On August 7th, 1993 I met Ron Taylor and Mark Briggs (CNYQ) at the site to obtain oat samples in accordance to protocols established by experienced crop circle investigators and Dr. W.C. Levensgood, a biophysicist in Michigan. Two sets of samples were taken from each location. Each set consisted of 6 stalks, the second set to be used as a "back up" and/or for further analysis. Two sets of samples were taken from the center, midway between the center and the outer perimeter, and just inside the outer perimeter of each circle. Two sets of samples were taken from the center of each pathway. Two sets of "control" samples (12 stalks per set) were taken from the oatfield 60 ft. and 180 ft. West NW of circle #4. On August 11th, 1993 I shipped 17 crop formation samples and 2 control samples to Dr. Levensgood for analysis.

The test results of Lab Report #19 are consistent with the extreme variability in the levels of the various factors studied. This variability seems to be consistent with formations in oats, unlike wheat, which is not as chaotic in its measurement levels.

Node Bending: All samples showed greater degrees of bending of the fifth node on the stalk, the only node with significant bending when compared to the two controls. Although there are no clear patterns evident, it appears that a different distribution of energies occurred in Circles #1, #2, and #4 than in other locations.

Node Swelling: The 4th and 5th nodes of the formation stalks were actually split and in some cases holes were blown right through the tissue. Dr. Levensgood has termed these holes "expulsion cavities." Some of these "expulsion cavities" were so severe that the internal cytoplasm was blown right through onto the surface of the plant. No splitting occurred in any of the controls.

Seed Germination and Development Factor (Df): This is a combined measurement of the speed of germination of the seeds and the rate of growth after germination. There was no pattern seen in this formation; however, it was interesting that most of the formation samples had their growth suppressed when compared to the controls. When I returned to the site on Sept. 18th,

1993 I found the seeds on the stalks within the formation were already germinating while those in the standing crop were not. The seedlings within the formation were from 3 to 8 inches in length and when observed from a distance the entire formation shown a bright green in contrast to the grey unharvested oatfield.

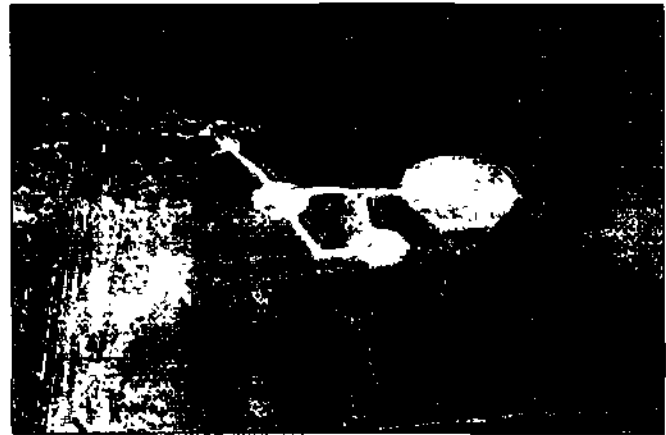
Alpha Change: This is a measurement of the electrical conductivity of the thin bract tissue that surrounds the seed. The large changes measured in this formation (particularly samples 1B and 2B) are by themselves enough to indicate the impact of an external energy on the plants which are not consistent with mechanical flattening of the crop. This is the first formation in which negative alpha values have appeared, indicating lower amplitudes of electrical conductivity than what was measured in the controls. This seems to indicate a different pattern of heating than formations with positive values, i.e., an extended time period during which the energy was applied and/or a higher intensity applied within the same time frame.

The "t-test": This is a culmination of data results derived from standard mathematical analysis to determine the degree of statistical significance of data when samples are compared with controls. Note: The alpha values are obtained by an automated system, i.e., no observations or measurements are made by Dr. Levengood until after the test run, at which time the results from the recorder chart are entered into the computer for analyses. Any t-test reading over 2 is statistically significant. A value of 3 means that the odds that these readings are due to random chance is less than one in ten thousand. Out of 17 t-test results, six were determined "not significant," with the remaining 11 averaging a value of 3.88! This all but eliminates the chance that these readings were "coincidental."

Dr. Levengood has generously given his time and expertise analyzing samples from over 80 crop formations. I thank him for sharing his test results and wish him much success in his ongoing search for the "answer"! Ron Taylor (CNYQ) was a tremendous help because he provided me with a multitude of information about crop formation investigative techniques, along with informing me of people to contact, plus his willingness to share any recent information that he had acquired. Everyone's motto should be like Ron's, that is, "Hey, we're all in this together, right?"

Because of the many UFO sightings prior to and following the appearance of this crop formation, one can probably guess who I feel is responsible for altering this normally "peaceful" oatfield. The bottom line is that, as humanly possible and with all the investigative results considered, my own "call" is that the Columbia Center, NY crop formation is genuine and not man-made.

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Crop formations near Columbia City, NY.

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physiological nature. During the group meetings I noted many people complaining about the same high-pitched sounds and pressure, as well as other aches and pains. Some people have told me they could pick abductees out of a group, that we possess a certain type of "look."

Abductees are being told that their DNA has been and is continuing to be altered. Is this true? With our new understanding of genetic engineering, we may be able to verify these claims. We must establish new criteria by which we may increase the credibility of our investigations.

As far as we abductees are concerned, it is time for us to find our way out of this labyrinth for a "reality check." Let us not be angry with those who question our space dramas. Let us critique our own behavior and experiences. At conventions and gatherings people observe our behavior and judge us based on that. Before going too far out on a limb, we must regain and maintain our sense of reality.

Once people view us as nuts or charlatans it will be very difficult to regain their respect or interest in helping us. It would serve our best interest to publicly tone down our proselytism of New Age material and return our attention to the real issues. Some day we may commend MUFON for having remained steady on the course in their investigations.

One never knows what future research may find. Wouldn't it be wonderful, though, if one day we could swallow a pill that would allow us to take back our lives!

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**CROPCIRCLE APOCALYPSE**

by John Macnish

CROP CIRCLES, A MYSTERY SOLVED

by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller

ROUND IN CIRCLES

by Jim Schnabel

Reviewed by Dennis Stacy

If you've heard of them at all, you probably know them simply as Doug & Dave, the dubious duo of cereology. In reality, the two were amateur bird-watchers and water color artists in their sixties. Doug Bower and David Chorley, who claimed to have single-handedly created the crop circle phenomenon by carving out some 250 increasingly elaborate formations over the years, beginning in the summer of 1978.

Their initial claim, which appeared, with photos, in the pages of the British tabloid *Today* in early September, 1991 was greeted with both scorn and derision by the English crop circle community. Still, noted cereologist Pat Delgado who, with co-author Colin Andrews, had written the best-selling crop circle book of all times, *Circular Evidence*, had been publicly embarrassed by one of their creations, pronouncing as genuine a so-called "pictogram" they had created the day before near Sevenoaks for *Today* reporter Graham Brough and others. Within a year, virtually every leading cereologist in the field would be similarly caught out.

However, a daylight demonstration for the press arranged by Brough went badly for the two later that same week. By all accounts, and almost all published photographs, the half-finished formation was a poor, ragged affair compared to the "real thing" with which everyone was now familiar, or at least thought they were. Ultimately, it came down to a matter of belief—one either believed Doug & Dave or one didn't, for they had little to offer in the way of real evidence other than their own anecdotal testimony and a few plans or diagrams.

Admittedly, their claims seemed preposterous on the surface. Circles were not only popping up all over southern England, but as far abroad as New Zealand, Japan, Canada and the United States. Certainly Doug & Dave couldn't conceivably be responsible for the worldwide outbreak of crop circles. Nor could they account, even by their own calculations, for the more than 2000 circles now reported.

Things went from bad to worse in a proverbial hurry. Initially ridiculed as mere braggarts or publicity-seekers, Doug & Dave were soon being villified as active agents of a disinformation campaign aimed directly at the crop circle phenomenon, possibly orchestrated by—take your pick—the Vatican, the CIA, or some other shadowy organization capable of carrying off a grand conspiracy on a global scale.

Doug & Dave seemed somewhat shocked and offended by the reception they received and almost immediately announced their "retirement." Innocent or otherwise, however, their confession had a considerable impact. When I visited England the following summer, most prominent cereologists were much more cautious in their public pronouncements as to which circles were "real" and which ones weren't. No one appeared willing to go on record but in the most general terms. In private, over a pint or two, most conceded that the phenomenon was now riddled—or "discredited," if you prefer—with widespread human hoaxing.

Indeed, shortly before my arrival, the *Cereologist*, the *Guardian* newspaper and a German magazine sponsored a crop circle-making contest with several considerable cash prizes for the winners. Over a dozen teams competed in the overnight contest, a three-man team no one had ever heard of before finishing first. Jim Schnabel, an American graduate student and writer working alone, came in second. Doug and Dave were conspicuous only by their absence, further fueling claims that their vaunted prowess was more publicity stunt than anything else. All in all, though, those cereologists to whom I talked who had actually been at the conference had come away generally, if begrudgingly, impressed with the quality of the product on display. Humans, it turned out, could do a fairly good job in the fields of England by night, after all.

After a second summer vacation spent stalking crop circles my own doubts were growing, too. Accordingly, in the November, 1992 issue of the *Journal*, I published an article by Schnabel with the title of "Confessions of a Crop Circle Spy." A year later Schnabel would go into even greater detail about his own hoaxing activities with his first book, *Round in Circles*. To say I was unprepared for the emotional intensity of the response to the publication of Schnabel's original article would be a major understatement.irate faxes and phone calls flew back and forth across the Atlantic; one prominent cereologist even threatened to join a libel suit against MUFON and the *Journal*. If anything, the reaction to Schnabel's unrepentant confession of hoaxing was even more vehement than the public reaction to Doug & Dave's had been. Schnabel—and by extension myself—was accused of all sorts of intellectual and scientific perfidy.

What the offended parties seemed to object to most was their own growing inner realization of just how

All but the most stubborn and devout should come away from a reading of *Cropcircle Apocalypse* with the suspicious feeling that we've all been royally had.

easy it was to hoax a circle, even one of the large, complex pictograms. Moreover, if the self-appointed "experts" couldn't tell the difference between the genuine article and a human hoax at a glance, who among us could? In very real ways their authority and expertise—upon which speaking invitations, book contracts and media appearances depended—was being slowly but surely eroded, if not undercut altogether. Thus, perhaps, the ulterior motives so easily and readily attributed to the Dougs, Daves and Jims was now causing chaos in their chosen field.

Frankly, I don't expect to see all that much of a philosophical sea change among English (and no doubt some North American) cereologists as a consequence of John Macnish's recently self-published *Cropcircle Apocalypse*, although the author's motives in writing same would appear to be above reproach. The fact of the matter is that Macnish, a former BBC reporter before he created his own independent video production company, Circlevision, was also once a believer, having produced the pro-mystery video, "Cropcircle Communique," distributed in this country by Linda Moulton Howe Productions. But Macnish also maintained his reporter's instincts and was determined, ultimately, to get to the bottom of the picture. Were crop circles paranormal in nature or not? Were Doug & Dave merely blowing smoke or trying, albeit in their own bumbling way, to set the record straight?

Whatever else it does—and it goes without saying that those who don't want to be convinced won't be—*Apocalypse* ties up any number of loose ends, beginning with Doug & Dave's non-appearance at the crop circle making contest: they had previously entered into an agreement with Macnish to go underground and remain silent for a year, documenting at least part of their claims in the process. Using infrared and night-vision equipment, Macnish was able to work with and document the activities of other known and confessed hoaxers as well, Schnabel included. All but the most stubborn and devout should come away from a reading of *Apocalypse* with the suspicious feeling that we've all been royally had. Steven Greer's CSETI program and most major cereologists included. During a 1992 nightwatch atop Woodborough Hill near Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, for instance, CSETI members reported the sighting of a "structured craft," which Macnish clearly associates with a helium balloon "UFO" launched by known pranksters.

What about the thousands of crop circles reported in the UK alone? Curiously, as it turns out, cereologists counted a "quintuplet" or "Celtic cross" (a central circle

surrounded by a ring with four satellite circles) as five circles; Doug & Dave counted same as a single formation. In other words, the numbers were vastly inflated to begin with. Nor did Doug & Dave ever claim to have created each and every crop circle around the world. As early as 1986, at Cheesefoot Head, they had carved out in giant letters "WE ARE NOT ALONE" in response to their growing competitors. Later they began signing their own artwork with their trademark initials, "DD," but these, too, were promptly interpreted by the paranormalists in terms of the actions of a "higher intelligence."

How offended should we be by the actions of Doug & Dave and other confessed hoaxers? Not very is my guess. After all, we contributed directly to the problem. If cereologists hadn't constantly kept interpreting the circles in terms of ever increasing complexity and intelligence, who's to say the game wouldn't have run its natural course long ago? Doug & Dave, at least, were having a lark. Who wouldn't be encouraged, waking up to the morning paper, to find their art interpreted as UFO tracks, the goddess Gaia, unknown earth energies and/or God only knows what else?

Cereologists ultimately fell into two fundamentally separate camps: those who were bewildered by the phenomenon on its face, and those who said to themselves, however secretly, I wonder if I can do that? Those who tried creating their own circles—crudely at first, but perfecting their technique by repeated practice—could only have been encouraged by the public's response, especially when their handiwork was judged genuine and displayed on TV or video. Doug & Dave thought the game had gone on too long, that the gullible parties had profited too much on what, when all was said and done, was their own artwork. To their dismay, they also discovered that they had lost any copyright, making them Pound-foolish if penny wise.

It's not too late for the rest of us to profit, however, even at the cost of a few cherished notions. Unfortunately, *Apocalypse* will see little circulation in this country, along with *Crop Circles: A Mystery Solved* by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller, and Schnabel's *Round in Circles*. Anyone who's seriously interested in the crop circle literature should seek out all three before jumping to any rash conclusions about the "paranormal" nature of the phenomenon.

The Randles and Fuller book, a paperback update of their 1990 hardback of the same name, holds out the hope that there may be something to Terence Meaden's meteorological hypothesis after all—Meaden has proposed that simple circles, at least, and *some* UFOs may be attributable to an electrically charged "plasma vortex." The update isn't complete enough, however, and there's the gnawing feeling that the authors are trying to have their scones and eat them, too, although they hardly subscribe to the paranormal theory.

Schnabel's book, by far the best written and entertaining of all three, has just been released as a Penguin paperback. The author is under a cloud of suspicion in some circles, but, given recent developments and revelations, such as Macnish's, it's increasingly hard to see why.

To its detriment, *Apocalypse* has been amateurishly published. Errors of spelling and grammar abound on almost every page, detracting from what is otherwise a sterling investigation, faults that will no doubt be held against it by its more determined critics and skeptics. At the same time, taken in context with the other two books and Doug & Dave's original confession, it's hard to see how any objective observer, having read *Cropcircle Apocalypse*, will ever look at another crop circle in quite the same light again.



SCIENTIFIC CREDIBILITY

In response to the letter in the March issue by Dr. Stuart Appelle in which he suggests that this *Journal* should strive to be more scientifically credible, scientific credibility is fine where appropriate. But science is not the be-all and end-all of existence as some, including too many scientists, seem to believe. Science simply does not apply to all areas of interest or importance. All facts are not scientific facts. Whether or not our government is withholding information about UFOs is a fact, but not a scientific fact. One does not expect lawyers, artists, politicians, school teachers, or detectives to be scientifically credible, although science may be useful to these persons. The scientific method, at least in the narrow sense, is simply not applicable to all fields of investigation. Science is hardly geared to handle disinformation, for instance. When one does not have a very good feel for the territory, one is not in a position to make hard and fast judgments about what kind of information is relevant or useful. When one is dealing with another intelligence, and an alien one at that, as seems likely, or at least possible, in the field of ufology, the scientific method does not spring to mind as the most appropriate approach.

Scientific credibility has high standards, indeed. If a person were to restrict himself only to scientifically credible evidence upon which to make decisions about everything in his life, he would certainly not get very far. Why should this burden be placed upon ufology? Obviously not all evidence or information is of equal quality, but who is qualified to accept or reject any of it? Ufology has not progressed to the point where scientific credibility can be used as a criterion any more than it can

be used as a criterion for judging the acceptability of testimony by a witness in a trial.

Scientific credibility has a nice sound, but too often it seems that it is, like beauty, in the mind of the beholder. It seems that too often it is just a substitute for the term political correctness. The arbiters of scientific credibility believe that they know what is and is not possible, what is and is not good evidence. But this can be paradoxical. Science is supposed to be concerned with new discoveries. But who, pray tell, is qualified to judge what new discoveries are possible? What it all comes down to is a matter of good sense, integrity, and perhaps most of all, open-mindedness. Unfortunately, these qualities are in short supply in humanity in general.

Ufology needs to consider every possible clue available. And I, for one, think that the *Journal* is in good hands and is doing a wonderful job of a difficult task, and I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate it.

— Michael S. LaMoreaux
Ann Arbor, MI

MUFON 1994 ANNUAL AWARD

Congratulations must first be extended to the 792 people who voted for their favorite candidate from the 4731 ballots enclosed in the February 1994 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*. Obviously, a ballot inserted with the *Journal* at 17% response was far more effective than a volunteer postcard vote that yielded only 3%. A decision had previously been made to discontinue this prestigious recognition if a significant voting response was not forthcoming. 17% is certainly an improvement over the 3% postcard vote.

Two-time awardee, Budd Hopkins, was again the recipient of MUFON's annual award of an engraved plaque and a monetary award of \$500, having received 214 votes. Three other candidates, receiving over 100 votes, were Stanton T. Friedman (155), Linda M. Howe (132) and Leonard Stringfield (113). Linda M. Howe is a previous winner of this recognition by her colleagues.

It is a distinct pleasure to honor Budd Hopkins for the third time through a vote by his friends in Ufology.

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The NIGHT SKY

Walter N. Webb

JUNE 1994

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Venus (magnitude -4.0) is very noticeable in the W at dusk, remaining a bright celestial beacon until it sets in the NW just before 11 PM. This gleaming planet skirts half a degree above the Beehive Cluster on the 19th.

Jupiter (-2.3), in Virgo, while not as bright as Venus, nevertheless dominates the southern sky at dusk. The big planet proceeds westward during the night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Mars (1.2), in Aries, rises in the NE about 3 AM but remains low in the E through the dawn hours.

Jupiter sets in the W about 2:30 AM in mid-June. Saturn (1.0), in Aquarius, rises in the E about 12:30 AM in mid-month. The ringed world lies in the SE at dawn. It begins retrograde or westward motion on June 24. After 7 years of great viewing, the angle of Saturn's rings is closing.

SETI Update II:

After Congress cut off NASA's funds last fall for its search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI), the former manager of the project, the SETI Institute in California, has turned to private donors and is proceeding to raise the \$7.3 million needed to restore part of the old effort. Now appropriately tagged Project Phoenix (after the mythical bird reborn from its own ashes), the resurrected search hopes to transfer the SETI detector on the 1,000-foot Arecibo, Puerto Rico, radio antenna to the 210-foot Parkes Radio Observatory "dish" in Australia sometime next year. The receiver will then scan solar-type stars for signs of artificial radio signals. (See Oct. 1992 and Feb. 1994 Night Sky.)

Moon Phases:

Last quarter — June 1



New moon — June 9



First quarter — June 16



Full moon — June 23



Last quarter — June 30



The Stars:

Heralding the approach of summer, all three stars of the Summer Triangle are well up in the E at 11 PM in mid-June. The stellar trio is composed of Vega, Deneb, and Altair. Each star in turn occupies its own constellation—respectively, Lyra the Harp, Cygnus the Swan, and Aquila the Eagle.

Squarely on the meridian at 11 PM is a semicircle of 7 stars, Corona Borealis, the legendary crown offered to Princess Ariadne by Bacchus. Just to the E of it lies a 4-sided wedge of

faint stars called the Keystone of Hercules. Look for a very dim fuzzy "star" along the right side of the wedge. This faint object is the Hercules Cluster—not one star but a ball of thousands of stars packed into a vast globular cluster. Telescopes of increasing size resolve the spot into more and more stars. The Hercules Cluster is 21,000 light-years away.

Scorpius, the little arachnid that stung mighty Orion on the foot causing his death, has begun its summer sojourn across the southern horizon. The creature's heart is marked by reddish Antares, and its curling tail is rather easily seen.

CALENDAR

May 20-22 — Tampa UFO Convention, Holiday Inn, Tampa, FL International Airport. For information call (904) 432-8888 or write Project Awareness P.O. Box 730, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562

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July 8, 9 & 10 — MUFON 1994 International UFO Symposium, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, Texas. Theme: "UFOLOGY: A Historical Perspective." For details see Director's Message in this issue of the *Journal*. For advanced registrations write to Bobby MacPherson, 10209 Venita Cove, Austin, TX 78733 or for information call (512) 263-5211.

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On October 2, 1992, a UFO presentation was made at the United Nations in an effort to reopen Decision GA 33/426. The two-hour VHS video tape includes Mohammad A. Ramadan, Stanton T. Friedman, John F. Schuessler and Robert H. Bletchman. Tapes of this monumental UN presentation may be purchased by Postal Money Orders, personal check made payable through a U.S. bank or U.S. cash for \$19.95 plus \$2 for p.&h. to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155-4099, U.S.A.

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hotel. Be sure to advise that you are attending the MUFON 1994 UFO Symposium to obtain the special rate.

Advance registrations for the symposium are now being accepted for \$50 per person for all sessions by writing to **Bobby MacPherson**, 10209 Venita Cove, Austin, TX 78733, or calling (512) 263-5211 if there is a question. Registration forms were enclosed with the March 1994 issue of the *Journal* for the convenience of all members/readers. A reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 1994, at \$10 per person for food with a cash bar. Musical entertainment will be provided for your enjoyment. The schedule of speakers will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. after the Q. & A. Panel Discussion on Sunday, July 10. The last speaker on Sunday will finish at 4:30 p.m.

Registrations made after June 25th will be \$60 per person for the entire symposium. Individual sessions will be available for \$10 per person except Saturday evening which will be \$15. Take advantage of the advance price by making your registration as early as feasible. We look forward to meeting all of you at MUFON's Silver Anniversary Symposium in the Lone Star State.

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Other events on the symposium agenda are State/Provincial Directors Meeting on Friday, July 8th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Press Conference from 1 to 3 p.m.; MUFON Annual Board of Directors Meeting Sunday, July 10th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and Joint USA-CIS Aerial Anomaly Federation Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, July 11, 1994, starting at 8:30 a.m., hosted by the Mutual UFO Network. Dr. Richard F. Haines and Dr. Vladimir V. Rubtsov, Co-Directors, will moderate the USA-CIS Board Meeting. The two board meetings are by invitation only.

NATIONAL UFO INFORMATION WEEK

Virginia M. Tilly, Director of Public Education, has announced that the National UFO Information Week has been scheduled for August 13 through 21, 1994, which includes two weekends. Now is the time to start preparing exhibits, information literature handouts, closed circuit TV of UFO videotapes, and specifically making reservations at local shopping malls and libraries. This is an ideal event to educate the public to the UFO phe-

nomenon and its implications to the scientific future of the world.

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S MANUAL OUT OF PRINT

The third edition of the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* is temporarily out-of-print. It has been removed from the MUFON Publications List. Work is progressing very well on publishing an expanded version to be identified as the fourth edition in the near future. Please do not delay conducting Field Investigator training classes due to the absence of the fourth edition. Some sections or chapters of the present manual are only being updated, whereas new sections on abduction investigations, animal mutilations, crop circles and polygraph will be new. Explicit instructions on completing Form 1 and Form 2 will also be new. An expanded section on interviewing witnesses by Dan Wright will be an asset to the new manual.

The availability date and price will be announced in the *Journal*. Please do not back order the new manual, since it will be doubled in size, and the price has not been determined from the printer. We are excited about the fourth edition, since it will be a state-of-the art publication.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS

The western Michigan UFO flap that started on the night of Monday, March 7, 1994, with visual sightings being confirmed that night by the National Weather Service radar in Muskegon, Michigan, plus over 125 eyewitnesses reporting during a two-week period, will be reported in an upcoming feature article in the *Journal*. **Shirley Coyne** and her Michigan investigative team have been inundated with sighting reports requiring interviews, thus delaying a final report.

Walt Andrus interviewed, by telephone, a pilot who was over Lake Michigan, while enroute from Chicago Midway Airport to Grand Rapids, Michigan, when he and the co-pilot observed a converging white ball of light approaching their airfreighter on the night of March 7th. When they inquired about "traffic" near their aircraft, Chicago Airways Traffic Control advised that no other objects were being "painted" on their radar scopes in the immediate vicinity. After observing the white light that was about 30 degrees above them for ten minutes, it abruptly changed direction and flew straight north over Lake Michigan, disappearing rapidly. A second traffic control operator later told the two pilots, "that unusual objects were being reported over western Michigan that evening."

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**Walter Andrus****NEWS FROM AROUND THE NETWORK****NEW OFFICERS**

Mr. Joanes Muda, B.S., a geologist living in Kota Kinabala, Sabah, is MUFON's new Representative for Malaysia. Two State Section Directors have accepted additional responsibilities by being appointed Assistant State Directors by their respective State Directors. **Robert F. Bowker** and **Raymond G. Maurer**. They are **Daren T. Lannigan** (Caldwell) for Idaho and **Thomas R. Taylor** (Tempe) for Arizona.

New State Section Directors volunteering their leadership talents this month were: **Stacey A. McGee** (Johnson City, TN) for Washington, Sullivan, Unicoi, Carter, and Johnson Counties; **Patrick R. Howard** (Cedar Rapids, IA) for Linn, Benton, and Jones Counties; **Debra A. Pennington** (Aspen, CO) for Pitkin and Lake Counties; **Allen W. Dale, B.S.** (Cross Lanes, WV) for Kanawha and Putnam Counties; **Thomas F. Kuszelewicz, B.S.** (Arivaca, AZ) for Pima County; **Michael F. Lovell, B.A.** (Merced, CA) for Merced County; **Charles C. Staley, B.S.** (Sanford, NC) for eight counties in southeastern North Carolina; and **Jerry G. Olivier** (Lafayette, LA) for Lafayette County. Due to his worldwide travels to UFO conferences, **Michael Brein, Ph.D.** (Ashland, OR) has been appointed to the MUFON staff position of "Ambassador-at-Large." Dr. Brein is the former State Director for Hawaii and a Consultant in Social Psychology.

CONSULTANTS AND RESEARCH SPECIALISTS

We are proud to announce that seven more Consultants have volunteered their expertise to help resolve the UFO phenomena. They are: **Andre Canizares, Ph.D.** (Montpellier, France) in Physics; **John A. Turner, M.D.** (San Francisco, CA) in Psychiatry and Medicine; **Charles Edward Gant, M.D.** (Janesville, NY) in Psychiatry and Psychology; **Greg A. Plunkett, Ph.D.** (Mead, WA) in Biochemistry; **Pamela A. Gordon, J.D.** (Denver, CO) in Law; **J. Ricky Lafleur, J.D.** (Lafayette, LA) in Law; and **Ronald M. "Ron" Westrum, Ph.D.** (Beverly Hills, MI) in Sociology. Dr. Westrum originally joined MUFON in 1972 and is a former State Director for Michigan.

New Research Specialists joining this month are **Wolfgang Stelzig, M.S.** (Ludwigsburg, Germany) in Computer Science; **David S. Phillips, M.S.** (Lansing, MI) in Social Work (Clinical Psychotherapist); **George E. Stevens, M.A.** (Port St. Lucie, FL) in Chemistry; and **Thomas E. Beck, M.A.** (Seattle, WA) in Clinical Psychology.

CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

A ballot was enclosed in the April 1994 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* for each of the members living in the following states: MI, OH, IN, KY, TN, AL, MS, WI, IL, MN, IA, MO, AR, LA, ND, SD, NE, KS, OK, and TX. The three candidates for the prestigious position on the MUFON Board of Directors representing the central states are **Walter L. "Barney" Garner, Jr.**, **William E. "Bill" Jones**, and **John C. "Jack" Kasher**. A short biography of each was also published in the April issue of the *Journal*. If you have not already done so, please detach the ballot, vote for your choice, and return to MUFON in Seguin, TX, by May 31, 1994.

MUFON 1994 SYMPOSIUM

The theme for the MUFON 1994 International UFO Symposium is "UFOLOGY: A Historical Perspective," commemorating MUFON's 25th anniversary and symposia. It will be hosted by Texas MUFON at the Hyatt Regency Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas, on July 8, 9 and 10. **Ellen R. Stuart**, State Director, is serving as the host chairperson. Special events are being planned to celebrate MUFON's silver anniversary.

Several of the speakers will reminisce by relating firsthand the history of the prevailing UFO groups twenty-five years ago. They are **James A. Harder, Ph.D.** (Coral and James Lorenzen: 34 years with APRO), **Richard H. Hall** (The Quest For Truth About UFOs: A Personal Perspective on the Role of NICAP), and **John F. Schuessler** (MUFON - A World Leader in Ufology). Other confirmed speakers are **Robert O. Dean** (UFOs and World History); **George Wingfield** (Crop Circles: Is There a UFO Connection?); Rev. **Barry H. Downing, Ph.D.** (UFOs and Religion: Of Things Visible and Invisible); **Michael Lindeman** (Human-Alien Contact as a "Meta-Lever of History"); **Yvonne Smith** (Anatomy of an Abduction); **Karla Turner, Ph.D.** (Expanding the Parameters of the Alien-Human Abduction Agenda); **Vladimir V. Rubtsov, Ph.D.** (Alien Contacts and Abduction Experiences: A Look from the C.I.S.); **Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.** (Insights From Studying Groups of UFOs); **John C. Kasher, Ph.D.** (A Scientific Analysis of the Videotape Taken by Space Shuttle Discovery on Shuttle Flight STS-48), and **Linda Cortile** (Budd Hopkin's "Linda" Case: A Look Behind the Experience).

Start making your summer plans now to attend the MUFON 1994 UFO Symposium in Austin, Texas. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Austin Hotel, 208 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704, for the nights of July 7 through 10, 1994, for a special rate of a single or double occupancy at \$72 per night plus \$10 for each additional person. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel at telephone (512) 477-1234, FAX (512) 480-2069 or writing to the

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