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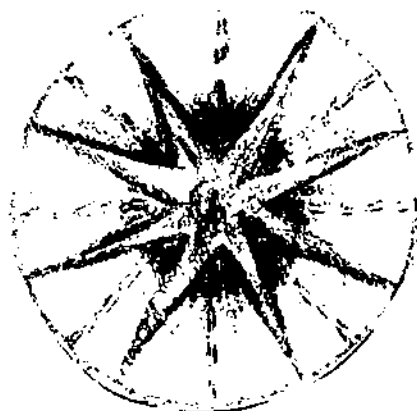
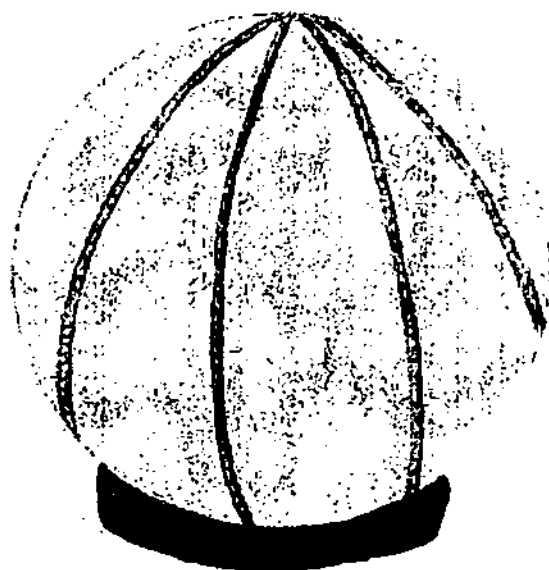
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which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to
keep man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt
prior to investigation.

—Herbert Spencer

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**MUFON's mission is the systematic collection and analysis
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Lakewood, CO, case

Videos, multiple witnesses, physical traces

By George A. Zeiler,

MUFON Deputy International Director

In the early evening on Sept. 30, 2001, a large ball-like object that glowed red, yellow, and orange was traveling due south in Lakewood, Co., following Estes street. This object was unusually low, and appeared to be following a green van. As it approached the intersection of Yale Avenue, a bright bluish colored light was seen to extend from the craft toward the moving van.

This light beam appeared to scan directly through the automobile, illuminating the occupant to independent observers. The beam then retracted toward the object, but stopped just short of it. There it was, partially extended from the pulsating, multi-colored object.

It must have been an amazing sight to see. The occupant of the van was a man named Stan Romanek, and this is his amazing story!

Stan was born in Denver, CO. At approximately the age of 5, Stan's family moved to Northwood, ND, because his father was in the US Air Force. The UFO experiences of Stan and his family really started there.

There is recollection of several UFO sightings around the town of Northwood and over the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Stan doesn't have much recollection of any of these sightings, due to his young age. The sightings regularly continued after the family moved to Cheyenne and then back to Denver.

In December, 2000, Stan was on his way to Red Rocks Amphitheater to take some pictures for his fiancée when he noticed numerous cars pulling to the side of the road. These people were all staring at an object that was lazily gliding above the power lines that paralleled the road. Stan was shocked to see that the object was directly parallel to him and only about 100 ft in the air.

He grabbed his camcorder and began trying to take a picture of this object which was making erratic zigzag movements. The object almost instantaneously ascended to several thousand feet. This film was given and shown on FOX News in Denver.

No tests or evaluation were ever made of this film, due to the jerky hand motion and blurriness of the object. However, there is no doubt it was an unusual sighting witnessed by a number of different people.

More sightings

Nine months later, in September 2001, Stan had five



George Zeiler

individual and distinctly different sightings. The first came while Stan and some friends were returning from a trip to Pennsylvania. Objects were again observed at Daniels Park by Stan and numerous other witnesses.

An object then appeared on the 20th and 23rd of September over his work and over his home. The last sighting, on Sept. 30, was on his way home from work. In total, there have now been more than 60 witnesses, plus video taping.

We will focus most of the story on the 30th sighting, as it was the clearest and had the most witnesses.

At approximately 7:45 PM on Sept. 30, Stan was on his way home from work when he encountered the object that I described earlier. At first, Stan continued driving southbound on Estes Street until he reached the entrance to Old Stonehouse Park. There he pulled into the driveway (see aerial map) and proceeded to get his camcorder out.

Round glowing object

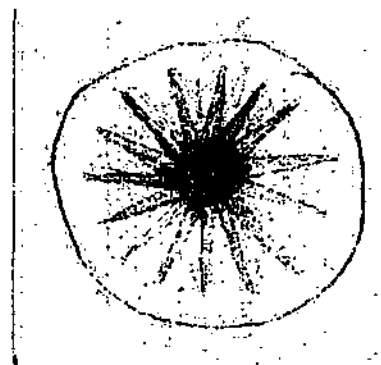
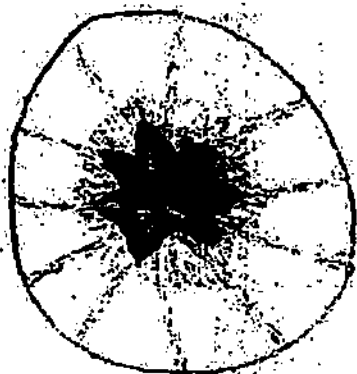
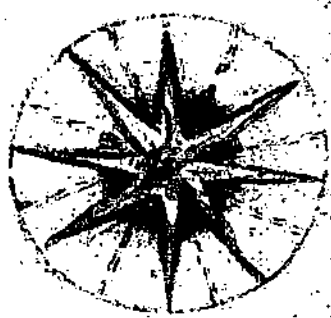
While this was happening, the round, glowing object stopped and hovered over a large tree in the park. It is estimated that the object was about 250 feet in the air at this time. The height of the tree and the proximity of the craft was confirmed by several other witnesses who were in the park. As Stan stumbled out of his van, half scared and half angry, he began filming.

The object seemed to sense this and began to ascend and move in a southeasterly direction across a small pond and group of picnickers in the park. It is estimated that the craft was now about 1000 feet in the air.

A group of children saw the object and screamed "alien," "alien" to their parents, who were sitting with other family members in a gazebo by the lake. They were having a birthday party picnic for one of their children. They also had video cameras and shot independent videos of the object.

When all this commotion broke loose, the object ascended to approximately 17,500 feet in a couple of seconds, which is where the cloud cover was on this evening. It was a night of a full moon, which was just beginning to rise in the east. There was a little wind (approximately 7 mph) coming from the SE to NW. While hovering at the edge of clouds, the object continued its pulsation, and then abruptly bolted to the west. It appeared to the naked eye to have blinked out.

A few seconds later it came back into view at the edge of the clouds. It seemed to remain there for awhile and then disappeared into the clouds. Simultaneously there was a large flash of what appeared to be lightning. A few



Three of the drawings provided by separate witnesses.

seconds later the object reappeared, but looked as if it was moving farther to the SE.

Again, it went into the clouds, and there was the simultaneous lightning. What makes that so mysterious is that there was never any sound. No witness has ever spoken of hearing sounds associated with this object.

The investigation

MUFON received the first report of this sighting from Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center. We invited Mr. Romanek to our office, where he showed us his video and told us his story.

I began calling selected information centers, the US weather service, Denver International Control Tower, the FAA, and other airports around the metro area. I also contacted all the police agencies serving this and surrounding areas to determine if there were any radar contacts or other reports of the sighting.

Mr. Romanek provided us with the names of many people who were in the park that day. I began systematically contacting these witnesses to get their information. Much of what we had learned earlier was validated by these statements and interviews.

The protocol we used for interviewing the witnesses involved their giving an uninterrupted version in narrative form. Then we asked a series of questions to fill in the blanks. For the most part the witnesses were audio recorded. Transcripts will be included in the master file at MUFON HQ. Permission was received from parents before interviewing any juvenile witnesses. Some witnesses drew examples of what they saw that evening. For convenience of space and time, I will give you a few quotes from some of the witnesses:

Witness #1 "When I first saw it I was amazed and in awe! It was rapidly pulsating and the colors flowed as when you blow a bubble in the sunlight."

Witness #2 "It was as large as a two-car garage. It was huge. And there was no sound. Just blinking light. The bottom had a star shape. The lights seemed to run along the edges of the star."

Witness #3 A grandfather attending the picnic said, "The craft, when it flew over me, was amazing. It appeared to have flowing liquid swirling around the bottom. This liquid continuously changed color. There was no sound, It had to be intelligently controlled, because it stopped

and hovered, changed direction, and flew into the wind."

Witness #4 "There were rails along the edges of the star and up the sides of the craft. It appeared like a honeycomb. Beautiful changing colors. The object zigzagged away very fast. Very fast."

The common response from virtually every witness was that they had never seen anything like this before. They all confirmed that this was not an airplane, helicopter, balloon, or any kind of remote-controlled device or model. They almost described it as a huge pulsating light.

This not all of the story. Mr. Romanek came back for an additional interview. He indicated he was having bad dreams about possum-faced creatures. One morning he had awakened with oozing sores around his wrists, and had fresh surgical scars in his lower spinal area (see *Journal* cover). He claims he never had surgery in that area.

Upon consulting with Ethan Rich, former Colorado State Director and someone I knew had been working in this area of study, we put Mr. Romanek under lower power black light with little or no results showing. However, using 15-watt black light, we observed an amazing sight. His wrists glowed with a yellow-green fluorescence, and each wrist, both front and back, had a quarter sized orange fluorescent mark (see *Journal* cover and page 5).

We filmed these with a 35mm camera. Then we attempted to scrub the marks off with no visible effect. Over time the fluorescing diminished and went away.

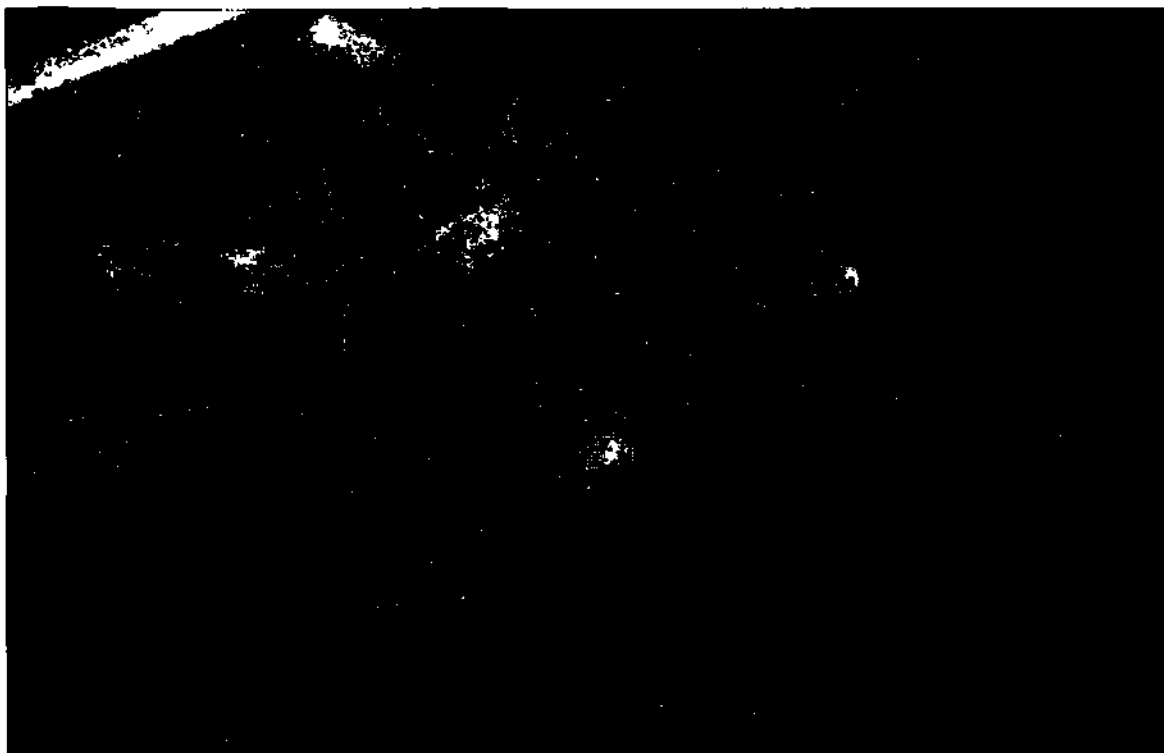
We later took Mr. Romanek to one of our consultants in hypnotherapy and had a regression session done. The regression will be the subject of a future article by the consultant, Mrs. Deborah Lindemann.

Video Analysis

The video analysis was done by Jeffrey Sainio, MUFON consulting analyst. Here are some of the highlights of his analysis:

"The UFO speed decreases about 47% in a 3-second period. Speed is steady before and after deceleration. The most striking characteristic is a blinking, measured at 8.26 (within 0.02%) blinks per second. Humans have an upper limit of about 10 blinks per second for recognition. This behavior excludes normal aircraft lighting, strobe lights, or incandescent light filaments."

There are a number of other technical points of interest, but we will not discuss them here as the investigation



Under a 15-watt black light, the wrists of Mr. Romanek glowed a yellow-green, and marks on his wrists (front and back) glowed with an orange fluorescence.

is ongoing, and other analysts are currently working on the video. The other independent videos validate the findings of this video.

It is very important for our readers to understand the significance of this case. There is much relevant evidence,

and other scientific models are being used to further test the credibility and expand the evidence. This is a dramatic encounter that brings solid video, physiological, and trace evidence into play. We shall keep the *Journal* readers informed.

Dillman's Washington, D.C., sighting summarized

By Joan Woodward

Time: July 26, 2002, between 1:00 AM and 1:55 AM

Location: Brandywine, MD

Background Information

GPS reading for Brandywine site: 38 degrees 41' 57", 076 degrees 48' 33". Compass readings seemed off, so directions were taken by the setting sun and power lines as landmarks, and verified by topographic maps. Directions derived by the sun/topographic maps are in good agreement with Dillman's estimates.

The site is a sand-and-gravel operation, and affords an excellent view of the sky, with exceptions being an area to the north obscured by a nearby small grove of trees, and an area on the southern horizon between SSE and SE where trees along a nearby road obscure a segment of the the horizon.

Of importance in this report is that Waldorf is to the SW, and fighters from Andrews Air Force Base maneuvered in the SE sky, and both of these areas were clear of obstruction.

The witness, Gary Dillman, is in his early 60's, a re-

tired-policeman with the Washington, D.C., Police Department. He has 15 years experience as a private investigator, has worked security for five years at the large sand-and-gravel operation where the sighting took place, and is very familiar with air base activity in the area.

He is a 30-year resident of southern Maryland, and quite familiar with the geographical area. He is a MUFON Field Investigator, and a MUFON State Section Director for Maryland. Although he has a long-time interest in the UFO field, this is his first sighting.

This site is about 8 miles NE of the Waldorf area where Renny Rogers had a sighting during the same time period, and is about 6 miles SE of Andrews. Weather conditions were similar to those described for the Rogers sighting, although Dillman said he saw the moon periodically and briefly through the upper overcast.

Sequence of Events

1. At 1 AM, four fighters take off from Andrews and maneuver in the distant SE sky, sometimes returning to Andrews area and then flying back to the SE.
2. An orange object appears in SW sky and banks

away when a fighter approaches.

3. This scenario is repeated 10 minutes later.

4. At 1:55 am, four fighters return to Andrews.

Dillman was sitting in his truck looking east when he heard aircraft take off from Andrews. Two fighters came from the NW (Andrews is about 6 miles to the NW) and flew over the witness, heading SE. Then two more fighters flew over from the NW, going SE, but their flight path was slightly more to the S than the first pair. All four aircraft were in view at the same time.

Some fighters were using short bursts of their afterburners, which Dillman could see and hear the boom.

Dillman noticed a white blinking strobe light with a pattern of 1-2-3-4-pause on these aircraft, and this is how he tracked them for the next half-hour. For the most part, he could see only one fighter at a time in the distance, sometimes two, as they did air-show type maneuvers in the E-SE sky. This included tight circles and banking turns right and left. One did a hard left turn immediately followed by a hard right turn, then a tight circle.

The fighters would return, usually in pairs, to the Andrews AFB area only to fly back to the SE again, or sometimes fly south of Dillman's position, and then bear to the SE. They were not flying in formation. The activity to the SE was generally about 20-25 degrees above the horizon, probably over southern Maryland, a fairly populated area.

Dillman called WTOP news radio at 1:30 AM to alert them that something unusual was happening. Soon after his call to WTOP, Dillman saw a round orange ball on a downward path coming toward him in the SW sky. First seen at about 25-30 degrees over the SW horizon, it grew brighter and larger as it descended to about 20 degrees.

At that point, a fighter appeared out of the clouds, coming from the N or E, turning toward the orange object, which responded with a smooth curving banking turn to the S and away from the fighter, which followed. During the turn, the orange circle appeared oval. The distance between the orange oval/circle and the fighter was estimated at 3.5 cm at arm's length.

They flew S, curving E, still about 20 degrees above the horizon until lost in the cloud layer toward the SE. The orange ball and the fighter maintained a constant distance from one another; in other words, the orange ball did not outrun the fighter, and the fighter stayed right with the orange ball.

Dillman emphasized that the orange circle and the fighter were not close to him. His guess was that they may have been in the Waldorf area (7 miles away). Total time of this sequence is estimated to be 10-15 seconds. The only noise detected was the sound from the fighter.

At 1:40 AM, Dillman called WTOP a second time with an update regarding the orange circle and the fighter. He could still see a couple of aircraft moving in the eastern sky. Just after his call, a similar sequence of events to the above occurred.

Again in the SW sky at about 25 degrees from the



The parking lot at MUFON Headquarters was busy as several UFO groups set up on Aug. 24 to celebrate UFO Awareness Week. Speakers included Paola Harris, Ryan Wood, George Zeiler, and Deborah Lindemann. In the foreground are Shawn Jason, May Ebell, and Tom Deuley.

horizon, he could see the orange ball moving from the W to the S in a very slow banking turn. It appeared as a slender oval, and as it banked it became more and more round as it headed to the S. It was being followed by one fighter.

The distance between them was about the same as before. They flew S or SE, still turning, and then curved to the E again and disappeared in the same area of the sky as before into the clouds. The entire flight path was level. This sequence also lasted 10-15 seconds.

After this, Dillman neither saw nor heard aircraft until 1:55 AM, when a pair of fighters coming from the SE, followed by a second pair, flew toward Andrews as if approaching for landing. No more was seen or heard.

Description of the orange circle

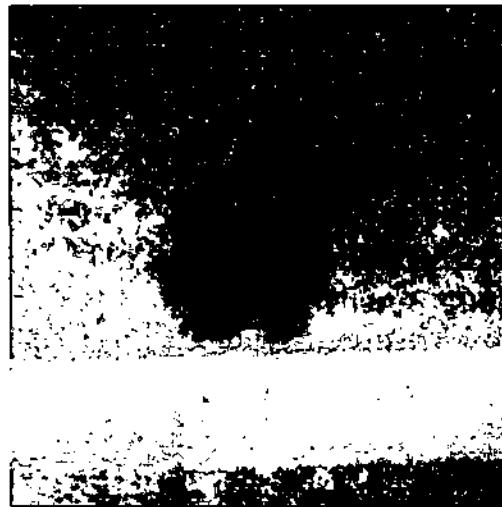
The color was the same as that of an edible orange, and no variation could be seen. It had a hard edge (i.e., it was more comparable to looking at a softly glowing piece of metal than it was to looking at a light source). The orange circle was much larger than the white strobing light of the fighter. Dillman's sense was that the orange circle was as big as the fighter.

Comparing the size of the orange circle to aircraft and other lights available at the site, arm's length estimates using a clear centimeter ruler ranged from 1/2 mm to 2 mm, with Dillman feeling strongly the 2 mm estimate was the more accurate one. Its shape was round except for the times when it was banking and appeared oval, and once as a thin oval or ellipse. Dillman had a gut feeling he might be looking at some sort of exhaust, but realized that did not make sense as he was seeing an orange circle as it approached him head on.

This is the basic information. A neighbor of Rogers in the Waldorf area sighting has just been interviewed, and his observations will be presented shortly. Connections, similarities, and differences between the three observers can then be outlined and presented.



Frame from video tape of the UFO over Istanbul.



Blow-up of UFO on video tape.

UFO reportedly captured on video tape in Turkey

By Esen Sekerkarar

On May 26, 2002, an unusually shaped object was recorded on an amateur camera in the Anadolu Hisari district of Istanbul, Turkey. Saffet Sap, a 42-year-old electrical engineer, and his sister Serpil Sap were filming the lightning on this rainy day.

"At around 18:30 PM I was filming the lightning from the window at the northern side of my house," says Saffet Sap. "Then I saw a strange object in the sky, at a distance of about 2 km. At first I thought it was either a kite or a plane; however, the stationary object started to rise after awhile. It had 7 or 8 legs. There were green, yellow and red lights flashing on the top of it. Green smoke was also emitted at the underside of the object."

After hovering for a while, the object started to move towards the north and went out of sight behind a hill, leaving a greenish trail behind. The witnesses managed to film it for about 3.5 minutes. The media was very interested in the footage, and images of the UFO were broadcast on several national TV channels. This news was also published in many of the national papers.

The close-ups of the image show the unusual shape of the UFO clearly, just as Mr. Sap said: "It resembled a bug, it had about 7 to 8 legs." He also stated that the shape of the object could be seen clearly with the naked eye, and it was an object in the atmosphere, about 2000

meters above the ground. In close-ups, the object can be seen rotating around its own axis and remaining stationary from time to time.

According to the witnesses, it did not make any sound and did not show any characteristics of a conventional craft.

Italian group reports more UFOs

The Italian Center for UFO Studies Newsflash # 352 reports new statistics about the sightings of 2001. New data as of the sightings of alleged UFOs in Italy jumped from 655 to 717. The detailed catalogue of last year's sightings is almost ready, complete with descriptions of documentary sources for each case.

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Psychic/spiritual awakenings

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Many close encounter experiencers describe how they have acquired increased psychic abilities and become more "metaphysically aware" as a result of their encounters. Researcher case files, as well as much of the literature, describe the phenomenon of psychic/spiritual awakening as being extremely common among UFO abductees. Yet, the UFO phenomenon appears to be just one possible initiator of such a transition.

Introduction

A few years ago, I had the privilege of working with a close encounter experiencer whom I will refer to as "Evelyn." This woman had been struggling for several years with the emotional effects of a series of close encounter experiences. They had struck terror in her heart, and she had developed major phobias as a result of them.

In addition, she had begun to experience intrusive paranormal effects in her life and that of her family. Watches and clocks would not work. Electronics around her would cease to function.

Several months later another experiencer whom I will refer to as "Amy" also approached me to do hypnotherapy work with her. She was also dealing with an issue related to close encounters, but apparently quite dissimilar to Evelyn's. While Evelyn was struggling with the fear engendered by the intrusion of the phenomenon into her private life, Amy was attempting to come to terms with an unwanted gift. This took the form of a sudden, involuntary, unexpected psychic awakening, apparently as a result of her encounters.

While these two experiencers seemed to have very different relationships with the phenomenon, they had one thing in common. Both were attempting to come to terms with an apparent side effect of the close encounter phenomenon which I refer to as Unexpected Awakening. I have noted that nearly all experiencers describe this effect.

I have also noted that, like other aspects of close encounters, its relationship with the UFO phenomenon is full of mystery.

In this article, I'll examine some aspects of psychic awakening and see how it is—and is not—related to the UFO and close encounter phenomenon. What can we learn from this effect? Is psychic awakening a result of the close encounter phenomenon? Might these two phenomena occur together in some sort of lockstep relationship? Or is the psychic awakening aspect of the UFO phenomenon simply part of the greater psychic/spiritual emergence phenomenon described in the literature?¹

What is an Awakening?

This effect, which I will refer to in this article as the Awakening phenomenon, is described by nearly all

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abductees. Cases of this sudden personal transformation fill my files as well as those of many other researchers. So just what seems to be happening to those experiencers who describe this phenomenon? What is a psychic/spiritual Awakening?

The answer to this question may be quite different for different people. However, broadly speaking, the effects seem to fall into two categories. The first is the unexpected onset/enhancement of psychic abilities. Precognition, spontaneous telepathy, clairvoyance, and many other psychic experiences seem to be commonplace. In addition, many experiencers simply report a greater sense of mental awareness. As one experiencer told me "I feel psychic."

Another aspect of the Awakening phenomenon is a sudden change in spiritual and social outlook. Many experiencers I have interviewed describe how their viewpoints—especially on environmental topics—suddenly switched from being largely unconcerned to being very much concerned.

At the same time, the religious-spiritual views of many experiencers seem to become much deeper. Frequently they adopt an entirely new viewpoint—often eastern or mystical in nature. This new spiritual dimension in their lives seems to take on a very personal tone. Many of them now practice meditation or have a regular spiritual practice which is deeply heart-felt. Many report being more empathetic and often describe, in the words of one abductee, "becoming closer to God."

I often observe experiencers associate the religious/spiritual change in their lives with the sudden emergence of their psychic abilities, and also, frequently with the emerging memories of their encounters. The result can be a massive transformation of their professional, social, spiritual, mental, and psychological foundation—"the Awakening."

Fear and paranormal fallout

When I first began working with Evelyn,² I was struck by the depth of the impact which the close encounter phenomenon had had on her life. She had experienced several terrifying close encounters in which classic gray

entities had floated her from her bed and taken her into their domain (presumably a UFO). As a result of these events, she had developed phobias which included nervousness at being alone in her house at night. She had also developed simultaneous fear of, and obsession with, the night sky—as well as with any UFO literature.

Also, at about the time of her encounters, her outlook abruptly changed from that of the “average” person who was largely unconcerned with the outside world to that of being more environmentally aware, socially concerned, and spiritually oriented.

During this same time, she and her family also experienced a number of paranormal and metaphysical anomalies. Balls of light, UFO ground traces, creature sightings, electrical sensitivity, clocks that would randomly gain or lose time, numerous UFO sightings, and the list went on...

As we commenced our hypnotherapy work and began to resolve the fear factor, we found that the phenomenon had apparently awakened within her a deep mystical awareness.

The potential for this awareness seemed to have always been there, but had been suppressed for much of her life. As we explored her interactions with the phenomenon, it became apparent that it had been lifelong (she indicated that it had actually been over many lifetimes). Yet only now had she become consciously aware of her encounters.

Today, Evelyn has finished her teaching degree and is avidly pursuing interests in metaphysical and historical studies. She is now free of the fear factor and comfortable with the memories of her encounters. She views her relationship with the phenomenon as life altering and, on the balance, very positive.

For Evelyn, it appears that the fear-engendering abduction events might have been the “kick” that drove her to come to terms with what had in fact been a long-standing relationship—her Awakening.

Amy—unexpected psychic gifts

Amy had felt overwhelmed at the time we first began our work. A few years earlier, she had experienced a powerful, dream-like experience which seemed very much to be a close encounter (though with few of the classic elements). In the days subsequent to this experience, she discovered that she had become very psychic.

There was no escape from this new sense. It seemed to perpetually bombard her awareness. It was as if she had been blind from birth, only to suddenly gain her vision late in life. Her life experience up to that point had not prepared her for this gift.

In addition to the sudden awakening of psychic abilities, she was also experiencing episodes of spontaneous invisibility—times in which she apparently became invisible to those around her.³ Her new-found psychic and paranormal talents were unpredictable and uncontrollable, a frightening influence in her life.

Initially, as we began therapy, the goal was to somehow control these manifestations. We quickly realized that the more we tried to “master” them, the more resistance we got. Clearly, control and containment was not

the answer. So we decided “Why not just go with it”—accept and embrace them?

I suggested to her a couple of books on psychic development, most prominently the book *You are Psychic* by Peter Sanders. This book contains a number of excellent techniques to help its readers develop their psychic skills.

In a followup conversation a few months later, she informed me that she had begun organizing a psychic development group, based upon Sanders’ book. By embracing her psychic gifts, she appears to have been able to integrate them into her life in a meaningful way.

Were Amy’s new-found psychic abilities the result of a classic UFO abduction? Amy had few other indications to suggest that she was a classic UFO abductee. Additionally, Amy had been involved in meditation and other spiritual studies for years, which suggests that perhaps she had simply reached a new stage in her path—one which she perhaps did not expect.

Yet her Awakening did begin with her UFO-like dream experience. Perhaps the UFO dream was part of the overall experience, or perhaps it, too, was an effect of her awakening.

Perceivers and experiencers

As I continued to conduct research into the close encounter phenomenon, it became clear that this Awakening effect often occurred at critical times in the experiencer’s life. In addition, it nearly always coincided with their emerging memories of UFO experiences. What did this timing mean? This still is not clear to me. However, as I continued to interview other people who had experienced this sudden emergence, I discovered a surprise.

Before I had begun my study and practice of hypnotherapy, I had interviewed many experiencers of paranormal events. Most of them described paranormal anomalies, psychic experiences, and other strange events in their lives. Many had had multiple UFO sightings.

As a result of their accounts, and based upon the writings of other UFO researchers,⁴ I had hypothesized that these witnesses were probably UFO abductees. However as we later explored the experiences of some of them (often in deep hypnotic trance), I noted that sometimes we were completely unable to find instances of UFO abductions.⁵ While they had indeed experienced the Awakening effects, the initiator did not seem to be UFological.

There is much literature to indicate that unexpected psychic/spiritual emergence is a very common result of profound life-altering events.^{6,7} Events such as illness or trauma, near-death experiences, deep meditative trance—all seem to be possible initiators of an Awakening.

While the descriptions of each of these experiences can be very different, the effects are often similar. Many of these people subsequently seem to develop the ability to see UFO’s and anomalies in situations where others around them often do not. Thus, I will refer to the UFO-seeing persons as “perceivers.”

“Rosalie,” a lifetime of wonders

An example of a perceiver, who has had many UFO

and anomaly sightings, apparently as part of a lifetime of paranormal sensitivity, is a woman I will refer to as "Rosalie." Rosalie is a pleasant, caring, and very intelligent senior citizen who lives in a senior apartment building in rural Minnesota.

I had the privilege of interviewing her and her family and learned that Rosalie had many strange memories that stretched back as far as the 1920's. These included paranormal events, anomalies, and UFO sightings. We first suspected that she might be an abductee. However as we conducted several hypnotic regressions, we found none of the classic abduction accounts. Yet, while under hypnosis, she described in great detail many encounters with the extraordinary.

She described how, as a child, she played with elves in the woods near her house. She described seeing helicopters during the early 1940s, although machines matching her description did not exist until many years later. She described balls of light and a host of mysterious psychic perceptions. Yet we found no UFO abductions, per se. Thus Rosalie is someone whom I would regard as a perceiver. While she has had a few UFO sightings, they appeared to be in some way secondary to her overall Awakening.

"Anne"—a spectacular sighting

Another perceiver I was privileged to interview extensively was a woman whom I will refer to as "Anne." Anne is a woman in her early 40's who lives in Minneapolis. She has a long history of interest in eastern spirituality and metaphysics, meditates regularly, and has had numerous mystical experiences. Over many years, Anne has steadily developed a high degree of psychic ability. And, like Rosalie, few of her experiences have directly involved the UFO phenomenon. While she has become steadily more "awakened," this has been a gradual growth process.

While Anne has had few actual UFO events in her life, she was witness to one very spectacular sighting which occurred during a power outage one summer night in 1995 in Minneapolis. When the lights went out, Anne stepped to the window to look out onto the street below. Many people had stepped out onto the sidewalk and street, and were standing about, chatting, and joking—waiting for the power to come back on.

When Anne looked out the window, to her surprise she observed an extremely large UFO hovering only a few hundred feet above the building tops, only a few blocks away from her building. The object was positioned in such a way that everyone should have seen it. Yet Anne seemed to be the only one aware of it.

Many such cases exist in my files, and those of other researchers, in which a few apparently-sensitive witnesses are able to discern the presence of a UFO while others might not see it. In many of these cases, the witness had previously experienced the awakening phenomenon to a high degree. However, only a few of these perceivers actually seem to be abductees. Rather, they seem to experience the UFO phenomenon primarily because their heightened sensitivity somehow allows them to perceive it.

Contactees: already awakened experiencers?

In yet another group we find the contactees.⁸ Far more involved in the phenomenon than perceivers, contactees generally describe close encounters in which they are very much voluntary participants. In most cases, these events seem to be positive in nature, involving extraordinary but generally benevolent entities.

The contact experience tends to further enhance the psychic/spiritual path of the experiencer and of others. Also, along with the overt contact experiences, contactees frequently describe communication that is apparently channeled in nature—suggesting greatly increased psychic/paranormal perception.⁹

Since their experiences are largely positive in nature, few contactees have sought hypnotherapy. Thus, I have generally not been a party to exploration of their experiences at the deep subconscious level. Yet as a MUFON researcher and field investigator, I have interviewed many contactees who live in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Most have indicated that contact was simply part of a long path of metaphysical growth and exploration. They tell me, nearly unanimously, that their path has led them to be more sensitive to the extraordinary, and thus eventually to contact. Thus, in this case their UFO-related events seem to be effects, rather than causes, of their Awakening.

End Notes and References:

¹Bryant and Seebach, "Healing Shattered Reality, Understanding the Contact Phenomenon"

²See Craig R. Lang, "Close Encounters, The Meaning We Bring with Us," Published June 2002 in the *MUFON UFO Journal*. It can also be found on Craig Lang's website at <http://www.craiglang.com/meaning.htm>. This article describes work with Evelyn and other experiencers, and describes the fear factor related to such cases.

³CL Note: Spontaneous invisibility is an obscure but frequently reported phenomenon among CE4 experiencers. See the article "Spontaneous Invisibility, The Mystery We Can Not See" by Craig R. Lang, published 2001 in the *Minnesota MUFON Journal*, and also available on http://www.craiglang.com/spont_invis.htm

⁴Books by David Jacobs: *Secret Life* and *The Threat*, as well as his article: "Thinking Clearly About UFO Abduction," presented at the MUFON 1998 International Symposium and published on Dr. Jacobs' website: www.ufoabduction.com.

⁵A number of researchers have suggested that undetected CE4 experiences may have occurred, but might still be blocked from memory. I can not deny that this could be the case. However, we explored as deeply as was ethically acceptable to do, with no indication of CE4 activity. To explore deeper might have generated the implicit hypnotic suggestion that the experiencer should "go find an abduction event." In the interests of good therapy and solid research, we stopped well before this point. Based upon the lack of any indication to the contrary, it is my belief that in many/most of these cases, there was no CE4 activity to be found.

⁶Barbara Harris Whitfield, *Spiritual Awakenings*

⁷Kenneth Ring, *The Omega Project*

⁸Note to the reader: I acknowledge that many contactee claims are greeted with extreme skepticism within the UFO research community. However, in this article we will assume that all events indicated by the contactee, even where controversial, were experienced as described.

⁹An example of contact literature is the book *Preparing for Contact* by Lyssa Royal and Keith Priest, which details information ostensibly received from extraterrestrial entities through encounters and via channeling sessions.



Filer's Files

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Unless otherwise noted, these reports have not been verified by official investigations.

Ancient Olmecs and celestial navigation

Astronaut Gordon Cooper in his book *A Leap of Faith* shares with readers his strong views on the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence and even the distinct possibility that we have already had "contact." (His photographic team at Edwards Air Force Base photographed a landing of a disc craft.)

Cooper states in his book: "During my final years with NASA, I became involved in a different kind of adventure: undersea treasure hunting in Mexico." One day, accompanied by a National Geographic photographer, Cooper and his team landed in a small plane on an island in the Gulf of Mexico, where local residents pointed out pyramid-shaped mounds, where Cooper and his team found ruins, artifacts, and bones.

On examination back in Texas, the artifacts were determined to be 5,000 years old! "When we learned of the age of the artifacts," Cooper writes, "we realized that what we'd found had nothing to do with seventeenth-century Spain. I contacted the Mexican government and was put in touch with the head of the National Archaeology Department, Pablo Bush Romero." Together with Mexican archeologists the two went back to the site.

After some excavating, Cooper writes, "The age of the ruins was confirmed at 3000 B.C. Compared with other advanced civilizations, relatively little was known about the Olmecs, who made large statues of their faces that indicated they came from the Black Africa race."

Cooper writes, "Engineers, farmers, artisans, and traders, the Olmecs had a remarkable civilization. But it is still not known where they originated....Among the findings that intrigued me most, when translated, turned out to be mathematical formulas, used to this day for navigation, and accurate drawings of constellations, some of which would not be officially 'discovered' until the age of modern telescopes."

It was this, rather than his experiences as an astronaut, that triggered Cooper's Leap of Faith: "This left me wondering: Why have celestial navigation signs if they weren't navigating celestially?" And he asks: "If 'someone' had helped the Olmecs with this knowledge, from whom did they get it?" Thanks to Gordon Cooper, Chapter 11, *A Leap of Faith*



George Filer

NY objects reportedly filmed near Ground Zero

MANHATTAN — Rodrigo Fuenzalida, Director of Chilean MUFON and the National Director of the AION UFO group, has obtained a video taken in New York City on Sept. 29, 2001.

A Chilean cameraman from Mega, a private TV Channel, was filming the World Trade Center area a few weeks after the tragedy. The cameraman reportedly captured two UFOs flying over lower Manhattan near Ground Zero. The UFOs appear in the sky with orange and yellow colors, and an aircraft can also be seen passing the UFOs.

All three flying objects are in the same general area, and the cameraman captured a close-up of the aircraft next to the UFO. Shortly, another aircraft flew over the same area and next to the second UFO, giving a good perspective and comparison. The Cameraman gave the AION group the video for study. See <http://www.aion.cl> Thanks to Rodrigo Fuenzalida.

Pennsylvania objects reported

MEHOOPANY — The witness reports, "I was at work rigging scaffolding which we were placing on the roof with a crane on Sept. 9, 2002. I looked up to see the load being placed on the roof and saw the craft at 9:30 AM. It looked at first like a big piece of paper floating in the sky, then it stopped moving and just hovered. It was at the same altitude passenger planes fly over.

"Next the craft started making really quick movements and stopping. I asked the crane operator to look and he got out of the crane and said, 'It is a plane.' Then the craft started making really quick movements again. The crane operator then said, 'That is no plane!'

"We watched the craft for another five minutes, and it made a really big movement horizontally. Just then another craft flew by the original craft and disappeared. The original craft made a real quick circle and followed the other craft out of sight."

Pennsylvania abduction observed?

NORTHUMBERLAND — A farmer reports he saw an object above Montour Ridge at the power lines, on top of the mountain, describing it as round and very still over the lines. Suddenly it moved what looked like a few hundred feet to the east, then stopped, and a beam of blue and white light shined to the ground.

What was seen next was very unnerving: he says he saw what appeared to be a man suspended in the light being pulled up head first, moving his arms slowly in the light, and being pulled up into the bottom of the craft. A few seconds later the object started shuddering, then went west very fast, stopped briefly, then went straight up and out of sight. Two days later Todd Sees was found dead

not far from Montour Ridge after an extensive search.

Peter Davenport writes, "Considerable unsubstantiated information temporarily deleted here. We do so out of consideration for the family until an official report is issued by the police. We emphasize that this report was submitted by an anonymous source, and the case is under investigation." Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

Large triangle reported in Nevada

FALLON — Cosmo reports, "I saw a dark substance that dimly lit a very large craft that flew by at about 1000 feet on September 5, 2002. At first I thought B 52. This craft traveled west down Reno Hwy 50 with no running lights at 11:13 PM, but dimly lit light nodes were seen but they were NOT lit. The nodes were in the shape of the whole triangular craft and 7 to 9 nodes were seen.

"It flew at 20 mph or faster without noise. I was surprised by this event, and said why me? I have hosted a UFO television talk show for ten years in Portland. I believe this was a true and real triangle craft that was so close and so large!

"I did not see a leading edge or rear of the craft; I just saw a triangle from the side and bottom of the ship. The sky was clear and about 70 degrees. Total event time 8 seconds. I still can't believe what I saw, but it was there." Thanks to Cosmo, Cosmic Connection Television & Radio Show

Object dives in Washington state

VULCAN MOUNTAIN — The primary witness reports, "On Aug. 31, 2002, about 9:00 PM; three of us were on top of Vulcan Mountain after dark with a clear sky. We had been seeing several satellites moving across the sky when I told my two other buddies to look at the high speed satellite in an extremely high orbit. Suddenly it dived directly at us. It fell or traveled down to less than a thousand feet directly over us.

"Then a very bright light was aimed at us, and we started to yell that it was going to fall on us, as this is what it looked like. After the rays of light hit us, it suddenly turned and disappeared up into a higher orbit. Nothing I have ever seen could travel so fast."

Washington state boomerang shape observed

FERNDAL — A witness states, "I was watching the Northern Lights on Sept. 3, 2002, with my boyfriend. He was looking at constellations through binoculars when I saw it. At first we were looking at a red flashing light that was moving pretty fast for an airplane at 11 PM. My boyfriend said that through the binoculars you could tell it was an airplane.

"Then, right where I had first seen the red light, there was a bright light in the sky. At first it looked like a spotlight, then I noticed it was shaped like a thick boomerang. It was glowing yellowish green, and very bright; I could see it very clearly.

"I started yelling to my boyfriend, 'What is that!' He caught a quick look at it through the binoculars, but didn't spot it until right before it disappeared. It was at least 50-

100 times larger than a star." Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC

Delaware triangle low over field

DOVER — The witness reports, "It was Friday night, Sept. 6, 2002, and I was heading south on Route 1 towards the Delaware beaches for Labor Day weekend. I was on my cell phone with my girlfriend when I saw something resembling stadium lights in a field where no such thing belonged. I pulled over within about 1000 feet of it at 9:05 PM.

"It was a triangle shape object with numerous white lights hovering 250 feet off the ground, and didn't make a sound. I was about 6 miles from the Dover Air Force Base, but no craft could hover like this. After about two minutes it very slowly made its way across the road, heading northeast. I quickly hopped in my car and made a U-turn, but it disappeared over some trees. I arrived home an hour later, where my stepbrother and his girlfriend were waiting. He had been 20 minutes ahead of me and saw the same thing. Two years ago a very similar object was reported in the same area." Thanks to Peter Davenport:

<http://www.nuforc.org/webreports/S14819.html>.

Cylinder-shaped craft disappears in Virginia

LYNCH MOUNTAIN, APPALACHIA — On September 5, 2002, two doctor friends visited the witness, bringing their telescopes to do some deep sky observing. Says the reporting witness, "One of my friends told us to look at a 'jet' as we watched it go over at 6 PM, but we knew it was no jet; it was a long black cylinder with a smaller cylinder on each of its sides, also black. One red light was in the center of the largest cylinder. There was NO sound at all from this craft.

"Now comes the wild part— an eerie green glow started at the point of the red light, then haloed the entire craft, and then right in front of three of us the damn thing vanished! It was still daylight and a clear day, no clouds at all! I am no flake. I own a very successful outdoor billboard company." Thanks to Peter Davenport

Objects follows plane in Midwest

Marlene D. reports, "My husband and I, who are pilots, were returning from Nashville, headed for Wisconsin on Aug. 18, 2002. We were flying an IFR flight plan at 12,000 feet for most of the trip because of the clouds. The Chicago Flight Center cleared us to descend from 12,000 to 5,000 feet.

"During the descent at 500 feet per minute at around 140 knots I looked back behind the right wing and saw a white light between the cloud banks and far in the distance. It appeared to me as a landing light on a plane. It was five or more miles away and almost parallel to us.

Within a few seconds it flew closer at a great rate of speed. As it was the closest to us at 1,500 to 2,000 feet, I could see the bright white light was all it was. There were no wingtip or tail lights; there were no wings or body. As the light descended rapidly next to us, it was still a white light from the back. This all happened in a

matter of 5 to 6 seconds. I felt it was on a collision course with us as we were descending into the same cloud it had disappeared into.

This happened at 9,300 feet of altitude 20 to 25 miles south of Dubuque, Iowa. ATC did not call us with info on another plane in our vicinity. A plane would not normally have on its landing light at 9,000 feet, and the speed and the path of its descent is not possible by any aircraft I am aware of. It had to travel 5 or 6 miles in a matter of 6 seconds. That's one mile a second. I do not think this was another plane. I do not think a meteorite could travel in a level path and then dive." Thanks to UFOWisconsin

http://www.ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r2002_0818_grant.html

Car collides with object in Spain

SEVILLE PROVINCE is experiencing a startling amount of UFO activity, including landings, humanoid encounters, and even a collision.

L.L.R. was driving along the road belonging to the Boliden-Apirsa Mining Company on July 23, 2002, at 9:45 PM when he saw a small light on the road. The witness states, "I kept getting closer, and when I saw that it had no intentions of braking, I flashed it with my high beams without slowing down; the thing was right in front of my car.

"I collided against it, turning away and expecting an impact, and there was only an explosion of multicolored lights, so I got out of the car to see what happened, but there was nothing on the road! No accident, no casualty, nothing whatsoever! I became hysterical and looked under my car, but found no traces of glass or other materials.

"The hood of my car showed signs that something had indeed made contact with the vehicle, but when I looked there was nothing, only some sort of a thick water that vanished upon touching it...nothing more. I had trouble starting the car, and the battery refused to work."

Thanks to José Manuel García and Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology. Translation (C) 2002.

NASA's Contour spacecraft disappears

NASA's missing \$159 million Contour solid-propellant spacecraft STAR 30 apparently broke in two pieces as it hurtled away from Earth. Mission director Robert Farquhar said, "Kitt Peak telescope images show two parallel trails indicating the comet-chasing spacecraft has split in two. If they were pieces of the spacecraft, they were moving slightly slower than expected."

Argentina entity can call home

JACINTO ARAUZ — A rancher claims he was only a meter and a half away from a "flat, three-legged flying apparatus" which left him immobilized. Raul Dorado, owner of a field, says everything began with a noise similar to that of a "whirlwind," and he later saw a strange craft descend over him, whisking away his cell phone and leaving him momentarily speechless.

He explains, "It was a dim green colored circumfer-

ence. Although in daylight, I wasn't able to note its luminosity. It had three legs and was barely a meter or meter and a half away from me. When I saw it, I felt something like an electrical charge and fell to the ground on my knees, paralyzed, unable to do anything, with my shotgun leaning on the ground," he continued. "I was also carrying binoculars and had a cell phone in my left hand, which was sucked up by the green circle."

Senior officer Marcelo Alarcon in charge of the Jacinto Arauz Sheriff's Office, said, "We placed calls that night to Raul's cell phone to see if anyone answered, and on two tries, it would ring and then cut off, and on a third attempt, a sort of breathing could be heard, and then the sound of the keypad being dialed."

Follow-up efforts indicated that the cell phone is either off or beyond the coverage area. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Translation (C) 2002. and Gloria Coluchi.

Lights reportedly land in English field

DEVON, CORNWALL — *The Western Morning News* reports that strange lights in the sky were seen by a number of people that prompted a flurry of calls to a local radio station on Aug. 3, 2002. BBC Radio Cornwall dealt with the inquiries after a woman from the Southeast rang the station to report seeing lights coming down in a field.

The station's Laurence Reed said the call had attracted more than its fair share of interest: "We had a call from a woman from the Camelford area who said that she had seen a UFO."

Dr Robert Massey of the Greenwich Observatory in London said he could not think of an astronomical explanation for the lights. Thanks to FarShores.

UFO dogfight over Russian air base?

SEROV — Vickie York reports, "Hundreds of awe-struck eyewitnesses watched in shock and disbelief as 36 UFOs waged a spectacular dogfight above a Russian air base!" The incredible aerial battle, which took place at about 5,000 feet, was seen by Russian air force officers and two visiting foreign journalists from Poland and Latvia.

"For twelve minutes, the sky was ablaze with rays fired from the battling starships," says Polish news reporter Igor Wroclawski, who was there to cover an air show. "Several of the craft that were hit appeared to be damaged by the rays and one of them caught fire and crashed into the mountains." The dogfight erupted at 2:05 AM on May 11, at the foothills of the Ural Mountains.

Radar first detected two groups of massive objects entering Russian air space, and the base was put on full alert. "When I went outside some soldiers were pointing up in the sky," says Wroclawski. "I looked up and I could see dozens of saucer-shaped objects about 90 feet in diameter circling overhead." Within minutes of the initial radar sightings, the two sets of flying discs opened fire "The weapons were as deafening as thunder and they lit up the entire night sky," says Wroclawski. "After twelve minutes, the UFOs took off to the south. The Russian government emphatically denies the report.



Response to Symposium report

By Richard Thieme

Dear Dwight,

Your report on my presentation at the annual MUFON Symposium was accurate to the degree that most of the examples you used were included in the talk, but seriously deficient in leaving out most of the content of the talk and all of the content that provided context for those details.

The theme of the symposium was building bridges to a scientific methodology, and I stated in detail after attending the entire symposium that the dynamics of the meeting were much closer to those of a religious community than a scientific body. I gave specific reasons why this was so, drawing on 16 years as a parish priest, and addressed the deficiencies in credibility that this creates.

I emphasized the need for anyone exploring this subject to do their homework first and spelled out in detail how that meant a solid comprehensive knowledge of contemporary technologies and the way the entire UFO field has been used for various cover and deception operations from the beginning.

I pointed out what distortion results from not doing this and what happens to any "scientific" exploration when people know something is missing but don't know what and fill in the blanks without evidence. I underscored the need for deep historical understanding in order to explore the data, some of which I gave as an example of why it is suggestive, but which you presented as if it were the entire content of my presentation.

Last but not least, you referred to me as "a ufologist" when I stated clearly that I have no credentials in this field whatsoever, as indeed few do because there are neither accreditation procedures nor standards, both relevant to a conversation about scientific methodology. I am not a ufologist but as I stated clearly an ordinary person with an interest in this and many other subjects, period. In short, you seriously distorted and misrepresented what I said by leaving out the majority of the presentation that was a critique of the dynamics, methodology and conclusions of much of the symposium and of which your summary is a case in point.

Editor's Note: In attempting to boil down long presentations and include the most interesting material, no doubt incompleteness and distortion are sometimes the by-products. This is another excellent reason why readers should buy the *MUFON 2002 International UFO Symposium Proceedings*, which contains the full text of each presentation.

While dealing with errors, I should also note that the thumbnail photo which appeared in the Symposium article in the August *Journal* as Don Ledger was not Ledger. Sorry, Don.

Response to Friedman column

By Karl Pflock

Hi, Dwight,

Below, a response to Stan Friedman's column in the August *MUFON UFO Journal*.

I have known Stan Friedman for more than 10 years, considering him not only a colleague, but friend. So it is that I am doubly disappointed by his attack on me and my Roswell work in his August "Perceptions" column. (Though I do appreciate his prominent mentions of my *Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe* and Jim Moseley's and my *Shockingly Close to the Truth!—Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist*. Every little bit helps, even "anti-endorsements.")

In his column, Friedman not so subtly implied that I do my research "by proclamation" and that I am a debunker. Yet he knows neither is true.

He knows I spent years digging into the Roswell morass, in the field and in the archives, interviewing dozens of witnesses and "witnesses," studying real and bogus documents, and on and on, seeking to glean the facts from the muck of misrepresentation, error, self-promotion, and wishful thinking. At many points along the way, he and I compared notes, shared information, and worked together to get at the truth on a number of key issues and personalities.

Beyond Roswell, Friedman knows I am convinced by the data that we have been visited by nonhuman intelligence, that UFOs are real and some of them were flying saucers, craft from an extra-solar planet of our galaxy. He knows that when it comes to UFOs themselves we agree on far more than we disagree.

Why, then, is Friedman so determined to raise doubts about me and my work? I regretfully conclude it can be summed up in four words: bottom line and ego. Roswell, the "Cosmic Watergate," is Friedman's ufological bread and butter, and he is not about to let it slip from his grasp if he can help it. Unfortunately, from his point of view, I have the audacity not only to disagree with him on Roswell—the case on which, regrettably, he has hung his ufological career and reputation for more than two decades—but I do so on the basis of a vast body of hard evidence resulting from years of solid research.

The Roswell story is tangled and complex, impossible to address adequately here. The task of untangling it is equally complex. Presenting the evidence and the basis for my conclusions drawn from it requires a book, which I have written and encourage the open-minded to read. Those who do so will find the matter is not nearly so simple as Friedman suggests when he disingenuously asserts I concluded "there was no Roswell crashed saucer event, because it wasn't noted in any number of USAF UFO documents."

In making this rather snide statement, Friedman conveniently ignores the inconvenient fact that the documents in question—not just USAF, but also CIA, U.S. Army, and joint USAF-U.S. Navy—are essentially the icing on the cake at the Roswell wake, that I painstakingly examined the whole Roswell story and, to my great disappointment,

found it and the tale tellers on whom Friedman and others rely to be at best honestly mistaken and at worst liars and publicity hounds.

But let us briefly consider the documents Friedman so airily dismisses. (Those interested in a detailed consideration will find it in chapter 15 of my book.) This formerly classified and undeniably genuine record entailed no fewer than 41 documents at the time I closed my book manuscript. All date from shortly after the Roswell excitement in early July 1947 through mid-1955. Of these, 7 had been classified Top Secret; 31 Secret; and 3 Confidential or Restricted.

Seventeen of these were declassified before publication of the first Roswell book (*The Roswell Incident*, 1980). A total of 28 had been declassified before release of Randle and Schmitt's Roswell-revival tome *UFO Crash at Roswell* (1991), Friedman's (with Don Berliner) *Crash at Corona* (1992), and my Fund for UFO Research monograph *Roswell in Perspective* (1994). The truth was out there, but somehow Friedman and the rest of us missed it—or chose to ignore it, as Friedman and others still do.

Here are a few essential and inconvenient facts conveniently dismissed by Friedman and other Roswell saucer-crash advocates:

- The documents were communications among and between top-level military and scientific men who absolutely would have known about the recovery of a crashed saucer. They were the very people whose job it was to crack the flying saucer mystery. Most of them would have been involved in setting up, directing, and working on the project that would have studied any "crash recovered exhibits." The others would have levied information requirements on the project and studied and attempted to exploit its results.

- The documents not only make clear these men had no knowledge of a crashed saucer, they also contain explicit statements about the absence of physical evidence and the considerable frustration this caused.

- If there had been a saucer recovered near Roswell and the authors of the documents knew of this—as they certainly would have—they would not have lied to their colleagues and superiors about it. If the crashed saucer or related issues needed to be discussed, the documents in which this was done would have been classified accordingly.

If not, these matters would not have been mentioned, although, as appropriate, addressees would have been referred to more highly classified documents by reference. It is absurd in the extreme to believe senior officials charged with such major responsibilities and close cooperation would lie to each other.

Speaking of classification, what about Friedman's oft-repeated assertion, repeated yet again in his column, that anything and everything about a crashed saucer would necessarily have been classified Top Secret, with access further restricted through so-called codeword compartmentation? In effect what Friedman is saying is, "I believe crashed saucer info is super-sensitive. Therefore, those responsible in 1947 would have thought so,

too, and therefore, this info "must" have been classified and compartmented higher than and/or more closely controlled than now declassified UFO documents."

This is utter nonsense. Just because a ufologist thinks the recovery of a crashed saucer would be treated as super-duper-sensitive, it does not mean the responsible U.S. government officials would concur. I have no doubt the secrets of alien technology derived from study and exploitation of crashed-saucer wreckage would be considered vital national security information and classified, much of it at the highest level, and tightly compartmented as well.

However, it does not make sense that the fact that a saucer had been captured would remain classified for more than a short while. Consider just one of several reasons: If one saucer crashed, others might, and probably not where the U.S. government could control the situation—say Central Park or, worse yet, Moscow's Red Square. Where would that leave the boys at MJ-12? Would they try to keep a lid on the news? (How?!) And when, inevitably, that failed, what would they tell a frightened and angry American public, "No sweat, we already have one?"

Finally, it appears Friedman thinks the codeword "UMBRA" has something to do with flying saucers. In dismissing the documents discussed above, he wrote, "[N]one of these were classified TOP SECRET Codeword. They couldn't have contained TOP SECRET UMBRA information." Apparently, he made the UMBRA-saucer connection because certain National Security Agency "UFO documents" carried the UMBRA codeword. Sorry, Stan, no cigar or saucer.

UMBRA refers to, and is used only to protect, sources and methods employed to obtain the information in documents so labeled. It has nothing whatever to do with the substantive information obtained via those sources and methods—as Friedman would know if he did a little more investigation and a lot less proclaiming.

Stan Friedman has made many important contributions to ufology, most notably in very effectively demonstrating and tirelessly spreading the word that the extraterrestrial hypothesis for the origin of UFOs is completely consistent with current earthly scientific knowledge and theory. Unfortunately, he also has been a major factor in the creation of what I now think of as ufology's self-manufactured all-in-one red herring and black hole.

Roswell has diverted too many of our best and brightest—not the least being Stanton T. Friedman—away from study of the vast body of UFO data in which the unimpeachable answer to the UFO mystery likely lies buried. It has sucked in and devoured a huge portion of ufology's minuscule resources, which could have been far better spent on such work. If there is an MJ-12 cabal intent upon keeping the secret of the saucers from us, they must be delighted.

P.S. I was not, as Friedman wrote, an "Assistant Deputy Director of Defense," whatever that may be. I was a deputy assistant secretary of defense—to be technically precise, a deputy director with the rank of deputy assistant secretary.

The Roswell Debris Field: An Engineer's Perspective by Robert A. Galganski, Fund for UFO Research, Washington, D.C., 2002, 8½ X 11 soft cover, 79 pages.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

As Rob Swiatek of the Fund for UFO Research asks in the Foreword of this publication, "What's left to write about this most infamous of UFO cases, a case where battle lines pro and con fossilized years ago?"

His answer: "A fresh look at the data: an engineering viewpoint that seeks to reconcile anecdotal accounts of the debris field outside of Roswell, NM, with the physical characteristics of materials, such as foil and neoprene, now thought by many to have been the true constituents of the putative UFO wreckage."

Robert Galganski, who has spent the past eight years studying this case, holds the M.S. in civil engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and has more than 25 years experience in vehicle crash-safety research, including mathematical modeling and data analysis.

Utilizing a wide range of data—and specifically acknowledging the assistance of Robert J. Durant and David Rudiak in answering questions and allowing him to utilize their research, Galganski has zeroed in on one specific question: does the amount of debris reported at the J.B. Foster ranch 74 miles northwest of Roswell match the quantity of materials which made up Project Mogul Flight 4 (the explanation most often provided by anti-Roswell researchers for the debris).

The author looks at two descriptions by two witnesses in order to arrive at a starting point regarding the size of the debris field. Maj. Jesse Marcel's recollection of the debris field was that of a "very narrow elongated region heavily populated with mostly thin-shell material" scattered over an area several hundred feet wide by ¼ of a mile long, according to Galganski.

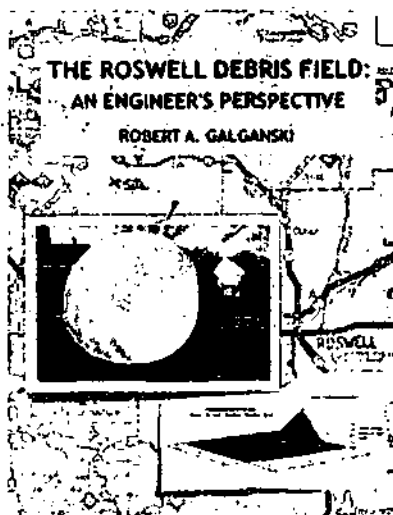
Utilizing numerous calculations and illustrations, the author concludes that a "very conservative quantity estimate" of the material in the debris field "indicated that 40 Flight 4 balloon trains would have been needed to provide enough material to outline and lightly litter the area described by Marcel."

Another witness to the debris field, rancher Mack Brazel, described a smaller circular field about 600 feet in diameter, a description favored by anti-Roswell researchers. But Galganski says, "Everything that Roswell detractors accept as Gospel about the field—its shape and size, the source and type of debris that covered it, and the

testimony of persons they rely on—was employed to construct a correctly scaled drawing of the site containing an identically scaled hypothetical arrangement of the same liberal amount of Mogul debris." Again utilizing numerous calculations and illustrations, Galganski concludes that "it would be impossible to arrange the debris in any manner within the perimeter of Brazel's field to warrant regarding it as a litter-filled region."

The author also deals with the "new hypothesis from the anti-Roswell camp" that suggests there were multiple fields, and that Major Marcel misremembered them as one ¼-mile long strip of debris. Concludes the author: "Flight 4 couldn't create even one thinly populated debris field."

This study, of course, will no doubt be questioned by those who are convinced that Project Mogul Flight 4 did create the famous debris field, and the Roswell debate will continue. But Bob Galganski has provided an important look at evidence which must be considered by anyone trying to untangle the mystery of Roswell.



The Hunt for Zero Point: One Man's Journey to Discover the Biggest Secret Since the Invention of the Atom Bomb, by Nick Cook, 2001, Century, London, 281 pages, \$26.00.

Reviewed by Dr. Barry H. Downing

When Moses and Aaron confronted Pharaoh in Biblical Egypt, Aaron threw down his magic (God empowered) rod, and it became a snake. "Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron's staff swallowed up theirs." (Exodus 7:11,12)

As we have dealt with the UFO mystery, we have had to deal with two major issues: establishing that UFOs exist, and are some kind of advanced technology, and then determining if that technology is of human or extraterrestrial origin.

Our general conclusion has been that the operational characteristics of UFOs are so advanced that they could not be of human origin. But there is a sense in which Nick Cook is like Pharaoh's magicians, not throwing down snakes, but throwing us a story that says UFOs may be advanced human technology.

How can we be sure that some UFOs are extraterrestrial, with so many snakes crawling (or flying) around?

The dust jacket to Cook's book says, "The Hunt for Zero Point is the true story of a journey to reveal an awesome new energy."

This is not quite true. Cook began looking for the possibility that, somewhere in America's black budget defense network, scientists were working on anti-gravity projects. This was a taboo subject—too hot to discuss with

most of the above top secret world which Cook inhabited as aviation editor of *Jane's Defence Weekly*. If your contacts are not going to dry up, in this borderland between the public and the super secret world, you have to be careful about what kind of questions you ask.

There had been rumors during the 1950's that we were on the brink of overcoming gravity. Then all talk of anti-gravity disappeared, which Cook saw as a clear signal that anti-gravity research had gone black budget.

Cook took as gospel the letter from General Nathan F. Twining, dated 23 September 1947, stating that flying discs are "real and not visionary or fictitious," but Cook focused on a section of Twining's letter UFO researchers have tended to ignore. "It is possible within the present U.S. knowledge—provided extensive detailed development is undertaken—to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object in subparagraph (e) above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7000 miles at subsonic speeds." (From Edward U. Condon, *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, p. 895)

Cook takes these words to mean that already in 1947, scientific research had developed at least the theory behind anti-gravitational propulsion. As Cook carries out his decade long quest for the truth, he eventually concludes that there is a connection between anti-gravity and the background energy of the universe, or Zero Point Energy, which when tapped would give an unlimited supply of pollution free energy for humanity.

Cook also concludes that the basic scientific discovery of Zero Point Energy happened in German scientific laboratories during the Nazi era, and that when the war was over, the United States and the Soviet Union both rushed to collect this German technology for their own use. America collected the Zero Point prize.

Cook also believes it is possible that some anti-gravitational power is used in the B-2 Stealth Bomber. And another advanced plane, Aurora, "was supposedly a sleeper site" used by the Pentagon for burying B-2 funds at a time when the Stealth Bomber was still highly classified." (p. 126) We in MUFON need to keep the size of the United States black budget in perspective: "in 1988, the total was computed to be \$30 billion for R&D and secret weapons programs—more than the entire annual defence budget of a major European NATO nation such as Britain, France or Germany." (p. 127)

What this means is, there is a huge amount of money to create our own UFOs, which may indeed imitate in many ways, if not equal, UFOs that may be extraterrestrial.

Cook's book is a personal story which is perhaps the only way he could tell it. As part of the story, it is interesting to see the fear that some scientists have of the American secrecy network, the fear they have for themselves, and their families. As Cook interviews scientists from, let us say, Lockheed Martin, the scientists always have a company representative there to watch—a keeper, as Cook calls them.

Cook's book reminds us that we do live in a national security state, and there is no way to solve the UFO mys-

tery apart from this issue. Richard M. Dolan has rightly framed UFOs as first of all a national security issue, not a scientific mystery, as MUFON would prefer. Cook even suggests that our own national security techniques have to some extent been copied from the German SS, which at the end of World War II had become a state within a state.

If Zero Point Energy has been discovered, there are also economic issues: would the American government—or any government—be willing to let our petroleum-based economy be displaced by an energy economy which would essentially be free?

I wish I could highly recommend Cook's book, but I cannot. At the same time, it is not a book UFO researchers can ignore. *Fortean Times* reviewer Kevin McClure does not like the book at all, saying it has "no index, no sources, no Point!"

The lack of index and cited sources does make it difficult to go back through the book and recheck points Cook has made. But it is not true to say the book has no point. The point of the book is clear: the United States is spending billions of dollars on scientific projects the American people know nothing about. In Nazi Germany, the wrong kind of people held all the secrets. How do we know the same is not true in America?

True, Cook did not prove that American secret science has discovered Zero Point Energy, but the American system is set up to make sure he does not make that discovery. Or that we would discover the truth about UFOs.

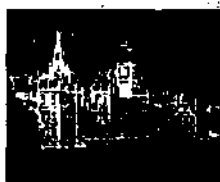
I wondered as I read Cook's book if it were written as an extension of the defense industry—that Cook is *Jane's* version of Philip Klass—to show us that the extraterrestrial hypothesis concerning UFOs is not true because all the real high tech UFOs are human in origin.

We might also see Cook's book in opposition to Philip Corso's *The Day After Roswell*. Whereas Corso says a crashed UFO at Roswell gave us, through reverse engineering, much of our modern technology, Cook suggests we gleaned much of our modern technology from the Germans. Together Cook and Corso make a good disinformation team.

In the Epilogue to his book, Cook says, "I should add that this book is in (sic) not intended to be a catch-all explanation for UFOs... the subject is too complex, too multifarious, in my opinion, to conform to a single explanation." (p. 276)

It seems strange to me that this issue was not discussed at the beginning of his book, rather than at the end. The first book in his bibliography is Timothy Good's *Above Top Secret*, but that is the only UFO book listed. The others deal mainly with scientific theory, and even more with German technology during World War II.

In his review, Kevin McClure complained that Cook used unnamed sources. But we in the UFO field understand the need to protect the identity of witnesses. Until further information is available, I am inclined to believe Cook did his best to pry open the box of secrets that the American government spends billions to keep locked up.



View from Britain

By Jenny Randles

New horizons in Wales

Croeso i Gogledd Cymru (Eng. Trans: Welcome to North Wales)

This fall has been marked for me by a major house move. For various reasons (including the health of my elderly mother) we have bought a property by the coast in North Wales. For those outside the UK, I should point out that this move is rather more than a simple one from county to county or state to state. It involves moving countries!

Whilst Wales is, of course, very much part of Britain and the UK, it is also to an increasing extent an independent nation. It has its own parliament and its own language, which, whilst its use is not compulsory (everyone speaks English as a primary tongue) is being rigorously employed on all road signs, official documents, and a myriad other trappings of nationhood. So the locals do appreciate those incomers who make some effort. Hence my surely baffling introduction—which, I can tell you, will be little more comprehensible to 99% of my fellow Brits—including most residents of Wales.



Jenny Randles

New enthusiasm

Making such a move affords the opportunity for me to revivify my UFO enthusiasm, for I arrive into a land that has some wild and beautiful scenery and a rich heritage of UFO encounters that I can look forward to getting to know much better than I do right now.

So I thought I would describe some of the things that I know up front about UFOlogy in North Wales, and as I learn more of my new surroundings in the months to come I may from time to time let you know what I discover.

The first thing that instantly springs to my mind about this region of the UK is that it was the location of a series of extraordinary close encounters that took place during the late 1970s, and which became the subject of only the second book that I ever wrote. As this was never published outside of the UK (although paradoxically it did get interest from two separate movie producers in California), I will report a little about these events.

Family ties

The family in question lived in a small village in Flintshire not far from the English border. I came into contact with the case when seeing brief reports in the local media about the events that had befallen one of the children (a young

girl) who claimed to have observed a landed UFO in a field and watched as two small humanoid figures (one male, one female) dug soil samples out of the ground.

There is something of the innocence of childhood UFOlogy in that tale. Where are today's cases of such exploratory and amicable encounters? They seem to have vanished beneath a torrent of fierce abductions and recital probes, which in those days were simply unheard of—certainly in the UK.

My interest in this case (that developed into the book *Alien Contact*—Neville Spearman, 1981) grew as I met the family and talked to them and realised how ordinary they were. Yet they were experiencing such incredible things on a regular basis that it really brought home the oddness of this subject we have chosen to investigate. But I also saw how it turned into a real family affair when the girl's brother and sister saw things too, and their mother started to report her own sightings of UFOs in the local skies.

The case is still remarkable for me in many ways. It was, in a sense, an abduction. The girl did describe an out-of-body style trip to view an alien zoo of all things. And the aliens (whose names were even given to her as Arna and Pars) were more like her friends than invaders. No cool-headed greys were this bunch.

Whilst she was regressed (before I even became involved) at the behest of a newspaper reporter, her hypnotic account was a marvel of understatement. It added nothing dramatically new, and was not riddled with childish fantasy or invention. It was remarkably like a description of the events—no more, no less. Those who think abductions are created by regression hypnosis should read up on this case.

I have never really fully integrated this very strange case into my ideas about UFOlogy. There are good reasons for that. I know that the family grew in such a way that these experiences did not have the impact on their later lives that you might expect. Indeed I know that they came to doubt (as did I) that this should have ever been turned into a book whilst these kids were all still at school.

At the time it seemed the right thing to do, and we were all agreed on the action. Indeed the family insisted that I use their real names and read each chapter as I wrote it. But I think that they were naive about UFOlogy, just as was I. And I trust that I would not do the same thing if the case was happening now. I would think more about the long-term consequences.

This is made more difficult for me because I have met the girl quite a few times now that she is an adult. Indeed she married someone whom I happen to know. But I have never revealed her married name because she simply prefers to live her life away from those events of all those

years ago—even though she certainly does not deny them.

I am conscious of how I affected her early life by pursuing this case and writing about it largely out of my own desire to learn new things about UFOlogy. It was a responsibility that I understood far less 20 years ago than I do now, and it makes me only too aware of how much we UFOlogists have to consider that what to us is just an interesting case is to other people an integral part of their whole life.

The night the mountain exploded

Another reason I think of North Wales is because of the odd things that went on in a place called Llandrillo (a small village between Corwen and Bala, about 40 miles east of where I now live).

On a winter's night in January, 1974, locals felt the earth shake, and went outside to observe lights in the sky above Cader Bronwen, a local mountain, and saw moving glows above the mountain itself. It became a minor news story, reporting that the RAF were searching for something up there, but exactly what was never made clear, and the story was soon dropped in much the way that the Roswell saga was rapidly aborted when it first occurred.

However, this event came just as I was getting involved in UFOlogy, and my interest was piqued by a very odd bunch of people—a group calling themselves APEN (Aerial Phenomena Enquiry Network)—who got in on the act. APEN claimed to be a super secret agency that had access to technology and equipment that UFO groups could only dream about, as well as a hotline to top cases.

They came over in the letters and tapes that they sent to UFOlogists during the 1970s and early 1980s as being an American-led body, funded to a huge degree, and in pursuit of UFOs extremely covertly. They never revealed real identities or gave addresses in their communications, but often tried to implicate known UFOlogists (myself included) in their actions.

Indeed they were quite insidious at this. In retrospect it is obvious that this was a scam by some people who used UFOlogy to play games. But in those early days of my youthful enthusiasm for all things UFO it was easy to take them more seriously than I guess they deserved.

APEN in turn took the events at Llandrillo far more seriously than any other UFOlogists did at the time. To us the case was considered to be the result of an earthquake (one was recorded on seismographs at the time) and a meteor (a bright one was seen all over the UK that same night), as well as possibly earthlights generated by the tectonic activity in the Welsh rocks.

But APEN said otherwise. This was an alien landing, their reports alleged, thus creating a legend that has simmered for almost 30 years. My personal interest in this case was intense, and the reasons were three-fold.

Firstly, because I took geology at college I was intrigued by the earthlights theory, which I was beginning to see as relevant to UFO sightings in my local Pennine Hills.

Secondly, my boyfriend's family by pure chance owned a caravan at Llandrillo, and from 1978 onward we spent a lot of time in the area, allowing me to talk to locals about the case. It was well remembered, and was to them some-

thing truly weird.

Thirdly, the only earthlight I have ever seen was during one of the stays in the trailer park at Llandrillo—a smoky light rising up from the mountain side as if being squeezed out of the rocks.

I never took seriously the alien stories. None of the locals ever told me anything that fit in with this legend, and all they said matched the earthlight, meteor, earthquake theory perfectly. So this was a case I considered interesting for personal, but not exactly anything significant.

Yet today things are very different. Since the mid 1990s something of a cottage industry has grown up around this long forgotten sighting. Witnesses have come forward, much as they have years after Roswell, alleging odd things about that night, including the (to me) highly dubious claim that an alien body was recovered from the crash site and taken to a research site at Porton Down.

The case is now an irrevocable part of British UFO folklore. Yet to UFOlogist Andy Roberts it is not even what I long thought it was. Determined to shoot down these UFO crash stories, he spent some days investigating the case 25 years on, and believes he solved the lights above the mountain. These were flashlight beams from poachers he reveals by plotting their position into maps after very clever fieldwork.

Yes, there was an earthquake. Yes, there was a meteor. But to him, no UFO—not even of the earthlight variety. His research, I have to say, is very good, and I have little reason to question it. But others surely will forever do so, eager to believe that this case cannot be so readily dismissed—and I doubt this case will die.

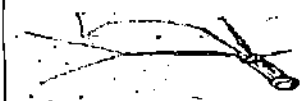
I learned an important lesson from this incident. Never assume that a UFO is a UFO. It can always turn out to be something else, even if it takes a quarter of a century to prove it.

There are, of course, many other strange cases from North Wales. This is an area rich in UFO activity. I hope to learn more about some of those that remain unsolved. Indeed, who knows—maybe this time I will get to see one close at hand. If I do then you will be the first to know!

2002 Symposium Proceedings

The *MUFON 2002 International UFO Symposium Proceedings* book is now available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 + \$2.50 p&h (U.S.). For deliveries outside of the United States an additional \$4.00 postage (total \$6.50) is required.

The book contains the papers presented at the annual MUFON Symposium in Rochester, New York, by William J. Birnes, Richard Dolan, Timothy Good, Betty Hill, Bill Hamilton, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, Don Ledger, Peter Robbins, Jeffrey W. Sainio, Chris Styles and Richard Thieme.



Perceptions

By Stanton T. Friedman

Regarding Bob Lazar

For thirteen years I have been asked what I thought of the Bob Lazar story. Presumably people thought that since he was claiming to be a nuclear physicist, and since I am one, I should know.

Therefore, I have done a great deal of checking. I discussed the problem briefly in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, and there is more information at my website www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfpage.html. I am still being asked, so it may be helpful for me to review the situation.

The claims, if true, would be very important. Bob claimed he had an MS degree in Physics from MIT and an MS degree in Electronics from California Institute of Technology (CIT), that he had been a physicist for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), that Dr. Edward Teller had gotten him a job as a scientist back-engineering UFOs at the infamous S-4 facility at Area 51 in Nevada, and that he had figured out that the UFO propulsion system involved element 115.

Los Alamos had 500 pounds of 115, and he had supposedly managed to steal some of it, but it was taken back. There had supposedly been attempts on his life because he was talking about such highly classified information.

As evidence of his claims, a copy of a page from the LANL phone book was provided which has his name on it. A W-2 tax form from the Department of Naval Intelligence was shown. It was for under \$1000. Supposedly all of Bob's academic records had been wiped out by the government. Bob comes across quite well in his videos, and his story was being touted by pilot John Lear and Las Vegas newsman George Knapp, certainly one of the most UFOlogically knowledgeable journalists in the country.

I had a call from Gene Huff, Bob's close associate, asking if I would be interested in meeting with Bob in Las Vegas, where I would be speaking at the 1989 MUFON Symposium. I said certainly, and told Gene where I would be staying and when I would arrive. No further contact.

On another trip there I hoped to have dinner with Bob and Gene and George. No Bob. Gene asked what it would take to convince me Bob was legitimate. I sent him copies of my diplomas, a resume, listings from professional groups, and a list of my technical papers.

I had one phone conversation with Bob (at the request of radio host Chuck Harder, during which Bob mentioned Pierce Junior College, and said he would send a resume.

I sent him stuff, but received nothing back. I decided, as the noise level rose, to increase my searching.

Over the years I have spoken with the Alumni Office, Registrar, Physics Department, custodian of MS Theses, and the Commencement Office at MIT. All were negative. I also spoke with the MIT Legal Counsel. The claim had been made that the US government had erased all of Bob's education records. This made no sense. People checked yearbooks. No Lazar. The Counsel said there was no way every mention of somebody who had received his MS there could be wiped out.

I contacted Cal Tech. No records. Ditto for Calif. State U. at Northridge. But I did find out from Pierce Junior College that Bob had taken some course there in the late 1970s. I checked with the American Physical Society, to which most physicists belong. He had never belonged.

At a public presentation in Rachel, NV, Bob, when asked when he got his MS from MIT, said, "I think it was probably 1982." Everybody who gets an MS in Physics from MIT knows when he got it.

He was asked to name former profs. He said, "Let me see now. Bill Duxler will remember me from the Physics Dept. at Cal Tech." I managed to locate Dr. Duxler, who was indeed a professor of physics. He had never taught at California Institute of Technology, but had been at Pierce Junior College for many years. Bob had taken one of his courses—at the very same time he was supposedly 2500 miles away at MIT earning his MS! No undergrad school has been mentioned, so that is a solid five years minimum. Nobody who can go to MIT goes to Pierce Junior College.

The page from the Los Alamos National Laboratory phone book clearly states that the directory includes employees of the Dept. Of Energy, LANL, several other companies, and Kirk Mayer Corp. After Bob's listing is K/M. He worked for Kirk Mayer, a subcontractor to the lab, and not for the lab. He worked at an accelerator that had loads of visiting researchers from all over the world. They needed technicians. Bob was apparently one of them.

I talked to somebody from the same department. Loads of unclassified physics research. I talked to the Personnel department, giving them Bob's name, Social Security number, DOB, and the name of an old colleague who I knew worked at LANL for many years. They found my guy, but no Bob.

I was communicating with George Knapp, and he gave me the name of Bob's High School in Westbury, NY. I contacted them and found that Bob had not graduated with his class, but later that summer, implying some course, or courses, had to be made up. He had taken one chemistry course, but no other science courses, and he finished in the bottom third of the class. MIT normally takes people



Stanton T. Friedman

from only the top 10-20 % of their high school classes. George prepared a request from Bob to the school for a transcript. It was sent. Supposedly no response was ever received.

It should be noted that George had been under the impression that almost everybody working at LANL was a scientist, and that anybody having a security clearance was one as well. It turns out that at most large R and D labs fewer than 40% of the employees are scientists, but that secretaries, technicians, plumbers, electricians, janitors, etc all have to have clearances because they may have access to classified areas.

When Bob declared bankruptcy in Las Vegas in 1986, owing about \$300,000, he listed his occupation as self employed film processor, and indeed he had purchased, but not paid for, expensive film processing equipment. No mention was made of employment at Los Alamos.

Meanwhile, others had been checking on Bob as well. Michael Lindemann, Ralph Steiner, and a Stanford scientist interviewed Bob. He couldn't answer any of the technical questions. The scientist said he expected Bob wouldn't show for the next day's session. He didn't. Tom Mahood put together a time line with background info. Bob wasn't checking out at all.

Well, what about the gravity wave amplification system using element 115? Sounded exotic. Bob's story has changed several times, but basically he had claimed that Los Alamos had collected 500 pounds of E-115, and that he had stolen some, and it had been recovered.

This is stuff, if it were real, that would have been potentially far more valuable than weapons grade plutonium or enriched uranium. This is accountable material inventoried quite often, and very difficult to obtain, or Saddam would have bought plenty of stolen material already.

More significantly, every bit of physics we know tells us that all elements over atomic number 100 are radioactive, the more protons in the nucleus above 100, the shorter the half life, as a general rule. There has been for decades talk of an island of relative stability as one moves up the periodic table. This does not mean STABLE.

But from a physicist's viewpoint, a material with a half life of a millisecond (thousandth of a second) is quite stable as compared to one with a micro-second (millionth of a second) half life, but still there is no way to accumulate pounds or even grams of such a material.

Huge accelerators have been used to fuse certain accelerated heavy isotopes with stationary even heavier nuclei. The quantities produced of the new isotopes aren't pounds or micrograms, but more like billionth of a billionth of a millionth of a gram. Bob talked about adding protons as though it were like adding sugar to a cake recipe. It is extremely difficult to overcome the repulsion of the nucleus with 115 protons to another proton without a huge accelerator. No such device is noted.

I certainly can't claim everything Bob has ever said is a lie. But he has been guilty of gross misrepresentation with regard to his background and his proposed UFO propulsion scheme. He does come across well, he is bright, he did operate a jet powered car, he has put on large fireworks displays, and he has admitted helping to pro-

cure women for a brothel in Las Vegas.

Finally, I keep getting asked why would he lie? My answer is that I am not a psychiatrist. I don't know why serial rapists, serial killers, persons who sexually molest young children do what they do. We know from the evidence that they do.

Bob certainly isn't the only person in ufology who has claimed nonexistent credentials. For example, there was William Spaulding claiming a BS in Physics from Bowling Green State U. His only education after high school was a few months at Griswald Technical Institute—no certificate.

Guy Kirkwood (A.K.A. Mel Noel and Noel Brice Cornwell) claimed to have been a captain in the USAF and a fighter pilot who took gun camera pictures of UFOs and who also flew DC-8s for several years for United. He had only a pilots license for single engine aircraft and was never a pilot in the USAF.

The supposed PhDs of "Dr." Frank Stranges and "Dr." Dan Fry are mail order diplomas.

Maybe Bob wanted to show up people who had degrees and thought they were brighter than he. He did make money from selling his video tapes. He almost made close to a half million dollars from a movie company that was going to make a major film about his exciting life. I have suggested the Title: "The Impostor."

Do I think there are flying saucers at Area 51? It is a logical place for them to be, and for testing all sorts of new propulsion ideas that they might stimulate. After all, it is where the U-2, SR-71, Stealth aircraft etc were developed. A whole host of advanced and often peculiar looking Unmanned Aerial Vehicles are also being developed there.

An advanced reconnaissance vehicle known as the Aurora is perhaps being flight tested there or in a number of other super secret facilities in the US or Australia. Secrets can indeed be kept. Black Budget programs spending billions of dollars out of the public eye are not uncommon.

It doesn't appear that Bob Lazar had anything to do with them.

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General suggests tracking 'extraterrestrial bogies'

The paragraph below is from the Aug. 26, 2002, issue of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine. Gen. "Pete" Worden is no lightweight nut. He has been on the cutting edge of all Star Wars initiatives, among other things.

Killer asteroids

"The military is set up to spot and catalog near Earth objects (NEOs) in space and should keep track of them as a service to humankind," says Air Force Brig. Gen. Simon P. Worden, deputy director of operations at U.S. Space Command. That's because the same equipment that watches space for terrestrial threats like missiles could cover extraterrestrial bogies at relatively small extra cost.

Worden concedes there is a high "giggle factor" in the idea, but cautions the U.S. Aerospace Commission that

the problem isn't limited to extinction-level events. An asteroid as small as 100 meters in diameter plowing into the atmosphere could release enough energy to devastate a wide area below, even if it never hits the surface, while a sea strike could inundate coastal areas. Satellites are vulnerable to fast-moving objects as small as the dust particles left over from comets, and a bright meteor could spoof missile warning sensors with grave consequences in a tense international crisis.

He could just as well be talking about UFOs. We have tried several times to get the attention of agencies like NORAD about using the data that the systems have been taking for years, even though the data isn't related to the primary mission. We are continuing to work on this.

—John Schuessler

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November 2002

Bright Planets (Evening Sky):

Jupiter (magnitude -2.3), in Cancer, now rises in the ENE in late evening shortly before 10 PM (midmonth). The planet giant stays visible the rest of the night.

Saturn (-0.3), retrograding in Orion, rises in the ENE about 6:30 PM in mid-November. It remains visible all night.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky):

Venus emerges in the ESE morning sky as twilight begins (shortly before 5 AM). The resplendent world brightens to -4.6 magnitude by month's end.

Mars (1.7), in Virgo, rises shortly before 4 AM in midmonth but remains low in the ESE.

Jupiter is due S at dawn. The quarter Moon lies 4 degrees above it on the 26th.

Saturn stands in the WSW at dawn.

Leonids Fly Again:

The last great heavenly show in the Leonid meteors current 33-year cycle happens again early on the morning of Nov. 19. Although rates are expected to possibly exceed 2001 levels, the full moon will wash out many of the fainter Leonids. Even though the Moon's glare interferes this time around, the great numbers of bright meteors predicted should still make this an event not to be missed.

North America, especially the East Coast, is favored with a peak hourly rate of between about 2,600 and 10,000! (An earlier 2nd meteor peak is forecast for western Europe.) These numbers will be somewhat tempered by moonlight. Although the maximum rate is predicted for around 5:30 AM (EST)—a rate sustained for only a short interval—the seasoned observer will begin to scan the sky around midmorning to watch the buildup toward the peak. For better viewing, look away from the brilliant Moon or block its intensity from behind a tree or structure of some kind.

Check the news and the Internet for possible last-minute revisions to the predictions. Also see last year's description of the Leonids in the October 2001 *Journal*.

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse:

As happened last May, the full moon once again passes through the Earth's faint outer shadow (penumbra) on the evening of the 20th, causing a shading of the northern part of the lunar disc. Maximum eclipse (88.6% of the Moon's diameter hidden) takes place at 8:47 PM EST, 7:47 CST, 6:47 MST, and 5:47 PST.

CONTOUR Fails:

The Comet Nucleus Tour (CONTOUR) probe, launched July 3, appears to have failed. Twelve days after launch, the spacecraft's rocket was to have pushed the probe out of Earth's orbit; it apparently misfired or exploded, hurtling the object off course.

Moon Phases:

New moon—November 4

First quarter—November 11

Full moon—November 19

Last quarter—November 27

The Stars:

By now, the Big Dipper has swung as low as it ever gets in mid-northern latitudes. At 9 PM it rests on the northern horizon, its open bowl facing up.

As the Summer Triangle descends into the W, the first winter star patterns emerge in the E. Orion the Hunter, his nemesis Taurus the Bull, Gemini the Twins, and Auriga the Chariot Driver all have ascended above the horizon by 9 PM.

Field investigator t-shirt, cap available

The field investigator t-shirt has the MUFON logo over the left chest pocket and MUFON Field Investigator on the back. It comes in S, M, L and XL in white with a blue logo or black with a white logo. White shirts are \$12. Black shirts are \$15. MUFON has a black cap with white MUFON logo to match the field investigator black t-shirts (the caps also look great with the white t-shirts). Screen printed is \$8. Embroidered is \$15. Add \$3.00 S&H for each order. MUFON, P.O. Box 369, Morrison, CO 80465-0369. (Check, money order, travelers check, or cash, all in U.S. dollars.)

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Print out the user guide once you log in and read it for best use of the database.

Logins and passwords for investigators will be given them by their State Directors. All Field Investigators should be getting email from WUFOD when a case is entered in your state. If you aren't, please contact geekology@worldnet.att.net

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By John F. Schuessler
MUFON International Director

Thank You

I wish to thank all of you who participated in the August UFO Awareness Week events. We have had reports of mall displays, public meetings, radio programs, TV programs, information tables and more.

MUFON Headquarters held an all-day event on Aug. 24, starting with bagpipe music in the mall parking lot, presentations by a number of speakers, information/sales tables by several other groups, and good press coverage. Thanks to all of you who made these events so successful. Retired MUFON International Director **Walter Andrus** and MUFON Corporate Secretary **Thomas Deuley** came to Colorado to participate in the event.

Position Announcements

Georgeanne Cifarelli, State Director for Southern California, appointed **Mark D. Hunziker** as State Section Director for Los Angeles County.

Richard McVannel, State Director for Michigan, appointed **Leonard Styberski** as State Section Director for the counties of Menominee, Iron, Dickinson, and Marquette. He appointed **Sonya Young-Riemer** as State Section Director for the counties of Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, and St. Joseph, and **William Kingsley** as State Section Director for the counties of Isabella, Mecosta, Oseola, and Clare.

George Lund, State Director for North Carolina, appointed **Dr. S. James Sullivan** as State Section Director for the counties of Iredell, Rowan, Alexander, Wilkes, Alleghany, Surry, Cabarrus, Stanley, and Montgomery.

Dr. Philip Kousoubri has been appointed to the position of Consultant in Radiology.

New Field Investigator

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, announced that **Anthony L. Lowery**, of Sulphur, LA, successfully completed the Field Investigator's Exam and is now a MUFON Field Investigator.

Field Investigator Trainees are urged to study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam. The manual is available from MUFON Headquarters for \$25 + \$3.50 P&H. The exam is provided free of charge.

Donation to MUFON Archives

Robert Coddington, of Richmond, VA, donated

his collection of printed materials from the mid-1970s to the MUFON Headquarters archives. Included in the donation were copies of *Saga*, *Argosy*, and *True* magazines, and *National Enquirer*, *National Tattler*, and *National Examiner* tabloid newspapers. All contained articles about UFOs, and very few copies are still in existence today. We thank Bob for helping us preserve these valuable items for posterity.

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MUFON02-04 Richard Dolan: "The Limits of Science in UFO Research"

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MUFON02-06 Dan Wright: "Five Themes on UFO Abduction"

MUFON02-07 David Jacobs: "Building a Professional Community"

MUFON02-08 Timothy Good: "Conflicting Interest in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence"

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MUFON02-12 Betty Hill: "Miracles: UFO Contact"

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