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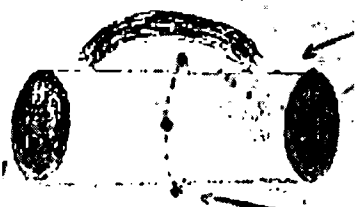
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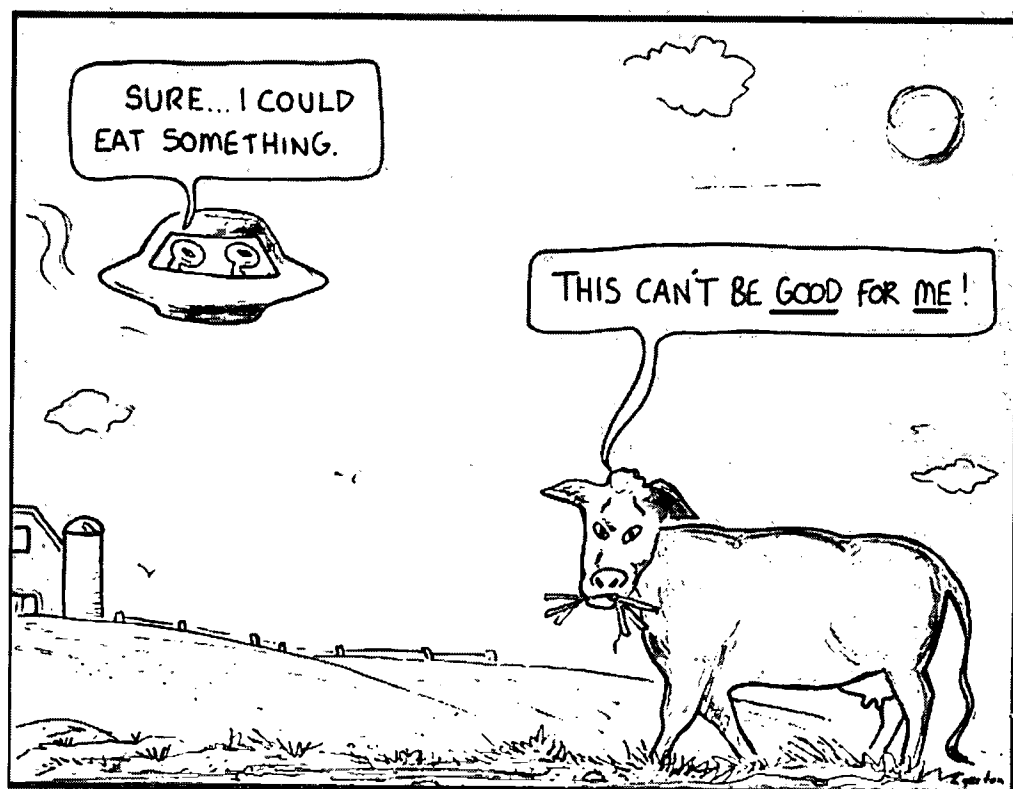
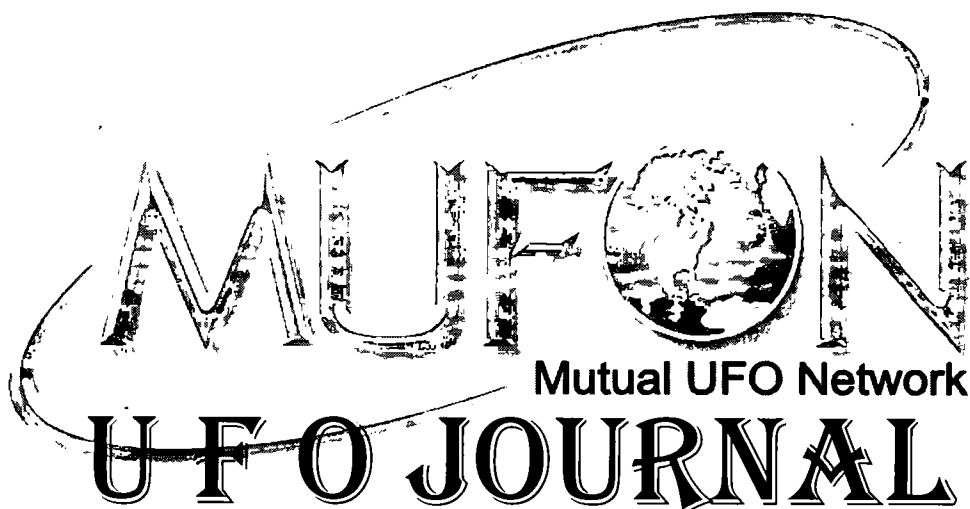
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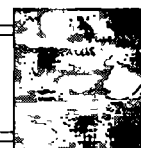
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Director's Message

By John F. Schuessler



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John Schuessler

The 2006 State Directors' meeting will be held during the symposium on Friday, July 14, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

During the first two hours the MUFON Business Board members will be there to brief all state directors on the status of MUFON and about some new and surprising plans.

This will be a crucial meeting and all state directors are urged to at-

tend. Some special incentives are planned for all state directors in attendance. You won't want to miss this meeting and the rest of the symposium as well.

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The MUFON UFO Awareness Week will be observed July 14-21, 2006, in conjunction with the 2006 International UFO Symposium.

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It is a pleasure to recognize our latest MUFON lifetime member, **James**

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Anomalous energy patterns found at bovine excision sites

By David E. Twichell

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This article is intended as a follow-up to my article "Is bovine hemoglobin the smoking gun in cattle mutilation cases?" published in the June, 2005, issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

As a brief recap of that article, biophysicist W.C. Levengood of the Pinelandia Biophysical Laboratory in Grass Lake, MI, whose analytical methods involving crop formations and animal excisions have become the world-wide standard, shared his discovery of small, black, hardened specks on the chest and testicles at the point of the excision, which ultimately proved to be pure bovine hemoglobin.

In her laboratory in Ohio, analytical chemist Phyllis Budinger confirmed his findings using the latest state-of-the-art infrared spectral photometer in analyzing the samples.

The only known biochemical process to produce pure hemoglobin from human or animal blood must be done in a laboratory with chemicals, a centrifuge, and strict temperature control.

"It's totally incomprehensible how the hemoglobin could be removed in the middle of the night out in the middle of a pasture and separated from all the other cellular components," Levengood states in his scientific paper "Biophysical Study of Two Bovine Excision Sites at Christmas Valley, Oregon, 2002" (© 2002).

For this reason (as well as a laundry list of other elements of the evidence), Levengood rejects the skeptic's assertion that "cult worshipers" are to blame for the deed. "The technology involved is beyond anything currently available," he says.

So too does he reject the theory of predators. "The alterations are not a

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random ripping and tearing of the flesh, but rather they are precise, surgical excisions." For this reason, the term "bovine excision" is a more accurate description of the scene than "cattle mutilation," for which the phenomenon is more commonly known.

In addition to the hemoglobin anomaly, Levengood has also found energy patterns in connection with these bovine incisions.

In his scientific thesis, "Consistency in Patterns of Energy Distributions at Worldwide Bovine Excision Sites" (© 2006), he observes:

"There is an energy pattern infused into the soil and grass in the immediate region around the animal, and extending outward in a radial manner. The type of energy applied increases the thermodynamic free energy of both the grass and soil.

"These free energy changes are consistently observed in most all excision cases examined in this laboratory."

This energy pattern extends outward from two to thirty feet from the carcass.

A well-known aspect of animal excision cases is the fact that other animals refuse to venture into the area where the carcass was discovered long after the carcass has been removed.

In a recent bovine excision investigation in Boyne Lake, Alberta, Canada, Levengood writes:

"When the owners arrived in the field and found the dead cow, the rest of the herd were very upset and ran away from them as they approached. They told me that had never occurred before."

This curious characteristic of the phenomenon could well be explained by the energies being radiated from the site. This energy may be outside the range of human perception, but well within that of other animals.

With the aid of scientific instruments, these energies are easily detected and help to verify the reason for the animal's reluctance to enter the area.

An affiliation between animal excisions, crop formations, and UFOs has long been suspected among ufologists and, covertly, some mainstream scientists. Many characteristics, such as high concentrations of "magnetic particles," are found in both sites.

Biophysicist Levengood has alluded to this connection for years without directly making this assertion. Recently, however, he has become more candid in his treatment of both subjects.

In the aforementioned scientific paper, he writes, "We don't know why specific organs are excised. Do the bovine organs concentrate certain elements such as the rare earths [Cerium (Ce), Praseodymium (Pr), Neodymium (Nd), Samarium (Sm) etc.] that are of importance in the restoration of free energy in the internal cells of the entities involved?"

Entities involved? What entities involved?

Levengood references the book *Raechel's Eyes* by Helen Littrell and Jean Bilodeaux (Wild Flower Press, 2005, pp. 96), in which cattle abductions and excisions are discussed.

"This process is described by HL as taking place in 'a vortex of highly charged light particles, which transports the animal to a waiting spacecraft hovering above.' The light particles discussed here may have properties quite different than the light particles with which we are familiar. In our frame of reference, ordinary light or photons are quantum particles, which do not possess an electric charge."

In the first paper mentioned in this article, he states, "The energy affecting the plants is of a more subtle nature, giving the impression that it may be an artifact of the propulsion or internal energy components emitted by the 'UFO' craft."

And, "This local injury effect was not observed in plants at the bull excision site; however, in this case the energy source (UFO) was at a sufficient height above the soil surface to cause the induced magnetic field from the ion-electron avalanches to 'pick up' magnetic particles—thus accounting for the reduction in the level of magnetic particles near the animal as well as the log-log type of distribution."

These statements qualify the energies as being intelligently directed, as opposed to random, natural energies, and specifically mention "unconventional flying objects."

If there is a correlation between the crop formation and animal excision phenomena, one would expect the greatest concentration of energies to be found at the carcass, and decrease outward—as is the case with radiation levels detected in crop circles.

However, Levengood has found that the reverse is true. The greatest concentration of energies is typically found in the outer ring.

In a telephone interview, he theorizes that the higher energy levels are being emitted from the outer ring of the craft. The variance in the outer diameter of

the energy ring on the ground is dependent upon the size of the craft and the altitude from which the animal had been lowered or dropped.

When asked why he is only now admitting to his acceptance of the UFO



Levengood

and related phenomena, Levengood cited his advanced years and the fact that he is tired of "beating around the bush" about it.

He has enjoyed a long and respected career within the scientific community and feels he has the right, as well as the obligation, to publicly announce his conclusions based solely on the data.

Michigan family observes strange white beam horizon to horizon

Investigator: John W. Castle, MUFON FI and SSD for Ionia, Clinton, Montcalm, and Gratiot counties, MI.

Primary witness: Patty Donahue

Location: Wacousta, MI.

Date of sighting: 3/12/05

Time of sighting: 7:45 PM

Report by witness: I took my dogs out front to hook them up on their tie-outs, and I was stargazing as the sky got brighter and brighter. After about 15 minutes it seemed as though every star in the universe suddenly appeared. Everything quickly and strangely got brighter in a matter of seconds.

All of a sudden my dogs, a black lab and a border collie, sat down back to back, and my lab looked up at the sky and started barking very tensely, like she does when she sees danger, such as coyotes.

I looked up, and to the far north was this huge beam of light going from west to east, which looked as though it was a huge white solar light, like you would see around Saturn in pictures.

It seemed to follow the curve of the Earth, as a rainbow would, horizon to horizon. At first I thought it was a very

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different beginning to the northern lights, but as I watched, the band got wider and wider.

I ran inside to get my husband and daughters, and we went outside to watch it. At about 8 PM my friend and their family from down the road drove down and watched this with us.

This beam of light was still getting wider, west to east, but it seemed to be moving as though it was being blown from the north toward the south.

About 8:15 it was straight up over our heads, and by 8:30 it was way south of us. It had perfectly straight edges, even as it got wider and wider. It didn't really seem too high in space, but not too low either.

You could see this for miles and miles, and there were no clouds. As the mass moved southward, there were many flashing lights that we assumed were airplanes or helicopters at the far southwestern end of this white beam.

After it passed, the areas went back to their darker state, which was still a clear night with all the stars out. It disappeared just as it started—it was just gone.

Determination: unknown.

Air Force personnel report UFOs at ICBM and nuclear weapons sites

By Robert L. Hastings

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Editor's Note: This is Part Two of Hastings' research in which personnel relate incidents involving UFOs and the nation's ICBM and nuclear facilities.

Airman 1st Class David Hughes—Former Air Policeman, 341st Combat Defense Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana:

Hughes stated, "I was stationed at Malmstrom from January, 1966, through August, 1967. I was an air policeman, assigned to 'B' Flight, with the 341st Combat Defense Squadron.

"I worked at the Foxtrot [Flight Launch Control Facility]. Many nights we observed a light in the sky between Choteau and Augusta, Montana."

He continued, "This light would move at incredible speeds, make right-angle moves, and continue for hours. When seeking further information from wing command, we were often insulted when told it was a Telstar satellite.

"On one occasion we were told by other friends working in the [air traffic control] tower at the base that aircraft had been launched to seek to identify a strange radar echo that had appeared on their screens and on the screens of the local airport.

"This was denied the next day, but if memory serves, the local newspaper had a story on it the next day. This must have happened sometime in early 1967 or late 1966."

Airman Hughes concluded, "All I know is that some strange things consumed our attention *many* nights while on patrol. We patrolled from Augusta to Choteau each night and [frequently] saw something that lent credence to the UFO concept.

"To us, 'UFO' simply meant it was an Unidentified Flying Object, either from our military or some unknown



ICBM underground silo.

source. We never believed the satellite story.

"However, when we learned that the jets had been scrambled and the next day it was denied, then we knew something was up."

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Chassey—Former Minuteman ICBM maintenance technician, 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana:

Chassey states that one night in the fall of 1975 he overheard a two-way radio transmission alerting Air Force Security Police about an unknown craft hovering over the base's Weapons Storage Area (WSA).

Chassey said the incident was widely discussed at the missile mechanical shop the following day. He later heard additional details about it from a friend, who was a helicopter re-fueler.

Apparently, two base helicopters had been scrambled to chase the intruder, which rapidly flew toward Belt, MT, some ten miles distant.

As the pursuing choppers neared the

town, the unidentified craft quickly doubled-back to Malmstrom—leaving them far behind—and again hovered over the WSA for a short period of time before finally departing.

Chassey states that the object was described as an extremely bright light, and was assumed to have been a bona fide UFO because of its superior capabilities. He emphasized, "It flat outran the helicopters. We heard that it zipped out to Belt and back to the base in no time."

Chassey, who separated from the Air Force at the end of October, 1975, believes that the incident occurred shortly before he left Malmstrom.

Comment: USAF documents from October, 1975, declassified via the Freedom of Information Act, confirm other UFO sightings at the Weapons Storage Areas at Wurtsmith AFB, MI, and Loring AFB, ME.

At the time, each base hosted B-52 nuclear bomber squadrons. At Wurtsmith, initial sighting reports re-

About the author

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Hastings received a BFA in Photography from Ohio University in 1972, and later re-trained in the field of Electron Microscopy. He worked as a laboratory analyst for Philips Semiconductors, in Albuquerque, NM, from 1988-2002.

He has been researching military-related UFO sightings since 1973, and has been invited to present his findings at over 500 colleges and universities since 1981.

Hastings is now semi-retired and lives in Surfside Beach, SC.

ferred to the unidentified craft as a "helicopter." However, the radar operator aboard a nearby KC-135 aircraft later tracked the craft traveling at approximately 1,000 knots, far faster than any known helicopter.

At Loring, some reports mentioned an "unidentified helicopter" near the WSA. However, eyewitness accounts from a B-52 ground crew indicated that the "helicopter" was bright orange, football-shaped, and had hovered silently.

(For an extended discussion of these cases, consult Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood's authoritative book, *Clear Intent*, later re-named *The UFO Cover-Up*.)

Lt. Col. Robert Peisher (USAF Ret.)—Former Commanding Officer, Detachment #5, 37th Air Rescue Squadron helicopter unit at Malmstrom AFB, Montana:

Peisher has confirmed the accuracy of Joseph Chassey's account regarding the incident during which an unknown craft hovered above Malmstrom's nuclear Weapons Storage Area one night in the fall of 1975.

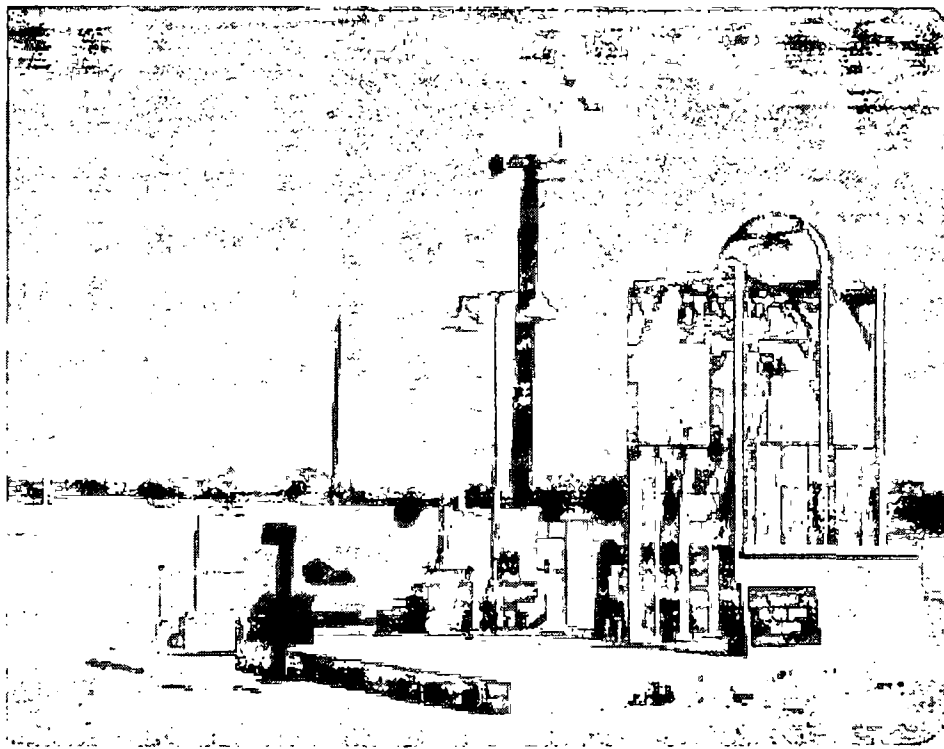
However, Peisher said that even though his unit's helicopters had indeed been involved in the intercept attempt, he himself had already been transferred to another squadron when the incident occurred, and had heard about it only "much later."

Peisher also states that he had once been briefed by local civilian law enforcement about a series of cattle mutilations, many of which had occurred near Minuteman missile sites, during the summer and fall of 1975.

He states that he and Cascade County Deputy Sheriff Capt. Keith Wolverton determined that more than 80 such mutilations had occurred within Malmstrom's missile field boundaries, some quite near various ICBM Launch Facilities (silos).

Peisher further states that he had been informally told about multiple UFO incidents at Malmstrom's Minuteman missile sites, including one event during which a UFO "the size of a football field" had silently flown over the Echo Launch Control Facility one night in the fall of 1975.

Comment: The following verbatim



ICBM access portal.

excerpts are NORAD log entries from November, 1975, declassified via the Freedom of Information Act. My own comments and clarifications follow some of the entries (in parentheses):

24th NORAD Region Senior Director's Log (Malmstrom AFB, MT):

7 Nov 75 (1035Z). Received a call from the 341st Strategic Air Command Post (SAC CP), saying that the following missile locations reported seeing a large red to orange to yellow object: M-1, L-3, LIMA, and L-6...Commander and Deputy for Operations (DO) informed.

7 Nov 75 (1203Z) SAC advised that the LCF at Harlowton, Montana, observed an object which emitted a light which illuminated the site driveway.

7 Nov 75 (1319Z) SAC advised K-1 says very bright object to their east is now southeast of them and they are looking at it with 10x50 binoculars. Object seems to have lights (several) on it, but no distinct pattern. The orange/gold object overhead also seems to have lights on it. SAC also advised female civilian reports having seen an object bearing south of her position six miles west of Lewistown.

(Note that all of these reports refer to the observation of aerial "objects.")

Apparently, the Security Alert Teams could not identify them as either military or civilian aircraft.)

7 Nov 75 (1327Z) L-1 reports that the object to their northeast seems to be issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape. In all this time, surveillance has not been able to detect any sort of track except for known traffic.

(In other words, when these sightings were first reported by SATs, "surveillance"—that is, radar personnel—at Malmstrom AFB and Great Falls International Airport could not detect any unknown aerial objects near the missile sites. As we shall see, radar contact with the UFOs was finally established as the sighting reports continued to unfold.)

7 Nov 75 (1355Z) K-1 and L-1 report that as the sun rises, so do the objects they have visual.

7 Nov 75 (1429) From SAC CP: As the sun rose, the UFOs disappeared. Commander and DO notified.

8 Nov 75 (0635Z) A security camper team at K-4 reported UFO with white lights, one red light 50 yards behind white light. Personnel at K-1 seeing same object.

8 Nov 75 (0645Z) Height personnel picked up objects 10-13,000 feet. Track J330, EKL 0649, 18 knots, 9,500

feet. Objects as many as seven, as few as two A/C.

(Height-finding radar finally confirmed that UFOs were present, varying over time between two and seven in number.)

8 Nov 75 (0753Z) J330 unknown 0753. Stationary/seven knots/12,000...two F-106...NCOC notified.

(Radar confirmed that one UFO, at an altitude of 12,000 feet, had hovered—that is, was “stationary”—before resuming flight at a leisurely 7 knots, or 9 mph. Shortly thereafter, two F-106s were scrambled to intercept it.)

8 Nov 75 (0905Z) From SAC CP: L-sites had fighters and objects; fighters did not get down to objects.

8 Nov 75 (0915Z) From SAC CP: From four different points: Observed objects and fighters; when fighters arrived in the area, the lights went out; when fighters departed, the lights came back on; To NCOC.

(As SAT personnel at four different locations watched, the UFOs played cat-and-mouse with the F-106s, extinguishing their illumination as the jets approached their position and re-illuminating themselves after the fighters returned to base. The NORAD Combat Operations Center—NCOC—in Colorado Springs, was immediately informed of this incident.)

8 Nov 75 (1105Z) From SAC CP: L-5 reported object increased in speed—high velocity, raised in altitude, and now cannot tell the object from stars. To NCOC.

9 Nov 75 (0305Z) SAC CP called and advised SAC crews at Sites L-1, L-6, and M-1 observing UFO. Object yellowish bright round light 20 miles north of Harlowton, 2 to 4,000 feet.

9 Nov 75 (0320Z) SAC CP reports UFO southeast of Lewistown, orange white disc object. 24th NORAD Region surveillance checking area. Surveillance unable to get height check.

(Note the reference to the UFO having a “disc” or saucer shape. Several more log entries from Nov. 9 and 10 confirm that UFOs continued to be reported by SAT teams positioned near various missile silos.)

END OF LOG ENTRIES

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Brown—
Former Security Policeman, 343rd Mis-

sile Security Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana:

Comment: I first learned of Joe Brown's experience after he posted a brief summary of it on researcher Ron Wright's Triad Research website. With Wright's assistance, I located Brown and interviewed him.

Brown states that one night in the spring of 1992, he and his security team partner were posted at Alpha Flight missile silo A-3.

Due to an alarm system malfunction at the site, the two-man team was staked-out in a security camper near the launch facility, with one man on duty while the other slept.

“I believe it was March or April,” Brown told me, “site top-side security was down—the IMPSS (Improved Minuteman Physical Security System)—and if I remember correctly, there was no top-side power.”

At about 4:30 AM, Brown noticed a bright white light moving erratically across the sky. In his online posting, Brown had written, “This light was doing some wild things in the sky, sudden direction changes, moving very fast, then stopping, then shooting off in another direction. I watched this for about 15 to 20 minutes.”

Then the light appeared to move closer to the silo. “I started getting spooked,” Brown wrote, “so I reached out the window of the truck and started banging on the camper shell to wake [my partner] up.

“He finally came around the front, asking me what was wrong. I pointed to the light and told him I'd been watching it for around 20 minutes and I didn't know what it was. He got into the passenger side of the truck and we kept watching this thing doing its acrobatics.”

Brown decided to radio another security team posted at Alpha Flight silo A-10, located some 10 miles away. “They responded hesitantly that they were watching this light,” he wrote.

The Flight Security Controller (FSC) at the Alpha Flight Launch Control Facility apparently overheard this exchange, because he suddenly broke into the conversation to inquire about the anxious radio chatter between the two security teams. Each confirmed that

they were observing the strange light as it raced wildly around the sky.

Brown wrote that the team continued to watch the UFO until around 6:30 to 7:00 AM, when it suddenly appeared to go straight up and hover. “We could still see the light, but by now it was starting to get daylight.

“As it got brighter, we could sort of make out a black shape around where the light was. We had binoculars, but even with them, all you could see was a fuzzy outline of sort of a triangle. I can't estimate the height of the object.”

Upon returning to Malmstrom, Brown and his partner privately conferred with the security team posted at Alpha Flight silo A-10. The four guards agreed that they would not mention the sighting, and all expressed concern about possible repercussions resulting from their report to the Flight Security Controller.

As the security guards returned their weapons to the armory, they were suddenly ordered to report to a captain assigned to their squadron. Brown cannot recall the officer's name, but remembers being very concerned by this unexpected development.

The captain asked the men to describe what they had seen. He listened carefully and then pointedly suggested that they not discuss the sighting.

Brown told me, “At this point, the captain says, well I don't think you saw anything and I wouldn't go around talking about it. You guys are under PRP, remember that!”

Comment: Here is an apparent instance in which the mere mention of the PRP—Personnel Reliability Program—effectively intimidated military UFO witnesses into silence.

This Department of Defense directive pertains to those who work with or around nuclear weapons, and dictates their conduct both on and off the job.

If an individual's commanding officer judges his or her behavior to be unreliable, and a potential threat to the security of the weapons, a psychological examination of that person is usually ordered. Depending on its outcome, the individual under scrutiny risks being relieved of duty.

Brown stated that a couple of days after his experience at Alpha Flight, he

heard that there had been some unusual activity at Malmstrom that same night.

Referring to these rumored developments, he told me, "[A friend of mine] was a tech sergeant in the [missile] maintenance squadron, and it was a bit unusual for him to actually go out in the field. He normally trouble-shot stuff on-base.

"He and I never got to really discuss what had happened...[but] he did tell me that a lot of maintenance folks were sent out that night. Quite honestly, a lot of us were afraid to talk about it openly, especially after being told by our captain that we should not talk about anything."

Malmstrom AFB, Montana (1995):

UFO sighting by a Minuteman missile maintenance technician, who requests anonymity, as reported to TSgt. Jeff Goodrich (USAF Ret.)—Former Team Chief of Missile Handling, 341st Maintenance Squadron, Malmstrom AFB:

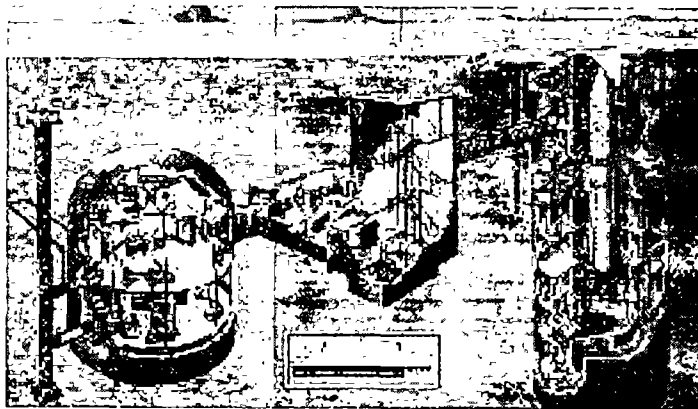
In the early hours of Jan. 20, 1995, an Alert Response Team composed of two security police had been driving to the India Flight Launch Control Facility when they noticed a strange light in the southern sky.

As they passed by Minuteman silo I-4, one of the men radioed a missile maintenance team working there, and asked its leader whether he could see the light too. The response was affirmative.

The missile maintenance technician who later reported the sighting to Goodrich said that the light was "large," and displayed numerous smaller lights—red, orange, yellow, green, and blue—across its surface. The UFO had been moving very slowly across the missile field, at low altitude.

The technician insisted that the object was not an airplane or helicopter. Because he was a member of the missile maintenance team, and not a security policeman, he did not know whether the Alert Response Team had subsequently reported the UFO to the Flight Security Controller at the India Flight Launch Control Facility.

Comment: This UFO was not the first to be reported in Montana during January, 1995. A brief entry in the sight-



ICBM underground complex.

ing database published by the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) indicates that on the evening of Jan. 5 an unnamed Air Force officer at Malmstrom AFB had called NUFORC to relay a sighting report which he had just received from someone in the town of Shelby.

At about 9 PM the unidentified person had observed two objects moving silently through the sky for about two minutes.

Although their shape could not be determined, the absence of any sound had apparently struck the sighting witness as unusual, and so a call was made to Malmstrom.

Shelby is located almost exactly on the northern boundary of the Quebec Flight Minuteman missile field—with silo Q-18 situated less than two miles east of town, just north of Route 2.

Another entry in the NUFORC database indicates that two days later, on Jan. 7, at about 3 PM, an unidentified woman had called Malmstrom AFB regarding a UFO sighting. Unfortunately, the location of the sighting is not specified in the entry.

A third call to NUFORC occurred on Jan. 18—just two days prior to the incident at India Flight reported to TSgt. Jeff Goodrich.

The reporting center's log states, "An anonymous caller reports multiple UFO sightings reported between Fairfield and Deer Lodge, Montana. Background noise during call sounds like communications noise from some kind of operations center."

The caller told NUFORC that he had received multiple UFO sighting reports over the period of an hour from per-

sons located between Fairfield and Deer Lodge.

Perhaps significantly, Fairfield lies near the geographic center of the Hotel Flight Minuteman missile field, with silo H-9 situated at the western edge of town, just north of Route 408.

Furthermore, if one leaves Fairfield and travels southwest—in a straight line toward Deer Lodge—one will eventually exit the Hotel field and cross directly into the Golf Flight missile field.

In short, nearly half of the countryside between Fairfield and Deer Lodge lies within the boundaries of Malmstrom's Minuteman missile fields.

Although no evidence has yet surfaced which would place the reported UFOs in close proximity to specific silos within either Hotel or Golf Flight, the caller from Deer Lodge was nevertheless relaying sighting reports made by persons calling from the heart of "Rocket Ranch" country.

The three sighting reports published by NUFORC may be found at <http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/ndxIMT.html>.

(Continued next month.)

Books by Dr. Leir

Dr. Roger Leir's newest book, *UFO Crash in Brazil*, \$14.95, covers his investigation of the 1996 crash of an extraterrestrial ship in Varginha, Brazil, with an interview of an orthopedic surgeon who operated on an Alien Being.

Casebook-Alien Implants, \$7.00. Dr. Leir's second book on Alien Implants. Part of the Whitley Streiber's "Hidden Agenda Series."

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An update on the 1976 Iranian jet chase

By Bruce Maccabee

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A rude awakening

When I talked to Henry, an employee of the Westinghouse Corporation, in late 1982 he still remembered the night, six years before, when he was rudely awakened by the loud roar of jets taking off at full speed.

At that time he lived close to the Shahroki Air Field in Hamadan, Iran. Jets taking off at full speed at night and "with afterburner" were a rarity, he said.

Henry was in Iran to help maintain the avionics, including radar, in the F-4 Phantom jets that the Iranians had bought several years earlier.

Although he did not know the reason for the high speed takeoffs at the time they occurred, he found out the next day: the jets had chased a UFO.

Several days after that, he and co-workers were allowed to examine the planes. They found that all the electronics were operating normally. This was surprising, considering what the pilots reported had happened during the chase!

Mehrebad Airport in Tehran was a busy airport, handling many hundreds of takeoffs and landings, civilian and military, every day.

Houssain Pirouzi was the night supervisor in charge of the air traffic control tower at the airport. At age 35 he already had 13 years experience in traffic control.

When he arrived at work about 10 PM the evening of Sept. 18, 1976, there was nothing to suggest that this warm evening would be unlike any other he had ever experienced.

The first hint of something different came at about 10:30 PM when the airport received a phone call from a civilian in the Shemiran area, about 10 miles northeast of the airport.

Background

What follows is my reconstruction of the sighting history. This is based, in part, on two interviews of Hossain Pirouzi, done three and four months after the events. They were provided to me by reporter Bob Pratt, who was, at the time, a full time UFO investigator employed by the *National Enquirer*.

This history is also based on newspaper accounts and on the initially classified (Confidential) U. S. Air Force (USAF) teletype message by Lt. Col. Olin Mooy that primarily describes the events as recounted during an interview of the pilot of the second jet.

Col. Mooy was a member of the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG) which consisted of USAF officers who provided assistance and advice to the Imperial Iranian Air Force (IIAF).

A strange object

Hossain Pirouzi listened as a lady described seeing "a strange object like a sun in the sky about 1,000 meters (about 3,000 ft) above me. The colors change through orange, red and yellow."

She said the closest thing she could compare it with was a fan with four blades. Furthermore, she thought there might be two objects, because sometimes it seemed to separate into two parts. Pirouzi told her she shouldn't worry. He would check it out.

Pirouzi didn't bother to check up on it. His radar was being repaired, so there was nothing on the radar screen. He went about his normal business taking care of other aircraft that were passing through his control area.

Then at about 10:45 he got another call. This caller was another lady in the same area of the city as the first lady. She said she had been on the roof of her house and suddenly saw a strange object lighting up and changing direc-

About the author

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Center, presently headquartered at Dahlgren, VA.

He has worked on optical data processing, generation of underwater sound with lasers, and various aspects of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) using high power lasers.

He has been active in UFO research since the late 1960s when he joined the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and was active in research and investigation for NICAP until its demise in 1980.

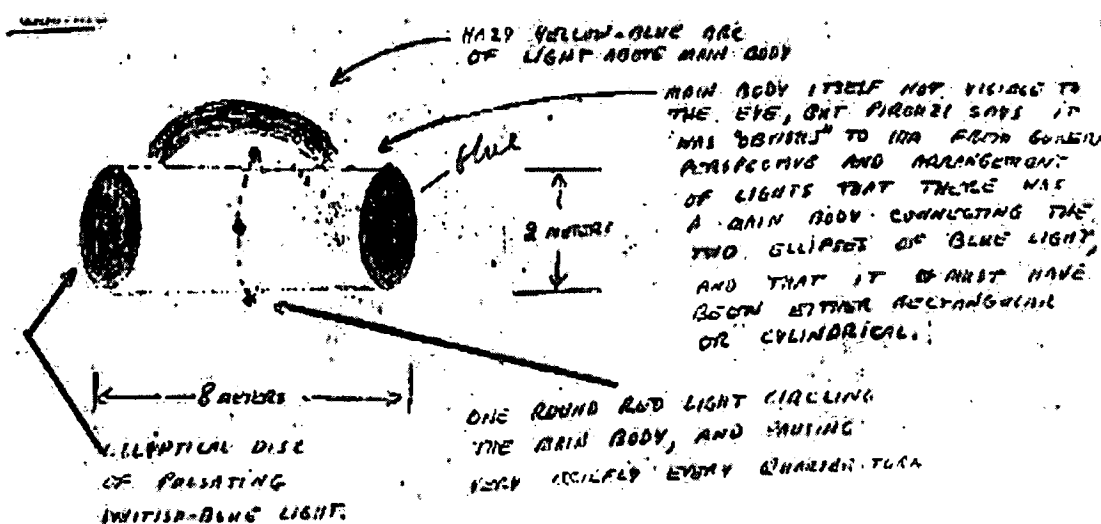
He became a member of MUFON in 1975, and was subsequently appointed to the position of state Director for Maryland, a position he still holds.

In 1979 he was instrumental in establishing the Fund for UFO Research, and was the chairman for about 13 years. He presently serves on the National Board of the Fund.

His UFO research and investigations have covered many notable cases and historical research.

Dr. Maccabee is the author or co-author of about three dozen technical articles and more than a hundred UFO articles over the past 25 years, and has written all or part of four non-fiction UFO books and one UFO-related novel.

He is an accomplished pianist who performed at the 1997 and 1999 MUFON symposia. His website is www.brumac.8k.com.



Drawing of Pirouzi's first sighting of the object.

tion and "sometimes dividing into two and joining together again." She said she could see the object as she was talking to Pirouzi. He told her not to worry about it.

Then a man who also lived in northeast Tehran called to say he was seeing an object that he was certain was not an aircraft. Pirouzi had three trainees working with him at the control tower, and he sent them outside to look for the object/light.

They couldn't see anything. Then one of the trainees got a phone call from a lady who said her husband had seen the object.

It was now about 11:15, and there had been four calls. These were enough to arouse Pirouzi's interest. He obtained binoculars and walked onto the terrace around the control tower.

He first focused the binoculars carefully until he could read the registration numbers on a distant aircraft that was parked at the airport. Then he turned them to the northeast. It took him a minute or so of looking, but then he saw it.

"I was amazed, flabbergasted. I didn't know what to think. There definitely was a very strange object there in the sky right over Tehran. To the naked eye it looked like a large star low in the sky, but without the twinkle."

However, through binoculars he could see many details of the shape and color. "It was rectangular in shape at a

height of about 6,000 ft." The right end was blue, the left end was blue, and in the middle was a red light making a circular motion. He thought that the object was probably cylindrical.

"It reminded me of the flashing light of an ambulance; this one (red light) was not flashing. The circular motion of the red light was not continuous. Every 90 degrees or so, it paused for a fraction of a second."

He estimated that it took a second or two to make a complete circle. The object was also oscillating or tilting like a see-saw.

"Suddenly it appeared at another position one mile further on." That is, it was slowly traveling north, but suddenly disappeared and a few seconds later appeared at a further north location. Pirouzi also said it moved southward at times.

"I could see it this time as bright as a sun. It was all yellow, like a star, but much bigger. Then it appeared to me to be like a starfish. I can't be sure of the order of the colors, but there were blue, orange, red, and yellow lights."

Pirouzi gave the binoculars to the others present and "they saw the object as a half-circle, in the same colors, blue, orange, red, and yellow." The object seemed to change its shape.

While Pirouzi watched over several minutes, the apparent shape seemed to change from cylindrical, with blue ends and a red light going around the middle,

to a fan like shape with drooping blades ("starfish" shaped) with fuzzy edges.

The "blades" were dark orange near the hub, changing to yellow at the tips. "The hub itself was made up of two concentric areas of color. There seemed to be a large green surface and then a smaller core which glowed like a piece of red hot coal."

One of the trainee witnesses compared it to an orange-red horseshoe with a blue area in

the enclosed space of the horseshoe.

Pirouzi now knew that the strange object was real, but he didn't do anything about it. He had normal aircraft control duties to occupy his time. There were no aircraft scheduled to land at this time, but during the next hour four aircraft flew through his control area.

As these aircraft passed by, the pilots reported receiving an emergency radio beacon signal at 121.12 MHz. The pilot of a civilian liner asked if there was a crashed aircraft in the vicinity. There was none.

The onset of the beacon signals combined with the earlier reports and his own sighting of some strangely lighted object began to worry him. He decided to appeal to "higher powers." He called the Imperial Iranian Air Force (IIAF).

Enter the Imperial Air Force

It was now about 12:30 AM, Sept. 19, 1976. Pirouzi called the IIAF Officer on Duty and told him about the emergency beacon and the lighted object that seemed to be about 6,000 ft above the city and that was changing positions and was changing color.

He told the Officer that he did not have the object on radar because the radar was being repaired, but that he had seen it visually. He asked the officer what, if anything, he should do about it.

The officer, in turn, called IIAF General Youssefi, the senior officer on duty. Youssefi called radar installations

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at Babolsar and Shaharoki. Babolsar is about 100 (statute) miles northeast of Tehran, on the north side of the Elburz Mountains, which rise to over 18,000 ft

Tehran is at about 4,000 ft above sea level. Shaharoki Air Base is about 150 (statute) miles west-southwest of Tehran. Neither of these radar installations had a radar target in the location of the object.

[Conjecture: perhaps the high mountains blocked the Babolsar radar, and perhaps the object was not apparent to the Shahariki radar because it would have been silhouetted against "ground clutter" caused by the high mountains around northern and eastern Tehran.]

Youssefi then called Pirouzi, and Pirouzi told the general where to look for the object. Youssefi went onto the roof of his northern Tehran house. He reported to Pirouzi that he saw the same object and "it isn't a star." He decided to appeal to "air powers."

Gen. Youssefi called Shahroki Air Base and ordered an immediate launch of a Phantom jet.

According to Janes' *All the World's Aircraft*, in the late 60's and early 70's Iran purchased 32 F-4D Phantom jets and also some-number not given-F-4E jets. These are capable of speeds up to Mach 2.2.

Twenty-three-year-old Lt. Jafari responded to the scramble order. He took off at 1:30 AM at his fastest takeoff speed (and woke up Henry!). He soon spotted the UFO because it was bright

enough to be seen from 70 miles away.

He proceeded to a point about 40 miles north of Tehran. Pirouzi acted as an intermediary, relaying Youssefi's orders to the pilot.

The general ordered the pilot to get as close as possible to determine the shape of the object, but to do nothing else (no order to attack). It appeared to now be as high as 12,000 ft.

According to Jafari, as he approached at more than the speed of sound the object sped up to stay ahead. He described it as "half the size of the moon as seen from earth," and "it was radiating violet, orange, and white light about three times as strong as moonlight."

Mach 2 is not enough

Jafari put the "pedal to the metal" and reached a speed of about Mach 2 (1,500 mph or 25 miles per minute), and still couldn't catch it. He was flying toward Afghanistan, about 500 miles east of Tehran.

Youssefi ordered him to return to Tehran if he couldn't catch it, so Jafari turned and headed back. The object also reversed direction and began to chase the plane.

In a short section of an audio tape recording (I presume made at the Air Traffic Control Center at Mehrabad) that was published in a local newspaper (see below), Jafari reported:

"Something is coming at me from behind. It is 15 miles away...now ten miles...now five miles...It is level now...I think it is going to crash into

me...It has just passed me by..missing me narrowly."

According to the newspaper report, "The disturbed voice of the pilot was clear on the tape. He then asked to be guided back to base."

According to Pirouzi, while the jet was about 150 miles from Tehran, the object appeared over the city again, having beaten the jet back to the city. Jafari, now flying westward, again approached the object.

He reported to Pirouzi that every time he closed on the object it affected his radio and all his instruments. According to Pirouzi, Jafari's engines were working normally, and the lights on the instrument panel were working, but all his navigation aids were out.

Youssefi ordered him to close again to get a better view. This time, according to the Air Force teletype message (see below) of Lt. Col. Mooy, when Jafari got to a range of about 25 nautical miles (about 29 statute miles), he "lost all instrumentation and communications (UHF radio and intercom)."

[Note: the intercom allows communication between the pilot in the front seat and the radar operator in the back seat of the aircraft.]

Pirouzi reported that "... at one point as he was talking to me, his radio went dead completely as he got close to the object."

By this time he was running low on fuel, so he broke off the chase and headed back toward Shaharoki. According to the Air Force teletype message, "When the F-4 turned away from the object and apparently was no longer a threat to it the aircraft regained all instrumentation and communications."

Before he left the area, Jafari reported receiving an emergency beacon signal, as had the earlier civilian aircraft.

(Whether or not this was related to the presence of the UFO is not known. It may be that an emergency beacon somehow fell out of an aircraft that had passed over earlier and had landed on the ground and started transmitting as if a crash had occurred.)

Continued next issue: "The second jet chase."

Is the government watching?

On the Trail of the Saucer Spies—UFOs and Government Surveillance by Nick Redfern, 2006, Anomalist Books, 5150 Broadway #108, San Antonio, TX 78209, 5x9 soft cover, 298 pages, \$15.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

Journal editor

The basic thesis of this book is that those of us involved with UFOs are being spied on by government agencies, particularly in the U.S., but also in the UK.

Redfern, whose recent book *Body Snatchers in the Desert* has raised considerable controversy, is a veteran researcher who is also the author of *A Covert Agenda*; *The FBI Files*; *Cosmic Crashes*; *Strange Secrets* (with Andy Roberts); and *Three Men Seeking Monsters*.

Through declassified government files and personal interviews, the author presents extensive evidence that both little-known and well-known researchers, witnesses, and authors have been the subject of government interest.

In addition to individuals, UFO organizations, such as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) have also been studied and, perhaps, influenced by the government..

It has been widely reported that NICAP was infiltrated by the CIA, and that this partly led to its demise.

NICAP researcher and author Ray Fowler is quoted by Redfern as saying, "NICAP seemed to tell its members that [NICAP was] anti-Air Force

and anti-secrecy, and pushed for Congressional hearings to expose this. On the other hand...they were also cooperating with the CIA and the Air Force. Unknown to us, the forms that were given us to use in our investigations had been supplied by the Air Force....I lean toward the idea that there was cooperation between the government and NICAP."

Redfern points out that much of the government interest and activity is natural, especially when secret information is being leaked to the public.

He points to the successful attack that drove Paul Bennewitz to nervous collapse as "understandable" from the government viewpoint, as it "was just protecting its military secrets from a man who had not only wrongly perceived those secrets to have extraterrestrial origins, but who was intent on telling the whole world what he had uncovered."

But he adds, "Perhaps aliens really did make contact with George Adamski. Perhaps a flying saucer did crash on the Berwyn Mountains. Perhaps there really are alien bodies buried deep below Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. And perhaps this is the real reason for the official surveillance of the UFO Community."

He also suggests there may be another reason for government interest in UFO researchers: perhaps the government and aliens are working together, but are afraid to make this cooperation public.

In reading this book I feel a little left out. Despite nearly four decades, off and on, editing *Skylook* and the *MUFON UFO Journal*, I have never, so far as I know, had my phone tapped or my mail checked.

It seems I am much more likely to be visited by Mormon missionaries than by Men in Black.

A matter of awakening

Awakening—How ET Contact Can Transform Your Life by Mary Rodwell, Forward by Dr. Roger Leir, 2002-2005, Avatar Publications, www.avatarpublications.com, 6x9, soft cover, 242 pages, \$16.99.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

Journal editor

The author, from Australia, is a nurse, medical counselor, mother of three, hypnotherapist, metaphysical teacher, intuitive healer, researcher, writer, and founder of the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network (ACERN).

She has reportedly worked with more than 900 experiencers.

Like many in ufology, Rodwell came into the field slowly and unaware, learning and evolving as her clients related stories that indicated they had experienced something unusual.

"Initially," she says, "I only focused on individuals with 'classic' contact experiences. But as I researched, I found several individuals to have some, but not all, of the aspects of the classic form, and then others who had many different, more subtle indicators."

Rodwell believes that many individuals with abduction/contact experiences have been misdiagnosed by medical professionals, resulting in false labeling of mental disorders, as well as the prescribing of drugs and therapies that not only do not work, but harm the patients.

This book is primarily an attempt to provide the reader with an extensive checklist to determine if abduction/contact has occurred. If this is determined and accepted, then the individual can



"awaken" and go on with a more normal life. One of the early chapters, for example, is entitled, "Now I Know I Am Not Crazy."

One of the key items discussed by Rodwell involves dealing with children who experience contact. This material can be a valuable guide for parents.

In addition to "normal" children, Rodwell also discusses "star children," defined as children with unusual knowledge who may be the product of human and alien interaction.

Also covered is the missing pregnancy syndrome, as well as implants and support groups.

Although the author deals with some topics beyond her expertise—and cites sources that not everyone would accept—the basic premise of the book seems to be both valid and hopeful: although people who have experienced alien contact are often misdiagnosed by caregivers, they can still "awaken" and live more positive lives.

Saturn moon shoots geysers of water

Scientists have found evidence that cold, Yellowstone-like geysers of water are issuing from a moon of Saturn called Enceladus, apparently fueled by liquid reservoirs that may lie just tens of yards beneath the moon's icy surface.

The surprising discovery, detailed in a recent issue of the journal *Science*, could shoot Enceladus to the top of the list in the search for life elsewhere in our solar system. Scientists described it as the most important discovery in planetary science in a quarter-century.

"I think this is important enough that we will see a redirection in the planetary exploration program," Carolyn Porco, head of the imaging team for the Cassini mission to Saturn, told MSNBC.com. "We've just brought Enceladus up to the forefront as a major target of astrobiological interest."

The readings from Enceladus' geyser plumes indicate that all the prerequisites for life as we know it could exist beneath Enceladus' surface, Porco said.

MUFON Forum

Strieber claims imaginary?

I appreciated the article by Budd Hopkins about the cover of *Communion* in the latest [March] *MUFON Journal*. However I feel compelled to make a comment about Whitley Strieber's claims.

There are many of us in the UFO community who have long known that his experiences are *totally* imaginary, and this article inadvertently confirms that fact.

Any thinking person has to ask how on earth he went through all of the experiences he claims he had (including a Gray somehow living in his house...) and got the shape of the alien's head so completely wrong.

The article mentions his "intense excitement" at the completion of the painting because "it was exactly like the faces he'd seen" and that it was the "same face."

Then it describes how Whitley "could not stop talking about the way the artist had accurately caught the silhouette of the alien's face."

No wonder Strieber is said to have looked "nonplussed" when confronted with the fact that his accurately-portrayed alien was so different from any other ever reported.

His sudden about-face and the sudden "retrieval" of his memory is enough to make any thinking person cringe. "Now that I think about it" ?c'mon! It's obvious the guy was caught in a lie!

Strieber is a writer of horror and stories about the weird who has found in the UFO field not only a wealth of fascinating material to play with and exploit, but also an abundance of people eager to have any well-known person validate the reality of the alien presence.

That he is a brilliant fiction writer there is no doubt, but he has attempted to use almost every facet of ufology (Roswell, abductions, coverups, hidden memories, missing time, implants etc) to sell books.

Have we forgotten his support of the alien craft accompanying Hale-Bopp?

But don't take it from me. The one person on earth who is presumably closer to Whitley Strieber than any other—his wife—has affirmed to multiple people that *everything* he has ever written is fiction.

In the presence of Glennys Mackay, MUFON's coordinator in Australia, and several others, she volunteered that information when we brought the Striebers to Brisbane for an International Conference in 1999.

As I have followed his writing and pronouncements since then, it is obvious that anyone who quotes him or references him will one day have egg on their face.

Hopkins' account of his *Communion* cover makes a valid point about those who have had *authentic* alien encounters, but it also reveals the fact that Whitley Strieber's own encounters have no basis outside his own, very fertile, imagination.

—Warren Aston

Bourdais answers Redfern

In the March issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*, Nick Redfern has made a detailed critique of my article regarding his book *Body Snatchers in the Desert* (published in the November issue), citing a "number of hugely critical errors." I would like to reply to at least some of them.

Redfern first says that I questioned the scenario of a massive amount of documentation on Unit 731 being brought to the United States after the WWII. I did not.

I mentioned that it had been obtained, after two years of negotiation with the Japanese, in exchange for immunity granted to the doctors who had made horrible biowarfare experiments at Unit 731 in Manchuria.

On the other hand, I did write that it would have been impossible for the American military to seize any of the

remaining prisoners, since they had all been killed just before the arrival of the Russians in Manchuria.

Now, Redfern says that "certain Unit 731 activities were undertaken in the closing states of the War on several Pacific islands." I suppose we are to understand that it was possible, then, to seize prisoners and send them to the United States, very secretly, for further experiments.

In his book, Redfern does mention, at the beginning (page 5), experiments made on a small island in the Pacific, revealed to him by the "Black Widow," but that track is forgotten in the rest of the book.

Instead, the activities of Unit 731 in Manchuria are detailed in chapter 5 "Medical Madness," with no mention at all of Pacific islands. Only mentioned there are Unit 100 and Unit 731, located near the city of Harbin, and later at Pingfan, in Manchuria, in accordance with historical sources.

So, when his source "Levine" states (page 85) that "a quantity of still-living people were found in the remains of Unit 731 facilities," we understand that he refers to the facilities in Manchuria, and that, therefore, the story is bogus.

Now, if this happened, not in Manchuria, but on Pacific islands, Redfern still has, again, to give serious documentation to prove that! Redfern also announces "new CIA documentation due to surface in 2006."

Well, if it confirms the Redfern scenario of handicapped Chinese prisoners being sent to the United States to carry on with horrible experiments, it will be big news—and a big scandal too. We will see. In the meantime, I remain, for my part, very skeptical about such a dubious scenario.

Redfern accuses me of having misunderstood the question of the atomic powered aircraft, by saying that his informers had mentioned tests of such a plane, which did not exist in 1947. I did not say that at all.

I questioned, following Stan Friedman and others, the mere possibility of loading an atomic pile, or any similar device, on a little "Horten like" flying wing such as described by Redfern.

Besides, it would have been extremely dangerous for the technicians who were supposed to do it.

Redfern insists that "Progeria sufferers," found in the alleged crash near White Sands, could have been at the origin of the rumors of aliens found near Roswell. But the main witnesses referred to a crash near Roswell, not near White Sands, with the exception of the dubious cameraman's tale.

Secondly, even if we admit that some little-informed people, having a glimpse at such alleged victims, might have made such a confusion, this could not be the case of military personnel, including doctors, having to rescue them.

I don't see at all how the rescue of such bodies near White Sands could have created the "legend" of an Alien crash near Roswell. It's just nonsense to me.

Regarding the other alleged crash, of a weird little plane (a "lifting body"!) near Roswell, piloted this time by a crew of normal Japanese, it's even more impossible: if this were what the military of Roswell had found near Roswell—corpses of normal Japanese pilots among debris of balloon and airplane—they would have been easily identified.

Consequently, there would have been no press release, and no Roswell case to talk about. Redfern finds "highly significant" the testimony of Sgt. Melvin Brown, as reported by his daughter Beverly Bean, who had a brief glimpse at corpses under a tarp, in the darkness of a truck after dusk, and recalled that they "looked Asian."

Actually, he also said that they had large heads and no hair, that their skin looked yellowish-orange (rather than "yellowy"), and was similar to that of a lizard. Peculiar Japanese pilots!

As for the "Alien Autopsy film," Redfern explains that the strange being was not a victim from the White Sands crash, but probably of "atomic flash blindness experiments undertaken at Randolph Air Force base, TX."

He says that the first idea is "nonsense." I agree, but let me add that his second idea is nonsense as well. I don't know what that film showed, but it was

certainly not a human body.

Finally, Redfern doubts that the scenario revealed by his informers could be a debunking operation, because the government "had laid the matter to rest" with the Mogul story and the crash-test dummies.

Not really. First, nobody took the dummies seriously. Secondly, the Mogul balloon train (Mogul 4, with radar targets, which was never launched!) looks more and more like a phantom balloon, fading away like the legendary ship.

To test it, just buy a balsa wood stick and break it in your hands. It's quite conceivable that an attempt is now made to replace it.

—Gildas Bourdais

Arnold's daughter sought

Dear colleagues,

I wonder if you could help me, please. I am trying to trace the daughter of the late Kenneth Arnold.

It is my hope and intention to try and make the definitive documentary on the late Kenneth Arnold and firmly cement his rightful place in ufological history. His daughter is Kim Purvis, or Kim Arnold Purvis.

If you know where I can contact Kim Purvis, or know of anyone that might be able to help me locate her, then I would be extremely grateful if you could contact me at the following:

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James Bond Johnson dies

James Bond Johnson died March 25 of cancer. He is best known by ufologists for his photograph of Gen. Roger Ramey with the alleged Roswell debris. A paper in the general's hand was later enlarged and analyzed by various individuals, yielding intriguing references to the Roswell incident..



FILER'S FILES

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

Light stops car in Indiana

Koscosco County — The witness reports, "I was driving west on County Road 900 at 9:10 PM on March 23, 2006, talking on the phone to my uncle, when I noticed a strange blue light to the east.



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I began to notice the light seemed to be staying with me like the Moon in the night sky. I began to get this strange feeling after watching the light for about eight minutes.

"As I entered Marshal County my phone suddenly went dead and my car stereo went on full volume, then to nothing but static. All the gauges were bouncing back and forth erratically, and my car totally shut down.

"I hit the brakes to stop the car, and jumped out of my car to look for the light, but there was nothing in the sky. My car at this point came back on as if nothing had ever happened.

"All the lights and gauges were functioning normally, and the radio was back on the station at normal volume. My cell phone was now back on, so I immediately called my uncle back and told him what had happened.

"My whole body was shaking, as he stated that there was a very loud pulsing sound right before the phone cut to a busy signal. I was really freaked out. Later I called the Bremen Police and the Indiana State Police, but they told

me that no one had called them." Thanks to MUFON Case Management System (CMS)

Illinois silver and orange UFOs

Yorkville — The witness reports, "My brother and I were on our way home from track practice when we saw many fire orange-colored UFOs on Feb. 13, 2006, at 5:40 PM.

"We turned towards the craft and followed them until they disappeared because they were drifting away too fast over the horizon. We could see at least ten ships as we followed them.

"One flew straight over our truck. When it was straight above us, it was about the same size as a full Moon, and looked like it was still high in altitude.

"We then watched the UFOs fly away over the horizon, rising slowly until the ships, one by one, were out of sight. The ships looked like they were about a mile apart in the sky, but they still looked close enough to be together.

"They flew in a line with a small head at the end of the direction it was going, and the craft were surrounded by fire." Thanks to Peter Davenport

Illinois object alerts dog

Des Plaines — "My dog ran to the back door barking like crazy at 1 PM," says the witness, "so I let him out and he ran to the back fence, looking up and barking at a dark object about 40 feet away, 20 feet off the ground.

"It made no sound, and daylight did not reflect off it. It was round, four feet high at the top, and three feet square at the bottom.

"It was just sitting in the air, sort of twisting slowly, and started to ascend up, slow at first, then quickly, till it entered a cloud bank. I could see it as a small black dot.

"It just sat there for awhile, then was gone. It seemed to be examining the large petroleum tanks for the airport fuel cache." Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director, www.ufocenter.com

Huge light in Argentina

CIUFOS-La Pampa reports that on March 18, 2006, six witnesses saw a large light for several minutes at Adolfo Ziegenhu's property located in Parera Province.

Ruben Ariel Lara, 37; Roberto Fernandez, 53; and four minors witnessed a light "three to four times the size of the full moon."

They were trapping armadillos at 22:30 hours when a light appeared over the field, ascending to a considerable height before descending, and engaging in maneuvers.

Fernandez reports, "It was round, and spun on its vertical axis while emitting some very distinctive red, green, blue, orange, yellow, and silver lights." The witnesses were frightened by the sighting and left the area.

Mutilated animals were found at this location in July, 2005, and a huge "Australian-type" water tank containing 70,000 liters of water was found completely drained during the evening. Thanks to S. Corrales, IHU. Translation (c) 2006.

Tennessee triangle & helicopters

Quebeck — "On March 11, 2006," says the witness, "my nephew, a friend, and I heard the sound of approaching helicopters and could see their navigation lights approaching.

"Three helicopters in a triangle formation passed overhead on a southwesterly heading. As they began to pass over, I noticed that the trailing helicopter was quite some distance behind the

front two. Then, as they passed overhead, I could see that the void between the helicopters was not empty at all. There was a black triangle-shaped craft without any lights flying between the leading and trailing helicopters.

"We were only able to see the craft because it was darker than the slight overcast we had that night. I am absolutely convinced that the helicopters were 'escorting' this craft for some unknown reason." Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Argentina policeman abducted?

Dorila — Sergio Pucheta, a provincial police corporal, says he was involved in an abduction on March 2 and 3, 2006. The officer is currently under psychiatric care.

He told a Barcelona, Spain, radio station that he feels "somewhat nervous; my head aches, and my hands itch." Pucheta showed a video of a round light made during February close to where he was abducted.

He reports, "I was driving a Honda motorcycle belonging to the Cattle Rustling Division when I reached the wilderness area. I saw a red light, and I drove towards it, and it vanished.

"I stopped to hear any noise, and the red light appeared in front of me, against my face and hypnotized me. I could only move my hands, nothing else.

"Later, the light rose into the air, and I tried to escape, running away on foot into the fields with two pursuing entities behind me that levitated. They were smaller than me, somewhat transparent, with a large head and clear, very red eyes.

"They performed life tests when I reached a cornfield, at some 10 meters away. I saw a large figure that appeared to be chewing the corn cobs and was breaking something.

"I felt very scared, and stood there staring at it. It was getting closer and closer, and that's when I felt them tell me, either you go forward or backward. Then, I stood thinking and walked right past the figure, and the fear sort of left me at that moment.

"I feel very afraid about going out at

night, and the entities told me telepathically they were going to seize another fellow officer who also travels alone."

Pucheta's service pistol and police walkie-talkie were found at the site, together with other belongings. His cell phone lost all of its stored phone numbers, except for the last call Pucheta made calling for backup.

Pucheta also made it clear that his experience is just one of "many cases" recorded in the rural area. (Translation (c) 2006, Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU). Special thanks to Christian Quintero, Planeta UFO)

California flying diamond

Ontario — "At 7 PM on March 1, 2006," says the witness, "I saw a single object that was shaped like a football, kind of squished down a little to be about 2/3 the diameter of a football, elliptical in shape.

"It was just hovering above a mountain ridge in a horizontal position. This object was the length of a 747 airliner or larger. It had intermittent flashing colored lights coming from every angle that looked like colored lights reflecting off a high quality diamond.

"I work in the engineering field in aerospace and avionics, and I have never before seen anything like this. My neighbor saw pretty much what I saw through the binoculars.

"She described it as a translucent oval object, extremely large, which appeared to have what looked similar to an immense amount of flashing diamonds.

"It reminded us of the movie 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' in which the ship had these different colored lights flashing." Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director, www.ufocenter.com.

Massachusetts blurry disc

Dennis — "On March 20, 2006, at 7:25 PM," says the witness, "on my front steps facing Cape Cod Bay, I looked up and saw an extremely bright light in the sky, just above the line of the trees, in the shape of a blurry disc.

"It was quite large, and had only appeared for a second, and was moving

so fast that I blinked and it was gone. I would never have thought twice about it, but my eyes still hurt from the brightness.

"The size of the object would be about that of a quarter at arm's length. It was bright yellowish-white in the shape of a disc, almost oblong, but it was blurry. It was the height of a low flying aircraft. It was in the path of the plane route moving extremely fast." Thanks to UFOINFO.

Argentina cell phone photos

Atuel River — A businessman fishing along the banks of the Atuel River managed to photograph a UFO that was suspended in the air for some 30 seconds before it took off.

The image shows a UFO immersed in a fireball. This curious event took place on March 6, 2006, when Ramon, 32, a renowned businessman from Alvear, was fishing in an area known as Paso del Loro.

He said, "We were fishing around 10 PM, and I looked up and saw an object like a fireball 30 meters high suspended in the air 40 to 50 meters away from us.

"The object must have been suspended in the air some 30 seconds, since it gave me time to take two photos with my cell phone, and a third one that didn't come out very well.

"The object was on the far side of the river, over some hills in the area. Then it ascended toward the cordillera, but it wasn't abrupt. It had reddish tones on the one side and bluish ones on the other." (Translation (c) 2006, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Mario Luis Bracamonte, S.I.O. - Argentina)

New Mexico triangle

TAOS — The witness reports, "As I was opening my window on Feb. 28, 2006, at 8:57 PM, a huge triangle craft with three red lights zoomed towards Taos Mountain at an unimaginable speed.

"I immediately saw a dark triangular craft in the clouds with a red light on each of three corners. It took my breath away that it was so fast. There

was no noise, and the craft was huge.” Thanks to Peter Davenport.

North Carolina UFO over lines

Grey’s Creek — “I saw a UFO on Highway 87 on or about Dec. 12, 2005, as I drove north entering Cumberland County,” says the witness.

“I spotted a red and bluish green light hovering 180 feet off the ground just over a power line. I drove just about underneath it and then to the next exit to make a U-turn.

“I saw it fly across the road, and I started driving south again. I looked to my left, and it was hovering 80 feet above the lines. I drove past it to make a left turn to try to get a closer look, as I couldn’t see it through the trees. I went back to the highway and made a right to see if it was still there, but it was gone.

“It was an orb shape. The way this thing moved across the highway from a standstill, this was no helicopter.” Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Ohio floating disc

Stryker — “On March 5, 2006,” says the witness, “I was driving on a clear crisp day with blue skies at 2 PM and noticed a disc-like object very high in the sky. It was two miles from me, not moving in any particular direction, and there was a plane directly above it with contrails.

“The lower object was definitely silver in color, and just ‘floating’ up there. I kept a direct eye on it, but in an instant it disappeared.” Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Oregon discs form triangle

Milton Freewater — “No one has to prove to me UFO’s are real,” says the witness. “In June, 1974, I was enjoying being outside at 10 AM, watching a construction crew building a new bridge, when suddenly these discs pulled up in the sky a mile away at 1,000 feet in the air.

“They were in a triangular formation like the Blue Angels, with no wings. I know they were being flown by intelligent beings, but cannot say they were

ours or aliens. They stopped and stayed in one spot for about 30 to 40 seconds and watched the bridge construction.

“Suddenly they flew in formation to the west. The disc’s metal skin reflected the sun as airplane metal does. There were about 8 or 9 discs in the formation. They were solid.”

Rhode Island chevron

South Kingstown — The witness saw a huge chevron or triangular craft with two large white circular lights in the village of Perryville on Feb. 28, 2006, at 7:45 PM.

“The gigantic chevron was moving very slowly east-northeast,” says the witness, “with two huge non-flashing round yellow-white lights spaced an enormous distance apart. I then noticed a black shape, and then a small flashing green light in the center of this craft. I stopped my truck and got out.

“The craft made no noise at all and drifted sideways in the ENE direction until I lost it in the tree tops. I would say it was no more than 500 feet in the air on a perfectly clear starlit night.

“I called the South Kingstown police, asking if anyone else had reported the sighting, but they said ‘no.’ I would say that the craft was as big as two 747s.” Thanks to Peter Davenport.

New Mexico video

Albuquerque — At 1:12 PM on Feb. 24, 2006, a UFO was seen from a vehicle traveling south on Yale Road. The witness reports, “The object was disc-shaped and light colored/semi-reflective (white/light silver).

“I am a pilot, so I know and recognize most types of aircraft. This object was 1/4 mile north of me at 750 -1,000 feet in elevation. It was slightly larger than an F-15.

“It was possibly moving slowly and laterally. After about 15 seconds, it began to travel north away from us at an incredible speed. It became a distant point before disappearing out of sight after about seven seconds. I was in the back of a car looking out the back window when it caught my eye.

“I focused directly on it. Weather

conditions were calm and clear. No other air traffic was in the immediate area.” Thanks to MUFON.

New York triangle

Poughkeepsie — “On March 8, 2006, at 8 PM,” says the witness, “I saw a flying triangle with full lighting flanking on each side. One side was all red, and the other side was green.

“It was hovering in place for most of the time, then abruptly moved to another area in the sky for a few moments and then disappeared. The lights blinked on and off for about fifteen minutes.” Thanks to Peter Davenport.



May 13-14—CPRI Paranormal Conference, Richmond-Koger South Conf CTR, Richmond, VA, featuring Jason Hawes, Dr. Sally Rhine Feather, John Zaffis, and Mark Nesbitt.

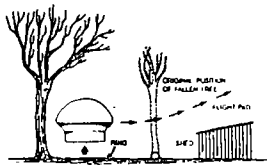
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May 19-20—McMenamins UFO Festival, McMinnville, OR, 503-223-0109, www.ufofest.com.

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

July 14-16—The 37th Annual MUFON International UFO Symposium, Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, Denver, CO. “Unconventional Flying Objects: The Best Evidence.” Featured speakers include Brian Boldman, Carl Feindt, Linda Moulton Howe, David Marler, Ted Phillips, Ron Regehr, Steve Reichmuth, Kenneth Storch, Marshall Vian Summers, Ruben Uriarte, and Ryan Wood.

Oct. 28—Mysteries of Space & Sky III, near Annapolis, MD, featuring Don Berliner, Rob/Sue Swiatek, Anná Jamerson, Dr. Charles Emmons, and (conference organizer) Dr. S. Peter Resta (spr100@aol.com) 410-360-1168 X 8



Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

Marley Woods

When I was contacted by one of the witnesses of a curious event in December, 1998, I was quite reluctant to become involved as it sounded like a singular event with no evidence other than visual observation.

In my second conversation I learned that the witness had checked my involvement in UFOs through a security check to be sure I would not bring in the news media.

I was becoming more interested, in that the witnesses were multiple and wanted no publicity. Credibility is important if time is to be spent investigating any UFO related event. In other words, why generate a lie and keep it quiet?

I was impressed with this man and decided to at least have a look. I can only tell you that the events I would encounter over the next five years took place in a remote area in Missouri.

Exact locations will not be given in order to protect these people from the media and those who might crowd the locations to see for themselves.

Obviously I cannot use names at the request of the many witnesses. It was not, and is not, my plan to keep this to myself for any other reason. All names and locations are on file, and if the witnesses agree to release them it will be done immediately.

The data received will be presented in chronological order as it occurred.

December 15, 1998

The first event took place on Dec. 15, 1998, as the witness (J) and his wife were driving their truck to their "farm,"

a family cabin located on a high hill at their cattle ranch of several hundred acres.

"My wife and I were driving to our farm to check the cattle," reports J. "We were on County Road __. Right before the T. home I viewed a large lit stationary object above a high hill behind the __ home.

"I quickly alerted my wife, causing her to see the object also. I drove approximately another 100 yards, just past the __ home, and stopped. When I stopped, the object immediately disappeared.

"The best way to describe the object is that it was tank-like in form with at least three orange lights about midway. These lights were running horizontally across the side of the object. There were other smaller lights above and below the larger lights.

"The object produced no sound, and then suddenly vanished. Also, no movement was detected as it hovered above the trees on the hill."

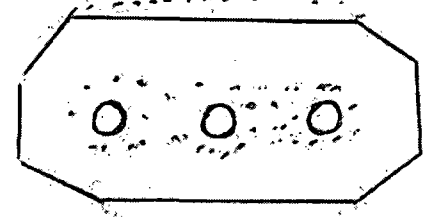
After waiting a short time to see if the object would return, the two continued their drive to the farm, located about a quarter mile distant.

When they arrived at the locked front gate, J and his wife were getting out of the truck to unlock and open the gate when they saw what appeared to be the object again. It was stationary above and in front of their cabin, several hundred feet ahead.

They opened the gate and started driving toward it, and the object again disappeared.

"We then drove to my barn to get feed," says J, "and again saw the large object hovering above the far distant northeast timber horizon. It appeared to be very large, tank-like in shape, and with the same orange lights around the mid-section.

"It also seemed to be moving very



slowly to the east until it suddenly vanished.

Shortly after it disappeared, two large orange lights came into view to the right of where the object had been. These two lights grew larger, then disappeared with no sound.

After seeing this, J called T and K (their son and daughter), who then came to the farm also. Nothing was seen for the next 45 minutes.

But then J was called from the cabin, and went to the car where T & K were sitting. While looking east, all three (J, T, & K) saw a glowing light coming up the hill from the creek below toward them.

They equated the glow to that of vehicular headlights coming up from the creek. However, neither the beam nor the source of light was seen, only its glow. In essence, the glow appeared as headlights which had not topped the hill, according to the witnesses.

I checked the area on my first trip and found the terrain over which the glow passed was very rough. Headlights would have been bouncing around, but the glow was reported as steady.

There is nothing in that direction that could have produced light of any kind. The farm is totally gated, and a vehicle could not enter the area unless it passed the caretaker's home—and all the gates were locked.

The witnesses estimated that the glow approached to within 150 feet of their position and went out.



Ted Phillips

About 30 minutes later, the group witnessed a similar beam or glow moving east across the open field from which they had originally seen the light. It appeared as a faint spotlight searching the field, but the light had no bright source.

The field is located several hundred feet from the cabin, and is clearly visible. There are no roads or access. The area is extremely quiet, and the slightest sound could have been heard.

At about 8:45, while driving home, J and his wife approached the T home again. Illuminated by his porch light, T stood in his yard with rifle in hand.

J reports, "We stopped, and T told us that his dogs had been barking, so he came out to see what had them riled up. His goats, sheep, and large guard dogs, who usually spend the night on the hill where we first viewed the hovering object, had come off the hill and were gathered around T's house. According to T, the animals were very restless.

December 16, 1998

J describes the events: "At 6:45 PM I arrived at the entrance gate to my farm. I shut off the engine, and as I began to exit the truck to unlock the gate I saw a bright light appear above the northeast horizon.

"As I watched, six more lights appeared in a horizontal line to make a total of seven lights. After several seconds they began to squeeze out. I immediately called T (son).

"After T and I sat for about 20 minutes watching the northeast, we saw a faint orange light appear. The field beneath the light seemed to have a faint spotlight glow moving around over it.

"About 15 seconds later, a second orange light appeared, and as we both watched, a small silver object exited the orange object and began moving southeast. We both watched the silver object as it flew out of sight. Over the next 45 minutes, three orange lights appeared."

December 17, 1998

Eight witnesses observed a small bright light moving from south to northeast at high speed. It suddenly made an immediate hairpin U-turn and began traveling south. About five seconds

later, a large orange glow appeared where the smaller light was located.

When the orange glow was brightest, a very small object moved out of the orange glow and traveled out of sight toward the south.

During the next 30 to 40 minutes, a total of 16 orange lights were seen. Ten lights in a continual succession were seen lighting up in a perfect horizontal line across the northeastern sky.

Monsignor Corrado Balducci says Mexico blessed with UFO sightings

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At a conference in Rome organized by Starworks Italia and *Area 51* magazine featuring special guest Mexican journalist Jaime Maussan, Monsignor Corrado Balducci told the audience that Mexico was blessed with so many sightings because of its incredible openness and faith.

He says he will continue to be spokesman for the opening up of public opinion and church attention towards the people from the stars. "I will ask the Vatican to dedicate the religious feast day Christ, the King of the Universe to include "all its inhabitants."

Both Maussan and Monsignor Balducci were awarded the International George Adamski Award at the event in Rome.

Maussan explained to the audience that he became interested in the UFO phenomenon after viewing them when they appeared during the last solar eclipse over Mexico.

"After that," he said, "I told the Mexican people to look to the skies to record objects with their digital cameras. Now, I have more footage of flotillas, of moving orbs, and of flying humanoids than any other journalist."

"I am now getting films of live aliens after showing the amateur cell phone footage taken by boys playing soccer who encountered a tall being who tried to grab one of the boys." [See February, 2006 *Journal*.]

After seeing these films, Monsignor

These lights were followed in a few minutes by three lights in a "spaced apart," somewhat vertical, arrangement.

N C videotaped some of the ten lights. As he attempted to tape the smaller object, the camera would not function, but it did function when turned away from the object.

Next month: tremendous force moves truck.

Balducci said that the Vatican is very interested in this phenomenon, and that he was designated spokesman.

He told the audience that he had written a note about the importance of his presence at the x-conference in Washington, DC, in 2005 to the current Pope Benedict the sixteenth, and that he also knew that the late Pope John Paul followed his TV appearances speaking about UFOs.

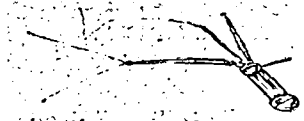
He added that, in the Bible, Jesus is called "King of the Universe" and that in this phrase it is understood as the "universe and its inhabitants."

"There is such a variety of animal and plant species on the planet, do we not assume God would only create one type of life?" he asks. "I always wish to be the spokesman for these star peoples who also are part of God's glory, and I will continue to bring it to the attention of the Holy Mother Church.

"Opinions in favor of the habitability of other worlds are held not only by secular scientists, but also theologians and people who died and were made saints.

"I can also mention Cardinal Cusano (1401-1464), who wrote, 'There is no star from which we are authorized to exclude the existence of beings, who may even be different to us.'

"The Jesuit and astronomer, Father Angelo Secchi (1818-1866), wrote, 'It's absurd to consider the worlds that surround us as uninhabited deserts.' And I could go on and on."



PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

Zapped planes

Some people responded strongly to some of the things in Frank Feschino's important book (First Edition) *The Braxton County Monster: Coverup of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed*, which came out in 2004. I had written the foreword and epilog.

There were two areas of concern, one being the implication from the PR material that there had been dogfights between UFOs and military interceptors.

The other was my comment in the epilog that I had heard of six different cases in which planes had apparently been zapped by UFOs they were trying to attack.

Frank and I, with significant help from Dr. David Rudiak and Barry Greenwood, dug out substantiating information that frankly surprised us all.

One was the fact that orders had been issued in 1952 for military planes to shoot down UFOs if they didn't land when instructed to do so.

Flatwoods took place on Sept. 12, 1952, on which date there were a host of UFO sightings and close encounters, apparently especially with the F-94C fighters which were newly equipped with air-to-air missiles rather than just machine guns.

As I noted in my MUFON 2005 paper "Government UFO Lies," there was even a comment by Gen. Roger Ramey (of Roswell fame), but now a major general, that planes had been scrambled hundreds of times after UFOs.

So much for the notion that UFOs are not a threat to national security. In other words, the notion of UFOs demolishing or disintegrating planes doesn't seem strange if our planes were attacking the UFOs.

One critic wanted signed sworn statements and full investigative reports

of the destroyed planes, which of course, not surprisingly, I don't have. But I think it may help if I discuss the events I heard about.

The first story I heard was at a college in McMinnville, OR. A college employee, retired from the military, had asked if he could talk to me privately before my lecture "Flying Saucers ARE Real."



Stan Friedman

This was many years ago. My lecture had been well publicized. He knew I wasn't going to laugh, and that I had

worked under security.

IA (Informant A) was operating military radar in Kalispell, MT, in the early 1950s when word was received from a Canadian installation to the north that a UFO was heading their way. It was picked up on radar.

A fighter plane which was in the area was vectored towards it, and the flight of both was monitored on the radar. The military knew its altitude, speed, and direction. The two blips came together and the plane disappeared. No trace was ever found.

IA told me that the word went out then not to shoot at UFOs, but take gun camera pictures.. IA had a need to know for trajectories and activities of uncorrelated targets because he would be in touch with the radar facility in the direction towards which the UFO was going. Clearly if there had been an attacking force from the Soviet Union, such personnel would be of extreme importance for defense purposes.

Another informant called after a ra-

dio show and noted that when he was stationed in Canada as part of the Dew Line system there was a case in which two planes went after an UNKNOWN, but only one came back.

After a lecture I gave at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, one of my contacts quietly told me that his brother had been based at a Naval Air Base in Corsicana, TX, when one of several planes that had been sent up to chase a UFO disappeared.

Shortly thereafter it had been posted that the crew had suddenly been shipped to Vietnam. Not long after, it had been noted that they had supposedly been killed in combat over the ocean and were lost.

A case that fit right into the 1952 framework was reported to me privately after I had been on the radio talking about the well known sightings over Washington, DC, in the summer of 1952.

A retired military person told me that jets were being scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base for the next year after that (not just in July), and that in one instance two went up but only one came back. The pilot was in shock and kept saying that "he went straight up."

Weeks later a cover story was put out that the missing plane had gone down at sea, and the crew could not be located.

The notion that such plane losses could not be covered up is easily put to rest by noting that in 2001 the US government convened a number of families together to award medals in the name of 166 US military crewmen who had been involved in reconnaissance near the Soviet Union, China, and North Korea, mostly in the 1948-1960 time frame.

Their planes were attacked by Soviet forces, with some crew members

having apparently bailed out and been taken prisoner, and others killed during the incidents. There had been no public recognition of these events at the time.

Apparently it was also true that Soviet reconnaissance planes venturing too close to North America and Europe had also been destroyed. All families had been lied to.

Obviously neither country wanted to admit what was done or that they could not prevent close approaches by "enemy aircraft."

Another individual contacted me after a radio broadcast and told of observing out west as two UFOs approached a military airplane which suddenly disappeared. . . . Beautiful clear skies, seen from a fine vantage point.

The case which really got to me was described to me in 1977 by a former military man who had heard my lecture at a Texas College, then interviewed me for a local radio station.

Apparently I passed muster, and he quietly, with no one else around and after I agreed to keep his name secret, told me his story.

He was based in 1967 at the Boca Chica (near Key West, FL) National Security Agency listening post which was the closest one to Cuba. All listeners were trilingual (English, Spanish and Russian since the Russians were pretty much in charge). It is dull and routine work most of the time.

Then during the day they picked up communication from the Cuban Air Defense Command about an unknown approaching from the northeast at a speed around Mach one and at an elevation of 10,000 meters.

Two MIG-21 jets were scrambled. The report back was that it was a spherical object with no appendages. It was told to leave Cuban airspace. There was no change in its path. Ground controllers then instructed the pilot to shoot down the intruder.

The pilot radioed that his missiles were armed, and he had a radar lock-on. Then there was shrieking over the airwaves from the wingman that the lead plane had just disintegrated.

The UFO then went straight up to

30,000 meters and headed southeast at mach several. The NSA outfit sent in their transcript of the conversation with the usual timeline and translated words.

They were then told to send in the original tape (a very unusual request) and to list the enemy plane loss cause as "equipment malfunction."

I asked my informant to type out the story, but not put his name on it, and, eventually, gave a copy to the late Bob Pratt, a fine journalist.

He in turn passed it on to Robert Todd, who had filed hundreds of FOIA requests. Robert, not known for his tact, wrote a number of letters and, after getting nothing useful, threatened to write the Cuban government.

He was then visited and threatened by the FBI. He also had a call from the Air Force legal office telling him to lock up the information because it was classified. They refused to say what exactly was classified. He agreed to put it in a filing cabinet.

Robert told Bob Pratt, who informed me. Since I was the only one who knew the informant's name, I was quite concerned. My wife was visiting her family back east, and there I was in California with my two younger children.

I made a number of phone calls letting people know what was going on and that I wasn't going to give out the informant's name. It is really the only time since I began lecturing in 1967 that I was fearful, because of my children.

Nothing happened. Later, Len Stringfield gave me the name of another former NSA guy who had been at the same location and verified the event. A description of this story is given in the book *Clear Intent* by Larry Fawcett and Barry Greenwood.

Ironically, a Miami newspaper had already mentioned the event as a result of a Florida college lecture I had given. I guess the clipping service hadn't picked up the story.

Frank Feschino and I then collected a great deal of information about a multitude of crashes of military planes in 1952, including three cases in which pilots, each with more than 100 combat missions in Korea, had returned to the USA and later crashed.

Words like "disintegrated" and "disappeared" showed up often. There were also many crashes in Europe.

At the National Archives, I found that aircraft accident reports were often "missing" and incomplete. It seems clear to us that only the very tip of the iceberg of attempted military intercepts of UFOs (intercepts of our planes by UFOs) has been made public.

One case in the 1950s involved a naval aviator who was scrambled from a base in the southeastern USA and vectored towards a UFO by military radar controllers. While he was at 20,000 feet, it rose up ahead of him and produced a very bright light which illuminated his cockpit.

He squeezed the trigger on his guns. Nothing happened! Apparently the plane had not been loaded with ammunition. He was interrogated by military officers and civilians for hours. The pilot and I agreed that probably the only reason he is alive (and practicing law) is that the guns weren't loaded.

Certainly if I have heard of half a dozen cases, there have to have been many more.

Persons who know of any such events are asked to contact me toll free at 877-457-0232 or by email fsphys@rogers.com or USPS at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. Names will not be used without permission.

Silent Auction donations still needed for July symposium

This year's Symposium, like last year, will have the additional attraction of the popular and successful Silent Auction as a fundraiser for MUFON.

We need some interesting items donated, such as signed UFO books, signed photos, vintage magazines, and UFO artifacts.

We hope to also offer lunch with at least one of the speakers as a bid item. Last year Stan Friedman volunteered.

If you can donate something, contact Tom Deuley, P.O. Box 29, Canutillo, TX 79835; email him at tpdeuley@aol.com, or call him at 915-276-1314.

Director's Message

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Carrion of Bellevue, CO. James is an active member of the MUFON Business Board of Directors and manages Project Pandora aimed at converting all paper UFO files into electronic files. At this point he has converted more than 6,200 case files.

Position Announcements

Cheryl Ann Gilmore, State Director for South Carolina, has appointed **Alex Broskey** of Leesville, SC, to the position of State Section Director for the counties of Lexington, Richland, and Aiken.

Harry Mersmann of Stockton, CA, has accepted the position of Consultant in Sociology.

Ruben Uriarte, State Director for Northern California, has accepted the position of MUFON U.S. liaison to OMIFI, Mexico's unifying investigative organization for UFOs.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Michael J. Ganster** of Joliet, IL; **Debbie Lowery** of Rochester, IL; **Russell T. Murray** of Spring, TX; **Arnold Nance** of Los Alamos, NM; **John Skare** of Junction City, KS; **Anthony J. Tambini** of South San Francisco, CA; and **David J. Watson** of Altoona, WI; have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

All Field Investigator Trainees are urged to self-study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam. The manual is available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 plus \$3.50 in the U.S. The total price for delivery outside the U.S. is \$49.50. It may also be purchased via the Internet at www.mufon.com using PayPal.

Media by MUFON members

Paul Davids' most recent film, "The Sci-Fi Boys," was released on DVD in

March. For more information, go to www.pauldavids.com and click on "Films."

William McBride has just released his new book: *Interpretations of an Alien Star Map*.

Why don't we have more impact on the news media?

A potential new member wrote to MUFON asking why we and other UFO organizations don't have more impact on what the national news media publish or don't publish about UFOs. My answer is as follows:

1. Major TV stations cover UFO events when they are splashy and bizarre, such as the events over Mexico when the Mexican Air Force tracked a UFO, recorded it on their Forward Looking Infrared Radar, and then released it to the public.

2. Two major TV networks recently covered UFOs in depth. These were the two-hour Peter Jennings UFO Special and the one-hour Larry King Live program. Both were significant productions.

3. Local TV stations cover UFO reports in their areas of influence on a fairly regular basis, and they also post the stories on the Internet. Most of these stories don't go nationwide because they are seen as local news.

4. MUFON has assisted TV documentary production companies on more than a dozen one-hour programs in the past year. MUFON Headquarters has provided reports, data, and contacts, and MUFON experts have participated in the shows. These have been seen on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, SciFi Channel, and the Travel Channel. More shows are in the works as this message goes to press.

5. We make a lot of information available to TV networks and their subsidiaries. However, very little of it is used because it cannot compete with their favorite stories about government corruption, terrorists, activist demonstrations, bird flu, mad cow disease,

hurricanes, earthquakes, and the like where a lot of blood and gore can be shown.

6. UFO sightings have not subsided. Just look at the "UFO Weather Map" on www.mufon.com to see where things are happening monthly. From a news standpoint, however, people are not being killed or mutilated as they are in the other available stories, so TV goes for the gore instead of UFOs.

7. We do know that the U.S. Government and other governments get regular reports of UFO activity, and it is monitored. With the credibility of the government already being questioned daily about the things it is involved in, they certainly are not going to add UFOs to the mix of things they cannot control or explain.

8. MUFON publishes a monthly magazine and an E-newsletter reporting on a variety of cases, studies, investigations, and events, and we hold an annual International UFO Symposium hosting some of the best researchers in the world and publish the proceedings of that event. MUFON does similar things at the local level. These are all made available to the media, and it is their choice whether or not to use the material.

How to view the Case Management System (CMS)

We receive a lot of inquiries about logging on to the CMS. For clarification, the general membership does not need to log on to this.

Anyone can look at the latest MUFON reports by going to www.mufon.com, click on "UFO Case Files," and then click on "Latest MUFON Reports." You do not need your I.D. or password to do this.

However, there is another level of the CMS that does require an I.D. and password. This is for State Directors, Assistant State Directors, and State Section Directors to assign new cases to Field Investigators, and Field Investigators to report their findings.

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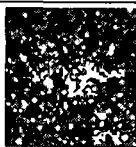
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

June 2006

Moon Phases:

First Quarter June 3

Full Moon June 11

Last Quarter June 18

New Moon June 25

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Mercury (magnitude -0.9 to 0.5): Moving from Taurus through Gemini to Cancer. Mercury will be visible during evening twilight low in the west-northwest; however, during the month its brightness will fade, and it will become lost in the glare of the Sun at month's end.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will be easily visible all month, and will set more than 1.5 hours after the Sun at month's end.

Venus (magnitude -3.8): Moving from Aries to Taurus. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will rise less than 2 hours before the Sun and will be visible only during morning twilight very low in the east-northeast.

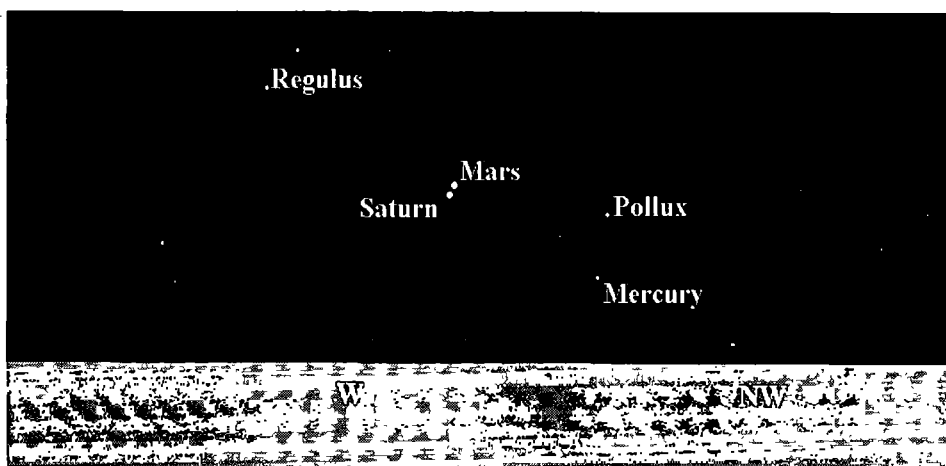
For more favored southern observers, Venus will rise more than 2.5 hours before the Sun, and will be low in the east-northeast at the beginning of morning twilight.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.4 to -2.3): In Libra. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will stand nearly 30 degrees high in the south-southwest near 2 AM.

Southern hemisphere observers will find Jupiter more than 50 degrees high in the east-northeast at the end of evening twilight, and setting in the west-southwest near 3:30 AM.

Saturn (magnitude 0.4): In Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Saturn will be visible very low in the west-northwest during evening twilight and will set less than 3 hours after the Sun.

More favored southern hemisphere observers will find Saturn about 20 degrees high in the northwest at the end



Conjunction of Mars and Saturn with Mercury after sunset June 17.

of evening twilight, and will set more than 3 hours after the Sun in the west-northwest. Saturn is in conjunction with Mars on June 17.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Mars: In Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will be very low in the west-southwest during evening twilight. It will set less than 3 hours after the Sun in the west-northwest.

For more favored southern observers, Mars will stand about 20 degrees high in the northwest at the end of evening twilight, and will set more than 3 hours after the Sun in the west-northwest.

Mars will be in conjunction with Saturn on June 17.

Other Celestial Phenomena:

June 21 (Monday) will mark the Summer Solstice (beginning of summer).

Conjunctions and Occultations:

June 7: Spica 0.1 degrees south of the Moon.

June 10: Antares 0.1 degrees north of the Moon.

June 17: Mercury 0.6 degrees north of Saturn

Estate Planning

Some members and friends of MUFON have already included MUFON in their estate plans. We hope you will consider this opportunity to make a major gift.

Planned giving can be beneficial both to MUFON and to your own tax and estate situation.

If you wish to have more information on various options and benefits, please contact MUFON headquarters.